



THE PROMISED LAND



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Pr. Adrian:

Welcome brothers and sisters. Glad that you can join us. This week as I've been doing my research for my new book, some pieces of the puzzle have become clearer; things have connected, it just gets brighter and brighter. Once again, the work of Ellet J. Waggoner particularly, but also A.T. Jones, shines brighter and brighter; more clarity comes to my mind.

And it has direct implications for events that are taking place in the world at the present time. I'm pretty excited about this content. Of course we are living in momentous times. More and more reports are coming forth of the things that are unfolding, the world is being drawn into taking sides; America and Israel are forcing the world to take sides; as we stumble or purposely move towards an all-out war. We're waiting for China and Russia to respond, how they will respond to these things. Of course, Putin has said that the actions of America are reckless, which is absolutely correct, but Pete Hegsteth says that this is ordained by God and that they are bringing on Armageddon and the soon coming of Christ; and that may well be true, but not in the way that they expect.

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But in the midst of all the terrible things that are going on in the world, and with the ongoing revelations with the Epstein files and all the high-profile individuals that are there, in the midst of all that darkness and sorrow, we have this beautiful light shining, that is the truth of our Father's character through His only begotten Son.

So thank you again for joining us. I'm going to kneel and pray, and then we'll get into our presentation.

Opening Prayer:

Father, I just thank you so much for this opportunity to come before you and to study with my brothers and sisters as we open the Word of God and as we look at some history, that we would realise the true implications of what it was that you said to Abraham way back in the beginning, 4,000 years ago. What did you say to him? What did you teach him? And what are the promises that were made to him and therefore to all of us? We pray that you would guide us in our time together; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Presentation:

So, we've entitled this *The Promised Land* and we want to start, of course, with the first promise that was made to Abraham. So, here we are in Genesis chapter 12, the first promise that was made to Abraham. It says,

Now the LORD had said to Abram [that was his name before his name was changed]: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-3)

So, Abraham was promised to become a great nation, and a nation is a great family and that through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. And what exactly does that mean? But before we get to that, we ask this question. Does God have favourites? Did God suddenly decide, I've chosen Abraham, I'm going to give everything to him. Is there bias in the way that God operates? And we see in the book of Acts that Peter makes it clear. It says,

Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: **“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” (Acts 10:34-35)

So, God is not partial. God is not choosing Abraham because something in Abraham that he likes more than any other person. It cannot be this way. So, how is it that God can make these promises to Abraham? Well, Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:19 and 20

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, **but in Him** [that is, in Christ] **was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.** (2 Corinthians 1:19-20)

So, the promises that were made to Abraham are only made good in the person of Jesus Christ. This is very important. So, the promises that were made to Abraham were not made to him outside of the person of Christ. They are only made possible through the person of Christ.

So, let us continue. And we read from the book, *The Everlasting Covenant* by E.J. Waggoner, on page 46, where he makes this point very clear. And I’m very thankful for this book by Waggoner. It has really opened up some things that should be obvious to Christians, but are obvious to almost no one. And so, we read here,

No promise of God has ever been given to man except through Christ. Personal faith in Christ is the one thing necessary in order to receive whatever God has promised,

So, Abraham could only receive these promises by a personal faith in Christ. And Waggoner says, and he’s quoting, “God is no respecter of persons”, which is another version of what we read from Peter in Acts.

God is no respecter of persons: He offers his riches freely to everybody; but no one can have any part in them except as he receives Christ. This is perfectly fair, since Christ is given to all if they will but have Him. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 46.1; 1900)

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This is a very important point that Waggoner is making here, that Abraham could only participate in these promises and receive them because of his faith in Christ. And the Bible makes this very, very clear.

So, what was it that was preached to Abraham? Now, we've already read Genesis 12:1-3, and you'll see the last part there, where it says, "and in you [that is, in Abraham] all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Now, Paul, in Galatians 3, verses 8 and 9, quotes this and tells us something interesting. It says here,

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand**, saying, "***In you all the nations shall be blessed.***" So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. (Galatians 3:8-9)

So, what God says to Abraham in Genesis 12, verses 1 to 3, is nothing more and nothing less than the preaching of the gospel. And that in Christ, Abraham would possess, he would become, he would possess, well, as we will read, he would inherit the earth. And so, we restate the point, **therefore the promises to Abraham were only the promises of the gospel**. And this point will become clearer as we go along.

So, here is the second promise [Genesis 12:7]. So, Genesis 12:1-3 is the first promise, that Abraham will become a great nation and that all the earth, all the families of the earth would be blessed through him. That is because in Abraham's physical line, Christ would be born. And so, that is how the world is blessed through Abraham; because it is through the seed, which is Christ, that all the promises come. So, notice in Genesis 12:7, it says,

And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. (Genesis 12:7, KJV)

Now, notice, this is the first time that God speaks about the land. I want you to pay particular notice that God doesn't say, I will give the land to you, Abraham, and your seed. It only says, I will give the land to your seed.

Who is the seed? Well, Paul interprets these verses.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "**And to your seed,**" who is Christ. (Galatians 3:16)

So, of course, Paul is saying to Abraham and his seed because in Genesis 15 and Genesis 17, God says to Abraham and to his seed, that I will give that to you both. But the first time that it's mentioned, it's only mentioning the seed, the promised seed. Paul tells us that the seed is Christ.

What land was included? Notice Romans 4:13.

For the promise that he would be the **heir of the world** *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the **righteousness of faith.** (Romans 4:13)

So, the only way that Abraham was going to obtain this promise was through righteousness by faith. By believing the gospel; by believing that through his line, the seed would come, which is Christ, and that God would give the earth to Christ, and that those of us who believe in Christ become co-heirs with Him. As Jesus says, the meek shall inherit the earth.

Blessed *are* the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

It is in this way, and this way only, that Abraham was promised the land. And I hope that your mind is ticking over; this is a gospel promise that is made to Abraham. God is not partial. He is not showing favoritism to Abraham by just picking him out of Babylon and saying, I'm going to give everything to you. No, He preached the gospel to Abraham and said that My Son is going to come and it's going to come through your line and that He is going to take possession of this earth and you will inherit it with him. Now, that promise is also made to you and I. We, if we believe in Christ, the only begotten Son, we receive the promise that He is the Messiah and that we believe in Him. We repent of our sins and we accept Him. We, with Abraham, become co-heirs and we inherit the land. We inherit the earth. And this is what was preached to Abraham. Nothing more, nothing less, than the gospel was preached to him.

All right, so let's come to a summary so far:

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1. The gospel was preached to Abraham (In Genesis 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 – this was the preaching of the gospel.)
2. In those promises included the promise of inheriting the land which is the whole world.
3. It is the seed who inherits this which is Christ.
4. Abraham inherits the earth with Christ through righteousness by faith, (which is by accepting the gospel).
5. No special, arbitrary promise was made to Abraham, it was simply the promise of the gospel.
6. Abraham would be the father of many nations and all families would be blessed through him because Christ would be his flesh descendant.

In exactly the same way as Mary was the mother of Jesus and she would inherit the earth because of the birth of her son. She has no special access to Christ except that she believes Him to be the Messiah and receives Him as the Son of God. She inherits all that the Messiah, Christ, the Son of God, inherits in exactly the same way as Abraham, though she is also His flesh and blood, just like Abraham is His flesh and blood, but there is no difference.

7. But Abraham had no special claims on the inheritance more than anyone else who had faith in Christ. Abraham obtained the promise by faith (as Paul said, “righteousness by faith”), exactly the same as all who believe the gospel.

This is very important, as we continue, keep these thoughts in mind. Again, let's come back to the book *The Everlasting Covenant* and Waggoner explains this. This is page 46, paragraph three.

At the very outset we may see that this promise to Abraham was a promise in Christ. “The scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached beforehand the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all the nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.” [Now Waggoner comments on these verses] **From this we learn that when God said that in Abraham all the families of the earth**

should be blessed, He was preaching the Gospel to him. The blessing that was to come upon the people of the earth through him could be enjoyed only through faith. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 46.3; 1900)

And this is very important. And Waggoner will continue, this is a couple of pages further on. Note carefully what Waggoner is saying here.

