

BOOK OF GENESIS – Part 6
Genesis 15-18
2/15/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Series – Book of Genesis – Part 6
 - Part 1 – Set the stage with “Is Genesis History?”
 - Part 2 – Talked about Genesis 1, verses 1 and 2
 - Part 3 – Overview of Genesis 1-11
 - Part 4 – Genesis 11:1-9
 - Part 5 – Genesis 11-14
 - Tonight – “Genesis 15-18”
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- God promised Abram a son
- Gen. 15:1 God encouraged Abram – in a vision
- 2-3 Abram – since you have not given me a son, Eliezer of Damascus is heir of my house
- 4 God – Eliezer of Damascus will not be your heir – you will have a son
- 5 God – your descendants will be like the stars
- 6 Abram believed in the Lord
- Romans 4:3 – Galatians 3:6 – James 2:23
- God reminded Abram about the covenant concerning the land
- Gen. 15:7 God – I brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it
- 8 Abram – how will I know that I will inherit the land?
- 9-11 first – God instructed Abram to prepare an offering
- 12-17 second – a deep sleep – giving a warning about a rough future
- 13 afflicted – 400 years
- 18-21 God reminded Abram about the covenant concerning the land
- Sarai offered Hagar to Abram
- Gen. 16:1-2 Sarai recommended Abram impregnate Hagar (Egyptian maid-servant)
- 3 this occurred after 10 years being in Canaan
- 4 after Hagar conceived, Sarai despised Hagar
- 5 Sarai blamed Abram
- 6 Abram told Sarai to handle it – when Sarai dealt harshly with Hagar, Hagar fled
- 7-8 Hagar told an angel that she was fleeing from Sarai
- 9 the angel told Hagar to return
- The angel told Hagar about the blessing of Ishmael

Gen. 16:10-12 the angel told Hagar about the blessing involving her son
13-14 Hagar questioned if the message was from the Lord
15-16 Ishmael was born when Abram was 86

· God repeated His promise about another son

Gen. 17:1-2 Abram was 99 – covenant between God and Abram
3-8 covenant – father of many nations – Abram to Abraham
9-14 covenant – circumcision
15-16 Sarai to Sarah – mother of nations
17 Abraham laughed – 100 and 90
18 Abraham asked about Ishmael fulfilling the promise
19-21 God responded
19 No, Sarah shall bear a son – to be called Isaac – covenant with Isaac
20 agreed to bless Ishmael
21 but the covenant with Isaac
22 God went up from Abraham
23-27 all the men were circumcised – Abraham was 99 – Ishmael was 13
Gen. 18:1-8 Abraham entertained 3 angels
9 “where is Sarah?” – “here in the tent”
10 “your wife will have a son” – Sarah was listening
11 Abraham and Sarah were old – Sarah had passed the age of childbearing
12 Sarah laughed
13-14 Lord – why did Sarah laugh?
15 Sarah denied laughing

· Abraham negotiated with God

Gen. 18:16-21 God told Abraham about the coming destruction
22-33 Abraham negotiated with God
23 “will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?”
24-25 suppose there are 50?
26 will spare for 50
27-28 suppose there are 45? – will spare for 45
29 suppose there are 40? – will spare for 40
30 let not the Lord be angry – suppose there are 30? – will spare for 30
31 I have taken it upon myself – suppose there are 20? – will spare for 20
32 let not the Lord be angry – suppose there are 10? – will spare for 10
33 the Lord went His way