

We are the heirs of Abraham's Promise from God

Read Galatians 3:10 – Which Passage of the Old Testament is Paul quoting and why?

- Deuteronomy 11 through 27 is God giving the law to the Israelite people.

Then in chapter 28 He gives them the blessings and the curses for breaking the laws.

- Paul is quoting from Deut. 27:26 and he knows the curses that follow in chapter 28.
- Paul wants the Galatians to understand that God said, if you do not follow **ALL** of the commands and statutes given then cursed you will be. Deut. 28:15. Not some or a few, but all of the 316 laws set up by God.
- Attempting to observe all of the law will be a curse unto itself.
["Galatians for You"](#) pg. 74.
- "Living by the law isn't a buffet where you pick and choose the laws you want to obey. Either you keep all the law all the time or you are condemned. God does not grade on the curve. It is a simple Pass/Fail. Keep the law perfectly, 100% of the time, or you are

cursed. That doesn't leave a big margin for error." David B. Curtis.

[Commentary on Galatians by David B. Curtis](#)

- Paul is telling them that if you want to follow the law instead of relying on faith then you better be as good as Jesus and get it all right everyday of your life.

Read Galatians 3:11 – Which passage in the Old Testament is Paul citing here and why?

- To approach a Holy and Righteous God, you yourself have to be righteous. We are not righteous, but we become righteous through Jesus Christ. God sees Jesus when He sees us. Through Him we are righteous, sanctified and redeemed. 1 Corinthians 1:30.
- Paul is citing Habakkuk as the only true way to salvation, through faith. The law was never designed to make a person righteous. Faith is the key to salvation and has always been the key. Habakkuk 2:4

Read Galatians 3:12 – The law is not about faith; it is about practicing each 316 laws of the Torah. All of the laws, all the time. If you want salvation by the law, do not break one of them, throughout your entire life. This is what Paul means by “The one who does them shall live by them”. No exceptions.

- The book of Leviticus explains all 316 laws. Lev. 26 then proceeds to the blessings and then to the curses for the people of Israel if they did not follow the law.

Read Galatians 3:13-14 – Jesus became a curse. What does that mean?

- The Greek word for “Redeemed” is exagorazo which means deliverance at a cost, release by payment of a price.
- Paul is quoting Deuteronomy 21:23. When an Israelite committed a crime, they were usually stoned to death. Then their body was hung on a tree as symbol of divine rejection.
- Christ became the curse that we deserved.
- Vs. 14 – So that we could receive the blessings. Christ became the curse we deserved, so that we could receive the blessings He deserved. [“Galatians for You”](#) pg. 75.
- Isaiah 53:4-5

Read Galatians 3:15-18 – What was the promise to Abraham that Paul is speaking of?

- Genesis 3:15 – God talks about a seed that will come from Eve. That seed will be Jesus the Christ 4,000 years later.

- Genesis 15:6 – This passage, Paul is referencing. God is not talking about the 12 tribes that will descend from Abraham. God is telling him of the one seed that will come from Abraham and restore mankind to Himself.
 - Genesis 15:3-6 – God told Abram look to the starts and number them if you can, so shall your offspring be.
 - "In verse 5 God tells Abram to "count the stars." The word "count" here is from the Hebrew saphar, which can means: "intensively to recount, that is, celebrate: shew forth, speak, talk, tell." It comes from a root meaning: "a book" or "a scroll." In the LXX(Septuagint) the word "count" is arithmeo, which can means: "reckoned up." The meaning of arithmeo, is much wider than "count" and can mean: "enumerate" or "reckon." So, what God said to Abram was not "count the stars," but to "recount or tell" the stars. There was a story in the stars, and God wanted Abram to take note of it. And there was something about this story in the stars that Abraham believed, and it was counted to him as righteousness." [Astronomy and the Birth of Christ – David B. Curtis](#)
 - The story of Christ is in the Zodiac. God was not asking Abram to count the starts but read them because they told the story of the Messiah.

- There are 12 astrological signs observed in the Zodiac. 12 in the Bible is for “perfection of government” or “rule”.

1. Virgo (the Virgin) – Matt 1:23

2. Libra (the Scales) – The price that will need to be paid.

Redeemer’s atoning work. Psalm 49:7

3. Scorpio (the Scorpion) – The picture is a gigantic scorpion trying to sting the heel of a mighty man who is struggling with a serpent, but is crushed by the man, who has a foot placed on the scorpion’s heart. Pg. 38. [The Witness of the Stars – E.W. Bullinger](#) Psalm 91:13

4. Sagittarius (the Archer) – The triumph of the Coming One.

“Conquering and to conquer”. Revelation 6:2. Psalm 45:4-6

5. Capricornus (the Sea Goat) – The sacrifice. Leviticus 10:16-17 and 16:22. He laid down His life for the sheep.

6. Aquarius (the Water Bearer) – Their blessings ensured, or the living waters of blessings poured forth for the redeemed. Pg.59 [The Witness of the Stars – E.W. Bullinger](#) Numbers 24:7.

7. Pisces (the Fish) – A great multitude of fish will become the Church. Ezekiel 47:9. Psalm 33:12, Isaiah 61:9

8. Aries (the Ram) – “This is pictured by a ram, or lamb, full of vigor and life; not falling in death as Capricornus is. Pg. 74. [The Witness of the Stars – E.W. Bullinger](#). The Lord is victorious, and the captives have been released. Romans 7:6
9. Taurus (the Bull) – Messiah, the coming Judge of all the earth. Isaiah 13:11-15
10. Gemini (the Twins) – God and man. His twofold nature. Isaiah 32:1-2
11. Cancer (the Crab) – The gathering up. The redeemed possessions of the Messiah. Jeremiah 23:3.
12. Leo (the Lion) – Genesis 49:8-9, Amos 3:4-8. [The Lion of Judah](#).