

GENESIS CHAPTER 15

1 And after these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram, I *am* your shield. Your reward shall be very great."

2 And Abram said, "Master and Lord, what shall You give me? Seeing I am departing without a child, but the son of Masek my home-born female slave, this Eliezer of Damascus *is my heir*." 3 And Abram said, "*I am grieved* since You have given me no seed, but my home-born servant shall succeed me."

4 And immediately the voice of the Lord came to him, saying, "This shall not be your heir; but he that shall come out of you shall be your heir." 5 And He brought him out and said to him, "Look up now to heaven, and count the stars, if you shall be able to number them fully, and He said, Thus shall your seed be." 6 And Abram believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 And He said to him, "I am God that brought you out of the land of the Chaldeans, so as to give you this land to inherit."

⁸ And he said, "Master and Lord, how shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

⁹ And He said to him, "Take for Me a heifer in her third year, and a female goat in her third year, and a ram in his third year, and a dove and a pigeon." ¹⁰ So he took to Him all these things, and divided them in the midst, and set them opposite to each other, but the birds he did not divide. ¹¹ And birds came down upon the bodies, upon the divided parts of them, and Abram sat down by them.

¹² And about sunset, a deep sleep came on Abram, and behold, fear and great darkness pressed upon him. ¹³ And *God* said to Abram, "You shall surely know that your decendants shall be sojourners in a land not their own, and they shall enslave them, and afflict them, and humble them four hundred years. ¹⁴ And the nation whom they shall serve I will judge; and after this, they shall come forth with much property. ¹⁵ But you shall depart to your fathers in peace, nourished in a good old age. ¹⁶ And in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the sins of the Amorites are not yet filled up, even until now."

¹⁷ And when the sun was about to set, there was a flame, and behold, a smoking furnace and lamps of fire, which passed between the divided pieces. 18 In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates. ¹⁹ The Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."