

Message Notes

"The Promise and the Manger"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *"Cross your heart, hope to die..."*

The Covenants in Scripture

Adamic - Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:15

Noahic - Genesis 9:8-11

Abrahamic - Genesis 12:1-3

Mosaic - Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Davidic - 2 Samuel 7:8-9, 16

New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Incarnation: A Biblical Theology of Christmas week three - The Promise of Abraham & The Manger

And so it begins

Genesis 12:1-4

The Promise made clear

Genesis 15:1-20

The Promise Threatened by trying to force it!

Genesis 16:15-16

After 13 years of silence, God renews His Promise

Genesis 17:1-8

After 25 years, the Promise of a son comes true!

Genesis 21:1-5

And then, they start having puppies...

Genesis 25:19-26

And they continue to have children! The 12 Tribes!

Genesis 49:1-28

The Promise extends through Moses

Exodus 3:11-17

The Promise is continuing to look to "bless all the nations" through the coming of Messiah

Micah 5:2

The Promise finds its fulfillment in the birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:1-6

Even Zechariah knows that the Messiah is a result of the Promise!

Luke 1:67-79

The "real" Israel of the Promise is US!!

Romans 4:16-21

Jesus Christ is the Fulfillment of the Promise!

Galatians 3:15-18

The Rock Bottom of the Promise for us!

Hebrews 6:13-20a

The Twelve Tribes Sealed

Revelation 7:1-8

Application - *"Are you a child of the Promise? Do you trust His Promise?"*

Genesis 12:1-4

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.

Genesis 15:1-20

¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward."

²But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

⁸But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

⁹So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

¹⁴But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

¹⁵You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates - ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, ²¹Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

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