

God Makes a Covenant with Abram

Legal Contract

Genesis 13:14-17;15:1-22

A. God Renews His Promise of Land to Abram. Genesis 13:14-17

1. Abram and his nephew Lot part ways because of competing grazing land. (Gen. 13:1-13)
2. Where did the LORD tell Abram to look? (Gen. 13:14) N _____; S _____; E _____; W _____.
3. What did He tell Abram? "All the _____ that you see I will give to _____ and your _____ (how long?) _____." (Gen. 13:15)
4. To whom does the entire land of Canaan (today, "Palestine") belong?

5. On whose authority? _____
6. For how long? _____

B. Abram rescues his kidnapped nephew Lot from raiders. He keeps none of the plunder for himself. Genesis 14

C. God's Promise to Abram about Children. Genesis 15:1-6

1. God appeared to Abram in a vision. (Gen. 15:1) What did He say? "Do not be _____, Abram. I am your _____, your very great _____."
2. Of what did Abram remind God? (Gen. 15:3) "You have given me no _____." So my servant will have to be my heir.
3. What was God's reply? (Gen. 15:4) "A _____ who is your own _____ and _____ will be your heir."
4. God's object lesson. (Gen. 15:5). "Look up at the sky and count the _____. So shall your _____ be."
5. This is an extremely important verse: "Abram _____ the LORD, and He credited it to him as _____." (Gen. 15:6)
6. This is an eternal law. We are not saved from our sins by doing good works. God counts it for R _____ if we B _____ Him!

D. God's Covenant with Abram about Children and Land. Genesis 15:7-22.

1. God continued the conversation (Gen. 15:7): "I am the LORD, who brought you out of ____ of the Chaldeans to give you this _____ to take possession of it."
2. What did Abram ask? (Gen. 15:8): "How can I _____ that I will gain possession of it?"
3. What did God ask Abram to bring Him? A _____, a _____, and a _____, each 3 years old, and a _____ and a _____. (Gen. 15:9)
4. Abram knew exactly what God was arranging. The most solemn binding covenant (Legal Contract) people used in that day – a B _____ Covenant.
 - a. The animals were k _____ and divided in two.
 - b. The two parties making the covenant would w _____ between the dead animals.
 - c. The idea was, "If I don't keep my end of the bargain, may I be k _____ like these dead animals!!!!"
5. After he brought the animals, killed them, and divided them (Gen. 15:10-11), the sun set and Abram fell into a deep, dark s _____. (Gen. 15:12)
6. God told Abram his descendants would be enslaved in a foreign nation for _____ years (Gen. 15:13). We now know this nation was E _____.
7. In the f _____ generation his descendants would come back to the land of Canaan (Gen. 15:16).
8. (Gen. 15:17) When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking f _____ with a blazing t _____ appeared and passed between the dead animals all alone. Who did these two things stand for? _____. What did it mean that He walked through all alone? It meant that the fulfillment of this covenant depended on _____ alone, and not on _____. We call this an U _____ C _____. Another word is G _____.
9. (Gen. 15:18) On that day the LORD made a _____ with Abram. He said, "To your d _____ I give this l _____ from the Wadi (River) of Egypt to the great river, the E _____ – land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites."

10. So the land of Canaan or Palestine (really Israel) belongs to the descendants of A_____ through his son I_____ and his son J_____ forever.
11. One day God would establish the NEW Covenant with Israel (Jer. 31:31-34) and the world. This New Covenant would actually f_____ w_____ and s_____ (Jer.31:34). It would make people want to k_____ God and o_____ Him (Jer. 31:34). He would make it official, not with the blood of animals, but with the blood of His Son, J_____
C_____. (Luke 22:20; Heb. 12:24)
12. Once again, God put His own credibility on the line. In Jesus, He walked through the signing of the New Covenant all a_____.
13. Our forgiveness and our eternal life is His responsibility alone. We can do no work to be forgiven or gain eternal life. All that is required of us is that we _____ in God's only-born Son. (John 3:16)