

This week we learn about a special family chosen by God to show others His great love and plan to save them.



Torchlight

"It was for the purpose of bringing the best gifts of Heaven to all the peoples of earth that God called Abraham out from his idolatrous kindred and bade him dwell in the land of Canaan"

— Prophets and Kings, p. 15



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God's Special People

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 70



LET'S PRAY Thank You, dear God, for Your gift of salvation. Please help me obey You, as Enoch did. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 4:1-8; 5:1-8, 18-26; 6:11,12.

KEY TEXT: Hebrews 11:5

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

From our study so far, we know that God had made a wonderful plan to save people. Jesus and angels, with the help of the Holy Spirit, revealed God's plan to prophets. God made a solemn promise, a *covenant*, with all people through Adam and Eve that He would send Jesus to suffer the full penalty of sin. In those days, a person who was sorry for doing wrong would sacrifice a clean animal, often a lamb, to show faith in God's covenant promise.

Satan, God's enemy, had planned to make Earth his kingdom, from where he would take over he universe. Now, God was disrupting his plan. Satan was furious! He worked as hard as he could to ruin God's plan to save us. Sadly, Cain and his family listened to Satan's lies about God. They became so bad that the whole earth was filled with violence.

AGES BEFORE THE FLOOD

Despite so much wickedness, some people stayed true to God. The ages of some

of them are given below. Write their ages in numbers. Then look in Genesis 5 to find their names. The first one has been done for you.

Adam nine hundred and thirty 930

nine hundred and twelve

nine hundred and sixty-two

three hundred and sixty-five

nine hundred and sixty-five

nine hundred and sixty-nine

Read Genesis 5:21-24 and Hebrews 11:5. Which one is still alive, and why?

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When Jesus returns, the earth will be destroyed by fire—not water. But God's people will be saved. Those who died will arise and those who are still alive will go

to heaven, without dying, like Enoch did!



LET'S PRAY Dear Father, I know it makes You sad when I sin. Help me to obey You today. I know it will make You very happy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2

"I will make ___ a ____ nation; I will bless ___ and make your name great; and ___ shall be a blessing."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 6:5, 6, 8-14,17,18; 8:1,19; 11:1-9.

KEY TEXT: Genesis 6:6

"And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

God was so sad at the wickedness on earth. Genesis 6:6 tells us that He was "grieved". That means Cain's family had completely rejected God's Holy Spirit. They didn't listen to Noah, God's prophet, who warned them about the coming flood. Because of that, only eight people were saved, when anyone of them could have been saved if they had chosen to believe God.

So God gave the world a new start. But it wasn't long before people again rejected God and His covenant. This time it was Ham's family that was especially rebellious. They built a city and the Tower of Babel, which God knew was not good. Next, God confused their speech so they would spread out over the earth as He had told them to.

AGES AFTER THE FLOOD

So much of the Earth was changed by the Flood. A lot of food was destroyed, so God allowed people to eat animals as well as plants. This greatly shortened how long people would live. Work out the ages of these people who lived after the Flood. You can read more about them in Genesis 11:10-32.

Shem	102 + 500 =	
Arphaxad	35 + 403 =	
Salah	30 + 403 =	
Peleg	30 + 209 =	
Nahor	29 + 119 =	

How do their ages compare with those who lived before the Flood?





LET'S PRAY Dear Father in Heaven, thank You for the story of faithful Abraham. I want to be faithful to You today like he was. I ask for the Holy Spirit to help me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2

"_ will make ___ a ____ nation; _ will bless ___ and make your name ____; and ___ shall be a blessing."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 12:1-3; 18:19.

KEY TEXT: Genesis 18:19

"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Even though people continued to reject God, He still loved everyone and longed to save them. But God couldn't save those who disobeyed Him. Even many of Shem's descendant—his children, grandchildren, and so on—started to worship idols. But God found one man who loved Him—Abram, or Abraham.

God knew that He could trust Abraham to remember His laws, obey them, and teach them to his family. Because of that, God gave Abraham's whole family a very special job to do! He promised to bless Abraham and his family with the best gifts of heaven, so that they could share those gifts with others.

TRACING THE SEED

Genesis 3:15, the prophecy about the seed of the woman, was God's original covenant promise to Adam and Eve. When people rejected it, the promise passed from one faithful person to another. Write the names of some people who were given this promise in the acrostic below. Then, unscramble the letters in bold boxes to complete the mystery word, telling who the Seed is.

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LET'S PRAY Thank You, Father, that Your law protects me from evil. Help me to obey it today because I love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

memory verse - Genesis 12:2 "_ ___ make ___ a ___ nation; _ ___ bless __ and ___ your name ____; and ___ shall be a blessing."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 26:5; Job 1:10.

KEY TEXT: Psalm 119:142

"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Genesis 26:5 tells us that Abraham obeyed God and kept His laws. For Abraham to know them, they must have been handed down from one generation to another. It was only because people kept forgetting God's law that He wrote it down for the Israelites—so it could no longer be forgotten.

