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# God's Promises Fulfilled Forever
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## Genesis 10:1; 11:10, 27, 31, 32; 12:1-4

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing"* (Genesis 12:2).

At the age of seventy-five, Abraham proved that it is never too late to believe God's promises and obey God. The life of Abraham and the history of Israel, even over the last 3,000 years, prove that when God makes a promise, God keeps it. God promised that if Abraham acted in faith and left for the land of Canaan that his descendants would become a great nation. We only need to look at Israel in the time of King David and King Solomon to know that God kept His promise. When Israel fell on hard times or when the Israelites and Judeans were carried off into exile after King Solomon's death, it was only because God had to punish them; for example, King Solomon had led his nation into disobedience and idolatry. Still, in 1948, Israel became a great nation again. In addition to accumulating great wealth, God blessed Abraham by giving him and Sarah a son when Abraham was 100 years old. But the greatest blessings of all were when Abraham spent time with God, and God told him what He planned. Imagine, we have had the whole Bible for almost 2000 years and the Old Testament for much longer, and every promise to Abraham has been realized even to this day!

Abraham is considered an important leader in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham was a great blessing through his descendant Jesus the Messiah. For 2000 years, Jesus has saved and continues to save his people from their sins, revealing the true God, giving them eternal life, and bringing blessings to untold millions.

## Thinking Further

1. Who left Ur of the Chaldeans?

2. Where did they stop?

3. Who went to the land of Canaan?

4. Why did they go there?

5. What did God say about blessing and cursing?

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