

NORTHSIDE BULLETIN

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Sick

Shut-ins and Elderly Members:

- Sis. Darnell
- Sis. Burns
- Sis. Sharp
- Sis. Higgenbottom
- Bro. And Sis. Wade

Those Battling Health Issues

- Carl Hollis Jr
- The Wheelers
- The Youngs

Family of Members

- Amy Branscum's brother
- Phyllis Hale's brother
- Shirley Meade's niece

Other Announcements

Men's Business Meeting is tonight immediately after services.

Remember the J.W. Doyle family in the loss of his sister, Betty Wagner. Visitation is 12:00 pm on Wednesday with the funeral to follow at 1:00 pm

The Land Promise

By Mike Webb

“Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.” (Gen.12:5-7)

The above passage contains the land promise that God made to Abraham. Abraham was not going to personally inherit the land but his descendants would receive the land. There are many who believe that the land promise is still unfulfilled. They believe that God will give Abraham’s physical descendants this land again. What does the Bible say about the fulfillment of the land promise?

The Promise Repeated

The land promise was repeated to Abraham in Gen.15:17-19. On that occasion God gave the parameters of the land that he was promising. It would reach from the river of Egypt to the River Euphrates. The river of Egypt is not the Nile River but a small wadi that ran along the southern border between Canaan and Egypt. God also repeated the promise to Isaac and then to Jacob (Gen.26:1-4; Gen.28:1-4).

The Promise Received

When Joshua led the people into the land of Canaan they received the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When Joshua delivered his final address to the people of Israel he plainly stated that God had fulfilled the promise made to the patriarchs. Listen to his words: “ So the LORD gave to Israel *all the land* (emphasis added) of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.....Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. *All came to pass* (emphasis mine, MW)” (Joshua 21:43,45).

When Solomon reigned over the land the borders were exactly what God had promised to Abraham. The Bible says, “Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River to the land of the

Daily Bible Readings for This Week

Jan.15 - Gen.28-29; Mark 11

Jan.16 - Gen.30-31; Psalm 11; Mark 12

Jan.17 - Gen.32-34; Psa. 145; Mark 13

Jan.18 - Gen.35-37; Psa.12; Mark 14

Jan.12 - Gen.38-40; Mark 15

Times of Classes and Worship

Sunday Bible Study: 9:00 am

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

Tuesday Morning Class: 10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Ladies Bible Class - 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month

Special Services 2019

Spring Meeting With J.R. Bronger - April 21-26

Fall Lectureship: (Mark White, John Gibson, David Thomley) - October 18-20th

Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. (1 Kings 4:21).” There can be no doubt that God fulfilled the land promise totally.

If more evidence is needed one can turn to the period of the return and the book of Nehemiah. In Nehemiah 9:8 we read, “You found his heart (Abraham, mw) faithful before You. And made a covenant with him To give the land of the Canaanites, The Hittites, the Amorites, The Perizzites, the Jebusites, And the Girgashites— To give it to his descendants. *You have performed Your words* (emphasis mine, MW), For You are righteous.”

Conditional Nature of the Promise

One reason that many people fail to see that the nation promise was fulfilled is they fail to appreciate the conditional nature of the promise. Many of God’s promises had conditions attached to them. For example, God said that his name would be in Solomon’s temple forever and His eyes and heart would be there perpetually (1 Kings 9:3). Yet, a few verses later God said that if the people did not keep his commandments then He would cast the house of His sight (1 Kings 9:6-7). It is clear that God’s name being there was conditioned upon the people’s obedience.

The same is true of God’s promise concerning the land. God gave Israel the land in fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham, but the keeping of the land was conditioned on their obedience to God. Moses clearly told the people that if they turned away from the Lord they would be taken out of the land (Deut.18:15,36).

God has fulfilled all three promises that he made to Abraham. Abraham’s descendants became a great nation and inherited the land (Joshua 21:45). Christ came and fulfilled the spiritual seed promise (Gal.3:16). We are not awaiting the fulfillment of any of these promises.

Sentence Sermons

If ignorance is bliss, then why are more people not happy!

Take a tip from nature. Man’s ears aren’t made to shut but his mouth is.

Criticizing the faults of others does not remove your own.

Troubles in marriage often start when a man is so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

The man who rows the boat usually doesn’t have time to rock it.

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