



“Moses intends that the reader understand that for some thirteen years now a cloud of domestic gloom and growing darkness about the promise had hung over the tents of Abram.” – Kent Hughes

“The idea of covenant is fundamental to the Bible’s story. At its most basic, covenant presents God’s desire to enter into relationship with men and women created in his image. Covenant is all about relationship between the Creator and his creation. The idea may be simple; however, the implications of covenant and covenant relationship between God and humankind are vast.” – Alistair Wilson and Jamie Grant

“What does it mean to walk before someone? Careful study of the use of this expression throughout the Old Testament may be summarized as follows. When God walks before someone, this expression means to give guidance and protection. Conversely, when people walk before God, it means they serve as his emissary or diplomatic representative. In Genesis 17:1 God commands Abram to walk before him. So Abram is to be God’s agent or diplomatic representative in the world. When the world looks at Abram, they will see what it is like to have a right relationship with God...Canaan, the land promised to

Abram, is a miniscule piece of property about 30 miles wide and 100 miles long. The superpowers of the ancient world were on either side: Egypt to the west and Mesopotamia (Assyria and Babylon) to the east. The only functional route for commerce and travel between the great superpowers of the ancient world was the tiny country given to Abram. In modern terms, Abram and his family are to be settled along the central spine of the Internet in the ancient world. All of the communication, commerce, and trade back and forth between Egypt and Mesopotamia will pass through Canaan. And when it does, what are they supposed to see? They are supposed to witness a group of people who demonstrate a right relationship to the one and only true God...Thus the command 'walk before me' correlates directly with the command in 12:3 to be a blessing to the nations." – Peter Gentry & Stephen Wellum

"What did God say to Abraham? 'I will be your God.' What does that mean? It means that God is saying to Abraham, 'I will be for you...I will exercise my God-ness for you. I will be committed to you.' There is no way that can be improved upon! There is no more glorious promise: not in Romans, not in Hebrews, not in Revelation: nowhere! These words of the Abrahamic covenant have never been excelled and never will." – Donald Macleod

**"And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness."
– Genesis 15:6**

"In Christ...were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead." – Col. 2:11-12

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ...And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.” – Galatians 3:27;29

“‘Wait on the Lord’ is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time.” – J.I. Packer

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” – Matthew 1:1

“On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.” – Revelation 19:16