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The Relapse of His Faith V. God told him He would make Abe a father of many nations. The seed that God promised was in fact Jesus Christ, [Gal 3: See Ziggurat of Ur ; Schematic plan of city of Ur , when God called him and made a covenant with him. Abram left familiar surroundings, family, and friends and went out by faith to an unknown destination and future. Believing the promise of God, he became the father of all who follow God. He died in faith, not having received all that God had promised, but believing that it would be so. God calls us to bless us and to make us a blessing to all the nations. Where does this discourse take place? From there, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living. For example, Paul records a divine command to all NT believers which is similar to the command God issued to Abram The young bird flies and sings as its father did before it. Abram denied the flesh, took up the cross, went without the camp, became sanctified unto the Lord, and lived and died the friend of God, and a stranger among men. The commencement of his separated life is a lively picture of the commencement of the same life in ourselves. The calling of Abram is a representation of our calling, and to that matter I shall ask your earnest attention this morning. All the chosen seed must in this be conformed to the father of the faithful. The grace which chose him made him obedient Ed: Only in the separated life could he inherit the blessing Ed: And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. On the human side, Abram trusted and obeyed and went out of Ur Ge We see this juxtaposition of Divine sovereignty and human responsibility repeatedly in the Scripture. This is a vital truth to comprehend beloved and emphasizes that what God commands, He enables. God never asks us to do something with providing us with the "desire" and the "power" to obey and accomplish what He has asked. Here we see Abraham Abram was an idol worshiper when God called him. Nehemiah gives us another detail about the call of Abram Notice that Abram did not choose God but God chose Abram. He chose Abram, not because of anything good in Abram, but because He was setting in motion His grand plan of redemption. A remarkable feature of this name is that it was borne by no one else until the sixth century. Abram 60x in 50v - Gen. Having dealt in judgment at Babel God now deals in grace. The promises are confirmed and amplified in [Genesis The writer of Hebrews explains By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. True faith is based on the Word of God and leads to obedience. God could not bless and use Abraham and Sarah unless they were in the place of His appointment 2 Cor. But they can see His glory in the lives of His people Matt. God spoke to Abraham directly, but today we hear the truth of salvation through the witness of His people Acts 1: The command in Acts 7: God required faith, a point that Heb The promises to Abram will be turned into a covenant in Gen 15 and 22 here it is a call with conditional promises and will then lead through the Bible to the work of the Messiah. Abraham was saved by faith Gen. Abraham obeyed when he did not know where Heb. Abraham and Sarah were not perfect, but their walk was generally characterized by faith and faithfulness. When they sinned, they suffered for it; and the Lord was always ready to forgive when they repented. You will discover that, when you trust the Lord, no test is impossible and no failure is permanent. Our lives are subject to detours and corrections that we never expected or imagined. Abraham and Sarah could testify to that. God adjusted their agenda. So this old couple packed up the tent and headed out to only God knew where. When Alexander the Great had completed his conquest of Persia, he headed east. God gave them marching orders without a map. They needed only enough faith to begin the journey, and they headed out to unknown territories and unimagined adventures. But write them on paper, not in concrete. God and life have a way of intruding and leading you on a journey that you might not have anticipated in your wildest dreams. To pass the time, he often sang songs while he worked. That song reflects the love the pioneer songwriter had for the Shenandoah River. Yet he felt compelled to leave its beauty and go west. His love for the familiar rooted him, but the pull of something better won his heart. When Abraham was called out of Ur to follow God to the

