

## Genesis 15 - Covenant

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

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The Old Covenant - Law	The New Covenant - Salvation by Faith through Grace