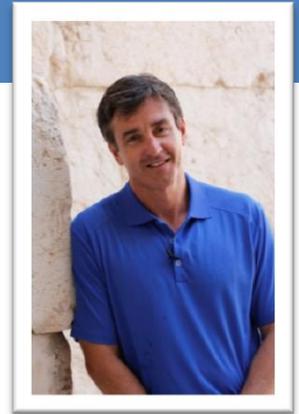


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I. Listening and Understanding

God Keeps His Promises

Galatians 3:29 (NIV®)

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

Galatians 3:14 (NIV®)

¹⁴ 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.

2 Peter 3:13 (NIV®)

¹³ But **in keeping with his promise** we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Additional Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 2:22-23; Hebrews 6:13-15; Hebrews 11:9

II. Israel, Islam and the Middle East

A. Jewish People and the Land of Israel

1. Promised

Genesis 13:14-15 (NIV®)

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you **see I will give to you and your offspring forever.**

2. Restored

Isaiah 44:24, 26 (NIV®)

²⁴ "This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, . . .

²⁶ who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, **who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be built,' and of their ruins, 'I will restore them,'**

Jeremiah 31:10 (NIV®)

¹⁰ "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

3. Will Flourish

Isaiah 27:2, 6 (NIV®)

² In that day-- "Sing about a fruitful vineyard: ³ I, the LORD, watch over it (Israel); I water it

continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it. . . .⁶ In days to come Jacob will take root, **Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.**

Extended Reading - Implications for USA

1. Promise and a Warning

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV[®])

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."

Zechariah 12:3 (NIV[®])

³ On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

2. Responsibility

Romans 9:4-5 (NIV[®])

⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

3. God Bless America

Psalms 75:7 (NASB[®])

⁷ But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.

Daniel 2:21 (NASB[®])

²¹ "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

Prayer

Heavenly Father be merciful to our nation. You have uniquely blessed us. We have enjoyed freedom, abundance, protection and great liberty. Yet, we have turned our backs to You. In our pride and arrogance we have imagined our strength has made us strong. Forgive us for our arrogance and rebellion. Do not look upon us in anger. Pour out Your Spirit upon our nation once again. Only the Almighty God can deliver us and make us clean. We turn to you our God and our redeemer, amen.

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