

Genesis 15:7-21 – The covenant of Yahweh with Abram

Yahweh officially seals His covenant with Abram in a surprising way.

Review of last week's lesson – Read Genesis 15:6 and Galatians 3:1-14

Briefly, according to Galatians 3:1-14, what does Paul teach about these two topics: the justification of the Gentiles and their reception of the promise of the Spirit?

Also according to Galatians 3:1-14, why is Genesis 15:6 important in these topics?

New lesson – Read Genesis 15:7-21

What does Yahweh announce in Genesis 15:7?

How does Abram respond in Genesis 15:8?

Notice that Abram's question is not motivated by doubt (that would be a contradiction of Genesis 15:6). Instead, he is looking for the legal evidence of his inheritance, just like any person would do to demonstrate that an inheritance belongs to him. Therefore, what does Yahweh command in Genesis 15:9?

Yahweh is going to "cut a covenant" with Abram. In other words, according to the customs of that time, He is going to enter a covenant with him, sealed and made evident by cutting animals in two. Therefore, what does Abram do in Genesis 15:10?

Notice that there is opposition to this covenant. What happens in Genesis 15:11?

What happens to Abram when Yahweh's presence comes near in Genesis 15:12?

What does Yahweh tell Abram in Genesis 15:13-14 about the future of his descendants?

And what will happen to Abram in the future according to Genesis 15:15?

Why won't his descendants inherit the land immediately according to Genesis 15:16?

What happens next in Genesis 15:17?

What does Genesis 15:18 say in summary of that day?

To whom did the land belong according to Genesis 15:19-21?

Many centuries later, what are some descendants of Abram going to declare in adoration before Yahweh in Nehemiah 9:6?

And in His sovereignty over the heavens and the earth, what did Yahweh do according to Nehemiah 9:7-8?

When Abram's descendants go through tribulations, they will remember the covenant in Genesis 15. Therefore, what will Yahweh tell them many years later in Isaiah 41:8?

What does Yahweh confirm to them in Isaiah 41:9, just as He did with Abram?

What does Yahweh confirm in Isaiah 41:10 in agreement with His covenant with Abram?

What security do they have in the covenant according to Isaiah 41:11?

According to Isaiah 41:12, what will they experience, even in fears of war?

How does Yahweh identify Himself in Isaiah 41:13, in agreement with the covenant with Abram?

In a time of national judgment, Micah prophesied of Yahweh's faithfulness to His covenant. What does he celebrate in Micah 7:18?

And because of Yahweh's covenant, what can he be certain of in Micah 7:19?

What does he announce beforehand in Micah 7:20?

Once again, how do we Gentiles participate in these promises according to Galatians 3:13-14?