

Restoration of Israel

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Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

✓ The pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundational Doctrine of the Bible, if the Book is believed literally. When the Bible is interpreted as figurative, or historic; false doctrines will creep into the church. The Minor Prophets are inherently literal when prophesying of the restoration of Israel into the promised land.

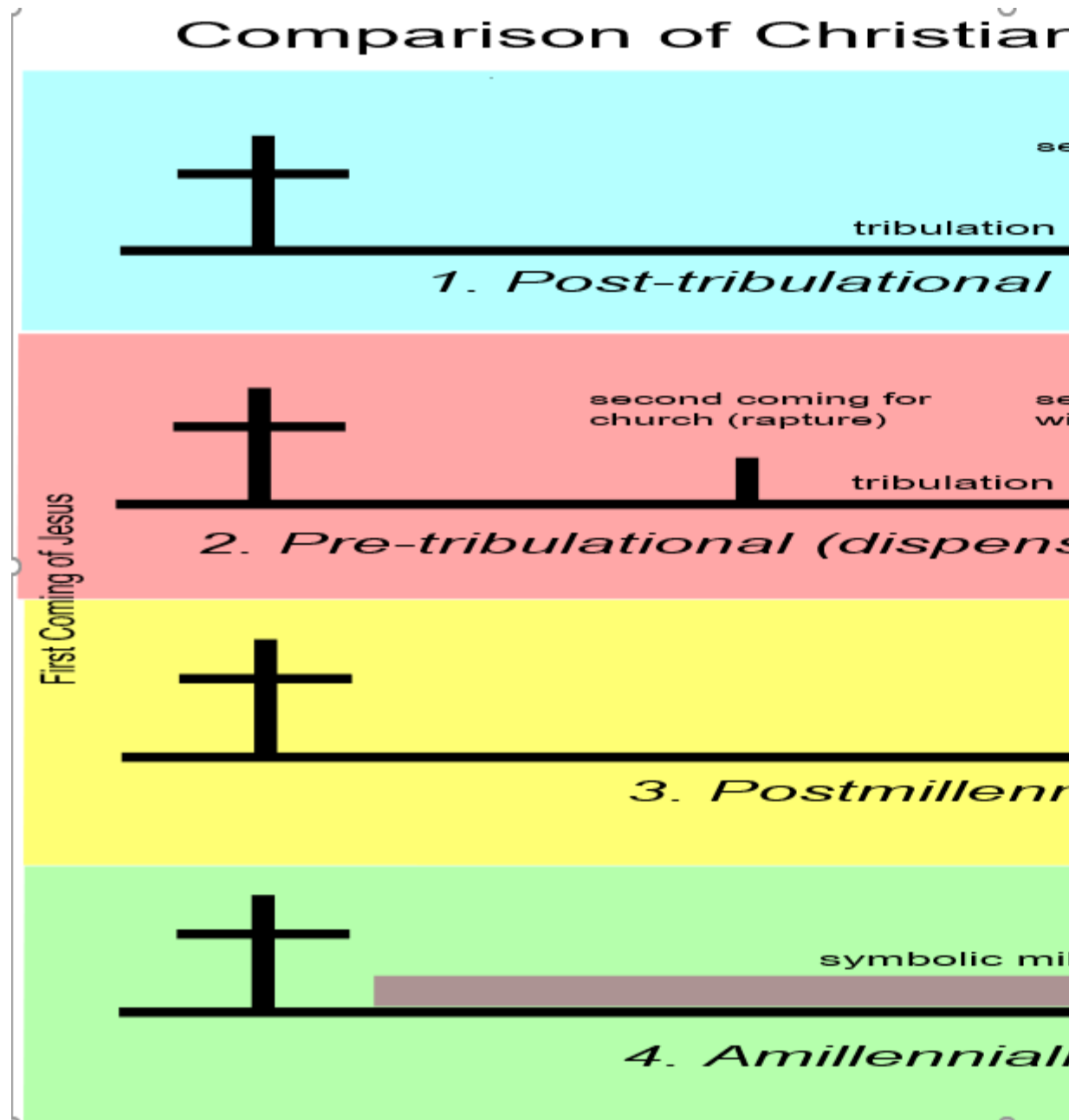
FALSE DOCTRINES:

