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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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COVENANT AND CIRCUMCISION

1:30 Isaiah 51:1-2 Opens with the words “Listen To Me” Isaiah many times opened with those words. References to other chapters that are listed in the lesson 12-158-32.

Teaching on those who pursue righteousness and seek the Lord. Teaching on the rock – repeated from earlier teachings. Teaching on the peoples who trace their lineage back to Abraham. Reference Galatians 3:26-29. Review of earlier teachings in the series.

8:30 Genesis 11:31-12:3 Abraham is imperfectly obedient in that he takes his father with him and stops prematurely. Sometimes members of our own family are a snare to us in our wish to be obedient to the Lord. Reference Luke 14:25-27. Obedience makes a total claim on our lives.

11:25 Genesis 12:2 The first statement of the Abrahamic covenant. The Lord initiates the covenant. It is the basis of the entire Old Testament. There are two fundamental covenants - One made with Abraham and his physical descendants and the other made with Jesus Christ and the whole of the earth. Reference 1 Corinthians 11:25. Predicted in the Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:31-32

13:30 Genesis 12:2 The “I will” statements. Great nation; Bless you; Make your name great; Bless those who bless you; Curse those who curse you. Teaching on word “curse”.

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16:25 Genesis 17:1-9 God initiates the covenant. God changes Abram's name at the institution of the covenant. Teaching on the aspects of the covenant.

18:45 Genesis 17:10-14 Circumcision. The sign of the covenant. Teaching summary: 1. God initiates the covenant. 2. the purpose of the covenant is to establish a relationship. 3. Abram's name is changed to Abraham. 4. The sign of the covenant is circumcision, it is the responsibility of the parent. 5. Failure to be circumcised is to be cut out from God's people.

23:20 Deuteronomy 10:12-13 What does God want from his people? He wants them to love him, to serve him, to obey him. Reference Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise your hearts (spiritual) and do not be stubborn any longer.

25:10 Jeremiah 9:25 Merely having the outward sign is meaningless. Reference Romans 2:25-29 Internal circumcision is what really matters. Teaching on Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Sacrament of initiation – giving of a Christian name. Baptism is not a salvation ordinance, but a recognition that the child is a part of the covenant family. Reference Acts 16:25-33 entire household baptized. Joshua 24:15.

40:40 Romans 2:25-29 Circumcision and Baptism are to be internal realities, not only external signs.

Is. 51:1 "Hearken to me, you who pursue deliverance, you who seek the LORD; look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were digged. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him and made him many.

Gal. 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gen. 11:31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Gen. 12:1 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. 2 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. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

Luke 14:25 Now great multitudes accompanied him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

1Cor. 11:25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Jer. 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I

was their husband, says the LORD.

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Gen. 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Gen. 17:9 And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 He that is eight days old among you shall be circumcised; every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house, or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money, shall be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Deut. 10:12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the

commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I command you this day for your good?

Deut. 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Jer. 9:25 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will punish all those who are circumcised but yet uncircumcised —

Rom. 2:25 Circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law; but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. 26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? 27 Then those who are physically uncircumcised but keep the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. 28 For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. 29 He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal. His praise is not from men but from God.

Acts 16:25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and brought them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family.

Josh. 24:15 And if you be unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”