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God Has Promised the New Covenant To Israel (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Praise God for His spiritual riches in Jesus the Messiah. This ministry just recently completed its 59th Gospel outreach ministry in Israel during December of 2025. Our dear brother of Today in Bible Prophecy Ministries, August Rosado, co-labored with me in the Holy Land once again on this trip. Once we landed in Israel we immediately returned to Dizengoff Mall in Tel Aviv for a in-depth Spirit led Gospel witnessing ministry there. August and engaged in some powerful ministry with Dor—a sunglasses shop owner. He responded by telling us he knew Jesus of Nazareth required serious study and consideration from the Hebrew Scriptures by every Jewish person. Amazingly, Dor confessed that this Messiah was the vital connecting link joining both Testaments together! This allowed us to show him that the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy Yeshua alone fulfilled solidifies this fact. Dor rejoiced over this wherein he now can read this for himself with the Hebrew Bible and Messianic tracts we put into his welcoming hands. Liam was a young Israeli lady we convinced to accept a Hebrew Bible that included a New Testament. At first she was open but then suddenly balked at receiving such a gift by telling us the New Testament was not for Israel once she saw the Bible we offered her had a New Testament with it. August and I gently corrected her by pointing out God promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34 to give the New Covenant to Israel which Yeshua ratified by His atoning death on the tree (1 Peter 2:24). Amazingly, we watched God's Spirit convince and open Liam's heart to receive the Bible from us once she saw from God's Word that He wants the Jewish people to have the New Covenant; and with it salvation in the Messiah who has come and will soon come again (Revelation 22:20)!



August, Todd, and Dor



Liam and Co-worker



Yvonne



Todd and Eli Shukrun



August and Noa



August, Avital, and Todd

Our Gospel ministry in the Land of the Bible covered several main areas in Israel that included Netanya and Nazareth. The Lord opened two doors of Gospel ministry with Nathan and Yannah. Both are Israeli Jews who readily welcomed the Good News of salvation found in Yeshua the Messiah of Israel. To both of them we boldly shared that part of our mission for frequently visiting Israel was to return God's saving Word about Yeshua the Messiah back from where it first came from—the land of Israel and the Jewish people. The Spirit of God opened the hearts and minds of Nathan and Yannah to receive the words of eternal life that comes from Adon Yeshua alone (John 6:68). The Lord then led us to visit a bedding store where August and I boldly shared with Yvonne how God's Word promises He would regather Israel back into their land at the end of days (Isaiah 11:11-12; Jeremiah 31:10), and its amazing fulfillment from the rebirth of the Jewish nation in 1948 and beyond. From this, we used the lesser to greater argument with her to demonstrate that God also gave clear and easy to understand prophecies about the Messiah and the First coming fulfillment of them proving from the Word of God Yeshua is the true Messiah of Israel. To our astonishment Yvonne said in Hebrew several times over, "Nachan, nachan," which means, "True." Thus she affirmed we spoke the truth to her with that wonderful admission! Yvonne took a complete Hebrew Bible from us along with Messianic Gospel tracts going into greater detail of what August and I shared with her. In Nazareth we gave bold Gospel witness to a young Arab Muslim lady, Ladine. After August and I gave her the essential components of the Gospel she agreed it was true history. And we added to that: such history saves with eternal benefits to those who

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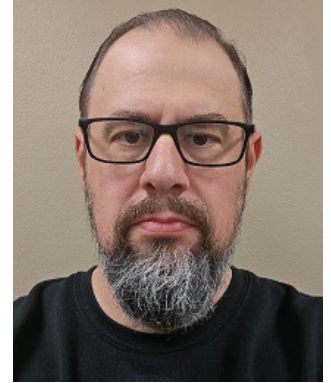
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Everlasting Possession: Israel's Land Promise—1948 and Beyond

By Aaron Levitt



Introduction.

Theological frameworks like Dispensational, Covenant, and Reformed make Scripture easier to understand, but it's good not to stay tightly locked inside them since, as Martin Luther observed, "Scripture is clearer than its interpreters." No framework is perfect, so it's good to keep an open mind to an extent.

