

Israel, the Epicenter of Spiritual Warfare

I. Promises of God

- ❖ Something to Be Achieved or Experienced Which Is Impossible Without God's Involvement

Genesis 12:1–3 (NASB95®)

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; ² And **I will make you a great nation**, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Genesis 13:14–16 (NASB95®)

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see, **I will give it to you and to your descendants forever**. ¹⁶ I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered."

Genesis 15:1 (NASB95®)

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; **Your reward shall be very great.**"

Galatians 3:14 (NIV84®)

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:11–12 (NIV84®)

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because **great is your reward in heaven**, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

John 14:2–3 (NIV84®)

² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come back and take you to be with me** that you also may be where I am.

II. Blessings of God

- ❖ Outcomes Which Exceed Reasonable Expectations

Genesis 39:2–4 (NIV84®)

² The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, ⁴ Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Luke 1:11–15 (NIV84®)

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; **your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.** ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth."

Acts 11:19–21 (NIV84®)

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ **The Lord's hand was with them**, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 28:1–2 (NIV84®)

¹ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

III. Judgment of God

- ❖ Expressed in Two Ways: In Time & in Eternity
- ❖ We Are Under Authority...Civil, Spiritual, Schools, Workplace, and Home
- ❖ Ultimately, We Are Under God's Authority

Psalms 100:3 (NIV84®)

Know that the LORD is God. **It is he who made us, and we are his**; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Luke 12:18–20 (NIV84®)

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"

Jeremiah 25:30–31 (NIV84®)

³⁰ "Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them: "'The LORD will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth. ³¹ The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword,'" declares the LORD.

Psalms 1:5–6 (NIV84®)

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Judgment in Time/History

Luke 19:41–44 (NIV84®)

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Luke 21:5–6 (NIV84®)

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

Luke 21:20–22 (NIV84®)

²⁰ "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. ²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written."