

## Introduction to Genesis 12-36

God is still trying to work out His purposes on the earth. God had called Noah's family out to fulfill the holy expectations of Adam and Eve that went awry. But even Noah's descendants fell far short. So God will try again with Abram and Sarai. Notice the promises involved in God's call. What does God promise? How do Abram and Sarai respond to God's call?

Abraham and Sarah are not perfect, yet are clearly meant to be understood as models of faith. In contrast is Jacob, their grandson, who is quite a tortured soul. Notice the call and promises made to Jacob. Is it comforting to you that such a broken person can remain an integral part of God's plan, or is it frustrating that a scheming, sinful person can be central to God's purposes?