

<b>A</b>	<b>Introduction to Genesis I and Genesis II</b>	Research Team
<b>B</b>	<p><b><u>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of related Scriptural passages</li> </ul>	<p>1Sam 3:9</p> <p>Gen 12</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><b><u>“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon departure, Abraham still did not know his destination.</li> <li>• The characteristics of change and conversion: God’s love urges us to lay down what’s familiar to us to follow Him even when the destination is unclear.</li> <li>• Overcoming all challenges, they arrived at Canaan, fulfilling God’s mission. When they faced hunger, they immediately packed their bags and returned to Egypt – Why are we being challenged constantly when trying to follow God?</li> <li>• Final Reward: The promised reality of “rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold”</li> <li>• God’s time is different from human time.</li> <li>• Comparing Abraham’s call with the call of the Israelites into the Promised Land: The journey symbolizes the journey of each individual and that of the whole human family. We must trust in the Lord on this journey and accept uncertainties with courage; giving up everything to follow God; journeying with God even in face of challenges.</li> </ul>	<p>Gen 12:1</p> <p>Heb 11:8</p> <p>2Cor 5:14</p> <p>Gen 12:5 Fathers p 97</p> <p>Gen 13:2</p> <p>HA 5-6 CCC 2570</p>
<b>D</b>	<p><b><u>God’s Promises to Abraham</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 3 promises:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“<b><i>I will make of you a great nation</i></b>”: land and nation;</li> <li>“<b><i>make your name great</i></b>”: dynasty;</li> <li>“<b><i>So you will be a blessing</i></b>”: God’s family will be built through his descendants.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 3 promises are elevated to become the 3 covenants.</li> <li>• The 3 covenants involved significant characters during 3 crucial periods: the times of Moses, David and Jesus.</li> </ul>	<p>Gen 12:2-3 Father 94-96 HA 7-8</p> <p>Gen 15, 17, 22</p>
<b>E</b>	<p><b><u>God Wills to Cooperate with Humanity to Fulfill His Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Adam to Noah and then to Abraham, God would forgive human sinfulness and weaknesses again and again. He continues to fulfill His plan through cooperation with humanity. Finally, “the Word became flesh,” fulfilling salvation in humanity. This proves that we are greatly honored in God’s eyes; however,</li> </ul>	<p>HA 132</p>

	<p>we fail to recognize this in ourselves and damage this honor in ourselves as well as others and ignore the dignity of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is not only against Communism, artificial contraception, euthanasia or test-tube babies. She is actually against all human systems, schools of thought, and behavior that are hurtful to human dignity.</li> <li>• “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” The human life and its dignity we receive from Jesus is far beyond our human wisdom can fathom.</li> <li>• The main difference between Christian faith and other faiths: Jesus brings Heaven to earth; unlike the people of the Tower of Babel who tried to reach Heaven from below.</li> </ul>	<p>HO (A)</p> <p>Jn 10:10          Jonah 7:17          HO (B)</p> <p>HA 132</p>
<p><b>F</b></p>	<p><b><u>Abraham Departed for Egypt</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abraham’s lies – The imperfection and sin of the Holy Fathers.</li> </ul>	<p>Gen 12:10-20</p> <p>Father 97, HA p 133</p>