



## First Call

### Genesis 12:1-9

"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20:21).

The Bible is a missionary story and text. We don't have a biblical basis for mission, we have a missional basis for the Bible!

Genesis 1:28 - "Be fruitful and fill the earth" - the Creation Mandate.

Genesis 3:9 - "Where are You?" - the first missionary quest of God.

Genesis 3:15 - "...he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." - the "protoevangelium" or first Gospel.

#### Context – Genesis 11

1. Account of tower of Babel (vs 1-9)
2. Traces ancestral line of Seth (vs 10-26)
3. Focuses on Abram's family (vs 27-32)

#### Genesis 12:1-3 - 5 promises of God

Abram would become a great nation (12:2a).

Abram would be blessed (12:2b, cf Job 1:10).

3. Abram's name would be great (12:2c).
4. Abram would be a blessing to many (12:2d, 3a and 3c).
5. Finally, Abram would enjoy God's protection (12:3b).

#### Genesis 12:4-9

Abram went (vs 4) – see Hebrews 11:8-10.

2. Took all his possessions and family (vs 5).
3. Arrived at Sechem (vs 6)
4. There the Lord appeared to Abram, and promised that all the land of Canaan (where he stood) would be given to Abram's offspring (vs 7-8).

The Gospel was announced before hand through the Abrahamic promise (Galatians 3:7-9).