

Isaiah:

The Lord Will Fulfill His Covenant



3 Nephi 23:1

“I say unto you that ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you, that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah.”

Great are the Words of Isaiah

If, as many suppose, Isaiah ranks with the most difficult of the prophets to understand, his words are also among the most important for us to know and ponder.... his prophetic words can and should shine brightly in the heart of every member of the Church.

Great are the Words of Isaiah

*It might just be that my salvation (and yours also)
does in fact depend upon our ability to understand
the writings of Isaiah as fully and truly as Nephi
understood them.*

Bruce R. McConkie

10 Keys to Understanding Isaiah, 78

Welcome to the Isaiah Passages



Great are the Words of Isaiah

The Lord always provides a way for His children to fulfill His commandments.

When He gave instructions to study the words of Isaiah, He fully intended that those who followed His instructions would be able to understand Isaiah's message and be positively affected by it.

Great are the Words of Isaiah

To those who are willing to pay the price, Isaiah can become an open book. Its greatest message is for the Saints of today, who live in an era when one can see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. For all who seek, Isaiah provides enlightenment that will be of great value in their efforts

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to perfect their lives and to contribute to the building up of the Lord's kingdom.

Understanding will come, though not all at once. It will come "line upon line, precept upon precept", according to the efforts of the seekers of truth.

**Old Testament Institute Manual, 1 Kings – Malachi
p. 135 "Isaiah is Understood Line upon Line."**

Keys to Understanding Isaiah

- *Gain an overall knowledge of the plan of salvation and of God's dealings with His earthly children*
- *Learn the position and destiny of the house of Israel in the Lord's eternal scheme of things*
- *Know the chief doctrines about which Isaiah chose to write*
- *Use the Book of Mormon*
- *Use Latter-day revelation*
- *Learn how the New Testament interprets Isaiah*
- *Study Isaiah in its Old Testament context*
- *Learn the Jewish manner of prophesying in Isaiah's day*
- *Have the Spirit of Prophecy (Revelation 19:10)*
- *Devote yourself to in-depth, continual study*

Understanding Isaiah

2 Nephi 25:1-8

- *Spirit of Prophecy*
- *Jewish Manner of Prophesying*
- *Geography of Ancient Israel*
- *History of Israel*
- *Live in the Latter-days*

In what Context and How?

Nephi –

1 Nephi 15:3-5; 2 Nephi 26:7-11

Christ –

3 Nephi 15:4-8

3 Nephi 16:4-5, 11-12, 17-20

3 Nephi 20:11-12

“When the words of Isaiah are fulfilled – then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father hath made unto his people, O house of Israel.”

Mormon 8:3, 21

“... and I even remain alone to write the sad tale of the destruction of my people... And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the covenant people of the Lord who are the house of Israel, and shall say: We will destroy the work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember his covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel—the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire;

Mormon 8:3, 21

For the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled. *Search the prophecies of Isaiah*. Behold, I cannot write them. Yea, behold I say unto you, that those saints who have gone before me, who have possessed this land, shall cry, yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord; and as the Lord liveth he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them.

