

God Makes a Covenant with Abram

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REVIEW

- GENESIS 1-11 IS PREHISTORY AND COVERS A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 2000 YEARS--CREATION, CORRUPTION, CATASTROPHE, CONFUSION
- GENESIS 1-11 IS ABOUT CREATION, THE FALL OF MAN, THE FLOOD AND THE TOWER OF BABEL
- GENESIS 12 BEGINS THE SECTION OF CHRIST, CROSS AND CONSUMMATION AND 12-50 COVERS A PERIOD OF ABOUT 350 YEARS.
- LAST WEEK WE LOOKED AT ABRAM AND GOD'S PROMISE – GENESIS 12:2-3, 7

Chapters 13 and 14 background

- Abram and Lot separate
- Abram rescues Lot-living in Sodom (Gen 14:12)
- Melchizedek- priest of God Most High

Focus Passage: Genesis 15:1-17- The Beginning of a Nation!

"I AM"

First place we really see an "I AM" statement about God. We read only one "I AM" statement in this passage, however they are all over the place. Let's look at them this morning! "I AM" implies it's all about God!

- 1) "I am" your shield / your reward will be great. (verse 1)
 - Protector- God will fight for you- Exodus 14:14 and 2 Chronicles 20:15! Follow God and He will be our shield and fight for us!
 - Seek God and your reward will be great, Abram was told of his.
- 2) "I am" your salvation (verses 2-5)
 - "Abram believed and he credited to him as righteousness"- credit implies he had a debt!
 - We all have a debt! Regardless your sin debts, the credit of Jesus' righteousness always cancels those debts!

- "Not by works do men attain or manifest righteousness, but by faith. Because they believe in the Word of God, He credits them with perfect righteousness and therefore enables sinful men to be made fit for the fellowship of a holy God." Henry Morris

- Not by work, but works follow the credit!

3) "I am" the God who was (verse 7)

- Abram is reminded of the call, reminded it was God who called him out! He obeyed and it's all of God.
- Can't be done without the Holy Spirit (God).

4) "I am" the covenant (verses 5 and 10-18 and Luke 22:20)

- Abram just believed, God did it all! Beginning of a nation
- "God passed through not Abram, denoting an unconditional promise on God's part, not dependent on Abram's fulfilling his part of the contract, since he had no such part. It was all of God, in response to Abram's believing faith". Henry Morris

5) "I am" victorious over the enemy (verse 11)

- Birds of prey- the enemy. Enemy was doing all he could to disrupt this covenant. We must be alert.

6) "I am" with you in the good and bad (verses 13-14)

- Flat out told they will be enslaved. God's plan, they will suffer, they will hurt, all for God's glory and God's plan!
- "In this world you will have trouble"

7) "I am" merciful (verse 16)

- When God would say enough was enough! Time to repent

8) "I am" trustworthy- All of Genesis 15

We put our faith in what God has done and follow! Do you know the "I AM"? Are you following Him? We can do nothing without the Lord! Trust His Word and follow!

