

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is still not doing well. She is still at home but pretty weak. Someone must be with her all the time.

Brenda Keisler & Vickie McNeese are in Mexico this week.

John LaValla is still having trouble breathing. As of printing, plans were to move him to UAMS to see if his cancer might be part of the issue.

Remember one another as we pray
to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Scriptures similar to these could be multiplied dozens of times. Thus it is clear that God has fulfilled His land promise to Abraham's descendants. Since they were not faithful they forfeited any claim that may be made that the land belongs to them today.

(The Old Testament story of Israel is pattern of rejection. When things were going well, Israel would turn from God, rejecting His leadership. When they rejected God, He rejected them. When things turned bad, Israel would seek after God again and He would forgive them and they would experience His blessings again. In each of these cycles, God would warn that continuing to turn from Him would result in the loss of all that they had gained through His blessings. As this article shows, Israel did not heed His Word and lost all. No matter what men today may desire, God has more than fulfilled His promise to Abraham, but Israel failed to remain with God and thus they are no more. Study Carefully. DLH)

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The Land Promise Continued

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In the last article the importance of the promises that God made to Abraham was pointed out. Basically, these are three: (1) The land of Canaan, **Genesis 12:7**, later extended to include all the land from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, **Genesis 15:18**; (2) Numerous descendants, **Genesis 15:5**; and (3) in Abraham's seed all families of the earth would be blessed, **Genesis 22:18**.

Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

Joshua 1:7



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It should be pointed out that in answer to the question Abraham asked, God assured him that the fulfillment of the land promise would not be to Abraham personally. Rather, he would die, (**Genesis 15:15**) and his descendants would receive the land after they had been in bondage in Egypt for 400 years (**Genesis 15:13**). Thus it was that after 400 years Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt toward the promised land (**Exodus 12:40-41; Acts 7:17**). Following a 40-year sojourn in the wilderness, the Israelites, under the leadership of Joshua, entered the promised land. And before Joshua died God pointed out that He *"gave unto Israel all the land which He swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein."* (**Joshua 21:43; Nehemiah 9:8**). Later, during the days of Solomon the Bible says *"Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt."* (**1Kings 4:21**). Thus it is that God fulfilled the land promise to the descendants of Abraham.

While it is true that God gave to the children of Israel the land that He had promised, it is important to note that though they obtained the land, the KEEPING of the land was on the condition that they faithfully serve God. There are numerous scriptures that so state. We will give only a few. *"And it shall be, if thou shalt forget the Lord thy God and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish."* (**Deuteronomy 8:19**). *"When you transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourself to them: then will the anger of*

Store In My Heart

Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Time and again Israel rejected the plans God had given them for their benefit. Even Jesus, the promised Messiah was rejected by them. Yet, God continued to unfold His eternal plan for man's salvation. This Jesus, the Son of God, became salvation for the very ones who had rejected Him as the Messiah.

The only hope we have to be with God is through Jesus and the sacrifice He made on Calvary. We must put our trust in God and His Plan for us.

Jehovah be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you." (**Joshua 23:16**). *"If you shall turn away from following me, ye or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them..."* (**1Kings 9:6-7**). It is obvious that their keeping of the land was conditional on their faithfulness.

Even a casual reading of the Old Testament shows they were not faithful. Please notice these scriptures:

Jeremiah 7:24 *"...they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward."*

Jeremiah 25:8-9 *"...thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Jehovah, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them..."*

Jeremiah 32:22-23. God said that He gave them this land, which He swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; and they came in, and possessed it; but they did not obey His voice, neither walked in His law; they have done nothing of all that He commanded them to do; therefore He caused all this evil to come upon them.