

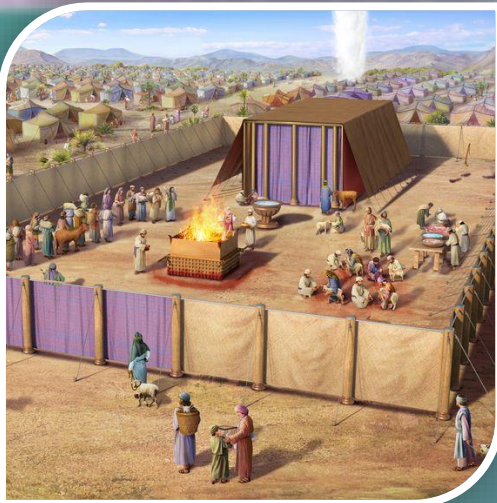
# ABRAHAM'S SEED



Lesson 6 for May 8, 2021



God's covenant with Abraham involved his "seed", his descendants. The people of Israel were the immediate seed of Abraham, so they enjoyed the blessings of the covenant. They were expected to fulfill their part of the covenant. God had entrusted them a mission: to be a light for the nations, and to prepare the coming of the Savior.



The special seed



The inheritance of the seed



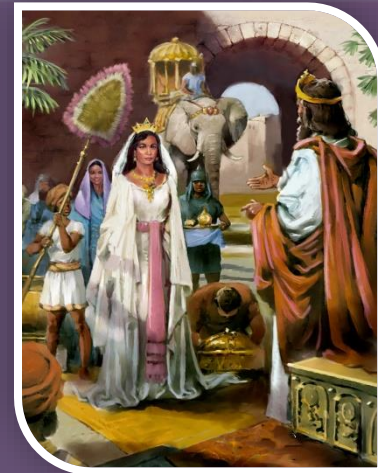
The disloyal seed



The rest of the seed



The spiritual seed




# THE SPECIAL SEED

"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth." (Deuteronomy 7:6)

Why did God choose Israel? Why were they special?

There were some civilizations more advanced than the people of Israel, like the Egyptians, the Hittites, and the Chaldeans. Israel's patriarchs did not seem morally better than others. However, God loved them and chose them to fulfill His promises. It was an act of **GRACE**.

What was God expecting from Israel?

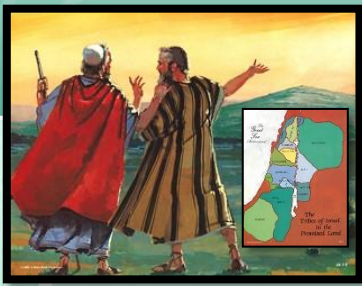


Exodus 19:6. As priests, they should have an intimate relationship with God, and intermediate between Him and the pagans.



Isaiah 49:6. They should set an example of holiness, and to teach the principles of the Gospel to the world.





# THE INHERITANCE OF THE SEED

“See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.” (Deuteronomy 1:8)

The covenant included an inheritance: the land of Canaan. God fulfilled His part of the covenant (Joshua 23:14).

However, keeping that inheritance was conditional:

**If they obeyed  
(Dt. 28:1-14)**

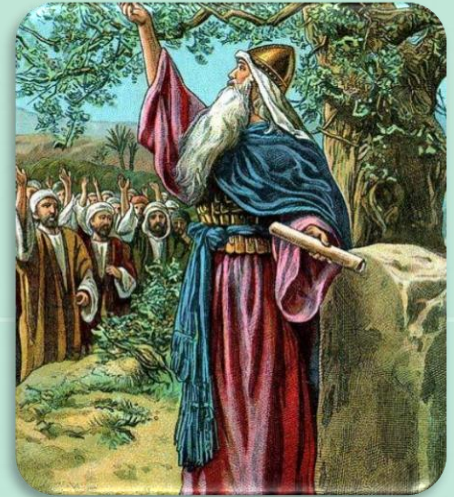
**They would receive His blessings and prosper in Canaan**

**They would be the head of the nations**

**If they disobeyed  
(Dt. 28:15-68)**

**They would be cursed and expelled from that land**

**They would be conquered by other nations**



If they did not fulfill their part of the covenant, the promises would be annulled, and they would lose their land (Leviticus 26:27-33).

