

Genesis

Tracking Christ from the Beginning - Faithfulness and Faith

“Moses . . . he wrote about Me.” Jesus, John 5:46 (also, Luke 24:44)

Genesis 11:27-17:27, generations (toldots) of Terah (portion), 11:27-25:11.

Summary of Events

- Abram leaves Ur and Haran (75 years old), 11:27-12:5 “Thus they came to the land of Canaan.” 12:5 (see, also, Hebrews 11:8-12).
- Abram goes to Egypt, 12:10-20.
- Abram and Lot separate, ch. 13.
- Abram and allies defeat kings of Mesopotamia and encounters Melchizedek (see also Heb 5:6, 10; 6:20; chapter 7), ch. 14.
- Abram fathers Ishmael with Hagar (86 years old), ch. 16.

Promises Made to Abraham (distinctive features)

- 12:1-3: general in nature- “great nation,” “bless you,” “great name;” others- standard of good or bad fortune, **blessing to all people of the earth** (22:18; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8-9).
- 12:7: land of Canaan given to his descendants.
- 13:14-17: general dimensions of the land; **given eternally**; descendants would be numerous (includes those in Christ- Romans 4:9-17; Gal 3:7, 14, 29).
- 15:1-21: heir from his own body; Abraham believed, verse 6: **"Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness"** (Rom 4:3, 9, 22; Gal 3:6; James 2:23); covenant ceremony- assurance based on God's promise (God said it), verses 7-11, 17; prophecy about Israel's stay in Egypt, verses 12-16; specific dimensions of the land, verses 18-21.
- 17:1-21: many nations w/name change to Abraham, verses 4-6; eternal relationship w/land, verses 7-8; circumcision given, verses 9-14, 22-27; Sarah mother of covenant line, Isaac, verses 15-21.
- 22:15-18: descendants would prevail over their enemies.

"For as many as are the promises of God, in Him (Christ) they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. " 2 Corinthians 1:20

Faith and Faithfulness

- “God is faithful”- 1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor 1:18; fruit of the Spirit- Gal 5:22-23
- What? When? How? Why?
- Rom 4:18-25, read verses 18-24a.
 - Patience and endurance- Heb 6:11-12; 10:36-39; James 5:10-11.
 - Circumstances, visible things- 2 Cor 4:17-18; problems versus promise/word of God.
 - Strengthened by faith- first, 1) gave glory to God, 2) sure that God was able (see, also, 2 Cor 9:8; Ephesians 3:20); Heb 10:35-11:1; James 1:5-8.

"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise." Galatians 3:29