## ii. Call (12:1-3)

- a. Then the Lord appears to Abram again (this time at Haran).
- b. The Lord is going to call Abram not only to leave his country and people, but to leave his family because Terah is still going to be there.
  - Terah was about 145 years old.
  - 2) Terah is going to live about 60 years more after this.
- c. The Lord wants him to go to the land he will show him, but Abram still doesn't know where it is.
- d. Then the Lord makes promises to Abram
  - 1) The Lord is going to make a great nation out of him.
  - 2) The Lord is going to make his name great.
  - 3) The Lord is going to bless those that bless him and curse those that curse him.
  - 4) The Lord promises that through him, all the nations of the earth would be blessed.
    - They would be blessed with salvation that is going to be made available to them through Jesus Christ.
- e. The dating of Abram's call:
  - 1) 1 Kings 6:1
    - i) "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD."
    - ii) Solomon began to build the temple in the 4th year of his reign.
    - iii) Solomon started his reign in 972 B. C.
    - iv) If you are in the fourth year of Solomon's reign that would make it 969 B. C.
    - v) The date of the exodus = 969 + 480 = 1449 B. C.
  - 2) Exodus 12:40
    - i) "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years."
    - ii) 1449 + 430 = 1879 B. C.
      - a) This is the date when the Israelites went down into Egypt.
      - b) That is also when Jacob was brought down to Egypt.