

Genesis 15 - Covenant

Genesis 15	God's Covenant with Abram
<p>God tells Abram (15:1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't fear - I am a shield to you - Your reward will be great <p>Why fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Famine - Sarai - Lot? - Having no child - no son (15:2-3) <p>God's promise (15:4-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you will have a son (Isaac) - You will possess the land <p>Abram's belief (15:6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abram believed and it was reckoned to him as righteousness <p>Abram's doubt (15:8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how do I know I am going to possess this - I still don't have a child <p>God's promise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - descendants (stars) (Gen 15:4-5) (Gal 3:16) - Christ - You will have this land (Canaan - Israel) (Gen 15:7) <p>God gives Abram instructions to cut covenant (15:9-11)</p> <p>Prophetic glimpse (15:12-16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - descendants will be strangers four hundred years - they will be enslaved and oppressed (Ex 12:41) - The enslaving nation will be judged (Ex 7-12) - You will come out with many possessions (Ex 12:35-36) <p>Passing between the pieces (Gen 15:17-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - smoking oven - furnace - very hot consuming fire - Flaming torch - bright light to illuminate the way 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - after he obeyed and came to the land where God called him - After he separated from Lot (more focused on God's plan) - After his encounter with Melchizedek <p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God made it with Abram <p>Promise?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - son (Isaac - Christ) - Numerous descendants (nation of Israel) - Land (forever) <p>Prophetic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strangers in a foreign land 400 years (Ex 12:40-41; Gal 3:17) - 430 years?? - Nation judges - 10 plagues, loss of slave labor, loss of military power - Come out with many possessions (Ex 3:20-22; 11:2-3; 12:33-36) cf Ex 36:5-7 - estimated cost in today's money for the tabernacle is about \$57 million <p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No conditions <p>What is it based on?</p> <p>God's righteousness His character His Word</p> <p>Abram believed and it was counted to him as righteousness</p>

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The Old Covenant - Law	The New Covenant - Salvation by Faith through Grace
<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - after Abram's covenant - After the people came out of slavery of Egypt - Come to the mountain to worship God <p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God made it with Israel and the people agreed (Ex 24) <p>Promise (Gal 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tutor that leads us to Christ - For a time until Christ came <p>Relationship with Law and Abram?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - doesn't nullify the covenant promises made to Abram <p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - warnings (Ex 23:31-33) - Curse (punishment) for those who don't keep the law - No one is justified by the law - Law is not of faith - Keep the law (it would show that they can't) <p>Israel broke the law - couldn't keep their promise - should have been a tutor to teach them that they can't be self-righteous</p> <p>Promises of New Covenant Jer 31:31-37 Ez 36:26-27 (II Cor 3:1-3) Rom 4:1-8 Gal 3:6-9 James 2:23</p>	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - after Christ's death <p>Who?</p> <p>God made it with all those who believe</p> <p>Promises?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's law was written on the heart - God's Spirit put within us - Forgiveness of sin <p>Relationship of this to others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abram's seed - still promised the nation and land - Not contrary to the Old Covenant - replaced the Old with something better - better promises <p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - justified by faith - Baptized into Christ (died to self - live for Christ) <p>What is it based on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's grace - Faith in God alone for salvation - Christ's death, burial, resurrection <p>Believe and receive the Spirit - Spirit causes us to walk in His ways</p>