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Promise to Abraham

It's true about Jews, that they are stubborn. They are hardened and callused. Therefore they have to take the blinders off their eyes. Only YAHSHUA can do that. That is why the kingdom had to be taken away from them and given to those who received YAHSHUA. (Mt 21:43; 1 Pet 2:9; Isa 49:6; Dan 2:44; Mt 24:14)

When the kingdom was taken away from the Jews, this is what YAHSHUA said: 'The kingdom will be taken away from you and given to a nation who will produce the fruit of the kingdom.' It is given to the keepers of the covenant. Actually the covenant was taken away from Israel and given to another nation, a holy nation who would produce the fruit of the kingdom. Our Father worked many years with Israel but they never would produce the fruit — they never could continually have unity. They had tribal wars and wars between clans; they were worshipping idols; they had baals; and finally, they split into ten tribes and two. And then, ten tribes were taken to Assyria and 150 years later, the Jews (which included Benjamin) who lived in Judea, were taken off to Babylon for discipline and correction because they were stubborn and, for one thing, they were not keeping the Sabbath. And 70 years later a very small remnant was brought back to rebuild the temple. But for many years, they were negligent in building the walls around the city which was in shambles. But then Nehemiah came and they built the walls. And after that you don't hear much about them, except maybe in Maccabees, but it is not recorded in the 39 books of the old testament.

But Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, told of a restoration of Israel. If people would have a covenant, they would keep the covenant and they would be prepared and refined and made ready for Messiah and there would be a distinction between who serves God and who doesn't. And the Father's hearts would be turned toward their children and the children's heart would be turned toward the father so that there would be a faithful generation that would follow and there would not be a falling away. And that is what we have come into (that covenant). That is what has come upon us, in order that we would be the fulfillment of those things. Our Master said the kingdom would be given to those who produce the fruit of it.

On that day, 50 days after Passover, at the feast of ingathering in Jerusalem, is when the new nation was formed, when the Holy Spirit came to earth. That week during Pentecost, Jews came to Jerusalem from all over. They would make the pilgrimage from wherever they had been scattered to. And also, the Jews who lived in Jerusalem at that time were there in Jerusalem as well. And that is when the Holy Spirit came like a wind; it was a phenomenon. And that is when that nation was born out of the remnant of the Jews — 3000 one day and 5000 another day (or 5000 in all. men. They had at least 5000 people right there. Can you imagine having that many new disciples — stubborn Jews? But the Holy Spirit deals with that stubbornness. He works out that attitude through learning obedience to their shepherds. And the disciples had been trained by our Master before He went to heaven. And also in 1 Cor 15:1-6 you can read about 500 more whom our Master had also appeared to after the twelve. So they probably had several hundred shepherds for that great influx of Jews. That new nation was started with Jews who were rescued from that perverse generation. Peter said, come out of that nation. At this time, in our day, God is through with that nation Israel — for the moment. The natural Jews will have the land in the next age. He is wanting to bring people in from the nations right now, however He is not finished with gathering Jews. He loves the Jews. And he has not forgotten about the natural land of Israel. He has that in mind for the Jews for the next age. But now, (Mal 1:5) He is raising another people up outside of the borders of natural Israel to bear the fruit of the kingdom.

So here we are in this age, binding the enemy so the new age can come. The Jews are over there fighting for the land. It is a problem that is getting bigger and bigger. Everybody is trying to help Israel, but sooner or later people are going to get tired of the Jews and the day will come when every one of the surrounding nations will come against them. They are fighting six day wars and this war and that war. The Jews are saying that the whole promised land is theirs — after all, it was promised to Abraham. But they cannot take it because this land is only taken spiritually. It is left up to this spiritual Israel to do what natural Israel cannot do in the flesh (Mt 21:43; Isa 49:6-8). They are trying in vain to take the land in the flesh but we must take it in the spirit. The new age cannot come until we take that land for them in the spiritual realm. Paul said we are fighting a spiritual battle. It is in the air, in the heavenlies. We have to do it. We have to take it in the spirit. All of God's enemies have to be taken and put under our Master's feet. The inheritance that Israel is supposed to have (Gen 18:19; 15:18; 17:7,8,11) cannot be taken until we take it spiritually in the twelve tribes in the world [outside the natural borders of Israel] and then Messiah is going to war and take that land back and give it to natural Israel.

