

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Abrahamic Covenant (pt 2)  
(Genesis 17)

## The Kingdom God

1. The Kingdom Modeled
  - Gen. 1-2: Adam and Eve in Eden
2. The Kingdom Lost
  - Gen. 3-11: Sin, alienation, judgment
3. The Kingdom Promised
  - Gen. 12ff: Abrahamic Covenant

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Part One: Covenant Inaugurated

#### 1. Specific Promises

- Abram will have a natural child and innumerable descendants
- Abram's descendants will possess the land of Canaan

#### 2. God Himself "cuts" a covenant

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Part Two: Covenant Ratified

- Abram is 99 yrs. old – ensures that only God (El Shaddai) can accomplish this promise
- Not a different covenant – expansion and establishment of the covenant

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Part Two: Covenant Ratified

#### 1. Expanded Promises

- A) Father of a multitude of nations
  - name changed to "Abraham"
  - Sarai's name changed to "Sarah"

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Part Two: Covenant Ratified

#### 1. Expanded Promises

#### B) Everlasting Covenant

- covenant is also with Abraham's seed
- the land is an "everlasting possession"
- the heart of the covenant is that God would be their God

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### Part Two: Covenant Ratified

#### 2. Abraham's Obligation

- *Keep the Covenant:* Circumcision
  - it is a sign of one's covenant relationship to God (part of the covenant community)
  - it points to a spiritual reality – the need for purification and faith

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### Part Two: Covenant Ratified

#### 3. Promise for Sarah

- she would have a son the following year and name him Isaac ("laughter")
- through Isaac (not Ishmael) God will establish His everlasting covenant

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Application:

1. God's everlasting covenant is with Abraham and his seed
2. The promises to Abraham's seed include:
  - relationship to God
  - possession of the land

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Application:

- Can we be the seed of Abraham? Yes!*
- "father" of a multitude of nations
    - cannot be physical descendants
    - must include "Gentiles" (Romans 4:16-17)

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Application:

*How can we be the "seed" of Abraham?*  
(Galatians 3:15-29)

- the "seed" of Abraham is ultimately Christ, not the nation Israel
- the covenant promises are given to Christ and made certain by Him

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Application:

*How can we be the "seed" of Abraham?*  
(Galatians 3:15-29)

- if we belong to Christ through faith, then we are Abraham's seed
- the seed of Abraham are not physical descendants, but those who have the faith of Abraham

## **Abrahamic Covenant**

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### **Application:**

***Are we heirs of these promises? Yes!***

- **the eternal kingdom of God**
  - God will be our God
  - Canaan will be our eternal home – the New Earth/New Jerusalem