

GENESIS STUDY—Abraham Covenant Renewed

Genesis 15

1. *Afterward the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him*

How does the “word of the LORD” come to us?

- >by _____ of God
- >by _____
- >by the working of the _____ upon the mind
- >by an _____
- >by the ministry of _____
- >by the making alive a _____
- >by the ministry of a _____

2. *Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.*

Why would he be afraid wasn't he just victorious over 5 kings?

3. *Protect you . . . your reward...*

Abram needed a _____ because he was expecting to be _____
Why would he need a “reward”? (Heb. 6:10)

4. *.....what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son*

What do you think about this statement?

Isn't Abraham doubting God?

But there is a difference between a doubt that

_____ God's promise and a doubt which _____ God's promise. Abram
_____ to believe and is looking to God to strengthen his faith.

5. *Eliezer....., a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth*

We see here a tendency in Abraham....what is it?

6. **It's reminder time!**

>God reminds Abram of the promise originally recorded in Genesis 12:2 & 13:15f

>God does this because He knows how much we _____.

And the fulfillment is still _____ away!! See Hebrews 6:11-13

7. *No, your servant will not be your heir ... son of your own*

How could Eliezer be thought of as an “heir?”

God explained exactly what He meant. This was necessary, because we too
sometimes _____ or _____ God's promises.

8. The covenant is reconfirmed with a visual lesson (5)

Who will one of Abraham's "starry" descendants be? Matthew 2:1-5 Revelation 22:16

9. Abram's response of faith to God's promise (6)

Remember the principle of "first mention"?

Here is the *first mention* of _____ and it is connected with _____ as opposed to **works!**

Abraham was NOT righteous or justified by any religious ritual or deed!

see Romans 4:1-3, 9-10, 19-24; Galatians 3:5-7

Notice also it did not say he believed in God, but believed God! James 2:19

10. Abram replied, O Sovereign LORD, how can I be sure that you will give

How long was it between 15:7 and 15:8?

Remember, Abram had no _____ to the land, nothing to make anyone else believe he actually owned the land. All he had was the _____

11. God answers with involving Abraham in _____ and _____ (animals) killed them. He cut each one down the middle and laid the halves side by side...

Boy this sounds a little strange? Ever heard the term "cut a deal?" Jeremiah 34:18-20

The symbolism was plain

>first, this is a covenant so serious it is sealed with blood;

>second, if I break this covenant, let this same bloodshed be poured out on my animals & me!

God was saying "Let's settle it here and now!!"

"vultures"—the _____ got his birds too!!! (Matthew 13:4, 19)

12. You can be sure... **God does not promise that all will be _____!** **What/who is God referring to?**

"four generations"

God's accuracy in prophecy

13. Abraham is in deep sleep but still sees the events. Why a deep sleep?

14. **Smoke and fire...remind you of anything?**

the pillar of _____ column of _____

the _____ on Mount Sinai

and the _____ of God's Shekinah glory

(Exodus 13:21-22)

(Exodus 19:18),

(1 Kings 8:10-12).

15. How was this covenant different than other human uses of this procedure.