

Elpis Israel

for Young People

*Abraham and the beginning of the
Kingdom of God (Part 2)*

Class 22

Last Class (before uncle Mark)

Review:

Elements of a kingdom

- King
- Administration
- Land
- Capital
- People
- Law

The Preparations of the Kingdom

Remember – this is a DUAL between two SEEDS, two WAYS, two CITIES – two KINGDOMS

CITE: Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat **Nimrod**: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. **And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.**

Abraham WENT OUT of Nimrod's Kingdom – to go to GOD's

Hebrews 11:8-10 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. 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: For **he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

God's preparations for a kingdom have been going on for some time:

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city.**

Go back to Abraham to look at the foundations for the kingdom & the preparations God made for this kingdom from the beginning!

The Gospel to Abraham

Worksheet:

- You all should have a worksheet Package
- Don't worry – we're not doing all this today!
 - There are 15 worksheets all together
 - The first 5 are review work sheets
 - You will have to catch up on these over the next few weeks

Number 6 is for today

- It is entitled "Beginnings of the Promises"
- Plus there is another worksheet called "Catalogue of the Promises"
 - We'll be using this every week
- Each worksheet has the following:
 - Foundation Verses – brief notes highlighting the key points from each verse
 - Concordance Work – Definitions
 - Questions
 - Bible Marking
 - Bible Marking has a colour scheme, but if you have already begun your own then that is fine... keep with what you've already done – it has to make sense to you.

Worksheet #6

- Work through this together:
 - **Genesis 12:1** *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee **out of thy country**, and **from thy kindred**, and from **thy father's house**, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
 - Abraham his separated from his COUNTRY, KINDRED (extended family) and FATHER'S HOUSE (immediate family).
 - Think of others who did this:
 - Jacob – left Rachael and Leah's house in Syria
 - Ruth – left Moab
 - Moses – left Egypt
- First Promise:
 - **Genesis 12:2-3** *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: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*
 - Cataloguing the Promises:
 - Great Nation – The Nation of Israel
 - Bless Thee
 - Name Great
 - Be a Blessing
 - Bless them that Bless Thee
 - Curse Him that curseth Thee
 - In Thee – **all families of the Earth Be Blessed – Galatians "Blessed with faithful Abraham"**

Second Promise:

Genesis 12:7 *And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.*

- Cataloguing the Promises:
 - The Land Promised to Abraham's Seed

SEED (Gen 12:7)

Strong's #2233

Meaning:

2233 zera` { zeh'-rah }

from 2232; TWOT - 582a; n m

AV - seed 221, child 2, carnally + 7902 2, carnally 1, fruitful 1, seedtime 1, sowing time 1; 229

GK - 2446 { זֶרַע }

1) *seed, sowing, offspring*

1a) *a sowing*

1b) *seed*

1c) *semen virile*

1d) **offspring, descendants, posterity, children**

1e) *of moral quality*

1e1) *a practitioner of righteousness (fig.)*

1f) *sowing time (by meton)*

LAND (Gen 12:7)

Strong's #776

Meaning:

776 'erets { eh'-rets }

from an unused root probably meaning to be firm; TWOT - 167; n f

AV - land 1543, earth 712, country 140, ground 98, world 4, way 3, common 1, field 1, nations 1, wilderness + 4057 1; 2504

GK - 824 { אֶרֶץ }

1) *land, earth*

1a) **earth**

1a1) **whole earth** (as opposed to a part)

1a2) *earth* (as opposed to heaven)

1a3) *earth* (inhabitants)

1b) **land**

1b1) **country, territory**

1b2) *district, region*

1b3) *tribal territory*

1b4) *piece of ground*

1b5) *land of Canaan, Israel*

1b6) *inhabitants of land*

1b7) *Sheol, land without return, (under) world*

1b8) *city (-state)*

- 1c) **ground**, surface of the earth
 - 1c1) ground
 - 1c2) soil
- 1d) (in phrases)
 - 1d1) **people of the land**
 - 1d2) space or distance of country (in measurements of distance)
 - 1d3) level or plain country
 - 1d4) land of the living
 - 1d5) end(s) of the earth
- 1e) (almost wholly late in usage)
 - 1e1) **lands, countries**
 - 1e1a) often in contrast to Canaan

Which elements of the 5 do we see in this:

- King
- Administration
- **Land - YES**
- Capital
- **People - YES**
- Law

Bible Marking Exercise:

- 1) Underline the all the verses in Genesis 12:1-3, 7 in dark blue
- 2) Completely Colour the word SEED in dark blue in Genesis 12:1-3, 7
- 3) Write Genesis 12:7 next to Genesis 12:1-3 under the heading PROMISES
- 4) Now write Genesis 12:1-3 next to Genesis 12:7

Promise #2

Promise after Lot Leaves:

Genesis 13:14-17 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: **For all the LAND which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy SEED for ever.** And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

- What are the promises that are described in this passage:
 - **LAND** – physical land, geographical area given to Abraham
 - Also given to his **SEED**
 - Promise is **FORE EVER** –
 - Now includes the promise of eternal life!
 - Only way he can have the land for ever is to live for ever

BIBLE MARK – Genesis 13:14-16

Promise #3

Promise after Lot Leaves:

Genesis 15:1 *After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.***

God would be Abraham's protector:

- He will be ours too if we trust in him:

Psalms 34:6-10 *This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and **saved him out of all his troubles.** The **angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him,** and delivereth them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: **blessed is the man that trusteth in him.** O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there **is no want to them that fear him.** The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.*

Promise:

Genesis 15:4-6 *And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but **he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, **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.** And he **believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.***

- Abraham's own physical descendant would be his heir
- Physically impossible – but Abraham believed God!
- The Apostle Paul comments on this in Romans:

Abraham's Response:

Romans 4:17-22 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.** Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And **being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead,** when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He **staggered not at the promise of God** through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being **fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.** And **therefore** it was **imputed to him for righteousness.***

- Abraham completely believed what God had said
- Was not a doubt in his mind...
- Therefore God IMPUTED it to him for RIGHTEOUSNESS

What we need to do:

Romans 4:12 *And the **father of circumcision to them** who are not of the circumcision only, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham,** which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

We need to have the same faith as Abraham did – believing in what God did:

Romans 4:23-25 *Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead**; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

- All God asks for from us is belief and obedience!
- Where Adam and Eve went wrong in the first place!

Promise #4

God Restates his proposition:

Genesis 15:7 *And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.*

Abraham asks for some kind of token:

Genesis 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Abraham makes a sacrifice:

Genesis 15:9-12 *And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.*

Promise & Prophecy to Abraham – Bring them out of Egypt:

Genesis 15:13-16 *And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And **thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age**. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.*

- Abraham is told he will die – but his people will be rescued.

The Sacrifice is accepted

Genesis 15:17 *And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.*

Promise is reiterated:

Genesis 15:18-21 *In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.*