

Abram – Abraham

Narrative Overview

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Abraham's Story

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Abrahamic Covenant

Overview

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Abrahamic Covenant Summary

Acts 7:2-8 [ESV]

² And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ³ and said to him, '**Go** out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' ⁴ Then **he went** out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. ⁵ **Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child.** ⁶ And God spoke to this effect- that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years. ⁷ 'But I will judge the nation that they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.' ⁸ **And he gave him the covenant of circumcision.** And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

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Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1-7 [ESV]

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

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Response of Abram

Genesis 12:1,4

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go ...

1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם לֵךְ-לְךָ

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him ...

2 וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֵּלֶךְ

¹ The Lord
said to

Abram

Go!
He Went

⁴ Abram
to the word of
The Lord

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The Promise of Blessing

Genesis 12:2-3

² And I will make of you a great nation, and **I will bless you** and make your name great, so that you will **be a blessing**. ³ **I will bless those who bless you**, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth **shall be blessed**." [ESV]

וְאֶעֱשֶׂה לְגוֹי גָדוֹל וְאֶבְרַכְךָ וְאֶגְדַּלְךָ שְׁמֶךָ וְהָיָה בְרָכָה:

וְאֶבְרַכְךָ מִבְּרַכְיֶיךָ וּמִקְלָלֶיךָ אֲזָר וּנְבָרְכֻךָ בְּךָ כָּל מְשֻׁפָּחַת

הָאָדָמָה:

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The Promise of Blessing

Analysis

I. 5 Blessing Statements

II. 7 Clauses

² And I will make of you a great nation [and]

I will bless you [and]

[I will] make your name great,

so that you will **be a blessing**.

³ **I will bless those who bless you**, [and]

him who dishonors you I will curse, [and]

in you all the families of the earth **shall be blessed**.”¹¹

The Promise of Blessing

Analysis

III. Blessing Sandwich (Gordon Hugenberger)

² And I will make of you a great nation [and]

I will bless you [and]

[I will] make your name great,

so that you will be a blessing. [BE A BLESSING]

³ I will bless those who bless you, [and]

him who dishonors you I will curse, [and]

in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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The Promise of Blessing Analysis

IV. Blessing to You

² And I will make of you a great nation [and]

I will bless you [and]

[I will] make your name great,

V. Blessing Through You

³ I will bless those who bless you, [and]

him who dishonors you I will curse, [and]

in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.“

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The Promise of Blessing Analysis

VI. Be a Blessing!

so that you will be a blessing. [BE A BLESSING]

VII. Chiastic Structure – Making a Point

A

B

C – This is the Main Point/Feature of the Narrative

B

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The Promise of Blessing

Analysis

VIII. Example from Genesis 12:16

And for her sake he dealt well with Abram;

A – and he had sheep, oxen,

B – male donkeys,

C – male servants, female servants,

B – female donkeys,

A – and camels.

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Promise of Seed and Land

Genesis 12:7

⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your **offspring** I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [ESV]

⁷ And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy **seed** will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. [KJV]

וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר לְזֶרְעֶךָ אֶתֵּן
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וַיִּבֶן שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה הַנִּרְאָה אֵלָיו:

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Promise of Seed and Land

Analysis

I. Remember Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring ["seed"] and her offspring ["seed"]; he [singular] shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

II. Singular or plural seed?

A. Singular: Gen 3:15, 8:22 (?); 21:12

B. Plural: Gen 1:11,12,29; 3:15 (?); 7:3; 8:22; 9:9; 13:16; 15:5,13,18; 16:10; Gen 7:7-19

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Promise of Land

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Land Covenant

Genesis 15:1-8 [ESV]

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. ⁷ And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

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Land Covenant

Genesis 15:9-17 [ESV]

⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

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ANE Covenant Signs

Overview and Examination of Gen 15:9-17

I. ANE

A. Treat Between Ashurnirari V of Assyria and Mati'ilu of Arpad

B. Vassal Treaties of Esarhaddon

II. Old Testament

A. Genesis 15:9-17

B. Jeremiah 34:8-22

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ANE Covenant Sign

Treaty Between Ashurnirari V of Assyria and Mati'ilu of Arpad

¹⁰ This spring lamb has been brought from its fold not for sacrifice, not for a banquet, not for a purchase, not for (divination concerning) a sick man, not to be slaughtered for [...]: it has been brought to sanction the treaty between Ashurnirari and Mati'ilu. If Mati'ilu sins against (this) treaty made under oath by the gods, then, just as this spring lamb, brought from its fold, will not return to its fold, will not behold its fold again, alas, Mati'ilu, together with his sons, daughters, officials, and the people of his land [will be ousted] from his country, and not behold his country again. This head is not the head of a lamb, it is the head of Mati'ilu, it is the head of his sons, his officials, and the people of his land. If Mati'ilu sins against this treaty, so may, just as the head of this spring lamb is torn off, and its knuckle placed in its mouth [...], the head of Mati'ilu be torn off, and his sons [...]. This shoulder is not the shoulder of a spring lamb, it is the shoulder of Mati'ilu, it is the shoulder of his sons, his officials, and the people of his land. If Mati'ilu sins against this treaty, so may, just as the shoulder of this spring lamb is torn out, and [...], the shoulder of Mati'ilu, of his sons, his officials, and the people of his land...

