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Lesson #3 – ONE NATION

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ONE NATION -

God loves Israel
and So Should We!

#1

Why Israel?

Why not! The point is God wanted humans to be *His light, His voice, His disciple makers* and spread *His Good News*, which is what *Gospel* means in Greek. **Abraham** was faithful and God made Him that promise. That was back in **Genesis 12**.

Abraham had Isaac who had Jacob and **God changed Jacob's name to Israel** (**Genesis 32:28**). His 12 sons became the **12 Tribes of Israel**, who still occupy the land in Israel today.

By the second book of the Bible - **Exodus** - the Israelites had become slaves in Egypt and when they cried out to God to rescue them, He did! By sending **Moses - another faithful man who obeyed God** - to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promise Land - the land of Canaan, where Israel is today.

After Moses died, **Joshua** was raised up to rule and conquered the land of present-day Israel from the 7 evil nations who inhabited the region of Canaan. This is told to us in the 6th book of the Bible - **Joshua**. And the next 60 books mention Israel and their story and rebellion and future promises - especially the one **that the Messiah of the world would be a Jew and even King of the Jews and would reign for 1000 years in Jerusalem!**

And now let's fast forward to the 20th Century. It was only the hand of God that President **TRU**man became the **33rd** President in **1945**. He miraculously and boldly - against all odds and lots of haters - made Israel a nation in 1948! He even said to Israel, "I am the *Cyrus of the Day*," a reference to King Cyrus in **Isaiah 45** who allowed the Israelites to go back to Judah and rebuild their Temple and City after Babylonian captivity **70 years** to the day, exactly as God told His people He would do through His prophet **Jeremiah**.

Then, **TRU**mp became the **45th** President and in 2018 – exactly **70 years** later (which is Biblically significant) made **Jerusalem the Capitol of Israel**, which Biblically needed to happen before the Messiah can come back. This, too, was against all odds with the rest of the world opposed. And the Jews declared him the *Cyrus of the Day*, even putting his face on a coin with Cyrus on the other side. And Trump got up and said he was the *Cyrus of the Day* fulfilling **Isaiah 45**.

And you think this is all just by chance or coincidence? Absolutely not! This can only be the hand of God who has told us every detail of **Israel's future** 1000s of years before it has happened. Look at the numbers above! Only God!!!

did you **KNOW**?

From **Genesis 12** - when God called Abraham because He knew he was righteous and pure hearted - to **Revelation 22**, the entire Bible and all of human history is about ***Israel***?

Because of God's promise to **ONE** faithful man?

It's mind boggling but true.

Why we each need to be the **ONE**.

The LORD had said to Abram,
“Go from your country,
your people and your
father’s household to the land
I will show you.

“I will make you into
a **great nation (aka Israel)**,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and ***all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.***”

- Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD did not set His affection on you (*Israel*) and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) that He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.

- Deuteronomy 7:7-9



did you know?
Israel is
God's Bride
and the Church
is Christ's
(Ephesians 5)

For your Maker
is your husband,
The LORD of hosts
is His name;
And your Redeemer
is the Holy One of Israel;
He is called the
God of the whole earth.
For the LORD has called you
like a woman forsaken and
grieved in spirit,
Like a youthful wife when
you were refused,
says your God.

- Isaiah 54:5-6

did you **KNOW**?

That **Abraham** was born
1948 years after Adam and that
Israel became a nation in **1948**???

How mind blowing is that???

Yes, we know this from those “boring”
genealogies that everyone skips over,
but they are actually giving such
amazing clues and gifts from God
to figure out all of human history!!!

Go read them with fresh eyes in
Genesis 5 and 11. You will thank me!

#2

Although Israel has not been faithful, God always will be!

We see throughout the history of Israel for the last 4000 years since the time of Abraham, that they have always been evil and rebellious with a few faithful leaders popping up like King David, Daniel, the prophets, etc. But this does not mean anything to God. A promise is a promise and He made that promise to Abraham back in **Genesis 12** and we know He will keep it. Thank God He is long suffering and keeps His promises to a 1000 generations (**Deuteronomy 7:9**).

And God commands that we do, too. **That we love Israel not because they deserve it, but because God does!** He calls them His beloved and you honor the beloved of those you love. Let's look at the verses that command this on the next page.

