

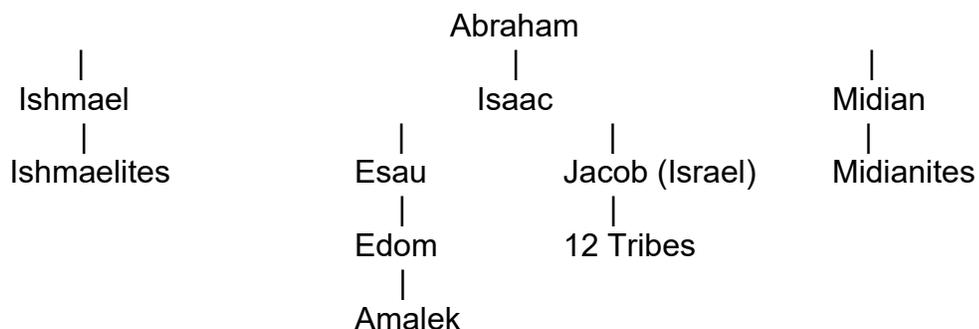
THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS
4. Abrahamic Covenant

PROMISES

- Genesis 12:1-3
 - Great nation (v.2a)
 - Great name (v.2b)
 - Blessing to all nations (vv.2c,3)
- Genesis 15:1-21
 - Innumerable offspring (vv.2-5)
 - Land (vv.13-21)
- Genesis 17:4-16
 - Father of many nations (vv.4-6)
 - Land to his natural offspring (vv.7-8)
 - Circumcision as a sign for his offspring (vv.9-14)
 - Sarah will be the source of his natural offspring (vv.15-16)
- Genesis 22:15-18
 - Multiplied offspring (vv.15-17a)
 - One of the offspring will possess the gate of his enemy (vv.17b)
 - By means of his offspring will all the nations of the earth be blessed (v.18)
- Genesis 35:11-12
 - The promise of a nation *and* a company of nations to Jacob
 - The land promise to Jacob
- Genesis 49:8-12
 - A royal line is promised to Judah. (v.10)
 - All his brothers' descendants will be ruled over by him and his enemies will be conquered. (vv.8-9)

DEFINITIONS

- Seed/ offspring – *descendants through natural biology; ethnicity.*



- Nations – *political entities larger than tribes usually not including Israel.*
(Note the promise to Jacob – Genesis 35:11-12)

- Summary
 - All these are the natural descendants of Abram (*offspring/ seed*)
 - A subset of the natural descendants (Jacob's descendants) of would become a nation marked off by circumcision and would live within the geographical boundaries of the promised land.
 - A second subset of Jacob's descendants (Judah) would be the royal line from which one in the line would play an important kingly role in redemption as "the Son" who would crush the head of the serpent. (David/ Christ)
 - Then, there is an expectation that Abraham would become the father of many nations. That certainly includes the descendants of Ishamael, Esau, and Midian. But the promise to Jacob indicates that it is more than that.

TWO ERAS

<u>Proximate</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural offspring • National fulfillment • Promised land • Formalized in the Old Covenant/ Moses – mediator • Marked out by circumcision • Memorial feast - Passover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted offspring • International fulfillment • Whole world • Formalized in the New Covenant/ Jesus – mediator • Marked out by regeneration from the Holy Spirit • Memorial feast – The Lord's Table

*** See Romans 4:9-15 & Galatians 3:7-29**