

# God's Story, Our Story

## Lesson 11: Our Father Abraham

*The Father of Our Faith*  
(Gen 12-23)



Gen 12:1-2

1. God asks Abraham to leave his country and go to the land of Canaan. God makes 3 promises to him:
  - a. To make of him a great nation;
  - b. To make his "name" great;
  - c. To bless "all the families of the earth" through him.

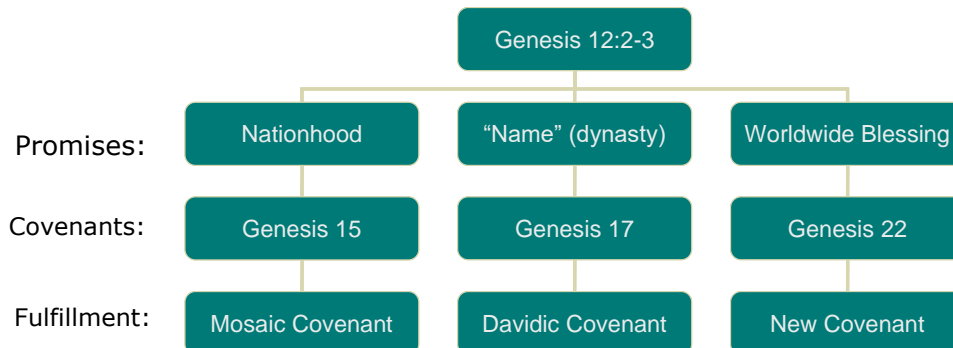
Gen 15

Gen 17

Gen 22

2. God raises the three promises to the level of covenants:
  - a. **Land and nation:** when God appeared as a fiery torch.
  - b. **Great name / kingdom:** with circumcision when God renamed Abram Abraham; promised him a son and a dynasty.
  - c. **Worldwide blessing:** by God's solemn oath after Abraham offered Isaac at Moriah.
3. The 3 covenants were fulfilled:
  - a. A national land through the Mosaic Covenant.
  - b. A kingdom through the Davidic Covenant.
  - c. A worldwide blessing with Jesus and the New Covenant.

*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Gen 12:2-3)*



Gen 12:7  
Gen 12:10  
Gen 13:5

4. In Canaan, Abram builds an altar to God, then goes down to Egypt during a famine. Upon his return, a feud erupts between Abram and his nephew Lot over possession of the land. Abram dwells in the land of Canaan; Lot settles in the Jordan valley.

Gen 14:8f

Gen 14:18

5. Foreign kings capture Lot. Abram attacks them and releases Lot. After the battle, Melchizedek (king of Salem and priest of God Most High) brings out bread and wine to Abram and blesses him. Melchizedek is a type of Christ and the offering of bread and wine, a foreshadow of the Eucharist.

Gen 15	6. God promises land with a solemn oath enacted in a sacrificial ritual. Abram cuts animals in half, and a torch passes between the halves. In a dream God tells Abram that his descendants will be slaves for 400 years, but that He will deliver them.
Gen 16:2	7. Abram's wife Sarai suggests that he take her Egyptian maid, Hagar to have a son from her. Hagar conceives. Sarai mistreats her, and she flees into the desert. God promises to her a multitude of descendants who will be in conflict with their brothers. Hagar gives birth to Ishmael, founder of the Arabs.
Gen 12:2 Gen 17	8. Abram's name is changed to Abraham; Sarai's name to Sarah. God commands every male child to be circumcised as a sign of His covenant with them. God promises Abraham and Sarah a son to be named Isaac.
Gen 18, 19:1	9. The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah in the form of three men (2 angels and God?). He again announces that Sarah will have a son, as well as the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
Gen 19 Gen 19:17	10. God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah because their sin. He sends two angels to take Lot and his family out of Sodom. Lot's wife looks behind and becomes a pillar of salt. Lot's daughters commit incest with their father and so beget Moab and Ammon.
Gen 21:1 Gen 21:12 Gen 17:13,18	11. When Isaac is born Abraham takes Hagar and Ishmael out to the wilderness at Sarah's request. God takes care of them and promises to make a great nation of Ishmael.
Gen 22:1-14	12. God tests Abraham by asking him to offer Isaac on Mt. Moriah. Isaac carries the wood for the burnt offering. Abraham assures Isaac that God will provide the lamb for the offering.
<i>"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son... concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead." (Heb 11:17-19)</i>	13. God provides a ram for the burnt offering. Abraham calls that place "The Lord Will Provide" (Adonai Yir'eh).
2 Chr 3:1	14. Mt Moriah is the place where Solomon later built the Temple in Jerusalem– and where lambs were offered daily. Mt. Moriah also includes Calvary, where Jesus was crucified. God the Father offered his beloved son Jesus (the lamb) on the hill of Moriah/Calvary to be a blessing to the whole world. Jesus carried the wood of the cross to the top of the hill of Calvary.

