

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

Introduction: God had made it clear that He was going to give Canaan as a land for Abram's seed (Gen 12-14). Then He made it clear that Abram's seed would be through Sarai (Gen 15-17).

Lesson Aim: Believe God's promises, even though they are humanly impossible to fulfill.

Bible Verse: "Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed . . . when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised" (Heb 11:11).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Substance of the Covenant — 15:1-21****A. Posterity of the Covenant— 15:1-6**

1. Why might the Lord tell Abram not to be afraid? 15:1; see 14:8-16
2. How was the Lord the exceeding great reward of Abram? 15:1-4
3. How did the Lord show Abram the number of descendants he would have? 15:5
4. What happened to Abram when he believed the Lord? 15:6

B. Land of the Covenant – 15:7-21

5. What did Abram want to know with certainty? 15:7-8
6. What did the Lord tell Abram to get for Him? 15:9
7. What was Abram to do with them? 15:10
8. What did Abram do with birds of prey that came down on the sacrifices? 15:11
9. What happened to Abram when the sun was going down? 15:12
10. What did the Lord tell Abram about his seed? 15:13-14
 - a. They would be a _____ in a _____ not theirs.
 - b. They would be _____ for _____ years.
 - c. They would come out with _____.
11. Why did the Lord wait hundreds of years to deliver Israel from Egypt? 15:16
12. What went between the pieces of the sacrifices after the sun went down? 15:17
13. What covenant did the Lord make with Abram that day? 15:18

II. Sin Concerning the Covenant – 16:1-16**A. Abram's Failure - 16:1-6**

14. How did Abram sin? 16:1-4
15. Why did Hagar flee from Abram's house? 16:5-6

B. God's Intervention — 16:7-16

16. Who told Hagar to return to Abram's house? 16:7-9
17. Give at least two things that Hagar was told? 16:10-12
18. What did Hagar call that place? 16:13

III. Sign of the Covenant — 17:1-27**A. Omnipotence Revealed in the Covenant — 17:1-8**

19. What did God call Himself when He made His covenant with Abraham? 17:1
20. What promises did God give Abraham? 17:2, 4, 6-8

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B. Obligation Demanded by the Covenant – 17:9-14

21. What was the sign of God's covenant with Abraham? 17:10-14
22. How do we know this sign had nothing to do with salvation? Rom 4:9-12

C. Owner Established for the Covenant — 17:15-22

23. Which of Abraham's sons would receive God's covenant? 17:19, 21

D. Obedience Followed Faith in the Covenant — 17:23-27

24. What law of God did Abraham obey to show his faith in God's covenant with him? 17:23-24