

Timeline of Truth – Abram Has Trouble in Egypt (Gen 12:10-20)

<p>¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.</p>	<p>1. God’s People Are Not Immune to <u>Trouble</u></p>
<p>¹¹ And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you <i>are</i> a woman of beautiful countenance. ¹² "Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, `This <i>is</i> his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ "Please say you <i>are</i> my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."</p>	<p>2. God’s People Are Not Immune to <u>Temptation</u></p>
<p>¹⁴ So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she <i>was</i> very beautiful. ¹⁵ The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house.</p>	<p>3. God’s People Live Within Sinful <u>Cultures</u></p>
<p>¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.</p>	<p>4. Sinful Actions Can Sometimes Have <u>Temporal Benefits</u></p>
<p>¹⁷ But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.</p>	<p>5. God Can Supernaturally <u>Intervene</u> (if He Chooses)</p>
<p>¹⁸ And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What <i>is</i> this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she <i>was</i> your wife? ¹⁹ "Why did you say, `She <i>is</i> my sister '? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take <i>her</i> and go your way."</p>	<p>6. God Sometimes Uses Sinners to <u>Chastise Us</u></p>
<p>²⁰ So Pharaoh commanded <i>his</i> men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.</p>	<p>7. God <u>Sometimes</u> Delivers Us from Our Messes</p>

Gen 20:1-15 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. ² Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She *is* my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you *are* a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she *is* a man's wife." ⁴ But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also? ⁵ "Did he not say to me, `She *is* my sister '? And she, even she herself said, `He *is* my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this." ⁶ And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. ⁷ "Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all who *are* yours." ⁸ So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid. ⁹ And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done." ¹⁰ Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?" ¹¹ And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife. ¹² "But indeed *she is* truly my sister. She *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. ¹³ "And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, `This *is* your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He *is* my brother.'" ¹⁴ Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave *them* to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelech said, "See, my land *is* before you; dwell where it pleases you."