

SJK Bible Study Outline for Week Starting 29th April 2019

This series of studies follow the SJK Sermon Series on Genesis 12-50.

#1 Abram and the Covenant

Preparation: We plan to use some videos from The Bible Project in this study. Check out www.thebibleproject.com The videos are available on YouTube, and can be downloaded for free.

For #1, search YouTube **“The Bible Project The Book of Genesis Overview – Part 2 of 2”**

For #2, search YouTube **“The Bible Project Covenants”**

And if your group likes videos, you might like to view a third video.

For #3, Search YouTube **“The Bible Project Read Scripture: Genesis Ch. 12-50”** (8’08”)

1. **Start by viewing Video #1 “The Book of Genesis Overview – part 2 of 2”.** (5’06”)
What are your immediate reactions? Is there anything that surprises you, or puzzle you? Anything you’ve heard for the first time?
2. **Read Genesis 12.1-9.** This is the account of the covenant agreement or partnership between God and Abram. Who sets the terms of the covenant? What is God’s side of the agreement? And what is Abram’s side?
12.2-3: What exactly does God promise to Abram? (NIV Study Bible suggests a 7-fold structure.) And how does this promise compare with Genesis 1.28?
3. **Read Genesis 15.1-6.** What was God’s promise to Abram and what was Abram’s response? How did God view this response? See also **Hebrews 11.8-12** for a short commentary on this.
How do you reconcile Abram’s faith with his often-unfaithful actions, for example, as in Genesis 12.10-20?
4. **Read Genesis 17.1-10.** What is the significance of the change of name for Abram? Who took the initiative and for what purpose? And what then do you think was the significance of circumcision as a sign of the covenant?
5. **Now view Video #2 “Covenants”.** (5’46”) Any immediate reactions? Is there something you’ve learned? Or something that surprises or puzzles you?
6. NIV Study Bible notes that God’s promises in 12.2-3 were often confirmed. For example:
 - **To Abram** (Genesis 12.7; 15:5–21; 17:4–8; 18:18–19; 22:17–18)
 - **To Isaac** (Genesis 26:2–4)
 - **To Jacob** (Genesis 28:13–15; 35:11–12; 46:3)
 - **To Moses** (Exodus 3:6–8; 6:2–8)
 - **Through Peter** when a blind man had been healed (Acts 3:25)
 - **Through Paul** when he wrote to the Galatian Christians (Galatians 3:8)
 - **Through Paul** when he lamented his fellow-Israelites who did not accept Jesus as the Christ (Romans 9.6-8)
7. If you have time, and if your group likes videos:
View Video #3, “The Bible Project Read Scripture: Genesis Ch. 12-50” (8’08”)
Immediate reactions? Or things that surprise or puzzle you?
8. **Finale:** How does all this influence and effect our faith and daily Christian living?

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