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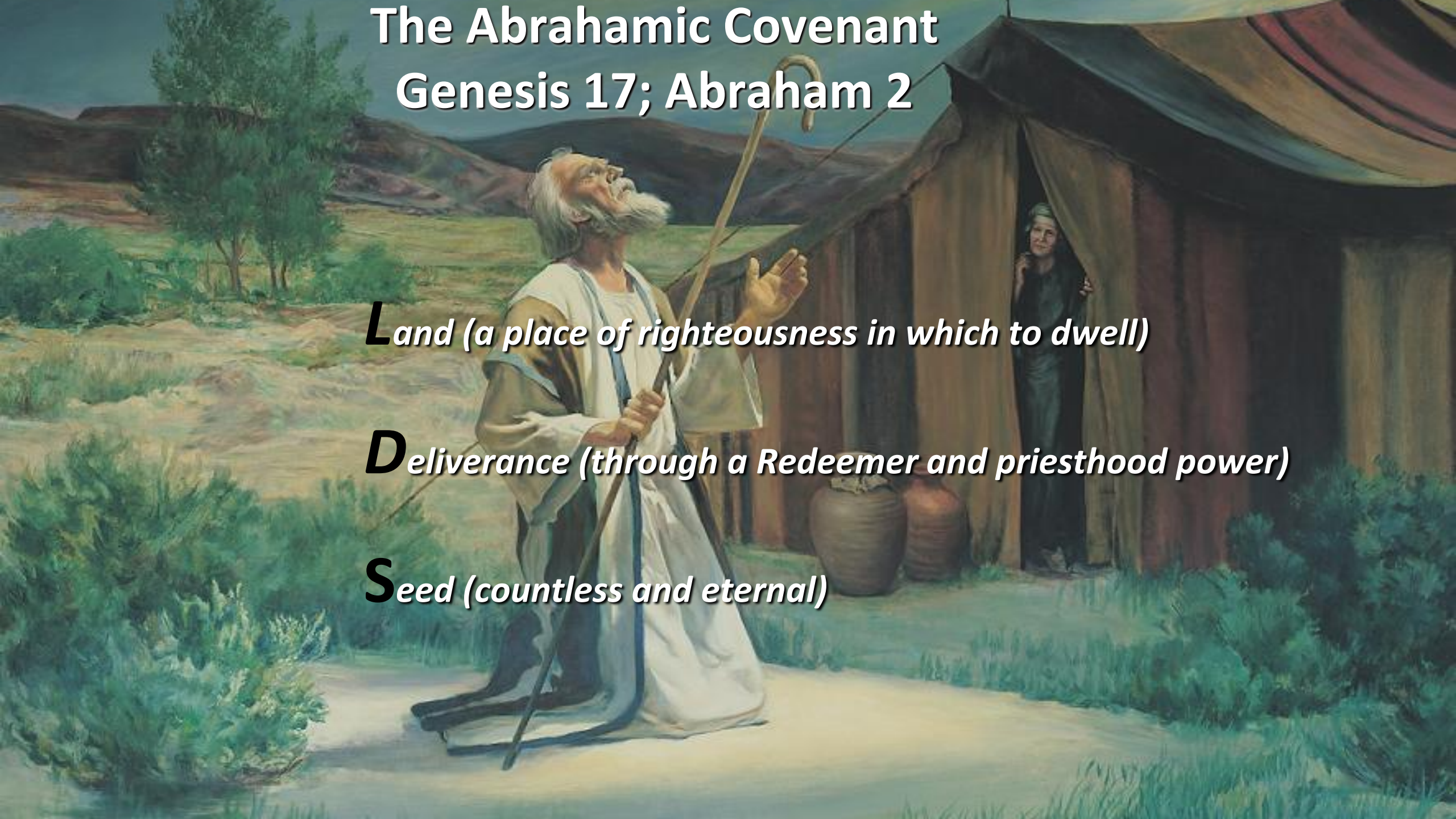
The Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 17; Abraham 2

