



“The Covenant’s Love, the Terror, & the Counting of the Stars”

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Gen. 13:14 ¶ The LORD said to Abram,
after Lot had separated from him, "Raise
your eyes now, and look from the place
where you are, northward and southward
and eastward and westward,
Gen. 13:15 for all the land that you see I will
give to you and to your offspring forever.



Gen. 13:16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.

Gen. 13:17 Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”



Gen. 14:13 ¶ Then one who had
escaped came and told Abram the
Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of
Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol
and of Aner; these were allies of
Abram.



Gen. 14:13 ¶ ...Abram the Hebrew...



Gen. 14:14 When Abram heard that his nephew had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.



Rom. 4:16 ¶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us,



Gen. 14:15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and routed them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.

Gen. 14:16 Then he brought back all the goods and also brought back his nephew Lot with his goods and the women and the people.



Gen. 14:17 ¶ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, that is, the King's Valley.



Gen. 14:18 And King
Melchizedek of Salem brought
out bread and wine; he was
priest of God Most High.



Gen. 14:19 He blessed him and said,
¶ “Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
Gen. 14:20 and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into
your hand!”
¶ And Abram gave him one-tenth of
everything.



Heb. 7:1 ¶ This “Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him,”

Heb. 7:2 and to him Abraham apportioned “one-tenth of everything.” His name, in the first place, means “king of righteousness”; next, he is also king of Salem, that is, “king of peace.”



Heb. 7:3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.



Gen. 14:22 But Abram said to
the king of Sodom, "I have
sworn to God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,



Gen. 15:1 ¶ After these things
the word of the LORD came to
Abram in a vision, “Do not be
afraid, Abram, I am your shield;
your reward shall be very great.”



Gen. 15:2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Gen. 15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."



Gen. 15:4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

Gen. 15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."



Gen. 15:6 And he believed
the LORD, and the
LORD reckoned it to him
as righteousness.



Rom. 4:10 How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after but before he was circumcised.



Rom. 4:11 He received the sign of
circumcision as a seal of the righteousness
that he had by faith while he was still
uncircumcised. The purpose was to make
him the ancestor of all who believe without
being circumcised and who thus have
righteousness reckoned to them,



Gen. 15:8 But he said,
“O Lord GOD, how am I
to know that I shall
possess it?”



Gen. 15:9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."



Gen. 15:10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two.



Gen. 15:11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen. 15:12 ¶ As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.



Gen. 15:13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years,

Gen. 15:14 but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.



Gen. 15:15 As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Gen. 15:16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”



Gen. 15:17 ¶ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.



Gen. 15:18 On that day the
LORD made a covenant with
Abram, saying, "To your
descendants I give this land..."



“...Counting the stars...”

- First God speaks to Abram.
- Abram breaks the covenant
- Abram speaks back. Calls on the Lord's name
- Abram believes God & tries this belief out
- God sends him a mysterious priest.
- Then God comes to Abram in symbols of light



Heb. 1:1 ¶ Long ago God spoke to our
ancestors in many and various ways by the
prophets,

Heb. 1:2 but in these last days he has
spoken to us by a Son, whom he
appointed heir of all things, through whom
he also created the worlds.



Rom. 3:10 as it is written: ¶ “There is no one who is righteous, not even one;

Rom. 3:11 there is no one who has understanding; there is no one who seeks God.

Rom. 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

there is no one who shows kindness;

there is not even one.”



Rom. 3:13 “Their throats are opened graves;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of vipers is under their lips.”

Rom. 3:14 “Their mouths are full of cursing and
bitterness.”

Rom. 3:15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Rom. 3:16 ruin and misery are in their paths,

Rom. 3:17 and the way of peace they have not known.”

Rom. 3:18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”



Heb. 4:14 ¶ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.



Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested^f as we are, yet without sin.



Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace
with boldness, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace to
help in time of need.



2Cor. 5:21 For our sake God
made the one who knew no sin
to be sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of
God.



Heb. 9:11 ¶ But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

Heb. 9:12 he entered once for all into the holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.





Gen. 15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them..."





Gal. 3:6 ¶ Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,”*
Gal. 3:7 so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham.





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