

- 1) What did Abraham come to know God as? You have journeyed with him—which names have you also come to know God as? Now say God’s names to Him.
 God, you are_____

Lord God: (Gen2; 14:22) 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** (Gen14:18, 19,22) : Most exalted supreme one

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
(Gen 16) Ishma-El God hears, God listens.

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 for Isaac

(And today: Covenant-maker; covenant-keeper)

2) Unpack Terms

How are casual, transactional and covenantal relationships different?

Casual relationship	Transactional relationship	Covenantal relationship

Select which one best describes your relationship with _____. Explain.

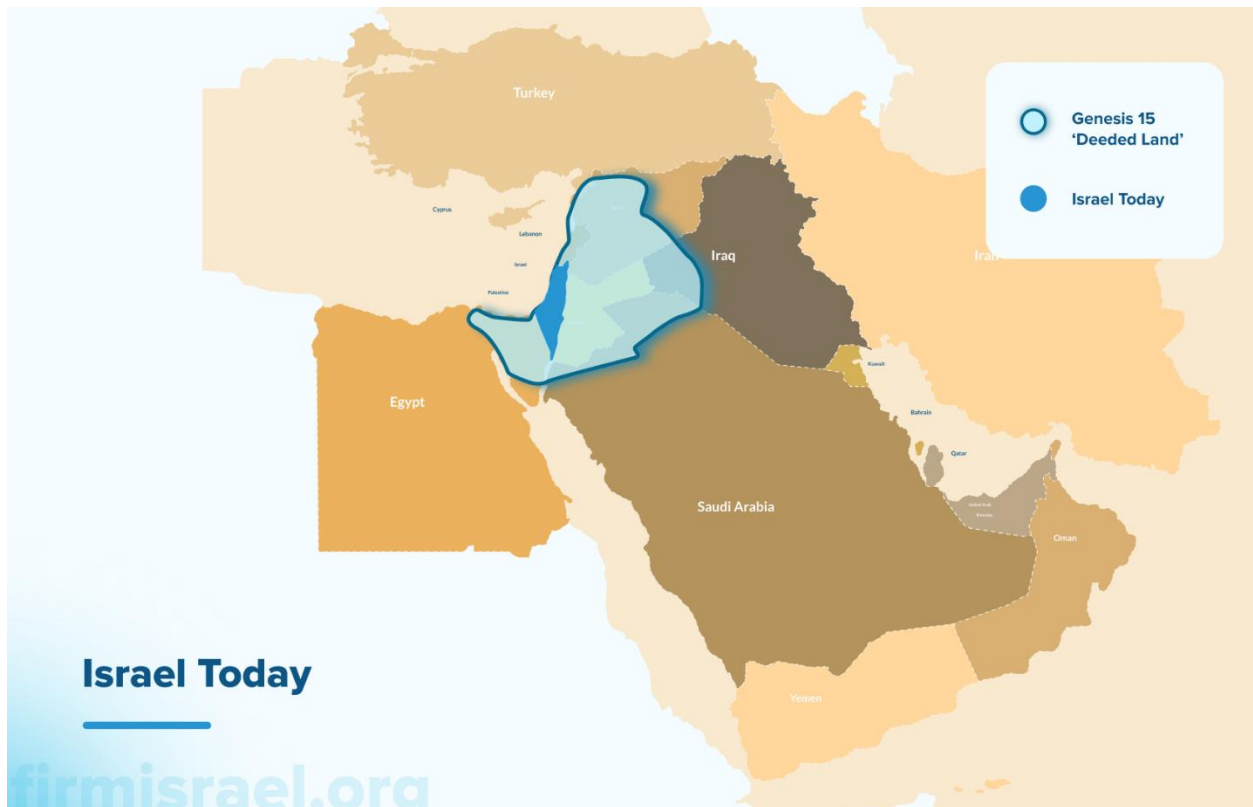
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| 4. God | <input type="checkbox"/> casual | <input type="checkbox"/> transactional | <input type="checkbox"/> covenantal |
| 5. Christ’s body, the local church (e.G., Bethesda Community) | | | |

3) Covenant making God

Will you recognize the first covenant God made with Abraham?

Genesis 15

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—



What is my attitude toward Israel on its land?

Is living in a land a given? What removes a people from their land?

(see Leviticus 18. Especially 18:24-25)

4) Ishmael and Isaac

We think in terms of either-or: God must be anti-Ishmael and pro-Isaac. But what does God's response to Abraham show?

Genesis 17

Ishmael	Isaac
<p>18 And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"</p> <p>19 Then God said, "Yes...</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.[d] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.</p> <p>21 But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year."</p>

- Ishmael was blessed by God. He too would become a great nation.
- That Genesis 12:3 blessing to the whole world, that will come through Isaac's descendants, is intended for all—for us and others, including those who identify with Ishmael.

Why did it have to be with Isaac that God made the covenant—to send the blessing that will bless the whole world?

God had promised someone who would come to deliver us from Satan (Genesis 3).

Through whom will this deliverer come?

- Adam: Didn't Adam already have his own fig leaves? Was that okay? Why not?
- Who had to do the first blood sacrifice? Who provided the animal skin to cover Adam's shame?
- Noah: Who came up with the plan (the ark) to save people from the flood of God's judgement?
- Abraham and Isaac: who provided the ram to take the place of Isaac?

The covenant to bring blessing to the whole world—must this be from God or Man's efforts?

? So, Why did this covenant have to be fulfilled through Isaac, not Ishmael?

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Respond:**Say to God the names of God revealed to adam, Noah and Abraham.*****Who is God? Use the list given in part 1*****Prayer:**

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Ishmael*Toward my friends and neighbors who identify with Ishmael:*

- Bless them by name, just as God named Ishmael and blessed him
- Ask God for good relationships, opportunities to connect.
- Learn to interact in ways that are helpful

Isaac

- Confess my unbiblical attitude toward the descendants of Isaac (Israel and the Jewish people), that I simply follow the feelings of my society and that which is presented in media.
- Acknowledge that Israel must exist. Acknowledge the geographical location, the land that God had promised to Abraham's descendants.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm122:6).

Psalm122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you be secure.

- Speak blessing on the Jewish people.
- Pray for the recognition of the Deliverer that God has sent. Bless the witness of Messianic Jews in their communities