

Who is Israel?

Part 3

Genesis 12

Introduction: Last week in our study of Israel we looked at the Abrahamic Promises, and we looked at the Abrahamic Covenant. I want to go back to the promises to begin with today to consider a few points of interest.

Notice Genesis 12:1-7

In these verses God made 8 promises to Israel.

1. I will make of thee a great nation.
2. I will bless thee.
3. I will make thy name great.
4. Thou shalt be a blessing.
5. I will bless them that bless thee.
6. I will curse him that curseth thee.
7. In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
8. Unto thy seed will I give this land.

Last week we considered how there are many people today that say these promises were only for Abram and they were never meant for the nation of Israel.

Promise # 7 is what I want to focus upon. God told Abram that in him all the families of the earth would be blessed. The families of the earth were blessed by the nation of Israel, and I want to show you the blessings which this nation has brought about. There are 3 main blessings that have come to the world through the nation of Israel.

1. The Scriptures

Romans 3:1-2

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

² *Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.*

2. The Savior

John 4:21-22

²¹ *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

²² *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

3. The Kingdom

Isaiah 2:1-3

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

³ *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

Here is a more detailed list of the blessings which have come from Israel.

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| 1. The Patriarchs | 6. Biblical writers |
| 2. Law | 7. Early church |
| 3. Prophets | 8. Early Christian martyrs |
| 4. Messiah | 9. Paul |
| 5. Apostles | 10. Future Kingdom |

Notice Genesis 12:1-3 again.

In verse 3 we see the promise of protection. The question is, "Is this a literal promise?"
The answer is, "YES!"

Exodus 11:4-5

⁴ *And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:*

⁵ *And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.*

Why did God kill all the first born in the land of Egypt?

Exodus 4:21-22

²¹ And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

²² And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

God killed the first born because the Egyptians killed the first born of God. Let me show you another example.

Exodus 14:27-28

²⁷ And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

²⁸ And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Why did God drown the Egyptians?

Exodus 1:22

²² And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

These are just a few examples to help us to see that the promises are literal.

Zechariah 2:8

⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

➤ **God's Plan for Israel**

Many people struggle with the modern-day Israel because they do not understand the Scriptures. They may know a few verses pertaining to Israel, but they are missing a great deal. They do not understand how modern-day Israel fits into prophecy. I want to help you

to see that they do fit in and they fit in perfectly. Many only see one picture painted by the Scriptures.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

² And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

³ That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

Here are verses that speak of Israel being gathered in faith and this does not fit the modern-day Israel.

Ezekiel 39:27-29

²⁷ When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

²⁸ Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

²⁹ Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

This is a future gathering in faith but how does this fit with modern-day Israel? Many do not understand that the Bible tells of two regathering's of Israel. One is in judgment and unbelief, and one is in faith.

Isaiah 11:11-12

¹¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from

Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

¹² And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Here we see that there are TWO WORLDWIDE regathering's of Israel. The first is unbelief and the second in faith. Notice the unbelief gathering.

Ezekiel 22:17-22

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁸ Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

¹⁹ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

²⁰ As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

²¹ Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

²² As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

God is gathering Israel right now, so we are living during the first gathering. There is ONLY one more and it will happen in the Tribulation. They are being gathered into their land in preparation to chasten them during the Tribulation. God will use the judgments of the Tribulation to bring them to faith.

Conclusion:

The question today is should I support Israel when their government is so corrupt? We do not support their corruption, but we support the Jews for who they are. They are God's chosen people.

Romans 11:25-29

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

²⁷ For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

²⁸ As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes.

²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Notice Matthew 25:31-46

**Do not miss what it is that separates the saved from the unsaved.
It is how they treat the nation of Israel.**