

After the Flood

Cracking the Code on the Covenant

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Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21

The Abrahamic Covenant

- The Old Testament can be overwhelming, and it can easily be reduced to a myriad of moralistic stories.
- The Bible is a collection of writings that tell one story of redemption.
- The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12,15) is central to understanding this story.
- Genesis 12 and 15 is a _____ point in human and redemptive history.
- God is placing Abram at the heart of His plan to reverse the curse and bring redemption to humanity.
- This is the beginning of the plan that will bring reconciliation with God and forgiveness to humanity.

How Did Abram Come to Know God:

- God _____ Abram.
- God revealed Himself to Abram.
- God _____ Abram to follow Him.
- Abram _____ and _____.

Major Old Testament Covenants:

Noahic Covenant	Genesis 9	God's promise to not destroy humanity again
Abrahamic Covenant	Genesis 12,15	God's promise to Abraham and his descendants
Mosaic Covenant	Ex. 20 – Deut. 34	God's relational covenant with Israel
Davidic Covenant	2 Samuel 7	God's promise to have a descendant of David on the throne forever
New Covenant	1 Corinthians 11	God offers a covenant to people through the cross

Abrahamic Covenant

- _____ (Genesis 12:1,7; 13:14-17)
- _____ (Genesis 12:2; 13:16)
- _____ (Genesis 12:2-3; Ephesians 2:12-19; 3:6)

You and Abraham: Can You Relate?

- Your family wasn't / isn't devoted to God.
- You didn't grow up devoted to God.
- But God called you and saved you.
- And you feel alone in your faith.

Keep following. Keep believing. Keep obeying.

The Abrahamic Covenant was a promise made by God to Abram. It is a _____ - _____ covenant. God will keep His promises.

Why the Abrahamic Covenant Matters to Us

- To best understand the Old Testament, read it through the lens of the covenants.
- God is not done with Israel. We enjoy the benefits of God's covenant with Abraham.
- If you, like Abraham, are alone in following God - be assured, He is with you.
- The Abrahamic Covenant resulted in God's covenant with you.
- Just as God offered a covenant to Abraham, He is offering one to you through the cross of Jesus.

Our response to the New Covenant of the cross is the same as Abraham's response: to repent, _____, and _____.

Discussion Starters:

- Abram was the only follower of God in his family. Have you experienced that? What has it been like? If you haven't been alone in following God, how important has your family been in following God together?
- Abraham's response to God's covenant is to believe and obey. Why is that order important? Why are both essential?
- Why is it helpful to understand the Abrahamic Covenant?