

## THE EPIC OF EDEN VIDEO STUDY

# Session 9—Abraham

### Abraham in Real Space and Time

The story of Abraham begins in the city of Ur.

Abraham leaves Ur, travels to Haran, and then into Canaan.

The Middle Bronze Age: 2000 BC to 1550 BC.

### Abraham's Covenant

#### 1) Genesis 12

**Stipulations:** “Go forth from your land and from your father's house . . .”

#### Promises

1. I will make you a great nation. (political entity)
2. I will bless you. (rich)
3. I will make your name great. (famous)
4. I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse you.
5. In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

#### 2) Genesis 15

**Stipulation:** To believe God.

#### Promises

1. An heir from “your own body.”
2. Descendants as numerous as the stars.
3. The land of Canaan will be given.

4. I am a shield to you, I am your very great reward.

*"O Lord, how may I know that I shall inherit it?"*

## 2) Genesis 15 (continued)

Covenant ceremony:

Theophany = an appearance of God in a physical form.

In a suzerain/vassal treaty, who is supposed to walk between the pieces of the animal? vassal (weaker party)

Who walked between the pieces of the animal here? Yahweh, the Almighty

What is God saying? May what happened to these animals happen to Me if I break covenant with you.

## 3) Genesis 17

Reaffirmation of the covenant, promises Isaac.

Name change: Abram (exalted father) → Abraham (father of a multitude)

Sarai (princess) → Sarah (princess)

Covenant sign circumcision

## Where does the Abrahamic covenant leave us?

The People = Isaac's children

The Place = Canaan

The Presence = "I am your very great reward."

Questions, comments, aha moments . . .

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