

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

THE INITIATION OF THE COVENANT

1. Read Genesis 12:1-7. What are the three promises to Abraham in these verses?

2. Who is the federal in this covenant? What are the clues from the text?

3. A kingdom is being granted here through covenant, what is different about the land inheritance in this covenant vs the previous kingdom of creation covenants?

4. v3 Immediately this covenant is pointing beyond itself. Read Eph. 1:10; 3:8-12 What is this covenant in preparation for?

5. What is the genealogical purpose of Israel, the significance of Israel being children of Abraham?

THE CONFIRMATION OF THE COVENANT

6. Read Gen. 15:1-21. Genesis 12 lays out the promises, what is added here to formalize the covenant?

7. What is the significance of the fire pot and the torch passing through the cut animals?

THE EXPANSION OF THE COVENANT

8. Read Gen. 17:1-16. What expansion of the covenant do we see in these verses?

9. Read Gen. 49:8-10 From which tribe does the promise of Israelite kings come?

10. The verb "to keep" in 17:9 is the same we find in Gen. 2:15. How is Abraham's strict obedience to keep the covenant worked out?

11. What is the sanction for failure to keep the covenant?

12. Gen. 15 seems all of grace and Gen. 17 seems to add in works. How can these two things go together?

THE REALIZATION OF THE COVENANT

13. Read Joshua 21:43-45; Nehemiah 9:7-8; 1 Kings 4:20; Hebrews 11:12; Luke 1:54-55, 1:68,72-75. Was God faithful to all His promises?

THE FOUNDATION OF THE COVENANT

14. Read Gen. 28:4; Ex. 6:2-4; Deut. 1:8; Josh. 1:6; Ps. 105:6-11; Acts 3:25-26; Heb. 7:5 What do these passages teach us about the Abrahamic Covenant in view of the Old Covenant in general?

15. How does the Abrahamic Covenant anticipate the Mosaic Covenant in regard to: positive laws and covenantal obligations, the sanction for disobedience, to whom the covenant applies?

16. How does the Abrahamic Covenant anticipate the Davidic Covenant?

17. How does the Abrahamic Covenant anticipate the New Covenant?

18. How does the Abrahamic Covenant echo Eden?

CONCLUSION

In successive stages, God made a covenant with Abraham, promising him that his multiplied offspring would inherit Canaan and live there under their own rulers after a period of several hundred years of sojourning and slavery. God will assuredly make this happen. As for Abraham and his descendants, they must keep the covenant by circumcising their males on the eighth day. If they do not keep the covenant, they will be disinherited not as a nation, but as individuals. From among the children of Abraham, one of them will bring a blessing for all the families of the earth, for all the nations.