Abraham’s Covenant
Genesis 12:1-9

Main Thought God made a new and eternal agreement with the world through Abraham to bring all nations to himself through Christ.

God’s Promises (1-3).

• God had made these promises to Abram in Ur (Acts 7:2).

• God sovereignly chooses (elects) people (Eph. 1:11) – Abel, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah (Deut. 7:7; 10:15).

• When you enter into a relationship with God you must first LEAVE your former way of life and CLEAVE unto God (Gen. 2:24; 2 Cor. 6:17).

• These promises are known as the ABRAHAMIC COVENANT which are unconditional, unilateral promises made by God (15:12, 17-18) and are still in effect today. This is the basis for PREMILLENNIALISM: God will fulfill these promises to Israel unconditionally during the millennium (1000 year reign).

• The later MOSAIC COVENANT was a conditional, bilateral agreement put in place for 1500 years until Christ came to reveal to people their own sinfulness and need for Christ (Gal. 3:19, 24). While the LAW is perfect (Psa. 19:7), it is no longer in effect – we are under GRACE (Rom. 6:14).

• How different from Tower of Babel:

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• There were three promises in the Abrahamic Covenant: (1) LAND; (2) SEED; (3) BLESSING. This is the controlling covenant of the whole Bible as these were detailed in three separate corresponding covenants:

1. PALESTINIAN (LAND – Deut. 30:5)
2. DAVIDIC (SEED – 2 Sam. 7:11-12, 16)
3. NEW (NEW COVENANT – Jer. 31:31).

Abram’s Faith (4-9).

• IT BROUGHT HIM OUT (4-5): You cannot be double minded (Jam. 1:6-8) nor serve two masters (Matt. 6:24).

• IT BROUGHT HIM IN (6-8): God has a place prepared for each of us (Eph. 2:10; Deut. 6:23). He traveled from north to south claiming its entirety from Shechem (Jacob’s well), Bethel (Jacob’s dream) and Ai, to the Negev desert. He built an ALTAR in each place – worshiping and claiming it for God.

• IT BROUGHT HIM ON (9): With his help we will complete the race (Phil. 1:6).