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AN EXTRAORDINARY PROMISE

An ordinary man,

An extraordinary promise,

And an awesome God.

Do you feel pretty ordinary? Maybe a little insignificant? It's all right. In fact, it's good. Why? Because it's just like God to pick ordinary people and do extraordinary things with them and through them.

All that's required is that you simply listen to what God says and then move forward from there, one step at a time.

TAKING IT IN

1. Your first assignment is to observe Genesis 11:24-32.
 - a. Read these verses and mark every occurrence of *Abram* in a distinctive color. Take a moment to choose a color or symbol. If you don't know how to decide on the colors, we suggest you choose blue for *Abram* since that is the color on Israel's flag. By the way, Abram's name will be changed to Abraham later. Just wanted you to know this so you will understand that we are marking the right man—the man whose life we are studying.
 - b. Now read the text and using the chart "Abraham's Family Tree," located in the Appendix, record the names of Abram and his siblings, their wives, and the children (Terah's grandchildren) to whom they gave birth.
2. Now then, let's look at some cross-references that will give us insight into why Abram moved from Ur of the Chaldeans. This is an example of progressive revelation. By that we mean that God doesn't give us all the facts at once; sometimes He waits to reveal certain specifics in later books of the Bible.

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Lesson 1, Genesis 11:24–14

3. Now let's focus on Genesis 11:27–12:9.
 - a. Read Genesis 11:27–12:9 using your Observation Worksheets. There are two main personages that we are going to focus on in our study: the *LORD* and *Abram*. You want to learn all you can about them, so we suggest that you choose a distinctive color or symbol for marking each one. Doing so will help you observe exactly what God tells you about Himself and Abraham in the book of Genesis. Mark *Abram* the way you did previously. You could color *LORD* yellow since God is Light.
 - b. While you won't always want to mark every reference to Abram or to the LORD in the portion of Genesis that we will study, you might find it helpful to do so just on this passage because it will train your eye to observe what you can about Abram. When you finish, list on the chart anything you learn about the LORD and Abram that answers what we call the 5 Ws and an H: who, what, when, where, why, and how.

For example, for starters you would list Terah as Abram's father because that helps describe **who** Abram is. Then note the chapter and verse that gives you that information.

The LORD	Abram

c. Read Genesis 11:27–12:9 again.

1) Mark:

- a) *bless (blessing, blessed)*
- b) *land*
- c) *altar*

You should continue to mark these throughout your study. Therefore, it would be good to make a Key Word Bookmark and mark them the same way you are going to mark them on your Observation Worksheet. You might cut out the Key Word Bookmark provided on the back cover of your workbook. The reverse side gives marking suggestions for words used frequently throughout the Bible.

2) In addition to the words on your bookmark, mark:

- a) *Lot*
- b) references to time
- c) geographical locations

d. Now look at the maps located in the Appendix, “From Ur to Canaan” and “Abraham’s Sojournings,” and trace Abram’s journey through Genesis 12:9.

4. Read Genesis 12:10-20.

- a. Mark key words which appear in this section along with references to time or geographical locations. Also mark references to the LORD.
- b. List the main events that occur in Genesis 12:10-20.

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5. Now read Genesis 13.
 - a. Mark:
 - 1) key words
 - 2) time phrases
 - 3) geographical locations.
 - 4) mentions of *Lot* and watch all the references to the land God promised to Abram.
 - b. Check the locations on your map, “Abraham’s Sojournings,” to know exactly where Abram and Lot go and what occurs in these places.
 - c. Finally, list what you learn from marking references to Lot.

 6. Now observe Genesis 14.
 - a. Read the chapter and mark references to time, geographical locations, and references to *Lot*.

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- b. Read Genesis 14:17-24 again. This time mark every reference to *Melchizedek*. Although Melchizedek is not mentioned very much in the Bible, he is a very significant character as you will see. Record everything you learn about him from this passage.

Melchizedek

Insights from Genesis 14:17-24	Insights from Psalms and Hebrews

- c. Read Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:5-6; and 6:19–7:22. Record what you learn about Melchizedek on the chart above.
7. Record the main event of each chapter in the appropriate place on the “Genesis 1–25 at a Glance” chart, located in the Appendix. As we continue our study of Abraham, you will be adding to this chart. Then at the end it can serve as a “table of contents” for these chapters.

