

Lecture 5 – The Patriarchs (Part 1)

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8:58

Key Terms

Covenant, kingdom, seed, land

Objective

To understand covenant as it relates to Abraham

The Patriarchs (Part 1)

I. Abraham’s Circumstances

- A. Continuance of creation covenant
- B. Continuance of God’s kingdom
- C. Spread of peoples and formation of nations
- D. Idolatry in Chaldea (Joshua 24)

II. Genesis 12:1-3

- A. The call (verse 1)
- B. The blessing (verse 2)
- C. Extent of covenant influence

III. Genesis 15

- A. New Testament insight
- B. Continuity by seed
- C. Faith, righteousness, obedience
- D. Promise: seed and land (cf Psalm 72, Romans 4)

IV. Genesis 17

- A. Names of God
- B. Covenant stipulation (verse 1)
- C. Covenant promises (verse 2)
- D. Response – Oath? (verse 3)
- E. Ratification (verses 4-8)
- F. Seal (verses 9-14)
- G. Election (Isaac not Ishmael)
- H. Obedience to the sovereign King