

The Major Seven



Study #2

Genesis 15

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Introduction

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In this chapter, we learn about Abram (God later changes his name to Abraham, meaning “father of many/multitude” in Hebrew), the man whose faith becomes the prototype for every believer who follows.

Before there was the nation of Israel, the Ten Commandments or even the Law, there was Abraham and his faith. He demonstrates obedience and sacrificial service.

But why is one man and his faith so important?

The Passage

Genesis 15 Breakdown		
Verse(s)	Summary	Details
1	God speaks to Abram in a vision (4 th Visit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God tells Abram not to be afraid• God will be his shield and great reward
2-3	Abram expresses doubt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abram is concerned that he has no offspring• Abram acknowledges that God has blessed him greatly, but there is one thing Abram wants more than anything
4-5	God responds to Abram’s concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abram will have an heir that would be his own flesh and blood• In fact, his descendants will be like the stars in the sky
6	Abram responds in faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the clearest declarations of salvation by grace, through faith

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central truth of the chapter
7-8	Abram questions God again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God promises the land as an inheritance • Abram asks how he will know when it is his
9-11	God prepares a covenant with Abram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals are brought, cut in two and laid opposite each other • A covenant was a binding agreement between parties (A greater to a lesser)
12-21	The covenant is established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the covenant with Abraham is the prophetic timeline of Abram's descendants • God predicts the 400-year slavery of Abram's descendants • God, appearing as a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, ratifies the covenant

The Lessons – Why is this an important chapter to know and understand?

- Genesis is a book of origins, but most think of it as just the origins of the known universe. The book recounts the origins of so much more. It also conveys the origins of...
 - Sin
 - Worship
 - Belief
 - The Nations
 - The Patriarchs
 - The Covenants/Promise/Gospel
 - Israel
 - And more....

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