

Covenant with Abraham

The covenant God made with Abraham is an unconditional covenant that was a still is being fulfilled today.

Genesis 12:1-3 "The LORD had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.' I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 13:14-18 "The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD."

On the same day the Lord made the covenant with Abram saying to your descendents I have given this land...

- *Genesis 15:18 "On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates."*

The purpose of God in His covenant with Abraham was the origin of the nation of Israel or a people and a land.

Purpose: providing a Redeemer through Israel.

God promises to bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse it.

- *Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

All the families of the earth he blessed through Abraham seed Jesus Christ.

- *Galatians 3:14-16 "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ."*
- *John 8:51-58 "I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "Before Abraham was born, I am!"*

This is God's promise to make Abraham a great nation. (Israel)

- *Genesis 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."*