ETERNALLY BLESSED IN ABRAHAM'S SINGULAR SEED: CHRIST

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 22:1-18



- God promised Abraham 6x that He would give him offspring (from age 75-99)
 - This promised son would come from Abraham <u>and</u> Sarah
 - Abraham believed that God would fulfill His promise in Genesis 15:1-6





Sarah believed this promise after

- Attempting a substitute
 - •Gen 16
- Doubting and laughing at God's promise
 Gen 18:10-15
- Finally, Sarah gives birth to Isaac when she is 90 yrs old and Abraham is 100 yrs old
 Gen 21:1-8



- About 25 yrs later, God tells Abraham to sacrifice his beloved and only son
 - Gen 21:1-3
 - Heb 11:17-19 gives us a commentary on Abraham's reasoning for obeying God's request
- Based on Abraham's obedience, God proceeded to make a 4th covenant with Abraham (Gen 22:15-18)



IDENTIFICATION OF THIS COVENANT

A covenant by means of swearing of an oath

Called a covenant – Lk 1:68-74

An unconditional covenant – Gen 22:16

Only the Lord swore this oath
Abraham was obedient apart from any offer of a promise

THE CONTENT OF THIS COVENANT

A singular Seed ("thy Seed shall possess the gates of <u>his</u> enemies" - Gen 22:17)

This singular Seed would be multiplied – Gen 22:17

All nations of the earth would be blessed in this singular Seed - Gen 22:18

This singular Seed is Christ! - Gal 3:16

ABRAHAM'S UNDERSTANDING OF THIS COVENANT

He heard it - Gen 22:15-18

He "saw" it - Jn 8:56

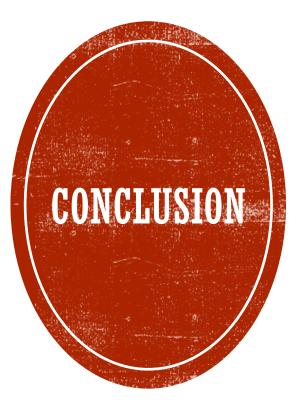
He believed that God would eventually bring about this promised Seed - Heb 11:8-14

THE RESULT OF THIS COVENANT

A multitude of individuals out of all nations would be declared righteous through faith - in the gospel for salvation - I Cor 15:3-4, Gal 3:8

This multitude of believers would be baptized (placed) into Christ by the Holy Spirit - I Cor 12:13

All who are baptized into Christ are then seen as <u>Abraham's seed</u> - Gal 3::26-29



Based on Abraham's obedience in offering his son, God covenanted to him a <u>singular</u> <u>Seed</u>, who would bless all nations through personal faith in the gospel of salvation

All believers <u>since Pentecost</u> have been positionally placed <u>into</u> Christ, and are seated <u>in</u> Christ, in the heavenlies

Eph 2:4-6