

Conclusion

We have seen the promise in the Garden of Eden fulfilled. The head of the serpent was crushed by Yeshua and the heel of Yeshua was bruised by the serpent.

We also have seen the promise of Abraham fulfilled in part. Seventy-five people went into Egypt and 600,000 people left with Moses. It is estimated that there are 15.8 million Jewish people today. There are over 2 billion believers around the world today who have been grafted into Israel because of Yeshua's work on the cross.

Romans 11:25-27 says this, *"My Christian friends, I want to help you to understand about Israel's people. It is a secret that God has shown to us. If you really understand it, you will not be proud that you are so clever. Many of Israel's people have refused to believe in Christ. They will continue to refuse Him until the complete number of Gentiles have believed. When that has happened, God will save all Israel's people. This is written in the Bible: 'The one who rescues will come from Zion. He will turn Jacob's people away from their sins. And I will make this agreement with them. I will forgive them for their sins.'"*

God's covenant with Israel is still being fulfilled as the number of stars in the sky and the dust of the earth can not be counted. People for centuries have been fulfilling this promise between the Jews and Gentiles. Who can count how many there have been?

Israel is back in the land that God promised Abraham, Although not the total land promised Abraham as **Genesis 15: 18-20** says, *"On that day, the Lord made a covenant with Abram. The Lord promised, 'I give this land to your descendants. The land starts from the river of Egypt and continues as far as the River Euphrates. These people live in the land: Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.'"*

The true boundaries cover Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and part of Egypt.

Luke 21:29-33 tells us this, *"Then Yeshua told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees. As soon as they sprout their leaves, you see it and you know at once that*

summer is near. So also, when you see these all these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Amen, I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away. ”

The fig tree represents Israel and certainly the leaves are ready to sprout. Could now be the time that an agreement will be made?

As **Daniel 9: 27** says, *“And he will confirm a covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come the one who makes desolate, until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, gushes forth on the one who makes desolate.”*

Today the Jewish people are waiting for the Messiah. This is a good indicator that He is at the door. The end time Temple is ready to be built. All the utensils and furnishings and priestly garments all have been made. The priests from the tribe of Levi have prepared and readied themselves to begin their duties. If Israel has prepared itself for the Messiah shouldn't we also be prepared?

We also know that the promise of David will be fulfilled when Yeshua comes back and He will rule and reign in Jerusalem forever.

Luke 1: 32-33 says, *“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”*

The Gospel or what is called the Good News was given to the Jewish people. They were the people who were waiting for the Messiah, not the Gentiles, who were serving pagan gods at the time. Messiah came to His own people to fulfill God's promises and covenants. He came to show His people the way to God, to fulfill the Commandments not eliminate them. To fulfill the Commandments meant to fulfill the covenants. He now was the Way, the Truth and the Life. We now can follow in His footsteps, for He has shown us by His example.

We Gentiles were grafted in later on as **Isaiah 49:1-6** speaks of Messiah. *“Listen to Me, you islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. He has made My mouth like a sharp*

sword, in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; and He has also made Me a sharpened arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. He said to Me, 'You are My Servant, Israel, in whom I will show My glory.' But I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and futility; nevertheless, the justice due to Me is with the Lord, and My reward is with My God.' And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and My God is My strength), He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the protected ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'"

Israel is supposed to be the light to the nations and they shall be one day. But we must see and understand that we are grafted into Israel, and not the other way around. That means as Judeo- Christians, which we have been called almost forever, is supported by the root of yes, Judaism. For a Jewish person all they need to do is add Yeshua to their faith, but for us, we need to add the Hebrew Scriptures as our foundation. We have been told that this is legalistic, this is obsolete. How can we be separated from our foundation, our roots, especially after Paul tells us that we are grafted into the tree of Israel? The Commandments, and God's Appointed Times, as in **Leviticus 23**, now belong to us, not by circumcision of the flesh, but of our hearts. You see Abraham is only our father through faith, if we keep the faith.

Galatians 3: 7-9 tells us, *"Just as Abraham 'believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness'? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.' So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."*

John 10:14-16 says this about the Gentile believers. *"I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

The other sheep, that's us the Gentiles, for the Gentile Age had not really yet begun, but now that we are in the Gentile Age and we have been brought near, now we too, are no longer strangers to the covenants.

Ephesians 2:11-12 says, *"Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands. Remember that you were at that time separated from Messiah, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Messiah Yeshua you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah".*

We cannot forget the covenant of the rainbow which is a sign of God's peace between Himself and man. Remember Noah's name means peace, and of course, there is the prince of peace, Yeshua. We may be going through a stormy time in life, but even though it is not raindrops falling on us, it is still pouring, and the wind is blowing, and the storm is raging around us.

Let's remember that God is with us in every storm.

Mark 4:36-40 says this, *"After dismissing the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. And a fierce gale of wind developed, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling with water. And yet Yeshua Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?' And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?'"*

I'm sure on that day that God's rainbow appeared after that storm.

So we saw how the rainbow is above God in His throne room, but what about this in **Revelations 10:1-3** which says? *"I saw another strong angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. "*

And this? **Exodus 3:2** says this, *"The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed."*

These two Scriptures make us wonder, who are these angels? Yet, we know that it was God speaking to Moses, so even though we're not sure if this is God or the Messiah or just an angel of high ranking, nonetheless, we see here that this revelation certainly sounds a lot like what took place at Mt Sinai with the voice of a lion and peals of thunder and fire. And of course, this also sounds like the day of Pentecost. These two times are bookends as we saw earlier.