Remember the wonders HE has done,
HIS miracles, and the judgements
HE pronounced, you HIS servants,
the descendants of Abraham,
HIS chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
He is the Lord our God;
HIS judgments are in all the earth.
HE remembers HIS covenant forever,
the promise HE made,
for a thousand generations,
the covenant HE made with Abraham,
the oath HE swore to Isaac.

- Isaiah 62:1

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you (**Israel**) shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

- Isaiah 60:12

And ***on that day***

(Second Coming of Christ in 2030)

I will seek to destroy all of the nations that come against Jerusalem.

- Zechariah 12:9

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you.

They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

- Deuteronomy 28:7

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

- Isaiah 62:1

#3

The Church did NOT replace Israel!

Because the Bible tells us detail after detail and history lesson after history lesson of Israel's rebellion - even killing their own Messiah, Jesus, some false prophets in the Church have said that the Church replaced Israel when they killed Christ and so they are not a "*thing*" anymore and that the New Covenant has replaced the Old. That could not be farther from the truth and is the biggest lie straight from the pit of hell! **God never replaces anything, HE REDEEMS!**

God cannot go against His Word. Just type *Israel* into a Bible word search and see how and what God says about her. And more importantly let's see what God's Word says about her in the **NEW Testament.**

Because Israel rejected their Messiah and killed the prophets before Him, they have had to pay severe consequences. Jesus came for the Jews but has built His Church mostly with Gentiles - His light in the world - when the Jews rejected Him. But this was NOT HIS choice! The **12 Disciples were all Jewish**. The Jews who received the Holy Spirit because they believed at the Temple on Feast of Pentecost in 30 AD (**Acts 2**) were all Jewish. So our Church founders were all JEWISH!!! Jesus knew the religious rulers in Israel would reject Him just as they had rejected the Father for 1000s of years, so He told His disciples in Matthew 28 to go out and MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL OF THE NATIONS! Israel was the light of the world, the Jews were the lights that Spread the Gospel first! To the Gentiles who believed and it spread like wildfire!

The Bible says this would be for 2000 years (**Hosea 6:2**) until He goes back to dealing with Israel (**Romans 11**).

I ask, then, has God rejected **His people**?

By no means! For I (Paul) myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for Myself **seven thousand men** who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace...

I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! **Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!**

- Romans 11

#4

The 7 Year Tribulation is for Israel to finally believe!

Go read **Daniel 9**. Especially what HE tells us in **verses 20-27**. That God goes back to dealing with **Israel** during **the last 7 years** of Daniel's 70 x 7s (490 years) **timeline**, which I believe started on **Feast of Trumpets 2023** and the Hamas attack on October 7th, and ends exactly on **Feast of Trumpets 2030** when Jesus returns as all Israel will finally believe HE is their JEWISH MESSIAH! This corresponds with what Jesus tells us in **Matthew 24** about what happens before He comes back to reign as King of the Jews.

Again, go read all of **Romans 11** to see that Israel as a nation will be saved at the end of the **7 Year Tribulation** and then Christ comes back to reign as King of the Jews, He tells us in **Revelation 19 and 20**. And it's at this time that the Jews will again say what they said on His Triumphal Entry before they crucified Him.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
who kills the prophets
and stones those sent to her,
how often I have longed
to gather your children together,
as a hen gathers her chicks
under her wings, but you were
unwilling! Look, your house
is left to you desolate.

For I tell you that you will not
see Me again until you say,
'Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.'

- Matthew 23:37-39

We know Hamas and Gaza attacked Israel, right on a *Feast Day* as I predicted. **10.7.23 = 40** - the *number of testing*. Coincidence? Absolutely not! I predicted this because I know the Bible and that we are **7 years out from the return of Christ**. If Christ died in 30 AD on a Feast Day which He did, He has to come back in 2030 on a Feast Day which He will.

The **7 Year Tribulation** has started!!! We will see all 10 Islamic/Arab nations surrounding Israel attack her because they have always hated her. **But spoiler alert - Israel wins! God Himself wipes them all out.**

How do I know this? Not only from the Bible verses we have already read, but because of every one of the 17 Prophetic books that scream God's plan and repeat it over and over, telling us that Israel is in rebellion and will be for 1000s of years, BUT that every nation that comes against her will be punished and wiped out but that Israel reigns for eternity!!!

Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you ...

Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for **your people** (*Israel*) and **your holy city** (*Jerusalem*) to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

- Daniel 9:22-24

#5

**The Land has always been
and will always be Israel's!**

When Joshua conquered the Promise Land in the book of **Joshua** around 1400 -1300 BC, it says that the land had rest because Joshua was faithful and the boundaries of Israel had been set and were secure.

Then, starting in **1 Samuel** when we learn about the Kings of Israel, we see that **King David** even conquered more land because God was with him and gave him favor in wiping out his enemies, namely the Philistines, the giants of old and where Goliath came from. King David is a type or foreshadow of Christ.

So, Israel was NEVER EVER to make deals and give away any of the land that God specifically gave them, giving us the detailed boundary lines in the Bible!! That was sin! Go read the book of **Joshua** and read his words on the next page.

Spoiler alert and good news! They get it back with God stepping in miraculously. **Why?** Because God is a faithful, loving God whose bride is Israel and we know He is the best husband ever.

A long time after the LORD had given Israel rest from all the enemies around them, when Joshua was old and well along in years, he summoned all Israel, including its elders, leaders, judges, and officers. “I am old and well along in years and you have seen everything that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, because it was the LORD your God who fought for you. See, I have allotted as an inheritance to your tribes these remaining nations, including all the nations I have already cut off, from the Jordan westward to the Great Sea. The LORD your God will push them out of your way and drive them out before you, so that you can take possession of their land, **as the LORD your God promised you.**

Be very strong, then, **so that you can keep
and obey all that is written in the
Book of the Law of Moses,
not turning aside
from it to the right or to the left.**

So you are not to associate
with these nations that remain among you.

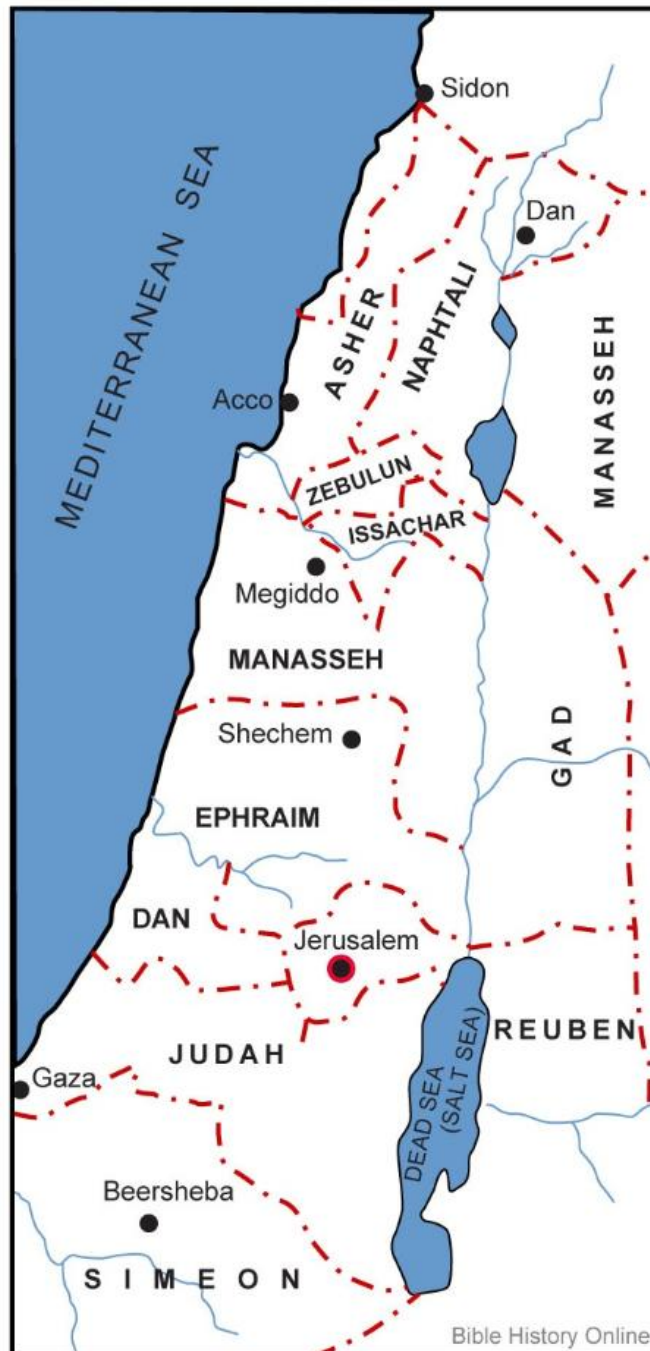
You must not call on the names of
their gods or swear by them,
and you must not serve them or bow down
to them. Instead, you shall hold fast to the
LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

