

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Land of Promise (Part One)

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Foundations

1. Creation (Gen. 1-2)

- God formed a habitable land (earth) as the place of His kingdom
- Man is created from and for the land – a physical, earthly existence

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2. Garden in Eden (Gen. 2)

- A specific location (land) on the earth where man enjoyed God's blessing
- The first "sanctuary" where man experienced God's unique presence
- The place/land from which man is to rule and begin filling and subduing the earth

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3. The Fall (Gen. 3)

- Sinful man is banished from the land (Eden) of God's unique presence and blessing
- The land itself is subjected to the curse – results in chaos and futility
- Began an age of corruption, death and judgment; *yet God's original purpose remained*

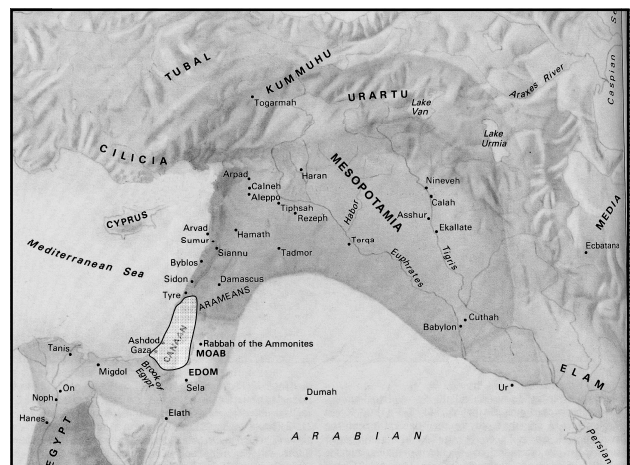
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4. Promise of Restoration (Gen. 12)

➤ *God's Covenant with Abraham*

- God promised to give Abraham a great "seed" through which the nations would be blessed
- God promised to give Abraham and his seed the land of Canaan as an inheritance



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Land of Canaan

➤ *Indicators of the wider significance of Canaan*

1. Inheriting Canaan represents a return to Eden
2. The land of Canaan was given irrevocably by God as an “everlasting” possession
3. The ultimate inheritors of Canaan are the “seed” of Abraham – multitudinous and international

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Galatians 3:29

“And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, heirs according to promise.”

In Christ, we have an eternal, Eden-like inheritance!