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A. Abram **receives** the promise of God to be his **shield** and **reward**  
(15:1)

B. Abram **questions** God's promise (15:2)

C. Abram **presents** his plan for God fulfilling His promise  
(15:2-5)

D. Abram **accepts** God's plan and promise by faith (*Genesis 15:6*)

### II. GOD'S PROMISE AND PLAN FULFILLED IN THE FUTURE

(*Gen. 15:13-16*)

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(15:13)

B. Abram's seed will be **afflicted** 400 years in that foreign land  
(15:13)

C. God's **judgement** will be upon the nation that afflicted His people  
(15:14)

D. God's people will come out of their affliction with great substance  
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A. Abram receives the promise of God to be his shield and reward

(Genesis 15:1)

1. I am thy shield (protection, safety, confidence, faith  
Eph.6:16)

2. I am thy exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1)

a. Exceeding

b. Great

c. Reward: the blessing of his seed (15:3-5) and the blessing of

the promise land (15:7)

B. Abram questions God's promise (Genesis 15:2)

1. How can God's promise be fulfilled if Abram does not have an heir of his own seed?

2. If there is no heir, the promised reward cannot be passed on

**C. Abram presents his plan for God fulfilling His promise  
(Gen. 15:2-5)**

1. Let my servant Eliezer be the heir of God's promise (v. 2,3)

2. God rejects Abram's plan and demands faith in His plan (v. 4,5)

a. The heir shall be of your own seed (v. 4)

b. Your seed shall be as the stars in heaven (v.5)

**D. Abram accepts God's promise and plan by faith (Genesis 15:6)**

***1. The theme of Israel's redemption***

**Exodus 6:6** *Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:*

***2. The theme of redemption of our redemption***

**1Pe 1:18** *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

**1Pe 1:19** *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

**1Pe 1:20** *Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

**1Pe 1:21** *Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.*

**Col 1:13** *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

**Col 1:14** *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

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*Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:  
Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

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