

THE *LAND* OF ISRAEL

INTRODUCTION

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: The Land Promised To Israel

¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,
Genesis 15:18

⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land *of your sojournings*, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”
Genesis 17:8

MOSAIC COVENANT: Obedience Brings Blessing, Disobedience Brings Discipline

¹ “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God *will set* you high above all the nations of the earth.

² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

³ Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.
Deuteronomy 28:1-3

(Read first verse of paragraphs beginning with 28:15 through end of chapter).

Did God revoke His promise of the land because of Israel’s disobedience?

LAND COVENANT: Repentance Brings Restoration

¹ These are the words of the covenant that the LORD commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.
Deuteronomy 29:1

¹ “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God *has driven* you, ² and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and *have compassion on* you, and he *will gather* you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God *has scattered* you.
Deuteronomy 30:1-3

ISRAEL'S HISTORY IN LIGHT OF THE LAND COVENANT

Solomon's prayer:

¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Israel's history is one of constant disobedience and discipline. Because of Rehoboam, the kingdom splits.

The northern kingdom of Israel: conquered 722 B.C. by Assyrians

⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and *he carried the Israelites away to Assyria....*

2 Kings 17:6

(I will read the rest of the chapter through verse 18. Emphasize total failure of purpose to be light to the nations. Victory of the kingdom of darkness over the kingdom of light. Obedience brings blessing in the land, disobedience brings discipline and removal from the land. Repentance will bring restoration to God and the land.)

The southern kingdom of Judah: conquered 586 B.C. by Babylonians

¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand.

2 Chronicles 36:17

Israel after rejecting Jesus: conquered 70 A.D. by Romans

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:20-24

ISRAEL BACK IN THE LAND TODAY – HOW DOES THIS FIT?

Israel regathered out of wrath for judgment. This is not the final regathering of Israel. This is the regathering that must take place preceding the Tribulation (brief definition).

³³“As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. ³⁴I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. ³⁶As I entered into

judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord GOD. ³⁷I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. ³⁸I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 20:33-38

APPLICATION: