

THE THREE-FOLD PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

Gen. 12:1-7





“To your descendants I will give this land.”

Genesis 12:7

- **The Promise:**

- **Abram Did Not Inherit the Land**

GEN. 17:8; ACTS 7:2-5; HEB. 11:9-13

- **It Was for the Israelites**

GEN. 28:4; DEUT. 27:3; LEV. 20:24

It was made TO him, but not FOR him.



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• The Fulfillment:

“Israel has never possessed this land in its entirety, but she will when Christ comes again as Messiah.”

Allan Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, I, p. 56



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- **The Fulfillment:**
 - **Not One Word Failed**

JOSH. 21:43, 45

- **But...**
 - **They Could Lose It**

DEUT. 28:63-68



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• The Fulfillment:



“Perhaps you will recall that God promised the land first to Abraham and the Jewish people, and they conveyed that promise to Moses. There were no qualifications in fine print.”



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DEUT. 28:63-68

- **One Day, Unimportant**

JOHN 4:19-24



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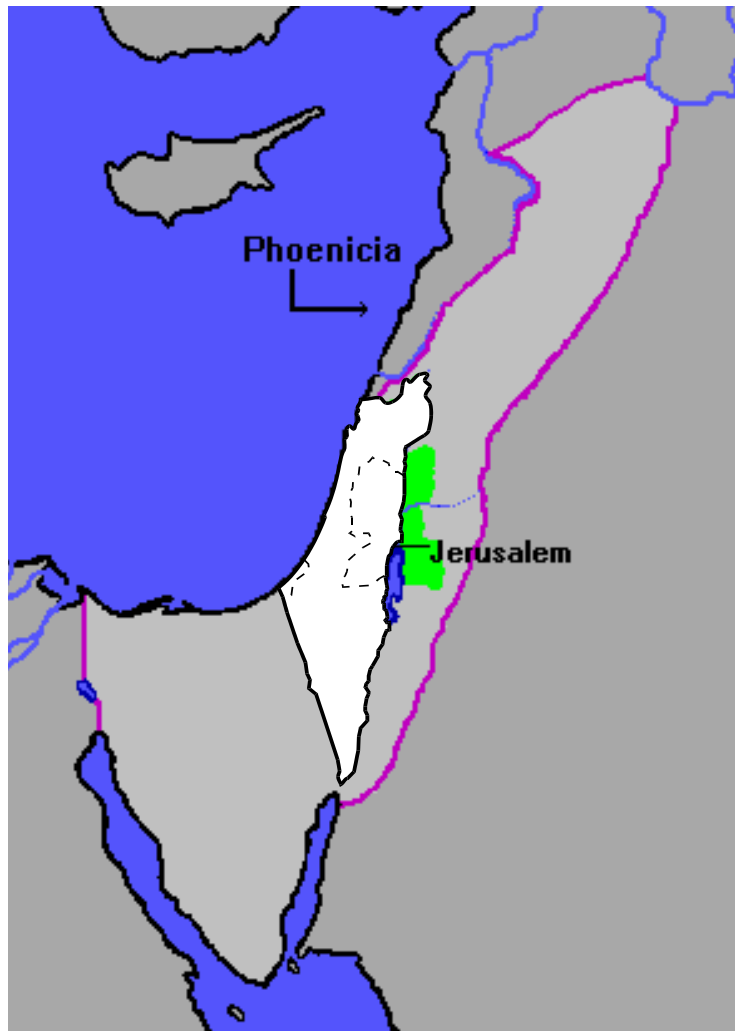
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• The Fulfillment:

“We claim the Land of Israel as our own for all sorts of reasons except the true one: It is ours only because God gave it to us as an eternal heritage - God promised Abraham that ‘to your seed I have given the land.’ Others may have conquered the land, but we have never lost our title to it, for it is an eternal heritage from the eternal God to His eternal people. This is our sole justifiable claim to the Land of Israel.”

— Rabbi Lubavitcher

Ancient Israel



Modern Israel





“I will make you a great nation.”

Genesis 12:2

- The Promise:
 - Not Directed *Personally* To Him
 - It Was for the Israelites



“I will make you a great nation.”

Genesis 12:2

- **The Fulfillment:**

- God Made them Great

DEUT. 4:32-34; EXOD. 1:7, 9-12

- Greatness More Than Numbers

EXOD. 19:5, 6; LEV. 18:24-30



“I will make you a great nation.”

Genesis 12:2

- But...

- It Was Conditional

DEUT. 8:19, 20

- They Could Lose This, Too

ZECH. 2:10-12; GAL. 3:7, 14

- Consequences

MATT. 3:10; 21:43

“I believe that the people of Israel are the chosen people of God.”

— Jerry Falwell, CNN Interview; 11/12/82

“God calls the Jewish people His “elect” repeatedly... In Jeremiah 3:14, He calls Israel his wife! (The Church is the Bride of Christ, but Israel is Yahweh’s wife!)... God has clearly chosen the nation of Israel, the Jewish people, and the city of Jerusalem as His own.”

— Jack Van Impe, *Jerusalem: War Or Peace?*

“Israelis have got to be given a free hand to do this...it has to be done, it has to be done quickly and thoroughly. Otherwise, this thing is going to continue and fester for years to come. But there’s one thing that I believe that I have heard from the Lord is that God will not forsake his chosen people. And I think that’s what we need to remember.”

— Pat Robertson, Interview w/Chris Mitchell, CBN; 6/12/03



“In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:3

- **The Promise:**

GEN. 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; GAL. 3:8

- **The Fulfillment:**

GAL. 3:13-18; EPH. 3:2-6



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Genesis 12:3

• **But...**

– **Faith Requires Action**

HEB. 5:9; EPH. 1:3; ROM. 6:3-5;

COL. 2:1 1-13

– **We Must Remain Faithful**

HEB. 3:1 2-4:1 1; 10:23; 2ND TIM. 4:7, 8

Are you one of the blessed?