



# — LINEAGE OF THE KING —

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham  
Matthew 1:1

Lesson 1

## FIRST DAY: Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to the amazing journey through the lineage of Jesus, the Messiah. In this study you will be introduced to pioneers, prophets, prostitutes, people of seemingly no distinction—farmers, foreigners, warriors, kings, captives, and carpenters. All these people have the shared commonality of being part of the genealogy of Jesus. They also were chosen by God to be related to Him. In like manner, we too, with our varied backgrounds and testimonies have been called to be a part of the lineage of Jesus Christ through faith.

1. We begin this study with the call of Abram, an obscure Chaldean man living in Mesopotamia. His life was changed and blessed when he heard and responded to the call of God. Not only did Abram become a patriarch in the Messianic line of Jesus, but he is also known as the father of faith. God is calling each one of us to this divine lineage. As we respond to His call, our lives will be divinely changed and blessed. Read the portions of Scripture below and note anything that stands out to you about God's promises to Abram:
  - a. Genesis 12:1-8
  - b. Genesis 15:1, 6
  - c. Genesis 17:1-8 and 21:1-3
  - d. Genesis 22:15-18
2. Ask for God's blessing as you begin your study this year.

*I will bless those who bless you ...  
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*  
Genesis 12:3

**SECOND DAY:** Read Genesis 12:1-8

1. According to Genesis 11:31, a Chaldean named Terah took his family, including his son Abram, from Ur toward Canaan (present day Israel). Along the way, they stopped to live in Haran. Record from Genesis 12:1 what the Lord *said to Abram*. Genesis 12:1

a. Why might this command have been a challenge for Abram?

(1) Link this with Hebrews 11:8. Share your thoughts.

2. From Genesis 12:2-3 list the promises God made to Abram:

a. verse 2

b. verse 3

(1) Link the promise in Genesis 12:3b with Galatians 3:8-9. How have you been blessed through this promise?

c. What stands out to you from these promises?

(1) How do you see these promises in effect today?

3. Use Genesis 12:4-6 to comment on Abram's response to God's words.

4. Once Abram arrived in Canaan, what happened? Genesis 12:7a

a. Note and comment on Abram's activity from Genesis 12:7b-8.

5. What ministers to you most from God's call to Abram?

a. How do you desire to respond to God's call?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Genesis 15:1-18

1. In Genesis 14 Abram was helped by God to defeat several kings and rescue his nephew, Lot. He refused to take any spoils from this victory. *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram.* What did the Lord declare? Genesis 15:1
  - a. What does this express about Abram's relationship with God?
    - (1) How can you apply this to your relationship with God?
2. Use Genesis 15:2-3 to note the honest concerns Abram presented to the Lord.
  - a. How did God answer Abram's concerns? Genesis 15:4-5
3. From Genesis 15:6 record Abram's response to God.
  - a. Link this with Romans 4:3-5 and Hebrews 11:6. What do you see?
    - (1) How does this inspire you?
4. In Genesis 15:7-8 Abram asked God, *How shall I know that I will inherit it?* God reciprocated by making a covenant with Abram to confirm His promises (Genesis 15:9-11, 17-18a). Why is it interesting that God responded with a covenant? See also Hebrews 6:17-18.
5. As Abram waited on God to confirm the covenant, he fell into a *deep sleep* and was filled with *horror and great darkness* (Genesis 15:12). Note and remark on the things God revealed to him in Genesis 15:13-16.
6. What do you find most remarkable about Abram's relationship with God?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19; 18:1-14; 21:1-3

1. About 13 years had passed when Abram attempted to fulfill God's promise by having a son, Ishmael, by Hagar, Sarai's maid. *When Abram was ninety-nine years old*, God appeared to him and renewed His covenant. Compare God's words in Genesis 17:1-8 with Genesis 12:1-3 and 15:4-7. Share your observations.
  - a. What does this reveal to you about God's promises?
  
2. God also extended His promises to Abram's wife, Sarai. What did He say concerning her? Genesis 17:15-16
  - a. The name *Abraham* means *father of many nations*. *Sarah* means *princess of a multitude*. Remark on the significance of these name changes.
  
3. Summarize the dialogue between God and Abraham in Genesis 17:17-19.
  
4. In Genesis 18:1-15 God again appeared to Abraham, reiterating and confirming the promise of a son through Sarah. Although it was physically impossible for these two elderly people, what did the Lord declare in Genesis 18:14a?
  - a. Where in your life do you need to apply this truth?
  
5. Use Genesis 21:1-3 to describe the fulfillment of what God *had spoken*.
  - a. Link this with Hebrews 11:11-12 and share your thoughts.
  
6. How does God's work in the lives of Abraham and Sarah minister to you?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Genesis 22:1-19

1. Many years later *God tested Abraham*. What was the test? Genesis 22:1-2
  - a. Remark on Abraham's response from Genesis 22:3.
  
2. *On the third day*, Abraham saw their destination and told his men to wait while he and Isaac went ahead to *worship* (Genesis 22:4-5). What do you find noteworthy about Abraham and Isaac's interaction in Genesis 22:6-8?
  - a. To underscore Abraham's faith, connect his declaration in Genesis 22:8 with Hebrews 11:17-19.
  
3. As you observe the drama of Genesis 22:9-14, share what ministers to you concerning:
  - a. the obedience of Abraham
  
  - b. the willingness of Isaac – See also Romans 12:1.
  
  - c. the provision of God
  
4. After these things, the *Angel of the LORD* spoke to Abraham again (Genesis 22:15). Summarize the pronouncement God made to him from Genesis 22:16-18.
  - a. Link Genesis 22:18 with Galatians 3:16 to highlight the Messianic implications of God's promise to Abraham.
  
5. From your study today, what stands out to you most about:
  - a. God
  
  - b. Abraham
  
  - c. Isaac
  
  - d. Testing

**SIXTH DAY: Review**

1. Comment on the legacy of Abraham and Sarah from:

a. Romans 4:16-22

b. Hebrews 11:8-12

2. Why do you think God began the lineage of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, with Abraham and Sarah?

3. How are you inspired by the life and testimony of Abraham?

*He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief,  
but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,  
and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

Romans 4:20-21