✓ Amillennialism (Greek: a- "no" + millennialism) is the view in Christian eschatology which states that Christ is presently reigning through the Church, and that the "1000 years" of Revelation 20:1-6 is a metaphorical reference to the present church age which will culminate in Christ's return. It stands in contrast to premillennialism, which states that Christ will return prior to a literal 1000-year earthly reign; and postmillennialism, which states that Christ's return will follow 1000 years golden age ushered in by the church.

✓ Postmillennialism takes the thousand-year time span to be a figurative period. Some believe it began at Jesus' resurrection and will continue until His return. Others hold that it will gradually come about as mankind brings the peaceful kingdom to fruition. After an indefinite amount of time, Jesus will return and battle against Satan and his forces. Right after will be all the judgments and resurrections.

✓ Premillennialism is the view that Christ's second coming will occur prior to His millennial kingdom, and that the millennial kingdom is a literal 1000-year reign of Christ on earth in the land that was promised to Abraham, Issacs, and Jacob.

There are two things that must be clearly understood in order to interpret the Scriptures which deal with end-times events: The proper method of interpreting Scripture (is it literal or figurative; historic or prophetic) and the distinction between Israel (the Jews) and the church (the body of all believers in Jesus Christ).



✓ MYSTERIES OF GOD:

God has required us to study in order to show ourselves approved unto Him. He has placed mysteries in front of us, in order to help us grown into a knowledge of him.

1Co 4:1-2: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. (2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

The ministers of Christ are entrusted with seven major mysteries of God, making us stewards. A mystery is difficult to explain because it is mysterious,

but we are still to believe and teach it. When these mysteries are not faithfully proclaimed by God's stewards, false doctrines will be taught in their stead.

√ THE SEVEN MAJOR MYSTERIES ARE:

The Rapture & the new Body: **1 Cor 15:51-58.**

The New Birth & the Body of Christ. **Eph 5:30-33.**

The Indwelling of Christ In the Body of the Saint. **Col 1:27.**

The Growth of Worldwide Iniquity and the Antichrist. **2 Thes 2:7.**

The Mystery of Godliness. **1 Tim 3:16.** Is the life of God manifested in YOUR life?

Mystery Babylon, Romanism/New Age. **Rev 17:5.** Satan works in mysteries, and we are to understand how he works.

√ Blindness & Restoration of Israel. **Rom 11:25-27.** The greatest doctrine in the Bible is the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the restoration of the nation of Israel is coupled the Lord's glorious return to Earth. This mystery is the temporary blindness of Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles is brought in; for all Israel will be saved when the Jewish Remnant seeks the LORD prior to the tribulation, will be forgiven, and then delivered out of the wrath to come.

Israel can be none other than the literal twelve tribes of Jacob, the biological descendants of Abraham and Isaac.

√ TO THE HEBREWS: *Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*

Jas 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

√ In the book of Revelation the 144,000 will be Jewish men (**Rev 14:1,4**) from all twelve tribes of Israel and they will be the evangelists to the Gentile nations during this time of suffering. A tenth will remain in Israel as martyrs. **Is 6:13.**

- They are NOT Anglo-Saxon "British" Imperialists
- They are NOT the true saved Jehovah's Witnesses
- and they are NOT the Mormons who contend to be of the tribe of Ephraim
- and they are NOT the Remnant of the Body of Christ, the Church.

