



Dear Brother Faull,

At the end of **Genesis 11:31**, Terah set out to go to Canaan, so he moved his family from Ur to Haran and settled there. Then in **Genesis 12**, God tells Abram to "go to the land I will show you."

We usually teach that God told Abram to leave Ur and go to Canaan, but Terah had already taken his family and set out for Canaan in **Chapter 11**.

Did Terah get the call to go to Canaan before Abram did...or was the call to Abram that's mentioned in **Chapter 12** retroactive?!!!

ANSWER:

Chapter 11 is a history of generations and tells us that Terah went with Abraham. The call was to Abraham in Ur and he took his father with him. One is a history and the other is a founding truth of the rest of the Bible.

Abraham was told to leave his fathers house, and his kindred. He did not perfectly obey. He took Terah ("delay") with him and it delayed the promised. He took Lot with him and that made him fight battles later he would not have had to fight.

Incomplete obedience results in problems for us. It delays the promises of God. Because he took him it delayed the promise and not only so he dwelt in Haran ("fruitless", "barren", or "parched") for several years longer.

However, when he buried his old man he left Haran (fruitlessville) and moved on to Hebron ("fellowship") near Bethel ("House of God") near Shechem and Moreh; (place of instruction and place of strength).

All this really happened but it is a parable. When you go to Canaan (where you "bow the knee") there is "fellowship", "strength", "instruction" and the "house of God".

So God did not call Terah. He called Abram from Ur ("fire") of the Chaldees ("destruction").

We all are called from "fiery destruction" to "bow the knee" to God.

We must not "delay", but hasten on to the "house of God" for "strength" and "instruction" and "fellowship".

WOW!