When the little remnant came back from Babylon in 500 BC (the ten tribes had been scattered all over and they integrated into and filled the nations), but of the two tribes who were taken off to Babylon, only a minute few came back to Israel in 500 BC to build the temple. Elad [our Israeli guest — see notes Morning, 28 Nov.92] knows he is a Jew because one of his ancestors was chosen by God to have a heart for Jerusalem and make that journey back. It was because his ancestors were zealous for Jerusalem. Otherwise he would have lost his identity like all the others. But because his ancestors did this, he knows he is a Jew. He is a sign that there was a God of the Jews. He has not lost his sign. His ancestor is Abraham, the one we love. One of Elad's ancestors was a faithful Jew who loved God — for, after all, they had to suffer to go back to Jerusalem. Elad, you had a wonderful ancestor who is in peace in heaven today and he wants you to share that same peace that he has. Because he did not do it in vain — he had a purpose. And there is a reason why our Father had you keep your national identity and that you would be here today to meet us. It was not just a circumstance; it was an act of our God.

Elad is a real Jew. We are spiritual Jews. We have been grafted into that tree. He is the root and we have been grafted in; we are adopted into Abraham's family. Elad has the real stuff in him, but the problem with the real stuff is that it is stubborn stuff. He has to strip those blinders off so he will see what we see.

We are to one day make the Jews jealous. We know more about Israel than some of those Jewish professors at MIT. (One of them, embarrassed as he was, did not know who the first king of Israel was.) Many Jews, even though they studied history, don't know as much about their people as we do because they are not intrinsically involved in their heritage. But we are. Shaul the apostle talks about this in Romans 9. Elad came through Isaac (v.7), not Ishmael — he is a true Israelite. He is a natural descendent but not a spiritual descendent. Those blinders are there and they have to be stripped off so you can be a true spiritual descendant of Abraham (v.8). Did you hear what Paul said? That he would actually rather be cursed himself, for the sake of his brethren in the flesh, that they would not be. Shaul was a Benjaminite and he loved the Jews. And we take on Shaul's heart in loving the Jews also. So it is obvious that there is going to be a nation in the last days that is going to make the Jews jealous. But you can't make them jealous by not keeping the feasts and the Sabbath or by eating pork roast. We have to be better Jews than them in order to make them jealous. But we are just starting. And here in Londrina, we are just a few months old. Don't despise small beginnings.

Rom 11:11-15 — "By their transgression, salvation has come to the gentiles to make them jealous ... but if their transgression and failure are riches for the gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be..". If their rejecting is a reconciliation of the whole world, what will their acceptance be? In the next age, they will be the predominant nation on the face of the earth and they will have all that land that was promised to Abraham and they will be the most marvelous mighty nation in all the world. You can see that promise in Gen 15:18; 17:8; 18:19. Look at Gen 15:18 — God Himself came and split those animals and walked through them with Abraham. By this He was saying, 'If I don't fulfill My promise to you Abraham, let the same thing happen to Me as is happening to these animals — if I don't give this land to you and you don't possess it in peace.' (Gen 15:17; Jer 34:18) But it has never happened. Israel never got the enemies out of the land. All those enemies (Gen 15:19-21) are still there.

