

## Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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;

<sup>2</sup> 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;

<sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse .

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.