The LORD has driven out great and
powerful nations before you,
and to this day no one can stand against you.

- Joshua 23:1-9

Map of all of the Land Israel Should Have Today

MAP OF ISRAEL DURING JOSHUA'S TIME



#6

Jesus comes back to reign in Jerusalem for 1000 years

We read in **Revelation 19** how Christ comes riding on His white horse with His bride on their white horses to fight the Battle of Armageddon (Valley of Megiddo). Go read this gorgeous (and frightening) detail of what **THAT DAY OF THE LORD** will be like.

And **Revelation 20** tells us that **He finally reigns as King of the Jews for 1000 years**, while Satan and the demons are bound. He reigns as our High Priest and King, in perfect peace, judging over the nations from Jerusalem. What a glorious day this will be! He has to as that is what they killed Him for – claiming to be King of the Jews – and He cannot lie and definitely has not reigned yet.

Read on the next page what God says in **Joel 3:21** about this day!

Then you will know that **I, the Lord your God,**
dwelt in Zion, My holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy;
never again will foreigners invade her.

In that day (Second Coming of Christ), the mountain
will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk;
all the ravines of Judah will run with water.

A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house
and will water the valley of acacias.

But Egypt will be desolate, Edom (southwest Jordan)
a desert waste, because of violence done to the
people of Judah, in whose land they shed innocent
blood. **Judah will be inhabited forever**
and Jerusalem through all generations.

Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned.
I will pardon.

The Lord dwells in Zion.

- Joel 3:17-21



**This is why
Believers
need to be
ProZionists**

Valley of Megiddo (Armageddon) in the Jezreel Valley in Israel



#7

We will worship God in His Temple in Jerusalem

Throughout the books of the prophets in the Bible we get a total picture of what the *Millennium reign of Christ on earth will be like*. And it's awesome to think about and even more awesome to look forward to. Listen to what Zechariah says about it in [Zechariah 16:7-8](#) -

“In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters. Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, will have no rain.”

And what Ezekiel says about the Temple in [Ezekiel](#) below and on the next page.

Then the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and the glory of the LORD filled the Temple. And I heard someone speaking to me from within the Temple, while the man who had been measuring stood beside me. The LORD said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place where I will rest My feet. **I will live here forever among the people of Israel.** They and their kings will not defile My holy Name any longer by their adulterous worship of other gods or by honoring the relics of their kings who have died. They put their idol altars right next to Mine with only a wall between them and Me. They defiled My holy Name by such detestable sin, so I consumed them in My anger. Now let them stop worshiping other gods and honoring the relics of their kings, and I will live among them forever.

- Ezekiel 43:5-9

#8

God promises **Restoration** for His People

Look at the promise **Ezekiel** gives us from
God Himself about His Beloved Israel:

So now, this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
**I will end the captivity of My people;
I will have mercy on all Israel, for I jealously
guard My holy reputation! They will accept
responsibility for their past shame and
unfaithfulness after they come home to
live in peace in their own land,
with no one to bother them.** When I bring them
home from the lands of their enemies,
I will display my holiness among them for all the
nations to see. Then My people will know that
I am the LORD their God, because I sent them
away to exile and brought them home again.
I will leave none of My people behind. **And I will
never again turn My face from them, for I will
pour out My Spirit upon the people of Israel.**
I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!”

– Ezekiel 39:25-29

#9

Enemies of Israel are enemies of Believers. There is no peace!

This is why true believers MUST not only stand with Israel, but condemn and fight against the Palestinians or any of the other Arab or Islamic nations that are coming against her and will continue to come against her in 2023 to fulfill the Psalm 83 war - Gaza (Hamas), Lebanon (Hezbollah), Jordan, Syria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Northern Iraqi's, Arabs of the Sinai.