We see this in **Revelation 12:1**, *"And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."*

But what about the rainbow? **Ezekiel 1** speaks of an angel that Ezekiel saw.

"As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were, gleaming metal. And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures." **Verses 4-5**

"Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like an awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army." **Verses 22-24**

"And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. And upward from what had the appearance of His waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of His waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around Him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around." **Verses 26-28**

When we see God's covenant rainbow we should immediately think about God sitting on His throne in control of all things around us.

Because of a tree the Devil got Adam and Eve to sin and by a tree the Messiah brought us forgiveness, and now the gates of Heaven have reopened to us. God kept His promise, the Messiah crushed the head of Satan and man was now free from the curse of sin.

Galatians 5: 13-25 tells us this, *"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law (unto righteousness). Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Messiah Yeshua crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well."*

You see, Yeshua is now our example. He is the Word made flesh. We are to walk as He walked. We are to talk as He talked. We are to act as He acted. We, too, must be the living Word of God. So that means that we, too, are to crucify our flesh and pick up our cross and follow in His footsteps.

Matthew 16:24-26 tells us, *"Then Yeshua told His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?'"*

There is another tree we want to look at and that is the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life was also in the Garden of Eden and when Adam and Eve left the garden, angels stood at the gate with fiery torches to block anyone from entering the gates. But we saw that in the sanctuary in the wilderness that two angels covered the ark in the holiest place of the sanctuary. These angel had their wings spread toward one another creating an opening for one to come. Once a year the High Priest would come with the shed blood of the Yom Kippur sacrifice. In the Ark below the angels was the Mercy Seat which represented the place of the judgment of God (His throne) and right below the Mercy Seat housed the Ten Commandment. The sign of the covenant sat in the holiest place. This is what sets Israel apart from the rest of the world. This is what holiness means, to be set apart. When Yeshua died the veil that was between the holy of holies and the holy place ripped from the bottom up, so that now we have access to the holiest place, not just once a year but at any time. Even though the Messiah died and rose triumphantly over sin and death and even though through His shed blood, we have peace with God, we must still be holy. We must still remain in the covenant.

Proverbs 3: 13-18 tells us this about the tree of Life. *"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed."*

Revelation 22: 1-5 also says, *"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."*

The new heaven and earth will be like a Sukkah. We will be on the earth and God's canopy, like they use in a Jewish wedding, will cover us. The throne of God will be before us and his rainbow over His throne and the Tree of Life will be there and all of us who have the righteousness of Yeshua, His blood upon us.

The gates have opened to us and the redeemed of the Lord shall go through. But what about the covenant with Abraham about the land? Even though the land of Israel has been overtaken by others throughout history God's promise of the land was fulfilled on May 14, 1948, when by all odds against the people it was voted in by the United Nations and Israel was declared a sovereign country once again.

Even though all these covenants are for just the Jews, we as Gentiles, now that we are grafted in must do our part. In Yeshua's day the Rabbi's reduced the commandments down to love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and life and your neighbor as yourself. We know the Ten Commandments were written on stone tablets but these Commandments are far reaching in that they go into great depth when it comes to love and how one should live out their love. God's covenant with His people included worshiping at His altar, and bringing the sacrifice of praise, and everything else that the Temple represented which was holiness and godliness and must be carried out by us Gentiles also. We could go on and on about all of this. But keeping God's Word is the sign of our love for Him.

Jeremiah 31:33 and **Hebrews 8:10** says, *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

God will keep His promises and His covenants from tree to tree, but there is one other tree as **Revelation 22:1-2** says, *"And He showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."*

Yes, the Tree of Life will bring us life and we will be with God and the Lamb forever.

Revelation 21:22-24 says, *"I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

Our God is a covenant keeping God and He will never break His covenant with Israel. Israel will receive their Messiah Yeshua and we with them will be gathered together as one flock. But we must understand that we are grafted into Israel which means that we too, must keep God's Commandments, Appointed Times, and His Word for it is our wisdom also. There have been many man-made laws over the years, and many false teachings against God's Word to separate us from His chosen Jewish people Israel. That would only mean that God has not kept His Word to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God is faithful and He does not lie, nor does He break His promises. The root supports us, and we need to remember our place in the scheme of things. We have a lot to learn from the Jewish people and they have a lot to learn from us, but remember the Messiah was Jewish and they know Yeshua more than you think. It is us who have changed the Jewish Messiah and made Him and His teachings to be Hellenistic. This is why Jewish people do not believe in our Messiah, because they are waiting for a Jewish Messiah.

Romans 1: 16-17 says, *"I am not ashamed of the Good News. It is the power God uses to save everyone who believes—to save the Jews first, and then to save the non-Jews. The Good News shows how God makes people right with Himself. God's way of making people right with Him begins and ends with faith. As the Scripture says, 'The person who is made right with God by faith will live forever.'"*

This is what the Jewish people have, faith. Let's present Yeshua in the right light by we ourselves, looking more like the true Messiah, than like a worldly Messiah.