

## A Four - Part Series

### Part III

#### **“God’s Presence In The Life Of Abraham: Brings A Posterity & A Heritage”**

Genesis 17:1-9 & 15-19

Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the **Lord Appeared (Epiphany)** to Abram and **spoke (Rhema)** to him, “**I AM God Almighty**; walk before Me, & be blameless. **I will establish My Covenant between Me and you**, and **I will multiply you exceedingly.**” Abram fell on his face, & **God talked** with him, **saying (Rhema)**, “**As for Me**, behold, **My Covenant is with you**, and **you will be the father of a multitude of nations (posterity)**. **No longer shall your name be called Abram**, but **your name shall be Abraham**; for **I have made you the father of a multitude of nations (posterity)**. **I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make nations (posterity) of you**, and **kings (posterity) will come forth from you**. **I will establish My Covenant between Me and you and your descendants (posterity) after you throughout their generations (posterity) for an Everlasting Covenant**, to be **God to you and God to your descendants (posterity) after you**. **I will give to you & I will give to your descendants (posterity) after you**, the **land (heritage) of your sojournings**, all the **land (heritage) of Canaan**, for an **Everlasting Possession (Heritage)**; and **I will be their God**. Now as for you, you shall keep **My Covenant**, **you & your descendants (posterity) after you throughout their generations (posterity).**” Then **God said (Rhema)** to Abraham, “**As for Sarai your wife**, you shall not call her name **Sarai**, but **Sarah shall be her name!**” **I will bless her**, and indeed **I will give you a son (posterity) by her**. Then **I will bless her**, and she shall be a **mother of nations (posterity)**; **kings of peoples (posterity) will come from her.**” Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “**Will a child (posterity) be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child (posterity)?**” And Abraham said to **God**, “**Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!**” But **God said (Rhema)**, “**No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son (posterity)**, and you shall call his name **Isaac**; and **I will establish My Covenant with him (posterity) for an Everlasting Covenant for his descendants (posterity) after him.**”

Genesis 17:1-9 & 15-19 (NKJV)

#### **2 # Main Concepts Throughout This 4-Part Message**

- 1) God’s Word (Logos) Is Recorded For Us In The Bible**
- 2) God Is Speaking (Rhema) Directly To Us Through His Word (Logos),  
By His Spirit (Prayer), & By His Indwelling Spirit (Presence)!**

**1) He also uses a variation on His Greatest Name**

In each of these four passages based on the theme of the **“Great I AM!”**

**2) But Most Important concept that I want you to understand**

Is that **God Is Always Speaking (Rhema)**

In each of these four passages!

The Main Idea I will be referencing here today & over the next three weeks is that:

**God Was Constantly Speaking To Abraham Back Then,  
& He Is Constantly Speaking To Us Here Today!**

*In this passage*

**Q: "What Does God Have To Say (*Rhema*) To Abram Back Then & To Us Today?"**

**A1 - Posterity:** God Promises To Bless Those Who Are Faithful To Him By Giving Them

**A *Posterity*:** *Children & Grandchildren & Relationships – Our Immediate Family, God's Family, & God Himself*  
**Posterity**

+ God Mentions A ***Posterity*** – 12x

+ God Calls Himself By His Greatest Name ***I AM*** – 12x

+ God Brings Forth From ***Isaac: Jacob - Israel*** = 12x Tribes Of Israel!

**A2 - Heritage:** God Promises To Bless Those Who Are Faithful To Him By Giving Them

A ***Promised Land***: Now - ***Israel & Our Land*** & Later – ***Promised Land Of Heaven***

+ God Mentions A ***Heritage*** – 7x [ 5x – As Nations & Kings + 2x – As Possessing The Land ]

**A3 - Covenant:** God Establishes & Fulfills His ***Covenants (Old & New)*** With His People!

God Mentions A ***Covenant*** – 7x (A Number Of Completion - A Number Of Fulfillment)!

