

Session 19- Abraham's Seed as God's New Nation and God's War with *Elohim* Rebels

*All Bible references are from NASB unless noted otherwise.

The ancient 2nd Temple period (NT period also) answer to the question:

“Why is the world as wicked as it is today?” We noted that there were three rebellions:

- 1) Satan prior to Genesis 3 and Genesis 3 rebellion God's earthly imagers, Adam and Eve.
- 2) The sons of God (fallen *elohim* and members of the divine council) who rebelled in Genesis 6.
- 3) The division and abandonment of the nations by God in Genesis 11 and Deuteronomy 32:7-9.

God Creates a New Nation to Accomplish His Redemptive Purposes to Restore His Imagery and Council

Genesis 11:27 ¶ Now these are *the records of the generations of Terah*. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹ ¶ Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and **they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.** ³² The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 20:12 "Besides, she [Sarai] actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife; (Sarai was actually Abraham's half-sister as we see later in this chapter of Genesis)

Acts 7:2 And he said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham **when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,** ³ and said to him, 'LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.' ⁴ **"Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living.**

Genesis 12:1 ¶ Now the LORD said to Abram, "**Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house,** To the land which I will show you; ² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And **in you all the families** [nations, peoples, clans, etc.] **of the earth will be blessed."**

⁴ ¶ So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. **Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.** ⁵ Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; **thus they came to the land of Canaan.** ⁶ Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. **Now the Canaanite was then in the land.** ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "**To your descendants I will give this land.**" So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. ⁸ Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ **Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.**

1. Moses is giving the history of Abraham their progenitor to the Israelites.
2. Abraham did not immediately obey when God appeared to him in Mesopotamia.
3. Abraham was required to leave his country, relatives, father's house.
4. God revealed His part of His plan that His redemptive purposes would involve the land of Canaan.

Moses Reveals the Infiltration of the Promised Land

Genesis 14:4-6 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and defeated the **Rephaim** in Ashteroth-karnaim and the **Zuzim** in Ham and the **Emim** in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the **Horites** in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

Rephaim Tribes are connected with Large Anakim/Nephilim Tribes:

Genesis 15:12 ¶ Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and **oppressed four hundred years**. ¹⁴ "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ¹⁵ "As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ "Then in the **fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.**" ¹⁷ ¶ It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹ the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ²⁰ and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the **Rephaim** ²¹ and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

Deuteronomy 2:9-12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession. ¹⁰ (The **Emim** lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, **and tall as the Anakim**. ¹¹ **Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as Rephaim**, but the Moabites call them **Emim**. ¹² The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

Deuteronomy 2:19-23 'When you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession.' ²⁰ (It is also **regarded as the land of the Rephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it**, but the Ammonites call them **Zamzummin**, ²¹ a **people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim**, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place, ²² just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the **Horites** from before them; they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day. ²³ And the **Avvim**, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

Deut. 3:11 (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the **Rephaim**. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Deut. 3:13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of **Rephaim**.)

Genesis 17:7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. ⁸ "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojourning, **all the land of Canaan**, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Moses gives final instructions as they enter the land about the risk of foreign gods.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6, 16-26; 4:32-39