

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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*“I, the Lord, promise that I will surely bless you and give you as many descendants as the stars in the sky. There will be as many people as sand on the seashore. **And your people will live in cities that they will take from their enemies. Every nation on the earth will be blessed through your descendants. I will do this because you obeyed me.**”*

– from **Genesis 22:16b-18** NLT

PART TWO

Free! Free Palestine!

[Why was Israel called “**Palestine**” after World War 2? Who are the Palestinians?]

Some of the 170 drones, 30+ cruise missiles, and 120 ballistic missilies launched by Iran on the night of April 13, 2024, and shot down over Jerusalem by a coalition of forces.



The Abrahamic Gate in Northern Israel, that dates to the time of Abraham, about 500-600 years after the Great Flood.



Genesis 12:2-3 ERV

[From God to Abram] “I will build a **great nation** from you. I will bless you and make your **name** famous. People will use your **name** to bless other people. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. I will use **you** to bless all the people on earth.”

2,000 years after Adam, 500 years after Great Flood, Abram came to Canaan....

God promised the land to Abram and his descendents. The mud/clay gate at the lower left is from the time of Abram. After the Flood, in 200 years could have easily had 20 million people or more on the earth. At 75 years old, Abram traveled to Canaan with his family. 25 years later had Isaac with Sarah. At age 40, Isaac married **Rebekah**, and at age 60, had Jacob and Esau. Thru Joseph and famine, God sends Jacob and his family of 70 to Egypt. After 400 years, the Israelites become millions in Egypt. God thru Moses rescued Israelites, and thru Jacob conquer land of Canaan. 500 years of Judges from **Othniel** to **Samuel**. Kings Saul, David, Solomon, etc. 1,000 years. Jesus and destruction of Jerusalem 70 A.D. And again in 135 A.D. Hadrian renamed Israel “Syria Palaestina” after **Philistines**. Renamed Jerusalem to “Aelia Capitolina.” After Romans left, and Constantine became Christian, city named back to Jerusalem in 324 A.D. Christian city. Muslims conquered in 638 A.D. Eight Crusades by Europeans between 1100 and 1300. 25 crusades by Muslims. Fort walls rebuilt around 1540. Jews started emigrating in 1880’s. Balfour declaration in 1917. England took control after World War 1. Jews accepted United Nations Resolution in 1948. War for about a year. Jordan controlled half of Jerusalem, and West Bank. Became Jordanian citizens. In **6-day** war in 1967, Israel won, and controlled Sinai peninsula, Gaza, West Bank, Golan Heights. Land for peace. Arafat intifada. Gaza in 2005. Portions of WB given autonomy. Only 200,000 to 300,000 Arabs from Crusades to 1800’s in Israel. Today: 2 million. Israel total about 9.5 million.

John 19:13 EASY

“When **Pilate** heard those words, he brought Jesus outside. **Pilate** sat down on a special seat for the judge. The seat was in a place called ‘Gabbatha’ in Hebrew. There were large flat stones there, which covered the ground.”

Ephesians 2:11-13 NLT

“Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be **outsiders**. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their **hearts**. In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without **God** and without **hope**. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to Him through the **blood** of Christ.”

Romans 11:24-25 NLT

“You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by **grafting** you into His cultivated tree, He will be far more eager to **graft** the original branches back into the tree where they belong. I want you to understand this MYSTERY, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard **hearts**, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. And so **all Israel** will be saved. As the Scriptures say, “The One who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and He will turn Israel away from ungodliness. And this is My covenant with them, that I will take away their sins.”