

**The Whole Truth**  
*Lesson #2*

Review

A. Pentateuch—Genesis

1. Book of Beginnings (Earth, Humanity, people of God)
2. Primeval History (1-11)
3. Ancestral History (12-50)

B. Primeval (pre-history)—The Sovereign Call of God

Walter Brueggemann—“The call” is the organizing center of Genesis

1. Creation—6 days/Rest on the Sabbath
2. Imago Dei
3. Fall of Man
  - a. Temptation
  - b. Sin
  - c. Curse
4. Failure followed by a promise

*Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Genesis 4:1 NKJV*

5. Sin of Cain and death of Abel
6. New hope and promise after failure

*And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." 26 And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord. Genesis 4:25-26 NKJV*

7. Hope in Noah

*And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." Genesis 5:29 NKJV*

NOTE: Longing of seed—see Genesis 3:15—seed that will fix it all

8. Crisis point and judgment (6:3)
  - a. Flood
  - b. New start (9:11-17)
9. Dispersion at Babel
10. Particular seed (11:27-32)

Seed of Abraham

Traced to Abraham:

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

*So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Matthew 1:17 NKJV*

Traced to Adam:

*The son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nabor. Luke 3:32-34 NKJV*

*The son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. Luke 3:38 NKJV*

SEED OF ABRAHAM—Promised in Genesis 3:15

*Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. Galatians 3:16 NKJV*

*And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29 NKJV*

So we need to know the Abraham Narrative

The Abraham Narrative: The Embraced Call of God (11:30-25:18)

“The One who calls the worlds into being now makes a second call.” (Breugemann)

## Seven Mini-Narratives

### I. **Abraham’s Call** (12:1-9—last one)

- A. God’s first clear word to Abraham (see 22:1)
- B. He is 75 years old
- C. Promise (12:2)
  - 1. Great nation (goy-status of nation among nations) Key 11:30 Sarah is barren
  - 2. Name famous (this is what Babel builders wanted)
  - 3. Not just a recipient but a giver of blessings
- D. Uniqueness of this nation
  - 1. Bless you get blessed
  - 2. Curse you get cursed (see 12:15-17)
- E. Uniqueness of seed—in you, all families of the earth will be blessed (see 30:27; 39:5)

### II. **Abraham’s Nephew—Lot** (Chapter 14)

NOTE: Lot is grandson of Tereh, son of deceased Haran (Abraham’s brother) see 11:27-31)

- A. Strife of family (13:5-17)
- B. Rescue of Lot—(Chapter 14)
  - 1. Lot kidnapped by alliance of kings fighting for territories
  - 2. Abraham hears about it
  - 3. Attacks at night and rescues Lot (14:15, 16)
  - 4. Melchizedek greets Abraham—King of Salem

**III. Abraham's Encounter/Covenant** (Chapter 15)

**IV. Abraham's Foolish Compromise** (Chapter 16)

- A. Sarai still barren suggests Hagar
- B. Hagar conceives—Sarai is jealous
- C. Hagar flees (16:10-16)
- D. Ishmael is born (16:10-16)

**V. Abraham's Surprise** (Chapters 17, 18)

- A. Revelation made him laugh (see 17:1-8; 15-22)
- B. Visitors make Sarai laugh (18:7-15)

**VI. Abraham's Intercession** (18:17-19:38)

- A. Plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah
- B. Intercession—50/45/40/30/20/10
- C. Destroyed—Lot's wife and daughters 19:24-26; 30-38

**VII. Abraham's Son and Sacrifice** (21, 22)

- A. Isaac's birth (21:1-8)
- B. Sacrifice your son (22:1-18)

**VIII. Abraham's Narrative Ends**

- A. Death of Sarai (23:1, 2)
- B. A wife for Isaac (24:1-9)—Rebekkah is found
- C. Death of Abraham (25:1-12)
- D. Genealogy of Ishmael (25:13-18)
- E. Story of Abraham's seed continues (25:19)