

Adult Bible Study 2024  
Week Ten Notes  
9/22/Sunday  
Genesis 12:1-9 The Call of Abram

Main Ideas

- Timeline of Scripture thus far
  - Primeval
    - Adam
  - Antedeluvian
    - Adam to Noah (10 generations - 10 meaning “in total/whole”)
  - Postdeluvian
    - Noah to Abraham (10 generations)
- Names have key meaning!
  - Adam means “soil” or “earth”
  - Noah means “rest”
  - Abraham means “father of nations”
    - What does God want of Adam, Noah, and Abraham?
      - To spread out, subdue the earth, listen and obey!
- There is a deep mystical bond between Sacred Scripture & creation
  - Daniel “I couldn’t find Catholic theologians who wrote on this. However, there is deep meaning here.”
- God uses motifs for us to theologize
  - After Genesis 11 Tower of Babel, there are 70 nations
    - 70 is 7x10, which is perfection and in total/whole = all the world)
- At this point, Fr. John drew a map of the ancient world
- Terah is Abram’s father
  - Terah means “moon”
  - It’s possible that Abram’s generations were moon deity worshippers
  - Terah was on the move but stopped
  - Abram completes this journey - he is being CALLED OUT OF SIN, IDOLATRY, AND THE WORLD
  - Abram is headed across the pre-created state/the three empties
    - Formless void
    - Watery Deep
    - Darkness
- In the promise of Genesis 12 - “The Great Commission of the Old Testament” - Fr. JKohn
  - GO! - obedience is fundamental to faith
    - God promises:

- A To make Abram a great **nation**
- B To **bless** Abram
- C To make Abram's **name** great
- D Abram will **be a blessing**
- C' God will bless those who bless those
- B' God will curse those who curse you
- A' Through all nations **be blessed**
- The ENCOUNTER Abram has changes his life forever.
  - When there is an encounter, there is a promise
    - It is tailor made for YOU
  - The encounter is for you, but then it's for the rest of the world!
  - It's never exclusive to the one man but meant to be shared.
  - It's personal AND inclusive.
- Hebrews 11:1
  - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"
- At Mass, we are sent out!
  - "Ite Missa Est"
  - The Mass is ended. Go in peace
  - Mass means sent
- It is good to want to be great!
  - "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave" Matt 20: 26-27