

## The Sand of the Seashore A Channel of Blessing

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." Gal. 3:8-9

(Gen. 12:1,2;
22:17, 18)

KEYSTONE PROMISE

"And He gave him [Abraham] no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground..." Acts 7:5 NAS

#### 1. Two Portions of One Seed

"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the **stars of the heaven**, and as the **sand which is upon the sea shore;** and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." Gen 22:17-18





### 2. Jacob himself a Blesser

"In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 28:14). (See also R 3964) Note: Isaac blessed Jacob to be a "multitude" as well as with the blessing of Abraham to receive the land wherein he was a stranger. (Gen 28:3, 4)

# 3. Moses, Nation Multiplied as the Stars (Deut. 1:10; 10:22)

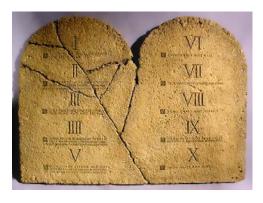
Moses reference to Israel as "stars" can represent Jesus bringing the Church into the Promised Rest (1 Cor. 10: 2, 9, 11)—even as Israel was originally referred to as "a kingdom of priests" (Ex. 19:6) **picturing the heavenly Seed**.



"Since the "great company" of Rev. 7:9 will be spiritual, heavenly, and not an earthly or restitution class, it would properly be included in the star figure,— as well as the "little flock" which alone will receive the Kingdom and the divine or immortal nature." R2067



# 5. Natural Israel Cast off under the Law Covenant— But installed back into Favor with a New Law Covenant



Gal. 4:10, "You observe days and months and seasons and years. . . Vs.21 Tell me, you who want to be <u>under law</u>, do you not listen to the law?....30 **Cast out** the bondwoman and her son, For the son of the bondwoman shall not be an heir with the son of the free woman. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman." (NAS)

"...house left unto you desolate...**till ye shall say**, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." (Matt. 23:38, 39)

#### 6. Root of Abrahamic Promise (Rom. 11)

Vs. 1	"God forbid! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham"
Vs. 7	Israel did not "obtain" spiritual opportunity—only an election "and the rest were blinded."
Vs. 15	Casting off (33 A.D.)—receiving (1878 A.D.) back to favor
Vs. 17	Israel, broken off from root of Abrahamic promise—Gentiles grafted into Abrahamic promise
Vs. 18	Gentiles should not boast against cut off branches, "God is able to graft them in again" (Vs. 23)
Vs. 22	Nominal system (Rome) cast off A.D. 1878
Vs. 25	Israel's blindness until "fullness of Gentiles be come in"

"All Israel shall be saved". . . . by means of the "Deliverer"



Olive Tree

Vss. 28, 29 Israel "beloved for the sake of the fathers...gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (NAS)

### 7. Israel Stumbled over the Rock—Christ—but Promises Irrevocable! (Romans 9; 10; 11)



Vs. 26

Rom. 9:6, 7 For they are **not all Israel**, which are of Israel. Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, In **Isaac** shall thy seed be called."

Rom. 9: 27, "And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is **[only] the remnant that will be saved**. . .Vs. 32, 33,

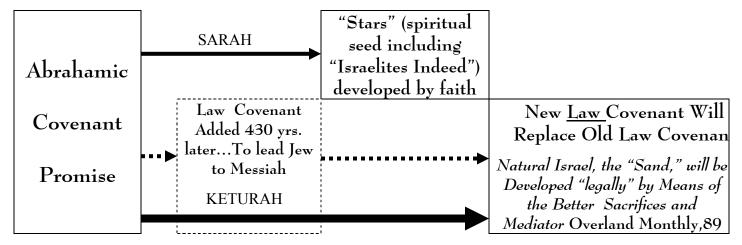
Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They **stumbled over the stumbling stone**..."

Rom. 10 Paul teaches us "Christ is an <u>end of the law</u>" (Vs. 4) and that (vs. 19) God will make them jealous "by that which is not a nation"—the **Gentile** Church!

Rom. 11:1, 2 "I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew."

