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Parallel passage: other passages, which speak to the same subject

Cross-reference: similar in concept, related passages, helps with understanding

Correlation: connecting with other passages to get understanding

Messianic reference: a passage not yet fulfilled but expected to happen in the future

Prophecy fulfilled:

Prophetic reference:

Intro:

Review from last week:

Announcements or reminders:

Read scripture, explain (give understanding) then applications. Where is Jesus? Do we see Grace, HS empowerment and Love?

Steve Greenberg's Notes (Change to Handout after editing)

Week 12, April 15, 2026 Genesis 15 LORD's Promised A Son To Abram

Genesis 15:1-21 God's Covenant with Abram (Heb. 11:8-10) The LORD's Covenant Promise of a Son to Abram

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid (**Fear not**), Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

God give us a reason to put away fear, especially fear of man

2Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1. Fear that is not from God: Anxiety that controls you, potential fears?

Fear that stops obedience or truth in following God and His Word, Fear rooted in distrust, disobedience and unfaithfulness.

Pro 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare (a trap that controls you), But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe (have freedom and stability).

Vision: A vision is spiritual insight.

Dan 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

Quote from Chuck Smith C3009

God spoke to men through visions. God spoke to men through dreams. God spoke to people directly; Moses face to face. So often we read, "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, the prophet, saying..." And we wonder just how did God said it to Jeremiah. With Elijah, it is interesting to me that when God finally spoke to him, as he was down in the area of Mount Sinai, God spoke to him through the still small voice. I (Chuck Smith) have found that in the most part, God speaks to me through His Word and through that still small voice.

Act 2:17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

Act 2:18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

**Gen 15:2** But Abram said, "Lord GOD (**O Lord Yahweh, Heb YHWH**), what (**reward**) will You give me, seeing I go (**or continual to go**) childless, and the heir of my house (**Lit: son of acquisition**) is Eliezer of Damascus (**a trusted member of Abram's household, He was a good man, but not his son**)

**Gen 15:3** Then Abram said, "Look (**Lit Behold**), You have given me no offspring (**no seed from me**); indeed (**the**) one born in my house is my heir (**a servant, not biological child from his lineage**)!"

**Gen 15:4** And behold, the word of the LORD came to him(**Abram**), saying, "This one (**your servant Eliezer**) shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body (**Abram's lineage, Lit: inward parts**), shall be your heir."

### God's Covenant with David

2Sam 7:12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you (**your lineage**), who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sam 7:13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (**Ultimate fulfillment in Jesus, whose kingdom is forever**)

2Sam 7:17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

God's conditional promise in 12:2 that Abram will become a great nation is now guaranteed by a covenant, although the fulfillment will not take place until centuries after Abram's death

**Gen 15:5** Then He(**LORD**) brought him(**Abram**) outside (**his sleeping place**) and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if you are able to number them." And He(**LORD**) said to him(**Abram**), "So shall your descendants be."

**Psa 147:4 He(God) counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.  
Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.**

**Jer 33:19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,  
Jer 33:22 'As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured,  
so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to  
Me.' "**

**Exo 32:13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore  
by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of  
heaven; and all this land (promised) that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and  
they shall inherit it forever.' "**

**Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a  
child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety  
years old, bear a child?"**

**Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You (Son  
from Hagar, carnal plan)!"**

**Gen 17:19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call  
his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and  
with his descendants after him.**

**Abram needed to be reminded of the promises of God, so do we?**

**Gen 15:6 And he(Abram) believed (relied on trusted) in the LORD, and He(LORD)  
accounted it, to him(Abram) for righteousness (the Lord counted (credited) it to him as  
righteousness).**

**Rom 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but  
not before God.**

**Gal 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus  
Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ  
and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

**Quoted four times in the NT**

**Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was  
accounted to him for righteousness."**

**Rom 4:22 And therefore (Abraham believed God) "it was accounted to him for  
righteousness."**

**Gal 3:6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."**

**James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it  
was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.**

**Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

**Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

**Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.**

**Heb 11:9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;**

**Heb 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

**Jhn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

**Jhn 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**Having faith in God and placing one's trust in Him was not in itself something that could be a substitute for perfect righteousness, but God graciously determined to accept faith as an equivalent for that righteousness. So in a sense, Abraham--and all believers since him, who are his spiritual descendants--received righteousness on credit, and the bill for that righteousness was paid by the death of Christ on the cross.**

**Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith, C3009 series**

**God declares us righteous by the same action of believing, they looked forward and believed the promise of God that it would be. We now look back at the fulfillment of the promised coming of Jesus Christ. But by our believing that Jesus died for our sins, paid the penalty for our guilt, took our place, and was a substitution for us in His death upon the cross, and by our faith in Him that death and in His resurrection, we are accounted righteousness before God. Abraham was not accounted righteous because of his works, though he had many good works. He was not accounted righteous by his keeping of the law, because it was not yet given. He was not accounted righteous by the right of circumcision. That was not yet given. And so we are not accounted righteous because we keep the rituals of the church. We are not accounted righteous because we keep the laws of the church. We are not accounted righteous because we have good works. We are accounted righteous when we believe the promise of God through His Son. Salvation would come to man. And that belief in the promise of God concerning the seed that would come was the thing that God accounted for righteousness.**

**Gen 15:7 Then He(LORD) said to him(Abram), "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it (possess, take possession of it)."**

**Psa 105:8 He(God) remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,**

**Psa 105:9 The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath (Promise) to Isaac,**

Psa 105:10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,  
Psa 105:44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,

Psa 105:42 For He(God) remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant.

Psa 105:44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,

**Gen 15:8** And he(**Abram**), said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know (**what proof, how can I be sure**), that, I will inherit (**possess**) it?"

Luk 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luk 1:6 And they (Zacharias & Elizabeth) were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luk 1:7 But they (Zacharias & Elizabeth) had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

Luk 1:19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

Luk 1:20 "But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

**Gen 15:9** So He(**LORD**) said to him(**Abram**), "Bring Me (**Lit: Take for me**) a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

**Gen 15:10** Then he(**Abram**) brought all these to Him(**LORD**) and (**Abram**) cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Jer 34:18 'And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it—(Ancient ceremony in the scriptures that formally bound two parties to an agreement or covenant but it does not give us details).

**Gen 15:11** And when the vultures (**birds of prey**) came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

**Gen 15:12** Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep, fell upon Abram; and behold, horror (**and or terror**) and great darkness fell upon him.

**Gen 15:13** Then He(**LORD**) said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants (**seed**) will be strangers (**living temporarily**) in a land (**Egypt**) that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict (**mistreat and enslaved**) them, for four hundred years (**approx. or round figure**).

**Exo 1:8** Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

**Exo 1:9** And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;

**Exo 1:11** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

**Exo 12:40** Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

**Gen 15:14** "And also the nation whom they serve (**who enslaved them**), I will judge (**punish**); afterward they shall come out (**of that land**) with great possessions.

#### Correlation passages:

**Exo 6:6** "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

**Exo 12:36** And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

**Gen 15:15** "Now as for you(**Abram**), you shall (**die and**) go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

**Gen 25:8** Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

**Gen 15:16** "But in the fourth generation they shall return here(**to Canaan, the land of promise**), for the iniquity (**sin**) of the Amorites (**descendants of Ham**) is not yet complete (**reached its limit, to warrant their destruction**)."

**Exo 12:41** And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years--on that very same day--it came to pass that all the (different tribes) armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

**Gen 15:17** And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared (**Abram saw**) a smoking oven (**pot with burning coals**) and a burning (**flaming**) torch that passed between those pieces (**animal parts**).

God's presence, is often associated with fire

Exo 13:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

Exo 13:22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

Smoke on Mount Sinai (Ex 19:18)

Burning bush displaying the presence of God before Moses (Ex 3:4).

**Gen 15:18** On the same day the LORD made a covenant (**divine promise, it not a mutual**) with Abram, saying: "To your descendants (**seed**) I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—(**ex. Num 34:5**).

By naming specific lands Abram's descendants would inherit, God made it clear it was real land, according to His this promise which Israel would inherit

**Gen 24:1** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

**Gen 24:2** So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,

**Gen 24:3** "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

**Gen 24:4** "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

**Gen 24:5** And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

**Gen 24:6** But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there.

**Gen 24:7** "The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

**Gen 17:8** "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

**Gen 15:19** (**the land now occupied by**) "the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,

**Gen 15:20** "the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

**Gen 15:21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."**

**End:**

**Extra Notes:**

**Psa 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.**

**Psa 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

**Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.**

**Mat 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**