This is a fact that needs to be well fixed in the mind at the very beginning. All the misunderstandings of the promises of God to Abraham and his seed have arisen through a failure to see the Gospel of the cross of Christ in them. If it be continually remembered that all the promises of God are in Christ, to be enjoyed only through His Cross, and that consequently they are spiritual and eternal in their nature, there will be no difficulty, and the study of the promise to the fathers will be a delight and a blessing. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 48.1; 1900)

The promise to Abraham is the promise of the gospel. And, of course, in making this promise to Abraham, this same promise was available to every human being since the beginning of time in exactly the same way. But why did God choose Abraham? Because Christ says, "many are called, but few are chosen." And why are few chosen? It is because the few choose themselves. In a time of almost universal apostasy, Abraham stood almost alone in responding to the gospel. Like Noah in his time, he stood alone in responding to the gospel. And Abraham was in a similar situation. So, this is why the promises were made to him because no one else was willing to receive them except Abraham at that particular time. So, he became the father of the faithful in this regard.

Let's continue. So, now we ask the question: What is a Jew as the Bible defines it? And Paul makes it clear that a true Jew is not a Jew of the flesh but is a Jew of the spirit. That is what a true Jew is.

For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; **but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter;** whose praise *is* not from men but from God. (Romans 2:28-29)

And Paul is underscoring the fact that the biblical definition of a Jew is not flesh and blood. The biblical definition of Jew is someone who receives the promises of Christ and receives the election to eternal life in Christ. So, while there are Jews in the flesh, these are not biblical Jews. They are just as much Gentiles as anybody else who has not received the gospel. This may upset some people, but this is the truth because the gospel is an everlasting gospel. It has never changed. It has always been the same. Nothing was preached to Abraham except the gospel, and he received it.

Now, of course, those who were in his family had greater access to the gospel. They had greater abilities to enter into this covenant with God than other people. As Paul says,

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. (Romans 3:1-2, KJV)

...to whom were given the covenants, et cetera, et cetera. But in the biblical definition, a Jew is someone who receives Christ as the Son of God and receives repentance and forgiveness of sins and enters into the heavenly kingdom. That is what a Jew is, according to the Bible. We are all equal before God. Now, notice what it says here.

Jesus said to them, [this is Jesus speaking], **“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.”** (John 8:42)

So, He’s saying to these literal Jews, God is not your father in the sense of the gospel. Of course, God is their father in terms of the Creator; and, of course, Christ created them. But Jesus is saying, God is not your father in any kind of paternal sense of the gospel. If God were your father, you would love Me. This is an important point that we need to keep in mind as we look at these things.

Now, let’s continue. Paul, again, makes it abundantly clear in Romans chapter 9 who Israel really is. And we read from verse 1,

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were

accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites [in the flesh], to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen. But...

Notice what Paul says next. They were given all these advantages. What advantage has the Jew? Paul has just listed out what the fleshly Jew has the advantage over everybody else. He says,

But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham [the literal seed]; but, "In Isaac your Seed shall be called."

He says, "in Isaac shall your seed be called," because Abraham and Sarah had to have faith in the promises of God, that God would give them a child. And at first, they had great difficulty in believing this. But eventually, they came to believe in the promises of God, and they were made righteous by faith. And so, Paul is saying here, in Isaac shall your seed be called. Those who have faith in the Messiah, those who repent and believe in Him, these are the true Israel of God. And it has only ever been this way.

That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. (Romans 9:1-8)

So that group of people currently living in Israel who deny that Christ is the Son of the living God, they are not Israel. They are not the biblical Israel. They are Israel in the flesh. And, we will add to that, they have no claims to the promises of Abraham concerning the land, because the claims to the promises concerning the land are only found in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. And as the majority of these people deny that Christ is the Son of God, and that He came and was the Messiah, they have no access to the promises of Abraham. Because these promises only come to those who believe the gospel, who accept Christ as the Son of the living God.

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Do you understand? Do you understand the implications of what we are saying here? This is so simple, and yet it is not believed by the majority of people, or there is confusion about this particular issue, that somehow Abraham was promised something, that nobody else in this world was promised. That is partiality, which is a respecter of persons, and that is not how our Father operates. Everything is equal, everything is fair.

Now notice, if God had promised the literal land of Israel, that area there, in this world, before Christ returns, before Christ can come and claim it, then what the deacon Stephen says in these following verses is a problem, it is a big problem. So, what did Stephen say about the inheritance? Did Abraham, did his descendants receive the inheritance? Is the land of Israel that the Jews currently occupy, is this the fulfilment of the promise to Abraham? Notice Acts 7 verse 2,

And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. **And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.** (Acts 7:2-5)

So, notice that Stephen makes clear that Abraham never received the fulfilment of the promise that was made in Genesis 12 verses 7 and in chapter 13, 15 and 17. He's saying Abraham has not received it. This hasn't been fulfilled yet. And notice again what Paul says in Hebrews 11 verses 8 to 10. What was Abraham looking for?

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; [and what did he understand this promise to be?] **for he waited for the city**

which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
(Hebrews 11:8-10)

He was waiting for the heavenly Jerusalem. He was looking for a better country. He was not looking for an earthly inheritance. He was not looking for an earthly kingdom or dominion. He was looking for the kingdom of the gospel that he would become an inheritor of the heavenly city when the heavenly city comes down onto the earth.

Online Audience: This is serious stuff. This gospel is serious business. Our heavenly Father's business is serious business.

Pr. Adrian: Yes, this is serious stuff indeed. The Bible is calling out to us to look at this in its correct light. The Bible is abundantly clear. Abraham did not receive the inheritance. And of course, the seed has not yet received the inheritance. Neither Christ nor Abraham have received the inheritance, as yet as is clearly laid out here. It's still being waited for.

Online Audience: Hebrews 11:38-40

Pr. Adrian: Okay, you're mentioning Hebrews 11:38-40. Yes, they haven't received anything. Thank you. There's more continuing down to the end of chapter 11.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.
(Hebrews 11:39-40)

When is the land received? Now notice, in the book of Daniel, chapter 7, we see when the kingdom and the dominion begin to be given. And this is in Daniel chapter 7. After the rising of the lion and the bear and the leopard and the nondescript beast and the ten horns and then the uprooting of the three horns and the little horn and then the judgment. And then after this, it says,

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting

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dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

We just want to make a comment on this particular point that right now; the kingdom is being made up. God is going through the books of record to see those who believed in Christ as the Messiah and repented of their sins, believed in the forgiveness of God. And for those today that are repenting and receiving His spirit, His character, the numbers of the kingdom are being made up and Christ is preparing.

First, there is the promise of the people, the descendants. Then is the promise of the land. Now, after 1844, we see that the numbers of the people are being made up, and then at the Second Coming, the land will be given. This is the process that is now taking place.

Now, we continue in Galatians 3. Now, this is an important verse or a couple of verses. And we note this carefully.

For if **the inheritance** *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but **God gave it to Abraham by promise**. What purpose then *does* the law *serve*? It was added because of transgressions, **till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was** appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:18-19)

Now, if you're a student of Adventist history, you will know those verses that I've just quoted were at the heart of the controversy over the law in Galatians in the 1888 message. And the phrase "It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." The overwhelming majority of Adventist leaders believed that this passage "till the seed should come" refers to Christ's first coming. One, because they had a wrong understanding of the covenants. And secondly, because they believed that God arbitrarily promised to give Abraham the land of Canaan and this was given to the flesh Jews. And because of that, they couldn't read this passage correctly. And Waggoner was making a different position.

So, let's have a look at what Waggoner was saying on this particular point. So, we need to follow this carefully because this is very, very significant. Now, if you're a student of the 1888 message, hopefully some things will start to be clicking in your mind. If you're not, I'm

sorry, I'll try and bring 'up to speed.' But notice carefully what Waggoner says in explaining Galatians 3:19.

It needs not many words now to determine what is meant by the phrase, "till the seed should come to whom the promise was made."