√ *Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.*

All twelve tribes of Israel are accounted for. Because of their apostasy *Dan* and *Ephraim* have been replaced by *Levi and Joseph*. God has not forgotten His people (**Rom 11:2**), and He has not replaced them with the "Church". **Gen 49:17; 2 Kings 10:22-29; Jer 7:15; Hosea 4:17.**

√ THE RESTORATION AND THE NEW COVENANT:

New Covenant: Jer 30:3; 30:22; 31:8; 31:15-16; 31:31-37; 33:14-26; Eze 37:1-38; Amos 9:9-15

Jer 30:3. The House of Israel and the House of Judah (*two sticks Eze 37:16*) will return to the LAND and possess it forever.

√ This means that British Imperialism is not Biblical.

"The Archbishop said these words: OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN: to keep your majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing this world affords. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland then continued: Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law (James 2:8); These are the lively Oracles of God (Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12; I Pet 4:11)..."

Since 1972 the United Kingdom has been in state of constitutional illegality in respect of the European Union. The position can be likened to a shadow of eclipse that has passed over the sun blocking out the light that once illuminated the Earth... In Psalm 89: 34-37 the Throne of David is confirmed as symbolized as being like the sun and moon, whereas in Matthew 24: 29 we are told that just before the coming of the Son of man, when His light shall suddenly strike the Earth like lightning, the sun and the moon will not be giving forth their light.

The picture is one where the stars are falling from heaven and the very powers of heaven are being shaken. I want to suggest to you that essentially this is a symbol of what is happening to the Kingdom of God upon Earth. It may be that great cosmic things are happening in space, but as in heaven so on Earth we are seeing the Throne of the Lord being challenged by a system of government that has its origins in the Will of Man rather than the Will of God. A system that emanates from ancient Babylon, via Rome, to the atheistic French Revolution.

...What we do know is that the sun, moon and stars are called to witness that the throne will endure whatever the political pressures and the revolutionary and conspiratorial schemes do to undermine the Throne of the LORD upon Earth. The prophet Jeremiah confirmed the words of Nathan where we read in Jeremiah 33:19-21: "Thus saith the LORD: if you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, that there should not be day and night in their season: Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites, the priests, my ministers.

√ *“Is the British Throne of German Origin?”*

... the British Royal Line came to Germany and returned to Britain as follows: George I of England, although speaking German, was the son of Princess Sophia, who was the granddaughter of James I of England (VI of Scotland). Princess Sophia’s husband was the Elector of Hanover, who in turn was the 14th in direct male succession from the Empress Maud, daughter of Henry II of England.

In this way – the Royal Line of David remained intact, from King David in Palestine, via Ireland, Scotland and England to Queen Elizabeth II today. The world’s Greatest Throne – as opposed to the counterfeit throne in the Vatican at Rome – which God promised in His unconditional Covenant with David. God’s promises are sure and certain.”

√ **Jer 30:22.** They (The House of Israel and the House of Judah) will be God’s people, and dwell in the land safely. **Eze 36:28.**

Jer 31:8-11. The scattered of Israel will be gathered into the land

Jer 31:15-16. The answer to Rachel’s dilemma was the restoration of the nation of Israel, through the Birth of the Lord Jesus. **Mat 2:16-18.**

Jer 31:31-37. The House of Israel and the House of Judah will enter into a new covenant. *The existence of the Nation of Israel is the greatest scientific proof of the accuracy of the Scriptures.*

√ *Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Jer 33:11,14-26. The future restoration of the House of David is directly connected to the future fulfillment of the Abrahamic Land Grant. **Hos 3:5.** Fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant is yet future and pertains to the House of Israel and Judah (**v14,17**). Christ will rule from the literal throne of David, located in Israel on Mt Zion.

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

√ **Eze 37:1-38.** The dry bones represent the future resurrection of the redeemed (v11) out of all the house of Israel and the house of Judah. The dead, having never received the promises will be resurrected and brought into

the land of Israel (**v12**). The two sticks represent the two division of Israel (Judah and Israel) and will one day be united (**v16-17**)– known as the “whole house of Israel”. They will dwell in the land (**v21**).