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ANE Covenant Sign

Vassal Treaties of Esarhaddon

⁵⁴⁷ Just as this ewe is cut open and the flesh of its young placed in its mouth, so may he (Shamash?) make you eat in your hunger the flesh of your brothers, your sons, and your daughters.

⁵⁵¹ Just as these yearlings and spring lambs, male and female, are cut open and their entrails are rolled around their feet, so may the entrails of your sons and daughters be rolled around your feet... ewe is cut open and the flesh of its young placed in its mouth

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ANE Covenant Sign

Jeremiah 34:8-11 (16) [ESV]

⁸ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, **after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem to make a proclamation of liberty to them, ⁹ that everyone should set free his Hebrew slaves, male and female, so that no one should enslave a Jew, his brother.** ¹⁰ And they obeyed, all the officials and all the people who had entered into the covenant that everyone would set free his slave, male or female, so that they would not be enslaved again. They obeyed and set them free. ¹¹ But afterward they turned around and took back the male and female slaves they had set free, and brought them into subjection as slaves. ...

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ANE Covenant Sign

Jeremiah 34:17-22 [ESV]

¹⁷ "Therefore, thus says the LORD: You have not obeyed me by proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and to his neighbor; behold, I proclaim to you liberty to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, declares the LORD. I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. ¹⁸ **And the men who transgressed my covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before me, I will make them like the calf that they cut in two and passed between its parts-** ¹⁹ **the officials of Judah, the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf.** ²⁰ **And I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives. Their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth.** ²¹ And Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives, into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has withdrawn from you. ²² Behold, I will command, declares the LORD, and will bring them back to this city. And they will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire. I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant." ²⁵

ANE Covenant Sign

Genesis 15:1-17 Analysis

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that

- 1) your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs...
- 2) [they] will be servants there...
- 3) they will be afflicted for four hundred years...
- 4) ... I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve ...
- 5) afterward they shall come out with great possessions.
- 6) As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace...
- 7) you shall be buried in a good old age.
- 8) And they shall come back here in the fourth generation [or "age"], for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

¹⁷ **When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.**

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Promise of Land

Literary Context: Genesis 13:14-18 [ESV]

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, **"Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵ for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.** ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷ Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." ¹⁸ So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

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Promise of Land

Literary Context: Genesis 24:2-9 [ESV]

² And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, ³ that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." ⁵ The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" ⁶ Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. ⁷ The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, **'To your offspring I will give this land,'** he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." ⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter. ²⁸

Promise of Land

Literary Context: Genesis 26:1-5 [ESV]

¹ Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. ² And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. ³ Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴ **I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands.** And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ⁵ because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

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Promise of Seed

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Seed Covenant

Genesis 17:1-9 [ESV]

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "**I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,** **² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.**" ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ **And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.** ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." ⁹ And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations."

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Seed Covenant

Genesis 17:10-14 [ESV]

¹⁰ **This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.** ¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ **Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."**

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Seed Covenant

Genesis 17:15-21 [ESV]

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" ¹⁹ God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

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Seed Covenant

Genesis 17:22-27 [ESV]

²² **When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.** ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵ And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶ That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷ And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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Abrahamic Covenant

Common Interpretations

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Abrahamic Covenant

Zionist Interpretation

- I. Zionism – Modern Jewish Nationalism
 - A. Coined by Austrian Jewish publisher Nathan Birnbaum
- II. Mix of Secular and Religious Motives
 - A. Secular – Response to the Holocaust and other Jewish persecution
 - B. Religious – Restoration of God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - 1. Ethnic Israel is heir to the Abrahamic Covenant and to Palestine/Israel
- III. Tremendous support for Zionism by American Evangelicals (Southern Baptists, Jerry Falwell, 700 Club, etc.)
 - A. Some estimate about 50% of the evangelical community support Israel
 - B. General rationale derives from Dispensationalism and its variants
 - 1. Dispensation of the Promise – Abrahamic Covenant
 - 2. Dispensation of the Law – Sinai Covenant
 - 3. Dispensation of Grace – New Covenant (Church Age)
 - 4. Dispensation of the Kingdom – Reconciliation of Israel (Millennium)

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Abrahamic Covenant Islamic Interpretation

- I. Islam - Means surrender or submission to the will of Allah.
 - A. In Islam the goal is to surrender to Allah's will.
- II. Abraham (Ibrahim)
 - A. Neither a Jew nor a Christian, but a "God-seeker" (Koran)
 - B. Volumes of Moslem literature on Abraham (non-Koran)
- III. In the present age, Moslems are heir to the Abrahamic Covenant
 - A. Israel failed to attain the covenant promised through Abraham
 1. Rebellion, hypocrisy, and false witness
 2. The Abrahamic covenant reverted to Abraham's other son: Ishmael
 - B. Christians failed too for the same reasons
- IV. Implications – God rewards those who obey Him and punishes the disobedient
 - A. How is one obedient?
 1. Moral Law
 2. Religious Law

