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The Superior Promise

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⁷ And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

Genesis 15:7-18

¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

Genesis 15:7-18

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.
¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 15:7-18

¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

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Summary Outline of Galatians

- 1.) Gospel of Grace Affirmed & Paul's Apostleship Defended (Ch. 1-2)
- 2.) Establishing Salvation By Grace Alone – “Grace Explained” (Ch. 3-4)
- 3.) How to Walk in Grace – “Grace Applied” (Ch. 5-6)