

Patriarchal Abraham To Moses Genesis 12:1-9

Abraham (2000 BC)

Abraham is often called “the father of the Hebrew nation.” - **Genesis 14:13**

“Hebrew” a descendant of physical lineage of Abraham - **2Corinthians 11:22**

Abraham is also called “the father of all who believe...,” - **Romans 4:11-13**

By virtue of his faith in God, God reckoned him as righteous, not according to the Law of Moses.

Hebrews 11:8-10 – He left his homeland to obey God.

Hebrews 11:13-19 – He offered his son of promise on the altar.

Romans 4:3,19-22 – Abraham believed God’s promises!

3 Promises to Abraham Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:1 – The Land Promise v 7

Genesis 12:2 – Great Nation Promise (physical descendants)

Genesis 12:3 – The Spiritual Promise (Christ) - **Galatians 3:16,29**

Three questions to ask about these promises:

Has this promise been fulfilled?

Is this promise conditional or unconditional?

How does this promise, and its fulfillment connect to me?

Great Nation

This promise was fulfilled by God in Egypt (1500 BC).

When Jacob travelled to Egypt, were only 70 **Genesis 46:3,27**

After 400 years in Egypt, Hebrews filled land **Exodus 1:7,9,20**

Moses later reflected on God’s work **Deuteronomy 26:5**

Promise was conditional upon the faithfulness of the nation.

Blessings conditional upon obedience **Deuteronomy 6:10-15**

Moses reminds them of the conditions **Deuteronomy 8:19-20**

Israel special to God, must stay faithful **Deuteronomy 26:16-19**

The Lord’s Church is an Anti-Type of the Hebrew Nation.

We are now the blessed nation of God! - **1Peter 2:1-2,9-10; Galatians 6:16**

Like Israel, Church enjoys God’s special favor **Ephesians 1:1-14**, and is ruled by God’s perfect law

James 1:25

Like Hebrew nation, blessings conditional **Romans 11:17-23**

Land Promise

Promise was fulfilled by God through Joshua (1400 BC)

After Moses’ death, Joshua encouraged the people to take the land of Canaan **Joshua 1:1-6**

Following 7 years of fighting, Hebrews received land. The promise was fulfilled **Joshua 21:43-45**

Promise was conditional upon the faithfulness of the nation. - **Joshua 23:14-16**

At times, Israel would fail to drive out all the nations, and part of their land would be lost.

Though David (1000 BC) recovered it, Jews were eventually driven out due to unfaithfulness.

605 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar took them from land 70 years.

They eventually returned to Jerusalem, but never had possession of Canaan as in David’s days.

Heaven is an Anti-Type of the Land of Canaan. - **Hebrews 4:8-11**

Similar to Israel’s entrance to Canaan, our entrance to Heaven is only possible by grace of God.

This Sabbath rest is conditional on obedient faith in Christ - **Hebrews 3:12-14**

The Messianic Promise

Promise was fulfilled by God through Jesus Christ (30 AD).

Jesus, God’s Servant, is the Seed through which all may be blessed! - **Acts 3:13-15,25-26**

Law added because of sins, did not invalidate covenant God made with Abraham. Blessings from

God through Christ! - **Galatians 3:16-18,25-29**

The main focus of this covenant was Christ's redemptive work from sin and is fulfilled in the church. The first two parts of Abraham's promises were typical of the church and the heavenly rest awaiting those in it; the third promise was exclusively in reference to the spiritual blessings enjoyed in the church of Christ.

This promise is Unconditional, in terms of Candidates.

Regardless of nationality, background, manner of life, can be saved by Jesus – **Ephesians 2:11-18**.

What began as taught to Jews (**Acts 2**), was ultimately taught to Gentiles as well (**Acts 10**).

This promise is Conditional, in terms of Obedient Faith

Abraham was justified by his willingness to believe in God and obey the will of God.

Christians are to "follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham" - **Romans 1:5; 4:12**

Thus All 3 Promises Have Been Fulfilled

Great Nation - fulfilled after 400 years in Egypt (1500 BC).

Land - fulfilled after 7 years of conquest by Joshua (1400 BC).

Seed - fulfilled after death, burial resurrection Jesus (30 AD).

