**CHAPTER** **12**

*The call of Abram, and the promise made to him. He sojourneth in Chanaan, and then by occasion of a famine, goeth down to Egypt.*

**1** And the Lord said to Abram: Go forth out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and out of thy father’s house, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

**2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and magnify thy name, and thou shalt be blessed.

**3** I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and IN THEE shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed:

**4** So Abram went out as the Lord had commanded him, and Lot went with him: Abram was seventy-five years old when he went forth from Haran.

**5** And he took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all the substance which they had gathered, and the souls which they had gotten in Haran: and they went out to go into the land of Chanaan. And when they were come into it,

**6** Abram passed through the country into the place of Sichem, as far as the noble vale: now the Chanaanite was at that time in the land.

**7** And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him: To thy seed will I give this land. And he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

**8** And passing on from thence to a mountain, that was on the east side of Bethel, he there pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east; he built there also an altar to the Lord, and called upon his name.

**9** And Abram went forward, going, and proceeding on to the south.

**10** And there came a famine in the country; and Abram went down into Egypt, to sojourn there: for the famine was very grievous in the land.

**11** And when he was near to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife: I know that thou art a beautiful woman:

**12** And that when the Egyptians shall see thee, they will say: She is his wife: and they will kill me, and keep thee.

**13** Say, therefore, I pray thee, that thou art my sister: that I may be well used for thee, and that my soul may live for thy sake.

**14** And when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman that she was very beautiful.

**15** And the princes told Pharao, and praised her before him: and the woman was taken into the house of Pharao.

**16** And they used Abram well for her sake. And he had sheep and oxen, and he asses, and menservants and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

**17** But the Lord scourged Pharao and his house with most grievous stripes for Sarai, Abram’s wife.

**18** And Pharao called Abram, and said to him: What is this that thou hast done to me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

**19** For what cause didst thou say, she was thy sister, that I might take her to my wife? Now, therefore, there is thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

**20** And Pharao gave his men orders concerning Abram: and they led him away, and his wife, and all that he had.