

Genesis Chapter 15 Part 2

Ge 15:7-11 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, **to give thee this land to inherit it.** **8** And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Once again, we are reminded that Abram's gospel was a land deal (Gal.3:8). This deal was unconditional. Abram was in a deep sleep when God performed the ceremony in vs.17-18 so he could not agree or disagree in any way. This does not imply predestination but rather "gifts and callings" (Rom.11:29). Abram obeyed God's call to leave his homeland and reaped the gift of an eternal inheritance. All men today are called to do the same as Abram.

Ge 15:12-16 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an **horror of great darkness fell upon him.** **13** And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; **and they shall afflict them four hundred years;** **14** And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. **15** And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. **16** But **in the fourth generation** they shall come hither again: **for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.**

The word "horror" appears four times in scripture. It is associated with death and wicked doers. Before Israel would ever inherit the land, they would be afflicted by the inhabitants for 400 years (*there is controversy over the accuracy of the 400 years, but it is miniscule compared to the billions of years evolution throws around*). The greatest time of horror will be the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer.30:7) just before the Jews inherit the Kingdom. Only a remnant will be saved, **Mt.24:21-22** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved... (also Isa.1:9)

Vs.16 says they would leave Egypt in the fourth generation. That would make a generation 100 years if we factor the full 400 years. **Mt 24:33-34** says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. **34** Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass**, till all these things be fulfilled." If we add 100 years to the time Israel resumed being a nation (1948, Hos.6:2), we get the year 2048.

"For the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full." Throughout scripture God sets deadlines in dealing with nations and individuals. He did this with the entire world in Gen.6:3. He did the same with Sodom after the cry of the people came before him in Gen.18:20. This is not always a set time, but rather when the "iniquity is full". Jesus warned the religious Pharisees that they were "filling up the measure of their fathers" (Mat.23:23-32). Solomon warned, "...why shouldst thou die before thy time?" (Ec.7:17). Perhaps then the rapture will not occur at a set time but when the Gentile nations are no longer open to the gospel and boast themselves against Israel – the "fulness of the Gentiles" (Rom.11:18,25).

Ge 15:17-21 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. **18** In the same day **the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land**, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates...

Vs.18 is proof positive that the United Nations has nothing to do with peace but is rather a wicked, demonic organization seeking to overturn the word of God. Thus, God will cut off the Gentiles as stated in Rom.11:22.

Ge 16:1-2 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. **2** And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And **Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.**

It is unclear if Sarai was aware of God's promise to provide a son at this point, but Abram surely knew and should not have "hearkened to ... Sarai". Adam did the same thing in Gen.3:17, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife...". Adam's decision produced death and a curse to mankind. Abram's decision produced a "wild man", a type of Satan whose "hand will be against every man" (vs.12). Men ought to lead their homes and hearken to their wife only when she is correctly applying scripture.

Ge 16:3-4 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram **to be his wife.** **4** And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

Marriage in the bible has nothing to do with a ceremony, but flesh joining flesh. This is even true of a harlot (1Cor.6:16). This incident proves Sarai was sterile, not Abram. To add insult, Hagar began to despise Sarai.