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God Promised "The Land" To Israel



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There's been strong disagreement and violent protests and a deadly war about whether the land between the River and Sea is Israel's or Palestine's. Now we can debate all year about what man thinks, but it's critically important that we settle this matter by finding out what God states in His word. When we do this, it's undeniably clear that **God promised this land to Israel, and not to anyone else** – and God keeps His word. Here are many of the verses:

*** Genesis 12:1-3** – *"The Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to **the land** which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing… and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'"*
*** Genesis 13:14-15** – *"The Lord said to Abram after Lot had separated*

*from him, 'Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for **all the land** which you see, I will give it to you and your descendants **forever**.'"*

*** Genesis 15:6-7** – *"Abram believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness. He also said to him, 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you **this land** to take possession of it.'"*
* **Genesis 15:18** – *"On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying. 'To your descendants I have given **this land**, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenite, the Kenizzite, the Kadmonite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Rephaim, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Girgashite, and the Jebusite."*

*** Genesis 17:6-8** – *"I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you **the land** of your sojournings, **all the land** of Caanan, for an **everlasting possession**; and I will be their God."*
*** Genesis 26:3-5** – *"Sojourn in **this land** and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and your descendants I will give **all these lands** which I swore to your father Abraham. I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven, and will give your descendants **all these lands;** and by your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed…"*

*** Genesis 28:13-15** – *"The Lord stood above it and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; **the land** on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and*

*will bring you back to **this land**; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’”*
*** Genesis 35:10-12** – *“‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name…’ God also said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you… **The land** which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you, and I will give **the land** to your descendants after you.’”*

*** Genesis 50:24** – *“Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to **the land** which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’”*
*** Exodus 32:13** – *“Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and **all this land** of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it **forever**.’”*

*** Numbers 34:2-12** – *“When you enter **the land** of Canaan, this is **the land** that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even **the land** of Canaan according to its borders. Your southern sector shall extend from the wilderness… As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea… This shall be your northen border: you shall draw a line… For your eastern border you shall draw a line… This shall be **your land** according to its borders.”*
*** Leviticus 18:24-28** – *“Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. **The land has become defiled**, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so **the land has spewed out its inhabitants**… You are to keep My statutes… and shall not do any of these abominations* (Lev. 18:6-23)*… so that **the land** will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.”*

*** Leviticus 26:42** – *“I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will also remember My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with*

*Abraham, and I will remember **the land**."*
*** Deuteronomy 9:4-6** – *"Do not say to yourself, 'The Lord has brought me here to take possession of **this land** because of my righteousness.' No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you… to accomplish what He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."*

*** Joshua 1:4** – *"From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, **all the land** of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory."*
*** Psalm 105:8-10 –** *"He has remembered **His covenant forever**, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Issac. Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statue, to Israel as an **everlasting covenant**, saying, 'To you I will give **the land of Canaan** as the portion of your inheritance.'"*

What do we learn from these verses?
1. God promised that He would give some land to Abraham and his descendants.
2. This promise was unilateral, was made by God Himself. God will most certainly carry out His promise to the Jewish people, and no one will be able to stop Him.
3. God's promise to the Jewish people is an everlasting covenant, one that will never be cancelled or revoked, Jewish people will be living in this land forever.
4. God repeated this promise many times and to different people because He wanted to make sure that others, like you and me, understood it and were convinced it was true.
5. The geographical boundaries of this land are clearly stated in God's word.

6. The Jewish people did nothing to deserve this land. It was purely a gift from God.
7. Nothing in God's word says this land is for the Palestinians or anyone

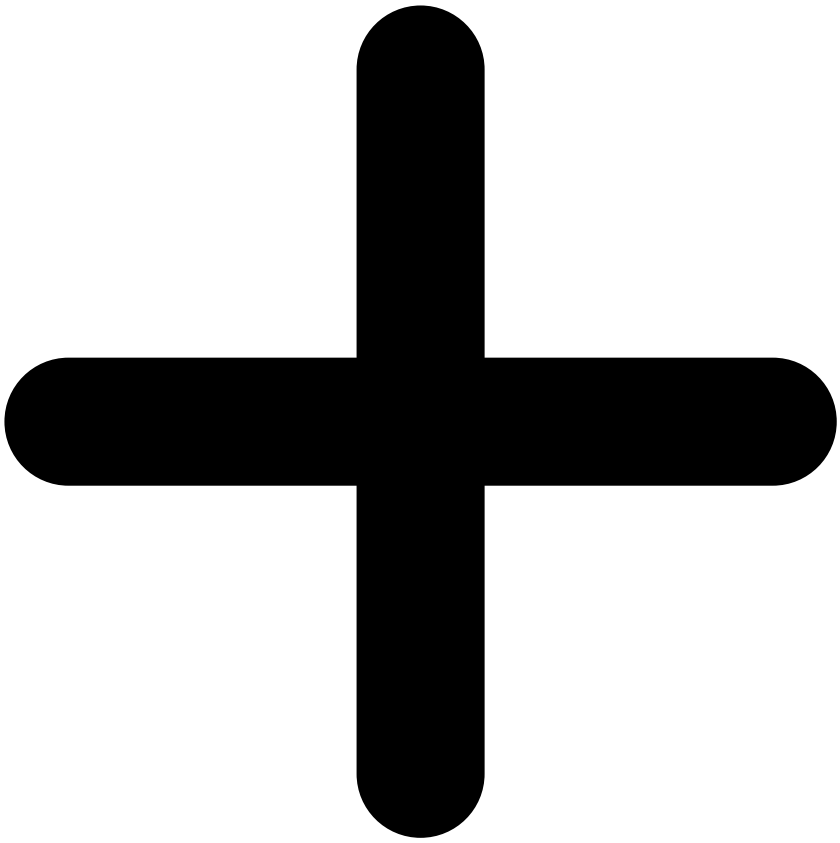
else.
8. Other nations lived in this now *“disputed”* land before the Jewish people were there, but because of their sin, God judged them and drove them out. God is holy and loving, and His plan is for His people to forever possess this land for themselves.
9. The great blessing that God promised to Abraham and his descendants has not yet been fulfilled, but it will be in the coming kingdom ages.
10. This great blessing is for cultural and ethnic Jews who are believers, who are Jews physically, and spiritually, who are righteous because of their faith in God.

God created the Jewish people and promised them a special piece of land that they are to possess for all eternity. And this is an amazing truth, an incredible story. Many verses powerfully and incontrovertibly establish this truth, but this is only the beginning of our discussion about this land. In coming posts, we will look at the rest of the story.

You will learn that there is much more in God’s word about this land, history-proven truths that take us from those beginning days of 4,000 years ago up to the present time, and on into the future. These truths and facts of history will help us understand that only Israel has the God-given right to the most important piece of land in the world.

God’s working with the Jewish people these last 4,000 years is solid proof that He is God, that He is true to His word, and that He is lovingly, powerfully, and sovereignly carrying out His plans. And God will fulfill His promises for the good of His people and for His purposes and glory. Here is the end of the story – ***“You will have the Lord for an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be over. Then all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.”*** Isaiah 60:21

P.S. It saddens me to hear people all over the world who don’t know what they are talking about when it comes to what God says is Israel’s land. I encourage you to reread the above verses so you can have strong convictions about His plans for His people. I also encourage you to take the time to read all my articles on *“Replacement Theology: It’s Not True” – Part 1*, *Part 2*, *Part 3*, *Part 4*, and *Part 5*.



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