

# Tomb Raiders

## THE CRADLE OF THE MESSIAH

### Part 2: The "Seed" Of Abraham

"Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself."  
~ Luke 24:27 (NLT)

#### INTRODUCTION – Setting The Tracking Device

##### TRACKING THE SEED...

- i) **Genesis 3:15** – The "seed" of Eve (a man) will crush the \_\_\_\_\_ (and oppose his seed = religion).
- ii) **Genesis 9:24-27** – God will identify with the descendants of \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) **Genesis 12:3; 22:18** – The "seed" of \_\_\_\_\_ will bless all nations.
- iv) **Genesis 49:10** – An international ruler will come from (the tribe of) \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Promise To Abraham

**Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-18; 15:4-5; 17:1-14; 18:17-19; 22:15-18**

(Repeated to Isaac & Jacob in **Genesis 26:3-4, 23-24; 28:13-14.**)

#### GENESIS 17...

- a) Abraham will be the source of many \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) The Abrahamic Covenant is \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) This covenant is a covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### GENESIS 22...

- a) Abraham's "seed" is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ "seed" will conquer *his* enemies.
- c) The whole world will be \_\_\_\_\_ by Abraham's "seed".

#### Abraham's "Seed" & The New Testament "Tree"

John 8:30-59; Galatians 3

##### ABRAHAM'S "SEED" IS:

- a) Ethnic/National \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 8:37**).
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ (**Galatians 3:16**).
- c) All \_\_\_\_\_ (**Galatians 3:29**).

#### CONCLUSION – The "Cliff-Hanger" Of Faith

Genesis 15:6; 17:23-27; 22:16; 26:5; Numbers 20:8-12

#### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

##### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

##### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read what the Apostle Paul writes to one group of believers who were tempted to slip away from the Covenant of Faith back into a Law-based religion in **Galatians 3 (the whole chapter)**. a) What verse from this chapter stands out to you the most? Why? b) According to **verses 1-5**, what is the problem with the Galatian Christ-followers? c) Who are the true children of Abraham (and what verses make this clear)? (Also see **Romans 4:9-16**.) d) If a universal Covenant of *faith* (that is, *trusting relationship*) was always God's goal, why did he bring in the secondary covenant with Israel of religious Law through Moses?

##### SO WHAT?...

3. Re-read **Galatians 3:28**. a) In what ways are gender, race, or socio-economic status sometimes allowed to be a barrier in your life to genuine family fellowship with other Christ-followers? b) Can you think of any other barriers besides these three that sometimes get in the way of our brotherly and sisterly closeness? c) What could you individually or your Home Church corporately do to increase our experience of the reality of **Galatians 3:28**?

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