

## **Doctrinal Studies**

### **The Abraham Covenant**

Heb 6:13 "For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself" Heb 6:15 presents the obtaining of the promise. God had made a promise to Abram "And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee." Gen 17:6

This covenant had been presented in Gen 12:1-3 and then 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.

Let's note the Covenant-Promise:

1. Definition and description.
  - A. It is unconditional – meaning that there were no strings attached, that is, no merit on the part of man. It was a just covenant.
  - B. It was made by God in favor of Abraham.
  - C. Like all Covenants it was a part of the Divine Plan (Eternal Plan of God –EPOG)
  - D. Abraham was to be the beneficiary without merit, Abraham and his descendants have this covenant – not based upon their goodness – but totally upon God's GRACE
  - E. Abraham in his thirteen silent years (between Gen 16 and 17) gained spiritual momentum, moved around the bases, one, two and three. Upon stepping on third base, he was in the Zone of Pleasure to God, called a friend of God, in James 2:23
2. The original declaration of the Abrahamic Covenant is found in Gen 12:1-3
3. This Covenant has a real estate clause as depicted in Gen 13:14-16, 15:18-21
4. The Abrahamic Covenant was confirmed to Isaac in Gen 26:3-4
5. It was also confirmed to Abraham's grandson, Jacob in Gen 35:12
6. This Covenant was also confirmed at the time of the Exodus, in Ex 6:2-8. The very basis for the deliverance of the Jews was this Covenant. Six hundred years later the seed of Abraham was being blessed because of him.
7. (NOTE: When a person grows and develops and reaches the Grace Abounding Life he will not only experience fantastic blessings from the Lord, but will also be a blessing to the present and future generations. People who are in love with the Lord Jesus Christ, captivate and saturated with His thinking (the Bible) will be a source of stability to others.
8. In Abraham's life (as in ours today) God's plan made ample provision for every step of advancement, but left the choice of sub-ordination to Him. A specific aspect of the promise to Abraham was sexual prosperity along with wealth, promotion, success, etc., The fulfillment of this promise was not realized in Abraham's life until he was 99 years old. (Gen 17). He persisted in spite of many difficulties. He came close to the Grace Abounding Life (GAL) and slipped back and then would advance again. He did not give up, he persisted (Heb 6:15) and received the blessing.
9. Circumcision is the ritual confirmation and acknowledgement of the Abrahamic Covenant. Gen 17:9-14. Circumcision was a memorial to the GRACE OF GOD
10. Abraham is still an influence, even to this very day.