Genesis 12:1-4 ESV

(1) Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

(2) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

(3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

(4) **<u>So Abram went</u>**, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 15:1-9; 17-21 ESV

(1) After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

(2) But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

(3) And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

(4) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; **your very own son shall be your heir."**

(5) And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "**So shall your offspring be.**"

(6) And he believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

(7) And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

(8) But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

(9) He said to him, "Bring Me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

(17) When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

(18) On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "**To your offspring I give this land**, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

(19) the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

- (20) the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,
- (21) the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

Genesis 16:1-4 ESV

(1) Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar.

(2) And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
(3) So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the

Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife.

(4) And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, **she looked with contempt on her mistress.**

Genesis 16:7-12 ESV

(7) The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.

(8) And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai."

(9) The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her."

(10) The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude."

(11) And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

(12) He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

Genesis 17:17-21 ESV

(17) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

(18) And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"

(19) God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and **you shall call his name Isaac. I will** establish My covenant with him as an <u>everlasting</u> covenant for his offspring after him.

(20) As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

(21) But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

2 Chronicles 7:15-22 ESV

(15) Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

(16) For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there <u>forever</u>. My eyes

and My heart will be there for all time.

(17) And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping My statutes and My rules,

(18) **then I will establish your royal throne**, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.'

(19) "But if you turn aside and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,

(20) then I will pluck you up from my land that I have given you, and this house that I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

(21) And at this house, which was exalted, everyone passing by will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

(22) Then they will say, 'Because they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them. Therefore He has brought all this disaster on them.'"

Joshua 21:43-45 ESV

(43) Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.

(44) And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as He had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.

(45) Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Joshua 23:11-13 ESV

(11) Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God.

(12) For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you,

(13) <u>know for certain</u> that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, **until you perish** from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

Judges 1:28-31 ESV

(28) When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, **but did not drive them out** completely.

(29) And **Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites** who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

(30) **Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants** of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Canaanites lived among them, but became subject to forced labor.

(31) Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob,

Romans 11:11-18, ESV

(11) So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

(12) Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

(13) Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry

(14) in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

(15) For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

(16) If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

(17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

(18) **do not be arrogant toward the branches**. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

Romans 11:25-36 ESV

(25) Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, <u>until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.</u>

(26) And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob";

(27) "and this will be My covenant with them when I take away their sins."

(28) As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. <u>But as regards election, they are beloved</u> for the sake of their forefathers.

(29) For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

(30) For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

(31) so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. (32) For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

(33) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

(34) "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"

(35) "Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?"

(36) For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ESV

(1) The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; **it was full of bones.**

(2) And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, **they were very dry.**

(3) And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

(4) Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. (5) Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. (6) And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and **you shall know that I am the LORD.**"

(7) So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

(8) And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. <u>But there was no breath in them.</u>

(9) Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." (10) **So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them**, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

(11) Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

(12) Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.

(13) And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. (14) And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and <u>I will place you in</u> your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; <u>I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the</u> LORD.