

Genesis 15

Genesis 15.1-11

V1 – Abraham was getting up in years – the promise of God to him had still not been fulfilled
-Two parts of God’s promise, in *verse 1*? God would be a shield and Abraham would be rewarded

V2 – **What worried Abraham?** Still no child
-**Heir according to their customs?** Adopted child Eliezer would be the heir

V3 – Abraham was worried – will the heir be one born in his house (by a slave)?
-**Problem?** Abraham was trying to walk by sight

V4 – **What is God’s answer?** The heir will be from Abraham’s body

V5 – **What did God tell Abraham to do?** Look at the stars and try to count them
-He would have that many descendants

V6 – **What was Abraham’s response?** Complete trust in God (“Father of the Faithful”)

V7 – Beautiful – so peaceful.
-**How did God identify himself?** One who led Abraham out of Ur
-“I know what I am doing – trust me.”

V8 – Most agreements today have sign of completion (handshake, signature on dotted line, Indians-blood exchange, etc.)

V9-10 – **What animals were used?** Heifer, goat, ram, turtledove, pigeon
-**Procedure?** Animals were split in half (no cut birds)

V11 – **What did Abraham do?** Kept birds of prey off of the dead animals

Genesis 15.12-21

V12 – Sun went down – a frightening experience to deal with God (as Abraham was doing)

V13 – **What prophecy did God make?** Descendants of Abraham would be slaves in a foreign land for 400 years (Egypt)

V14 – **What would God do to that nation?** “Judge” it
-**What would be the result?** Descendants of Abraham would come out of it very rich

V15 – **Prophecy about Abraham?** Would have “peace” and would die in old age

V16 – **Meaning?** – Israelites would return to chase Amorites out of Canaan

V 17 – **How did God appear?** Flame (often in the Old Testament/New Testament on the Day of Pentecost)

-**What did he do?** Passed between split animals

V 18-21 – **What was the extent of the Israelite's land inheritance?** Egypt to Euphrates

-They never expanded that far (due to their wickedness)

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