

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Gen.3:14-15

I. Who was Abraham?

- a. Born 20 generations after Adam
 - i. Adam, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, Noah
- b. A pagan idol worshiper
 - i. Nanna the moon god
- c. A believer Gen.12:1-4, Heb.11:8
 - i. His imperfect faith grew with time
Gen.14:22;15:4-6;17:1;22:1-2

II. God's promise to Abraham

- a. A son
 - i. Not out of human rationale or effort
- b. A great nation of people
 - i. The line of the Messiah
- c. A blessing to all nations
 - i. Jews make up less than 0.2% of humans
 - ii. They are responsible for 22% of all Noble prizes
- d. Land – God's to give, His promise stands
Gen.12:7;13:14-15;15:8

III. God's promise to Hagar and Ishmael Gen.16:11-12; 17:20

- a. Many decedents
 - i. 12 princes became many of the Arab nations today
 - ii. His life would be nomadic and hostile
- b. He was promised no land
- c. He and Isaac buried their father Abraham Gen.25:8-9

IV. God's promises prevail

- a. Current events – God is still in control
 - i. His promises are still in effect
- b. What about America?
 - i. Blessed by God while we bless Israel
 - ii. Not uniquely mentioned in scripture
 - iii. Superpower influence appears to be gone – why?
 - 1. Catastrophe? (explosion or implosion)
 - 2. God raptures the church II Thess.2:6-7
- c. Soooo..., hold on to your promise in Christ Col.3:4