



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 15:7-21 (NAS)

Topic: "Assurance from the Lord"

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- 7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."  
8 He said, "O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?"  
9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon."  
10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.  
11 The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.  
12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.  
13 God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.  
14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.  
15 "As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.  
16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."  
17 It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.  
18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:  
19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite  
20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim  
21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

### **I. GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAM**

- A. Be A Father
- B. Make Him A Great Nation
- C. All The Nations Would Be Blessed In His Seed
- D. To Give Him The Land Of Canaan

### **II. ABRAM HIT A ROUGH PATCH**

- A. He Had Fears
- B. He Could Not See How These Things Would Transpire
- C. He Needed Reassurance, Encouragement

### **III. GOD GAVE REASSURANCE**

- A. He Made A Covenant
- B. Amazing Condescension

### **IV. IF YOU TRUST CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR**

- A. God Gives You Encouragement *Romans 15:4,5; Hebrews 6:17,18*
- B. He Wants You To Be Assured *Acts 16:31; John 6:47, 14:2; I John 5:13*
- C. These Promises Have A Future Fulfillment

### **V. THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE**

- A. It Came To Abram As Father Of The Faith
- B. It Comes To Those Who Do Not Doubt *James 1:5-8*

### **VI. GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU ARE MANY**

- A. Promise Of His Presence *Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:20*
- B. Promise Of His Wisdom *James 1:5*
- C. Promise To Guide And Provide *Psalms 23*
- D. Promise To Protect *Psalms 46:1*
- E. So Many More