

## **Was Abram Dreaming? Genesis 15**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **WHEN DID ABRAM GO TO SLEEP IN GENESIS 15?**

#### **PROTECTION AND PROVISION (15:1)**

#### **PROGENY? (15:2-3)**

#### **RENEWED PROMISE OF PROGENY (15:4-5)**

#### **ABRAM'S FAITH WAS ACCOUNTED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS (15:6)**

What did he believe?

When did he believe it?

We must answer this question first.

## EVIDENCE OUTSIDE OF GENESIS 15

### Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

### Genesis 12:3

"I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

### Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

## EVIDENCE INSIDE GENESIS 15:6: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 7 not 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

2. After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (15:1)

3. **[NEXT]** But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?" (15:2)

4. **[NEXT]** <sup>3</sup> Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" (15:3)

5. **[NEXT]** And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." (15:4)

6. **[NEXT]** Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." (15:5)

1. [BACKGROUND] And he [had] believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. }

7. **[NEXT]** Then He said to him, "I *am* the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." (Gen. 15:7)

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**NIV:** Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (Gen 15:6)

## **Pinpointing when Abraham Believed**

### **What Did He Believe?**

**That God will make him a great nation (12:2)**

**That God will bless him (12:2)**

**That God will bless blessers of Abram and curse his cursers (12:3)**

**That God will bless the world through Abram (12:3)**

**Clarification in 22:18: The blessing will be through Abram's seed**

**That Abram will have seed (12:7)**

**That He will give the land to Abram's seed (12:8)**

**Throughout God's dealings with Abra[ha]m, the promise of eternal life is present**

### **Conclusion**