

# THE LAND PROMISED

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Genesis 1:1 – *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

I Corinthians 10:26 – *For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.*

Genesis 12:1-7 – *Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.** So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. **And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.*

## LOT SEPARATED

Genesis 13:9-18 – *Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. **Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.** But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. **And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.** Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.*

- Ca. 1876 B.C. – God’s covenant concerning the land was made to **Abram** unconditionally (Gen. 12:7; 15:18). But, as will be shown, Abraham died before receiving the promise. It will materialize at the start of the millennial kingdom, and it will be everlasting.

#### ISHMAEL MADE A GREAT NATION

Genesis 21:12-13, 18-21 – *And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; **for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.** ... Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.*

- Ca. 1800 B.C. – God’s covenant concerning the land was made to **Isaac** unconditionally (Gen. 26:3-4). But, as will be shown, Isaac died before receiving the promise. It will materialize at the start of the millennial kingdom, and it will be everlasting.
- Ca. 1740 B.C. – God’s covenant concerning the land was made to **Jacob** unconditionally (Gen. 35:12). But, as will be shown, Jacob died before receiving the promise. It will materialize at the start of the millennial kingdom, and it will be everlasting.

#### JOSEPH BURIED JACOB IN THE LAND OF HIS FATHERS

Genesis 50: 7, 11-14 – ***And Joseph went up to bury his father:** and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ... And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan. **And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.** And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.*

The Field of Machpelah is located in the city of Hebron. Today, Hebron is a tense city where about 700 Jews live among more than 200,000 Palestinians.

- It is notable that Abraham purchased the land – the same land that had been promised to him. Also, Jacob (Israel) and Joseph, in their old age, still expressed interest in being buried in the promised land. Undoubtedly, they all had in mind a future manifestation of the promises:

Hebrews 11:8-22 – *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. **These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.** By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. **By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.***

ca. 1661 B.C. – Genesis 50:24-26 – *And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: **and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.*

ca. 1446 B.C. – Exodus 13:17-20 – *And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. **And Moses took the***

**bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.** And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

#### STEPHEN'S SUMMARY

Acts 7:1-8 – Then said the high priest, Are these things so? And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, **he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.** And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years. And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: **and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.** And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

The descendants of Ishmael, Keturah, and Esau were not to claim the promises made to Israel. They received their own special blessings. The unbelieving Israelite will not receive the same inheritance as the believing remnant. Nor can Gentile believers who are the spiritual seed of Abraham lay claim to the promise of the land of Canaan. **We are God's heavenly people.** The promise of Canaan belongs to Israel alone.

#### ENTERING THE LAND

Deuteronomy 9:5-6 – Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: **but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.** Understand therefore, that the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people.

Deuteronomy 34:1, 4 – And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, ...And the Lord said unto him, **This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed:** I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

Numbers 33:50-53, 55-56 – *And the Lord spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.** ...But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.*

Deuteronomy 25:17-19 – *Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. **Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.***

Judges 2:1-3 – *And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. **And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars:** but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.*

#### SAUL MADE KING

I Samuel 15:1-3 – *Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord. **Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.***

I Samuel 15:8-11 – *And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. **But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them:** but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not*

*performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.*

*I Samuel 16:1 – And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.*

#### THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

*Psalm 89:3-4 – I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.*

*II Samuel 7:12-16 – And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.***

*Jeremiah 33:14-16 – Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. **In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.***

*Matthew 1:1 – The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ, the son of David**, the son of Abraham.*

*Acts 2:29-32 – Men and brethren, **let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that **God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption (Psalm 16:10). This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

#### A PEEK INTO THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

*Acts 15:13-19 – And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it*

*is written (Amos 9:11-15), After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God.*

When James had this meeting (around A.D. 35) with Paul and Barnabas, it signaled the infancy of the Church Body of Christ. The Church would have some 2000 years to fully mature before finally being caught-up to meet the Lord in the air to be forever with Him.

#### THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FINAL (70<sup>th</sup>) WEEK OF DANIEL

*II Thessalonians 2:6-8 – And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **And then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

*Daniel 9:27 – And **he** shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week **he** shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, **and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

The “*he*” in verse 27 is the “*prince that shall come*” in verse 26, also known as “*that Wicked*” in II Thess. 2:8.

*Matthew 24:15-18 – When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

The time of tribulation will be the means of Israel’s conversion and this will precede the glorious second coming of the Lord to set up His kingdom.

*Isaiah 28:14-18 – Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. **Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:** Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the*

*hiding place. **And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.***

- This is a description of the Ezekiel 38-39 war which, in my understanding, will occur sometime during the first 3 ½ years of the covenant. Everyone will witness God's power in defeating the attackers. Multitudes of Gentiles will suddenly be converted and Israel as a nation will turn back to God. The Antichrist will be the world leader and he will not be happy that people are beginning to worship the one true God and not him. At the end of the second 3 ½ years will come a different battle – the Battle of Armageddon.

The surviving godly remnant of Israel will join with our Lord as He sets up the millennial kingdom.

The millennium connects time and eternity:

Revelation 20:11; 21:1 – *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ... And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

II Peter 3:11-14 – *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

Titus 2:11-14 – *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***

We, as believers and members of the Church the Body of Christ, like the Thessalonian Christians,

*...wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come (I Thessalonians 1:9).*

***For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ (I Thessalonians 5:9).***



