

## Go, let go ... take hold of (Genesis 12:1-20)

### 1 The key to understanding the history of the world

### 2 Genesis 1-11

#### a Humanity's rejection of God: An increasing avalanche of sin (Genesis 1-11)

- i disobedience Gen 3:6
- ii murder Gen 4:8
- iii reckless killing 4:23
- iv titanic lust 6:3
- v total corruption & violence 6:11
- vi attack on God 10:1-11

#### b God's ambiguous reaction:

##### God's negative reaction: Increasingly severe punishment

- i expulsion from the garden 3:23
- ii expulsion from tillable earth 4:12
- iii limitation of human life 6:3
- iv near annihilation 7:22
- v attack on humanity's unity 10:7-8

##### God's positive reaction: Increasingly extreme grace

- i withholding of the death penalty for Adam and Eve 3:24
- ii protection of Cain 4:15
- iii saving race through Noah 7:23

iv Babel ?????

### 3 God's fivefold blessing on Abraham Genesis 1-3

- a I will make you a great nation 2a, (land and descendants 12:7, 13:14-17)
- b I will bless you 2b
- c I will make your name great 2c
- d I will bless those who bless you, curse those who curse you 3a
- e by you will all the families of the earth be blessed 3b cf 17:4-6, 17:16
- f Go ... let go ... take hold of

### 4 Abraham's response Genesis 12:4-20

- a obedience 4-6
- b patience 7-9
- c in failure 10-20
- d Abraham believed the Lord and he credited it to him as righteousness Genesis 15:6

### 5 How does the promise come true? Galatians 3:16, 22, 26-28

### 6 Go ... let go ... take hold of! Galatians 6:6-14