

ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO THE LAND GIVEN BY GOD in Genesis

Charles Ryrie 'Survey of Bible Doctrine "God's covenant with Abraham (Gen 12:1-3) was later confirmed and amplified (Gen 13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1-18). In it were personal promises to Abraham himself that he would be specially blessed in temporal and spiritual things. These, of course, were fulfilled, for he acquired land, servants, cattle, silver and gold (Gen 13:14-15, 17; 15:7; 24:34-35); and he enjoyed communion with God and was called the friend of God (Gen 18:17; Ja 2:23). These predictions came true exactly as promised. Promises were also made in that covenant to Abraham's descendants, the nation of Israel. For one thing, God promised to continue the covenant with Abraham's children (Gen 17:7), making them a great and innumerable nation (Gen 12:2; 13:16; 15:5). But most interesting in the light of current events was the promise to give Abraham's descendants, the Jewish people, a particular piece of land whose boundaries were clearly specified for an everlasting possession (Gen 15:18; 17:8)."

God to Abram Genesis **12:1** ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **5** And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. **6** ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. **7** And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Ge **13:14** ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: **15** For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. **16** And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. **17** Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Ge **15:7** ¶ And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. **18** In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: **19** The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, **20** And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, **21** And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Ge **17:8** And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Abraham to his servant Ge **24:7** The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

God to Isaac Ge **26:3** Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; **4** And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of

heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Isaac to Jacob **Ge 28:3** And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; **4** And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

God to Jacob at Bethel **Ge 28:13** And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; **15** And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again **into this land**; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

God to Jacob at his return to Bethel **Ge 35:11** And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; **12** And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

Ge 48:3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, **4** And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. **21** And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

Ge 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. **25** And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. **26** So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.