

Session 9: The Call of Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant

Key texts: 11:1-32

Announcements

→ Upcoming EquipMEN† events:

- *OneDegree Men's Breakfast*, April 17. Call Darius Teichroew to register (612-205-5412)
- *Fight Club: A one day seminar for missional men*, May 1. Call Darius Teichroew to register (612-205-5412)
- *Exponential2:2 applications now available. Due on 5/12!*

Introduction to Genesis 12-50 (and its connection to Genesis 1-11)

Unfolding the Plan of Redemption: The Call of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)

"God's call of Abraham and his covenant with Abraham present the blueprints for the rest of Genesis, the Pentateuch, and indeed, the Bible."¹⁸

Individual Promises

National Promises

Typically, a nation is:

1. A common **people** (Genesis)
2. With a **constitution/law** (Exodus-Deuteronomy)
3. With a common **land** (Pentateuch and Joshua-Judges)
4. And a common **leader** (Judges-2 Kings)

Universal Promises

Refreshing, Expanding and Clarifying the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 15, 17, 22)

A. Promise of Offspring and Land (Gen. 15)

B. Promise of Offspring of Nations and Kings; Reaffirmation of Promise of Land; Covenant sign (Gen. 17)

¹⁸ Bruce Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology*, 307.

C. Abraham's Faithfulness and the Reaffirmation of the Covenant (Gen. 22)

The Abrahamic Covenant in the New Testament

1. Galatians 3:15-16: Jesus Christ is the preeminent heir and ultimate channel of the Abrahamic Covenant.
2. Galatians 3:23-29: Those united to Christ by faith are the ultimate heirs of the Abrahamic Covenant.
3. Romans 9:6-8: The Abrahamic Covenant has not failed; It was always based on *faith in God's promises*, regardless of the nationality of the recipients. (cf. Gen. 15:6)
4. Matthew 1:1: Jesus Christ is the ultimate King, the son of Abraham and David.
5. Acts 3:25-26: The blessing of the nations is blessing of repentance toward a discipleship of Christ
6. Revelation 11:15; Revelation 20:4-6: The New Heaven and New Earth are the ultimate fulfillment of the promise of land.

Suggested reading for next week's seminar discussion

Scripture to study: Genesis 18-22

Bruce K. Waltke, *Genesis: A Commentary*, pp. 265-297

Joyce G. Baldwin, *The Message of Genesis 12-50*, pp. 84-93

Worship: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*