

DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

Lesson 5

PROMISE

Genesis 12-Exodus 18

Description: Lasting 430 years; includes the call of Abraham to the Law given at Mount Sinai; it is 10 generations from the flood; approx. 2090 BC;

- People are dispersed around the world—different languages and races;
 - If Chapter 10:25 means land or people were divided than that was 250-300 years before Abram.
 - Some people were godly i.e. Job (Job 42:16 He lived 140 years after, so his age was close to 200; Job 1:5 blood sacrifice required, Job 1:1 Good man)
 - Melchezidek was a priest of God Most High; what rules men...conscience, Holy Spirit & Human Government, they all approach God through blood sacrifice
- I. RULING FACTOR
- a. 1st...Approach God through blood sacrifice
 - b. 2nd...Allow your conscience to guide you
 - c. 3rd...Allows God's Spirit to influence you
 - d. 4th...Concede that Human Government will govern you
 - e. 5th...God's promise of great things to come should motivate you

God is now going to focus on an individual—Abram—God is going to make a nation out of him. God makes a promise to Abraham. The promise is to make a difference in the way he and his descendants will live.

THE PROMISE

Genesis 12:1-4

- Go forth to a land I will show you
- I will make a great nation of you
- Dwell in Canaan
- In you all the families of the world shall be blessed

Genesis 13:14-16 Land & descendants

Genesis 15:3-6 A son of your own

Genesis 17:3-8 Nation and land

Hebrews 6:13-15 The promise was key to having Abraham follow God *because of who God was*. When it looked impossible, Abraham believed because God's promise was based on God's character.

The sign that God made with Abraham was circumcision. Genesis 17:10 & 11—Remember I promised!

II. ABRAHAM'S RESPONSIBILITY & FAILURE

a. Abraham's Responsibility

- i. Believe
- ii. Circumcise males
- iii. Dwell in Canaan

b. Abraham's Failure

- i. Twice he lied about Sarah being his wife to save his own life (12:12 & 13)
- ii. He fathered a child through Hagar (father of Arabs—PROBLEMS!)

c. Descendant's Failure

- i. Dwelt in Egypt Genesis 46:6 & 50:22 They should have gone home

III. JUDGMENT & GRACE

a. Slavery in Egypt—Exodus 1:8-14

b. Grace of God—God sends Moses—Exodus 3:10