



## Introduction

*We continue our journey through the book of Genesis from chapter 13. We left Abram just as he separated from his nephew Lot.*



## Questions

1. To what did God liken the large number of the offspring he promised Abram?
2. What was the result of Abram believing God's promise that he would have a child?
3. In verse 18 Abram's offspring are promised all the land from the Euphrates to the river of Egypt. Looking at the map of Canaanite nations (see map), what countries occupy these lands now?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** God tells Abram he will have a child and eventually many offspring
- **v 6** Because Abram believes that God will do what he says despite it sounding unlikely (see theme), God regards him as righteous (or right in his eyes)
- **v 7 and 8** Abram questions God's assurance that he will inherit the land God has promised
- **v 9 to 12** God tells Abram to bring a heifer (young cow), a goat and a ram (male sheep) together with a turtledove and a young pigeon. Abram kills the animals and divides the carcasses. He then goes into a deep sleep
- **v 13 to 16** God promises that Abram's offspring will be slaves in a foreign land and then return
- **v 17 to 21** After dark a smoking furnace and a flaming torch move between the divided carcasses (a ritual of the time to make a covenant). God then makes a covenant with Abram that he will give a specified land (see map) to his offspring

**Timeline** to 2000 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### Belief and faith

*A selection of verses showing that God wants us to believe that he will do what he has promised.*

The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that God regards faith in him as vital:

*Hebrews 11 verse 6*

This faith comes from reading and thinking about God's message to us:

*Romans 10 verse 17*

Abraham is a good example of faith in action. He believes God can do what he says when he promises that Abraham's ageing wife will have a baby:

*Romans 4 verses 19 to 22*



We are justified (made right with God) by believing in Jesus Christ:

*Galatians 2 verse 16*

The apostle Paul tells us belief in the Scriptures leads us to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus:

*2 Timothy 3 verse 15*

### Canaanite nations

Map showing approximate locations of the Canaanite nations and rivers mentioned in Genesis 15 and Joshua 24:





## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 6, Q 3: These lands are currently occupied by Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

## Bible timeline