Promised Land, he had to leave everything that was familiar to him Gen. Despite the idolatry of that pagan city, Abraham had probably grown attached to the comfort of his home, the variety of the food, and the fellowship of his friends. David Wright of the New York Mets hit a ball toward left centerfield. The ball was moving away from Crisp as he raced after it. Just as it began to fall to the ground, Crisp dove headlong toward it. With his body flying through the air, he stretched his gloved hand as far as possible—and caught the ball. Some called it the best catch they had ever seen. What were his thoughts as the ball sliced through the air? I decided to go for it. I took a leap of faith. By faith, Abraham obeyed. Is God calling you to do something difficult? Perhaps to take a missions trip to help people in need. Or to witness to someone throwing her life away with bad decisions. Or to show kindness and love in a relationship that needs encouragement. Then, trusting your loving heavenly Father, dive toward that goal. It could be the best play of your life. As we traveled through Illinois, the GPS instructed us to get off the Interstate, resulting in a detour through the city of Harvey. Why were we directed off a perfectly good highway? We continued on our way, and we trusted the GPS to get us there and home again. That got me to thinking about detours in life. We may seem to be traveling on a smooth pathway. Then for some reason, God redirects us into an unfamiliar area. Perhaps it is an illness, or a crisis at work or school, or an unexpected tragedy occurs. Surely Abraham must have wondered why God was routing him to the Negev desert. But he trusted God and His good purposes. He will guide us through all our mysterious detours and lead us where He wants us to go. Help us to trust You through the detours—knowing that You have our best interests and Your honor at heart. In the first eleven chapters of the Bible, God dealt with the world en masse; but in Genesis 12, He launched a far-reaching plan of redemption by choosing a man whose descendants would become a mighty nation. From that nation would come the Messiah from whom would come the church that, in turn, would take the gospel back to the whole world. This was outlined in advance in Genesis 12, given to Abraham and his "seed" or "offspring" There are seven promises in Genesis The seventh occurrence cuts straight to Calvary and is actually called "the gospel in advance" Gal. The Scripture [the Old Testament] foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and foretold the good news to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed in you The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say "and to seeds," as though referring to many, but and to your seed, referring to one, who is Christ. Abraham was chosen by God to become the father of the faithful. He stands out as one of the most prominent characters in the Scriptures. In Genesis 12 Abraham received a distinct revelation from God regarding His plan, purpose, people, and property. Abraham serves as a powerful illustration of one who believed God. He believed the Word of God, he was beset by weaknesses, he was blessed with wealth and he was a beacon in witness. At first the sons of Noah walked in the light of divine knowledge, though even among them was found an evil seed.

Chapter 2 : Genesis 12 Commentary | Precept Austin

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The rendering "had said" was doubtless adopted because of St. It is the word translated "nativity" in Genesis. If so, the command certainly came to Abram at Ur, though most of the versions suppose that it happened at Haran. A land that I will shew thee. Pulpit Commentary Verses Distinguished as a man of undoubted superiority both of character and mind, the head of at least two powerful and important races, and standing, as one might say, on the threshold of the historical era, it is yet chiefly as his life and fortunes connect with the Divine purpose of salvation that they find a place in the inspired record. The progress of infidelity during the four centuries that had elapsed since the Flood, the almost universal corruption of even the Shemite portion of the human family, had conclusively demonstrated the necessity of a second Divine interposition, if the knowledge of salvation were not to be completely banished from the earth. Partly to prepare him for the high destiny of being the progenitor of the chosen nation, and partly to illustrate the character of that gospel with which he was to be entrusted, he was summoned to renounce his native country and kinsmen in Chaldea, and venture forth upon an untried journey in obedience to the call of Heaven, to a land which he should afterward receive for an inheritance. In a series of successive theophanies or Divine manifestations, around which the various incidents of his life are grouped - in Ur of the Chaldees Acts 7: The miraculous character of these theophanies indeed has been made a ground on which to assail the entire patriarchal history as unhistorical. By certain writers they have been represented as nothing more than natural occurrences embellished by the genius of the author of Genesis Eichhorn, Bauer, Winer, as belonging to the domain of poetical fiction De Wette, and therefore as undeserving of anything like serious consideration. But unless the supernatural is to be in toto eliminated from the record, a concession which cannot possibly be granted by an enlightened theism, the Divine appearances to Abraham cannot be regarded as in any degree militating against the historical veracity of the story of his life, which, it may be said, is amply vouched for by the harmony of its details with the characteristics of the period to which it belongs cf. Nor does the employment of the name Jehovah in connection with these theophanies warrant the conclusion that the passages containing them are interpolations of a post Mosaic or Jehovistic editor Tuch, Bleek, Colenso, Davidson. The hypothesis that vers. In Ur of the Chaldees, according to Stephen Acts 7: Luther conjectures that the call in Ur was given "fortasse per patti. Literally, go for thyself, a frequent Hebraism, expressive of the way in which the action of the verb returns upon itself, is terminated and completed cf. A proof that the date of the call was while Abram was in Ur Calvin, though if Ur was at Edessa vide supra the patriarch could scarcely have been said to be from home. And from thy kindred. At Ur in all probability Nahor and Milcah were left behind; at Haran, Nahor and his family, if they had already arrived thither, and according to some Kalisch, Dykes Terah also. No Divine interdict forbade the other members of the family of Terah joining in the Abrahamic emigration. Unto a literally, the land that I will show thee. Through a revelation Lange, or simply by the guidance of providence. Matthew Henry Commentary From henceforward Abram and his seed are almost the only subject of the history in the Bible. Abram was tried whether he loved God better than all, and whether he could willingly leave all to go with God. Those who leave their sins, and turn to God, will be unspeakable gainers by the change. The command God gave to Abram, is much the same with the gospel call, for natural affection must give way to Divine grace. Sin, and all the occasions of it, must be forsaken; particularly bad company. Here are many great and precious promises. I will make of thee a great nation. When God took Abram from his own people, he promised to make him the head of another people. I will bless thee. Obedient believers shall be sure to inherit the blessing. I will make thy name great. The name of obedient believers shall certainly be made great. Thou shalt be a blessing. Good men are the blessings of their country. I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee. God will take care that none are losers, by any service done for his people. In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Jesus Christ is the great blessing of the world, the greatest that ever the world possessed. All the true blessedness the world is now, or ever shall be possessed of, is

