

Old Testament Survey  
Genesis  
Lesson #5  
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I. **Two Key Verses in Genesis**

A. **Genesis 3:15** – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” **REDEMPTION HAS BEGUN**

NOTE: Christ is that SEED of woman.

B. **Genesis 12:3** – “I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**A CHOSEN NATION THROUGH WHOM ALL NATIONS BLESSED**

II. **Two divisions to Genesis**

A. Chapters 1-11: *The Four Great Events* (Creation, Fall, Flood, Nations)

B. Chapters 12-50: *The Four Great People*

(1) Abraham (Genesis 12-25:8);

(2) Isaac (Genesis 21:1-35-29);

(3) Jacob (Genesis 25:21-50:14);

(4) Joseph (Genesis 30:22-50:26).

III. **Abraham**

A. **Abrahamic Covenant**

1. Initially mentioned 2,000 years earlier in the Garden of Eden. (3:15)

2. It is now 400 years after the flood.

3. World had elapsed into idolatry and wickedness.

4. God chooses a family through which the Redeemer will come.

B. **Covenant Definition**

An Agreement between two parties. There are two types of covenants: **Conditional and unconditional**. The conditional is binding on both parties For its fulfillment under certain conditions. If either party fails to meet their responsibilities, the covenant is broken and neither party has to fulfill the expectations of the covenant.

**An unconditional or unilateral** covenant is an agreement between two parties, but only one of the two parties has to do something. Nothing is required of the other party.

**Read: Genesis 12:1-3**

C. **The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant**. God made promises to Abraham that required nothing of Abraham. **Genesis 15:18-21** describes a part of the Abrahamic Covenant, specifically dealing with the

dimensions of the land God promised to Abraham and his descendants.

The ceremony recorded in **Genesis 15** indicates the unconditional nature of the covenant... **Fulfillment of the covenant fell to God alone.**

**Jeremiah 34:18** indicates that this procedure of passing between the halves of animals was a common way of establishing covenants in Old Testament times.

“And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain and passed between the parts thereof.”

- GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES, HIS COVENANT
- GOD WAS/IS WILLING TO CARRY OUT HIS PROMISE REGARDLESS OF MAN’S FOOLISHNESS
- GOD IS NEVER LATE, GOD NEVER FAILS

D. Although the New Testament church has been blessed through the Abrahamic Covenant—especially the last part, “In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed,” the church has **not** replaced Israel in the fulfillment of this covenant. These promises were made to Abraham concerning the nation that would be born of him, namely Israel, and they will be fulfilled just as God has spoken. **This covenant to Israel is everlasting, unending.**

1) Israel as a nation will possess the land in the future. Numerous Old Testament passages anticipate the future blessing of Israel and her possession of the land as promised to Abraham. (**Ezekiel 20:33–37, 40–42; 36:1–37:28**).

(2) Israel as a nation will be converted, forgiven, and restored (Romans 11:25–27).

(3) It is through the nation Israel that God promised to bless the nations of the world.

Israel will repent and receive the forgiveness of God in the future (**Zechariah 12:10–14**).

E. Covenant embraced four promises. (12:2-3)

1. **Great Nation Promise:** **Genesis 12:2** – “I will make you a great nation
  2. **Great Name Promise.** **Genesis 12:2** – “I will bless you and make your name great.” (12:2)
  3. **All Nations to be Blessed:** “**Genesis 12:3** – “And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
  4. **Land Promise:** **Genesis 12:7** – “To your descendants I will give this land” (Canaan). **Hebrews 11:8**
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**Part I. Abraham** –What do we learn from the Old Testament Patriarch that we can apply to our lives today.

a. Called Out - Separation – **come out, make a difference**

**Genesis 12:1-3** God commanded Abram *to leave his people and his country and go* to a land that He would show him.

What was the major downfall continually of Israel?

Same principal for us today: 2 Corinthians 6:14, 17 What fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion has light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them , and be ye

**Separate** (to *set off* by boundary, limit, *exclude*, *appoint*, etc. :- divide, separate, sever)

**And touch** (to *attach* oneself, to set on fire) **not** the unclean thing

1. Lot is an example of one that was hesitant to “come out from among them and be separate. **Genesis 19**

**2 Peter 2:6-8**

“**Vex**”=to labor down, wear with toil, anguish harass

Result in his life: Escaped with only his two daughters: Had two sons by these daughters: Moab (Moabites) and BenAmmi (Ammon, Ammonites)

**See handout #2**

2. Abraham purposed to send back to his own people for a wife for Isaac.  
**(24:4)**

1. He wanted to keep his posterity free from Idolatry.

2. Marrying a Canaanites’ woman would not have accomplished that.  
(24:3)

3. Would have been easier to stay in Canaan to pick a wife, but that would have been a compromise. Abraham maintained full obedience.

God wants holiness, unspotted....and how will this take place in our lives?

(scriptures)

*James 1:27*

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to *keep* himself **unspotted** from the world.

*1 Tim. 6:14*

That thou *keep* this commandment **without spot**, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, *be diligent* that ye may be found of him in peace, **without spot, and blameless.**

*Ephes. 5:24-29*

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. [25] Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; [26] That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, [27] That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

*Philippians 2:13* For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves but our sufficiency is of God.

**b. Obedience - Hebrews 11:8** By faith, Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed and he went out NOT KNOWING whither he went. (for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God (look at verse 13)

**c. Faith** Obedience springs out of Faith, disobedience from unbelief

**Genesis 15:1-5**

How does God describe Himself to Abraham?

Shield = protector

Exceeding = vehement

Great = to increase

Reward = payment of contract (I give you all of me!) maintenance

**Genesis 15: 6, (Romans 4: 3)**

**Read: Romans 4:18-24**

Considered = to observe fully

Staggered not = to separate from, withdraw from, hesitate, doubt

Fully persuaded = completely assured, fully know

**d. Not without fault; Genesis 16** –Ishmael, of the flesh, not spirit..

**Genesis 12:11-13** Out of fear, told a half truth concerning his wife

**e. God reveals Himself to Abraham as El Shadday Genesis 17: 1-10**

**Verse 1** Walk before, be thou perfect (*entire, truth, without blemish, full, complete, without spot.*

**Matthew 5:48**

Be ye therefore *perfect*, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

**Philip. 3:12**

Not as though I had already attained, either were already *perfect*. but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

**1 Peter 5:10**

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

**Hebrew 12:10-11** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**Name is changed** (v.5)...this often shows a change in one's relationship with God.

**f. FRIEND of GOD Genesis 18:17-19** (faithful friend)

**James 2:23** And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God.

**John 15:15** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father have I made known unto you.

**Psalms 25:14** The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him and He will show them His covenant.

**GENESIS 18: 14:** Is anything too hard for the Lord? He creates out of nothing, He takes the barren woman and creates fruit...How much more in our lives.

**Read: Ezekiel 36:36**

**g. Humility - Genesis 13:6-14** Lot and Abraham

Abraham trusted the Lord to let the Lord make his decisions for him.

**h. Willingness to Give All Genesis 22:12, 16-18** **Read Hebrews 11:17-19**

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**2. ISAAC** The Promised Son

a. Obedient and Willing Son to his father **Genesis 22:7-9**

b. Obedient to the Lord **Genesis 26:1-3**

c. Covenant established by the Lord with Isaac **Genesis 26:3-6**