Part 1: Why Christ Is Not the Direct Fulfillment of Every Abrahamic Promise.

Covenant theology holds up Galatians 3:16 as a proof text for why all of the Abrahamic promises given to the Jews are fulfilled in Christ, thus leaving the Jews without their promised homeland (given to them "as an everlasting possession" in Gen 17:8 & 48:4) and the other blessings specially given to the Jews by God. But Paul is battling legalism in Gal 3:16, not redefining the entire covenant. He goes on to say that his point is about salvation: Justification by faith flows through Christ, the singular Seed, blessing all nations (Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8-9, 14). But describing one aspect of a promise does not eliminate the other aspects, stripping them from the people to whom the promise was made. This becomes very clear in Romans 4:16, where Paul states that the "seed" (from the same Greek word as in Gal 3:16) also describes two distinct Abrahamic groups: those who are his descendants by faith, and those of his descendants who are of the law. This can only mean that the "seed" promise covers Jews in ways other than spiritual salvation.

No conditions were given to Abraham (Gen 15:13,18; 17:7-8), to Isaac (Gen 26:3-4), or to Jacob (Gen 28:13) for God's giving of the Promised Land to them and their descendants. In Leviticus 26:43-44, God outright states He would be breaking His covenant with the Jews if He abandoned them even after they had sinned grievously—proving that even grievous sin does not break the covenant. It is unconditional, since it was given without conditions.

While the Jews' presence in the land could be temporarily suspended, their ownership of it could not be revoked. God prophesied that He would return the Jews to their own land from all over the world in a state of unbelief, and that He would afterward cause them

to repent corporately and believe in Him forever (Jer 32:37-40; Ezekiel 11:17-20; 36:24-28). Why? Because, as He says in Ezekiel 36:21-23, it is not because of their behavior that He's going to restore them, but because of His holy name.

Part 2: Why Israel's Corporate Repentance is not a Precondition of their Restoration to their Land.

Covenant theology sees Israel's repentance as necessarily preceding God's blessing them. But Biblical history proves that their repentance and God's restoring them to their land can progress together until complete. For example, God didn't require the entire nation of Israel to repent in order to restore them to their land from Babylon, even though Jeremiah 29:12-14 predicts their repentance as coming first. The Jews returned to their land in a mixed state of belief. Permission to return was decreed by King Cyrus in Ezra 1:1-4, with the first wave arriving back in the land in 538 BC. Yet corporate repentance by the returnees did not occur until Ezra 9-10 in 458 BC, 80 years later. So, the belief that the Jews must repent corporately before God grants their land return is false. God can respect small amounts of repentance and respond with blessing, knowing that He will later cause their full repentance. Doesn't Scripture say He is "a God ready to pardon" and "of great kindness" (Neh 9:17, KJV)?

Shortly before the 1948 founding of the modern state of Israel, it does seem that the widespread post-Holocaust humility and renewed seeking after God among the Jews prompted Him to reinvigorate the Abrahamic land promise (Genesis 17:8, unconditional and everlasting) and begin their regathering. Jeremiah 32:37 has Him regathering those who are unmistakably the Jews ("from all the countries to which I drove them in My anger") in mercy, and bringing full corporate repentance afterward (verse 40). Since God's covenant with Abraham gave his descendants the land "as an everlasting possession" unconditionally (Gen 17:8), it could never have been canceled or even in total suspension. Indeed, history verifies that there was always a continual, though small, Jewish presence in the land. The land covenant was greatly subdued during the Jews' worldwide Diaspora.

but since the 1948 re-founding of Israel God has opened the floodgates, as millions of Jews have emigrated back to their homeland. The reborn nation's sheer speed of blossoming and success has been nothing short of miraculous—the obvious hand of God, to all with eyes to see.

Full belief and repentance among Israel's Jews will come later, at the Second Coming, as prophesied in Zechariah 12:10; 13:1, 9. Jewish Christians are accumulating, and at one very special day and time "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), and all the Jews will be back in their homeland never again to be removed (Amos 9:14-15). Passages like Matthew 8:11-12 (the sons of the kingdom thrown out of it) and Matthew 21:43 (the kingdom taken from unfaithful leaders and given to fruit-bearers) simply mean that being Jewish doesn't guarantee that God will save your soul, and if you remain in rebellion to the Messiah, He won't. Jews must be saved by Christ just like Gentiles. He is their Messiah, after all, sent specifically to them to save them (Jer 31:31-34; Matt 15:24). But as detailed earlier, the physical blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant still apply to saved and unsaved Jews alike.

