


Israel and God's Word



ISRAEL'S LAND IS GUARANTEED BY GOD in accordance with the unconditional Abrahamic Covenant — an irrevocable, everlasting promise. One day Israel will safely possess all the land (Jeremiah 30:3). Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord assures us that it will be impossible ever to destroy the Jewish people.

“Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the Lord of Hosts is His name: ‘If this fixed order departs from before Me,’ declares the Lord, ‘Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.’ Thus says the Lord, ‘If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done,’ declares the Lord” (Jeremiah 31:35–37).

ISRAEL WILL POSSESS THE LAND

Israel is the apple of His eye (Zechariah 2:8). Those who have sought Israel's destruction in history — the Pharaoh in Egypt, Haman at the time of Esther, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Romans in AD 70, right down the centuries to Hitler, Yasser Arafat, Hamas, and Iran — will never ultimately succeed. God is faithful to His promises. Isn't it wonderful to recognize that God will not go back on His promises to Israel? At the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

nation of Israel will be saved (Romans 11:25). During the Tribulation, according to Revelation 7, there will be 144,000 Jewish evangelists who will proclaim the Gospel.

But this does not mean that everything secular, unbelieving Israel does today is in God's will. Israel sinned in the past and that continues today. But Israel's present unfaithfulness does not negate God's covenant with Israel. Israel has a glorious future! Walter Kaiser, former President of Gordon–Conwell Seminary, writes, "If the dispersion was a mark of God's judgment... then Israel's return to the land is the mark of God's grace. In fact, so astounding will be this future return of Israel that it will make the exodus from Egypt seem small in comparison" (Walter C. Kaiser Jr., *Israel, the Land and the People*, edited by H. Wayne House [Kregel Pubns, 1998], 224).

GOD'S PROMISES ARE CERTAIN

Do you doubt the truthfulness of the Bible? Do you doubt the reality of a living God? Consider the Jewish nation. Consider God's promises in the Abrahamic Covenant! Wondering if God will keep His promises to you? God always keeps His promises. It is impossible for God to lie. Is your faith and trust in this faithful covenant-keeping God? God promises today that if you receive His Son, Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah, as your personal Savior and Lord you will receive eternal life and shall never perish. God will not go back on His Word. We are sometimes faithless, but He remains faithful.

Going through a tough time? Feel lonely, abandoned, misunderstood, and discouraged? Remember the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Remember that the true sons and daughters of Abraham are those who are justified not by works, but by faith (Galatians 3:6–9). Have you received this blessing of the Abrahamic Covenant, which flows to those who are people of faith and who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Have complete confidence in the promises of God. He is a covenant keeping God. One day Israel will possess all the Promised Land. Trust and serve this faithful God with all your heart. ❀