

# God's Eternal Covenant with Israel

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**Genesis 21:12** *God said that in Isaac a nation would.*  
**Romans 9:6** *For they are not all Israel which are of Israel*  
**Genesis 3:14** *God said to the serpent because thou hast*  
**Genesis 12:1** *leave thy country-go to a land I will show*  
**Genesis 15:1** *God would be Abram's shield great reward*  
**Psalms 105:8** *God remembered his covenant for ever*  
**Romans 11:27** *I will keep my covenant forever*

**1** Bible prophecy is connected to the *existence* and *restoration* of the Jewish people. Israel is mentioned over 2,200 times in the OT and over 70 times in the NT. Jerusalem is referenced more than 800 times.

**2** Bible prophecies about the Jews returning to their homeland tells us that God is focused on Israel that was established as a nation in 1948, and the recapture of Jerusalem in 1967—starting the prophetic clock counting down to the Rapture. Current events tell us where things are on God's prophetic calendar.

**3** To interpret the *present* and *future* of Israel we must understand the *past*. The escalating conflict and global anti-Semitism toward Israel are understood when we look back at Israel's origins and the ancient hostility against God's chosen people.

**4** The recent attacks on Israel have divided the nations of the earth, and as we look *ahead* to the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises, we can understand why in so many cities around the world, protest against Israel is as if the Jews were the one attacking the Arabs.

**5** Despite current events surrounding Israel, God's purposes and plans will be accomplished in His

way and time. Jesus will return to rule and reign as King from Jerusalem over Israel and the earth. All believers now should pray, remain steadfast in faith, and personally prepare for the *imminent* return of the Lord Jesus **1 Thessalonians 4:17**.

**6** To understand today's escalating conflict and global anti-Israel sentiment, we have to understand the hatred against Israel that originated with Abraham's two sons. God's covenant *promises* passed through Isaac and *not* Ishmael.

**7** NKJV **Genesis 21:12** *“But God said to Abraham, ‘Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.*

**13** *Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.’*

**8** AV **Romans 9:6-7** *Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.”*

**9** The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians began with Isaac and Ishmael described in Genesis. When Abraham took Hagar as a second wife, this began a rivalry that would persist for centuries. The choice of Isaac by Abraham and God started the resentment that continues between Isaac (the Jewish people) and Ishmael (the Arab nations) to this day.

**10** After the fall of Adam and Eve in Eden, God promised a Deliverer and Redeemer. AV **Genesis 3:14** *“The LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman.”*

**11** Jesus will crush the head of the serpent and deal with humanity's sin problem through one of Eve's descendants. Later in Genesis, as God's redemptive plan starts to unfold, he reveals more specifically that His coming *Anointed One* will be through Abraham.

**12** God tells Abraham to leave the idolatrous country of Ur in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq). Abram is obedient and goes to Canaan (modern-day Israel)—even though the land was then still occupied by pagan Canaanites.

**13** AV **Genesis 12:1** *“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.*

**14** AV **Hebrews 11:8** *“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*

**9** *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.”*

**15** God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and sealed it by passing between the halves of sacrificial animals. AV **Genesis 15:1** *“The LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”*

**16** When Abram said he had no heir, God brought him outside—saying **5** *“Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”*

**17** Abram believed God which made him righteous in His sight—and God saying **7** *“I am the*

*LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.”*

**18** In this covenant, God promised Abraham several things—**1** His offspring would become as numerous as the stars and be a great nation; **2** Abraham’s inheritance of the land of Canaan forever; **3** Through Abraham all families on earth would be blessed. AV **John 4:22** “*Salvation is of the Jews.*”

**19** Promise 3 refers to the Messianic line leading to salvation for the world through faith in Christ. God describes the boundaries of the Promised Land extending from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates **Genesis 15:18**. All this is promised to Abraham and his descendants forever.

**20** Centuries later God began the Jewish nation through Abraham’s descendants Isaac, Jacob, and then the 12 tribes of Israel after delivering them from 400 years of slavery in Egypt.

**21** Although Israel had already re-entered the land by God’s promise, they would have to overcome the Canaanites who remained there.

God had told them to rid the land of the Canaanites and Israel had some success, but not completely. Therefore, Israel interacted with the Canaanites—and adopted some of their pagan practices.

**22** While the international community tries to pressure Israel to concede more of their land for peace, God specified Israel’s boundaries in **Genesis 15**—which not only includes what is Israel today, but also the West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights, Lebanon, Syria, and a large portion of Iraq.

**23** The size of Israel is compared to our state of New Jersey, but to Abraham, God promised much *more* land to the Israelites than they now have.

Palestinians and others assert *historical* claims to the land, but they *cannot* make a *biblical* claim. God specifically gave this land to Abraham and his descendants forever.

**24** The Jewish people would not always  *dwell*  in the Promised Land because of their disobedience—but according to God’s promise, the land remains Israel’s  *eternal possession*  regardless of absence, disaster, or dispersion.

**25** The land that God gave to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob was unconditional, irrevocable, and everlasting.

AV **Psalm 105:8** “*He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.*”

**26** God does not change His mind nor retract His promises. NKJV **Romans 11:27** “*For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins. 28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob NLT]. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*”

**27** The child of promise was Isaac by Sarah—not Ishmael by Hagar. Persecution arose early on between  *Isaac*  who was beloved by God, and  *Ishmael*  who was cast out by Abraham.

**28** The offspring of Isaac—the Jewish people, and Ishmael’s offspring—many Arab nations, have battled over the land ever since. The ancient bitterness beginning with Abraham’s sons continues to this day. Only the Prince of Peace Himself will resolve this struggle over land promised to Abraham’s descendants.

**29** Until Jesus returns, the Promised Land continues to be the center-point of contention. From the beginning of biblical history, the stage is being set for the End Times. Satan has stirred up many groups in an attempt to destroy the Jewish people, but he will  *not*  succeed.

**30** Satan has always tried to prevent the coming of the Jewish Messiah and to thwart God’s redemptive plan for humanity. He began his evil plan with the Egyptians and Canaanites, the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans.

**31** Then he tried to destroy the Jewish people through the Crusades, Russians, the Nazis, and on to the Holocaust—but all attempts failed. Satan continues his wicked obsession to erase the Jews ever since the Messiah came to be Savior of the world.

**32** Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish male born to a Jewish mother, as Scripture foretold centuries prior, would offer Himself as a perfect sacrifice to rescue all humanity from the clutches of sin, Satan, and the Lake of Fire. It is a monumental choice now for everyone to believe in Jesus.

**33** Although rejected by the Jewish leaders of His day, Jesus fulfilled over 100 Old Testament prophecies—proving that He  *was* , and He  *is*  the Anointed One—humanity’s only hope!

God’s eternal covenant with Israel will be fulfilled  *exactly*  as predicted!



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