

Genesis 15:7-21 **Inheriting the Promised Land**

7 "Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." 8 And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates-- 19 the Kenites, the Kenezites, and the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ God brought Abram out of the land of the Chaldeans with the intent to give him the land as an inheritance from the River of Egypt (Nile) to the River Euphrates.
- ✧ Abraham called God Adoney Yahowah and asked for a sign.
- ✧ God called for a sacrifice of a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon. Note, these are all *clean* animals
 - The three references to three years seems to be a reference to the *trinity* of God and the three years of the ministry of Messiah Jesus before He was sacrificed on Calvary.
- ✧ Abram brought the prescribed sacrifices and split them down the middle and separated the pieces in two rows providing a blood sacrifice acceptable to God.
- ✧ The vultures came, representing Satan, who wanted to destroy the Sacrifice of God.
- ✧ Abram stood guard over the sacrifice and drove the vultures away representing the Holy Spirit Who stood guard over God's sacrifice of His Son.
- ✧ Because God was making an Everlasting Covenant with Abram and his descendants, and it is impossible for man to keep a covenant forever, God put Abram to sleep and God alone passed between the pieces as a Smoking Oven and a Burning Torch representing the "Judgment and Light of God" establishing the **blood covenant** of severity and grace. God will fulfill His promise regardless **"For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself."** [Hebrews 6:13-14]
- ✧ **"Karat Berit"** is the Hebrew term for the **"cutting of the blood covenant"** - which is unconditional. If any party goes back on their word – their blood is to be shed.

As in marriage, a man taking a virgin bride, there is a "karat berit" between them as there is also a "shedding of blood" bonding them into a marital blood covenant.

- ✧ God only is able to keep a covenant forever.
- ✧ Included in the covenant was:
 - ✧ Israel's enslavement in Egypt of 400 years.
 - ✧ God bringing judgment of plagues on Egypt to deliver Israel from slavery.
 - ✧ Israel's departure from Egypt with great possessions.
 - ✧ The timing, which would be about 600 years from the time of the covenant.
- ✧ The reason for the time of 600 years is that God was waiting for the wickedness of the Amorites to be complete before He would call for their destruction. This gave them time to repent or to choose to continue to debase themselves.

God is waiting today for the people of our world to reach the completeness of their sins before He brings on the Great Tribulation.

However today as then, God is desiring that we repent and be spared the Great Tribulation. But, He has revealed that this will not happen and the world will continue to degrade themselves until there is no other way but to bring on the Great Judgment. **Repentance** is always in order and acceptable to God, even throughout the time of the Great Tribulation.

God would say to the world of today, just as He said to Israel in the past: **“Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For WHY SHOULD YOU DIE, O house of Israel?'"** [Ezekiel 33:11 NKJV]

- ✧ Sodom and Gomorrah had already fallen to debauchery to the point that God had destroyed them by fire and brimstone as evidence of His great displeasure with their wickedness. But He still gave the peoples of the land an additional 600 years to come to the point of judgment.
- ✧ Today America has followed their depraved way in only 200 years. Thinking we are doing right in tolerating all religions of the world and insisting that the Godly people must accept their unrighteous ways. Woe!

And, Americans do it deliberately *knowing* the Laws of God and the judgment to come, since everyone has full access to the Revealed Word of God and there are churches and Bibles everywhere along with freedom of religion.

- ✧ Humanistic thinking of the past, as well as the present, never brings people to righteousness.
- ✧ God concluded the covenant with the promise to give Abraham's descendents (through Isaac and Jacob) the land from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates with the specific reference to the people whose land they would inherit.
 - ✧ Specifically the nations of the Kenites, Kenezites, Kadomonites; and six-of-the-seven nations God would command them to destroy, namely: the **Hittites**, **Perizzites**, Rephaim (giants), **Amorites**, **Canaanites**, **Girgashites**, and **Jebusites**.