

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Dec 2023	Genesis 01	The First Week
2) 10 Dec	Genesis 02	The First Couple
3) 17 Dec	Genesis 03	The First Sin
4) 24 Dec	Luke 02:1-15	The First Christmas
5) 31 Dec	Genesis 04-05	The First Murder
6) 07 Jan 2024	Genesis 06-07	Judgment
7) 14 Jan	Genesis 08	Land!
8) 21 Jan	Genesis 09-10	Protect
9) 28 Jan	Genesis 11	Stalled
10) 04 Feb	Genesis 12-14	Promised
11) 11 Feb	Genesis 15-16	Impatience
12) 18 Feb	Genesis 17	Established
13) 25 Feb	Genesis 18-20	Purged

INTRODUCTION

- A lot happens in this single chapter: God introduces himself as "God Almighty"; Abram gets a new name; Abraham loses an uncomely part of his body; and he tries to change history by asking God to compromise on one of His promises.

Passage	Comments
Moses passes over thirteen years of Abram's life, not because nothing worthy of remembrance had in the meantime occurred; but because the Spirit of God, according to his own will, selects those things which are most necessary to be knownsource: Calvin Commentary	
Genesis 17:1-8, 15,16	<p>Time of Fulfillment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God identifies Himself as "God Almighty" and he gives new names to reflect a change in mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abram = Exalted Father Abraham = Father of Multitude Sarai & Sarah = Princess
The Names of God	<p>God reveals His character often in His names. He is called by 226 unique names throughout the Bible</p> <p>Number of OT Names of God:..... 124 Number of NT Names of God:..... 102 Most Names in 1 OT Book:Genesis and Isaiah (20 ea) Most Names in 1 NT Book:.....Revelation (17)</p>
Hebrew 101	<p>"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". Is 9:6</p> <p>Some of the Familiar Names of God</p> <p>Ancient of Days Dan 7:9 Eternal God (El Olam) Gen 21:33 God (Elohim) Gen 1:1 God Almighty (El Shaddai) Gen 17:1 God Most High (El Elyon) Gen 14:18 God of Peace 1Thes 5:23 God of Retribution Jer 51:56 God of Truth Is 65:16 God Who Sees (El Roi) Gen 16:13 Judge of All the Earth Gen 18:25 King of Kings, Lord of Lords Rev 19:16 Lord God Almighty Ps 89:8 Lord Our Maker (Jehovah-Hoseem) Ps 95:6 Lord Who Heals (Jehovah-Rophe) Ex 15:26 Lord Will Provide (Jehovah-Jireh) Gen 22:14 Unknown Name (Only Jesus knows this name)....Rev 19:12</p> <p>Yahweh or YHWH or as portrayed below in ancient Hebrew</p>
<p>"Yud" - "Y" Outstretched Arm or Hand</p> <p>"Hey" - "H" Look or Behold</p> <p>"Vav" - "W" Tent Peg or Nail</p>	<p>BEHOLD NAIL BEHOLD HAND</p> <p>יהוה</p>
	For more Names of God, go to link: Names of God

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Here is another interesting aspect of the Hebrew Language:													
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Bevt	B		B: Symbol of a HOUSE										
Combine AB or Abba → Strength of Household → Father													
Then consider the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, "T" or "T" and you have the symbol of the Cross... ...So, from the beginning (AB) to the end (T), or Alpha to Omega (in Greek) you have →→→ Father to Savior													
17:9-14, 23-27	<p>Covenant of Circumcision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God had man enter into the covenant by offering a special part of his own body, and no part could be better spared. It is a secret part of the body; for the true circumcision is that of the heart: and this honor God bestowed upon an uncomely part (source: Matthew Henry Commentary) Women inherited the blessings of the Jewish covenant by familial relationships with a man (father or spouse) 												
17:17-22	<p>Abraham Laughs at God's Promise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham tries to make a compromise with God (have Ishmael be the inheritor) – But God had other plans for Ishmael, for from him came many Arab/Muslim nations Abraham's passivity was a blessing and a curse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World's Blessings. He obeyed God without hesitation, he received honor in the Hall of Fame twice (Heb 11:8,17) and he became a blessing to all nations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He moved his family on command Gen 12:1 He circumcised himself, family, & servants v23 He offered up Isaac as a sacrifice Gen 22 From his loins, came the Savior of the world World's Problems. He also obeyed his wife without hesitation, got her maid pregnant and sent her off into the desert at the command of his wife & with God's consent, which allowed Ishmael to fulfill God's purpose for him, who would be in contention with others and even with his own brothers (as we see with Arabs today)..... Gen 16:12 												
Good Traditions Gone Awry	<p>Like Baptism, circumcision was meant to be an external sign of the need to have an internal change of heart toward God. But due to man's sinful nature, those symbols have, over time, morphed into other things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One MUST be Baptized and/or Circumcised to be saved Some African nations practice female circumcision, which is nothing more than mutilation 												

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- How can we discern when our passivity will bring godly blessings or earthly troubles?

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 18-20. Would you give your daughter or fiancé over to wicked men to spare the lives of a stranger?

