

Story 17/18: Abram Arrives in Canaan

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 12:4-20.

Words to Know

possessions – all of the things that a person owns

camp – to set up a tent to live in for a short time

famine – a great shortage of food

Questions

1. How did Abram know where to go when he left Haran?
2. What promises did God make to Abram?
3. Why did Abram keep building altars in different places?
4. Why did Abram move to Egypt? How long did he stay there?
5. What was Abram's financial condition when he returned to Canaan? How do you think he became so rich?

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