

Genesis 12:4-9 – Scene 3: Abram migrates to Canaan.		
4a	Then Abram <b>went</b> , just as the LORD <b>told</b> him, and Lot <b>went</b> with him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Did Abram obey? If so, why was Lot with him?</li> <li>▪ God told Abram to “Go” and Abram went.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
4b	Now Abram [ <i>was</i> ] <b>seventy-five</b> years old when he <b>departed</b> from Haran.	
5a	Abram <b>took</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sarai <b>his</b> wife</li> <li>▪ and Lot <b>his</b> nephew,</li> <li>▪ and all their <b>property</b>, which they had <b>amassed</b>,</li> <li>▪ and the souls [<i>i.e., persons</i>] which they had <b>acquired</b> in Haran.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Came to = entered</li> <li>▪ Had God already blessed?</li> <li>▪ “Go, went, came = same word “to walk”</li> </ul>
5b	And they <b>set out</b> to <b>journey</b> to the <b>land</b> of Canaan.	
5c	Then they <b>came</b> to the <b>land</b> of Canaan.	
6a	And Abram <b>passed through</b> the <b>land</b> to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See Deut. 11:30 for another reference to the Oak of Moreh.</li> <li>▪ Foreshadowing: Canaanites are in the land. Originally written for the Exodus generation.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
6b	Now Canaanites [ <i>were</i> ] in the <b>land</b> at that time.	
7a	And the LORD <b>appeared</b> to Abram and <b>said</b> , “I will <b>give</b> this <b>land</b> to <b>your</b> descendants.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ YHWH is showing Abram the land.</li> <li>▪ God’s promise to Abram now includes the land of Canaan.</li> </ul>
7b	Then he <b>built</b> an <b>altar</b> there to the LORD who <b>appeared</b> to him.	
8a	And he <b>moved</b> from there toward the hill country on the east of Bethel and <b>pitched</b> his tent, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ with Bethel <b>towards</b> the sea [<i>i.e., west</i>]</li> <li>▪ and Ai on the east.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
8b	And there he <b>built</b> an <b>altar</b> to the LORD, and he <b>called upon</b> the <b>name</b> of the LORD.	

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9	<p>And Abram <b>broke camp</b>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>journeying</b></li> <li>▪ <b>and breaking camp toward</b> the Negev.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negev is the name for the southern desert region in the land of Canaan.</li> </ul>
<b>Literature Type:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Story</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Main Character:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Abram</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The scene traces Abram's journey through the land YHWH is giving his descendants.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Characters:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ YHWH (The LORD)</li> <li>➤ Sarai, Lot</li> <li>➤ Abram's household (various servants acquired in Haran)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Story Obstacles</b> ( <i>new tensions</i> ):		
<p>(1) Scene #3, Obstacle #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>How will God give Abram's descendants the land if the Canaanites are living in it?</b></li> </ul> <p>(2) Scene #3, Obstacle #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Why did Abram bring his nephew (from his father's house) with him to Canaan?</b></li> </ul> <p>➤ Foreshadowing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Canaanites are living in the land (12:6b).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lot was from the house of Abram's father (i.e. Terah's grandson).</li> </ul>
<b>Tension Direction:</b>		
<p>(1) Scene #3, Obstacle #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tension simmers:</b> What about the Canaanites?</li> </ul> <p>(2) Scene #3, Obstacle #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tension simmers:</b> What about Lot?</li> </ul> <p>(3) Scene #2, Obstacle #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tension resolved:</b> Abram leaves Haran and completes the migration to Canaan.</li> </ul> <p>(4) Scene #2, Obstacle #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tension simmers:</b> How will God make Abram into a great nation?</li> </ul> <p>(5) Scene #1, Obstacle #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tension resolved:</b> Abram leaves Haran and completes the migration to Canaan.</li> </ul>		

# Genesis (HDRT)

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<b>Theme</b> ( <i>to original audience</i> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Abram left Haran as commanded by YHWH and passed through the land of Canaan,<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ which God added to the list of promises.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Theology</b> ( <i>for any audience</i> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ God keeps his promises (blessed Abram with property in 12:5).</li><li>➤ God gave the land of Canaan to Abram’s descendants (12:7).</li><li>➤ God receives our worship (12:7b, 8b).</li></ul>	
<b>Big Idea</b> ( <i>for our audience</i> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Worship God in everyday situations (<i>various audiences</i>).</li><li>➤ Explore the of the promised land (<i>bible students</i>).</li></ul>	