The Abrahamic Covenant

POINTS OF THE COVENANT:
1. Abraham was to be a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ to a strange nation
   [Abr. 2:6]
   a. The Land of Egypt [Abr. 2:21-25]
2. He was to be the father of a great nation [Abr. 2:9]
   a. Sarah - Isaac, Jacob, [12 Tribes of Israel]
   b. Hagar - Ishmael [12 Tribes of Ishmael]
      i. Nebaioth [heights] Pastoral tribe, Petra was their capitol - Isa. 60:7
      iii. Adbe-el [offspring of God] Arabian tribe
      iv. Mibsam [sweet odor]
      v. Mishma [a hearing]
      vii. Massa [Burden] east Arabia
      viii. Hadad [mighty]
      ix. Tema [a desert] arab tribe in Syria Isa. 21-13-14
      x. Jetur [an enclosure]
      xi. Naphish [refreshment]
      xii. Kedemah [eastward]
   c. Keturah
      i. Zimran
      ii. Jokshan; Joktanites, Kingdom of Sheba in Southern Arabia
      iii. Medan; Medanites
      iv. Midian; Midianites, NW Arabia, East of Gulf of Aqaba
      v. Ishbak; N Arabia
      vi. Shuah
3. His name would be great among all nations [Abr. 2:9]
   a. Moslems, through Ishmael
   b. Jews, through Jacob
   c. Christians, believing followers of Christ are Abrahams seed
   d. LATTER-DAY SAINTS: By blood lineage or adoption, all righteous to
      Gospel covenants are heirs to the blessings of Abraham
4. Abraham and his posterity would be given a land which would be unto them an
   everlasting inheritance as long as they served God {Abr. 2:6, 19}
   a. Ancient land of Canaan, Palestine or Israel [Gen. 15:18]
   c. Land(s) of Zion
5. Abraham’s posterity would be as numerous as the stars of the heavens and the
   sands of the sea [Abr. 3:14]
   a. Eternal blessing, all who fulfill covenants will be called the seed of Abraham
      [John 8:33-59]
6. Many of his descendants would bear the name of God, even the Holy Priesthood
   {Abr. 2:9}
   a. Descendants a nation of Priesthood holders
   b. Righteous blood descendants have right to Priesthood [D&C 86:8-10
   c. Non-blood descendants are adopted into lineage at time of Conversion 3
      Nephi 20:26-27 Teachings 149-50
7. In Abraham and that Priesthood all families of the earth would be blessed [Abr. 2:11;
   Gen. 12:3]
   a. Coming of Christ to the world (Atonement) who was of Abrahams lineage
   b. Through those who hold the blessings of the Priesthood.
   c. Scattering of Israel to be the “leaven” of the nations of the earth
   d. All who embraced the Gospel would be counted as Abraham’s seed
8. Those throughout the world from Abraham’s time forward who received
   the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be accounted as the seed of Abraham [Abr. 2:10]
   a. Gentiles who accept the Gospel are to be “grafted into the tree” and called of
      Abraham’s line.
9. Christ would come through Abraham’s seed [Abr. 2:11]
10. God promised to bless them that blessed Abraham and curse them that cursed
    Abraham [Abr. 2:11]
    a. Those accepting the true gospel will receive all the blessings of Abraham
    b. Those rejecting the true gospel will be “damned” as to their progression in
       the eternal worlds
11. Circumcision was to be the sign (token) of the covenant [Gen. 17:3-7; 10-14; JST
   Gen.17:3-7]
    a. Why circumcision
       i. Circumcision come from the Latin meaning “to cut around”. A sign or
          token that one belonged to the Covenant seed of Abraham
       ii. Former ordinances had become apostate [JST Gen. 17-3-7]
       iii. People had left correct principles and forsaken the true ordinances
       iv. Baptism being incorrectly observed
       v. Baptism of infants
       vi. Sprinkling blood (sacrifice) in remembrance of Abel’s blood and not
           Christ’s for the forgiveness of sins.
    b. To help the True worshipers
       i. It was a covenant token
       ii. It was for the seed of Abraham True believers]
       iii. It signified that children were not accountable until they were eight years
           old [Gen. 17:11] being performed at eight days of age
       iv. It was not the act itself but rather what it stood for that gave token its
           meaning. [Ezek 44:7 Acts 7:51]
12. The covenant was to be an everlasting one, or a gospel covenant {Gen 17:7]
    a. Blessings pertaining to the gospel, followed by righteousness are eternal and
       remembered by the Lord 2 Nephi 29:14
13. In return for all the foregoing blessings, Father Abraham and his posterity were to serve the Lord their God and keep all of His commandments.