



THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



Revelation, Responsibility, Relationship

Genesis 17:1-8

Abraham's Chronology:

Age 75 (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

Land Covenant - “unconditional”
geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7;
13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as
a “conditional” part of the covenant
(Deut. 30:1-10)

Age 86 (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had
Ishmael,

Age 99 (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as a sign

Age 100 (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah

Gen. 22 Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

Age 137 (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

Age 175 (**Gen. 25:7**)₉ Abraham dies

v.1 Hurry up and wait...

25 years since the original promise...

13 Years since last chapter / Word

v.1 He Is - He Will! (Revelation)

"**God Almighty**"—El Shaddai,

"the all-powerful/sufficient One."

*1st mention

"I WILL" is found 15 X. In 9 vs. - (Gen.

17:2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21)

v.1 Walk before Me blameless

“blameless”= whole, all in,
un-compartmentalized, wholehearted
devotion

Revelation & Response:

God reveals Himself first, then we respond with wholehearted commitment and humble worship
(Mic 6:8; Rom 12:1-2; John 14:21; James 4:8)

Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

(See also **Rom 12:1-2; John 14:21; James 4:8**)

v.2 Patience & Perseverance

(Relationship)

Walk justly, love mercy, maintain
unbroken fellowship for the long
journey

(Lev 20:7; Mic 6:8; Amos 3:3; Gal 5:16;
Phil 3:13-14; Col 1:10)

Amos 3:3: "Do two walk together
unless they have agreed to do so?"

(See also Lev 20:7; Gal 5:16; Phil
3:13-14; Col 1:10)

Pattern of Promise:

Gen. 15 vs 17 & Exo. 24 vs 32

Romans 4:20–21, “did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief... being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

v.3 Devotion and Dialogue

(response and relationship)

Experience confidence, victory, and satisfaction as He transforms daily life
(Psa 23:4; John 15:18-19; Rom 8:37-39;
1 Cor 15:57; 2 Cor 5:17; Phil 1:6;)

v.4-6 Expanded Promise

Abram = "Exalted Father"

Abraham = "Father of a Multitude"

Fruitful and multiply = Creation

Mandate (Gen. 1:28; 9:1)

Kings = Jesus! (Mat.1:1; Rev. 19:16)

v.7-8 Everlasting (He will do it)

Literal and Spiritual Fulfillments =

Literal - to descendants/seed/
generations - Nation of Israel

Spiritual - Abraham becomes the
father of all who believe (**Rom.4:11-12;**
Gal.3:7-9)

v.8 The Land Covenant

1. Ownership depends solely on God's grace (Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-21)
2. Possession and enjoyment depend on obedience (Deut. 28:1-14)

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3. Referenced over 85 times in Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 1:8, 6:10-12, 11:8-12)
4. Remains Israel's divine inheritance regardless of their faithfulness (Rom 11:29, Psalm 105:8-11)

Revelation, Responsibility, Relationship

1. **Trust** - The Almighty and Sufficient
God's timing is perfect.
2. **Transform** - worship, listen, obey as
your new creation/name

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

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