

## Life of Abraham – Part 3 (The Covenant)

### III. The Major Covenants

1. Abraham – God’s covenant man – Read: Gen. 12:1-3; Gen. 15:13,14,18; Gen. 17:4-8
2. We are made partakers through Christ: Gal. 3:29 ‘...Abraham’s seed & heirs’
3. An important truth: Abrahamic Covenant was not under law but by faith
  - \* Read Romans 4:13-16 ‘...it is of faith...’
  - \* Read Galatians 3:17,18 ‘...not by law...by promise...’
4. The Abrahamic Covenant: Terms and Spiritual Significances
  - a. **Seed** – Christ & saints – (Gen.17:7,8 – ‘thy seed’; Gal 3:16,29 – Ro.9:7,8 ‘children of promise counted for a seed’)
  - b. **Blessings** – spiritual – Gal. 3:8,9,14; Eph.1:3 “spiritual blessings” : v.4 –chosen; v.5 – predestined v.6 – accepted; v.7 – redemption; v.8 – wisdom: v.9 – wisdom v.11 – an inheritance
  - c. **Land** – Gen.17:8 – [called ‘inheritance’ – Nu.34:2; De.4:21,38;15:4] – Us today: Eph.1:11 ‘obtained inherit.’; 1Pe.1:4 ‘to an inher.’
  - d. **Heirs** – Ro.4:13,14 – *those of the law not heirs*; Gal.3:29 ‘heirs’; Gal. 4:1-7 – sons, heirs, etc...(development) Ro.8:16-18 ‘if children, then heirs’
    - Jer.4:4 ‘circum. heart’
    - Ro.2:28,29 ‘circum. of the heart’
  - f. **Nations-** “a collection of people under a government and a set of laws, – not necessarily established by geographical boundaries...” – Gen.17:4,5 ‘a father of many nations’ (natural)  
The following scriptures show that the term ‘nation’ is used in a spiritual sense to define people under Christ’s government:
    - Ro.4:16-18 ‘father of many nations (spiritual)’
    - Isaiah 66:8 ‘ shall a nation be born at once?’
    - Mt.21:43 ‘kingdom given unto a nation ...’
    - 1 Pe.2:9 ‘an holy nation...’
  - g. **Kings** – Gen.17:6 ‘kings shall come out of thee’ – Gen. 17:16 ‘kings of people shall be of her’  
There was a natural fulfillment in Israel, but also a spiritual fulfillment under grace:
    - 1 Pe. 2:9 ‘a royal priesthood’ (saints)
    - Rev. 5:10 ‘ made us kings and priests’
    - Rev. 22:5 ‘they shall reign forever and ever’
  - h. **Possessing the gates** – Gen.22:17 ‘seed shall possess gates’
    - \* Note: ‘gate’ was the place of government in ancient towns and cities – the place where elders sat and delivered decrees and judgments, etc...
    - Jesus: Mt.16:18 ‘./..build /church /gates of hell not prevail’ Lu.10:19; Eph.3:10; Rev.2:26,27; 3:21