In Deuteronomy 30:9–11 it says that God will be with us and take care of our needs IF we obey His commandments. As long as Abraham and his family obeyed God's law, He could protect and care for them. It is the same with us.

WEIGHING HEARTS

va m	he eighth commandment tells us not to steal. It means to not alue from someone else because it is not yours—whether it be nan. God wants us to be strictly honest in all things. What do to bout honesty in measuring quantities?	longs to God or
W	eviticus 19:36: "You shall haveeights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin." (ephah and hin vind kilograms)	
Ρ	roverbs 11:1: Dishonest scales are an	
		_ to the LORD."
	roverbs 16:11: " weights a ord's."	and scales are the
Ρ	roverbs 20:23: "Dishonest	are not good."
V	/hat does God weigh? Proverbs 21:2: "The LORD weighs the	
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G	rom these verses, we see that, with God, honesty is very imposed is honest. Honesty comes from a heart that loves other persents the best for them—not for self. Like a ruler. God uses His	ople and always

our hearts through our actions and words. Though God's law is a high standard,

with His help, we can keep it. Would you like to choose to keep God's law, so your

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heart measures up? Yes No



LET'S PRAY My dear God, thank You that You still try to reach people, even when they reject You. Help me to share Your love today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2 "_____ make ____ a _____ nation; _ _____ ____ and ____ your name _____; and ____ shall be a _____."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 12:5-8; 13:14-18; 15:13,16; 22:15-18.

KEY TEXT: Genesis 12:7

"Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

By keeping God's law, Abraham's family would show others what God is like. Because of that, God promised to give Abraham's family the land of Canaan. Three continents—Europe, Asia, and Africa—all meet at the land of Canaan, also called Palestine. As people travelled through Palestine to reach other places, they would pass through the place where Abraham's family was living and learn about God. Abraham's family would teach these people about God, His laws, and the promised Messiah. Then they would spread the news about God all over the world and people everywhere would be happy obeying God's laws. They would also be prepared to welcome Jesus when He came to Earth.

ABRAHAM'S TRAVELS

Look up the Bible verses below and write the name of the places visited by Abraham in the spaces provided. The letters in the boxes will give you an extra word that answers the question at the bottom.

Genesis 12:8	
Genesis 20:1	
Genesis 12:5	
Genesis 21:33	
Genesis 12:6	
Genesis 13:18	
Genesis 22:2	— — — — <u> </u>
Genesis 12:5	
What did Abrah	nam build when he arrived in a new location?



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LET'S PRAY Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting me to be part of Your family. Today I accept Your invitation! In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2							
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and	your name	; and	be				
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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Isaiah 56:6,7.

KEY TEXT: Isaiah 56:7

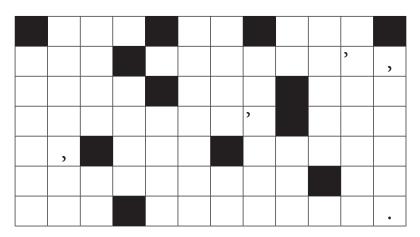
"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

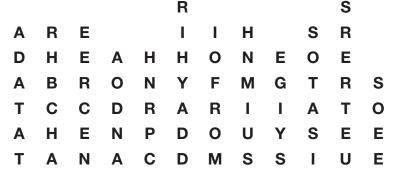
LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

God knew that, as people learned about His ways, many of them—besides Abraham's family—would want to follow Him completely. Through Isaiah, God promised that any person who wanted to become a part of Abraham's family, which was actually God's family on Earth, could do so! He didn't choose Abraham's family just because He loved them. God chose Abraham's family because Abraham loved God and taught his family and servants to love God too. Then He wanted them to share His love with everyone else!

I CAN BE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY!

These letters have all fallen out of the puzzle. They belong to the squares directly above them. Can you put them back in the right place to discover how you can become part of God's family on Earth? Check your answer in Galatians 3:29.







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LET'S PRAY Thank You Father, for your amazing patience. Please help me to be patient like You today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 12:2						
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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 20:4-6; Numbers 14:18; Romans 6:23.

KEY TEXT: 2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In our study this week, we have covered about *two and a half thousand years* of Earth's history! We have lots to add to our next chapter in The Great Controversy Saga, about God's special people.

PART 3: GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

Jesus	Satan	Abraham	Cain	Noah	rebellion	obey			
covenant	happ	y lies	world	Flood	law	Canaan			
God had made a wonderful plan to save people. But was determined to wreck God's plan if he could. Even though God was so gracious, merciful, and									
forgiving,	most people	e believed Sata	an's	·	's des	scendants			
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wouldn't li	sten to	, who	o pleaded v	vith them to	enter the ark	. Because			
of that, the	ey drowned	in the waters	of the						
After the Flood, Ham's family again rejected God's love. Even Shem's family began to worship idols. But God found faithful, who worshipped and obeyed Him. God knew He could trust Abraham to take special care of His									
and teach it to others. So God offered Abraham His promise. God promised to give Abraham's family a special place to live — the									
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would be		_ing God's law	s. They wo	uld also be p	orepared to w	elcome			
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