We know what the seed is,—all who are Christ's,—and we know that it has not yet come in its fullness. To be sure, Christ was once manifested on earth in the flesh, but He did not receive the promised inheritance, any more than Abraham did. Abraham had not so much as to put his foot on (Acts 7:5), and Christ had not where to lay His head. [Christ didn't take possession of the earth then.] Moreover, Christ can not come into the inheritance until Abraham does also, for the promise was "to Abraham and to his seed." The Lord by the prophet Ezekiel spoke of the inheritance at the time when David ceased to have a representative on his throne on earth, and He foretold the overthrow of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, in these words: "Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same; exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it;

It would be given to Babylon, then it would be overturned to Persia, and it would be overturned to Greece and then it would be overturned to Rome – three overturnings.

and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." Ezekiel 21:26-27.

So, in those verses in Ezekiel, we see this kingdom sequence in which the diadem was laid aside, and it wouldn't be picked up again until Christ would come after the coming of these kingdoms. Now Waggoner continues.

So Christ sits on His Father's throne, "from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." Soon will He come, but not until the last soul has accepted Him that can by any possibility be induced to accept salvation. Those who are led by the Spirit of God, are the sons of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, [and therefore, we become part of the seed because we're joint heirs with Him] so that Christ can not come into the inheritance before they do. [As we

mentioned that we should all receive it together, as it mentioned in the end of Hebrews 11, verses 30-40]. The seed is one, not divided. When He comes to execute judgment, and to slay those who said, "We will not have this Man to reign over us," [and of course, we know what that means from our understand of the character of God]. He comes "with ten thousands of His holy ones." Jude 14.

Then will the seed be complete, and the promise will be fulfilled.

And until that time the law will faithfully perform its task of stirring up and pricking the consciences of sinners, giving them no rest until they become identified with Christ, or cast Him off altogether. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Glad Tidings*, pp. 156-158; 1900)

So, Waggoner is making very clear the point that the statement in Galatians 3:18-19 is telling you when Abraham and the seed would receive the promise. This is why this verse was so controverted. This is why the issue of the covenants is directly related to this issue. If you have a wrong understanding of the covenants, you won't understand this verse. And if you don't understand this verse, you have a wrong understanding of the covenants, you're going to think that God promised the land of Palestine, the land of Israel to the Israelites before Christ returns. And that when Christ came, then the spiritual kingdom begins. But if you have this understanding of the two covenants, you don't understand the promise that was made to Abraham and therefore you cannot understand these verses correctly and you'll be confused. And the majority of Christianity is confused on this particular point.

This is what is so amazing to me, is now I finally understand why these verses in Galatians 3.19 are so important. So many points are clicking together. And for the last three days, my mind has been like I'm in a light box. My mind is illumined by, oh, that's why this is so important. That's why we need to understand these things. That's why! It all clicks down on the covenants and the promises and the gospel; to realize that Abraham, nothing more, nothing less, received the gospel. And that's how he became an inheritor of the whole world. And that's the land that was promised to him and promised to us by receiving the gospel.

All right. So, let's now go to A.T. Jones. I want to really underscore this point. A.T. Jones in his book *Studies in Galatians*. This is actually from

The Review and Herald. He makes a similar point, almost the same point, but with a few variations. Let's now read what Jones says about Galatians 3.19.

Look at the situation as it is in the text, with its context: "Till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." What promise?—The promise of the inheritance, unquestionably: as it is written: "For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." Thus it is fixed by the Word itself that the promise referred to is the promise of the inheritance. And whatever law it is that is here referred to, it is given, added, till He comes to whom the promise of the inheritance was made.

Now, at his first coming did he receive any of the inheritance?—No; no more than did Abraham, to whom with him, the promise was made. He "had not where to lay his head." And of him it was equally true, as with Abraham, that he received "none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on."

Notice, too, particularly, that the clause says, "Till the seed should come to whom,"—not concerning whom, but TO whom—"the promise was made." That is, the promise referred to was made to HIM, personally; and not simply to somebody, concerning him. But it is fixed by the text that the promise is the promise of the inheritance. This promise was made to Abraham and to his seed, which is Christ; and this was done when the promise was made to Abraham. **But, further, it was also done TO the seed himself in person, which is Christ. Read it in the second psalm: "The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."** Verses 7, 8. Here is the promise of the inheritance made direct to the seed, which is Christ.

Now, when is this promise fulfilled? And when something should be done, make, or instituted, "till the seed should come TO whom"

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that promise was made, then which coming would be the true and the only logical one that could be considered?—Plainly, the coming that would be at the receiving of the inheritance REFERRED TO THE PROMISE; and with which alone the promise is concerned.

Therefore, considering what the promise is plainly in the scriptures declared to be,—the promise of the inheritance,—and considering that this promise relates and pertains particularly, and above all, to his second coming, it is evident that the second coming of Christ, rather than his first, is the one referred to in the clause “till the seed should come to whom the promise was made.” (A.T. Jones, *The Review and Herald*, March 13, 1900)

Now, for some of you, this is perhaps ‘going over your head,’ this is a bit ‘full on.’ And that’s okay. You don’t need to understand all the detail. But the summary of the point that I’m making here is, Galatians 3.19 tells us when the promise would be delivered to Abraham and to his seed. Which nullifies the idea that the true Israel of God has received any of its inheritance and that those who now are occupying the land of Canaan are not in the inheritance. Even if they claim that this is the promise that was made to Abraham, it is not, because the seed has not received it, Abraham has not yet received it. Stephen makes this clear. And so, Galatians 3.19 is telling us when the seed and Abraham received the promise. It is at the Second Coming when he inherits the earth and the righteous inherit the earth with him at that particular time. The covenant is delivered and that is the point that we are underscoring here.

So let us continue. We now address this point: But wasn’t Abraham promised the land of Canaan? And we read this, notice, it says:

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan,** for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:7-8, KJV)

Now notice in another translation, it says

Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:8, NKJV)

The promise of Canaan was a subset of the promise that Abraham was to be heir of the world. So, if Abraham is going to receive the world, then receiving the land of Canaan is only a subset of that promise. But that Abraham had not received any of this by the time that Christ came to earth and Christ had not received any of it. So, no one has yet received the inheritance, but this was to be received the Second Coming. Stephen tells us that in Acts 7 that Abraham had not received anything.

So yes, the land of Canaan was to be received because that's where he dwelt, but it was only part of what he was to receive. And it may be the case this was all that Abraham could understand at that particular time, a condescension to meet Abraham where he is. But Paul makes it clear in Romans 4:13 that Abraham was to inherit the whole world. And Christ says in Matthew 5:3, the meek shall inherit the earth, not just the land of Canaan. So, this is why the land of Canaan is mentioned.

So, all those living in Canaan, in Israel at the present time who think that this is a fulfillment of the promise to Abraham are in a delusion. This has not yet been given to Abraham nor to his seed, which is Christ. Those that are occupying this land are occupying it no different to any worldly king or monarch or society that rules by force, which is completely out of sight of Christ's kingdom, for His people do not fight, they do not use weapons, they do not rain down bombs on people and blow up people, like what is happening at the present time. And the defence of the land that they are making is not a defence of any land that was promised to them, because it wasn't promised to them. It's only promised to those who believe the gospel. And it's not only that land, but also the whole earth that has been promised to them. Just try and comprehend the implications of this. They are vast.

Of course, many people will find this disturbing because it unsettles all of what Christianity has taught at this point. Yes, Abraham was promised the land of Canaan and yes, it was fulfilled to them and then that's the type and then we have the anti-type in heaven. No, nothing was received. And we've gone through the text, so I won't labour that point. So, let's go to the next point.

We come now to what Waggoner says in the book *The Everlasting Covenant*.

But we learn more, and that is that Abraham actually received no inheritance of land. He had not so much of the land as to set his foot on; yet God had promised it to him and to his seed after him. What shall we say to this? —that the promise of God failed? —Not by any means. God “cannot lie.” “He abideth faithful.” Abraham died without having received the promised inheritance, yet he died in faith. We must therefore learn from this the lesson that the Holy Spirit wished the Jews to learn, namely, that the promised inheritance could be received only through Jesus and the resurrection. This also is made very clear by the words of the Apostle Peter:— “Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

The blessing of Abraham, as we have learned, comes on the Gentiles, or all the families of the earth, through Jesus Christ and His cross; but the blessing of Abraham is connected with the promise of the land of Canaan. That also was to be possessed only through Christ and the resurrection. If it had been otherwise, Abraham would have been disappointed, instead of dying in full faith of the promise. But this also will appear more plainly as we proceed. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 51.5; 1900)

So, we come to the conclusion.

