LESSON 7

Name

Introduction to Abraham Genesis 11–14

*Directions:* Read the scripture passage listed above and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the

blanks for each item.

1. The book of Genesis begins the story of God’s relationship with the Hebrew people and also sets the stage for the second book of the Torah which is .

2. The overall structure for the book of Genesis is as follows:

A. Genesis 1:1 to 11:26 is called .

B. Genesis 11:27 to 25:18 deals with the man named .

C. Genesis 25:19 to 36:43 deals with the two men named and . D. Genesis 37:1 to 50:26 centers around the man named .

3. We will now focus on the man who is known as the first Hebrew and is probably the first historical per- son in the .

4. Starting in Genesis 11:27, the story of Abram is given. He is considered to be one of the patriarchs of the Jewish faith. Another name for a patriarch is a .

5. In our country, who would be some of the founding fathers?

6. Abram was originally from the city of . (Gn 11:28)

7. Abram’s father brought his family to Haran (modern day Syria) and it was there that he died. Abram’s father was named . (Gn 11:31)

8. After that time, God commanded Abram to go to the land of . (Gn 12:5)

9. According to Genesis 12:1 there is a difference between the nomadic wanderings of Abram and other nomadic tribes. Abram moved about because God .

10. According to Genesis 12:10 one of the reasons for migration in those days was .

11. According to archeological discoveries, there was a great migration north along the Euphrates River about 1900 B.C.E. after Ur was destroyed. This might possibly be the date for the migration of

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12. When Abram arrived in Canaan, God promised him . (Gn 12:7)

13. In Genesis 12:10-20 Abram tells a lie, likely motivated by .

14. We cannot justify what Abram did, but we can take heart from the fact that even the great heroes of the Bible had their faults. They were not perfect, but just as they were able to overcome their faults to achieve great things with God’s help, so can .

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15. Both cowards and heroes become frightened. The difference is that cowards give in to their fear, but heroes overcome their .

16. Abram’s wife is named . (Gn 12:5)

17. Who also is traveling with Abram at this time? (Gn 12:4-5)

18. These first chapters about Abram begin to paint a picture of this man. When God told him to go to

Canaan, even though he did not know what was ahead, Abram went. This shows the quality of

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19. When in Genesis 13:5-13 it became apparent to Abram and Lot that they would have to separate because they both had too much livestock and finding food was becoming difficult, Abram allowed Lot to choose the land he wanted even though, as head of the family, Abram should have picked first. This showed Abram’s quality of .

20. When Lot was later captured by warring kings in Genesis 14:8-16, Abram staged a daring rescue and freed

Lot and all his family, displaying Abram’s courage and to his family members.

21. After the battles, Abram is shown great respect by the kings who wish to reward him. Genesis 14:21-24 shows that Abram has a great sense of .

22. Abram was not without his faults, but he constantly tried to discover God’s way and to live it. He is truly a noble person and worthy to be the Jewish faith’s first .

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