



Genesis

FATHER ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY OF FAITH

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REDEMPTIVE HISTORY/FATHER ABRAHAM

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY OF FAITH (Genesis 11:27-25:11)

The heart of this story is the chronicling of Abraham's faith journey and the stewarding of the promise of an heir. It is not a simple recounting of world history. It is primarily theological and spiritual in its orientation.

EL SHADDAI (Genesis 17:1-2)

- God Almighty
- Abram's Journey of Faith
- Covenant

AS FOR ME (Genesis 17:3-8)

- Abram to Abraham
- Kings!
- Everlasting Covenant

AS FOR YOU (Genesis 17:9-16)

- The rite of circumcision
- Sarai to Sarah
- Abraham and Sarah's future child

ABRAHAM SPEAKS/GOD RESPONDS (Genesis 17:17-22)

- Abraham laughs!
- Appeal for Ishmael
- God's promise of Isaac and provision for Ismael

ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE (Genesis 17:23-27)

- The birth of the Covenantal People of God

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. God's covenantal relationship with Israel was initiated by God and required an obedient response.
2. God's blessing of Abraham and Sarah is now a matter of historical record!
3. The covenant of circumcision was a theological affirmation of God's choice of Abraham and his descendants.
4. Baptism in the New Testament is not to be identified with the practice of circumcision in the Old Testament.