

GOD'S PROTECTION PLAN
GENESIS 15:1 / 9-2-20 / WED

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE REVELATION OF GOD'S PROTECTION PLAN.

- A. Who is speaking here in verse 15? **"the word of the Lord"**.
1. This is the Hebrew word "Jehovah".
 2. It's God's "proper name" or His "Holiest name".
- B. When did God promise to protect Abram and also us? **"After This"** meaning chapter 14.
- C. How did God visualize his protection of Abram and us? —"**... I am your shield**" ...
- D. What did God mean by saying He is our shield?

1. He is our protector, security, guardian, and defender.
2. Other passages using the word shield—Psalms 3:3, 7:10, 28:7 and 33:20.

3:3-- You, Lord, are a shield around me.

7:10- My shield is God Most High.

28:7- The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

33:20- We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

II. SECOND, NOTICE THE RESULT OF GOD'S PROTECTION PLAN.

- A. Abraham was a fearful man.
1. First, we see his fear when he moved to Egypt for a time with his wife Sarah—Gen. 12:11-13.
 2. Second, we see his fear as he thought he would have no son to follow him—Gen. 15:2.
- B. Now, God promises Abraham that he has nothing to be afraid of—" **Do not be afraid, Abram...**"

III. THIRD, NOTICE THE REWARD OF GOD'S PROTECTION PLAN.

- A. God not only promised to be Abraham's shield, he also said he was his reward—"I am your shield, your very great reward"
1. In chapter 14 Abraham had refused a reward for rescuing Lot and others who had been kidnapped—Gen. 14:21-23.
 2. The point God is now making is that He is Abraham's reward, a great reward!
 3. The word "reward" means "wages", "earnings", or the "victor's spoils"
- B. The meaning God may have intended here is "the reward for your faithfulness."
1. Abraham displayed his faithfulness to God in verse 6—Genesis 15:6.
 2. The Apostle Paul would use Abraham's faithfulness as a picture of the need for our own—Romans 4:20-24.