

# The Patriarch Age

## Lesson # 3

### Introduction:

In this lesson we will look at the time from Adam (Garden of Eden) till Jacobs family bondage in Egypt. During this time God did not have an established people or church. There were no bibles, books, or prophets to give instructions. During this time God dealt individually with man as he had done in the Garden of Eden. During this time promises are given, covenants are made and further pictures of Christ are seen. These have a great affect on us today.

It is important to remember and always keep in focus that our direction is toward Christ and everything is understood with this in mind. Here, in this section God is establishing a plan and readying a people to become his nation.

### Lesson:

#### I. Choice (Genesis 4)

- Way of Cain
- Way of Able
- Enoch Gen. 5:24 (Godly man)

#### II. Decline of mankind (Gen. 6:5)

- Noah 600 years old (man of faith) Gen. 6:9,22
- Flood Gen. 6-9
  - Wicked destroyed
  - Remnant saved
  - Covenant (agreement) Gen.9:8-17
  - Rainbow
- Shadow?
  - Final judgment day Gen. 6:11-14
  - Remnant was saved Matt. 7:13
  - Baptism 1 Peter 3:20-21 & Rom 6:3-9

#### III. Abraham call and response

- Call (Gen. 12:1) “leave you country, your people and your fathers household and go to the land I will show you.” Luke 9:57-62 & 14:26
- Faith ... believing God he loaded up his family and headed out.
  - Its no wonder Abraham makes the “Faith Chapter” in Hebrews 11
  - \*Genesis 15:16 Faith was credited as righteousness

-This long journey, based on faith planted the foundational concept that man's relationship with God is based on faith. For without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). The faith principle is imbedded in man's walk with God-- from beginning to end. God spoke of it also through the prophet Habakkuk (Hab. 2:4) saying "The righteous will live by faith."

-Eph. 2:8

#### IV. Abraham's Promise (Gen.12:3 & 22:18)

-Three elements of promise

-A great nation would arise from descendants

-fulfilled Gen. 32:27-28 & Ex. 19-20

-The land promise (Promise land) of Canaan

-fulfilled Josh. 21:43:45

\*All nations would be blessed through his seed. (Gen 12:3)

-fulfilled Gal. 3:16

-Holy Spirit Gal. 3:14, 5-6

-Justification by faith Gal. 3:8-9

-Christ Acts 3:25-26

\*Salvation in a nut shell

-Comes down to us also Gal. 3:26-29

#### V. Abraham's Promise established by a Covenant (Gen 17:1-9)

-Circumcision

\*Shadow of baptism col. 2:11-12

\*New names given From Abram to Abraham

#### VI. Predictions of Christ

- Melchizedek Gen 14:18

\*shadow of Christ Heb. 7:1-3

#### VII. Jacob (Israel)/ Rachel, Leah -12 sons

-Reuben

-Simeon

-Levi

-Judah

-Dan

-Naphtali

-Gad

-Asher

-Issachar

-Zebulun

-Joseph

-Benjamin

- \* These 12 sons will become the 12 tribes of Israel
- Joseph sold into Egyptian slavery by brothers Gen. 37: 12-36
- Joseph put in charge of Egypt Gen 41:41
- Jacob and whole family goes to Egypt Gen. 46

VIII. Jacob blesses Judah Gen. 49:8-12

- Line of Christ

IX. Israel Oppressed by Egyptians

- Ex. Chapter 1.

Faith, Sacrifice and prayer are shown as very important in this period

- Hab. 2:4, Romans 12:1,2 & Isa. 56:7 also the story of Job