



## *Genesis 13-17*

Perfect — Problem — Promise — Plan — Promise — Patriarchs - Prophets

Easy memory Genesis timeline:

4000 - Creation  
2500 - Noah  
2000 - Abraham  
1500 - Moses

Author Moses: 1440 BC    Audience: Israelites post Exile

### *The Seed Promise*

First Gospel  
Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

13:4

Abram called on the name of the LORD.

*likro beshem YHVH* - in Hebrew.

Joel 2:32: And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

Romans 10:13: For "EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Notes on Wilderness: God's Heart for the World.

LOT notes:

**God's nature is to rescue and redeem at all costs.**

**God can protect the righteous even from their own mistakes.**

**Once on God's team, we are part of an eternal kingdom.**

**God does not choose favorites.**

**God is who He says He is.**

Then the Lord said to me, 'Do not attack Moab (**Moabites**), nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their lands as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession ...

When you come opposite the sons of Ammon (**Ammonites**), do not attack them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession. (Deuteronomy 2:9 and 19, emphasis mine

Melchizedek note: King of Righteousness

Hebrews 7

He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. **3** He is without father or mother or genealogy, having

neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

Jesus as King and Priest - this is who He is.

The Israelites could not conceptualize the possibility of being both King and Priest. Melchizedek's life demonstrates that the King of Righteousness can occupy both places at once.

Sandals:

God shows Abram the Stars:

1. Stars are reliable and consistent. Still today, shepherds and herders use stars over GPS.
2. Stars guide people's lives.
3. The culture looked at stars for direction.
4. Stars reveal God's glory.
5. Stars are each unique.
6. The stars are not clustered in one area but spread out to light the entire world.
7. Each star is unique in its attributes and named by God Himself (Psalm 147:4).

Key Memory Verse
Genesis 15:6 - Then he believed in the Lord, and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

First Mention: Believe

First mention Believe:

First Mention: Righteous by Faith  
Righteous and Blameless was Noah  
Genesis 6:9

Root of Baptism  
Abraham and his entourage cross the Euphrates  
Leaving many gods for One God.  
Hebrew means: one who crossed over or passed through

Of note: Look at Abraham's faith here - just the surface. He has faith even though he has not seen the results (a child).

How different is that of a faith that is result-driven?

Key Abrahamic Lesson

Abram loved God for being God  
Abram's most significant prize was God Himself.

First mention Righteous - was Noah

The roots of Righteousness are one man (Noah) going against culture in obedient actions.  
Abraham - is where righteousness is tied to faith alone.

Covenant notes:

The Hebrew word for covenant is בְּרִית (berit), which refers to a sacred, binding agreement between parties, often involving God and His people, and can also describe agreements between people or other entities. The term is rooted in the idea of a "cutting" or a solemn, formal arrangement, with the phrase "to make a covenant" literally meaning "to cut a covenant" in the Hebrew Bible.

Blood oaths: blood was used to demonstrate the seriousness of a covenant, and the sacrifice of blood (which symbolized life) gave a binding effect to these critical covenants.

The name El Shaddai is used in the context of this covenant, meaning "God Almighty," referring to the mountain, children, and nation.

### ***Messiah Moment***

1. God Himself signs the covenant alone.
2. Abram (representing all humans) and his descendants are not exposed to any part of the penalty for disobedience.
3. No human works, death, or blood can be payment **at all** for this covenant.
4. If Abraham breaks the covenant by being disobedient, a deity must die for the payment of this covenant.

"For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He swore by Himself..." (Hebrews 6:13).

God's Signature: Cloud and Fire

So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a **thick cloud** over the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai *was* all in smoke because the Lord descended upon

it in fire, and its smoke ascended like the **smoke of a furnace**, and the entire mountain quaked violently. When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with thunder (Exodus 19:16-20, emphasis mine).

New Testament Fire and Cloud examples:

Key Truth:

Our big callings in life will be fulfilled through God's power. Miracle after miracle  
And step by obedient step.

When Abram is in his frozen state, God tells him about his future descendants being slaves and oppressed for 400 years. Interestingly, the Rabbis start the clock here for the 400 years.

Scholars feel the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt for between 230 and 260 years.

What minimally does Abram understand about this portion:

1. Abram will not live long enough to possess the land.
2. Abram will not see his descendants possess the land.
3. His descendants will be sojourners and enslaved for 400 years.
4. The Amorites (Ham's descendants) are not due for judgment until God says so.

God's desire for the world is repentance.

The timing of God's judgments is His decision.

Hagar Notes:

King Ur-Nammu's law code.

The Angel of the Lord notes: Malak-Yahweh

Exodus 23:20-23 “My name is in him.”

In this case, the Angel of the Lord has to be Christ as He makes a covenant. Also, the angel of the Lord is credited for bringing them out of Egypt. Something God credits Himself with later.

#### **Judges 2:1-4**

1 Now the angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you, 2 and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? 3 So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.” 4 As soon as the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.

The Angel of the Lord:

1. His name is incomprehensible, Judges 13. In the Bible, a name is the same as a person’s nature or character, so only a divine person has a name beyond comprehension.
2. He is omnipresent, Psalm 34:7.
3. He forgives sins, Exodus 23 and Zechariah 3.
4. He multiplies offspring, Genesis 16:10.

King Ur-Nammu's law code.

John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Reminder: Switching to poetry told the original audience, "this is something big."

"Behold, you are pregnant  
and shall bear a son.  
You shall call his name Ishmael,<sup>[a]</sup>  
because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

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He shall be a wild donkey of a man,  
His hand against everyone  
and everyone's hand against him,  
And he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

Notes on Ishmael: (God Hears)

Pere = (pear-eh) - Ishmael will be a free Nomad.

Paw-need - to the east, against, and upon



First Mention - and Only Mention - God getting a new Name. El Roi
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Hagar is the only person to give God a New name, and she names a place.

Covenant - continued from Chapters 12 and 15.

This looks repetitive, but in each of the 8 places, God brings more clarification.

This includes the sign of the covenant.

Ch. 17 contains all of the Patriarchal promises of heir, descendants, land, nations, and blessing, all of which appear in this one chapter.

It contains two commands: 1. Live uprightly, 2. Be circumcised.

Who is circumcised?

1. All male babies.
2. All male servants who were born in the house.
3. All male servants who were bought with money.

Read 17:14

If you do not circumcise, you have broken My covenant.

Everlasting covenant?

- The covenant is Everlasting.
- The sign of circumcision on the foreskin of male descendants will change under the New Covenant.
- The circumcision will take place on the hearts of all believers by the Holy Spirit.

The sign of the New Covenant? - Communion Luke 22:20

### Jeremiah 31

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt**, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. **33** "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **34** They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember."

Deut 30:6, Jer 31:33 - heart change is the goal of God.

### Ezekiel 11:19

And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

### *Key Biblical Theme*

Free Will

Circumcision did not make them part of the covenant (faith did), but to reject circumcision is to reject God's covenant.