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