

**THE GIVING OF THE COVENANT TO ABRAHAM**

1. First mention of the Covenant                      Genesis 15:18
2. Promises given
  - a) Promise of the land of Canaan      Genesis 15:18
  - b) Tribes living in Canaan mentioned
3. No elaboration of the Covenant

**MORE ABOUT THE COVENANT**

1. God's revelation

I am Almighty God      (El Shaddai)                      Genesis 17:1a

2. Command

- a) Walk before Me
- b) Be blameless                      Genesis 17:1b
- c) The command was to walk worthy of the Lord's covenant given to him

3. Why was this Command given?

- a) Genesis 16 suggests the answer
- b) Poor treatment of Hagar
- c) Abraham had done nothing to protect Hagar
- d) He had allowed his wife to ill-treat Hagar

**ELABORATION ABOUT THE COVENANT I**

1. Covenant confirmed

Two aspects highlighted:

- a) I will make My covenant with you                      Genesis 17:2a
- b) I will multiply you exceedingly                      Genesis 17:2b

2. Abraham's response as God spoke to him

a) He fell on his face          Genesis 17:3

b) Good and appropriate response:

i) Humility

ii) Consciousness of sinfulness

iii) Great understanding of the Person of God

iv) Greater awareness of the need to be more responsible and accountable