

## Journey Church

### Seeing Jesus in Genesis (The Covenant Seed of Abraham)

**Cultivate Good Relationships!** “Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” (Rom 14.1 MSG)

#### 1. (Genesis 12:3, 13:2)

- a. (KJV) Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed...And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.
- b. (AMPC) NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses *or* uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families *and* kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]...Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold.
- c. (MSG) GOD told Abram: “Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you. I’ll make you a great nation and bless you. I’ll make you famous; you’ll be a blessing. I’ll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I’ll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you.” ...By now Abram was very rich, loaded with cattle and silver and gold.

#### 2. (Gen 22:17-18)

- a. (KJV) that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
- b. (AMPC) In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies, And in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed *and* [by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard *and* obeyed My voice.
- c. (MSG) I’ll bless you—oh, how I’ll bless you! And I’ll make sure that your children flourish—like stars in the sky! like sand on the beaches! And your

**Commented [BC1]:** The Abrahamic promise belongs to Christians: A great nation, given THE BLESSING, great and distinguished names, be a Blessing to others

**Commented [BC2]:** THE BLESSING is a supernatural empowerment to prosper that was on Adam in the garden to replenish the earth, subdue it and make it fruitful

**Commented [BC3]:** All nations Blessed= 1) Jesus’ salvation for all mankind 2) We follow Abraham’s life of faith 3) The Blessing empowerment is ours

**Commented [BC4]:** God needs His glory to be seen on you= FAMOUS!

**Commented [BC5]:** The “descendants” of Abraham: Arabs (Ishmael), Jews (Isaac) and the people of Faith in Christ

**Commented [BC6]:** The gates of Hell (chains that bind & imprison people) cannot prevent Jesus from delivering !

descendants will defeat their enemies. All nations on Earth will find themselves blessed through your descendants because you obeyed me.”

3. (Gal 3:7-8,16)

- a. (KJV) Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 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. 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.
- b. (TPT) So the true children of Abraham have the same faith as their father! And the Scripture prophesied that on the basis of faith God would declare gentiles to be righteous. God announced the good news ahead of time to Abraham: “Through your example of faith, all the nations will be blessed!” Remember the royal proclamation God spoke over Abraham and to Abraham’s child? God said that his promises were made to pass on to Abraham’s “Child,” not children. And who is this “Child?” It’s *the Son of promise*, Christ himself!
- c. (AMPC) Know *and* understand that it is [really] the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed. Now the promises (covenants, agreements) were decreed *and* made to Abraham and his Seed (his Offspring, his Heir). He [God] does not say, And to seeds (descendants, heirs), as if referring to many persons, but, And to your Seed (your Descendant, your Heir), obviously referring to one individual, Who is [none other than] Christ (the Messiah).
- d. (MSG) Is it not obvious to you that persons who put their trust in Christ (not persons who put their trust in the law!) are like Abraham: children of faith? It was all laid out beforehand in Scripture that God would set things right with non-Jews by *faith*. Scripture anticipated this in the promise to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed in you.” Now, the promises were made to Abraham and to his descendant. You will observe that Scripture, in the careful language of a legal document, does not say “to descendants,” referring to everybody in general, but “to your descendant” (the noun, note, is singular), referring to Christ.

**Commented [BC7]:** God recognizes those in Christ as the true “Children of Abraham” (from every nation, tribe & creed)

**Commented [BC8]:** The Good News of The Savior was told to Abraham

**Commented [BC9]:** Gentiles= “outside the covenant of God”, are now allowed access through the Messiah

**Commented [BC10]:** This was a COVENANT God made ensuring Jesus would enter the earth. HE IS THE SEED

**Commented [BC11]:** Faith in God’s sacrifice (JESUS) was always in the plan for every nation, tribe and people

**Commented [BC12]:** We are IN CHRIST. We are in union and communion with HIM, so we GET ALL THE PROMISES, COVENANTS & AGREEMENTS

**Commented [BC13]:** The just LIVE BY FAITH. We cannot be pleasing to God without FAITH. We are FAITH children who follow the FAITH book of covenant

## Kingdom Stewardship

(Deuteronomy 8:18)

(KJV) But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

(ERV) Don't ever say to yourself, 'I got all this wealth by my own power and ability.' Remember the LORD your God is the one who gives you power to do these things. He does this because he wants to keep the agreement that he made with your ancestors, as he is doing today!

(MSG) If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"—well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today.

**Commented [BC14]:** The creative ability to produce wealth by faith comes from God as a gift.

**Commented [BC15]:** "Self-accomplishment" in finances is deception. GOD IS THE SOURCE, people/business are the channel.

**Commented [BC16]:** The covenant promises (Gen 12 & 22) to Abraham are still in effect today. God is still honoring His word. We are joint-owners of the Kingdom of God!

**Commented [BC17]:** The world tries to meet its needs without THE BLESSING. "I make a living", "I make deals"...

**Commented [BC18]:** The reason for WEALTH & PROSPERITY is to keep the Word of God funded, which is the source of faith in THE BLESSING