

Bethel Bible Series

Pronouncement of a Destiny

Week 4

Welcome & Announcements

Roll Call - State your name and something for which you feel blessed

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Weeks

Genesis 1 - Creation and its Concepts

Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist
Halo of white light circling the earth
Fingers opened on the right hand
White links attached to the arms and globe
Lettered banner flying on the earth
Figure grasping staff
Banner furling around figure
Halo of light behind figures' heads
Figures holding crowns
Four jewels in crowns
Jewel 1
Jewel 2
Jewel 3
Jewel 4

Genesis 2 - Divine Intentions

Garden
Note banner extended from heavens
Four mountain peaks
Raised arms of figures
Banner enfolding figures
Clasped arms of figures
Banner flowing through peaceful lake scene
Figures with faces lifted upward
Halos behind figures' heads

Genesis 3 - Disharmony

Broken Note
Figure facing away from outstretched hand
Outstretched arms of central figure
Space between figure and outstretched hand
Painful countenance on figure's face
Broken note piercing side
Broken note striking other figure
Broken note penetrating earth
Cracked earth & parched ground
Yokelike appearance of broken note
Large hand in beckoning position

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Lesson - *Pronouncement of a Destiny*

Genesis 1-11

Memory Concept Review

Genesis 1 -
 Genesis 2 -
 Genesis 3 -
 Genesis ___ - The Flood
 Genesis ___ - Brother's Keeper
 Genesis ___ - Tower of Babel
 Genesis 12 -

Sin, Judgment, Grace

| <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Disharmony</u> | <u>Sin</u> | <u>Judgment</u> | <u>Grace</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 3 | | | | |
| | 3:7 | 3:6 | 3:19 | 3:15 |
| 4 | | | | |
| | 4:9 | 4:8 | 4:11-12 | 4:15 |
| 6-9 | | | | |
| | 6:11 | 6:5 | 6:17 | 6:18-19 |
| 11 | | | | |
| | 11:6 | 11:4 | 11:8 | 12:1-3 |

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A Promise

Homework Question 1a
 Do you find any indication of promise here?
 Genesis 12:2
Shaft of light strikes prism

An Obligation

Homework Question 1b
 If so, is it a promise without obligations?
 Genesis 12:2
Light diffuses & passes through figure
 How does God bless us so we may be blessings?
 1 Peter 4:10

A Prophecy

Homework Question 2
 Do you find prophecy here?
 Genesis 12:3
Rays of light extend over earth
 How were all nations blessed through Abram?
 Matthew 1:1, 17
 Galatians 3:7-9
 Galatians 3:14

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Why was Abram (Abraham) chosen?

Homework Question 3

Did God choose His leaders because of their perfection?

Joshua 24:2

Examples of God's leaders

Abram

Genesis 12:10-13,17-19

Moses

Numbers 20:7-12

King Saul

1 Samuel 18:6-9

King David

2 Samuel 11:2-5,14-15

King Solomon

1 Kings 11:1-4

Peter

Mark 14:66-72

Paul

Acts 7:57-8:1

So why did God choose Abram and these others as leaders?

Genesis 15:6

Homework Question 4a

What major differences marked the "spiritual discernment" levels of Abram & Lot?

Genesis 13:8-12

Homework Question 4b

What major differences marked the "spiritual discernment" levels of Jacob & Esau?

| | <u>Esau</u> | <u>Jacob</u> |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Wives | 26:34-35, 28:8-9 | 28:1-2 |
| Brotherly Love | 27:41 | 32:13-15 |
| Patience | 28:8-9 | 29:20, 30 |
| Wrestled with | 27:41 | 32:28 |

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Qualities of Abraham's Character

A Proper Posture

Kneeling Figure

Genesis 12:4

Genesis 12:7-8

Genesis 13:2-4, 18

A Childlike Trust

Facing God

Genesis 15:1-6

Galatians 3:6

Hebrews 11:11-12

Action

Holding Prism

Genesis 12:4

Hebrews 11:8-10

Genesis 17:9-10, 23-24

Genesis 22:2, 9-12

Blessed to be a Blessing (Questions from Page 30 of Text)

From the Christian vantage point, in what significant way did the Jews fulfill their destiny "to be a blessing"? (Romans 9:1-5)

How does the destiny given to Abram and his seed compare to the destiny given to the church of Jesus Christ?

What evidences are there in the New Testament that some of the people had failed to see the Covenant at Sinai in its proper relationship to the Covenant at Ur? (Mark 2:23-28)

What indications are there in the New Testament that people within the chosen family become blessings in different ways? (1 Corinthians 12:1-31)

The destiny concept makes it evident that God uses the "human lot" to carry out His ministry upon the earth.

How does this theme harmonize with:

- the way in which the Scriptures came to us
- the way in which salvation came to the world
- the way in which the Church has acted as an authoritative voice on such matters as canonizing the Scriptures

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *The Ardent Dreams of a Destiny*