

6. Abraham's Promise: A New Nation

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In Genesis 12:1-3, God made a promise to Abraham that has changed the course of history

- The creation of this nation would be entirely the work of God.
- The Patriarch of the nation, Abram, was a descendent of Shem, who received the greatest of the blessings from Noah in Genesis 9:27.

In Genesis 12:4-7, God promised a specific piece of real estate for this future nation

- The land was given for a permanent inheritance but with criteria for possession.
- Deuteronomy 29-30 lay out the blessings and the curses for the Abrahamic nation. When the nation was not in obedience to the Lord, they would be removed from the land.

God's promise to Abraham is eternal, and no hint of replacing the nation of Israel must be allowed

- Scripture is clear that God made an eternal covenant with Israel
 - Genesis 12:7
 - Genesis 13:14-17
 - Genesis 15:7, 12-15
 - Genesis 17:8
 - Psalm 105:7-11

- There are several versions of replacement theology
 - The most common: that the church has replaced Israel.
 - The more recent: that Jesus is the replacement for Israel.
- The biggest problem with replacement theology: *words!*
 - Romans 11:1, 11

Ezekiel 36-38 promises Israel a return to the land in the last days

- Timeline of Ezekiel 36-38:
 - God promises the return of his people from the nations to which they've been scattered—36:24
 - The very dry bones will come to life in two stages: flesh & spirit. (37)
 - Gog & Magog will be drawn to Israel along with the middle-east (Russia, Persia (Iran), Ethiopia & Libya) for a major war—which the west does not participate. (38-39)
 - This happens at the last days after the re-establishment of Israel.
 - God will miraculously intervene and destroy these nations.
- This could be something that happens BEFORE the tribulation—and the removal of Russia and the Arab nations could possibly be what sets the stage for the rise of the Anti-Christ who will institute a 7-year peace treaty with Israel.
- Since we have seen the fulfillment of Ezekiel 37, then Ezekiel 38-39 must be next.

Implications for Christians

- We are responsible to support the nation of Israel politically.
- We are responsible to pray for the nation of Israel powerfully.
- We are responsible to finance the nation of Israel plentifully.
 - Romans 15:27