From Abraham to Moses

Ishmael

Ishmael was Abraham's first son, born to Sarah's handmaid Hagar **Genesis 16**

He and his mother were driven out after Isaac was born to Sarah **Genesis 21:8-13**

Descendants became a "great nation" and occupied area now known as Saudi Arabia **Genesis 17:20**

Isaac

Born after Ishmael, and born to Sarah, Isaac was the son God promised Abraham **Genesis 17:15-19**

It was through Isaac that God's original "Great Nation" promise would be fulfilled **Genesis 15:1-5**

In his youth, he became the offering God required from Abraham. **Genesis 22:1-2,7-8,12-14**

God provided a lamb to die in his place. Isaac is a type for Christ, who died as a sacrifice, offered by His Father, with no lamb to replace Him.

Jacob

Jacob one of twin boys born to Isaac Rebekah. God's nation promise would come through him.

12 sons! [Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin].

Only the final two were birthed by his beloved wife, Rachel. Six were from his other wife, Leah.

God changed Jacob's name to Israel **Genesis 35:9-12** (Hence the term: "children of Israel.")

Esau

Esau was the twin brother of Jacob **Genesis 25:19-26**

Older than Jacob, but Jacob stole his birthright and later his blessing from Jacob **Genesis 25:27-34**

Bitterness ensued, and Jacob left town for 20 years. When returned, two reconciled **Genesis 33:4**

Joseph

Joseph was son of Jacob. The story of his brothers selling him into slavery, and his rise to power in Egypt, is documented over the course of about 14 chapters in the book of Genesis **Genesis 37-50**

While Joseph faced incredible injustices, God blessed him. When he faced his brothers at the end of the story, even after all they had done, he understood the amazing providence of God

Genesis 50:20

Joseph brought his whole family to Egypt, 70 in all, and thus began 400 years in Egypt. Over this period, they became a huge nation of millions of Jews. Unfortunately, the Egyptians kept them in check as slaves.

Moses (1500 BC)

Moses was an Israelite raised by the daughter of Pharaoh **Exodus 2:5-10**

At the age of 40, he tried to protect his enslaved people, but he was rejected **Exodus 2:11-15**

Moses fled Pharaoh and lived in the land of Midian for 40 more years **Exodus 2:16-22**

God heard cries of Israel, and He appointed Moses to deliver them from Pharaoh **Exodus 2:24-3:10**

Following series of excuses, Moses obeyed God. God provided brother, Aaron, for support. **7:1**

The Exodus confirmed Moses as God's Prophet.

Firstly, by fulfilled prophecy. All that Moses said came to pass **Exodus 3:16-22**

From the deliverance to the miracles, the plundering of Egypt to worship at Mount Horeb.

Secondly, by the miracles that God worked through and around Moses **Exodus 4:1-9,30-31; 14:31**

The Exodus

"Exodus" = "Departure" or "Going out." "Exit" from Egypt.

The Ten Plagues

God used the ten plagues to demonstrate Himself to be the one, true God. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – **Exodus 3:6**. And He is the God who has authorized Moses to lead the people out of slavery.

This was demonstrated to Israel - **Exodus 4:5; 10:1-2**

This was demonstrated to Egypt and All the Earth - **Exodus 8:10,22; 9:16**

1. Water to Blood – **7:17-25**
2. Frogs – **8:1-15**
3. Lice – **8:16-19**
4. Flies – **8:20-32**
5. Pestilence – **9:1-7**
6. Boils – **9:8-12** (This is when the magicians gave up.)
7. Hail – **9:13-35**
8. Locusts – **10:1-20**
9. Darkness – **10:21-29**
10. Death of Firstborn – **11:1 – 12:36** (Pharaoh gives in.)

The Passover

Just before the final plague, God instructed each family to sacrifice an unblemished, one year old, lamb. Some of the blood was to be put on the doorpost of their homes. If it was found there, God would "pass over" that house, and no loss of life would be incurred **Exodus 12:1-7**

Even before the plague came, passing over Israelite houses, and striking every Egyptian household, God established a feast of remembrance **Exodus 12:14-20**

The Passover feast was observed by Israel for generations.

The Passover lamb is a type or shadow of Christ - **1Corinthians 5:7-8**

Death passes us over by the blood of Christ, and we remember that fact by a memorial God established: The Lord's Supper **Luke 22:14-20**

The Song of Moses

Following the departure from Egypt and the Jews crossing the Red Sea on dry ground, Moses and the Israelites sang a beautiful song of victory – **Exodus 15**.

This song was sung anew in heaven by those who came through death and were delivered unto the glorious blessings of God! - **Revelation 15:2-3**

Israel is now an independent nation. Following the Red Sea deliverance, they came to Mount Sinai in the "third month" after the Exodus (**Exodus 19:1**).

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