Part 3: The Kingdom will be Ruled from Jerusalem by the King of the Jews.

Jesus is the King of the Jews, unless Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 2:2; and Luke 1:32 are false.

Scripture says His Kingdom will be in Jerusalem, and that believing Gentiles will join themselves to the believing Jews of the land to worship the Lord.

“At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.” (Jeremiah 3:17, ESV)
“Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’” (Zechariah 8:23). “It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Conclusion.

Why must all the promises made to Abraham have been subsumed by and fulfilled in Christ? There are the unsaved (“of the law”, Rom 4:16) seed of Abraham to whom Paul says the seed promise also applies. How wouldn't that seed still own the land Abraham was promised as a unconditional everlasting position to be

given to his seed? Especially since they have, in large part, clearly returned after nearly 2,000 years absent from it—such a return being unprecedented in world history for any people—and turning what had been made an uninhabitable wasteland into a beautiful, modern, and even highly advanced world leader in science and agriculture.

Guess it's just plain random—not a fulfillment of Ezekiel 36:20-32 and Jeremiah 32:36-44, which clearly state that the (1) Jewish people (2) exiled from the land (3) for disobedience (4) will be returned by God (5) from all over the Earth and (6) given eternal salvation. That is what those passages and others say, modern Israel exists, and Jews are being saved in a ramp-up to a sudden mass salvation event at the return of Christ as prophesied by Zechariah 12:10, 13:1, 9. There is no good reason not to believe these things.

From Grok, after I asked for a Hebrew liquistic analysis: “The phrase “all the lands” in Jeremiah 32:37 (translated from the Hebrew תְּחִלָּתָהּ-לְכָם, or mikkāl hā'ārāšōwt) emphasizes a comprehensive, universal scope of geographic dispersion and regathering, extending beyond any single historical exile (such as to Babylon) to encompass a global, eschatological restoration of the Jewish people from every territory where God has scattered them in judgment.” Grok will provide a lengthier and equally definitive linguistic analysis for anyone who wants to ask it.

Truth to tell, I don't see any absence of God's blessing on the Jews. From the beginning, God told Abraham that there would not only be people who would bless him, but also those who would curse him. The latter is not a sign of God's disfavor. And I do find that, to this day, those who bless the Jews are blessed, those who curse the Jews are cursed, and that they are blessed by God. Why would that seed promise stick and the land one not?

Where it concerns God, think big. The church is the bride of Christ and He is our bridegroom. But that doesn't mean He and the church have subsumed and fulfilled physical marriage; God still honors and upholds it (Matt 19). But one day, marriage will be totally fulfilled in Christ and the church (Mark 12:25; Rev 19:7). For now, people still are and will be marrying when He returns (Matt 24:39). The marriage covenant God instituted is still honored by Him, even while the church already is the bride of Christ (John 3:29). The actual wedding to Christ has yet to occur. Just so, the church and physical Israel both exist side by side, and God still honors His covenants to each. But as every last Jew who will believe eventually does so, the church and Israel will finally be one.

What is Theology?

The definition of theology is found in the very word itself. Theology comes from the Greek word Theos, meaning God, and Logos, meaning word or study. The word theology simply means the study of God or the study of God's Word in the attempt to know the God of the Bible. Merriam Webster's Dictionary's definition of theology is "the study of God and of God's relation to the world." Christian theology is the serious study to understand the God of the Bible through the central Person of Jesus Christ. Everyone has a theology whether a Christian or non-Christian. Just as every person has a philosophy of life to live by, so too does every person have a theology whether primitive or refined that expresses what they believe about God.