- The promise to Abraham is (nothing more, nothing less than) the promise of the gospel.

It's the same gospel from the beginning, the everlasting gospel. There is not one gospel for those before the cross and another gospel after. There is only one gospel.

- The promise was made to Abraham and his seed which is Christ.

- The receiving of the inheritance is received by Abraham and Christ at the Second Coming; (and those who have accepted Christ to become part of the descendants, the seed, co-heirs.)
- The land of Canaan has never been promised to Israel in this world.

It was only ever to be given to Christ. The land of Canaan can never be claimed to be the promise made to Abraham outside of the person of Jesus Christ. I'm sorry, Mr. Netanyahu, it doesn't belong to you. It only belongs to Jesus Christ, whom you deny as being the Son of God.

- Those who now occupy the land of Israel claiming the promises of Abraham that the land is theirs by divine right are deluded. This is not what was promised to Israel.
- Israel are only those who have faith in the seed – Christ.
- Literal Jews are not inheritors of the promise or the land.
- Just as physical Adventists are not inheritors of the promises but only those who receive the 1888 message.

It's exactly the same for those of the church. Those who deny that Christ is the Son of the living God are not inheritors of these promises. Those who reject the 1888 messages are not inheritors of these promises. You must believe these messages to come into this inheritance and therefore...

- The current war in the middle East has nothing to do with the promises made to Abraham. (It's completely false).
- Literal Israel has no Bible claim on this land in this world.

And in my usual style, I have made things abundantly clear without equivocation, without fog, without any equivocation about what this means. And I know that for some people, that will be a problem.

Online Audience: How do we look at the bringing of Israelites by Joshua into the land of Canaan in this context?

Pr. Adrian: Exactly, this is the question. This is the question and we need to unpack that a little bit further.

What I can give you is that God wanted Israel to accept Christ, to accept the gospel; and that through them, the land of Canaan would expand to include the whole world. This is what God wanted, but they rejected it. They turned away from it and they wouldn't accept it; and so they ceased to be part of the true Israel of God. And there's much more that we need to say on this particular point, but once we believe that there is only one gospel and that the same gospel that was preached to us was preached to Abraham, as it says in Hebrews 4:2

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them [Moses and the Israelites]; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. (Hebrews 4:2)

It's always been about the gospel, but they received to enter in because of unbelief. So do not be distracted by prophetic utterances by people that Israel that now exists in the land of Palestine have some divine claim on this territory. They have none outside of the person of Jesus Christ and they are not the Jews of the Bible. The Jews of the Bible are only those who believe in Christ, the Son of God. Israel has always been spiritual, and you can only enter in through (like Isaac) the belief that God would give the seed. Isaac is an act of righteousness by faith. It is only in believing this that you can participate.

Now Waggoner was saying this back in 1888, in the 1890s he was saying this. This has been completely rejected by the current church who have done exactly to this message what the Jews did to Christ 2,000 years ago. They have crucified this message, and they have rejected the gospel. And so, what can we say other than, "lo, seeing you judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles," to offer them an opportunity to come into this most glorious truth of the character of God.

I hope that you can realise that this is huge. But if you read *The Everlasting Covenant*, it's all there in the first few chapters. It's laid out very clearly. Jones made it clear; Waggoner made it clear. It has dramatic implications for the covenants. It completely rewrites how we understand what's happening in literal Jerusalem at the present time. And we need to come up to speed and understand the implications of these things. The war for existence in this territory that's happening over

in Israel at the present time has nothing to do with the promises made to Abraham. I hope you'll let this sink into your mind, that you'll take hold of these things.

Brothers and sisters, I pray that you'll continue to study these things, that you will see the implications, that you will see the importance of why Waggoner and Jones interpreted Galatians 3.19 the way that they did: "Till the seed should come." There is no one in Adventism who believes this, who is in any leadership position, either in the Adventist church or in the 'Father and Son movement' outside of the 'character of God' (Father and Son). They all believe that "Till the seed should come" applies to the first coming of Jesus Christ. Which completely dismantles the true understanding that the gospel is preached to Abraham exactly the same as what is preached to us. As Christ said of Abraham, "Abraham longed to see my day, and he saw it and was glad." He saw it because he believed the gospel.

So, I pray that our Father will bless you as you give prayerful consideration of the implications of these things. I pray that all the literal fleshly Jews in Israel would come into the gospel and be saved. Our Father is not willing that any should perish and that they would not use their status in regard to the covenants and the law and the Torah and the wonderful festivals. They would not use this to enrich themselves and think that they are somehow specially chosen simply because they have these things. You cannot be chosen except that you choose Christ.

And the same for Adventists. We have received all these wonderful things and yet all of this will be done to us unless we accept the 1888 message. There will be many Adventists that will be weeping and gnashing their teeth because they are on the edge of the kingdom and yet they would not enter in. They would not humble themselves to accept Jesus as the only begotten Son and that the 1888 messages were absolutely correct in what they were saying and that the Atonement is completely different from what they believe at this present time. That the atonement is not penal substitution. It is something else, as Waggoner so clearly taught us.

It shows clearly that we all have access to God through Christ, through the gospel. God is not a respecter of persons. We all have access to this.

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The Bible is abundantly clear on this particular point. So let us receive Christ as the only begotten Son of God and be co-heirs with Christ and with Abraham that we may receive the heavenly Canaan and then that we will receive this earth, that we will inherit this earth after the thousand years when the heavenly city descends, as it says in Revelation 21.

Thank you for listening, brothers, and sisters. I pray that you've been tremendously blessed.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, I pray you will bless my brothers and sisters as they think on these things. In Jesus' name, Amen

Closing Remarks:

We are live streaming again this Sabbath. Maybe I'll give more of an update on current events in relationship to these things. Maybe we'll go a little bit more into what we've discussed tonight.

Online Audience: Bring them in, bring them in.

Pr. Adrian: Yes, let's bring them in. Let's go to the highways and the byways and bring them into this most glorious gospel. May God bless you. And I look forward to seeing you again this Sabbath. Bye for now.

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Pr. Adrian:

Good morning everyone and happy Sabbath. It's a blessing to be with you all. Thank you to all of you that are joining us online. This morning I'm feeling tremendously blessed by the writings of our pioneers, particularly the writings of E.J. Waggoner in his book, *The Everlasting Covenant*. And for those that have been tracking with us in this message, we have been building step by step, step by step, on the solid immovable platform that was laid by our pioneers. And as each piece goes into place, the beauty of the message grows brighter and brighter. The things that I've continued to discover, it's just blowing my mind and I keep asking the question, Why couldn't I see this 20 years ago? I've read this book 20 years ago. I just couldn't see it. I just had the wrong glasses on. I had penal substitution glasses on and a false view of justice, and I just couldn't see what Waggoner was saying. So I'm thankful to be being healed of that blindness. As we continue today, I pray that we are all tremendously blessed.

I know that we are all standing on a precipice in terms of events happening in this world. And it seems very evident to me that Trump

has been 'held over a barrel' because of the Epstein files. And he's gone to war with Iran to distract us from him, who certainly should go to jail for the things that he has done. So this is what you do, you go to war and you distract people. And from evidence I have, it's very, very clear to me that Charlie Kirk was standing in the way of a war with Iran and he had to go; so he was taken out.

That's just some of the details that I've been researching recently. All of which will, as usual, upset a lot of people (as I am wont to do, upset a lot of people). But at the same time, we are reminded that for whatever reason, with all of the technology that is had by the United States and Israel, they still managed to murder 160 schoolchildren and blow them completely to smithereens, which is abhorrent in the extreme. It really is child sacrifice. It really is. There's no way you can cover this kind of murder and bloodshed.

So anyway, I don't want to talk about that today.

Audience: While you're on it though, Adrian, it's unfortunate that they can't even apologize.

Pr. Adrian: They can't even apologize because if they admit that they've done wrong, then they're culpable in their own eyes. And they just pretend that it's not happening and it's not real. But it doesn't matter what you blanket this about, the leader and how bad he is, to destroy those children is unconscionable, completely intolerable.

