

LESSON 2

Abraham Our Father



Revelations 21:3

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."



Galatians 3:6-9

6 So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.



Genesis 12:1-4

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you.

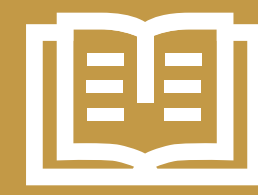
2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran for the land of Canaan.

- Great Nation, you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring (seed) forever.





Gensis 15:5-6 & 9-10

5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

9 So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two, and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.



Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: **first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed— **a righteousness that is by faith from first to last**, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."



Genesis 15:13-14

13 Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.

14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions."



Genesis 15:18

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land...."

- Genesis 15: God makes a covenant with Abraham... before the birth of Isaac.
- Genesis 16: This chapter recounts the story of Hagar, Sarah's maidservant, and the birth of Ishmael (10 years later...).
- Genesis 17: This chapter describes the formal establishment of the covenant, where God changes Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah (14 years later... 24 years in total).



Abraham was 75 years old when he received the initial promise...

99 years old when the covenant of circumcision was established in Genesis 17.



Abraham and the COVENANT of Circumcision





Genesis 17:1-5

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.



Genesis 17:6-8

6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."



Genesis 17:9-11

9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.



Genesis 17:12-14

12 For the generations to come, every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.

13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.

14 Any uncircumcised male who has not been circumcised in the flesh will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.

Ex 4: Moses Returns to Egypt...

But see what happens before we come there...





Exodus 4:21

21 The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do..."



Exodus 4:24-26

24 At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him.

25 But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin, and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said.

26 So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)



Joshua 5:2-7

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again."

3 So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

4 Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt.

5 All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not.

6 The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the LORD. For the LORD had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way.

Time for a break



Chapter 22: The Sacrifice of Isaac





Genesis 22:2 + 8

2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.



Genesis 22:10-13

10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

13 Abraham looked up, and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son



2 Chronicles 3:1

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David.

THE PAST ALL POINTS TO THE FUTURE

- Abraham was asked to sacrifice his only son, whom he loved, on Mount Moriah. Later, God did exactly that when He sacrifice His only begotten Son, whom He loved, on the same mountain.
- David's son Solomon was asked to build a house for God on Mount Moriah. But as we know, God does not dwell in houses built by human hands. Instead, Jesus, as the Son of David, built God a temple of living stones: you and me.



THE PAST ALL POINTS TO THE FUTURE

- One day, Christ will return to that same mountain and establish God's kingdom, as was promised to King David.
- And after the thousand years of reign on the throne of David, God will create a new heaven and a new earth, where the heavenly Jerusalem will come down from heaven.





The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob





Genesis 26:23-25

23 From there he went up to Beersheba.

24 That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the **LORD**. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.



Acts 3:13

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

Let's Move To The New Testament



THE NEW Heaven and the NEW Earth





Revelations 21:1-2

1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



John 14:1-4

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

4 You know the way to the place where I am going."



Hebrews 11:13-16

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.



Hebrews 11:15-16

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 Instead, they were longing for a better country - a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Do you see yourself as foreigners and strangers here on earth, or do you live as if this is your only home and that this life is all there is?

Don't you know that there is a better country for us?

A heavenly one where righteousness dwells.

Jesus has prepared a place for us, and one day He will come back, and we will finally be home where we belong.



The land we see is given to Abraham and his children, the Jews...

But there is a heavenly one given to those who are the children of Abraham BY faith...

Jews and Gentiles, those who belong to Christ.





Matthew 1:1

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:



Galatians 3:16

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.



Galatians 3:26-29

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

New Covenant Circumcision

Like the covenant to Abraham, so is the new covenant by Christ.





Romans 2:28-29

28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.



Colossians 1:12-14

12 ... giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



Colossians 2:11-13

11 In him, you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ,

12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

In Him, you are circumcised when you got baptized into Him,
putting off the flesh.

The covenant of circumcision is an **EVERLASTING COVENANT**.
This has not changed.

BUT it all points to CHRIST.

In HIM, we are now CIRCUMCISION, not by human hands,
but by CHRIST HIMSELF.





Colossians 2:16-17

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.



John 8:56 (NIV)

"Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

Jesus is explaining that Abraham had a prophetic vision of the coming Messiah and the salvation that would be brought through Him.

Some only look at that as referring to His first coming. However, what God promised Abraham was **NOT fulfilled at His first coming.**

"Seeing my day" is also referring to the **second coming of Christ** and the fulfillment of God's promises, **where God's promise to Abraham and his descendants is finally fulfilled.** It all points forward to the Day of the Lord, when everything will be fulfilled.





Matthew 24:30-31

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

ABRAHAM OUR FATHER

God found Abraham and gave a promise to him and his seed. He promised to bless him, make him a great nation, and that He would be their God and they His people.

THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION

The covenant of circumcision that God gave to Abraham is an everlasting covenant, and that has not changed. To keep the covenant, every man needs to be circumcised in their foreskin.



SHADOW OF A HEAVENLY FUTURE

This all points to a heavenly country and a heavenly Jerusalem, where our circumcision is not done by human hands, but we are circumcised by Christ Himself, by the Spirit, as we are baptized into Christ, and there is the putting off of the flesh (not only the foreskin but for the whole body).



IN CHRIST, WE BECOME HEIRS

This makes us Gentiles, who were once far away, come near in Christ, and we who are in Christ are the seed of Abraham and heirs to the promises. We are now God's chosen people, exiles and strangers here on earth, seeking a heavenly country where righteousness will dwell.



ONE DAY IT WILL BE A REALITY

The fulfillment of the promise to Abraham did not occur at the Cross. But it is something we look forward to and will happen on that day, the Day of the Lord, when Christ returns and we will see everything God promised to Abraham come to pass—something Abraham and we all long to see.



COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

- Promise to Abraham and his seed
- Abraham's children, Isaac and Jacob
- Circumcision as the sign, done with the human hand.
- Circumcision cutting of the foreskin (Uncleanness)
- God's chosen people (Israel)
- Exiles and foreigners on earth
- Heirs to the promise looking for the promised land.



NEW COVENANT BY CHRIST

- Promise to Abraham and his seed (Christ)
- We are now Abraham's children through faith in Christ
- Baptized into Christ (our Circumcision) as the sign done by Christ.
- Baptism puts off the whole flesh that is ruled by sin and death. (uncleanness)
- Now a new creation and God's chosen people together with Israel
- We are now exiles and foreigners, as we are in this world but not part of this world
- Heirs to the promise looking for a heavenly country and a new Jerusalem.



