


# The Promise

Genesis 3:15



“And I will put enmity Between  
you and the woman, And  
between your seed and her  
Seed; He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”


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# The Promise to the Patriarchs

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# Abraham

## Genesis 12:1-3



“Now the Lord had said to Abram: Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

# What was the promise?


- The Land promise
- The Great Nation promise
- All the families of the earth promise (the Seed promise)

The rest of the Old Testament tells the story of the descendants of Abraham, their triumphs and tragedies, and sets the stage for the keeping of the Seed promise.

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# The Promise Kept

## Acts 13:16-23



Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: “The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, *I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart*, who will do all My will. From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—”



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- Isaiah 11:1-5 (and rest of chapter)
- Psalm 132:11 “The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.”
- Acts 13:26-41
- Acts 26:6-7

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## Romans 4:13-25



Verse 13 “For the promise...”

Verse 14 “and the promise...”

Verse 16 “so that the promise...”

Verse 20 “the promise of God...”


Verse 21 “what He had promised...”

See also Romans 9:6-13

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## Galatians 3:15-18



“Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.”

# Galatians 3:19-4:7

- Verse 19 “till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made...”
- Verse 21 “Is the law then against the promises of God?”
- Verse 22 “that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”
- Verse 26 “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”
- Verse 29 “you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”
- 4:4 “But when the fullness of the time had come...”
- 4:5 “that we might receive the adoption as sons.”
- 4:6 “And because you are sons...”
- 4:7 “and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

# Focus on Galatians 3:20-25

- That the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe
- That we might be justified by faith
- But after faith has come...


Then look at Galatians 3:26-29

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# Ishmael and Isaac

## Galatians 4:21-31




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- Abraham had two sons (one by a bondwoman, one by a free woman)
  - The son of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh
  - The son of the free woman was born through promise
  - These sons represent two covenants: Mount Sinai and Jerusalem above
  - Mount Sinai gives birth to bondage (Hagar=the Jerusalem which now is)
  - The Jerusalem above is free and is the mother of us all
  - We are children of promise!

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## Ephesians 2:11-13




“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ ,being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

See Ephesians 3:6

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## Hebrews 6:13-15




“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “*Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.*” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”

See Hebrews 6:17

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# Hebrews 9:15

## Eternal inheritance



“And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

See also 1 John 2:24-25, Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 10:36

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Fulfilled in Jesus!

Romans 1:1-6 and 15:8-12