

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Early Old Testament Foundations: Genesis 13-27

For class to be held September 19, 2015

Put priority on reading for a spiritual experience. Always pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a heart to conform to truth. Guide questions are to help the reader catch some of the key concepts and details.

Since we didn't get to Genesis 12 in our last class, it would be good to review the last reading guide for that part. Also, if you haven't read from *Patriarchs and Prophets*, I highly recommend chapters 1,7,8 & 9. Highly recommended chapters will be in bold type on the reading guide.

### **Genesis 13 & 14:**

1. Why did Abram and Lot go their separate ways? Where did Lot choose to go and why?
2. Which of the 3 parts of the covenant of Gen. 12 did the LORD reemphasize to Abram after Lot left?
3. What was Abram's purpose in taking his small army to war against Chedorlaomer's coalition?
4. Do you think that Lot was a hindrance to the covenant Abram was attempting to keep with God?
5. Who was Melchizedek and why did Abram give him tithes?
6. Why did Abram refuse to accept the king of Sodom's suggestion that Abram keep all the goods that he had recovered in the battle?

### **Genesis 15:**

1. Who did Abram suggest to the LORD to be his heir to the covenant since he was childless?
2. What special promises were given to Abram in this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
3. For what purpose did God ask Abram to do a multiple sacrifice (3 animals, 2 birds)?
4. What prophecy about Abram's descendants would surely catch the attention of the Israelite slaves in Egypt?
5. Who was being given 4 generations of probation before the LORD would give their land to Abram's descendants? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What were to be the boundaries of the promised land? Did Israel ever occupy all that land?

### **Genesis 16 & 17:**

1. What events showed a lack of faith by Sarai and Abram? Why did they think their plan was acceptable?
2. Why would Hagar despise Sarai when she became pregnant?
3. Who was the angel of the LORD and what did he share with Hagar?
4. How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? \_\_\_\_ What evidence is there that Abram and Sarai's lack of faith broke their covenant with God?
5. How old was Abram when God renewed the covenant with him and changed his name to Abraham? \_\_\_\_
6. What does Abraham mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What became the sign of being in God's covenant? \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Of what significance was Sarai's name change? Who was to be heir to the covenant? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Genesis 18 & 19:**

1. When Abraham first invites the 3 visitors to stay to eat, who does he think they are?
2. What made it scientifically impossible for Sarah to have a baby? (It's not her age.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. How do we know that one of the 3 visitors was actually God? Who were the other two?
4. How much regard did Lot have for his two youngest daughters?
5. What 3 points of evidence show that Lot and his wife were very reluctant to leave Sodom?

6. Why did God save Lot? (see vs. 29) What two nations had their origins with Lot and his two daughters?

Suggested Reading: PP chapter 12

**Genesis 20:**

1. What mistake does Abraham surprisingly repeat? Who was Abimelech and where did he live?
2. What redeeming qualities do you see in Abimelech? What traits of God are shown in this story that are encouraging?

**Genesis 21:**

1. What lesson does this chapter contain for Abraham's descendants for a happy marriage?
2. Why does God tell Abraham in this chapter that he must do as his wife says?
3. What promise was given for Ishmael
4. What more do we learn about where Abimelech lives and what he is like?

**Genesis 22:**

1. What evidence in this chapter shows Abraham had grown in faith?
2. Why did Isaac cooperate with a man that he could easily have overpowered or escaped?
3. In what way is the story in this chapter an acted out prophecy? In what ways is Isaac a type of Christ?
4. According to the renewal of the covenant in verses 17 & 18, **who** was supposed to benefit by this covenant? \_\_\_\_\_ Why couldn't the Jews of Jesus' day see this?

Suggested Reading: PP, chapters 13 & 14.

**Genesis 23 & 24:**

1. Whose death and burial is described here? \_\_\_\_\_ What land did Abraham buy for a burial ground?
2. Did he own any other land in all of Canaan?
3. What was Isaac's role in finding a wife? Where did Abraham send Eliezer to find a suitable woman?
4. How do you think Eliezer felt about God's leading after Rebekah revealed her family identity?
5. What indicates that Rebekah was an adventurous person? Didn't they have a wedding ceremony?

Suggested Reading: PP, chapter 15. (Read p. 175-176 carefully)

**Genesis 25-27:**

1. How old was Abraham at his death, and where was he buried? \_\_\_\_ How would you sum up 25:12-18?
2. How many years were Isaac and Rebekah together before she had children? \_\_\_\_ Why? Were they being tested as Abraham and Sarah had been?
3. Which son was the most like Rebekah? \_\_\_\_\_ Like Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_ (Think carefully on this.)
4. Why did Esau give up his birthright so easily? What was included in a birthright?
5. What happened in Genesis 26:3-5? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did Isaac repeat the former sins of his father, Abraham?
7. Why did Abimelech's men fill Abraham's wells and contend over water rights with Isaac's servants?
8. Why was Abimelech afraid of Isaac?
9. What did Esau do that broke his parents' hearts? Why should that matter so much to parents?
10. What is the story of Genesis 27? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was Isaac determined to give the covenant blessing to Esau in spite of the LORD's revelation to Rebekah in Genesis 25:23?
11. How many times did Jacob lie in this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ God could have overruled. Why didn't He?
12. What does the name Jacob mean? (see chapter 27:35, 36). \_\_\_\_\_
13. For what **two** reasons was Jacob sent to Laban's house in Haran?

Suggested Reading: PP, chapter 16