

- God made some important promises to Abraham, saying that he would have a special descendant and that he would inherit the land of Israel.
- Abraham died without inheriting the land. However, the Bible shows that he will receive it when Jesus Christ, who is the special descendant God promised, comes back to earth. We can be blessed with Abraham if we have his faith and are baptised into Jesus Christ.

THE TRUTH ABOUT

the Promises to Abraham

God's Promises to Abraham

God promised Abraham that he would have a special descendant, and that he would inherit the land now known as Israel. Abraham died before he inherited the land, but he will receive it when Jesus sets up God's Kingdom on the earth. The Bible tells us that we can also share in this promise if we have the same faith as Abraham.

"I will make of you a great nation"

Genesis 12:2

One of the things God promised to Abraham was that he would have many descendants. There would be so many that they are described as 'the dust of the earth' and 'the stars' (Genesis 13:16, 15:5). Abraham is the father of all the Jew and Arab peoples, and he is also the spiritual father of all the faithful (Galatians 3:7,29).

"All the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever"

Genesis 13:15

Abraham was told that he would receive all the land that he could see. Abraham died without receiving this promise (Acts 7:5; Hebrews 11:13). God never lies (Titus 1:2) so one day He will raise Abraham from the dead to inherit the land promised to him.

"In your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed"

Genesis 22:18

A special descendant would come from Abraham, and in him everyone can be blessed.

This special descendant is Jesus Christ: 'Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring... "To your offspring," who is Christ.' (Galatians 3:16)

In Jesus Christ, people from all nations of the earth can be blessed.

Abraham, the Father of the Faithful

When God promised Abraham that he would have as many descendants as the number of stars in the heavens, Abraham 'believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness' (Genesis 15:5-6).

The New Testament explains that this great faith is an example for all those who came after Abraham. Those who follow in Abraham's footsteps are called Abraham's sons, because they behave like him just as a son often behaves like his father:

'Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.'

Galatians 3:7-9

By having the same strong faith in God's promises that Abraham had, we can share in the blessing promised to him.

Jesus Christ, the Promised Descendant

Jesus Christ was the most faithful man who ever lived. He died without ever sinning (1 Peter 2:21-22) and rose again, winning a great victory over sin and death. We, too, can conquer death if we are baptised into Jesus Christ:

“In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ... And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.”

Galatians 3:26-29

One great promise made to Abraham was that his special descendant would “posses the gate of his enemies” (Genesis 22:17). We are told that 'the last enemy to be destroyed is death' (1 Corinthians 15:26). By associating ourselves with Jesus Christ we can be set free from death.

This will happen when Jesus comes back to the earth to set up God's Kingdom. Abraham 'died in faith, not having received the things promised' (Hebrews 11:13) and lies in the ground waiting to be raised and given his promised inheritance.

By being baptised into Jesus and having the faith of Abraham, we too can be raised from the dead and given eternal life on the earth.

More information

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God promised that Abraham would inherit the land of Israel.

Abraham died before he received the land. He will rise from the dead to receive it.

God promised that Abraham would have a special descendant through whom all families on the earth would be blessed.

That special descendant is Jesus Christ.

Abraham is called the father of the faithful.

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