

STUDY THIRTEEN

THE LORD REIGNS

Genesis 15

Introduction

When God first talked with Abram he made a covenant with him (Gen. 12:1-3). Here God makes his covenant more clear. Abram faced a great difficulty: if his descendants would be great then he would need a son. Though he was now an old man he was still childless. Abram's response to the Lord's covenant promise is the great example of faith in the Bible.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) What three things did God say to Abram in verse 1?

b) In what way is this connected to what has happened in the previous story? (See Gen. 14:21-23. Note: "shield" or "sovereign" mean that God is Abram's king.)

c) How can God become our King?

d) How should God's rule over us affect our lives? (See Ps. 97:1 & 99:1-5)

2.a) Who initiated the covenant between God and Abram?

b) Why is this significant?

3.a) What does “it was credited” mean (v.6)? (See also Ro. 4:3-5)

b) Can we do anything to earn God’s favour?

4.a) What did God do in order to seal the covenant with Abram (vv.9-11, 17)?

b) What did this symbolise?

5.a) Who were the Amorites (v.16)? (See also Gen. 10:15-18. Note: The Amorites were the people who lived in Canaan at this time.)

b) What does it mean that the “sin of the Amorites has not yet reached it’s full measure”?

c) Why did God wait 400 years before judging the Amorites for their sin? (See 2Pe. 3:9)

For Further Thought And Action

Try to tell the Gospel to someone this week. Make sure you include some of the important truth that you have learned in this lesson.

Memory Verse

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

Psalm 97:1