owing to Abram and his posterity. Through them we have a Bible, a Saviour, and a gospel. They are the stock on which the Christian church is grafted.

Chapter 3 : To the land that I will show you

The LORD told Abram, "You are to leave your land, your relatives, and your father's house and go to the land that I'm going to show you. NET Bible Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father's household to the land that I will show you.

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Chapter 4 : Acts and told him, 'Leave your country and your kindred and go to the land I will show you.'

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Chapter 5 : "Go to the land that I will show you."

*"Go forth from your country, from the land of your birth and from the home of your father to the land that I will show you."
(Genesis) Land. God's first commandment to Avram (who would later become Avraham the father of the Jewish people)
was about land. In the bible, description and.*

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And Hashem said to Avram, "Go (to) (for) yourself, from your land, from your birth place, from your father's house, to the land that I will show you.

I wanted to do things my own way and make my own decisions. Old habits die hard. But God, in His sovereign providence, uses both our positive and negative personality traits in His plan for our lives. He uses bits and pieces of our past, including and especially our problems, in our walk of faith toward Him and with Him. Here is one such time in my life: In February of , We were almost 8 years into our marriage, with 2 young children, living in my hometown, on the south side of Indianapolis. Life was far from perfect but it was pretty good; I was happy, enjoying living near family my mom was only a couple of miles from me , I had a great job working for a small airline and I enjoyed attending my childhood church. Then out of the blue, my husband decided we should move to Florida. But, long story short, he left the first week in February, , without me and the kids. He moved in with his parents and found a new job right away. Over next few months we both continued hold on to our individual opinions about where we should live. The thought of divorce crept in my mind but I still loved my husband and he still loved me. We were just having a disagreement on where we should live. We really were at an impasse. So I got my bible and I searched for answers. I read in Malachi that God hates divorce. I read in Ephesians that wives should submit to their husbands as to the Lord. And I read in Genesis that God called Abraham, in an act of obedience, to leave his homeland and to move to an unknown and faraway land. Now I read these things but at the same time I was having a conflict with my old nature of being headstrong and independent. I considered life as a single mom, a life of independence, where I called all the shots, but then, I prayed earnestly for clear directions from God about what to do. God gave me a sense of peace about moving and I began to see the situation as an act of obedience towards both my husband and God. I believe God increased my faith right then and there as I realized I needed to be more obedient to Him and to my husband. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Obedience meant he had to say goodbye to relationships and the things near and dear to him. Separation from the familiar played a part in his development of his strong faith in God. So with a leap of faith, a step of obedience, and a hopeful heart, I moved to Florida with our two young daughters the 1st day of June in to be with my husband. In the coming months God blessed me in ways I never imagined and my faith in Him grew in a most unexpected way " which I hope to be the subject of one of my future blogs.

Chapter 7 : Bible Stories Explained: To a land that I will show you (English: King James Version)

About The Land that I Will Show You. A collection of seventeen articles by colleagues and former students of Professor J. Maxwell Miller who taught at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

