

Father Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant

Reference: **Genesis 12:1-2; 15:6**

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Imagine a historical setting during Moses' time. Step into the sandals of an Israelite wandering in the wilderness of Sinai. You had had a hard yet consistent life, growing up as a slave in Egypt but later witnessed the miracle of passing through the Red Sea. You were there that day when Moses smashed the 10 commandments out of anger. You survived God's wrath that day but now you are living under that law known as the Law of Moses. Moses wrote the 5 scrolls we know today as **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers** and **Deuteronomy**. The main thrust of the scrolls was a _____ Code.

The scroll of **Genesis** gave a history of the interaction of the two parties of that Law or covenant—those two parties were:

- 1) your _____ and
- 2) _____, Himself.

The topics of greatest interest to you fall under these three categories;

- 1) _____ between your life under the Mosaic Law and events in history
- 2) **Events** _____ your pre-concieved understanding of Abraham as "Father"
- 3) the _____.

SIMILARITIES:

- _____ on Saturdays
- clean animals _____
- _____
- _____

EVENTS CHALLENGING YOUR PRE-CONCIEVED UNDERSTANDING OF ABRAHAM AS "FATHER":

References: **Genesis 17:15-19; Genesis 18:9-14**

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT:

Reference: **Genesis 15:2,4-5** (see screen)

God instructed Abraham to kill five different animals. He was to kill a cow, a goat, a ram, a dove, and a pigeon. He was to cut each of the animals in half and then place the halves of the animals across from each other so as to create a path in-between them. The two parties in the agreement would then be able to walk in-between the animals.

When Abraham prepared the path of blood between the animal parts, surely he expected to walk between the pieces. This would indicate, "may what happened to these animals happen to me if I

ever transgress the covenant". In a plot twist, Abraham falls into a deep sleep and then sees a smoking torch and a flaming oven, both symbols representing God Himself passing between the pieces.

Conclusion? God established the Abrahamic Covenant with _____.

The Mosaic Covenant has lots of blessings and curses, but, the Abrahamic Covenant has only _____ for his covenantal people!

Reference: **Hebrews 7:22; Luke 22:20; Romans 6:14** (see screen)

Facts About the Modern State of Israel:

- Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all its abutting neighbors combined. It has the highest standard of living in the Middle East.
- Israel inventions include the cell phone, voice mail, the first antivirus software, and pentium computer chips.
- 24 percent of Israel's workforce holds college degrees—third in the world after the United States and Holland.
- Israel has the world's largest wholesale diamond center.
- Per capita, Israel is first in the world in books printed, museums, orchestras, entrepreneurship for women and seniors, absorbing immigrants, and in eating their fruits and vegetables.
- Israel is the only country in the world to have revived a dead language and then make it the national language.
- Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East.
- Israel is only one of two countries in the world that began the 21st century with more trees than it had in the beginning of the 20th century.

Reference: **Isaiah 35:1b** (see screen)

God is actively blessing the Jews and the modern state of Israel today. Why is this important?

First, this is setting the stage for the prophetic _____ - _____ when God's main focus will be on the nation of Israel.

Second, to refute _____ **theology** (teaching that the church has replaced Israel as God's covenant community.)

Reference: **Romans 11:17** (see screen)

The church has been _____ into Israel!

Reference: **Genesis 12:3; Matthew 16:13-16** (see screen)