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Lesson 1, Genesis 11:24–14

GENESIS 11:24-32

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- 24** Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah;
- 25** and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 26** Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.
- 27** Now these are *the records of* the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot.
- 28** Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.
- 29** Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.
- 30** Sarai was barren; she had no child.
- 31** Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.
- 32** The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

GENESIS 12
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW the LORD said to Abram,

- “Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”
- 4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- 5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.
- 6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land.
- 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.
- 8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.
- 9 Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

- 10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.
- 11 It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman;
- 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.
- 13 “Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”
- 14 It came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.
- 15 Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house.
- 16 Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.
- 17 But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.
- 18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?
- 19 “Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go.”
- 20 Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

GENESIS 13

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- SO Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.
- 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
- 3 He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,
- 4 to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.
- 5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
- 6 And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together.
- 7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.
- 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.
- 9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if *to* the left, then I will go to the right; or if *to* the right, then I will go to the left."
- 10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.
- 11 So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.
- 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.
- 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.

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- 14 The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
- 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.
- 16 “I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.
- 17 “Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.”
- 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

GENESIS 14

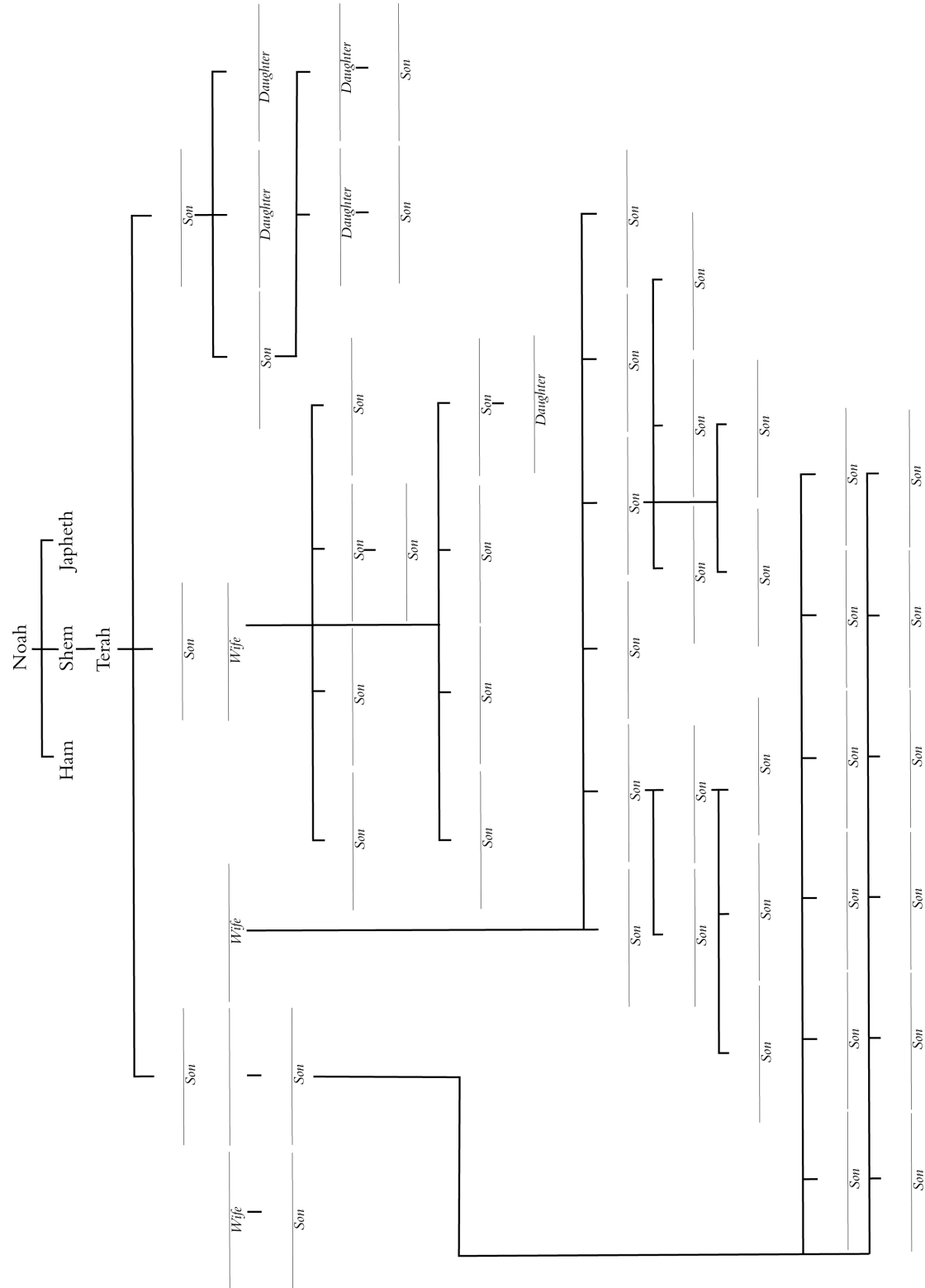
Observation Worksheet

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- AND** it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim,
- 2 *that* they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).
 - 3 All these came as allies to the valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).
 - 4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.
 - 5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,
 - 6 and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.
 - 7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazazon-tamar.
 - 8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in the valley of Siddim,
 - 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.
 - 10 Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell into them. But those who survived fled to the hill country.
 - 11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed.
 - 12 They also took Lot, Abram’s nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he was living in Sodom.