There is no better place to start than in the beginning, Genesis. Commit yourself to a personal journey throughout the entire Bible. Read the entire Bible perhaps based on an annual schedule. When you finish, read it again. If you will do this, year after year - with all perseverance and diligence - you can develop a good working practical knowledge of the Bible to use in your life. Begin in Genesis because that is the beginning. If you skip Genesis you will come to text after Genesis that will make no sense. There will be statements in the New Testament you cannot deal with if you have not read the book of Genesis. One passage you will come to in this good pursuit is Genesis 12. Being familiar with this passage will provide good insight into the book of Romans and Galatians, for example. This has to do with the origin of the Jewish nation, the disposition of the land we now call Palestine, and the spiritual blessings we can enjoy in Christ today. 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. We are told the family moved from Ur to Haran, and at Haran Terah died. Genesis 12 begins by explaining why they moved: Get out of your country. We should not just read the promises, forget them and go on. In reading the Old Testament, when we come to a prophecy or a promise - we need to keep reading to find the point or points of fulfillment. If we neglect that there will be a hole in our Bible knowledge. Our task is to track these three promises. Also in Genesis 12, observe the statement in verse 7. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land. When you read this promise of land to the descendants of Abram or Abraham, one thing immediately comes to mind. If you have read the Bible, you know something about the history of the Old Testament. That conclusion is correct. It is taught in Scripture. The Bible says, that the promise of land to the descendants of Abraham was fulfilled when God gave them the promised land. Consider this reality as revealed in these places: I am the LORD. At the time God said this to Moses they were not there yet. Moses was speaking to the nation of Israel in the land of Moab, east of the Jordan. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-the children of Israel. I will not leave you nor forsake you. This was "after the death of Moses. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. God did what He said. He said this land would be given to the descendants of Abraham. The Bible says God did that. He fulfilled that promise. Joshua believed this, for just before his death he said to the people: A Nation God fulfilled the second promise when He formed a great nation from the descendants of Abraham. The following passages show the fulfillment of the second promise. After the family arrived in Egypt and were cared for by Joseph, he died, and the family grew. Already in Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy there are these statements leaving no doubt, when God formed the Jewish nation, He was fulfilling His promise to Abraham - multiplying his seed into a great nation. God formed a nation out of the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and gave them the land of Canaan in the days of Joshua. This is the fulfillment of two of the promises God made to Abraham: The land promise and the national promise. We have one more promise, but something needs attention first. When we talk about God forming a nation from the descendants of Abraham and giving them the land of Canaan there is something else to be considered: God told this nation, God told His people - if they sinned, they would be driven out of the land He had given them: God promised Abraham that a great nation would be formed from his descendants and they would be given the land of Canaan. But God said clearly, sin would result in their being driven from the land. Bible students know that is exactly what happened! The Israelites sinned grievously, and although Jehovah was patient and longsuffering with them - He eventually did what He said. The northern kingdom of Israel was carried away into Assyrian Captivity in B. The southern kingdom of Judah was carried away into Babylonian Captivity in about four stages of expulsions 2 Chron. God said this captivity would last seventy years, then only a remnant would be restored to the land, not the whole nation Isa.

Now back to the promises to Abraham, revealed in Genesis We know about the fulfillment of two of those promises: God formed a nation from the offspring of Abraham; that nation was Israel; the land promise was fulfilled when they came into the land of Canaan under Joshua. We have one more promise: Now in this third promise the statement is not confined to an immediate, single family or a single nation, but "all He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed,"? God fulfilled the third promise when He sent Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world. Today - anybody can respond to the Good News of Christ and be saved. And thus become a participant in the spiritual promise God made to Abraham. All three promises to Abraham, in Genesis 12, fulfilled! God formed a nation from his offspring - gave them the land of Canaan. Paul said, in Galatians 3: Does God have a nation today? Peter wrote this to Christians: I need to deal with one more matter that concerns all of this, and is relevant to things you may hear in our time. God had a plan. In bringing His plan to completion, He chose and used various people. He formed a nation from the offspring of Abraham and God did everything that He promised. To use the language of Joshua in Josh. We may feel great sympathy toward the modern nation of Israel. We may be in favor of political friendship. We may observe how those people have been mis-treated and want to help. There is little doubt - the Israelis have been the victims of terror. So - we may feel great sympathy toward the modern nation of Israel, and we may agree that the United States should maintain a good relationship with them. But all of this cannot be argued on Biblical grounds. We have no instructions from God - to maintain higher loyalty to modern Israel, above other peoples. In Romans chapters , Paul argues against any theocratic definition of Israel. He acknowledges the role Israel had before Christ came, but denies any theocratic definition of this nation. He says, "whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. I must stand by Israel. God did everything He said to Abraham. And the modern nation of Israel is not the same as the biblical nation, used by God before Christ. When people talk with you about: The only thing left for the Jews today is - to believe and obey Christ. Jews or Gentiles - "whosoever! Based on article by Kevin Kay, and material by Ferrell Jenkins. Berkley From Expository Files

Chapter 8 : What does Genesis mean?

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