

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 4/16/12 TO 4/22/12

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 Read Genesis 12:10-13:18

Side by side, the two main parts of today's reading show quite a contrast. In 12:10-20, we see Abram stumbling into gross doubt and unbelief. Then, in 13:5-18, we see him demonstrating great faith and self-sacrifice. As you read, think about times you yourself experience the battle between fear and faith.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012 Read Genesis 14:1-15:21

God promised Abram many descendants (13:16). He also promised to give the land of Canaan to those descendants for the indefinite future (13:15). Genesis 14 recounts a military victory Abram won despite the odds. The Lord gave Abram a vision upon his return from the battle to further assure Abram of His faithfulness. This vision looked four hundred and more years into the future and revealed the Lord's faithfulness to Abram's descendants from generation to generation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 Read Genesis 16:1 -17:27

Today's reading recounts yet another instance in which Abram's impatience drew down misery on himself and on those he loved. Still, God did not leave His servant alone in the darkness of doubt. Once again He repeated His promise (16:5-8) and set a deadline for its fulfillment- one year.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 Read Genesis 18:1- 19:38

In today's reading, God visits Abraham in human form. He does this for two main reasons- to confirm his covenant promises to Sarah (18:1-15) and to share with Abraham His plan to judge the cities of the plain for their wickedness (18:16-33). As the events of Genesis 19 unfold, it becomes evident that Abraham's nephew, Lot went to live in the city of Sodom, but soon the wickedness of Sodom came to live in him and in each member of his family!

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 Read Genesis 20:1-21:31

Abraham and Sarah had less than a year to wait until God would keep His promise to send a Son (Genesis 17:21). And yet we see them in today's reading plotting to repeat a sin that had once before led to the brink of disaster. (See Genesis 12:10-20.) Rescued once again by the God who remains faithful despite His children's faithlessness. Abraham and Sarah finally see the son for whom they have waited so long.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012 Read Genesis 22:1-24

When the Emergency Broadcast System conducts a test, it is announced ahead of time. Maybe you've memorized those familiar words: "This is a test. For the next 60 seconds..." As you read Genesis 22 now, try to stand in Abraham's sandals. What feelings engulf your heart as you "take Abraham's test" with him?

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012 Take the day off and come to church. (Catch up later in the day if needed.)