Just to go a little bit further, from the sources that I have, Iran hasn't even started using its ICBMs, hasn't even started using them yet. It's drying up U.S. resources using its piddly little drones and other things. But China and Russia are supporting Iran by giving them intel on U.S. positions and technologies. We haven't seen the end of this. This is this is not going to end well.

And it's interesting that the last person who tried to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem was Julian the Apostate. And when he tried to do that, suddenly there were balls of fire and earthquakes that started to happen. And then he went to war with Iran and got killed. So that was the last time the temple tried to be rebuilt. So thank you, Rowan, for forwarding that information to me. Tucker Carlson was talking about that in a recent presentation; a very, very interesting presentation.

So, having said all that, we want to keep our minds focused on what it is that will actually make a difference. To say “Get ready!” in an atmosphere of fear and anxiety isn’t getting ready. As I was reading in Waggoner just the other day, it says in Isaiah that those who are righteous by faith will not make haste. They will not be in an anxiety hurry. They will not be worried. And like the priests that stood in the bottom of the Jordan while the waters were piling up, calmly standing there as the Israelites went past. We, too, can stand firm on the dry ground, though the enemies of God be piling up. And that is the thought that I want to focus on today.

So on Wednesday, I presented some information based, again, on what Waggoner and Jones had been teaching on the Promised Land. I want now to add a footnote and an extension to that. We need to clarify a few points. But before we do that, for those who can, let us kneel and we will pray.

Opening Prayer:

Father in heaven, we thank you that we can come before you on this Sabbath day. We thank you for the gift of your Spirit. We thank you for the forgiveness of sins. And Father, we don’t want to cast stones at any other person, but we want to make our calling and election sure.

We pray, Father, that you would guide us as we study together. May we comprehend. May we understand the everlasting gospel, righteousness by faith, the 1888 message and stand on the pioneers who first began to preach the latter rain message.

And we thank you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Presentation:

The Promised Land Part 2. Now, if you watched Part 1, I made a number of statements that to mainstream Christianity would seem quite confrontational, but the message we have is always confrontational to those who take the wide path, I suppose, which is mainstream Christianity.

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Something very interesting that stood out to me. In our last presentation, we talked about the fact that Abraham had access to the promises of the land through the promises of the gospel and the promise that is made to Christ, that Christ would inherit the earth. And, therefore, only those who believe in Christ and accept Him as the Messiah have access to inherit these promises with him. And it's in this context that Waggoner writes,

At the very outset we may see that this promise to Abraham was a promise in Christ. "The scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached beforehand the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all the nations be blessed.

And as I often say to people, He did not preach the promise of the gospel to Abraham, He preached the gospel to Abraham. Which means to have the gospel preached to you is to have a Saviour that is near at hand and is able to save with just as much power as when He died on the cross, as it says in *Faith I live By*, by Ellen White.

So then they which be of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham." [So, the promises that were made to Abraham]. From this we learn that when God said that in Abraham all the families of the earth should be blessed, He was preaching the Gospel to him.

So, when it says in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed, He is saying simply one of your descendants will be the Messiah to which all of you who believe in Him shall have eternal life through Him. And I made the statement that Abraham's claim on the promise to the inherited land is no more than to marry the mother of Jesus who also was in the line of Christ, who was His direct mother, and she had access to the promised land through her son. And, of course, Abraham in like manner had access to the land through his great, great, great, great, great, great, great son. And that is the only way in which Abraham had access to the promised land.

The blessing that was to come upon the people of the earth through him could be enjoyed only through faith. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 46.3; 1900)

The blessing that was to come upon the people of the earth through Him could be enjoyed only through faith. And therefore those who have no faith in the Messiah that came 2,000 years ago, there is no promise offered to them for the land. Which means what for those living in Israel at the present time? What does it mean for them? They have no promised inheritance whatsoever. None. Because if they do not believe in the Messiah, they have no access to this inheritance, and they are going about to establish their own righteousness with weapons and with war to claim a land which was only to be obtained by faith, not by works; by trusting in the reign of the Holy Spirit, not raining down bombs on neighbouring countries.

Nothing has changed, has it? Now, I found this interesting, and again Waggoner pointed this out, that in Genesis 12:8, it says,

And he removeth from thence towards a mountain at the east of Beth-El, and stretcheth out the tent (Beth-El at the west, and Hai at the east), and he buildeth there an altar to Jehovah, **and preacheth in the name of Jehovah.** (Genesis 12:8, YLT)

Now, the King James Version says “called upon the name of the LORD,” which I understood to be he prayed to Him. But here we see that he preached in the name or character of the Lord or Jehovah, which means like Noah, he was a preacher of righteousness. He preached the gospel. He was a preacher of righteousness by faith. And this adds a deeper, richer understanding to what Abraham was doing and what was actually being offered at that particular time.

So, again, quoting from *The Everlasting Covenant*, by Waggoner, I’ll be just repeating, a stark proposal by Waggoner.

This is a fact that needs to be well fixed in the mind at the very beginning. All the misunderstandings of the promises of God to Abraham and his seed have arisen through a failure to see the Gospel of the cross of Christ in them. If it be continually remembered that all the promises of God are in Christ, to be enjoyed only through His Cross, and that consequently they are spiritual and eternal in their nature, there will be no difficulty, and the study of the promise to the fathers will be a delight and a blessing. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 48.1; 1900)

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The promise to give Abraham the land was an eternal promise and a spiritual promise, and it was only to be had by faith. So, for those who have no faith, the promise is not for them. Based on these things and a number of other things, I made a number of statements. We're going to need to clarify some of these.

Conclusions from Previous Presentation:

- The promise to Abraham is the promise of the Gospel

First one, the promise to Abraham is the promise of the gospel. As Jesus says in the Beatitudes, the meek shall inherit the earth. That is how Abraham obtained the promise of the land through the gospel.

- The promise was made to Abraham and His Seed which is Christ

And as we looked at in our last presentation, it was first stated as promised to the seed, which is Christ.

- The receiving of the inheritance is received by Abraham and Christ at the Second Coming.

And someone asked me about this because obviously during the thousand years, the righteous are in heaven. So, while Christ and Abraham take possession or control of the earth at the Second Coming, they do not inhabit it until the end of the thousand-year period. The wicked no longer have control of the earth because they're all dead. Satan and his angels are bound by their circumstances in the abyss, which is this earth. And they have no one to tempt. They are unemployed. And therefore, they go a little bit stir-crazy, having to face what they have done over the last 6,000 years.

So, here is a statement we need to clarify:

- **The land of Canaan has never been promised to Israel in this world.**

So, I need to clarify that statement. And I would probably add the word physical Israel. So just to make sure we understand what we're saying here, we need to open that statement up a bit.

- **Those who now occupy the land of Israel claiming the promises of Abraham that the land is theirs by divine right are deluded** [because they don't believe the gospel]. **This is not what was promised to [physical] Israel.**

Physical Israel has no rights to the land outside of the gospel, which Abraham preached.

- Israel are only those who have faith in the Seed – Christ. [Paul makes that very clear in a number of places.]
- **Literal Jews are not inheritors of the promise or the land** [any more than literal Gentiles are not inheritors of the promised land. The only inheritors of the promised land are those who are in Christ.].
- Just as physical Adventists are not inheritors of the promises but only those who receive the 1888 message.
- The current war in the middle East has nothing to do with the promises made to Abraham.
- Literal Israel has no Bible claim on this land in this world.

So, I guess I've clarified that earlier statement, literal Israel has no Bible claim.

So now we need to clarify some points here because the Bible makes some interesting statements and we need to look at the statements about the land. And we look at Exodus 6 verses 7 and 8 where God says,

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God.

And notice it says, I will take you as my people. It doesn't say simply you are my people, but I will take you as my people.

Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you *as* a heritage: I *am* the LORD.
(Exodus 6:7-8)

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So here we see a promise to give the land which was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And here we see in Deuteronomy,

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)

And here we see in Joshua,

“Moses My servant is dead. [This is God speaking to Joshua]. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From [and He defines the territory] the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

Here we see a promise of God promising the territory to Joshua and his people.

No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for **to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.** (Joshua 1:2-6)

This would seem to indicate the land was promised to these people. And we come to the end of Joshua, and it says, so the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it and dwelt in it.

