



MAKING A CHANGE - Abraham

Life is full of change. Sometimes, the changes we make are not good. However, don't forget the positive changes you have made. Let's check out a Biblical case study.

Genesis 11:10 - This is the genealogy of Shem:

Genesis 11:31 - 12:2 - And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out from Ur of the Chaldeans (Abram's native land) to go to the land of Canaan.; and they came to Haran and settled there. Terah died at the age of 205.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Get out of your country, and from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing."

1. Which son of Noah was the ancestor of Abraham? (Gen. 11:10) _____
2. Abraham's father was born 2866 years from Noah's day. What was the father's name? _____
3. Abraham grew up in a family of nomadic (raising animals on the move) people. Where did this very large family settle (Abram's native land)?

4. Y N Did Abram have any choice what family he lived in or what country they would settle in?
5. Y N Did he have any choice in what religious system he lived in?
6. In order for him to make a change in his life, what did he have to do?

7. Since it appears God was leading Abram out of there to become his special people, **why would it be necessary for him to leave town?** Did I mention that the whole country and his whole family worshipped idols, especially the moon god named "Nanna"? _____
8. Y N Couldn't he worship God and all the idols there with friends?

Genesis 12:4-6 - So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him. Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all his possessions, all the people who joined them in Haran, and they departed for Canaan.

9. God had promised Abraham a new life. He could have decided to partially obey God. They had already left Ur of the Chaldeans; wouldn't that be far enough; wouldn't that be a good enough change? __Y__N

10. What did Abraham decide to do? _____

11. How do we know that Abraham was serious about this change? Did he just pack a small bag for a couple of weeks? Explain.

12. He had a lot of people with him, depending upon him and following Him. How do we know that this change would stick?

Genesis 9:1 - So God blessed Noah AND HIS SONS; he told them to be fruitful, and multiple, and the fill the earth.

Genesis 9:12-13 - And God said, "The rainbow is a proof of my agreement with you Noah and with all mankind, for all future generations."

Genesis 9:26 - Noah said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant."

13. Abraham's father, Terah, probably told his son of the promises made by God to the ancestors of Shem (Abraham's ancestor). Hasn't God given us promises in the Bible that will motivate us to make the changes that will honor God? Explain.

14. How could this verse help us in our making changes or decisions? Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways include Him and He will direct your life." _____

