



The Second Abrahamic Covenant

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 17: 1-8

Hebrews 11: 8-16

INTRODUCTION

- **In order to accurately understand the three covenants in Scripture that God made for the benefit of the Church, we as NT grace believers must understand WHAT covenants were made with Abraham and his offspring, Israel, and HOW these covenants came into being.**

IMPORTANT: SIMILARITIES AND DISTINCTIONS

From Genesis 15-22 we can see 4 distinct covenants that God made with Abraham. Though there are some SIMILARITIES between these covenants, there are DISTINCT DIFFERENCES:

- **They were made at different times**
- **They contained different content**

The Time of the 2nd Abrahamic Covenant

Abram was 75 when he left Haran (Gen 12:4)

Abram was 86 when Ishmael was born (Gen 16:16)

- The 1st covenant was made sometime between 80-86 yrs of age

Abram was 99 when God made a 2nd covenant with Abram (Gen 17:2,4,7)

The Content of the 2nd Covenant

• Personal promise to Abram

- **God will multiply Abram's seed exceedingly**
 - Gen 17:2, 6a (repeated twice)
 - The promise of Gen 12:7, 13:16, 15:5 now made a covenant ("super-promise")
- **Abram will be a father of many nations and kings**
 - Gen 17:5, 6 (repeated twice)
 - His name is change to Abraham
 - Abram's nations and kings through
 - **Hagar** (Ishmael) | Gen 16:1-6
 - **Keturah** | Gen 25:1-6
 - **Sarah** (Isaac, Jacob and Esau) | Gen 21:1-34

The Content of the 2nd Covenant (continued)

• Personal promise to Abram (continued)

• This covenant will be established (Gen 17:7-8)

- To Abram's seed (not all his seed!)
- As an eternal covenant

• God would be the God of Abram and his seed eternally

- This would be the only covenant of Abram's believing descendants

• God would give Abram and his believing seed a land for eternity

- The land of Canaan (Gen 17:8, cf Ps 105:11)
 - Not of the land of Canaanites (Gen 15:21)
- This land of Canaan is larger than the land promised in Gen 15:18-21
 - The promise to be heir of a world (cf Rom 4:13)
 - Abraham's search for land he & his selective seed would inherit (Heb 11:8-16)

CONCLUSION:

The Church receives it's promised future dwelling place - Heb 12: 22-23

BEFORE Abraham and Israel receive their future dwelling place - Heb 11: 39-40