

GLC Weekly (14 December 2023)

## Blessings or Curses & Forever Promised Land: Reasons to Support Israel, Part 3

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Please pardon the temporary absence of the GLC Weekly. My 95-year old father had a bad fall and his life was in jeopardy, so I dropped everything to be with him. At the same time, and when I was ready to send this third email regarding Israel, we encountered some problems that resulted in the temporary closure of the GLC.life website and ability to send these emails. Those issues are now resolved.

GOD chose Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants to be His own people forever. He promised to give them certain lands forever – which includes present day Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. He promised to bless those who bless them, and curse those who curse them – a truth testified through ancient, recent and present history. He promised to bless "all the families of the earth" through them, which He did by sending the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ, through their descendants.

Genesis 12:1-5, : "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.' So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him ... and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan."

Genesis 13:14-17: **"The LORD said to Abram** . . . 'Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for **all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever**. I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for **I will give it to you**.'"

Genesis 17:20-21: "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But **My covenant I will establish with Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you (Abraham)."

Genesis 26:2-5: **"The LORD appeared to him [Isaac]** and said . . . 'Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for **to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I** 

will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

Genesis 28:12-15: "[Jacob] had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'"

Israel possessed the promised land for many centuries, but when they became wicked, GOD used Assyria, Babylon and others to conquer them, take many captive, and leave a remnant in the land. But the LORD promised to bring them back to the promised land:

Ezekiel 11:16-17: "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone." Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.""

Israel was officially restored as a nation in 1948. In ancient history and in recent history to this day, the LORD blesses those who bless Israel, and curses those who curse her.

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**."

**Pray** for an accurate understanding, daily prayer intercession, and strong support of Israel based on Scripture and GOD's everlasting covenant with Israel. Pray for protection of all the people in Israel, the leaders, and the military. Pray for laser destruction of their enemies, and protection of civilians. Pray that many Jews, Arabs, and Palestinians will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior, and the enmity will be broken. Pray that Israel will regain and retain full control over all the lands the LORD gave to them, including Gaza.

For the LORD and the sacred gift of every human life and remembrance of children unborn,

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Maps: Bible Mapper Atlas and Shweta Venkatachalm article.