

Covenant and Kingdom
Week 6 - The Old Covenant Promised and Established
Genesis 12:1-7, 15:1-21

- Abrahamic Covenant lays the foundation and focus of the rest of Old Testament revelation
 - Begins God establishing and governing the Kingdom of Israel, through which He reveals more and more of the mystery of Christ
 - Global plan of redemption is focused in one family, one people, one kingdom
- Abrahamic Covenant considered on two levels - historical and typological
 - Historically real covenant with physical blessings, curses, requirements, etc
 - Typologically points to and promises much more than it actually accomplishes
- Covenant is promised in Genesis 12
 - God promises four things - offspring, rulers/kings, land of Canaan, transnational blessing
 - Literal, physical promises throughout Scripture referred to as the Abrahamic inheritance
 - God fulfilled all of these historically - 1 Ki. 4:20, 8:56; Lk. 1:68-79
 - Promise of transnational blessing is the **promise** of the New Covenant
 - **Not** the New Covenant itself, but promises that through Abraham's offspring God would establish the New Covenant
- Covenant is ratified with sanctions in Genesis 15
 - Explicit threats necessary for promises to become a covenant (Heb. 9:16-17, 6:13-18)
 - God passes through the animal carcasses - calling curse upon Himself
 - Sanctions on God - promises guaranteed regardless of Abraham's works
- Old Covenant can be considered one detailed, intricate **type** of New Covenant
 - Covenant ratifying ceremony a type of Christ's death
 - Land promise a type of consummated kingdom realm
 - Offspring promise is a type of the true people of God
 - Promise of kings to reign over Abraham's offspring type of Christ the true King
 - Order of revelation (promise and later ratification) type of how the New Covenant is promised throughout Old Testament and ratified by Christ's blood later
- Abrahamic Covenant and New Covenant are intimately connected, yet distinct
 - Cannot automatically transfer the form and function of Abrahamic to New
 - The Old Covenant, beginning with Abraham, more and more reveals the mystery until the true Christ comes to establish the New Covenant