





THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

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

The Dark Night and God's Grace

Genesis 15:7-21

v.1-6 Salvation by Faith alone

v.7-21 Through Grace alone

God's Progressive Revelation / Salvation Plan



v.7-8 Foreshadowing:

1. Ur of the Chaldeans" = Babylon (Gen 11:28, 31; Ex 20:2)
2. Abe's vision = God's Sinai presence (Ex 19:18; 20:18; Dt 4:11)
3. The 400-year bondage prophecy (15:13-16) connects covenants

v.9-10 Cutting a Contract

1. This covenant was serious enough to be sealed with blood, and
2. Breaking it would result in the same bloodshed being poured out on the covenant-breaker.

See Jeremiah 34:18-20

v.11 *Don't* put a bird on it

Possibly foreshadows future challenges
for his descendants and God's
protective care over His promises (Mt
24:28; 27:45)

"Perhaps you have unclean birds coming down upon your sacrifice— cares, memories, fears, and doubts hovering over your sacred feast. Drive them away through God's gracious Spirit!" - Spurgeon

v.12-16 Dark Night of the Soul

Longsuffering gives way to judgment.

Centuries for other nations to repent of their wickedness. (Exodus 1:1-14)

v.17 The Smoking Oven:

- The pillar of cloud (Ex. 13:21-22)
- The smoke on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19:18)
- The cloud of God's Shekinah glory (1 Kings 8:10-12)

The Burning Torch:

- The pillar of fire (Ex. 13:21-22)
- The burning bush (Ex. 3:4)
- The fire consuming acceptable sacrifices (1 Kings 18:38, 1 Chron. 21:26, 2 Chron. 7:1)

v.17 Walk of Grace

God alone takes sole responsibility for the covenant's fulfillment.

Same as Matt. 26:29,, "I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

v.18-21 The Land

These borders—from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River (northern reaches)—encompass approximately 300,000 square miles

Notably align with the borders of Eden (cf. Genesis 2:10-14)

v.18-21 The Land

Only ever possessed at most 30,000 square miles. (cf. Deut. 11:24-25)

End Times/ Millennial Reign Fulfillment
Eze. 16, 37, 47, 48, Is. 60:10-14; Jer.
3:18

The Point

Though God's promises are perfectly fulfilled, they often involve struggle and delay (Hebrews 11:13)

Yet walking by faith and grace means relying on God's Word and character despite our circumstances and feelings.

When facing uncertainty, we can remember that our struggles are part of God's larger plan (Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 4:17-18) and trust in His ongoing faithfulness (Lam. 3:22-23; 2 Tim. 2:13). Be reminded of His **Word**, His **Faithfulness**, and His **Goodness**.

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

See also Rom. 3:24; Gal. 2:16; Ti. 3:5

“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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