

How Firm a Foundation: Lesson 1 Abram part 1

The context: The Pentateuch means “five-folded” and was given by God to Moses at Mt. Sinai and in the Wilderness.

The audience: The Israelites, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had been set free from Egypt and slavery and were about to go in to possess the land of Canaan.

Moses is most closely associated with the Ten Commandments, yet the Bible does not start with a list of commands or man’s obedient performance. The Bible starts with GOD. In fact, the Ten Commandments start with GOD as well in a perfect summary statement of what the whole book of Genesis is about:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

7 days of the Creation week Genesis 1:1-2:3

Day	God Said	Visible Result	Ps. 24:1
1	Let there be Light	There was Light	Lord's The earth is the
2	Let there be expanse in midst of waters	It was so	
3	Let there be dry land and waters become seas	It was so	
4	Greater/Lesser Lights/Stars	It was so	in it And everything
5	Birds/water creatures	God created them	
6	Creatures on earth Mankind	It was so	
7	God rested on the 7 th day	God sanctified it	

- **What God says...is so.**
- **God’s Dominion is over everything.**
- **There is nothing in man’s realm of experience that is outside of God’s dominion.**

Genesis 3-11 shows the contrast between trusting God’s Word and turning from God’s Word: Life and Death.

What has God said?

Seven Promises Spoken to Abram

CH	LAND	Great Nation (People)	Bless and Give a Great Name	All the families of the earth shall be blessed.
12	“to the land I will show you”	I will make of you a great nation	I will bless you and make your name great.	in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
12	“To your offspring I will give this land.”	To your offspring		
13	for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.	I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth		
15	to give you this land to possess.” “To your offspring I give this land”	“your very own son shall be your heir.” “number the stars...so shall your offspring be.”	your reward shall be very great	
17	I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession	and may multiply you greatly.” I will give you a son by her.” kings shall come from you	Name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.	
17 18		and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her	Name shall be Sarah	
22	your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies	and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore	I will surely bless you	and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, you have obeyed my voice.

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Chapter	Location	Method	Receives-Responds
12:1-3	Haran	The Lord said	Abram went.
12:6-8	Shechem, oak of Moreh	The Lord appeared	Abram built an altar. Called on name of the Lord. Goes to Bethel and builds an altar.
13:14-18	Bethel	The Lord said	Moves to Hebron, oaks of Mamre. Builds an altar.
15:1-21	Near Sodom/Salem?	The word of the Lord came in a vision	He believes God.
17:1-27	Hebron, oaks of Mamre	The Lord appeared to him in a vision	Abram fell on his face. Laughs: will Sarah and I have a son? He circumcises all the males in his family.
18:1-15	By the oaks of Mamre, at the tent door	The Lord appeared to (3 visitors); they go look toward Sodom/Gom.	Sarah laughs. Later Abraham intercedes for Lot and the righteous
22:1-11	Beersheba	God said to him	Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.