

EPISODE NO. 16

Gen. 12:1-7

God Called Abraham

1 Then the Always-Present One said to Abram, “Leave your land, your relatives, and your father’s home, and go to a country which I am about to show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, but I will condemn those who despise you. And, through you, all the nations on earth will be blessed.

4 So, Abram left, just as the Always-Present One had told him to do. Lot went with him, too. When Abram left the town of Haran, he was 75 years old.

5 Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions which they had gained, and the slaves whom they had acquired in Haran. They all left, heading for the land of Canaan. When they arrived there, 6 Abram passed through the land to Shechem at Moreh’s Oak Tree. (The people of Canaan were in the country at that time.)

7 Then the Always-Present One appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your offspring.”

There Abram built an altar to the Always-Present One, who appeared to him.