



S1E11: Head Out of Town

THE PROMISE: God Calls a Family (Gen. 11-50)

God's plan starts with a childless, middle-aged couple. In a world designed by God to flourish



and grow with human life, instead there is barrenness and emptiness.

BEGINNING (11-25)

- God calls Abram to leave Mesopotamia and go to Canaan
- From Ur living in Haran; Ur in the south or north?
- Semitic, of Chaldean descent
- Mesopotamian religion is polytheistic, anthropomorphic. 5 key gods in the pantheon
- City-states and tribes have patron deities that protect the city
- Babylonian moon God, Sin, was patron deity of Ur & major god in pantheon
- Abraham's father, Terah, made artifacts for use in ritual worship
- Not Jewish but Semitic, likely of Chaldean descent, certainly from the ancient Mesopotamian culture. His descendants are later known as "Hebrews" but there was no such thing at the start of the story
- What made Abraham listen to the voice of this strange God from another land?