

The Eternal Covenant

From the beginning, God's promise to Abraham was framed as an everlasting covenant. This everlasting covenant extended beyond the dust of Canaan's soil into the realm of eternal life. **(Genesis 17:7-9)**

God said He would establish a covenant with Abraham and his seed in their generations for an everlasting possession. The key word here is **everlasting**. A temporal piece of land could never fulfill an everlasting promise. The inheritance, therefore; had to be resurrectional and heavenly. This is the same better country that Abraham himself looked forward to. **(Hebrews 11:16)**

“But now they desire a better, that is, **a heavenly country**. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them”.
Hebrews 11:16 NKJV

The nature of the promise was not land itself, but life eternal. When God promised Abraham the land, He was simultaneously promising life beyond death. We know this because Abraham himself never actually received any of it. **(Acts 7:5)**

Even Jacob, Abraham's grandson, had to purchase physical land to dwell in. **(Genesis 33:18-19)** If this covenant was earthly, then the promise failed. Scriptures declare that the promises of God cannot fail. **(Joshua 21:45)**

Because the promises of God cannot fail, the **“land”** must represent something greater. The **“land”** is the eternal dwelling place of those raised to immortality. The **“land”** is the Heavenly Kingdom. Abraham's true expectation was an Heavenly country. **(Hebrews 11:8-10, 12-16)** Abraham's hope was never earthly geography. He looked for the **“Heavenly City”**, the New Jerusalem which is God dwelling with His people.

The covenantal promise was made not to Abraham but to his seed. **(Galatians 3:16)** The true heir of the covenant is Jesus Christ, not the nation of physical Israel. It is not a lineage who inherits, but the singular seed who inherits all that is promised.

You might ask, “What did Jesus inherit?” **(Psalms 2:8, Matthews 28:18, Hebrews 1:3)** The inheritance of Jesus was not Canaan; it was Heaven itself where He is now and where He reigns as High Priest and King. Jesus, the seed of Abraham, fulfilled the Covenant by entering into eternal life and into heavenly dominion.

Canaan land was a type and shadow of Heaven. The entire physical Levitical narrative functioned as a shadow of greater Heavenly realities. **(Hebrews 8:5, Hebrews 10:1)** Just as the earthly tabernacle was a pattern of the Heavenly one, so also was the earthly Canaan a pattern of the Heavenly inheritance.

The tabernacle foreshadowed the Heavenly Temple. The land flowing with milk and honey symbolized eternal life and divine abundance. The entry of Israel into the Promise Land under Joshua symbolized the entry into heaven under Jesus. **(Hebrews 4:8-9)** Thus the Heavenly Promise Land was the Sabbath Rest, the Heavenly Kingdom. The Promised Land is not a piece of land or earth; it is resurrection life in union with God.

In Revelation, John says, ***“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb”.*** **(Revelation 21:9)** What was it that John saw? **(Revelation 21:10-11)**

Notice what the angel said; he did not say ***“I’ll show you the City”***; but, ***“I will show you the Bride.”*** The New Jerusalem is not a building; it is the people of God, the resurrected Bride clothed in glory and purity. **(Revelation 19:7-8)** The dwelling place of God is with men. **(Revelation 21:3, Ezekiel 37:26-28)**

Jesus is not married to buildings; He is married to a resurrected people whose dwelling is Heaven itself. The Resurrection Promise brought about the entry into the everlasting possession. Thus, the promise was not to dwell in mortal flesh upon temporary land, but the promise was to inherit eternal life in an immortal form. **(1 Corinthians 15:50, 2 Corinthians 5:1)**

Conclusion

The Abrahamic Covenant is not waiting to be fulfilled in a future geopolitical Israel. It has already been fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah. The eternal inheritance or the true Promise Land is the Heavenly Jerusalem, the perfected Bride adorned for her Husband.

Abraham’s seed was Jesus. We become heirs of eternal life and the Promise Land of Heaven itself through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God’s Word stands Eternal.

The Covenant is complete.

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