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Abrahamic Covenant Covenant Theology Interpretation

- I. Church is the "New Israel" and Heir to the Promise
 - A. Galatians 3:6-9
 - B. Colossians 2:11,17
 - C. Romans 2:28; 4:11
 - D. 1 Peter 2:9
- II. Natural Israel is not necessarily the Heir
 - A. Luke 3:8
 - B. John 8:39
 - C. Revelation 2:9
- III. Remnant of Natural Israel remains Heir to the Promise
 - A. Romans 11:1-6
- IV. The Land Issue isn't quite resolved
 - A. Conservative view is that Israel "lost" the Land due to its rebellion
 - B. Many Christians believe that the Jews should re-establish Theocratic Israel as well as Temple worship

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Abrahamic Covenants

An Alternative View of Multiple Operative Covenants

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Multiple Covenants

- I. Blessing and Seed Covenant [Gen 12:1-7]
 - A. Unconditional Blessing and Seed [also Gen 17]
- II. Promised Land Covenant [Gen 15:13-17]
 - A. Promised Land Delivered as Promised
- III. Earth Covenant [Gen 13:14-18]
 - A. Inheritance of the Earth [Rom 4:13]
- IV. Covenant of Circumcision [Acts 7:8]
 - A. Covenant of Membership
 - B. Christ – Circumcised or “Cut-off” on our behalf!

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Blessing and Seed Covenant

Genesis 12:1-7 [ESV]

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 41

Promised Land Covenant

Genesis 15:13-17 Analysis

Oath

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that

Stipulations

- 1) your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs...
- 2) [they] will be servants there...
- 3) they will be afflicted for four hundred years...
- 4) ... I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve ...
- 5) afterward they shall come out with great possessions.
- 6) As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace...
- 7) you shall be buried in a good old age.
- 8) And they shall come back here in the fourth generation [or "age"], for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

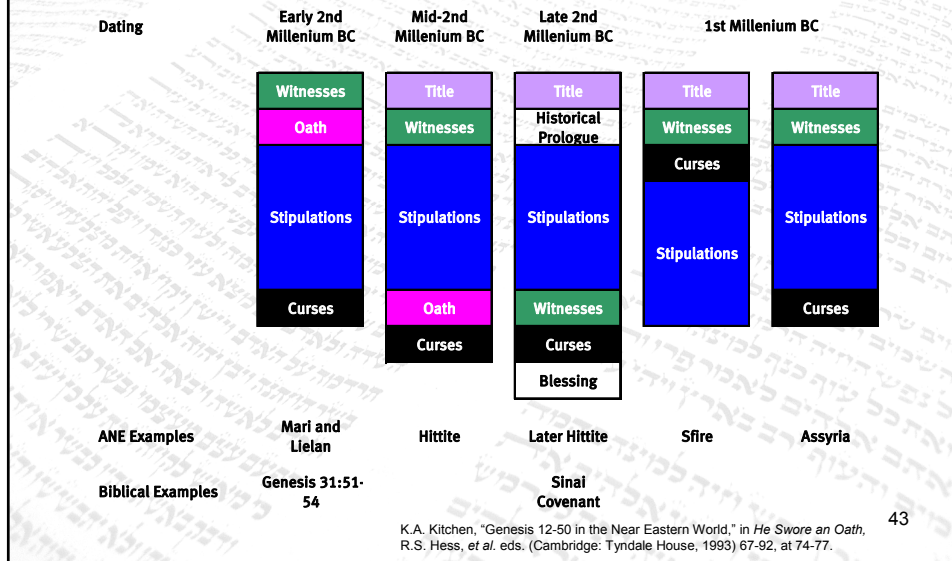
Fulfillment

- Exodus 1:1
- Exodus 1:13
- Exodus 12:40-41
- Acts 7:7
- Exodus 12:36
- Genesis 25:8
- Genesis 25:8
- Joshua 5:5
- Joshua 10:12

Curses

¹⁷ **When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.** 42

ANE Covenant Forms Genesis 15:13-17 Analysis



Promised Land Covenant Genesis 15:13-17 Analysis

- I. What should the average Israelite have been thinking when they crossed the Red Sea IN Exodus 14?
 - A. What about the Jordan River crossing found in Joshua 3-4?
- II. Given ANE contractual forms at the time, when did this contract perfect?
- III. Once a contract perfects, is it still valid?
- IV. What is the implication of this viewpoint on the issue of Zionism?
- V. As an aside, what do ANE contractual forms also suggest about the historical reliability of the Bible?

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Earth Covenant

Genesis 13:14-18 [ESV]

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "**Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are,**

**northward and
southward and
eastward and
westward,**

} **This is the entire EARTH!
[Rom 4:13]**

¹⁵ **for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.** ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.

Romans 4:13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

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Covenant of Circumcision

Genesis 17:10-14 [ESV]

¹⁰ **This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.** ¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ **Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."**

Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs... [This ultimately ends with Christ]

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