Amos 9:9-15. God has sifted the nation today, there are more Jews in New York than in Israel. In Amos, God has a problem with Israel because they have disobeyed and so He has them sifted among the nations and all the sinners will die.

√ Yet at some future day, the Day of the LORD, God will restore the nation and they will NO MORE be plucked out of THEIR LAND (**v14-15**).

√ What is a Covenant?

COVENANT, noun [L, to come; a coming together; a meeting or agreement of minds.]

1. *A mutual consent or agreement of two or more persons, to do or to forbear some act or thing; a contract; stipulation. A covenant is created by deed in writing, sealed and executed; or it may be implied in the contract.*

2. *A writing containing the terms of agreement or contract between parties; or the clause of agreement in a deed containing the covenant*

√ What it a Testament?

TEST'AMENT, noun [Latin testamentum, from testor, to make a will.]

- *A solemn authentic instrument in writing, by which a person declares his will as to the disposal of his estate and effects after his death. This is otherwise called a will. A testament to be valid, must be made when the testator is of sound mind, and it must be subscribed, witnessed and published in such manner as the law prescribes.*

√ The New Covenant (*Jer_31:31; Heb_8:8; Heb_8:13; Heb_12:24*) and the New Testament (*Mat_26:28; Mar_14:24; Luk_22:20; 1Co_11:25; 2Co_3:6; Heb_9:15*) are not the same; one was made possible by the other, but that does not mean they were addressed to the same group of people. The New Testament is what brings the *redemption of transgressions* (**Heb 9:15**); the new Covenant is in regard to one's service (**Heb 8:1-7**).

√ So who is Israel?

- The descendants of Abraham, then Issac, and then Jacob = National Israel

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

- Spiritual Israel = mythological

✓ You and I are of the seed of Abraham by faith (**Gal 3:29**), but that doesn't mean you are of the seed of Jacob – Ishmael is also of the seed of Abraham and they possess the fullest extent of the promised land today.

What Covenants concerning Israel are there?

There are three possibilities for the fulfillment of the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenant.

1. God has not fulfilled His promise to Israel or David.
2. God has fulfilled His promise for the land grant, and thus the New Covenant
 - a. Under Joshua or possibly
 - b. Under Solomon
3. The promise only had a partial fulfillment.

✓ Just as there is a spiritual side to God's kingdom, there is a literal side also. Proponents of the spiritual side tend to dismiss ANY reasoning of a literal fulfillment, just as those who hold to a literal fulfillment ABHOR the idea of a spiritual side. Truth can be found when we accept the fact that there is BOTH; a literal kingdom AND a spiritual one.

✓ Many would dismiss Israel as being only spiritual in nature, including all gentiles in the body of Christ into what is deemed "Spiritual Israel". This comes to us in books or doctrine through the titles of amillennialism, postmillennialism, British Imperialism, covenant theology, reformed theology, etc...

✓ In order to define Israel and the Land, and to properly establish if the old testament prophecies have been fulfilled, we must define (with the Bible) **who** consists of Israel and **what** are the boundaries of the Promised Land.

✓ CONCERNING THE LAND:

The land covenant only had a partial fulfillment; the covenant was made in two parts, a smaller section and a larger section, the full extent of which has ****NEVER**** been occupied by the nation of Israel (or by Abraham).

Gen 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: (15) For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. (16) 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. (17) Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee

In Genesis chapter 13, we see that God's promise was an inheritance of a literal piece of land; a land that Abraham could see and one that he could walk in. Its borders were determined by what Abraham could see (vs. 15) and by him walking the length and breadth of it (vs. 16). Also note this land was directly given to Abraham and to his seed.

