

In The Beginning

The Abrahamic Covenant

God's 7 fold covenant with Abraham ...Gen.12:1-3

What are your comments on 12:1 in view of 12:4? Josh. 24:2; Neh.9:5-8; Acts 7:2-5

Abram was 70 when the Lord tells him to leave. His father was an idolator. Canaan was ??

Is there any indication Abram had done anything to merit this blessing? 11:27-32

Not really. God simply chose Abram. It's God's unmerited favor, that is grace...

What is Abram's response to this command from God? 12:4 cp. 15:6

He packs up and leaves. Takes Lot with him, and of course Sarai, his wife.

What must not be overlooked in this first command and Abram's obedience? Heb.11:8

This is a clear sign of his faith. He left, not knowing where he was going. He believed God.

What is blessing #1? 12:1; 13:14 What was he giving up to follow the Lord?

God promises to show (give) him a land. That land extends beyond present day Israel.

What is blessing #2? 12:2 46:1-3 What was he giving up to follow the Lord?

God promises to make of Abram a great nation. That nation is Israel.

What is blessing #3? 12:2 Do you think Abram understood what this would mean?

God promises to bless Abram, personally. Even today, Abraham is greatly revered.

What is blessing #4? 12:2 What great "religions" claim Abraham as "father" today?

HE will make the name of Abram great. Today literally millions look to Abraham...

What is blessing #5? 12:2 17:15-17 Prov. 16:7

HE would make Abram a blessing (to others). Sarah was blessed through him. And Lot...

What is blessing #6? 12:3; Nu.24:8-9

HE would bless those who blessed Abram, and curse those who cursed Abram. Shield!

And what is blessing #7? 12:3; Rom.3:2; Mt.12:50

Through Abram God would bless all the families of the earth! Wow!

Throughout the OT we can see the fulfillment of #1-6. Where do we see #7? Gal.3:8-14

In the NT. Here we see Christ, Messiah, coming out of Israel to bring salvation to ALL.

Discussion: Out of all 7 blessings, which one seems the greatest? Why? Why Abram?

Abram begins his obedient travel ...Gen.12:4-9

What does 12:5 indicate about Abram and God's promises already? #3

God has blessed Abram with great wealth and possessions. Abram is a powerful man.

What is now clarified in verses 5-7? 12:1 Comment?

God now identifies the specific land Abram would inherit. Note the Canaanites...
