

Doctrinal Studies

The Abrahamic Covenant

The Abrahamic Covenant is presented in [Genesis 12:1-3](#), and repeated several times. It was God's plan for Abraham to be the father of a new race, and there had to be maturity and capacity before this promise could be fulfilled. Read [Heb. 6:13](#); [Heb. 6:15](#) and [Gen. 17:6](#).

I. Definition and Description

1. The Covenant is between God and Abraham. It is unconditional, meaning that there were no strings attached – that is, no merit on the part of man. It was a *just* covenant.
2. It was made by God in favor of Abraham.
3. Like all Covenants it was a part of the Divine Plan (Eternal Plan of God)
4. Abraham was to be the beneficiary, without merit; he and his descendants have this covenant – not based upon their goodness – *but totally upon God's GRACE*.
5. Abraham, in his thirteen silent years (between [Gen 16 and 17](#)), gained spiritual momentum, advanced to the high road of Grace, and upon doing so he was in the zone of Pleasure to God (called a *friend of God* in [James 2:23](#)).

II. The Original declaration of the Abrahamic Covenant is found in [Gen. 12:1-3](#).

1. Verse 1 deals with *separation*.
2. Verse 2 deals with *blessing*.
3. Verse 3 deals with miscellaneous subjects:
 - 3a – Blessing by Association
 - 3b – Anti-Semitism
 - 3c – Messianic Blessings

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- III. This Covenant has a real estate (land) clause, as depicted in [Gen. 13:14-16; 15:18-21](#).
- IV. Under this Covenant God promised Abraham a city – [Rev. 21:2, 10; Heb. 11:9](#).
- V. The Abrahamic Covenant was confirmed to Isaac in [Gen. 26:3, 4](#).
- VI. It was confirmed to Abraham's grandson, Jacob in [Gen. 35:12](#).
- VII. This Covenant was also confirmed at the time of the Exodus ([Ex. 6:2-8](#)). The very basis for the deliverance for the Jews was this Covenant. Six hundred years later, the seed of Abraham was being blessed because of him.
- VIII. In Abraham's life (as in ours today), God's plan made ample provision for every step of advancement, but left the choice of subordination to him. A specific aspect of the promise to Abraham was sexual prosperity, along with others such as wealth, promotion, success, etc. The fulfillment of this promise was not realized in Abraham's life until he was 99 years old, in [Genesis 17](#). He persisted in spite of many difficulties. He came close to the Grace Abounding Life, and slipped back; then he would advance again. He did not give up; he persisted ([Heb. 6:15](#)), and received the blessing. Circumcision is the ritual confirmation and acknowledgement of the Abrahamic Covenant ([Gen. 17:9-14](#)), and was a memorial to the *GRACE OF GOD*. Abraham is still an influence, even to this very day.