We cannot know who God truly is until the Triune God supernaturally reveals Himself to us. And no one can know this God until He is revealed through and by His Son—Jesus Christ. “All things are delivered to Me by My Father. Nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matthew 11:27). True theology or study of God must begin and end with the study of God’s Word—all sixty-six books of the Bible. The Bible reveals God to be the eternal I AM (Exodus 3:14) the one God subsistent in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22). The aim of the theology is to know this thrice Holy God, to believe in Him for salvation, and to love and serve Him that He might be obeyed and glorified in our lives.

The God of the Bible is an eternal Person who is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, perfectly holy,



self-existing, self-determining, and sovereign over all. Biblical theology informs us God has revealed Himself through both His written Word (the Holy Bible) and His unique Son (the living incarnate Word) Jesus Christ. Having a correct Bible based theology is critical to salvation and knowing who God really is in terms of His character and Person. Having a bad theology can condemn and bar a person from truly knowing God and dooming such a person to a dark and aimless life with no direction or purpose.

There are four types of theology under the umbrella of Christian theology: (1) Biblical theology—which is the study of the doctrines of the Bible according to their chronological and historical background. (2) Systematic theology—which is systematic in nature and formulates an orderly, rational, and coherent account of Christian theology arranged under major theological topics like Soteriology, Pneumatology, Christology, Eschatology, Demonology, Bibliology, Angelology, Hamartiology, etc., etc. (3) Historical theology—which is the study of the development of Christian doctrine throughout the history of the Church. (4) Dogmatic theology which is that part of theology dealing with the official body of doctrine that is commonly recognized by a particular church. Dogmatic theology refers to the articles of faith that the church has officially formulated. Any theology within the Church worth its salt must have the Bible as its sole foundation on which starts and ends all theology.



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personally take it as their own by personal faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). Ladine received a Bible and Arabic Gospel tract with joy and delight that reaches out to her with the free gift of salvation.

We had a powerful time of bold, Gospel ministry in bucolic Galilee. We were able to secure an interview with renowned Israeli archaeologist Eli Shukrun. He discovered the famed New Testament Pool of Siloam in 2004 where Jesus miraculously healed and gave sight to the man born blind in John chapter nine. After our interview with him we gave Eli several Messianic Gospel tracts and a complete Hebrew Bible with an apologetic teaching arguing for the Messiahship of Jesus. Eli was very receptive and accepting of our gifts with obvious gratitude. We also visited the Big Mall again in Tiberias. August and I shared the benefits of knowing who the Jewish Messiah is and the glorious benefits of salvation He gives by faith with young Noa (Galatians 3:11). We told her God has given His Word through Israel so that Jew and Gentile may know Yeshua is the Messiah come to save those from the punishment of sin who believe in Him for salvation and eternal life. Noa's response was one of jubilation upon hearing the Good News and she was excited to learn more when she received a Hebrew Bible and Messianic Gospel literature from us. August and I met Avital at another shop. She too welcomed our Gospel witness for Yeshua being the Messiah with an open heart. At one point in our conversation, when we offered Avital a complete Jewish Bible, she noticed it included a New Testament and said, "It all goes together." August and I agreed and added that the Bible is indeed connected through the main link of the Messiah of whom both Testaments are inseparably joined together in pointing to Yeshua as the very Messiah come to save Jew and Gentile. Avital was also excited and happy to receive the Scriptures and the united testimony they bear concerning the God-Man from Nazareth (Romans 1:2-4).

Beloved in Messiah, I will be heading back to Israel this April to carry out this ministry's 60th Gospel outreach to Israel in obedience to Roman 1:16. As many of you know, I took a step of faith and went back into full time ministry nearly a year and a half ago. If you could please support this outreach and help us

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Your servant in Messiah Jesus,



Dr. Todd Baker



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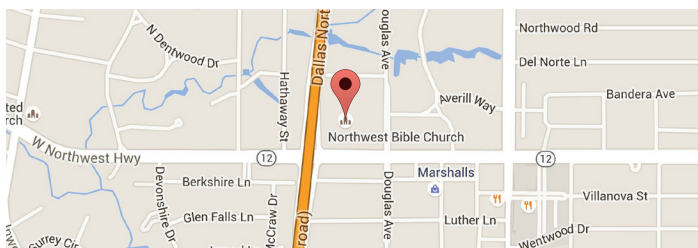
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