

# Message Notes

## The God who keeps covenant

# Scripture Passages

**Introduction** – *“I know what a reservation is...”*

## Genesis - The Book of Beginnings

**Today's Message:**  
**The God who keeps covenant**  
*Genesis 12-23*

### God's covenant with Abram (aka Abrahamic Covenant)

Genesis 12:1-3

#### Three promises MADE by God

##### #1 - The Promise of Land

Genesis 12:1, 13:14-15, 13:17, 15:18-21

##### #2 - The Promise of Decendants

Genesis 12:2, 13:16, 15:1-6

##### #3 - The Promise of Blessings/Redemption

Genesis 12:2-3, 22:18

##### \*This is GOD's covenant

Genesis 15:17, 22:16, Hebrews 6:13-14

#### Two promises FULFILLED by God

##### #1 - The Promise of Land

Joshua 21:43-44

##### #2 - The Promise of Decendants

Exodus 1:6-7

#### One promise BEING FULFILLED by God

##### #3 - The Promise of Blessings/Redemption

Galatians 3:7-9

Romans 4:9-12

WITH US! Romans 4:23-25  
IN THE FUTURE!

**Gospel Application** – *Does your life demonstrate the belief that God keeps covenant?*

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### Genesis 22:16

“By myself I have sworn...”

### Hebrews 6:13-14

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### Joshua 21:43-45

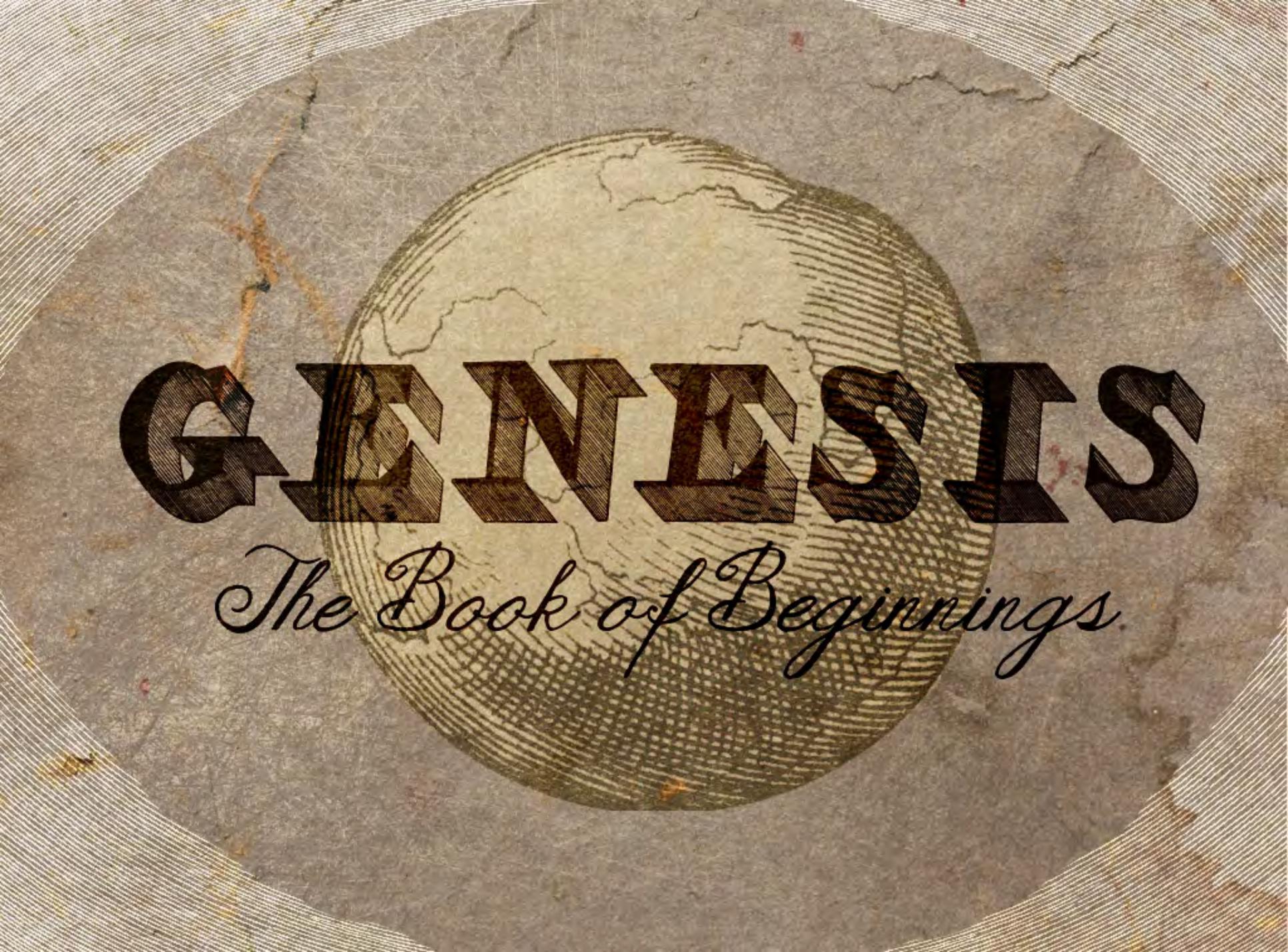
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### Exodus 1:6-7

6Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.







# GENESIS

*The Book of Beginnings*

## Genesis 1:1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

## Life in the Garden of Eden Genesis 2:4-25

## The Fall of Mankind:

*It's no longer the way it is supposed to be*

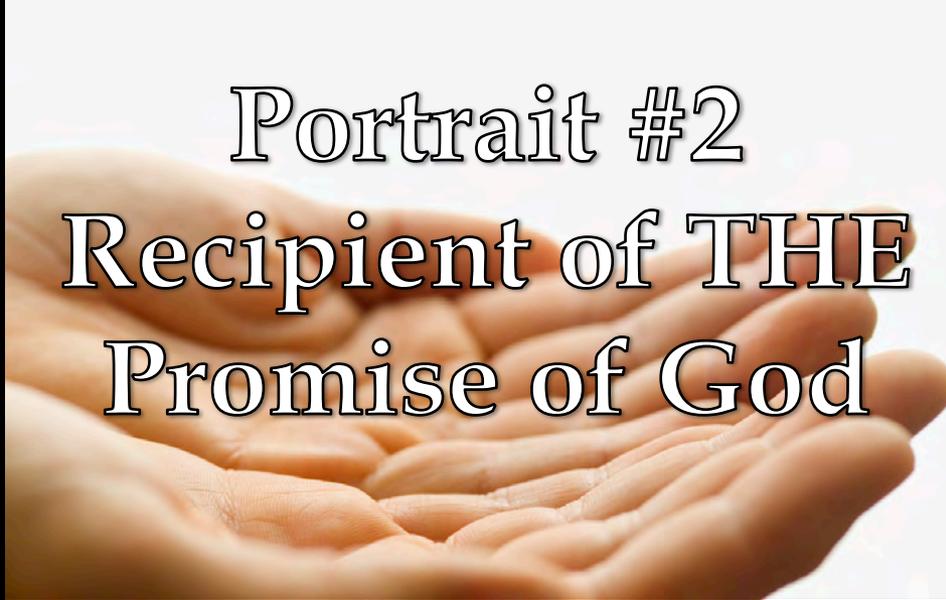
Genesis 3

## Cain and Abel

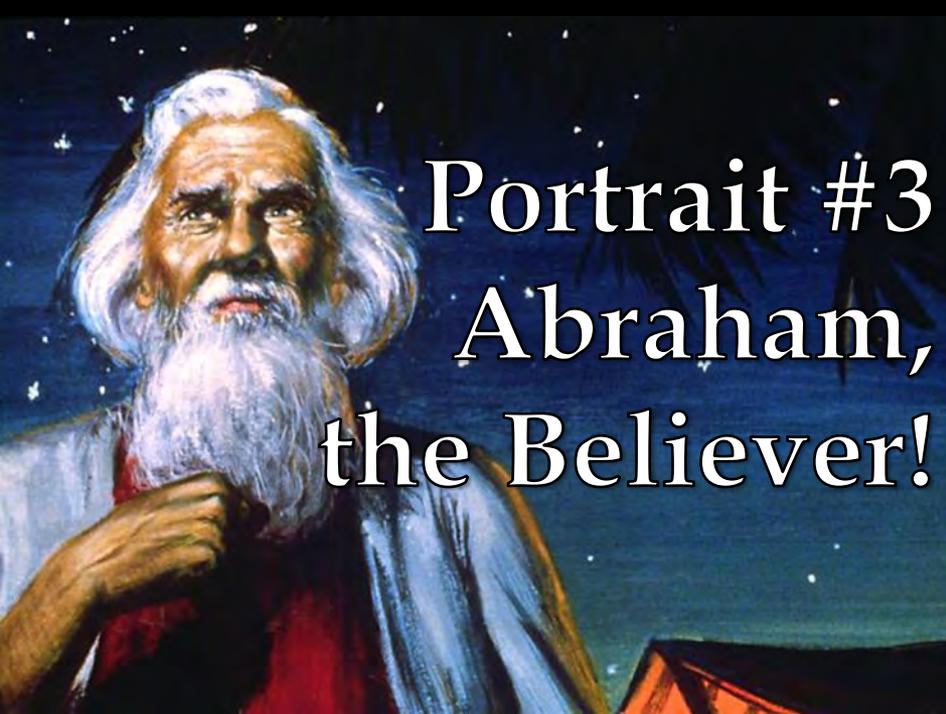


A black and white photograph of a family of seven people standing in a field. There are two men, two women, and three children. They are dressed in early 20th-century attire. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

Portrait #1  
Abraham's  
Family Tree

A close-up photograph of a hand held palm up, with fingers slightly spread. The skin is a warm, natural tone. The background is plain white.

Portrait #2  
Recipient of THE  
Promise of God

A painting of an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a blue robe over a red garment. He is looking upwards against a dark blue night sky with stars. The style is reminiscent of classical religious art.

Portrait #3  
Abraham,  
the Believer!

A photograph of a black and white dog, possibly a Border Collie, sitting in a field of green grass. The dog is looking towards the camera. The background is a dense field of green grass.

Portrait #4  
Abraham's trust in  
God, even when  
times were tough

## Portrait #5



Abraham and Sarah are in no way perfect

## Portrait #6



God keeps his promise

*Themes that are further  
developed in the Bible*

Abraham as a model of faith

The Promise (Covenant) with Abraham

# God's covenant with Abram

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## #1 - The Promise of Land

### Genesis 13:14-15, 17

<sup>14</sup>The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. <sup>15</sup>All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever...<sup>17</sup>Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”

# God's covenant with Abram

## #1 - The Promise of Land

### Genesis 15:18-21

<sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – <sup>19</sup>the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup>Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

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## #2 - The Promise of Descendants

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# God's covenant with Abram

## #2 - The Promise of Descendants

### Genesis 13:16

<sup>16</sup>I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.”

# God's covenant with Abram

## #2 - The Promise of Descendants

### Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

# God's covenant with Abram

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### Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

# God's covenant with Abram

## #3 – The Promise of Blessing/Redemption

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# God's covenant with Abram

