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GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES

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WHAT DID GOD PROMISE MOSES?

GENESIS 9:8-17

8 God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

9 As for Me, behold, **I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,**

10 And with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: **Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.**

12 And God said: **This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you,** and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations.

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

GENESIS 12:1-3

1 The LORD had said to Abram, Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

2 I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (NIV)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

GENESIS 22:15-18

15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

16 And said, **I swear by myself, declares the LORD**, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 **I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.** Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

18 And **through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.** (NIV)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

THE PROMISED LAND

EXODUS 12:25

25 It will come to pass **when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised**, that you shall keep this service. (NKJ)

A GREAT NATION

DEUTERONOMY 1:10-11

10 **The LORD your God has multiplied you**, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude.

11 May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and **bless you as He has promised you!** (NKJ) (NEHEMIAH 9:23)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

MULTIPLY GREATLY DEUTERONOMY 6:3

3 Hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that **you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--** a land flowing with milk and honey. (NKJ) DEUTERONOMY 27:3

ENLARGE YOUR BORDER DEUTERONOMY 12:20

20 When **the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you**, and you say, Let me eat meat, because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires. (NKJ) (DEUTERONOMY 19:8)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ISRAEL?

THE LORD PROMISED REST

JOSHUA 22:4

4 And now **the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised** them; now therefore, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. (NKJ)

THE LORD PROMISED TO FIGHT FOR THEM

JOSHUA 23:10

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand, for **the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He has promised you.** (NKJ)

DID THE LORD KEEP HIS PROMISES?

1 KINGS 8:56-58

56 **Blessed be the LORD**, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. **There has not failed one word of all His good promise**, which He promised through His servant Moses.

57 May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us,

58 That He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. (NKJ)

DID THE LORD REMEMBER HIS PROMISE?

PSALMS 105:42-45

42 The LORD remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.

43 He brought out His people with joy, his chosen ones with gladness.

44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, and they inherited the labor of the nations,

45 That they might observe His statutes and keep His laws. Praise the LORD! (NKJ)

WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE?

MATTHEW 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?

14 They said, Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

15 He said to them, But who do you say that I am?

16 Simon Peter answered, **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE?

MATTHEW 16:13-20

17 Jesus said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 I also say to you that you are Peter. And **on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

19 **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. (NKJ)

WHAT WAS THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER?

LUKE 24:49

49 Behold, **I send the Promise of My Father upon you;**
BUT tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with
power from on high. (NKJ)

ACTS 1:4-5

4 Being assembled together with them, He
commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait**
for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, you have
heard from Me;

5 For John truly baptized with water, BUT **you shall be**
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

(NKJ)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE?

ACTS 2:32-33

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

33 Being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear. (NKJ)

ACTS 2:38-39

38 Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

39 For **the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**

(NKJ)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

ACTS 3:25-26

25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, And **in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities. (NKJ)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

ACTS 7:5-6

5 God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.

6 But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years.

(NKJ)

WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

IN THY SEED SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED

ACTS 13:22-23

22 When He had removed Saul, **He raised up for them David as king**, to whom also He gave testimony and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.**

23 From **this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior-- Jesus--** (NKJ)

HOW DID GOD FULFILL HIS PROMISE ABRAHAM?

ACTS 13:32-33

32 We declare to you glad tidings-- that promise which was made to the fathers.

33 **God has fulfilled this for us their children**, in that **He has raised up Jesus**. As it is also written in the second Psalm: You are My Son, today I have begotten You. (NKJ)

WHAT WAS THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM?

PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED

ROMANS 4:13-16

13 For **the promise** that he would be the heir of the world **was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law,** but **through the righteousness of faith.**

14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, **faith is made void** and **the promise made of no effect,**

15 Because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that **the promise might be sure to all the seed,** not only to those who are of the law, but also **to those who are of the faith of Abraham,** who is the father of us all. (NKJ)

WAS GOD ABLE TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE?

ROMANS 4:20-25

20 Abraham did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 Being fully convinced that what God had promised He was also able to perform.

22 Therefore it was accounted to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,

24 But also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (NKJ)

ARE THEY ALL OF THE SEED OF ABRAHAM?

ROMANS 9:7-9

7 Nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, In Isaac your seed shall be called.

8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; **BUT the children of the promise are counted as the seed.**

9 For **this is the word of promise: At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.** (NKJ)

WHAT WAS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL?