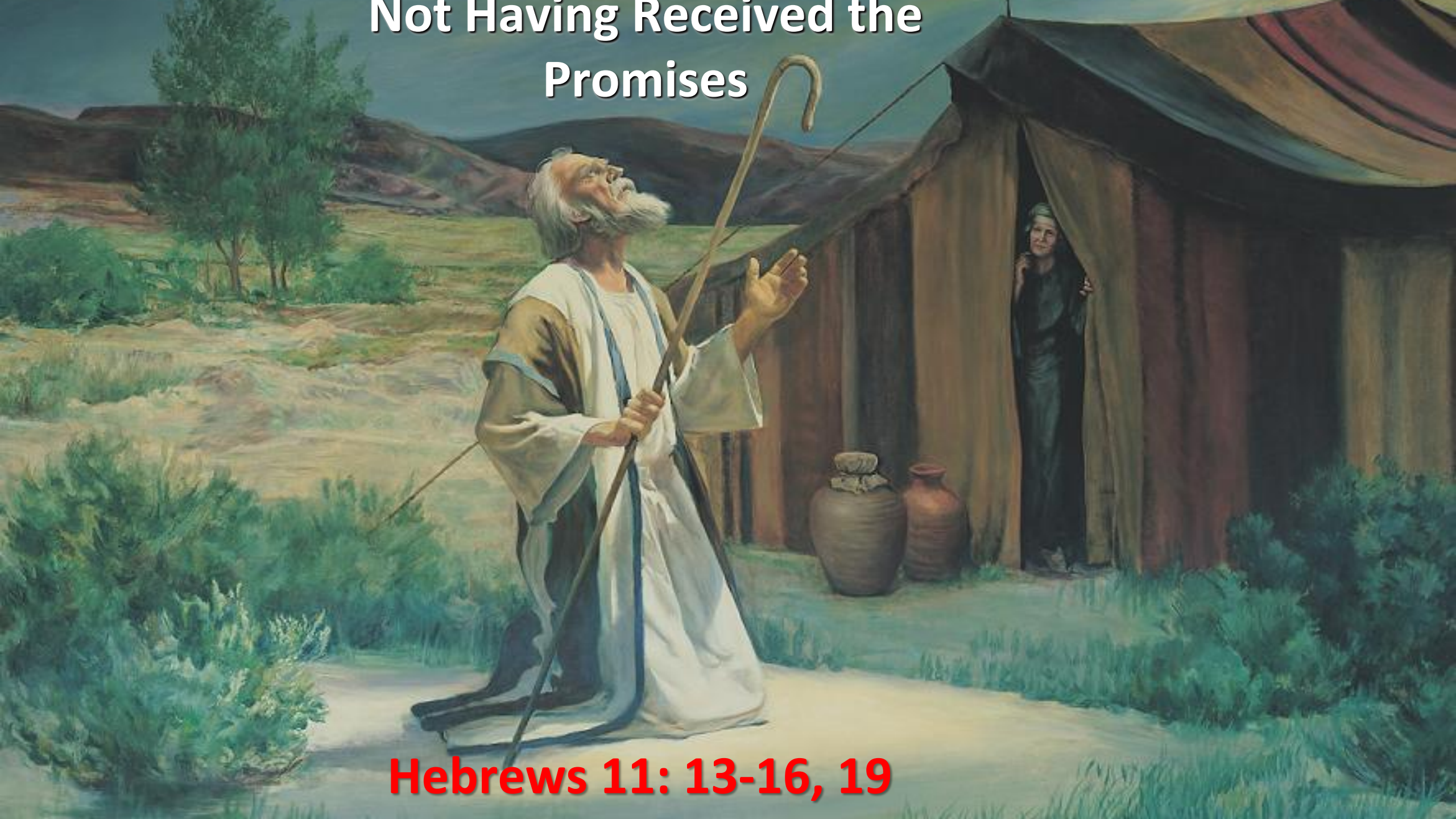
Land (a place of righteousness in which to dwell)

Deliverance (through a Redeemer and priesthood power)

Seed (countless and eternal)



Not Having Received the Promises



Hebrews 11: 13-16, 19

The Major Threads of Isaiah

How God will Fulfill the Covenant

- ✦ *Israel must be purged before receiving the blessings*
- ✦ *Christ to open the way for all to return to the Father*
- ✦ *Gentiles to set up the standard and bring Israel home*
- ✦ *“Mountains” provide a way for all to receive the covenant*
- ✦ *Millennial reign of Christ – a time to fulfill the covenant*

Israel must be purged before
receiving the blessings

Isaiah 1:2-7

Isaiah 22:12-14, 17-18

Isaiah 27:7-11

Isaiah 42:22-25

Isaiah 24:19-22