**“The children of Israel were to occupy all the territory which God appointed them [...] But it was God’s purpose that by the revelation of His character through Israel men should be drawn unto Him. To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look unto Him should live [...] As the numbers of Israel increased, they were to enlarge their borders until their kingdom should embrace the world.”**

E.G.W. (Prophets and Kings, p. 19)

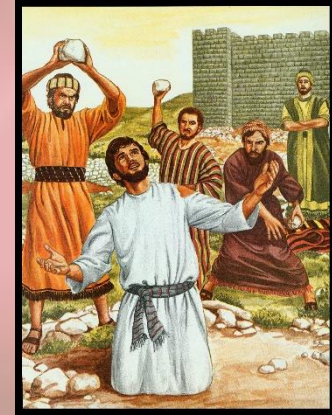
# THE DISLOYAL SEED

“Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 3:20)



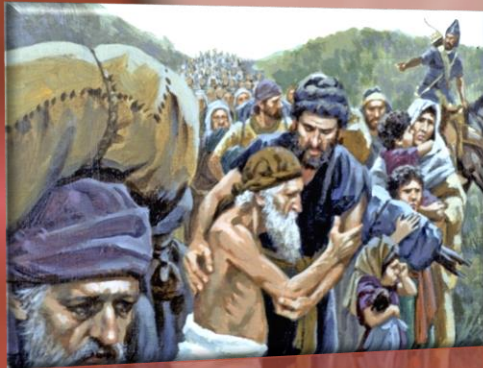
The base of the Eternal Covenant is the relationship between God and people. Marriage is an image of this relationship.

Since Israel was persistently disloyal, God brought “upon them all the words of this covenant” (Jeremiah 11:8). That is, the curses from breaking the covenant.



If Noah had rejected God, he would have died in the Flood. Israel stubbornly rejected God and the Messiah, so they lost the status as chosen people.

God can no longer save us if we choose to persistently and stubbornly reject Him (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12).



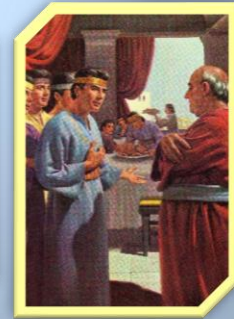
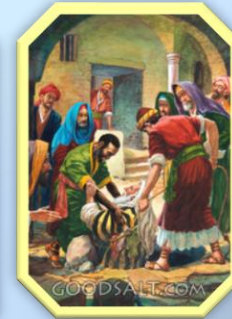
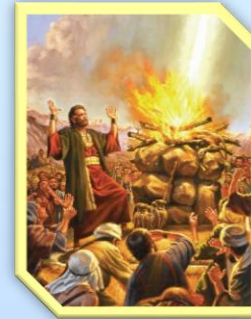
# THE REST OF THE SEED

**“Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” (Romans 11:5)**

**Although most of the people of Israel were disloyal, there were always some people who stood faithful to the covenant and kept loving and obeying God. This group of people is known as the “Remnant”.**



**Seven thousand who had not bowed unto Ball, an Ethiopian who saved Jeremiah from death, Daniel and his friends who stood faithful in Babylon although Israel had been disloyal to God... God has always kept a Remnant, chosen by grace.**



**The mission of the Remnant is to pass God’s love on to everyone around them. They are faithful witnesses of God on Earth. They hear the voice of the Savior and follow Him (John 10:27-28).**

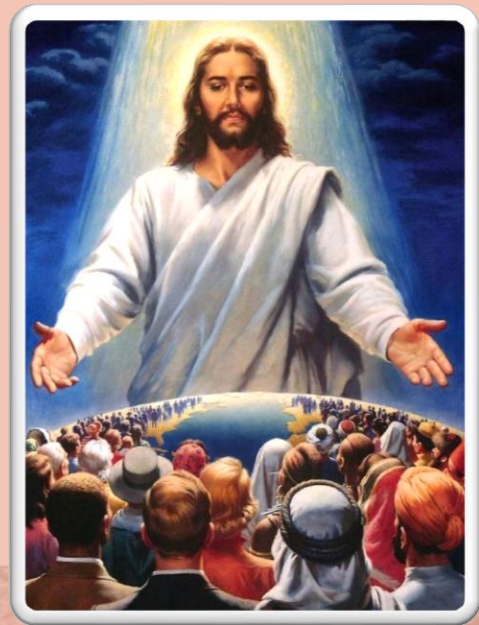
# THE SPIRITUAL SEED

**“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29)**

**The “spiritual seed” of Abraham is commonly known as the “spiritual Israel”. All those who accept Jesus as their Savior by faith are part of this seed (Galatians 3:7).**

**When we are baptized, we are legitimate heirs of God’s promises for Abraham (Galatians 3:27). There is no favoritism among those who are clothed in Christ, no matter our nationality, social status, genre... (Galatians 3:28).**

**Our promised inheritance is the world (Romans 4:13). We will finally receive our inheritance the day Jesus will welcome us to the New Earth where we will live with Him forever (Revelation 22:5).**





**“If we would come into possession of the heavenly inheritance, the glorious, eternal substance, we must be in covenant relation with God [...] God’s people must be a peculiar, holy people, distinct in character and practice from the world [...] The Lord has set His church as a light in the world, to guide the world to heaven. It is to be a part of heaven on the earth, flashing divine light on the pathway of benighted souls.”**

E.G.W. (The Faith I Live By, October 25)