". . . God having called the Jewish nation to be his peculiar people, having made them definite promises respecting the blessing of all nations, has **no thought or intention of abrogating those promises**." R4624

- 8. The Seed of the One Seed: "We have already seen that this one seed is the Christ, but we now notice that while there are not many seeds there is another seed beside this Messianic class --a seed's seed, as it were. The Apostle clearly intimates this in his declaration respecting the Law and the Gospel, that the object was 'that the promise might be sure to both the seeds,' not only that which is according to the Spirit, but also that which is according to the Law." R3937
- 9. The New Law Covenant—with Better Sacrifices and Mediator—will be the Means of Blessing the Sands of the Seashore of the Abrahamic Promise! Gal. 3:17-19 See "The Gifts and Calling to Israel," R4623-25



10. Easier for Tyre, Sidon and Sodom—than Capernaum, Bethsaida, Corazin?

It will be more difficult in the Kingdom for those people who <u>personally</u> heard Jesus' ministry and were hardened against him (Matt. 11:21-24) **Gentile cities will not be blessed before or more than Israel.... R5363** 



"The Master referred to His preaching and mighty works in Capernaum, Bethsaida and Chorazin. These cities were figuratively said to have been exalted in point of privilege; and, as having rejected the Lord's favors, they would be cast down to the grave. Examples were given of Sodom and Tyre, both of which then were in ruins--brought down to Hades, down to the dust.

"Our Lord intimates, however, that the trial, or testing, or judgment, which His preaching had given was not a finality—there would be a future judgment or trial. According to St. Paul the entire Millennial Age is to be a thousand-year Judgment Day, in which the whole world is to be brought to a knowledge of the Truth, to a full opportunity of coming to a knowledge of God. (*Acts 17:31*.) Nevertheless, those who heard Jesus unmoved had hardened their hearts, and would be correspondingly disadvantaged in the Judgment Day. Jesus put the matter very strongly when He implied that it would be tolerable for those people, but more tolerable for Sodom, because its sin had been against less light and privilege. See also *Ezekiel 16:48-63*." R5363

### 11. Irrevocable Promises of God to Israel to be a Blessing in the Kingdom

"For the gifts and the calling of God are not to be repented of." That is to say, God having called the Jewish nation to be his peculiar people, having made them definite promises respecting the blessing of all nations, has no thought or intention of abrogating those promises." R4624

Isa. 2:2, 3	"in the last days, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountainsand all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the <b>house of the God of Jacob</b> ; and he will <b>teach us of his ways</b> , and we will walk in his path for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the	Israel will teach the nations
	LORD from Jerusalem."	

Ezek. 16:60-63	"Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your <u>sisters</u> I will give them to you as <u>daughters</u> , but not because of your [Old Law] covenant"	Israel will be a mother by the New Covenant
Isa. 66:10-12	"Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for herFor thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees." (R5574)	Israel will nurse the Gentiles
Zech. 8:13	, "And it will come about that just as you were a <u>curse</u> among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a <u>blessing</u> ."	Israel—a curse among the nations—becomes a blessing to the nations.
Jer. 3:17	"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the <u>throne of the LORD</u> ; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart."	Jerusalem will be the throne of the Lord to administer blessings of Kingdom
Isaiah 60:3, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18	"And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising For in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought I will make the place of my feet glorious The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise"	By reflecting God's light, Israel truly will be a blessing in the Kingdom "Gates" shall offer means of earthly "Salvation"
Zech. 8:22-23	"Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, In those days it shall come to pass, that <b>ten men shall take hold out of all languages</b> of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."	Nations of world will ask the Jew who will explain how to prosper in Kingdom

### 12. Responsibility of the Church—the Stars

What is our attitude and mindset now about Israel?	Paul said, "through your mercy they also may obtain mercy" (Rom. 11:31)	
Spiritual Zion and earthly Jerusalem will work hand-in-glove in the Kingdom	"Law shall go forth from <b>Zion [the stars]</b> and the Word of the Lord from <b>Jerusalem [sand].</b> " Isa. 2:2-4	
Speak encouragement to Jewish community to believe their Prophets	"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem" Isa. 40:1-2	
If we as the "Watchmen" announce	Isa 52:7-8 "How lovely on Isa 62:6-7" I have set	

If we as the "Watchmen" announce God's Kingdom—we are also the Watchmen who continue to pray for the establishment of Jerusalem!



the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...and says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion."

watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

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