

Genesis 11:27-32 – Scene 1: Terah Migrates to Haran.		
27a	Now these [are] the generations of Terah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foreshadowing: Lot will play a future role in the story.</li> </ul>
27b	Terah <b>fathered</b> Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran <b>fathered</b> Lot.	
28	And Haran <b>died</b> in the presence of Terah his father in the <b>land</b> of his <b>relatives</b> , in Ur of the Chaldeans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
29	And Abram and Nahor <b>took</b> wives. The <b>name</b> of Abram's wife [was] Sarai, and the <b>name</b> of Nahor's wife [was] Milcah, = the daughter of Haran = the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
30	And it happened [that] Sarai [was] barren. She had no child.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unable to fulfill mankind's covenant to "Be fruitful &amp; multiply."</li> <li>▪ Foreshadowing: Abram's wife is barren.</li> <li>▪ Plot Tension: How will God make a great nation from Abraham?</li> </ul>
31a	Terah <b>took</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Abram his son,</li> <li>▪ and Lot the son of Haran, = his grandson,</li> <li>▪ and Sarai his daughter-in-law, = the wife of Abram his son.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why did they set out?</li> <li>▪ Why did they stop?</li> <li>▪ Why/how was the city named Haran?</li> <li>▪ See Acts 7:2-4.</li> </ul>
31b	And they set out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to journey to the <b>land</b> of Canaan.	
31c	They went as far as Haran, and they dwelled there.	
32	And it happened [that] the days of Terah [were] 205 years, and Terah <b>died</b> in Haran.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Terah's story was only 6 verses. Yet, his "generations" are traced through 25:11.</li> </ul>

<b>Literature Type:</b> ➤ Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
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<b>Main Character:</b> ➤ Terah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This section (11:27–25:11) is the account of Terah.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Characters:</b> ➤ Abram & Sarai ➤ Nahor & Milcah ➤ Haran & ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children: Milcah, Iscah &amp; Lot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The narrator does not identify the wife of Haran.</li> </ul>
<b>Story Obstacles</b> ( <i>new tensions</i> ): (1) <b>Will Terah’s family eventually migrate to Canaan as planned?</b> ➤ Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Terah is introduced, moves to Haran, &amp; dies.</li> <li>▪ Terah’s story mainly serves to introduce Abram.</li> <li>▪ The narrator doesn’t tell us why Terah left Ur, nor why he stopped in Haran.</li> </ul> ➤ Foreshadowing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lot goes with Terah to Haran. What role will he play?</li> <li>▪ Abram’s wife is barren and childless.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stephen understood that the call came to Abram while he was living in Ur. (See Acts 7:4.)</li> </ul>
<b>Tension Direction:</b> (1) Scene #1, Obstacle #1: ➤ <b>Tension Increases:</b> Terah dies (11:32). ➤ <b>Will Abram or Lot continue onto Canaan?</b>	
<b>Theme</b> ( <i>to original audience</i> ): ➤ Terah left Ur with his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai, and his grandson Lot... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ to migrate to the land of Canaan,</li> <li>▪ but stopped and settled in Haran,</li> <li>▪ where he eventually died.</li> </ul>	
<b>Theology</b> ( <i>for all audiences</i> ): ➤ The fallout from the Fall of Adam (Genesis 2:16) is seen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ in the death of Haran and Terah,</li> <li>▪ and in Sarai’s barrenness.</li> </ul> ➤ God’s plan (Genesis 12:1-3) is not thwarted by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ barrenness or death,</li> <li>▪ or the failures of his people (i.e. settled in Haran).</li> </ul>	
<b>Big Idea</b> ( <i>for our audience</i> ): ➤ Trust God to complete his plan ( <i>various audiences</i> ).	