



- ❖ We first read about an “altar” in Genesis 8:20 when Noah built an altar to the LORD following the flood. Why would Abram build such a thing? And what does it mean that Abram “called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen 12:8)?

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. (Gen 12:10-16)

- ❖ Multiple “famines” are described in Genesis. What was a “famine”?
- ❖ Why would Abram encourage his wife Sarai to lie about her full identity?
- ❖ What can we learn from this misstep of Abram?

But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had. (Gen 12:17-20)

- ❖ Why would the LORD afflict Pharaoh and his house with “great plagues”?
- ❖ As you reflect on what we are told in Genesis 12, what should we take away from this text?