

ABRAHAM, ISAAC, ISHMAEL & **The Covenant Making God**



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Theme: God's Story of Redemption from Genesis

Passage: Genesis 15, 17

God, you are_____. You (What did He do?)

- Lord God: the God who is personal, relates to Adam, Creator-Owner
- *Righteous judge of all the earth* (Gen6:18)
- “*God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth*”. **El Elyon** : Most exalted supreme
- My shield, my very great reward. Sovereign Lord (Gen15)
- “*The Living One who sees me*”. **El Roi**.
The God who sees me, understands my struggle
- **El Olam** the eternal God (**Gen21:33**) who fulfilled his promise to Abraham
- “*God will provide*”. **Yahweh Yireh**. (Gen22) Jehovah Jireh, God provided the ram

Casual? Transactional? Covenantal?

What kind of agreement did God make with:

- Adam?
- Noah?

- Abraham and his descendants
- Isaac?

- Why is God a Covenant-making, Covenant-keeping God?

What was this covenant about? Why did God cut this covenant with Abraham?

Genesis 15:7 He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

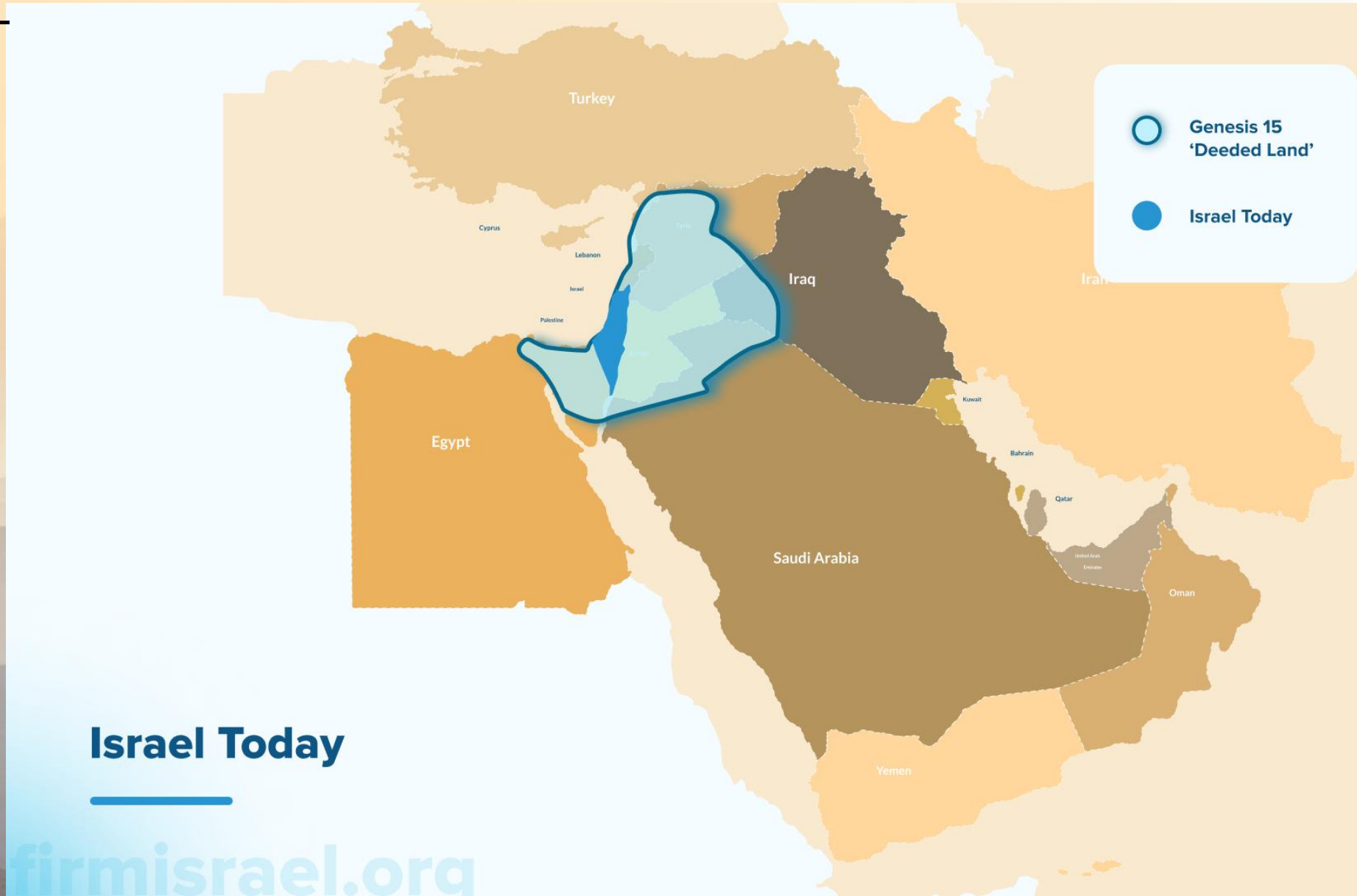
- v8 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”
- v9 So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram...
- ...
- v17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces

“pass between the pieces” means what?

Jeremiah 34:18,19

- v18 Those who have violated my covenant and have not fulfilled the terms of the covenant they made before me, I will treat like the calf they cut in two and then walked between its pieces.
- v19 The leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the court officials, the priests and all the people of the land who walked between the pieces of the calf.
- v20 I will deliver into the hands of their enemies who want to kill them. Their dead bodies will become food for the birds and the wild animals.

Genesis 15:18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi[e] of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—



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Land...

Genesis 4

- v10 The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.
- v11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

Leviticus 18:24 “ ‘Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.

- v25 Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin,
- and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

Blessing and Purpose

Ishmael

18 And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

19 Then God said, “Yes, ...

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.

Isaac

but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.

I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.