

## Promised Good News

Genesis 1:27-28; 3:14-15 God's original commission for humanity to represent Him as they fill and rule the earth was attacked by the serpent but will ultimately be accomplished by the Son.

Genesis 9:1-17 God blesses Noah and his sons, and He makes a covenant to extend mercy and grace to all on the earth, promising to never flood the earth like that again. God restates the original commission to humanity, but His blessing and covenant are not conditioned upon their obedience.

Genesis 22:15-18 God confirms His covenant with Abraham to surely bless him and all the nations of the earth through his Seed.

Genesis 49:8-10 Jacob blesses Judah with a promise that a future King will come from his seed to whom Abraham's offspring and the peoples of the earth will give praise, bow, and obey.

Deuteronomy 5:30-6:7 The LORD commands the people of Israel to walk in His ways and teach their children to do the same "so that" they can live in the land and blessing God has for them.

2 Samuel 7:12-16 The LORD covenants with David to establish the throne and kingdom of his seed for ever.

Psalms 45:16-17 The psalmist declares his trust that the line and throne of David will continue for ever and ever and that peoples of the earth will praise the Divine King.

Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:10-54:3 The LORD foretells of the coming Servant and "arm of the LORD" Who will die as a substitute but then be exalted to see and lead the numerous offspring of the promise into His own inheritance.

Proverbs 22:6 Commands parents, mentors, and teachers to train children early in the way of wisdom with the hope\* that they never depart from it.

Malachi 4:5-6 The Mosaic Covenant proved to be awaiting a better covenant that the LORD will establish to form a faithful people and multiply His promised offspring in all the earth. They keep departing.

## That brings us to the better, New Covenant that is inaugurated and fulfilled in Jesus.

Luke 1:16-17; Mark 1:14-17; Luke 3:8 God is both able and willing to raise up the promised offspring from all peoples, and He is accomplishing this through Jesus and those who trust in Him.

Revelation 12:17 But there remains an enemy. The ancient serpent who failed at devouring the promised Seed sets his eyes on the offspring instead, yet God is faithful to make them overcomers by faith in Christ.

Revelation 21:7-8; 22:16-17 Jesus as the promised offspring and risen King invites whosoever to come, follow Him, overcome the serpent, and receive His inheritance as adopted sons of God.

## Implications

1. God completes what He purposes and promises.
2. God promises to inherit innumerable offspring in Christ.
3. God purposes to extend mercy through many generations.
4. As followers of Christ, we must purpose and persevere in the Gospel with many future generations in mind.