**5 — The Covenants — The Abrahamic Covenant, B**

God’s Plan for History

1. **The key passages for the abrahamic Covenant.** 
   1. Gen 12:1-7
   2. Gen 13:14-17
   3. Gen 15:1-21 — Ceremony to confirm the Covenant.
   4. Gen 17:1-27 — The Sign of the Covenant.
      1. The rehearsal of the covenant. 1-8
      2. The Sign of the Covenant. 9-14
      3. Sarai is included in the covenant blessings. 15-16
      4. Abraham’s response to this news about Sarah. 17-18
      5. God responds to Abrahams request. 19-22
   5. Gen 18:17-19
      1. Context.
      2. Description of Sodom and Gomorrah.
   6. Gen 22:15-18
2. **The provision of the Abrahamic Covenant. (Gen 12:1-3)**
   1. Personal Blessings.
   2. National Blessings (Descendant Blessings)
   3. Universal Blessing.
3. **The nature of the Abrahamic Covenant.**

*“Is it conditional or unconditional?”*

* 1. Claim that it is conditional: (Postmillennialists and Amillennialists believe that it is conditional)
  2. The Unconditionality of the Abrahamic Covenant.
     1. Gen 12:1-3
     2. the idea that the initial giving of the covenant was conditional can be explained in 3 ways.
        1. Initial conditionality.
        2. No condition, but invitation.
        3. Conditional with Abraham only.
     3. The idea that the subsequent mentioning of the covenant (Gen 17:1-2; 22:16-18; 26:3-5) added conditions for the immediate experience of blessings.
     4. And that other passages with indicate the covenants unconditional nature.
        1. Gen 50:24
        2. Exodus 2:24
        3. Deuteronomy 4:31.
        4. Deuteronomy 9:5-6
        5. 2Kgs 13:23
        6. Lk 1:67-73
        7. Acts 3:25-26
        8. Heb 6:13, 17-18

1. **The duration of the Abrahamic Covenant.** 
   1. The use of the term “everlasting.”
   2. Scriptural Evidence.
      1. Gen 13:15; 17:7, 13, 19
      2. 1Chr 16:16-17 & Ps 105:9-10
2. **The fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant.** 
   1. The parties of the covenant.
   2. Who are the descendants of Abraham?
3. **The Need for the Abrahamic Covenant.** 
   1. Question: Why do we need Abraham or even Israel for that matter?
   2. Answer: The obvious answer is sin. But this answer while correct, is also too general and even vague. It is more of an answer as to why there is death or even a need for a savior.
   3. A more precise answer:
      1. The presence of sin and sinful man.
      2. So why Abraham?

So why have we spent so much time one the Abrahamic Covenant?

Because…

1. …it is the basis of subsequent national covenants to Israel: Land, Davidic, and New.
2. …it forms the basis of God interaction with Isaac, Jacob, and the nation of Israel.
3. …it is used extensively by the NT writers in their discussions about justification by faith. (Rom 4, Rom 9-11, Gal 3, & James 2:14)