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Righteousness In Christ By Faith		
Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12:1–3; 15:1–21; 17:1–14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circumcision - All male descendants of Abraham, including:• Abraham himself <i>(at time of Command)</i>• His son Ishmael <i>(At age 13)</i>• All male children born in his household or bought with money (servants/slaves) <i>(Regardless of origin)</i>• All male descendants going forward — at 8 days old		Description: God's promise to Abraham to make him a great nation, bless all nations through his seed, and give land to his descendants. This covenant is based on faith and is foundational to both Israel and the Church. Genesis 17:9-14
Abraham, A Great Nation – is one of the central focuses of the Abrahamic Covenant, and it appears repeatedly in Scripture as part of God’s unfolding redemptive plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numerous Descendants - God promised Abraham that his offspring would become as numerous as the stars (Gen. 15:5) and the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16).• A National Identity - This "great nation" would have land (Canaan), a covenant relationship with God, and become known as Israel.• Spiritual Legacy - Through Abraham’s seed (ultimately Christ), all nations would be blessed (Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:16).• Fulfilled in Israel and the Church - Israel became the literal nation, and the Church—composed of Jews and Gentiles who share Abraham’s faith—is part of the spiritual fulfillment (Gal. 3:7–9).		
ABRAHAM IS CALLED	ABRAHAM RECEIVES THE PROMISE	ABRAHAM'S NAME IS CHANGED
Genesis 12:1–2 <p>“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’”</p>	Genesis 15:5 <p>“And He brought him outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then He said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’”</p>	Genesis 17:4–5 <p>“Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of many nations.”</p>

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<p>A. Abraham as the Father of a <i>Great Nation</i> - This promise focuses on Abraham’s biological descendants through Isaac, specifically the nation of Israel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Genesis 12:2 (NRSV) <i>“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”</i>Genesis 18:18 (NRSV) <i>“...seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”</i>	<p>B. Abraham as the Father of <i>Many Nations</i> This expands the promise beyond Israel to include a multitude of nations, fulfilled both through his descendants (Isaac, Ishmael, Keturah's sons) and spiritually through Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Genesis 17:4–5 (NRSV) 4 <i>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.</i> 5 <i>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.”</i> <p>New Testament Fulfillment – Abraham Spiritual Father to All Who Believe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 4:16–17 (NRSV) <i>“...He is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’—in the presence of the God in whom he believed...”</i> Paul uses this to teach that Abraham is the spiritual father of all who believe—both Jews and Gentiles.

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Old Testament (Covenant) – Abraham Father of A Great Nation <i>(In Summary, refers to the nation of Israel, Abraham’s physical lineage)</i>			New Testament (Covenant) – Abraham As the Father of Many Nations <i>(In Summary, refers to Global descendants and all believers by faith))</i>		
Passover Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exodus 12:1–30 — The institution of Passover• Exodus 12:43–51 — Observance commanded• Deuteronomy 16:1–8 — Annual commemoration reaffirmed	Description: Commemorating God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt , particularly the night when the Lord "passed over" the homes of the Israelites during the final plague—the death of the firstborn.	<div>Purpose: For Abraham and His Seed, For the Children of Israel</div> <div></div>	<div>Purpose: Encompasses all Humanity that would receive Christ as Lord and Savior</div> <div></div>	Passover New Testament Covenant Mediated by Christ Jeremiah 31:31–34; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6–13; Hebrews 9:15	Description: Fulfillment of the promise of a "new covenant." Jesus mediates a better covenant through His sacrificial death and resurrection, offering forgiveness of sins, internal transformation, and a direct relationship with God. God's deliverance of Humanity from the Fallen State of mankind
Old Testament Pentecost Event: Mosaic Covenant Exodus 19–24; Deuteronomy 5	Description: A conditional covenant between God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. It included the Law (Torah), setting Israel apart as God's holy nation. Blessings were contingent on obedience; disobedience brought curses.			New Testament Pentecost Event: Acts 2:1–4; Joel 2:28–32; Acts 2:16–21; Ezekiel 36:26–27	Description: Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It fulfills Old Testament promises and begins the Church. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to share the gospel, brings them together as one body, and puts God’s law in their hearts.