

# **COVENANT OF PROSPERITY**

# 1. Reason for Abraham's covenant

- Adam lost his blessing when he chose to serve a new God
- The result was poverty and hardship
- God is the God of abundance
- God never changes Jam 1:17
- God had to find another way to bring the blessing back and thus made a covenant with Abraham

## 2. Abrahamic covenant

- God established a covenant with Abraham Gen 17:1-9
- Make nations of you Gen 17:6
- It was everlasting Gen 17:7
- Promise of land Gen 17:8

## 3. 7 things promised to Abraham Gen 12:2-3

- Make you a great nation
- Bless you
- Make your name great
- You shall be a blessing
- Bless those who bless you
- Curse those who curse you
- In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

# 4. The seed of Abraham

- Isaac was blessed because of Abraham Gen 26:24
- Became very wealthy -Gen26:13-14
- Jacob was blessed and became very wealthy Gen 30:43
- Even if cheated the covenant worked Gen 31:7-12
- He recognised it was God who blessed Him Gen 33:11
- Joseph Even in prison the Blessing of Abraham worked Gen 39:21-23
- He was set over all Egypt Gen 41:42-43
- Moses God moved and blessed Moses to fulfill the promise Ex 2:24

# 5. All inclusive promise

- Gods dealings with these men were the result of the promise He made to establish the covenant of BLESSING with Abraham and his seed in their generations
- That BLESSING included everything that had to do with their physical, material and financial needs
- Healing was included in the BLESSING
- Success and an exceeding financial blessing was included in the BLESSING
- If Abraham's seed in their generations were obedient to the covenant, they walked in THE BLESSING of Abraham. If they were disobedient, they walked in the curse of the law
- God's warning in Deut 8: 17-18 is very clear and the following is learnt from this
  - God has given covenant men the power to get wealth.
  - Prosperity, even wealth, is necessary to establish the covenant.
  - In order for God to fulfill what He promised Abraham, He must be allowed to prosper Abraham's descendants as it is this day-as though today were the day He made the promise.

# 6. How does this impact us?

- The old covenant only met mans physical and material needs Gen 25:8, 35:29
- The new covenant does not replace but fulfill the old Mt 5:17
- Jesus fulfilled the Abrahamic covenant by adding the spiritual salvation Heb 8:6
- Jesus made us heirs to the promise of BLESSING Gal 3:29
- The blessing is ours if we obey
- Circumstances can't stop THE BLESSING if we obey
- We now have the complete package spirit, soul and body

## 7. You have inherited it all

God not only promised it us but made a oath – Heb 6:13-14, 17-19

## 8. How to activate THE BLESSING

- Do what Abraham did
- Abraham did not look at His circumstances but kept his eyes on the promise – Rom 4:18

- Believe God when there is no hope Rom 4: 19-21
- THE BLESSING of Abraham only starts to operate when we believe God's Word – Rom 5:2
- Faith gives us access to the favour and grace of God and it gives God access to our lives
- Now read the Bible as a will left to you by your forefathers

# THE SIXTY PROMISES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

#### **Genesis 12:1-3**

- 1. I will show thee a land (v.1)
- 2. I will make of thee a great nation (v.2).
- 3. I will bless thee (v.2).
- 4. I will make thy name great (v.2).
- 5. Thou shalt be a blessing (v.2).
- 6. I will bless them that bless thee (v.3).
- 7. I will curse them that curse thee (v.3).
- 8. In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (or bless themselves) (v.3).

#### Genesis 13:15-17

- 9. All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it...forever (v.15).
- 10. I will also give the land to thy seed forever (v.15).
- 11. I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (v.16).
- 12. Walk through the land...for I will give it unto thee (v.17).

#### Genesis 15:1-21

- 13. I am thy shield (v.1).
- 14. I am thy exceedingly great reward (v.1).
- 15. He that shall come forth out of thine own loins shall be thine heir (v.4).
- 16. Abraham believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness (v.6).
- 17. Thy seed shall be as the stars of heaven (v.5).
- 18. I am the Lord who brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees to give thee this land to inherit it (v.7).
- 19. Thy seed shall be in bondage (in Egypt) for 400 years (v.13).
- 20. That nation whom they shall serve (Egypt) will I judge (v.14).
- 21. Afterward, I will bring them out (of Egypt) with great substance (v.14).
- 22. Thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace (v.15).
- 23. Thou shalt be buried in a good old age (v.15).
- 24. In the fourth generation, they (thy seed) shall come here again (v.16).
- 25. Unto thy seed have I given this land (v.18).
- 26. In my covenant with you, I will set the River of Egypt and the great Euphrates River as the boundaries of the promised land (v.18).

### Genesis 17:1-22

- 27. I will make my covenant between me and thee (Abraham) (v.2).
- 28. I will multiply thee exceedingly (v.2).
- 29. My covenant is with thee (v.4).
- 30. Thou shalt be a father of many nations (v.4).
- 31. Thy name shall be called Abraham rather than Abram (v.5).

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- 32. I will make thee exceedingly fruitful (v.6).
- 33. I will make nations of thee (v.6).
- 34. Kings shall come out of thee (v.6).
- 35. The covenant between God, Abraham, and his seed in their generations coming after Abraham is an everlasting covenant (v.7).
- 36. I will be a God unto thee (v.7).
- 37. I will be a God unto thy seed after thee (v.7).
- 38. I will give all the land of Canaan to you and to your seed as an everlasting possession (v.8).
- 39. And I will be their (thy seed's) God (v.8).
- 40. Circumcision is the seal of the covenant for both Abraham and his male children (vv.9-14).
- 41. Sarai's name shall be changed to Sarah (v. 15).
- 42. I will bless Sarah (v.16).
- 43. I will give thee a son of Sarah (v.16).
- 44. I will bless her (v.16).
- 45. Sarah will be a mother of nations (v.16).
- 46. Kings of people shall be of Sarah (v.16).
- 47. Sarah's son shall be named Isaac (v 19).
- 48. I will establish my covenant with Isaac for an everlasting covenant (v.19).
- 49. I will establish my covenant with Isaac's seed after him for an everlasting covenant (v.19).
- 50. I have blessed Ishmael (v.20).
- 51. I will make Ishmael fruitful (v.20).
- 52. I will multiply Ishmael exceedingly (v.20).
- 53. Twelve princes shall Ishmael beget (v.20).
- 54. I will make Ishmael a great nation (v.20).
- 55. But, my covenant will I establish with Isaac (v.21).

#### Genesis 22:16-18

- 56. God guaranteed the covenant with his oath, saying, "By Myself have I sworn..." (v.16).
- 57. In blessing I will bless thee... (v.17).
- 58. In multiplying, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is upon the sea shore (v.17).
- 59. Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (v.17).
- 60. In thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed (v.18).

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