

Genesis 12:1-3 – Scene 2: YHWH Promises to Bless Abram.		
1a 1b	<p>Then the LORD said to Abram,</p> <p>“Go from your land and your relatives and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CJG: “Get yourself out of your country...” ▪ “Your land” = Haran ▪ How will God show Abram the land?
2	<p>And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make great your name, and you will be a blessing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Problem: Sarai is barren.
3	<p>I will bless those who bless you, and he who curses you I will curse, and all the clans of the ground shall be blessed in you.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See Deut. 27-28 for Blessings & Curses relating to keeping the Law. ▪ Curse: change in vocab; change from plural to singular ▪ See Genesis 2:7: God formed man from the dust of the ground. ▪ See Galatians 3:8: Paul sees “all clans will be blessed” as the gospel.
Literature Type: ➤ Story		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Main Character: ➤ YHWH (The LORD)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YHWH speaks. He is the main character.
Other Characters: ➤ Abram		
Story Obstacles (<i>new tensions</i>): (1) Scene #1, Obstacle #1: ➤ Will Abram leave his father’s family and the city of Haran to migrate to an unknown destination? (2) Scene #2, Obstacle #2: ➤ How will God make Abram into a great nation if he (Abram) has no children and his wife Sarai is barren (11:30)?		

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<p>Tension Direction:</p> <p>(1) Scene #2, Obstacle #1: ➤ Tension simmers. Will Abram obey and leave family and Haran?</p> <p>(2) Scene #2, Obstacle #2: ➤ Tension simmers. How will God make Abram a great nation?</p> <p>(3) Scene #1, Obstacle #1: ➤ Tension increases. Will YHWH redirect Abram to a location other than Canaan, Terah’s original destination?</p>	
<p>Theme <i>(to original audience):</i></p> <p>➤ God promises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to bless Abram, ▪ to make him into a great nation, ▪ to make his name great, ▪ and through Abram to bless all the families of the earth. 	
<p>Theology <i>(to all audiences):</i></p> <p>➤ God gives commands and makes promises to his people. ➤ God blessed Abram to bring blessing to all ethnic groups. ➤ God will make righteous some from all ethnic groups... ▪ through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:8).</p>	
<p>Big Idea <i>(for our audience):</i></p> <p>➤ Trust Jesus to make you right with God <i>(for unbelievers)</i>. ➤ Know God’s heart reaching for other cultures <i>(for a missions team)</i>.</p>	