

The Abrahamic Covenant

Lesson 1: The Elements of the Covenant

I. Meaning of Covenant: Agreement, pledge

II. The Six Major Covenants

Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New Covenant

II. The Covenant with Abraham

A. Gen. 12:1-3 – a *land*, a great nation, *blessing*, great name, *be a blessing*

B. Gen. 15:7-18 – covenant made by God

v.18 – the land and its boundaries

C. Gen. 17:4-16 –

v. 4 – a father of many *nations* v. 5 – change of name

v. 5 – exceedingly fruitful v. 6 – father of *kings*

v. 7 – covenant also to his *seed* v. 7 – an *everlasting* covenant

v.15 – Sarai’s change of name v.16 – *kings* to come from Sarah

D. Gen. 22:15-18

v.16 – the covenant confirmed

v.17 – two aspects of multiplication – *sand* and *stars*

v.17 – *possess gates of enemies* (dominion)

v.18 – *all nations* to be *blessed* by his *seed*

III. The Covenant With Isaac and Jacob

A. *Isaac*: 1. Gen. 17:19-21 – covenant with Isaac

2. Gen. 26:1-4 – I will perform the oath

B. *Jacob*: 1. Gen. 28:13-15 – to thee & thy seed; in thee & thy seed

2. Gen. 35:9-12 – change of name, fruitfulness, nations,
kings, land, seed

IV. God’s Commitment to His Covenant

1. Gen.15:17,18 – smoking furnace & burning lamp between the pieces

2. Gen. 17:1-4 – “as for me... my covenant is with thee”

3. Ex.2:24 – “and God remembered His covenant”

4. Ex.6:1-8 – “I have remembered my covenant...” [God ready to act]

5. Hebrews 6:13-20 – “...he swore by himself...”

V. The Covenant and Human Responsibility

1. Gen. 17:1 “walk before me and be thou perfect”

2. Gen. 22:16; 26:5 - obedience 3. Gen.26:3,4 – command to Isaac

4. Gen. 17:9-14 – “thou shalt keep my covenant”- “he hath broken my cov.”

5. Lev.26:40-42 – “..if they shall confess...then will I remember..”

6. De. 7:12-26 – “...if ye hearken...thy God shall keep...the covenant”

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Lesson 2: Christ, The Church and the Covenant

I. Christ, the Seed

- A. His involvement in Abraham's life: Melchizedec (Gen. 14:18-20),
"the Lord" ? – (Genesis 18:1)
- B. The seed of the promise: (Galatians 3:16-18)

II. Christ's Involvement With Israel – (Types)

- A. The "rock" – (1 Co.10:4)
- B. The "manna" – (Ex.16:31)
- C. The "cloud" – (Ex.13:21)
- D. The "brazen serpent" – (Nu.21:9)
- E. The offerings & the blood – (Leviticus 16)

III. Believers In Christ, the Seed

- A. Those of faith become the children of Abraham – (Gal.3:7,9,26)
 - 1. Ro.9:6-8 – not all of Israel are counted as Israel
 - 2. John 8:37-44 – "of your father the devil"
- B. Those of faith become the "seed" and "heirs" - (Gal.3:29)
- C. Abraham is the father of all who believe – (Ro.4:11,12)
- D. The covenant is not by law, but by faith – (Gal.3:17,18; Ro.4:13-16)

