

Begin Again!

The Promise that Changed the Planet!

A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 25

Genesis 17:1-27 (NKJV)

1. The Promise

Genesis 17:1-3 (NKJV)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:

2. The People

Genesis 17:7, 21 (NKJV)

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. . . . 21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."

3. The Period

Genesis 17:7 (NKJV)

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

4. The Place

Genesis 17:8 (NKJV)

8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Ezekiel 5:5 (NKJV)

5 "Thus says the Lord God: "This *is* Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her.

- **It is the Geographical Center**
- **It is the Spiritual Center**
- **It is the Storm Center**
- **It is the Peace Center**

4 Miracles wrapped up in these Promises

1. The Miracle of Israel's Generation.

Genesis 17:5 (NKJV)

5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

- **See Romans 4:17-25 (NKJV)**

2. The Miracle of Israel's Preservation.

Genesis 17:7 (NKJV)

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 (NKJV)

35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): 36 "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the Lord, *Then* the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." 37 Thus says the Lord: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the Lord.

3. The Miracle of Israel's Restoration.

Genesis 17:8 (NKJV)

8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Amos 9:14-15 (NKJV)

14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. 15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the Lord your God.

4. The Miracle of Israel's Regeneration.

Genesis 17:8 (NKJV)

8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Zechariah 12:2-3, 9-10 (NKJV)

2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. . . . 9 It shall be in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zechariah 13:1 (NKJV)

1 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.