

Heart and Home

On the Journey with Abraham

Lesson 4

READ: Genesis 15:1-5

1. Why did God tell Abram not to be afraid? What was Abram afraid of?
2. In verse 2, why didn't Abram assume Lot would be his heir? (He was a blood relative, and Eliezer was only a servant).
3. In Genesis 15:5 God told Abram his offspring would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Read Genesis 13:16. To what did God compare Abram's future offspring there?
4. Do you think that God had purpose in giving two different comparisons or was He just giving variety to His illustrations? Share your thoughts here.
5. Read Genesis 15:6. About what did Abram believe the Lord? Why was this belief credited to him as righteousness?
6. Read Galatians 3:6-9. What further light does this shed on question 5?

7. Read Romans 4:1-5; 9-25. What did Abram believe and what must we also believe to have righteousness credited to us? (See v. 24-25)

In Genesis 15:7, God again reiterates the promise of the land for his possession. Abram sees no evidence of this and is confused.

8. What does Abram ask God in Genesis 15:8?

9. What was God's answer? (see v. 9). Note the little word "So" that begins v. 9. (Don't be alarmed if you have no idea what God's answer meant. This will be covered in the talk).

10. What is going on in the next several verses? (See v. 18 for a clue).

12. From any previous Bible studies you might have had, to what time are verses 13-14 referring?

11. What do you think v. 16b means, "For the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure?"