

## The Dispensation of Promise is the Fourth of the Dispensations of God

### Abraham And Sarah

Genesis 12:3 the promises given:

1. A Great Nation
2. Abram would be a blessing and be blessed

3. Abram's name would be great

4. Other's would be blessed or cursed according to their relationship with Him
5. The world would be blessed by him; the incarnation fulfilled through Abram

#### Abrahamic Covenant

1. Covenants made and expanded. The names changed for both Abraham and Sarah. Abram becomes Abraham and Sarai becomes Sarah, Genesis 17:4-19.
2. The Promised Seed would come through him, Genesis 3:15, Galatians 3:15, 16. It is a covenant alongside the covenants made to Abraham to be a great Nation, a chosen Nation, a Nation of Kings and Priests, and many kings and nations would come through Abraham and Sarah, Luke 1.
3. The Covenant would be everlasting, the covenant and the covenants within would be everlasting, (a Nation, the promised seed, the land and other aspects relating to the covenants). These covenants are not dispensations; dispensations are not covenants.
4. The Palestinian Covenant, a covenant within a covenant, given to Abraham is more than a temporal covenant *it* extends to the end of the world, Genesis 15; Genesis 17:8; Deuteronomy 30:3; Jeremiah 23:5-8; Numbers 34:3-12; Ezekiel 37:21-28. The land of Canaan would become the chosen Nation forever from Egypt to the Euphrates River, Genesis 15:18, 19.
5. Abraham is told that he and his descendants were to be circumcised for a seal of the Covenant in its entirety. They and anyone who would join them were to practice circumcision; and if an individual would not become circumcised, then he would not become part of the Nation.
6. The Covenant would be passed down through the seed of Abraham and Sarah, (Isaac, Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob).

**Sarah** (the Abrahamic covenant includes the relationship with his wife )

1. Sarah – She is the daughter of Abraham's father but did not have the same mother as Abraham, Genesis 20:12.
2. She went with Abraham and without complaining about their moves. Scripture *states* she respected Abraham as lord over her, 1 Peter 3:5,6.
3. Sarah was a woman of faith *for which* God commended her faith, Hebrews 11:11.
4. Our Lord Jesus would come through her offspring. The Promised Seed of Genesis 3:15 was to come through her union with Abraham, Romans 9:6-9. Sarah shared in the covenants, when God chose Abraham, He chose Sarah, Genesis 17:15-19. Sarah was to be the mother of many nations and kings.
5. Sarah had a son from her own body; his name was Isaac through whom the covenant would be passed, Genesis 17:21; 21:1-5.
6. Sarah lied about laughing when God told Abraham that she would have a son, but God showed His grace and did not withhold a son from her, Genesis 18:9-15.
7. She was a true helper as seen by her assistance to Abraham, *Shown by her hospitality at a moment's notice*, Genesis 18:1-9.
8. Even in Abraham's lie about her, when Sarah was exposed to danger, the LORD's mercy and grace protected her virtue, Genesis 20.
9. Sarah must have been a lady who could express her joy. She laughed with excitement of joy, Genesis 21:6-8.
10. Sarah's devotion to Abraham is *shown* by the two of them working together; she *participated* in everything with Abraham, seeking to preserve their lives by sinning with Abraham in his lies. She also tried to bring about God's promise to her husband at great moral cost; she wanted her husband to be successful, Genesis 16:1-10, Genesis 23:1-6.