- 13 Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram.
- 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
- 15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.
- 16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.
- 17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.
- 19 He blessed him and said,
 "Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
 Possessor of heaven and earth;
- 20 And blessed be God Most High,
 Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."
He gave him a tenth of all.
- 21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself."
- 22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth,
- 23 that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'
- 24 "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

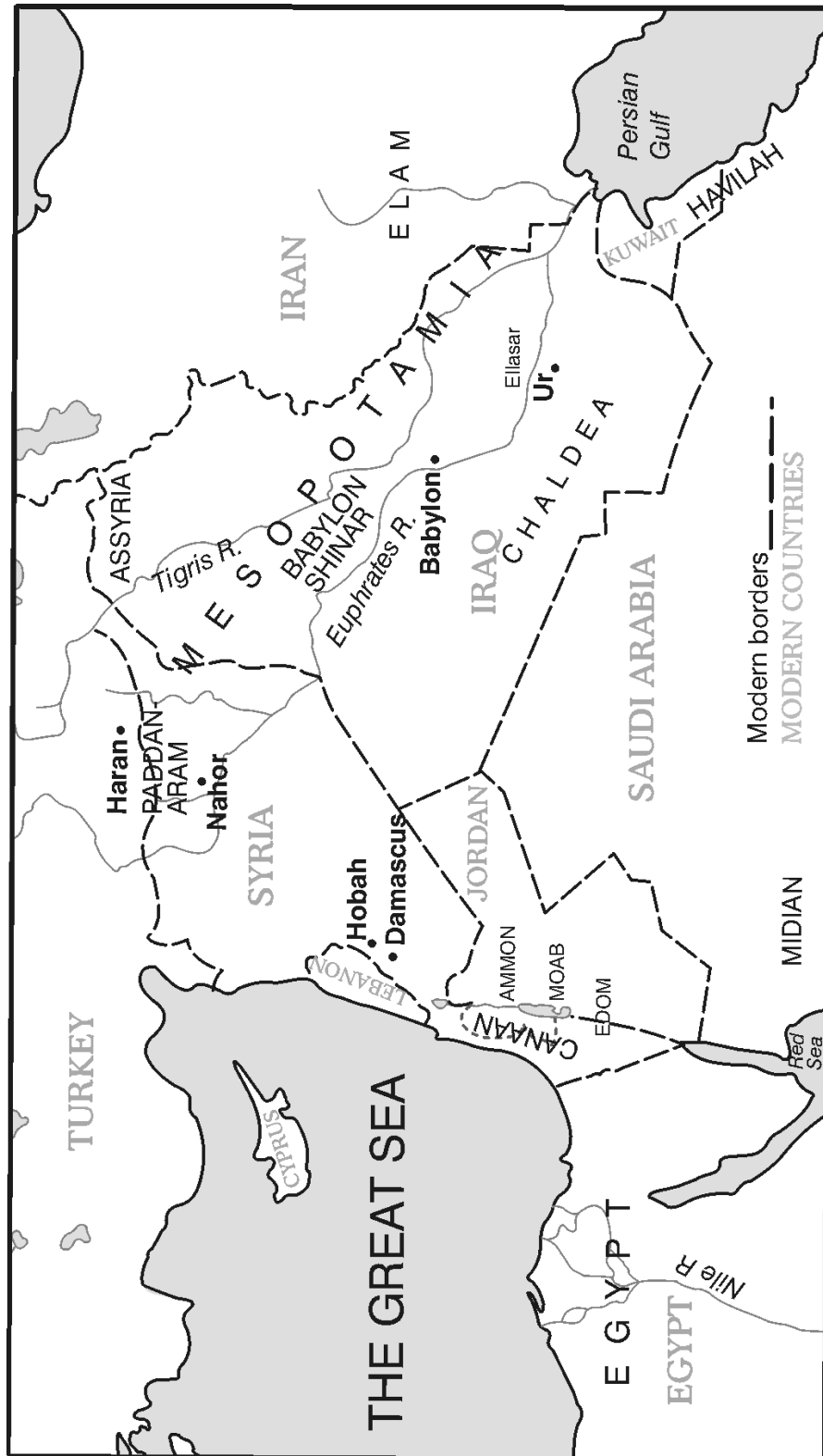
ABRAHAM'S FAMILY TREE



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GENESIS 1–25 AT A GLANCE

Theme of Genesis:

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