

GLC Weekly

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Salvation for All People is From the Jews

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"You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews" (John 4:22). Jesus Christ spoke those words to a non-Jewish woman at a well, signifying that salvation for anyone in the world – Jews, Gentiles, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Africans, Asians, Americans, Europeans, islanders – is available through Him, the Jewish Messiah. And salvation through Jesus came to her that day. This is the best Good News ever and the reason we

remember the Sacred Gift of the Sacred Life and humble birth of Jesus at Christmas.

In last week's *GLC Weekly*, "Blessings or Curses & Forever Promised Land," I shared the history of the Creator GOD's declarations recorded in the Bible when He gave to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the land that became Israel. This week I focus on GOD's choice to bring the Savior of the world through their descendants. Here are a few pertinent Scriptures of that story of redemption that we celebrate at Christmas:

Genesis 12:3: "(I)n you (Abram) all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Genesis 26:4: "(B)y your (Isaac) descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 28:14: "(I)n you (Jacob) and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Psalm 89:3-4: "I [The LORD] have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, I will establish your seed forever and build up your throne to all generations." This was only possible through Jesus who lives and reigns forever.

Matthew 1:1-2, 16: "The record of the **genealogy of Jesus the Messiah**, **the son of David**, **the son of Abraham**: **Abraham** was the father of **Isaac**, Isaac the father of **Jacob**, and **Jacob**... **Joseph the husband of Mary**, by whom **Jesus** was born, who is called **the Messiah**."

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Luke 1:31-33: The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary: "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

If GOD had not chosen Abraham and his descendants, and given them a specific land to dwell in, there would have been no Israel. If GOD had not protected Israel from extermination multiple times, Israel would have been wiped out. If GOD had not ensured the survival and tracking of the lineage of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, there would have been no "son of David" to save mankind and rule righteously over the nations. If GOD had not successfully carried out His plan of salvation through the nation Israel, there would have been no Messiah, no Savior of the world, no Savior of the Jews, no Savior of the Palestinians.

Pray that our hearts will be full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for making promises and fulfilling His plan for our salvation through sending "His Only Begotten Son," and for Jesus who offered His life on the cross to save us from our sins; and for Israel through whom He carried out His plan (John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9; Galatians 1:4; Revelation 1:5).

This is the last GLC Weekly for this year.

For the LORD and the sacred gift of Jesus Christ,

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