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### Next Time:

God raises up kings, a sign of Christ the deliverer.  
Human kings frequently lead to bondage.

If you would like a copy of a Christian Bible in English, please ask Pastor Spotts, who has some to give away. If you would like to read in your native language, we can try to find it in print or at a reliable website.

**Bring a friend, make a friend!**

## God's Promise to Abraham A Call to All Nations

Abraham, known earlier in life as Abram, is a key figure in several major world religions. Christians view the biblical account of Abraham, given mostly in Genesis chapters 12-21, as a portrayal of the man who believes God and His promises. In many ways we see Abraham as a prototype for our departure from a world of sin and entry into God's promise.

### Genesis 12

Abram introduced, receives a promise in verses 1-3

A command:

A multiple step promise:

Abram takes his wife Sarai and nephew Lot  
Genesis 12:7 God promises Abram the land of Canaan.  
Abram calls on the name of the Lord.

Abram lives on, becomes rich, has no children. What does this say about God's promise?

Genesis 12:14-16, God promises him the land and offspring.

Abram lives on with no children.

### **Genesis 15**

God makes another promise to Abram.

Abram's response in Genesis 15:6 "He believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (ESV)

God establishes his covenant with Abram.

Reflect on the nature of a covenantal agreement. How is God's covenant with Abram different from our human covenants?

Abram lives on with no children.

Abram and Sarai form a plan, Abram will have a child with Sarai's servant Hagar. How does this work out for him?

**Genesis 17** - Abram is 99 years old, no child of promise. God comes to him, calls him Abraham, father of a multitude of nations. He makes promises again.

**Genesis 21** Isaac is born, the child of promise.

Christians say that all may come and believe God just as Abraham did. God has given many promises in the Scripture.

Many years, many generations later, Jesus, the descendant of Abraham, crushes the head of the serpent (Genesis 3), kills sin.

For further study: Galatians chapter 4, Hebrews chapter 11.

Christians view Jesus as the one who delivers from sin and fulfills the promise of God for all who believe.