Our Father is going to drive all of them out and give them that land. That is the covenant. He walked through those animals. Everything was trying to keep that covenant from being made — birds of prey trying to come down, darkness (Lk 23:44) came upon the land — but it was made. Gen 17:8 "And I will give you the land ... in perpetuity...", for a permanent possession, eternally. Evidently it has not happened yet and they are fighting for it but they are not going to get it by fighting for it — God must do it. Gen 18:19 — "I have known, singled out, chosen Abraham that he may command his children after him to keep the way of YHWH by doing righteousness and justice," and I am going to bring about what (that land) I promised Abraham. That land is important. If God does not do it, He is going to be cursed, so He is going to do it. He is going to carry it out. He is going to have a people who bind the enemy on this earth in this age and then He is going to give that land to Abraham. In Isa 49:6,8 you see that through the tribes of Israel that are raised up (as Mal 1:11 said) outside the natural land of Israel (v.5), to be the reconciliation of the world, the light of the world, through that new nation (Mt 21:43), that began with the Jews who came out from Israel, through the keeping of the covenant, of the promises, through that nation who received the Holy Spirit and have the ten commandments (Dt 4:13; 2 Cor 3:3) in their heart — through all this (Isa 49:6), the desolate heritage is going to be given back to Israel (Isa 49:8). That is what we are chosen to do. To bring that promise to Abraham. Abraham is in heaven today and that promise has not been fulfilled. He looks down and sees Israel striving to get that land in the flesh. (Heb 12:1) But there is another nation who is doing it for them by putting YAHSHUA's enemies under His feet, and they are going to bind the enemy and the day of Jubilee will come and there will be a restoration of the ravished properties (Isa 49:8; Heb 10:13; Lev 25:8-13; Rev 11:15; Rev 20:1,2; Acts 3:21). The land has been ravished, but that is what God is working on right now. God is interested in keeping His promise (Gen 15:17,18; 17:7,8,11; 18:19. That is what we are doing; we are working for that day. The year of jubilee is coming, when the prisoners are set free, when the land goes back to the original owner. (Rev 11:15; Acts 26:6; Acts 13:34; 1 Sam 55:3) God is going to give the land that belongs to the real Jews back to them. And the earth that belongs to man — the earth that had been under a death sentence — will be resurrected and new life will come forth like deshi. The Jews will finally receive the land that goes from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates, and that is going to be their land, the most predominant nation, it is God's favorite land. Messiah's resurrection was proof of YHWH's faithfulness, assuring the continuation of the nation of Israel. Isa 54:10 assuring Gen 15:18 through a people (Ps 102:18) now being created. Mt 19:28 is the next age Israel — the promise fulfilled. That land today is filled with prostitution, pornography and not keeping the Sabbath and everything else. Our God is going to raise up some true Jews to go bring the message to them. One third will be saved and go into the next age and will

reestablish Israel. Two thirds will be cut off (destroyed). The survivors will be the worthy Jews (the one third). The genuine real people will see Messiah whom they crucified and they will weep for Him as for an only child. They will repent. Zac 12:10-13 is a picture of Messiah, written in the Old Testament. "In that day, there will be mourning in Jerusalem." It is written in the Jewish scriptures.

We are looking forward to the day when that land is given back to Israel and they can have it in peace and produce the fruit of the kingdom for themselves.

That is our job. That is the fruit of the kingdom — for the sake of God's promise to Abraham — so that Abraham would get that land and his descendants would be as the sand on the seashore and the stars in the sky.

Elad is a true natural descendant of Abraham. We are glad our Father brought him here. He has Abraham's blood in him. He is an extension of Abraham, just like your son is an extension of yourself. (That's why it is so horrible to not bring your son along with you — because he is you.) (Gen 17:7,8,14; 18:19) Elad is Abraham — Abraham wants Elad to have the same promise that he has.

We are thankful to the God of Abraham that we are now descendants of Abraham and that (Eph 2:12) we are no longer without the promise he made to Abraham, not excluded from Israel, not aliens or outsiders in the world without hope and without the God of Abraham, we are no longer separated from the commonwealth of Israel, but now we have become His household. And we have His laws written in our hearts. We don't need it on a big stone tablet. That is where it used to be — external, and it was impossible to keep that external law. But now God has made a way that we can keep that law by walking in the Spirit of the God of Abraham Because it is in our heart — the Spirit is writing it there. If it is in our heart, we fall in love with the law of God; we fall in love with the Spirit. It is a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah — no longer separated — a new covenant. 2 Cor 3:3,6; Dt 4:13; Ex 3:16,17,18; 2 Cor 3:3. The sign of who really is the creator's holy nation, who is the light of the world — Isa 38:11 — world is death. Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 3:14.