

Genesis 15:1 – 21

A 'Spiritual' Family

Introduction

The First Book of the Bible – 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2

1. Abram, a man of privilege

'Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great'

Genesis 2:4 – 4:26 *'Generations of the heavens and the earth'*

Genesis 5:1 – 6:8 *'Generations of Adam'*

Genesis 6:9 – 9:29 *'Generations of Noah'*

Genesis 10:1 – 11:10 *'Generations of the sons of Noah'*

Genesis 11:1 – 26 *'Generations of Shem'*

Genesis 11:27 – 25:18 *'Generations of Terah'*

2. Abram, a man with connections

'So shall your offspring be'

3. Abram, a man with a future

Jer 34:18 – As for the man who transgressed my covenant, I will make him like the calf that they cut in two and passed between its pieces.

Conclusion - just two families!

Genesis 17:1 – 18:16

A supernatural family

Introduction

One word; one sentence; four responses

GOD WORKS ...

The Royal Family

Scale

Status

Subject

'I will be their God' - "this is the covenant"

... THROUGH IMPOSSIBLE MEANS

One word – 'no'!

Not through '*possible*' human means

One sentence – "is anything too hard for God?"

Luke 1:37 *For nothing is impossible with God*

Luke 18:27 *'What is impossible with man is possible with God'*

RESPONSES

Humility / delight

Fury / derision

Genesis 18:16 – 19:29

A Saved Family

Four individuals:

Lot's sons – laughed (19:14)

Lot – lingered (19:16)

Lot's wife – looked back (19:26)

Abraham

God will justly judge the wicked

God will mercifully rescue the righteous

So what?

Four individuals:

Lot's sons-in-law: *'his sons-in-law thought he was jesting'* (19:14)

Lot: *'he lingered'* (19:16)

Lot's wife: *'but Lot's wife looked back'* (19:26)

Abraham: *'but Abraham remained standing before the Lord'* (18:22)

'for I have chosen him that he will direct his children and household to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just' (18:19)

Genesis 22

A family of sacrifice

Introduction

Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will tell you about

1. Is God Good?

2. Is God able?

(Hebrews 11:19)

Consecration of the first born (Exodus 13)

Setting apart of Levites (Numbers 8:14)

The Cross

3. Am I willing?