

THE FATHER OF FAITH

God calls one man, cuts covenant with his household, tests his faith, and binds the future of nations to one promised seed.

MACRO POSITION

The covenant launch of the Genesis arc. The Abrahamic covenant is the spine of Scripture — every later covenant (Sinai, Davidic, New) traces back here. This is the move from what went wrong in Genesis 1–11 to how God will put it right.

COLOR-CODED OUTLINE BAR

Read left to right as the section unfolds

Gen 12 The Call	Gen 13-14 Lot / Kings	Gen 15 Covenant Cut	Gen 16 Hagar / Ishmael	Gen 17 Covenant Sign	Gen 18-19 Intercession / Sodom	Gen 20-21 Isaac Born	Gen 22 Moriah Test	Gen 23-25 Burial / Marriage
GOLD	IRON	GOLD	EMBER	GOLD	CRIMSON	OLIVE	CRIMSON	SLATE

STRUCTURAL FLOW

How the section moves

- 1 The Call: leave, go, be blessed, be a blessing (12:1–9)
- 2 Failures in Egypt, with Lot, with kings, with Hagar (12:10 – 16:16)
- 3 Covenant cut — smoking furnace and burning lamp (ch. 15)
- 4 Covenant sign — circumcision and renamed identity (ch. 17)
- 5 Promise born — Isaac arrives; Ishmael departs (chs. 20–21)
- 6 Covenant tested — the binding of Isaac on Moriah (ch. 22)

THEMATIC SHIFTS

Where the text changes mode

- **Scattered Nations to Chosen Seed**
The universal problem narrows into one particular promise.
- **Strategy to Timing**
Hagar represents the shortcut; Isaac represents the wait.
- **Promise to Proof**
Moriah measures whether Abraham trusts the Giver more than the gift.
- **Single Man to Family of Nations**
The section ends with the covenant already producing generations.

LITERARY DIVISIONS

UNIT	GENRE	MARKER
12:1–9	Call narrative	“Get thee out...”
12–14	Travel & conflict cycles	Egypt, Lot, kings
15	Covenant-cutting scene	Smoking furnace, burning lamp
17	Covenant-sign scene	Renaming and circumcision
18–19	Intercession & judgment	“Shall not the Judge...”
22	Covenant test	“Take now thy son...”

CFADD MINISTRY LAYER

Doctrine · Family · Kingdom · Culture · Prayer · Rebuilder

DOCTRINE IN THE TEXT

God justifies by faith and binds Himself by covenant before His people can keep it.

FAMILY PRINCIPLE

The covenant is generational — Abraham is chosen to command his household after God (18:19).

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE

Nations are blessed through a household that walks before God blameless.

CULTURAL APPLICATION

Spiritual fatherhood is the engine of cultural reformation.

PRAYER DECLARATION

“Lord, raise covenant fathers who command their households after You.”

REBUILDER'S CHARGE

Build altars before you build estates.

CHRISTWARD TRAJECTORY

Moriah is the geographical and theological foreshadowing of Calvary — a beloved son, a substitute ram, a covenant of blessing for all nations. The seed-singular language of Genesis 22:18 is interpreted in Galatians 3:16 as Christ Himself.

LEGEND

- Covenant
- Kingdom / Dominion
- Christ / Redemption
- Family / Household
- Place / Land
- Time / Generation
- Consequence
- Conflict / Warfare
- Prayer / Worship
- Providence