√ On a side note, **Genesis 12:1** states that God HAD SAID to Abraham he would inherit this land, before he left Haran with his family; he was to leave his country, his family, and his father, yet Abram brought his father and Lot. It was not until his Father died (**Gen 11:32**), and Lot left for Sodom (**Gen 13:14**) that was this promise reinstated.

Gen 15:18 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:



✓ Here in chapter 15 we see God's plan for Abraham and the land widening as it was not just where Abraham could walk and what he could see, this time the borders are given by God; from the Nile to the Euphrates. The land was specifically given to Abraham's seed, not Abraham himself.

Gen 17:7-8 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. (8) And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.



✓ God repeats His covenant with Abraham again. Here God calls it an “everlasting covenant” which consists of “all the land of Canaan” that God “will give” to Abraham AND to his seed for an everlasting possession.

✓ The promises of Land in both Genesis 13 and 17 related to “all the land of Canaan” which consists of modern-day Palestine as this is where Abraham was (*Gen. 13:12*) when he looked and walked around. Genesis 13 was obviously fulfilled as Abraham was literally there, and he lived in the land, as did his seed; however,

Israel is not in the “everlasting covenant”, YET, nor have they begun to possess “all the land of Canaan” for an “everlasting possession” (**Gen 17:8**).

✓ In Genesis 15 then, we see that God also gave Israel a larger inheritance which stretches over Saudi Arabia and Iraq to the Euphrates. The land covenant made here was past tense, God GAVE it to Abraham AND to his seed; but never has there been a time in history where Israel has obtained it all OR dwelt in ALL of the land. *Therefore, we must conclude that God has put this possession in His own power. i.e. He gave it to them (Abraham AND his seed) AND He will put them in it at some future point.*

✓ It’s important to note now that this promise of Land was also repeated to Isaac AND to Jacob. Abraham had a LOT of sons; therefore, he has a LOT of seed. The promises made to him are to be fulfilled through the seed of Isaac AND then also through the seed of Jacob.

✓ Isaac:

Gen 26:1-5 ... And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. (2) And the LORD appeared unto him, and said,... (3) Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; (4) And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (5) Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

✓ Jacob:

Gen 28:1-4 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, ... (3) And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; (4) And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

So “all Israel” would consist of the seed of Jacob.

Rom 9:6-13 (6) Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: (7) Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

✓ Abraham’s seed pertaining to the promises are to be called through Isaac.

(8) That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. (9) For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Isaac was the promised HEIR and the seed through which God will fulfill his promises.

(10) And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (11) (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) (12) *It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.* (13) *As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*

Because God has mercy on whom He will have mercy; He choose Jacob and His seed as the heir to the promises made to the seed of Abraham (not Esau).

✓ CONCERNING THE BELIEF OF THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT UNDER JOSHUA:

Jos 21:43-45 (43) And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. (44) And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. (45) There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.



✓ As far as a complete fulfillment goes, I have THREE problems with this.

(1) I see NO record of Abraham (or his seed) being resurrected to live in this land

(2) The Rest, which Israel entered into her, e was through the conquests of Joshua.... In the land of Canaan (the SMALLER portion of land promised).

