

THE COVENANT CONFIRMED  
(Genesis 15:1-21)

- I. A General ASSURANCE (Gen. 15:1)
  - A. The TIME--“After THESE THINGS”
    - 1. Achieving VICTORY over the ARMIES of Chedorlaomer
    - 2. Receiving BLESSING from Melchizedek
    - 3. Paying TITHES to Melchizedek
    - 4. Refusing REWARD from SODOM
  - B. The MANNER
    - 1. Received “The WORD of the LORD”
    - 2. Received a VISION while AWAKE and ACTIVE
  - C. The MESSAGE
    - 1. CALLED Abram by NAME
    - 2. CAUTIONED Abram against FEAR
    - 3. ASSURED him of SECURITY
- II. A Particular PROMISE (Gen. 15:2-11)
  - A. Includes numerous OFFSPRING (15:2-6)
    - 1. Would have HIS OWN SEED

2. Would be RECEIVED by FAITH (cf. Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; Jms. 2:23)
    - a. Noah: GRACE, then righteousness (6:8-9), emphasis on GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
    - b. Abram: FAITH, then righteousness, emphasis on MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY (cf. Eph. 2:8-9; Jn. 6:37)
  - B. Includes the LAND of Canaan (15:7-11)
    1. Promised as a POSSESSION
    2. Commanded a SACRIFICE
- III. The COVENANT of God (Gen. 15:12-21)
- A. A detailed PROPHECY (15:12-16)
    1. AFFLICTION of Abram's seed
    2. JUDGMENT of ENEMIES of Abram's seed
    3. DELIVERANCE of Abram's seed from BONDAGE
    4. SETTLEMENT of Abram's seed in the LAND
  - B. Based on God's AUTHORITY (15:17)
    1. God is the BENEFactor (cf. Exo. 13:21)
      - a. "SMOKING oven" depicts God's righteous WRATH
      - b. "FLAMING torch" depicts God's gracious GUIDANCE
    2. Abram is the BENEFICIARY
  - C. Repeated for CLARITY and EMPHASIS (15:18-21)