I SHALL TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS

ROMANS 11:26-27

26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For **this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.** (NKJ)

HOW DID JESUS CONFIRM THE PROMISES?

ROMANS 15:8-9

8 Now I say that **Jesus Christ has become a servant** to the circumcision for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises made to the fathers,**

9 And that **the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy,** as it is written: For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name. (NKJ)

ALL OF GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED IN CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

20 For **all the promises of God in Him** are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God **through us.** (NKJ)

HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE PROMISE? THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS

GALATIANS 3:13-16

13 **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law,** having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

14 **That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

16 Now **to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made.** He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, **"And to your Seed," who is Christ.** (NKJ)

WAS THE PROMISE ACCORDING TO THE LAW?

GALATIANS 3:17-19

17 This I say, that **the law**, which was four hundred and thirty years later, **cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ**, that it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; **BUT God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, **TILL the Seed should come to whom the promise was made**; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. (NKJ)

IS THE LAW AGAINST THE PROMISES OF GOD? PROMISE GIVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE

GALATIANS 3:21-22

21 **Is the law then against the promises of God?**

Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that **the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.** (NKJ)

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE?

GALATIANS 3:29

29 If **you are Christ's**, then **you are Abraham's seed**, and **heirs according to the promise.** (NKJ)

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE

GALATIANS 4:28

28 Now **we**, brethren, as Isaac was, **are children of promise.** (NKJ)

HOW ARE WE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE? SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE

EPHESIANS 1:11-14

11 **In Him also we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 That **we who first trusted in Christ** should be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also trusted, **after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation**; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**,

14 Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (NKJ)

HOW DID GENTILES PARTAKE OF THE PROMISE?

EPHESIANS 3:3-7

3 How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 By which, when you read, **you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ**),

5 Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

6 That **the Gentiles should be fellow heirs**, of the same body, and **partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel**,

7 Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. (NKJ)

WHAT WAS THE PROMISE OF LIFE?

1 TIMOTHY 4:8

8 Bodily exercise profits a little, but **godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life** that now is and of that which is to come. (NKJ)

2 TIMOTHY 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, **according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,** (NKJ)

WHEN DID GOD PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE?

TITUS 1:1-2

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

2 **In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, (NKJ)**

1 JOHN 2:24-25

24 Let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 **This is the promise that He has promised us-- eternal life. (NKJ)**

WHEN DID ABRAHAM OBTAIN THE PROMISE?

HEBREWS 6:13-15

- 13 **When God made a promise to Abraham**, because He could swear by no one greater, **He swore by Himself**,
- 14 **Saying, Surely blessing I will bless you**, and **multiplying I will multiply you**.
- 15 **And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.** (NKJ)

WHY IS IT THE BETTER COVENANT?

HEBREWS 8:6-10

6 Jesus has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as **He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.**

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

8 Because finding fault with them, He says: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--

WHY IS IT A BETTER COVENANT?

HEBREWS 8:6-10

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** (NKJ)
(JEREMIAH 31:31-33 & ISAIAH 2:2-4)

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE PROMISE? WHEN?

HEBREWS 9:15

15 **He is the Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that **those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.** (NKJ)

HEBREWS 10:36

36 **You have need of endurance**, so that **after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:** (NKJ)
(HEBREWS 6:12)

WHAT DID THE LORD PROMISE?

HEBREWS 12:23-24

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 To **Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling that **speaks better things than that of Abel.** (NKJ)

THE LORD PROMISED A CROWN OF LIFE

JAMES 1:12

12 **Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.**
(NKJ)

WHO HAS GIVEN US EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES?

2 PETER 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of **God** and of **Jesus our Lord**,

3 **As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 **By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (NKJ)

WHAT PROMISE ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

2 PETER 3:13

13 We, according to His promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.** (NKJ)

2 PETER 3:8-9

8 Beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 **The Lord is not slack concerning His promise,** as some count slackness, **BUT is longsuffering toward us,** **NOT willing that any should perish BUT that all should come to repentance.** (NKJ)

WHAT IS THE PROMISE HE MADE TO YOU?

ACTS 2:38-41

38 Then Peter said to them, **Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

39 For **the promise is to you and to your children**, and to **all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, **Be saved from this perverse generation.**

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (NKJ)

