

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK FIFTEEN – LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 15:1-6 Faith of Abraham

v1-6 Promise of God, faith of Abraham

v1 God promises reward in response to Abraham forgoing reward

v5 Dust of earth, sand of seashore, stars of sky = innumerable

v6 Faith here, not the first instance of faith, (Hebrews 11:8-10), nor the last (James 2:21) but this instance of faith is the occasion of a statement of righteousness imputed by his faith.

Galatians 3:1-9 – Salvation by faith, not the Law More: Romans 4:1-5 (1-25)

Faith represents a relationship – James 2:21-23, Isaiah 41:8-9

Genesis 7-11 The blood covenant – preparation

v7 Compare statement of faith in v6 to act of faith in v7

v9-11 The form of covenant (example Jeremiah 34)

Genesis 12-21 The prophecy/unconditional covenant

v14-16 Book of Exodus, Genesis 46:1-4 (1-7)

v17 Hebrew: smoking (flower pot/oven = cylinder), rising flame = a pillar of smoke and fire

v18-21 The land promise Abram asked for confirmation of = greater Israel area