



PROMISES TO ABRAM

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The initial setting for Genesis is eternity past, God then, by willful act and divine word, spoke all creation into existence, furnished it, and finally breathe life into a lump of dirt which He fashioned in His image to become Adam. God made mankind the crowning point of His creation, His companions who would enjoy fellowship with Him and bring glory to His name.

God promises Abram a land that He will show him, to make him into a great nation, to make his offspring a great nation with the implication of a long line of descendants. The fact that Sarai's womb was barren God promises to bless Abram. Blessings involves fertility, life, success, wellbeing, and a good name. God promises to Abram and Sarai that through them all the families of the earth shall be blessed. God said to Abram to leave his country and family and from his father's house. God is saying leave what's familiar to you so that I can bless you and make you and your descendants a great nation.

Whether God and Abram had spoken prior to Abram's calling, the bible don't say. Possibly without warning God speaks to Abram. He gives one command and an avalanche of promises. This promise must have been well beyond anything Abram ever could have imagined for his life after all he was seventy-five years old when God spoke these promises. He was a well in age, wealthy man married to an exceptional beautiful woman, who was barren, and God speaks.