



## How was the GOSPEL Preached to Abraham?

*“And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”” Galatians 3:8 (ESV)*

Read through all of Galatians 3. Comment on the verses below:

v. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 7 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 16 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 24 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 29 \_\_\_\_\_

In particular what does Galatians 3:16 tell us about the “offspring” or “seed” of Abraham:

*“Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, **but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.**” Galatians 3:16*

Based on this verse, who is the ‘seed’ or ‘offspring’ of Abraham?

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Looking carefully at Galatians 3:27-29, how can we be involved in Abraham’s promises? Are there any requirements to this involvement?

*“For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And **if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.** Galatians 3:27-29*

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Summary: God made promises to Abraham and his Seed.

Abraham’s seed = \_\_\_\_\_, but can also include \_\_\_\_\_ IF

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What are the boundaries of the land God promised Abraham in Genesis 15:18-21? (Optional for interest - Google images of the Promised land to Abraham)

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Were any promises made only to Abraham's offspring or were they made to Abraham as well?

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**INSPIRATIONAL BONUS:** (and another way the Gospel was preached to Abraham!)

Read through Genesis 22, and record how many similarities there are between God's request that Abraham sacrifice his son Isaac, and God's own sacrifice of His son - the Lord Jesus Christ (we can find at least 7):

Genesis 22	New Testament
v.2 Isaac was Abraham's beloved son	Matthew 3:17 Jesus is God's beloved son

### Did Abraham ever Receive any of God's Promises in his Lifetime?

*"Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God **removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child."*** Acts 7:1-5

Did Abraham live in the promised land? YES/NO

Was Abraham given ownership of the promised land? YES/NO

When will Abraham be given this land? \_\_\_\_\_

In Hebrews 11 we have further commentary on the Land Promise God made to Abraham. Read through the whole chapter if you can.

*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was **called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance**. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, **heirs with him of the same promise**. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose **designer and builder is God**. Hebrews 11:8-10)*

*These all **died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth**. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to*

return. But as it is, **they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for **he has prepared for them a city.** (Hebrews 11:13-16. \*\* see Hebrews 12:22))

And all these, though commended through their faith, **did not receive what was promised,** since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (Hebrews 11:39-40)

Do you think Abraham was disappointed that he never received the Land promised? \_\_\_\_\_

If your answer was “no” above, then when do you think Abraham expected to receive the promise?

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Consider Abraham's purchase of a burying place in Genesis 23. List some of the details:

v.2 \_\_\_\_\_

v.4 \_\_\_\_\_

v.9 \_\_\_\_\_

v.11 \_\_\_\_\_

v.13 \_\_\_\_\_

v.16 \_\_\_\_\_

v.20 \_\_\_\_\_

Does this fulfil the promise or change the argument made in Acts 7:1-5?

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How will God fulfill the land promise?

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If Jesus Christ is the primary inheritor of the promises - how will this be fulfilled to him?

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If baptized believers will also inherit Abraham's promises, how will God fulfil the promise to us?

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Here are some further passages on this topic that may help answer the questions above:

Matthew 5:35 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 48 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 2:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Zechariah 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 60 \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 37-48 \_\_\_\_\_

Happy reading!