

God Calls Abraham

The Lord had said to Abraham,
"Leave your country, your people and
your father's household and go to the
land I will show you.

"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.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will
curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

So Abraham left, as the Lord had told
him; and Lot went with him. Abraham
was seventy-five years old when he set
out from Haran. He took his wife Sarah,
his nephew Lot, all the possessions
they had accumulated and the people
they had acquired in Haran, and they set
out for the land of Canaan, and they
arrived there.

Abraham traveled through the land
as far as the site of the great tree of
Moreh at Shechem. At that time the
Canaanites were in the land. The Lord
appeared to Abraham and said, "To
your offspring I will give this land." So he
built an altar there to the Lord who had
appeared to him.

Genesis 12:1-7