

Promises about the Promised Land

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Promise Content	Promise Made	Promise Fulfilled
To ABRAHAM and his descendants		
God would give him the land He would show him - the Promised Land.	Genesis 12:1-3 About 2091 B.C -Abram 75	
God would give the Promised Land to Abraham and his descendants forever. They would become as numerous as the dust of the earth.	Genesis 13:14-17	
Although Abraham's descendants would be mistreated strangers in a foreign land for 400 years, God would bring them back to the Promised Land.	Genesis 15:12-16 Before 2040 B.C.	Exodus 12:37-42; Joshua 1:1-6; Acts 7:6-7 [over 600 years later] About 1446 B.C. [They were in Egypt for 430 years (Ex 12:40-41 and Gal. 3:17) from approx 1876-1446 B.C.]
God would give the land from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates, the land of specific peoples, to Abraham's descendants.	Genesis 15:17-20 Before 2080 B.C (approximate birth year of Ishmael)	1 Kings 4:20-21 [around 1110 years later during the reign of Solomon] About 970 B.C.
To ISAAC and his descendants		
God would give the land to Isaac and his descendants as He had promised to Abraham.	Genesis 26:2-6	
To JACOB and his descendants		
God promised to give the land to Jacob and his innumerable descendants just as He had promised Abraham and Isaac and would bring him back to it.	Genesis 28:1-3; 10-15	
God commanded Jacob to go back to the Land and promises to be with him.	Genesis 31:3; 32:9	
After Jacob returned to the land from Paddan Aram God appeared to him, blessed him, changed his name to Israel (struggles with God) and promised to give the land to him as He had promised it to Abraham and Isaac and their descendants.	Genesis 35:9-12 [See also Genesis 46:2-4 – God promised to bring Jacob back to the land after going down to Egypt]	
To JOSEPH		
Israel (Jacob) told Joseph that he too would return to the Promised Land.	Genesis 48:21-22 About 1859 B.C.	
Joseph made his brothers promise to carry his bones from Egypt back to the Promised Land.	Genesis 50:24-25 About 1805 B.C.	Exodus 13:19 [around 359 years later] About 1446 B.C.
To MOSES		
At the burning bush God promised to use Moses to deliver the Israelites from the land of Egypt and to bring them back to the Promised Land.	Exodus 3:5-17 About 1446 B.C.	[around 40 years later – hundreds of years after God had promised the land to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – See Exodus 2:24]
Because Moses disobeyed God when he	Numbers 20:12	Deuteronomy 34:1-4 [around 38 years

struck the rock rather than spoke to it, he would not lead the people into the Promised Land.	About 1444 B.C.	later] About 1406 B.C.
To the ISRAELITES through Moses		
God told Moses to tell the Israelites that He would deliver them out of Egypt and bring them back to the Promised Land.	Exodus 6:1-9 About 1446 B.C.	About 1406 B.C. [around 40 years later]
Through Moses God told the Israelites to to observe the Sabbath rest years (every seventh year) and the year of jubilee (every fiftieth year) or they would be scattered among the nations until it received its Sabbath rests.	Leviticus 25:1-8 [observe the Sabbath rest years and the year of jubilee] Leviticus 26:3-25 [will be scattered for not obeying] About 1446 B.C.	2 Chronicles 36:20-21 [the land received its Sabbath rests during the time of the 70 - year Exile period – around 900 years after God made the promise. About 539 B.C.
Through Moses God promised the Israelites they would spend 40 years wandering in the desert until the whole older generation died, except for Joshua and Caleb, because they listened to the bad report of 10 of the 12 spies.	Numbers 14:20-38 About 1444 B.C. [Numbers 1:1 - about 14 months after leaving Egypt]	Numbers 25:63-65 [perhaps around 38 years later] About 1400 B.C.
Through Moses God promised the Israelites that He would scatter them among the nations if they turn their backs on God but that He would not abandon them.	Deuteronomy 4:25-31; 28:62-64; 30:17-18 About 1406 B.C.	In 722 B.C. [around 680 years later] 2 Kings 18:9-12 In 605 B.C. [around 801 years later] In 597 B.C. [around 809 years later] In 586 B.C. [around 820 years later]
God promised the Israelites that he will allow them to live long in the Promised Land if they obey all His commands.	Deuteronomy 11:8-9; 30:15-20 About 1406 B.C.	
God promises to gather the Israelites to the Promised Land after being scattered if they return to the Lord and obey Him.	Deuteronomy 30:1-5 About 1406 B.C.	Daniel 9:1-19 - About 539 B.C. [around 860 years later] Ezra 7:1-10 About 445 B.C. [around 950 years later]
To the ISRAELITES through Joshua		
God promised to use Joshua to lead the people to inherit the Promised Land.	Joshua 1:1-6 About 1406 B.C.	Joshua 11:16-23 [several years later]
To the ISRAELITES through the Kings		
Through Solomon, God promised to cut off the people from the land and destroy the temple if they turn away from God.	1 Kings 9:6-9 [during the dedication of the temple] About 959 B.C.	2 Chronicles 36:15-19 [around 360 years later] About 586 B.C.
To the ISRAELITES through the Prophets		
Through Ezekiel God promised to scatter the Israelites among the nations because of their uncleanness.	Ezekiel 22:15	2 Chronicles 36
Through Jeremiah God promised to scatter the nation to Babylon for 70 years but after the 70 years will bring them back to the promised Land.	Jeremiah 25:11; 29:10	2 Chronicles 36:15-23; Ezra 1:1-4; Daniel 9:1-3 [around 70 years later] Under Zerubbabel - Ezra 2:1-2; Nehemiah 7:1-7; Zech 1:12 [around 70 years later] Ezra 7:1-10 [about 445 B.C. around 94 years later]