

## The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 22:15-18)

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Genesis 12:1-3 God initiated His covenant with Abram when he was living in Ur of the Chaldeans, promising a land, descendants and blessing.

Genesis 12:4, 5 Abram went with his family to Haran, lived there for a time, and left at the age of 75.

Genesis 13:14-17 After Lot separated from Abram, God again promised the land to him and his descendants.

Genesis 15:1-21 This covenant was ratified when God passed between the sacrificial animals Abram laid before God.

Genesis 17:1-27 When Abram was 99, God renewed His covenant, changing Abram's name to Abraham ("father of a Multitude"). Sign of the covenant: circumcision.

Genesis 22: 15-18 Confirmation of the covenant because of Abraham's obedience.

The Abrahamic covenant was foundational to other covenants:

- The promise of kingly descendants in the Davidic covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
- The promise of blessing in the "old" and "new" covenants (Ex. 19:3-6; Jer. 31:31-40)

## Galatians 3

<sup>16</sup> Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**