So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. (NKJV) And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. There failed not ought of any good thing which the

LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass. (KJV)
(Joshua 21:43-45)

And wouldn't it be nice to say, "And they lived happily ever after." But that is not what happened. So, reading this verse, you would possibly come to the conclusion that the land that we described earlier from the river Euphrates to Lebanon down to the sea, the Mediterranean, that all of this land was promised and given to Israel and that they possessed it. But the problem is that there's more to this story. And we can 'cherry-pick' the Bible, and we can pick out these verses, and we can make a case. But there are several other passages which we looked at in our last presentation that tells us very clearly that Abraham had not inherited the land and that he was looking for a better country, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, and many, many other passages that seem to conflict with this.

But even here we see that even before the end of Joshua, as it says here, that God gave them rest. And what does it mean to have rest? Is that just lying down in bed? Peace? I think I've got the next text is Joshua 23.

And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old *and* stricken in age. [So he comes to the end of his life.] And Joshua called for all Israel, *and* for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age: And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God *is* he that hath fought for you. Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. (Joshua 23:1-5, KJV)

But hadn't they already possessed all the land? Obviously, it wasn't all. It might have even been a 'Trumpism' or a 'George Bushism.' "We've won the war. We've wiped them out. We have done a complete number on them." And then we find out, well, actually, it's not quite that way. There were some people remaining and, as we know, Israel didn't fulfill

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their task and, therefore, slowly they were overrun and infested with idolaters. And, in fact, as we have looked at in a previous presentation, a lot of them were still engaged in idolatry anyway. And within one generation, it was all gone. All gone.

Audience: By Samson, they were holed up in the hills. Yes. In the mountains, hiding.

Pr. Adrian: Gideon. Yes, they were hiding. They were completely overrun. So, what had gone wrong in this case? So, Joshua continues. Was this? Yes, this is further down the chapter. Notice what he says on how they are to maintain the land.

Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

So being able to be in possession of land means to love God. And we love God by faith, through Christ. So, the only way they could remain in possession of the land was to have faith in God and to trust in His promises.

Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

Now, why is Joshua saying this? Because that's what they were doing.

Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof. Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

So, what's Joshua suggesting to them there? He talked about the land. So, it was always conditional, wasn't it? It's conditional on their faith and trust in God and walking in his commandments, statutes, and judgments. It's the same with us. So, if they fail to do this, then the promises would fail and they would no longer be part of the promises made to Abraham.

Audience: It's interesting he allows their enemies to judge them.

Pr. Adrian: Yes, he lets their sin punish sin, the sin of Israel. It says,

When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God [this is a gospel thing], which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you. (Joshua 23:11-16, KJV)

So here we are in a very precarious situation. If Israel manages to mimic one of the drones that Iran is currently sending around and they drop one onto the dome of the rock and blow the thing to kingdom come, what's going to happen? And say that Iran did it, could that happen? I'm aware that all of the soldiers of Israel have a badge on their shoulders from my research that all speak about rebuilding the temple. And that many of the soldiers, it has been said, in America have been told that this war that they are engaged in, Lindsey Graham has said it, it's a religious war, and that they are bringing on Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This is the Christians piggybacking onto this issue. We are in serious times. Here we are on the precipice of the final events of earth's history. And what do we say of God's people today? Are they worshipping the only true God? No. They're worshipping an idol of the nations. They've joined themselves to the Protestant churches, committed whoredom with the Protestant churches, the Daughters of Babylon. And what shielding shall there be for these people from what's coming?

Audience: None.

Pr. Adrian: And who do you think Rome is possibly interested in wiping off the face of the earth for procuring the book *The Great*

Controversy? The days ahead are fraught with danger. I can simply say in my estimation, from when Passover starts this year, the next 460 days after that, we are going through a very dark, very dark passage. That's my observation. To say that the Strait of Hormuz are closed and no oil is getting through; but I thought America was winning and doing everything. The price of petrol has already jumped 20%. Some are saying it will go to \$3 a litre or more. So, who is actually going to be crippled in this war? All of the Protestant Western nations. That's who is going to be crippled in this war.

Anyway, if we transgress the covenant, and we don't want to point the finger at literal Israel, because Adventists have done exactly the same thing. Ellen White has written very clearly that Christ was crucified in 1888 by the leaders of the church, then, just as was done at the time of Christ's crucifixion, and that we have wandered away, we've served other gods. We have entered into alliances with Babylon. And I remind you all that there are 5,000 Adventists in the US Army who are participating in this war, who are helping to facilitate this situation. And there are at least 120 Adventist army chaplains in the US Army, all engaged in participating in this atrocity that is taking place at the present time, helping to set up the image to the beast.

That's my observation. Some of you may disagree with what I'm saying. But, as we shall see, what was it that caused Israel to fail? We shall see. Waggoner makes it abundantly clear in this book [*The Everlasting Covenant*] why they failed. And we shall see, and it will be abundantly clear, as to why Adventism failed in rejecting the 1888 Message, of which this was very much a part. So, let's read a little bit from Waggoner. I want to read to you as he talks about the land that was promised to Israel.

In this portion of Scripture we have further evidence that the inheritance is the promised rest. We are plainly told that God had given Israel rest, and that this talk occurred a long time after that [in Joshua 23]; yet in that very talk they were told the conditions upon which they might surely have the rest, and upon which the enemies that were still in the land would be driven out. It all depended on Israel's faithfulness to God.

And faithfulness to God comes by trusting in the gospel. There is nothing we can do of ourselves. There is none righteous, no, not one. We are completely incapable of serving God in ourselves. We must come to Him broken, weak, and repentant and ask Him to help us and believe the promises that He will do in us that we cannot do for ourselves. That is what it means to be faithful.

If they should go back from serving the Lord, and go after other gods, then they were to know for a certainty that God would no more drive out the remaining nations from before them, but those nations should continually harass them, and the Lord would utterly destroy them from off the face of the land which He had given them. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 414.1; 1900)

So, we continue with Waggoner, this is a couple of paragraphs down.

In Christ we have the rest and the inheritance;

So, the rest that is promised is the rest that Christ has, resting in the bosom of His Father. And He is the one, He is the Lord of the Sabbath because the rest that He experiences in the bosom of the Father is what He gives to us, especially on the Sabbath day. And we believe that on this seventh day, Christ now is in the bosom of the Father and what we are tasting in the Spirit is that rest which He experiences. We cannot manufacture rest. We cannot make ourselves rest. We can only receive of His rest. And this was the rest that Israel refused to enter into as is told in Hebrews 3 and 4. It says,

but in order to be made partakers of Christ we must “hold fast the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.” Jesus says, “In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Yet in the very same talk He said, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.” What! peace in the midst of tribulation?

What, eating a dinner on the dinner table in the midst of a battlefield, as my wife once wrote?

Yes; for take notice that He says, “Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

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We are going to experience great tribulation, brothers, and sisters, but we are promised that we can have great peace. We don't need to be overwhelmed with sorrow, fear, anxiety, and terror. If we trust in the promises of our God, that He will neither leave us nor forsake us, if we confess our sins and walk in all the ways of our forefathers and keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, we shall be in the secret place of the Most High. And we don't need to be afraid. And I'm saying that to you as much as I'm saying it to myself. "You don't need to be afraid, Adrian." Even if you are standing up against the Red Sea and the Egyptian army is coming to kill you, you don't need to be afraid. Now, I need to pray a little bit more to get into that state of mind that Moses was in, but we shall get there.

To have tribulation, and yet not be troubled; to be in the midst of danger, and yet have no fear; to be in the heat of battle, and yet enjoy perfect peace,--truly this is giving in a far different way from what the world gives. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 415.2; 1900)

This is what Christ had at His trial. He was in utter tribulation and yet after His struggle in the garden, which we shall experience, not to the same measure, but which we will experience, we shall have this same peace that Christ had after His struggle, and He sweat great drops of blood. Now, we continue.

The Israelites were in possession of the land; not one word of God had failed; He had with Himself given them all things; but they did not appreciate the wondrous gift, and so received the grace of God in vain.

