

## It All Begins And Ends With Israel

Series: Future Ending

Selected Scriptures

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### I. The Overview of God's Plan For Mankind

A. Theme of Genesis 1-11: Man's Alienation From God

B. Theme of Genesis 12-Revelation: God's Reconciliation With Man.

### II. The Focal Point of God's Redemptive Plan: The Abrahamic Covenant

A. The Context of The Covenant

*And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River[a] in old times; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. **Joshua 24:2-3***

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. **Titus 3:5***

*"Get out of your country,  
From your family  
And from your father's house,  
To a land that I will show you.*

*I will make you a great nation;  
I will bless you  
And make your name great;  
And you shall be a blessing.*

*I will bless those who bless you,  
And I will curse him who curses you;  
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* **Genesis 12:1-3**

B. The Components of The Abrahamic Covenant

A Three Fold Promise

## 1. God Promised A Land

*Get out of your country,  
From your family  
And from your father's house,  
To a land that I will show you.*

**Genesis 12:1**

*On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:  
"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."* **Genesis 15:18-21**

Thus says the Lord God: "These *are* the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two* portions. You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

"This *shall be* the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, *by* the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which *is* on the border of Hauran). Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. *This is* the north side.

"On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. *This is* the east side.

"The south side, toward the South,[a] *shall be* from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. *This is* the south side, toward the South.

"The west side *shall be* the Great Sea, from the *southern* boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. *This is* the west side.

"Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

**Ezekiel 47:13-21**

## 2. God Promised A Seed

*I will make you a great nation;  
I will bless you  
And make your name great;  
And you shall be a blessing.*

**Genesis 12:2**

*blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.* **Genesis 22:17**

*Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.* **Hebrews 11:12**

*But Sarai was barren; she had no child. Genesis 11:30*

### 3. God Promised A Blessing

*I will bless those who bless you,  
And I will curse him who curses you;  
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:3*

*just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” Galatians 3:6-8*

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

## III. Characteristics of the Abrahamic Covenant

### A. God’s Promise To Abraham Was Literal

*So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. Genesis 12:4-5*

Abraham’s heavenly focus did not conflict with his earthly pursuit.

### B. God’s Promise To Abraham Was Eternal

*And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. Genesis 13:14-15*

### C. God’s Promise To Abraham Was Unconditional

*“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. Deuteronomy 11:26-28*

*And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Galatians 3:17-18*

*“If his sons forsake My law  
And do not walk in My judgments,  
If they break My statutes  
And do not keep My commandments,  
Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,  
And their iniquity with stripes.  
Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him,  
Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.  
My covenant I will not break,  
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. **Psalms 89:30-34***

*And he said, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. **Genesis 15:8-10***

*Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. **Genesis 15:12***

*And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates. **Genesis 15:17-18***

*For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself. **Hebrews 6:13***

#### IV. The Meaning of The Abrahamic Covenant For Us

God is going to fulfill the promise that He made to Abraham and his believing descendants.

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*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.* **Hebrews 7:25**

*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* **Hebrews 13:5**

*For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.* **Romans 11:29**