**Q: "What Was God Trying To Reveal To Abram Back Then,  
& To Us Today Through His Presence & His Words?"**

**A:** His Eternal Plan For All Of Humanity!

**I.** God's Eternal Plan Of ***"Community & Fellowship"***

The Plan He Established Before He Created The Universe & Us

**II.** God's Eternal Plan Has ***"Salvation"*** Woven Within It

Even Though He Knew We Would Not Remain Faithful & Fall From His Grace

**III.** All People Are Inherently Selfish & Choose Their Will & Their Desires Over God's & Others. They Commit Sin & Separate Themselves From God & Others

**IV.** Gods Eternal Plan Of ***"Community, Fellowship, & Salvation"***

Includes All People On The Earth For All Time (Believers & Unbelievers, Jews & Gentiles)

**V.** God Has Been Speaking His Eternal Plan Of ***"Community, Fellowship, & Salvation"***

Since The Beginning Of Time Through:

1) His Written Word – ***Logos***

2) His Spoken Word – ***Rhema***

3) His Creation – ***Order & Design***

4) His Signs – ***Miracles & Wonders***

5) His Angels – ***Dreams, Visions, Appearance, & Revelation***

6) His People – ***Actions & Words***

7) Himself - ***Dreams & Visions (Theophany)***, Direct ***Visitation & Revelation (Epiphany)***

**VI.** God Has Given Us All A Freewill To Choose How We Want To Respond To Him

And To His Eternal Plan Of ***"Community, Fellowship, & Salvation"***

**VII.** God Always Keeps His Promises & His Word

He Is Always Faithful, No Matter What We Choose!

**Q: "What Was Abraham's Response To God's Plan & Promise Of A Posterity & A Heritage?"**

**A1:** In His Flesh, In His Humanness - He Doubted God's Word (***Rhema***)!

**A2:** In His Flesh, In His Humanness – He Substituted God's Will For His Own Will!

**Q: "What Was God's Response To Abraham's Doubt – Lack Of Faith?"**

**A:** God Gave A Word (***Rhema***) To Reassure Abraham!

**Q:** “What Was God’s Response To Abraham’s & Sarah’s – Willfulness/Disobedience?”

**A:** God Gave Him A Word (*Rhema*) To Reassure Sarah Also!

**Q:** “What Did God Really Want To Communicate To Abraham & Sarah Back Then & To Us Here Today?”

**A1:** That He Makes *Plans* & Keeps His *Promises*!

**A2:** That He Establishes & Fulfills His *Covenants* (Both The *Old* & The *New*)!

**God Reassured David & Future Generations To Come!**

“My Covenant I will not break, nor alter the *Word (Rhema)* that has gone out of *My Lips*. Once I have sworn by *My Holiness*; I will not lie to David, *His Seed (posterity)* shall endure forever, and *His Throne (heritage)* as the sun before Me; *It (heritage)* shall be Established Forever like the moon, even like the *faithful witness (stars)* in the sky!” **Psalm 89:34-37**

“O Seed of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob, *His chosen ones (His posterity)*! He is the Lord Our God; *His Judgements* are in all the earth. He Remembers His Covenant Forever, the *Word (Rhema)* which He Commanded, for a *thousand generations (posterity)*; “the *Covenant* which He Madee with Abraham, and His *Oath to Isaac*, and *Confirmed It to Jacob for a Statue*, to Israel as an *Everlasting Covenant*.” **Psalm 105:6-10**

**God Is Reassuring Us Again In These Last Days**

“For the mountains shall depart & the hills be removed, *but My Kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My Covenant of Peace be removed*,” Says (*Rhema*) the Lord, *Who has mercy on you!*” **Isaiah 54:10**

**Q:** “What Is God Asking Of Us Today, In Order To Keep His Covenantal Promises To Us?”

**A1:** Receive His Salvation - Repent Of Our Sins & Receive His Forgiveness!

**A2:** Receive His Will – Obey Him As Our Father!

**A3:** Receive His Holiness - Grow In His Likeness!

**A4:** Give Away His Good News – Set All People Free!

**God Told Moses & Us Again Today - What Is Needed From Our People To Save Our Nation!**

“But if they will confess their *iniquity* & the *iniquity of their fathers*, with their *unfaithfulness* in which they were *unfaithful to Me*, & that they also have walked contrary to Me, and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the *land (heritage)* of their enemies; if their *uncircumcised hearts* are humbled, and they accept their *guilt*, then I will remember My Covenant with Jacob, and My Covenant with Isaac, and My Covenant with Abraham, I will Remember; I will Remember the *land (heritage)*. The *land (heritage)* also shall be left empty by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them; they will accept their *guilt*, because they despised My Judgements and because their soul abhorred My Statutes. Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them & break My Covenant with them; for I AM the Lord Their God! But for their sake I will remember the *Covenant of their ancestors*, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I Might Be Their God: I AM the Lord!”

**Leviticus 26:40-45**

**Q:** “What Will Be Mine & What Will Be Your Response Of Faith, Of Obedience, Of Holiness, of evangelism This Week, To The *Covenant Established* & *Fulfilled* By God Through His Son, Jesus Christ The Lord For You?”