## #3 - The Promise of Blessing/Redemption

Genesis 22:18

<sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be  
blessed...



# This is GOD's covenant

Genesis 15:17

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.



# **This is GOD's covenant**

**Genesis 22:16**

**“By myself I have sworn...”**

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Genesis 22:16

“By myself I have sworn...”

Or

“I swear by myself”

# This is GOD's covenant

Hebrews 6:13-14

<sup>13</sup>For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup>saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you."

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Leviticus 26:42

<sup>42</sup>I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.”

# This is GOD's covenant

## Deuteronomy 9:5-6

5 It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land...the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

# God's covenant fulfilled

## Promise #1

### Joshua 21:43-45

<sup>43</sup>Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. <sup>44</sup>And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup>Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

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The

Abraham

FAMILY

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# The DUGGAR FAMILY

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# The DUGGAR



# The Duggars: 20 and Counting!



Raising One of  
America's Largest  
Families—How  
They Do It

Michelle  
&  
Jim Bob Duggar

Jim  
Lord  
Palms 127

# God's covenant (being) fulfilled

**Promise #3 – The Promise of Blessing/Redemption**



# God's covenant (being) fulfilled

## Promise #3 – The Promise of Blessing/Redemption

### Galatians 3:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup>So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

# God's covenant (being) fulfilled

## Promise #3 – The Promise of Blessing/Redemption

### Romans 4:9-10a

9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. 10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised?

# God's covenant (being) fulfilled

## Promise #3 – The Promise of Blessing/Redemption

### Romans 4:10b-12

It was not after, but before he was circumcised. 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 father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, 12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

# God's covenant (being) fulfilled TODAY!!

**Luke 22:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



# God's covenant (being) fulfilled TODAY!!

## Romans 4:23-25

23 But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.



# God's covenant (being) fulfilled IN THE FUTURE!!

## 1 Corinthians 13:12

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

# God's covenant (being) fulfilled IN THE FUTURE!!

**Revelation 22:4**  
They will see his face.

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