IV. The Church Is Not a Replacement, but a CONTINUATION of Israel !!

- A. The "olive tree" - (Ro.11:17-29 – "*among them and with them*" v.17)
- B. "Made nigh" – "no more strangers" – "fellowcitizens" – Eph.2:11-19
- C. Same calling continues: (Ex.19:5,6; Lev.20:26; De.7:6; De. 32:9)
(2Co.6:17,18; 1Pe.2:9,10; 1Pe.2:5; Eph.1:18)
- D. Same promises apply – (Gal.3:16-19,29; Ro.4:13-16; Acts 26:6,7;
Eph.2:12,13; He.6:11-17)
- E. Status of being called "my people" – Hosea 1:7-11; Ro.9:22-26
- F. "House of Israel" & "House of Judah" – terms used for recipients of the
New Covenant -(Jer. 31:31-33; He.10:14-17);"House of Jacob"(Lu.1:33)
- G. The blessing of Abraham continues – Gal.3:8,9; 13,14
- H. The term "Israel" continues – Ro.9:6; Gal.6 :16
- I. In Christ > "One New Man" – Eph.2:14,15; 3:6; Col.3:11; Gal.3:27-29
- J. "Throne of David" – (Is.9:7; 2Sa.7:16; Ps.89:36; Ps.132:12;Lu.1:32;
Acts 2:30,31; Ps.110:1; He.10:12,13) [Christ in the resurrection
rose to the "spiritual" throne of David. All believers rose with Him.
Eph.2:6; Rev.3:21]
- K. Concept of "habitation" – (a) Moses' tabernacle: Ex.40:35 "glory filled
the tabernacle: (b) Solomon's Temple: 2 Ch.5:13,14 "glory had filled
the house of God (c) N.T: "temple" – "ye are the temple" (1Co.3:16;
1Co.6:19; Eph.2:21)

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Lesson 3: Significance of the Abrahamic Covenant for those of Faith

I. Terms and Spiritual Application & Meaning

A. *Seed* – Gen. 17:7,8; 22:17,18

*Note: Gen.22:17 “as the stars & as the sand” [2 types]

N.T. references:

- (1) Gal. 3:16 – the seed was Christ
- (2) Gal. 3:29 – those in Christ are Abraham’s seed
- (3) Gal. 3:7 – those of faith are the children of Abraham
- (4) Gal. 4:28 – we are the children of promise
- (5) Gal. 3:9 – those of faith are blessed with Abraham

B. *Promises*- Gal. 3:16 – to Abraham were the promises made

Other N.T. references:

- (1) Ro.4;16 – promise sure to all the seed
- (2) He.6:12-20 – followers of them who inherit promises
- (3) Ro.15:8-12 – Christ – confirms the promises (to Gentiles)

C. *Heirs* - Gen.15:4 – thine heir

N.T. References:

- (1) Ro.4:13,14 – those of the law not heirs
- (2) Gal.3:29 – heirs according to the promise
- (3) Gal.4:1-7 – heir differeth nothing [DEVELOPMENT UNTO MATURITY NECESSARY FOR INHERITING]

* **Review Israel’s development before inheriting Canaan.**

D. *Blessings* – Gen. 22:17; De.28:1-14 – earthly, natural (a summary)

N.T. References:

- (1) Gal. 3:9,14 – blessed with Abraham
- (2) Romans 4:1-9 – blessedness of justification, sins forgiven, imputed righteousness
- (3) Ephesians 1:1-11 – “all spiritual blessings” – chosen, predestined, accepted, redemption, wisdom, his will, inheritance, etc.. (plus natural blessings: Mt.6:33)

E. *Nations* - Gen. 17:4,5 -(a collection of people under a government)

N.T. References:

- (1) Ro.4:16,17 – nations based on faith
- (2) 1 Pe.2:9 – “an holy nation”
- (3) Mt.21:43 “kingdom given unto a nation”

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F.. **Land-** Gen.17:8- I will give thee the land; He.11:8,9 (INHERITANCE)

N.T. References:

(1) Eph.1:11 – “obtained an inheritance”

(2) 1 Pe.1:4 “to an inheritance”

[Consider Caleb’s faith & spirit concerning his inheritance]

G. **Kings** - Gen. 17:6,16 “kings shall come out of thee”

N.T. References:

(1) 1 Peter 2:9 “a royal priesthood”

(2) Rev. 5:10 “made us kings and priests”

(3) Rev. 22:5 “they shall reign forever and ever”

I. **Possessing the gates** – (Dominion) – Gen 22:17 “shall possess the gates”

Note: “Gate” was the place of government in ancient towns and cities – the place where elders sat and delivered decrees and judgments.

* Note natural fulfillment in Solomon’s days: 1 Ki.4:21,24

N.T. References:

(1) Mt.16:18 “the gates of hell shall not prevail”

(2) Lu.10:19 – “power over all the power of the enemy”

(3) Eph.3;10 – “now unto principalities and powers”

(4) Rev.2:26,27 – “power over the nations”

(5) Rev. 3:21 – “sit with me in my throne”