Jos 21:2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

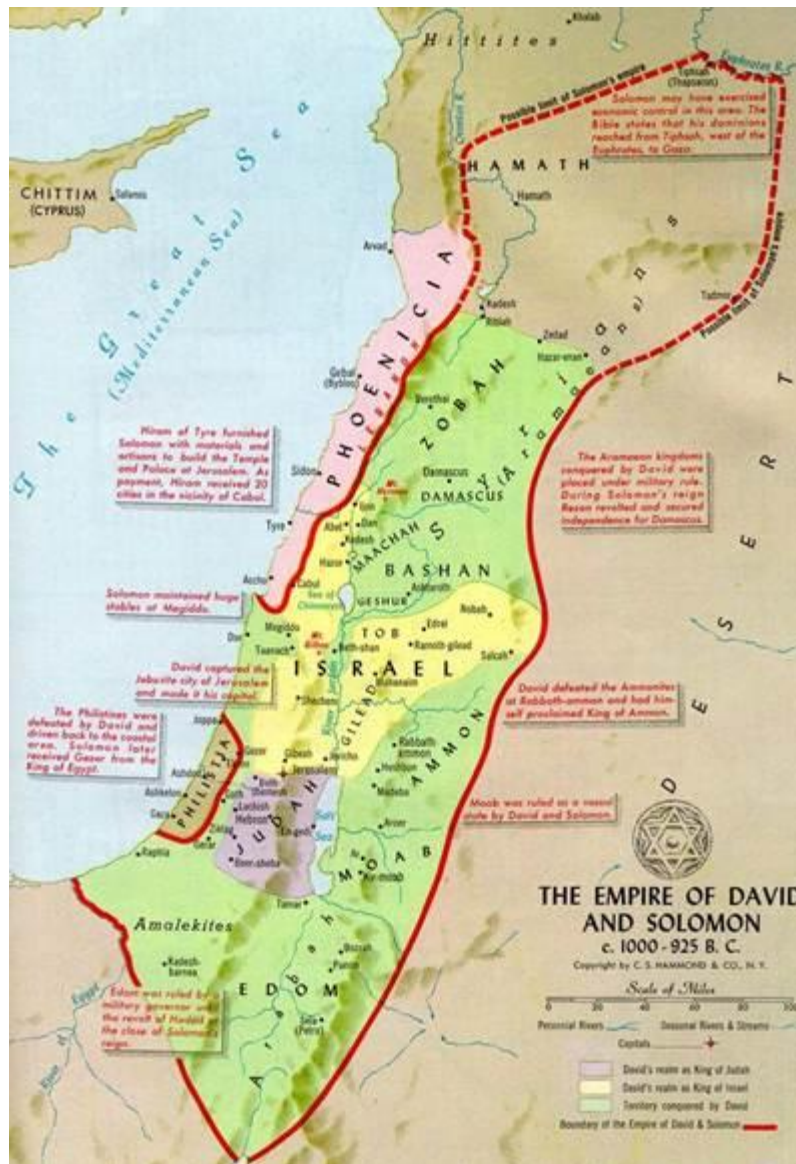
(3), There is a rest yet to come pertaining to the LARGER portion of land. See the notes on the New Covenant above.

Heb 4:3-5 (3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (4) For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. (5) And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

V CONCERNING THE BELIEF OF THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT UNDER SOLOMON:

2Ch 9:26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

This rest pertained to the “*everlasting possession*” but was only a partial fulfillment as it only reached unto the border or Egypt.



√ There must of a future rest, for the people of Israel, in the land stretching from the Euphrates to the Nile, where (1) there is still death (2) Abraham and HIS seed live there and (3) Christ rules from David's throne for there to be a complete fulfillment of ALL the promises made to Abraham and to his seed.

√ CONCERNING THE PARTIAL AND COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES MADE TO THE SEED OF JACOB.

Act 7:4-5 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. (5) And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

Stephen reminded us that Abraham dwelt in the land of Canaan, but most importantly; Abraham DID NOT obtain ANY inheritance, not “*so much as to set his foot on*”. God promised to give the land to Abraham for a possession and also to his seed after him.

√ First, we learn that Abraham obtained NO inheritance “*as of yet*”, then we’re reminded that the land was promised to him for a “*possession*”.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Paul then in Hebrews 11 explains that Abraham’s seed DIED not having received the promises.

Mat 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

√ We must conclude that in order for this covenant regarding land to become an “*everlasting possession*”, and be completely fulfilled, there MUST be a resurrection (**Eze 37:1-14**), Abraham himself (**Acts 7:5**) will be placed in it, and the borders of which will extend from the Nile to the Euphrates river - +/- 1,000 Miles.

Mat 22:31-32 (31) But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, (32) I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

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