

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus: The Story of Sarai and Abram

Genesis 11:27-12:8 (ESV)

1. The Barrenness of Sarai: The Death of Jesus (Genesis 11:27-32)

A. Terah and has Offspring: Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

B. Family Lives in Ur of the Chaldeans; Haran Dies: Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

C. Abram Takes Sarai his wife; Nahor marries Milcah whose father is Haran: And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.

D. Sarai is Barren: Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

C¹ Abram is Taken by Terah and his wife Sarai and Lot, whose father is Haran: Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife,

B¹ Family Leaves Ur of the Chaldeans: and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

A¹ Terah's Life: The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

Barrenness of Sarai: Spiritual Barrenness of Humanity

Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

Spiritual Barrenness:

1. And you were dead in the trespasses and
2. sins in which you once walked,
3. following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Spiritual Resurrection:

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

1. even when we were dead in our trespasses, **Crucifixion**
2. made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and **Resurrection**
3. raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **Ascension**
4. so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **Glorification**
5. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Discipleship**

2. The Blessing to Abraham: The Resurrection of Jesus (Genesis 12:1-13:18 ESV)

Now the Lord said to Abram,

1. “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
2. And I will make of you a great nation, and
3. I will bless you and
4. make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
5. I will bless those who bless you, and
6. him who dishonors you I will curse, and
7. in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The Blessings to Abram: Fulfilled in Christ to the Church (Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV))

1. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
2. even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.
3. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
4. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us,
5. in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
6. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
7. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

3. The Offspring of Abram: The Resurrected Jesus (Genesis 12:4-7a ESV)

1. **So Abram went, as the Lord had told him**, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.
2. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.
3. At that time the **Canaanites** were in the land.
4. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To **your offspring** I will give this land.”

The Offspring of Abram: Jesus Christ and the Church (Galatians 3:15-29 ESV)

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his **offspring**. It does not say, "And to **offsprings**," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your **offspring**," who is Christ.

This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; **but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.**

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until **the offspring** should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for **in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.** (Galatians 3:1-29 ESV)

4. The Altar of Abram: The Presence of the Resurrection of Jesus (Genesis 12:7b-8 ESV)

So **he built there an altar to the Lord**, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there **he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.**

The Altar of Abram: The Resurrection Prayer of Christ's Presence Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

Faith in Abram's Blessing	For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
Worship of Abram's Blessing	I do not cease to give thanks for you,
Prayer for Abram's Blessing:	remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,
Faith in Christ's Past Resurrection:	that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
Hope in Christ's Future Return:	what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and
Love in Christ's Present Power:	what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.