

POSSESSING THE PROMISE

WORD OF THE LORD FOR THE YEAR 2017

Joshua NKJV 1: ⁶Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua GWT 1: ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will help these people take possession of the land I swore to give their ancestors.

1. GOD WANTS A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF

- Back to the Garden of Eden ,

Genesis 1: ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- God loves you so much, you are valuable to Him

John 3: ¹⁶**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

- Since the fall of Adam in Eden God’s purpose was to restore fellowship with his man,

1 John 4: ⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

2. TIMELINE OF THE PROMISE

- First given to Abraham

Genesis 12: I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 13: ²Abram *was* very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

Galatians 3: ¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- Passed on to Moses, (430 years later),

Exodus 6: ⁷I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you *as* a heritage: I *am* the LORD.”

- Joshua has to execute and go in and obtain the promise ,

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3. PROMISE DEFINED

- Old Testament, and in you all the families of the Earth shall be bless, The promise of the coming Savior through Abraham’s posterity

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- New Testament, Salvation in Jesus,

Ephesians 2: ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Conclusion: God has always wanted a people for Himself to love and to have fellowship, God's promise was always about salvation and being with Him, the many blessings are a byproduct from being in the family of God