

“Genesis 11:11–14”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 11-14.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

Birth of Abram

- Genesis 11:26-27—Terah (who lived 70 years) begot Abram, Nahor and Haran—Haran begot Lot.
- Genesis 11:28—The son Haran died before his father Terah (in their native land of Ur of the Chaldeans).
- Genesis 11:29—Abram married Sarai.

Headed toward Canaan

- Genesis 11:31—Terah and his family headed toward the land of Canaan but stopped in the city of Haran.
- Genesis 11:32—Terah died in the city of Haran.

Then the LORD told Abram to continue his trek to Canaan.

Genesis 12:1-3—“Get out of your country from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- Genesis 12:4-5—Abram and Lot departed from the city of Haran and arrived at the land of Canaan.

Genesis 12:7—“Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’”

Abram went to Egypt

- Genesis 12:10—A famine nudged Abram to Egypt.
- Genesis 12:11-20—Abram instructed Sarai to identify herself as a sister instead of identifying herself as Abram’s wife.

Back to Canaan

- Genesis 13:1-6—Abram and Lot each had large flocks and herds so that there was not enough pasture for the two families.
- Genesis 13:7-8—When the servants from the two families quarreled, Abram wanted to stop the strife.
- Genesis 13:9-11—When Abram gave Lot the choice of what land he wanted, Lot chose the plains of Jordan to the east.
- Genesis 13:12-18—Abram stayed in Canaan.

Abram rescued Lot

- Genesis 14:1-13—When there was a battle between four kings and five kings, the victors captured Lot.
- Genesis 14:14-16—Abram's 318 men recovered the goods and rescued Lot.

Melchizedek, the priest of God

- Genesis 14:18-20—Melchizedek blessed Abram.
- Genesis 14:20 (last sentence)—Abram gave Melchizedek a tithe.

Abram accepted only food for his men

- Genesis 14:21—The king of Sodom wanted the captured people returned to him but offered all the goods to Abram.
- Genesis 14:22-24—Abram took only enough food for his men.

The order of Melchizedek

- Psalm 110:4—"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."
- Hebrews 5:6
- Hebrews 5:10
- Hebrews 6:20
- Hebrews 7:11
- Hebrews 7:17
- Hebrews 7:21.
- Hebrews 7:1-28—The Son of God as our High Priest is superior to the Old Testament priesthood system (organized through physical lineage).