They were at least nominally faithful to God during the life of Joshua,

And elsewhere He makes the point, and we need to point this out, that when Israel crossed the Jordan, they showed great faith, didn't they? Did the waters open before they began to march into the water? No, they had to march into flooded waters, and they trusted God and they showed great faith. In marching around Jericho in exact order and timing, exactly as God has said, showed great faith. But after the walls of Jericho came down, is when Israel began to fail. What they did next

after that is what led them to failure in Ai, the league with the Gibeonites and so on and so on. They trusted in themselves rather than in God. And then it was mixed, faith in God to defeat their enemies but doing it their own way.

And God couldn't abandon them, so He had to work with them in that process. It says,

...but after his death "the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth."

And Israel as a nation made certain that they would never become inheritors of the promises of God as a nation when they said, "We have no king, but Caesar and His blood be on us and on our children." They forever cut themselves off as a nation from the promises made to Abraham. But they can be grafted in. They can as individuals still receive of this blessing like any other person. There is no partiality with God, no favouritism, He is no respecter of persons. We are all equal in the gospel.

As a nation, as a corporate entity, that was over. The corporate entity of Israel as a nation does not exist biblically. And what therefore is happening in Israel at the present time is a massive delusion, a strong delusion. And all the world is wondering after this delusion. America is very much wondering after this delusion. Now, I was presented information that indicated that Charlie Kirk was pleading with President Trump not to get involved in the Iran war. And he had his ear open to Charlie Kirk. So, do we see a motive for why Charlie Kirk had to disappear? And why it was said that the person who killed Charlie Kirk, we got him in 33 hours, and Charlie 'We'll see you in Valhalla.' Why would the head of the FBI say that? 33, Valhalla. What does that tell you? Interesting.

"And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not

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any longer stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them; and they were greatly distressed."

God told them that because of their disobedience He would not drive the nations out from before them, but that their enemies should remain and be as thorns in their sides. (Judges ii. 1-15.) [And missiles in their back yards.]

Thus we see that although God gave them rest, they did not enter into it. It was therefore as true of them as of those who fell in the wilderness, that "they could not enter in because of unbelief." (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, pp. 418-419; 1900)

So that the generation that had left Egypt all perished in the wilderness because they refused to enter into the gospel and receive rest. And therefore, Waggoner now is saying that the children did likewise. They refused; like Abraham in the beginning, they believed, but unlike Abraham in the end they didn't believe. They went and served other gods, and they disinherited themselves from the promises of Abraham because they were only ever the promises of the gospel.

We'll continue a bit further. Here is the key point. This is the key point, and I rejoiced when I read this. So, mark this quote and think upon it carefully.

Their victory was to be had only by faith, and, as we have already seen, if they had been truly faithful, there would have been no more need of their using the sword to drive out the Canaanites than there was to use it for the overthrow of Pharaoh and his hosts.

Can you believe that Waggoner said this? What is Waggoner pointing out was the key problem? Bearing arms. Lack of faith that led to the bearing of arms.

Indeed, the reason why they did not gain full possession of the land was because of that unbelief which made the sword necessary;

So, what does the use of the sword demonstrate? A lack of faith. Therefore, the sword and faith are against each other. What did Jesus

say to Peter? Put your sword into his place. And how did Jesus say he would deal with a horde that came against him? "Do you not think that I could ask my father for legions of angels to come and protect me?" It's His faith, isn't it? The faith of Jesus. And when we have faith, when hordes come against us, can we not ask for legions of angels to protect us?

Audience: If we believe we are a child of God.

Pr. Adrian: Do we need to keep a revolver? Do we need to keep a semi-automatic weapon (which you can't do in Australia anyway)? What good would it do to you? The evidence of weapons in your possession is evidence of your lack of faith.

Audience: It's interesting the mindset that we have, or has been portrayed to us. It's used as a means of deterrent, I suppose. But it's not a deterrent at all. It's actually the complete opposite.

Pr. Adrian: Guns attract guns. Swords attract swords. Knives attract knives. Hate attracts hate.

Audience: And baseball bats behind the front door.

Pr. Adrian: Baseball bats attract baseball bats.

Audience: Any weapon.

Pr. Adrian: Any weapon that we would use. Karate attracts Bruce Lee. It's a vibration. It's a frequency. It's the law of attraction. So, as I've said in a previous presentation, how shall we defeat the new world order? By loving our enemies. It's the only way. If you hate your enemies, the hate of your enemies will destroy you.

Audience: Feed them. A knock on the door – "Oh, would you like some dinner!"

Pr. Adrian: This may very well come to pass.

Indeed, the reason why they did not gain full possession of the land was because of that unbelief which made the sword necessary;

Waggoner wrote this in 1900. Now we have 5,000 Adventists in the US Army. And we had an Adventist, a man as rear admiral, Adventist, rear

admiral of the Navy in North America. Mustn't have got this memo. (Adam, we need more memes. Adam's been producing memes on this. We need more memes. More memos, please, to get this out.)

...for it is absolutely impossible that the heavenly country which God promised Abraham can ever be gained by men with swords or guns in their hands.

This utterly condemns what is happening right now in the Middle East. The kingdom of heaven can never be attained in this manner.

The first experience of Moses demonstrated this. There was no more need for Israel to fight in the days of old than there is for us; for "when a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" and we are absolutely forbidden to fight. **The possessions that men gain by fighting are not the possessions that God gives. Indeed, they are really not possessions at all, since they cannot possibly be held, as the history of the world proves.** Alexander and Napoleon long since lost all that they seemed to have gained by war. The latter, like many others, lost his seeming possessions even before he died. (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 420.1; 1900)

So, when you take land by warfare, you are not in possession of it, because it will only take a few generations, three or four at the most, before you lose it. And that is not an everlasting possession. And it was promised to Abraham as an everlasting possession.

So here Waggoner makes clear what was it that caused Israel to falter. Because when they were circling Jericho, Josephus tells us that they circled seven days during the seven days of unleavened bread. And they left Egypt during the time of unleavened bread without having to kill one person. The fact that they were doing the same thing in Jordan means that they would not have needed to kill anyone. But if they had have been fully trusting in God, when the people saw them full of the Spirit of God, they would have fled or knelt and begged for mercy and asked to become servants to Israel and to work with them. It would have been completely different for them.

But as we read in Joshua 5:21, Joshua killed all of them, men, women, babies, everyone died. And that was the beginning of Israel's downfall. As Waggoner makes it clear here in this quote, what was their downfall? They took the sword. If they hadn't have done that, if they'd have trusted only in God, as it says in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 392, God never intended for Israel to take the land by warfare. I might have that quote a little bit later on.

So, remember this quote, *The Everlasting Covenant*, page 420. This tells you what the issue was and how this relates to the character of God. It is all summarized in this one quote. A little bit more.

When Christ commands His followers not to fight, and warns them that if they do they shall perish,

Notice this. Here we see the Everlasting Covenant.

He is not introducing a new order of things, but simply leading His people back to first principles. Ancient Israel affords an illustration of the fact that they who use the sword shall perish with the sword;

Did Israel perish with the sword? Yes.

and, although the Lord bore long with them, and made many concessions to their weakness, and has borne still longer with us, He wishes us to avoid their errors.

Memorize this. This tells you what the whole issue is, why Israel failed, and the issue of not fighting is the first principle; it has always been this way. When Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world," His kingdom has always not been of this world, never has the people of His kingdom ever needed to fight using weapons.

And, apart from all the other things, it was explained to me, you know how they managed to kill the leader of Iran? They indicated, the Americans indicated to him that they were willing to talk, and Ramadan was beginning, so he came out from the depth of his bunker, and as soon as he got up onto the ground level, they killed him. They lied to him, they deceived him, and this has nothing to do with God and the way that He does things. As the Secretary of Defence said, we are not

fighting a fair war, we are hitting them while they are down. Is there anything Christian in that principle whatsoever?

All the things concerning them "are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (E.J. Waggoner, *The Everlasting Covenant*, p. 420.2; 1900)

And I assure you that some of us here in Australia may be a little bit shocked, but things are a bit different in North America than what they are here. The love of the US Army by US Adventists is quite prolific, and you will see many Adventists participating in this war as soldiers, and just as Israel offered their sons as sacrifices to the sun god, so Adventists will do the same in giving their sons to the US Army to be slaughtered. I can't make myself any clearer than that.

Now notice, as Waggoner continues, in Present Truth UK, and he's quoting from Psalms, he says,

You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted;
You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. For they did not gain
possession of the land by their own sword,

Even when they were using their swords, unless God had assisted them, they all would have died.

Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your
arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.
(Psalms 44:2-3)

He protected them. So, they thought, aren't we great? Aren't we wonderful?

"But the children of Israel did fight throughout all their natural existence, and under God's direction, too," it will be urged. That is very true, **but it does not at all prove that it was God's purpose that they should fight.** We must not forget that "their minds were blinded" by unbelief, so that they could not perceive the purpose of God for them.

Did they not say at Mount Sinai, "Do not let God speak to us?" Continuing,

They did not grasp the spiritual realities of the kingdom of God, but were content with shadows instead; and the same God who bore with their hardness of heart in the beginning, and strove to teach them by shadows, when they would not have the substance, still remained with them, compassionately considerate of their infirmities. God Himself suffered them, because of the hardness of their hearts, to have a plurality of wives, and even laid down rules regulating polygamy, in order to diminish as far as possible the resulting evils, but that does not prove that He designed it for them. We well know that “from the beginning it was not so.” **So when Jesus forbade His followers to fight in any cause whatever, He introduced nothing new, any more than when He taught that a man should have but one wife, and should cleave to her as long as he lived He was simply enunciating first principles—preaching a thorough reformation.** (*Present Truth UK*, January 7, 1897, p. 4.7)

Now we have this wonderful sequence of words by A.T. Jones on self-preservation that lays it out very clearly. And these words that I have just read to you and that I’m reading now, this is the latter rain. This is the latter rain message; if anyone’s awake out there.

- “SELF-PRESERVATION is the first law of nature.”
- But self-sacrifice is the first law of grace.
- In order to self-preservation, self-defense is essential.
- In order to self-sacrifice, self-surrender is essential.
- In self-defense, the only thing that can be employed is force.
- In self-surrender, the only thing that can be employed is love.
- In self-preservation, by self-defense, through the employment of force, force meets force, and this means only war.
- In self-sacrifice, by self-surrender, through love, force is met by love, and this means only peace.
- Self-preservation, then, means only war: while self-sacrifice means only peace. But war means only death: Self-preservation,

then, meaning only war, means only death. While self-sacrifice, meaning only peace, means only life.

And this in itself proves that God is not a God of death.

- Self-preservation being the first law of nature, nature then means only death. While self-sacrifice being the first law of grace, grace means only life.
- But death is only the wages of sin: nature, then meaning only death, it is so only because nature means sin. While life being only the reward of righteousness: grace meaning only life, it is so only because grace means righteousness.
- Sin and righteousness, nature and grace, are directly opposite and antagonistic elements. They occupy realms absolutely distinct. Nature, self-preservation, self-defense, force, war, and death, occupy only the realm of sin. Grace, self-sacrifice, self-surrender, love, peace, and life, occupy only the realm of righteousness.

Which means God has nothing to do with death. He cannot be a God of death. Those who worship God, kills and destroys, are still engaged in the war of self-preservation and they will die.

- The realm of sin is the realm of Satan. The realm of grace is the realm of God. All the power of the domain of grace is devoted to saving men from the dominion of sin. This in order, that “as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign, through righteousness, unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- On which side do you stand in this great controversy? (March 4, 1897, A.T. Jones, *American Sentinel*, p.129.15)

That is latter rain message, right there. So just before we finish, what was God's plan for Israel?

God had placed His people in Canaan as a mighty breastwork [that's an interesting word, isn't it?] to stay the tide of moral evil, that it might not flood the world. **If faithful to Him, God intended that Israel should go on conquering and to conquer.**

There's that word – faithful. What did God say? Little by little shall you expand. So, the land that was given to them was to be the down payment of the promise of the entire world until all the world would flow into Israel and come and worship their God.

He would give into their hands nations greater and more powerful than the Canaanites. The promise was: "If ye shall diligently keep all these commandments [which included "Thou shalt not kill."] which I command you, ... then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, [they would flee in terror] and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as He hath said unto you." Deuteronomy 11:22-25. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 544.1)

So that's the condition upon which Israel as a nation were to inherit that region. If they maintain their faith, if they lay down their swords, if they turned their swords into pruning hooks and their spears into staffs to guide sheep, then God would have been revealed more fully to them. They would have inherited the whole earth, and Israel would have been maintained. And then Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would have been resurrected. Christ would have come. They would have inherited the whole world that way.

But after Israel went into captivity into Babylon, it says in Ezekiel 20, that God would take away the royal diadem. He would "overturn, overturn, overturn," which means Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, three overturnings amongst four kingdoms. Then Christ would receive the kingdom. So, from 677 BC we were guaranteed to come to at least 1844. From that point it would take that long before we could come back. That is why we are on Plan B right now. Or C, D, or E.

So, in summary,

1. The plan was for all Israel to accept the gospel.

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2. The plan was for Israel to become true spiritual Jews [because he is not a Jew who is one outwardly in the flesh].
3. Little by little they would have expanded into all Canaan and then all the world. (Exodus 23:30, Romans 4:13).
4. Those who left Egypt refused to give up their idolatry and perished.
5. The next generation showed great faith in crossing the Jordan, and in marching around Jericho. They acted on their faith.
6. But then they used the sword to destroy Jericho rather than letting God drive them out in fear by His Spirit.
7. Then they failed at Ai. Then they made a covenant with the Gibeonites.
8. Joshua showed faith in being willing to fight the Canaanites and God blessed his faith even if his method was not of Christ.

But, of course, it was guaranteed after his death. It was guaranteed that Israel would fail because they did not trust God. They relied on their own strength. And when God helped them, they believed that they themselves were doing it. So that is how we reconcile the promises of the land to Israel and the fact that Israel never followed through and that only spiritual Jews, of which they all had the opportunity to be, and of which Adventists all had the opportunity to be, we have been given great light, but the majority of Adventists will not enter in because of unbelief. They've rejected the God of our fathers. They have embraced the gods of Babylon. They've embraced the gods of war, death, and destruction. And without some great miracle, most of them will perish and lose their eternal life, which is utterly depressing. But we continue to pray. God will have a remnant. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

So even if some of this presentation may have felt a little bit dry, in this presentation is contained the seed. It explains to you exactly what we need to understand as to the character of God, the use of the sword, covenants, the first principles, how we obtain land, all of this. And it's all here in this book [*The Everlasting Covenant*] which I have summarized in this presentation.

So, I pray that we will all consider these things, continue to pray. We are on the precipice of great things. As things continue to unfold, let us not be fearful but believing, trusting that our Father will deliver us and our children.

So, with that, let's kneel and pray.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, I thank you for the opportunity to present this information. We thank you for sending your most precious message through Elders Waggoner and Jones. We pray that we will believe this message. It is one thing to say not to be afraid. It is one thing to say not to use self-defence. It is one thing to say not to resort to lies and strategy to avoid being killed. But it is quite another to put ourselves completely in your hands and to trust our lives into your hands and to trust that you will care for us and that you will deliver us and that we need not to defend ourselves or resort to breaking the Ten Commandments or the statutes or judgments in order to protect ourselves. At this stage, to do these things will make certain our deaths and we pray for all of our beloved friends and family in the church who still bow before that idol God, the Trinity, and I pray that they would come out of this Babylon into this precious light and we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Remarks: Thank you, everyone. Thank you, those online. Again, we have the book *The Everlasting Covenant* on the website. It's available in many places. I would urge you to read it at your leisure or your speed, whichever comes first, and we shall see you shortly. God bless.

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What exactly was promised to Abraham in Genesis? Did God arbitrarily pick Abraham and decide to give him the land of Canaan? The Bible says that God is no respecter of persons; meaning He doesn't favour one person over the other.

Paul says in Galatians that the gospel was preached to Abraham and the gospel promise is that the meek shall inherit the earth. Abraham was looking for a better country whose builder and maker was God and we are told that while living on this earth, Abraham did not receive one particle of his inheritance.

The conclusion presented in this booklet is that Abraham was presented the promise of the land through the promise of the gospel found in Christ Jesus.

The implications of this are that there are no favoured people living in the land of Israel at the present time. The claims of the land are only in Christ and the promises of the gospel. The implications of this are far reaching.

May we seek that better country with Abraham through the gospel of Jesus Christ.