

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

Genesis 15:1-21

Lesson 7c

Key verse: 15:6

"So Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

* LOOK UP AT THE STARS (1-7)

1. What was God's word to Abram in a vision? Why might he have been afraid? Why might he have needed assurance about a reward? (Think about the events of the previous chapter.)
2. What was the real problem in Abram's heart? To whom and how did he complain? What does this reveal about him?
3. What was God's specific word of promise regarding Abram's "no son" problem? Why did he take Abram outside and show him the stars?
4. How did Abram respond to this word of promise? What do the words, "(God) credited it to him as righteousness" mean? Why did Abram need to be made righteous? What change occurred in Abram's life as a result of his belief?

* TO POSSESS THE LAND (8-21)

5. What question regarding God's promises was in Abram's mind? Compare with verse 2. How does this question reflect a change in Abram's attitude?
6. How did Abram prepare for the covenant ceremony? What do you think might be the purpose of this ceremony?
7. What happened to Abram as the sun was setting? What prophecy about the future of Abram and his descendants did God give him? When and how was this fulfilled?
8. How do these events contribute to enabling Abram's descendants to take possession of the land?
9. After sunset, when darkness had fallen, what else happened? What does this show about the covenant? What further promise did God give Abram concerning the land? What might this mean to him?