I gave you many Bible verses under #2 that say that God will destroy anyone who does not support Israel. The Bible says that God loved Jacob but hated Esau (Malachi 1, Romans 9). But how can God hate anyone? Because in order to be perfect love, you have to hate wickedness and anything that destroys love. Esau's descendants - the Edomites - were wicked to Israel and would not let their brother pass when they needed to (Numbers 20:21).

We also know that Abraham had Ishmael before he had Isaac. Yet, the promise went to Isaac and nothing was left to Ishmael. (Genesis 25, Galatians 4)

All of the nations mentioned above are descendants from Ishmael or Esau. They have always hated Israel and always will. Even the Quran lies and changes this story and says that Ishmael got the promise! Total lie from Satan.

This is why Believers and America must always stand with Israel as we always have. The Pilgrims knew this and welcomed the Jews when every other country was either killing them or outlawing them. And so has every American President since, until maybe evil Obama and Biden.

It was because **President Truman knew the Bible that God used him** - a highly unlikely candidate - to win the Presidency against all odds, and it was his Biblical conviction and smarts that made Israel a nation again in 1948 to the day God had always planned. He quoted Bible verses when explaining why he fought so hard against the UN and every other enemy to make this happen.

America has been called a ***Judeo-Christian nation*** because we are the only nation that knew the Bible and feared God and knew that we must love Israel and always support her.

Why from its founding until only recently there have always been more Jews living in America than anywhere else, even Israel.

You cannot say you love God and not only not love Israel, but defend her, support her, fight for her, pray for her any way you can. America has only been as blessed as we have been by Almighty God because of this one stance.

There will NEVER be peace in the Middle East, especially not in the last days. They are Satan's demonic pawns bent on destroying God's beloved. And God will wipe them out.

O God, do not remain silent; do not turn a deaf ear,
do not stand aloof, O God. See how your enemies growl,
how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they
conspire against Your people; they plot against those
You cherish. "Come," they say, "let us destroy them
as a nation, so that Israel's Name is remembered
no more." With one mind they plot together;
they form an alliance against You -
the tents of Edom (***Southern Jordan***) and the
Ishmaelites (***Saudi Arabia***), of Moab (***Jordan***)
and the Hagrites (***Egyptians***), Byblos (***Lebanon***),
Ammon (***North Jordan***) and Amalek (***Arabs***),
Philistia (***Gaza, Hamas***), with the people of
Tyre (***Hezbollah, Southern Lebanon***).
Even Assyria (***Syria***) has joined them to reinforce
Lot's descendants (***Moab and Ammon***).
May they ever be ashamed and dismayed;
may they perish in disgrace.
Let them know that YOU, whose Name is the Lord,
that You alone are the Most High over all the earth.

- Psalm 83

At that time shall arise Michael,
the great prince who
has charge of your people.
And there shall be a time of trouble,
such as never has been
since there was a nation
till that time.

**But at that time,
your people shall be delivered,
everyone whose name shall be
found written in the book.”**

- Daniel 12:1

#10

God's Mercy for Israel is His Mercy for Us!

Again, because the entire Bible from [Genesis 12](#) to [Revelation 22](#) is mostly about Israel and their rebellion and sin and all that God did for them in warning and warning them for 100s if not 1000s of years, I would get so frustrated and angry with them as I read and reread the Bible every year for 25+ years straight through, that they were so stupid and foolish and evil and just blatantly so disrespectful and unloving to God, who is so kind and gracious.

BUT, then I would have to stop and pause and remind myself - God would not have written so much about Israel if they didn't represent ME, also! Humbling to admit. I then would have to immediately repent and admit all the ways I am exactly like them. Time and time again. Thank you, Jesus, for shedding Your blood to pay for all of MY stupid, foolish, evil, blatantly disrespectful, and unloving things I have done to You. You not only don't deserve it, but, instead, deserve my undying love and affection. Please forgive me. I love you so much!

But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love
with which He loved us,
even when we were dead
in our trespasses,
made us alive together
with Christ - by grace
you have been saved.

