

"The Abrahamic Covenant"
Will Iran Destroy Israel?
Gen. 12:1-3
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TT- This passage is the foremost passage on what is called the "Abrahamic Covenant." Beginning here God centers his attention on one man and his family.

God turns from a rebellious people at the tower of Babel to a chosen people from whom he would bring the Messiah and Savior (Gen. 12-50).

Let me share some observations about this Covenant:

1. This is an unconditional Covenant to a certain person, Abram and his descendants. Abram means "exalted father" and his name was changed to Abraham in 17:5 "Father of many nations.

2. The Jews failed to enter the land due to disobedience but will ultimately possess the land in the millennial kingdom (Rom. 11:1-27; Rev. 20). "All Israel will be saved" at his second coming when they realize they crucified the Messiah (Zech.12-14).

3. This covenant is actually made in Gen. 15:18-21.

4. This covenant is reaffirmed to Abram in Gen. 17:1-21. It is made to Isaac (26:2-5) and Jacob (28:10-17).

5. This is a everlasting covenant Gen. 17:7-8, "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (9) And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations."

The promises have never been set aside and go into eternity.

6. This covenant is different than the Davidic Covenant in 2 Sam. 7:16.

7. This Covenant is important spiritually to believers.

There are 7 other covenants- Eden, Adam, Noah, Moses, Palestinian, David, and new covenant (Heb. 8:8). These tell how God deals with his people in different dispensations or ages. We are the spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:29).

Gal. 3:7-8 "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham (8) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."

8. This Covenant contains four elements:

(1). Seed where it refers to Israel and Christ.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

(2). Land (Gen. 15:18), "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"

(3). Nation (Gen. 12:2)

Gen. 17:4, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations (Ishmael, Keturah, Arabs).

Abram's name was great and God blessed him materially, spiritually, and socially.

(4). Divine blessing (Gen. 12:3).

God will judge those who mistreat Israel and bless those who bless Israel (now, Armageddon, and Judgment of the nations).

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1. Abram was saved by faith in God's revealed word and demonstrated that faith by his works (Gen.12:4-9; 21: Isaac).

2. The promises to Abraham and his descendants was unconditional and God's calling and gifts are irrevocable (without repentance- Romans 11:29).

3. God has promised you heaven if you come by the way of Jesus demonstrating the reality of your repentance and faith.

John 10:27-29, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

4. You don't keep yourself saved, He keeps you and loses none. You can't believe your saved by grace and kept by works. If you doubt these things please read John 17:1-26

Let me ask you, "Will Iran or any other nation destroy Israel?"

NO!