

“UNTIL HE HAS DESTROYED YOU FROM THIS GOOD LAND”

Genesis 12:1-3

God promised Abraham: land, nation, and Seed. This message focuses on the first promise.

I. GOD PROMISED LAND TO ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS

A. **Acts 7:2-3**

God promised land to Abraham’s descendants.

B. **Genesis 12:7; 13:12-15, 17; 17:8**

God repeatedly confirmed the promise to Abraham.

C. **Genesis 26:1-3; 28:10-13**

God renewed the promise to Abraham’s offspring, namely Isaac and Jacob.

D. **Numbers 34:5; Joshua 15:4**

God specifically named the borders of the land.

II. GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE

A. **Joshua 21:43-45**

“All came to pass.” “Not a word failed” concerning the land promise.

B. **Genesis 15:18; 1st Kings 4:21**

Solomon ruled to the fullest extent of the borders foretold by God.

C. **Nehemiah 9:7-8, 23-25**

Repatriated captives acknowledged that the promise had been fulfilled.

D. **Psalms 105:42-45**

The promise was remembered!

III. THE PROMISE WAS CONDITIONAL

A. **Deuteronomy 9:5**

The promise to receive the land was unconditional.

B. **Joshua 23:15-16; Deuteronomy 4:25-27; 28:15-68**

The promise to retain the land was conditional.

IV. THE PROMISE WAS LIMITED IN DURATION

A. **Genesis 13:15; 17:8**

The promise was described as “forever” and “everlasting”.

1. **Exodus 21:6; 1st Samuel 1:22; Psalm 73:12**

“Forever” and “always” may refer merely to the extent of one’s lifetime.

2. **Genesis 17:10-13; Galatians 5:1-6**

“Circumcision” was an “everlasting covenant”, yet it’s now unprofitable.

3. **Exodus 12:14, 17; 31:16-17; Colossians 2:14-17**

Passover was “everlasting” and Sabbath was “perpetual,” but they were shadows compared to the substance of Christ.

4. **Exodus 29:9; Hebrews 7:11-16**

Aaron’s priesthood was a “perpetual statute,” but it has been “changed”.

B. **Hebrews 9:1-10**

They were fleshly ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

CONCLUSION

A. **Romans 9:1-8**

Physical descent no longer qualifies for the blessings of Abraham’s offspring.

Rather, “*the children of the promise are counted as the seed*”.

B. **Romans 4:13-25**

We become the children of Abraham through faith.

C. **Galatians 3:13-14**

In Christ, gentiles enjoy the blessings of Abraham.

D. **Galatians 3:26-29**

We can be heirs of the promise if we are Abraham’s seed, which we can be if we are Christ’s, which we can be if we will be baptized into Him.