- Ephesians 2:4-5



Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem, God's holy city!
- Psalm 122:6

ABRAHAM

Abraham – the righteous, faithful man
for which **ONE PROMISE**
determined all of human history.

We won't give commentary,
just the Scriptures he is mentioned in,
for you to meditate on and see what
the **Holy Spirit** spurs in you to be more
like him, because any good qualities in
him point us to Jesus.

ps – it won't be
all verses he is
mentioned in
but enough to
paint a picture

Genesis 11:27

Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered **Abram**, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

Genesis 12:1-20

Now the LORD said to **Abram**, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 15:3-6

And **Abram** said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.**

Genesis 17:1-27

When **Abram** was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. **And God said to him, “Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.** No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be **Abraham**, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ...

Genesis 21:12

But God said to **Abraham**, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, **for through Isaac shall your offspring be named.**”

Joshua 24:2-3

And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, **the God of Israel**, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of **Abraham** and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave him Jacob and Esau.

Matthew 1:1-17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of **Abraham**. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of **King David**, (all the way to Jesus!)

Luke 13:28

In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see **Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God** but you yourselves cast out.

John 8:39, 58

They answered him, “**Abraham is our father.**” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did ... Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before **Abraham** was, I am.”

Acts 3:25

You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to **Abraham**, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’

Acts 7:2-4

And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father **Abraham** when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, **God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.** *(speaking of Israel in approx. 60 AD)*

Romans 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? “**Abraham** believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:13, 16, 17

For the promise to **Abraham** and his offspring that he would be heir of the world **did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.** That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring - not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of **Abraham, who is the father of us all.** As it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Galatians 3:6-9, 16, 29

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ... Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ... And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hebrews 7:1-10

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.

Hebrews 11:8-10,17-19

By faith **Abraham** obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ... By faith **Abraham**, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

James 2:20-24

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not **Abraham** our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "**Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness**" - **and he was called a friend of God**. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

conclusion

The end of the matter;
all has been heard.
**Fear God and keep
HIS commandments,**
for this is the
whole duty of man.

- Ecclesiastes 12:13



Question to ponder to get your
❤️ back to your **FIRST LOVE** -

How much time daily do you spend working for,
preparing for, thinking about, eating temporal
food that is probably a crutch or idol?
And how much time do you spend daily in
God's Word, which Jesus tells us in
Matthew 4:4 is more important
than physical food and the key to life?

Summary of Lesson #3 –

No matter how much we are
annoyed by the Jews
hard hearts and disbelief,
or crazy belief in a false narrative
of ancient rabbis,
We must stand with them,
support them, fight for them,
not because they deserve it,
because God does and
HE commands it.

Memory Verse

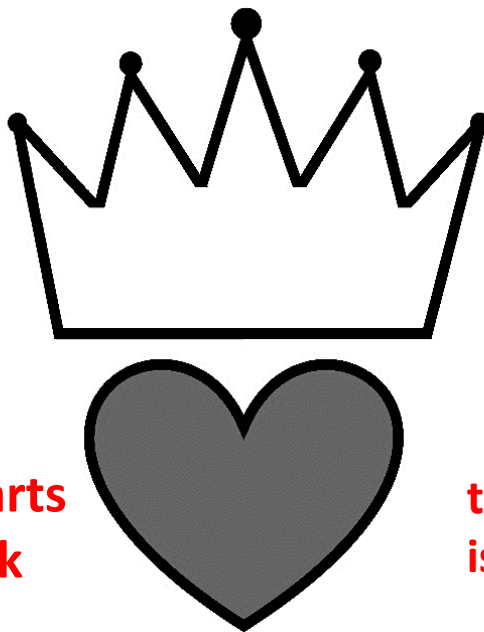
The LORD had said to Abram,
“Go from your country,
your people and your
father’s household to the land
I will show you.

I will make you into
a **great nation (aka Israel)**,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

- **Genesis 12:1-3**



surrendering our hearts
to HIM & getting back

to our FIRST LOVE
is the whole point

If we love you and have a huge heart for you,
I cannot even imagine **HIS LOVE for YOU!!**
Remember that as you fight the good fight this week!
And be sure to send us any prayer requests or praises
in the Comment Sections of each lesson!
We are a Community of Believers who want to encourage
and sharpen one another with **HIS WORD** as HE asks!

Next: Lesson #4