

The Bible is the only book with the early history of the world and its people, given to us by the only one who was there, and as we come to the man Abraham it tells us who his father was, where he first lived, who he married, how old he was when he had his first two children, it also tells us of his failings and his faith. Nothing is hid from God and he passes it on to us as we are told in,

*Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

Our ancestors came off the Ark so we come from good stock, but we are also descendants of those who were at the tower of Babel who God drove away because of their false worship, dividing them into separate nations with different languages. This is the only and true history of the languages of the world.

Yet God always reserves to himself a remnant of people who are faithful to the true worship of the only living God.

And Abraham is one of those people, he came from a background of false worshipers, but we read in,

*Neh 9:7 Thou art the LORD the God, who did choose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham;*

Notice God chose Abraham, yes God chooses, directs and protects those who are obedient.

### **ABRAHAM THE RIGHTEOUS**

In Genesis 15:6 speaking of Abraham, *God said, And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

Notice it doesn't say he was sinless but righteous, just as God had said about Noah. How did he become righteous? "by faith" in the sinless substitute sacrifice of "the Lamb of God"

The promise to Abraham was conditional on his obedience to separate from the old life, land and people and go to the place that God would show him.

Now we look at,

*Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

You can't have a greater blessing than the blessing of God and isn't this backed up by the New Testament scriptures in

*Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Yes, all the needful and necessary things for a happy and healthy life will be supplied by God himself.

Again the promise is conditional on you in faith fulfilling the first part, people fail to deliver, but God has never failed in his promises.

Then there is an extension of that promise. In

*Gen 12:3 ...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

All the people of nations who enjoyed a Christian heritage.

### **ABRAHAM THE OBEDIENT**

Do you remember in Gen 3.15 God had promised of the seed of the woman, (not the seed of man) he would send a deliverer to crush Satan's head, (a fatal wound,) now he is extending our knowledge in,

*Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...*

He is telling us that this Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham.

*Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.*

Abraham and Lot were cousins, and it is a great blessing if your relations are fellow believers and travelers to the Celestial City.

They separated at the command of God, for you cannot inherit the promised land or the blessings of God without obedience, or from a distance .

### **ABRAHAM THE FAITHFUL**

*Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered*

Abraham had the full support of his wife and what a great difference it makes when they work together as a team.

Being faithful is the end result of faith, strong faith is not something you receive like a gift, it comes only from great trial and severe testing.