

Obedience to the Word

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

The important *Word* in the above Passage is a word neglected from much of today’s civilization. But Abraham obeyed even if he did not understand it. If Abraham knew it was the Word of God, he obeyed **because he believed God’s Word**:

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Romans 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara’s womb:

Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Romans 4:21 **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

For what city was Abraham looking? What was his promises?

Covenant with Abraham	Covenant Extensions
<p>Promise of a National Land – (Land) Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-18</p>	<p>Palestinian Covenant – God will regather Israel from the scattering, circumcise their heart and give eternal restoration Deuteronomy 30:3-5; Ezekiel 36:16-38</p>
<p>Promise of Numerous Descendants – A Great Nation – (Seed) Genesis 12:3; 13:16; 17:1-22</p>	<p>Davidic Covenant – David’s Seed on the throne of Israel forever II Samuel 7:1-16; Jeremiah 33:19-26; 31:35-37; Exodus 3:15</p>
<p>Promise that God will bless the world through Abraham– (World-wide Blessing through Abraham) Genesis 12:3; 22:1-19</p>	<p>New Covenant – To Israel & Judah, No psychology, Law written in the heart, all will know God Jeremiah 31:31-40; Hebrews 8:1-13; Luke 1:26-38; Amos 9:11-15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christ and the Gentiles – Scripture with foresight preached the Gospel to Abraham Galatians 3 Interprets the Abrahamic Covenant in the New Testament Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Galatians 3:8 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. Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.</p>	

The city in which Abraham’s eye was focused while being a sojourner in the land of promise was not of Abraham’s time or Christ’s first Advent. No, Abraham was able by faith to look forward in time to the Millennial city thousands of years in the future where he will receive the promises God gave. To participate in God’s eternal unconditional covenant Abraham as well as, God’s people of all times must:

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; **walk before me, and be thou perfect.**

Genesis 17:2 **And** I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. **(Read through to verse 8)**

Now we find the prophet Jeremiah, not a sojourner, but a prisoner in the house of King Zedekiah. It is just before Jerusalem is seized by Nebuchadnezzar. In fact, Jeremiah's own city, Anathoth, is most likely next to be destroyed. Now Jeremiah doing something, not rational to the world, but he is going to do it because he believes God's Word. Jeremiah buys land as the whole region is being besieged and destroyed by an evil empire! Does that sound like a good investment? No investment counselor would advise buying land like this; but Jeremiah bought the land anyway because God said to buy it.

Jeremiah 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 32:2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

Historical Background of Jeremiah's imprisonment:

A. The siege of Jerusalem began in the ninth year of King Zedekiah's reign [Jeremiah 39:1](#)

B. In King Zedekiah's tenth year that we find Jeremiah in prison [Jeremiah 32:1](#)

C. Jeremiah was first thrown as a prisoner into the house of Jonathan the scribe

[Jeremiah 37:12](#) Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

Jeremiah 37:13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 37:14 Then said Jeremiah, *It is false*; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

Jeremiah 37:15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

D. The prison was a dungeon in fact, Jeremiah would probably have died there [Jeremiah 37:20](#)

[Jeremiah 37:16](#) When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

E. Zedekiah had to have been moved by the LORD to listen to Jeremiah, however:

[Jeremiah 37:17](#) Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 37:18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

Jeremiah 37:19 Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

Jeremiah 37:20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

F. King Zedekiah released Jeremiah and put him in the court of the prison with feeding orders:

[Jeremiah 37:21](#) Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

King Zedekiah did not like the Words that God gave Jeremiah for the King

[Jeremiah 32:3](#) For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah 32:4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

Jeremiah 32:5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper?

Jeremiah explains the way the Word of the LORD came unto Him

Jeremiah 32:6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Jeremiah 32:7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*.

Jeremiah 32:8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: **for the right of inheritance *is* thine**, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

For the right of Inheritance in the Law – [Leviticus 25:23-28](#)

Jeremiah 32:9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

Jeremiah 32:10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

Jeremiah 32:11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:

Jeremiah 32:12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

Jeremiah 32:13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

Jeremiah 32:14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

Jeremiah 32:15 **For thus saith the LORD of hosts**, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

Jeremiah prays

Jeremiah 32:16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jeremiah 32:18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name,

Jeremiah 32:19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

Jeremiah 32:20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day;

Jeremiah 32:21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

Jeremiah 32:22 And hast given them this land, **which thou didst swear to their fathers** to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

Jeremiah 32:23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:

Jeremiah 32:24 Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest *it*.

Jeremiah 32:25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

The LORD's Answer

Jeremiah 32:26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

Jeremiah 32:27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Jeremiah 32:28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

Jeremiah 32:29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

Jeremiah 32:30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 32:31 For this city hath been to me *as* a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

Jeremiah 32:32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 32:33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

Jeremiah 32:34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

Jeremiah 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

Jeremiah 32:36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

The reference is not the Babylonian Captivity – This is the 2nd restoration after scattering [Isaiah 11:10](#)

Jeremiah 32:37 Behold, I will gather them **out of all countries**, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

Jeremiah 32:38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

This is the Palistinian Covenant

Jeremiah 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

This is the New Covenant

Jeremiah 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Jeremiah 32:41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 32:42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

Jeremiah 32:43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.*

Jeremiah 32:44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, **and seal them**, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

Does this remind of something? There is a time coming when God’s Servant, Jesus, will lift the seals off the title deed of the earth, take back the land, and restore His remnant. Let’s cut into this scene:

A door is open in Heaven – [Revelation 4:1-11](#)

The Lamb as it had been slain takes the Book – [Revelation 5:1-14](#)



[Chapter six](#) covers the Lamb opening the seals one by one and the Tribulation begins on earth. You see, Nebuchadnezzar was head of the 1st kingdom in the Times of the Gentiles. [Luke 21:24](#) But there will be the final king of the Gentiles, the antichrist, whose kingdom covers the world; and he will trodden down Jerusalem. Jesus destroys the antichrist, the world-wide religion, (Mystery Babylon), as well as, the money and politics (Babylon the Great). He will judge the Gentiles and set up His Kingdom with Jerusalem as His throne. Isaiah pictured this Kingdom:

Isaiah was given a vision of the Mountain of the LORD’s House [Isaiah 2:2-5](#)

Zechariah also got a glimpse of the Millennial City: [Zechariah 14:1-11](#)

And in chapter 8 Zechariah saw: [Zechariah 8:20-23](#)

The “Day of the LORD” or “That Day”

Third Heaven		Judgment Seat of Christ	Marriage of the Lamb
Event	 Rapture of the Church Also called the “Blessed Hope”	Judgment of Israel Begins The Lamb opens the seals in heaven and the 4 Horses proceed on Earth Gog attacks Jerusalem Abomination of Desolation	 Second Advent with the Wife “Glorious Appearing” Marriage Supper
Earth	Church Age	7-year Tribulation Time of Jacob’s Trouble	Millennium

Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: **for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Romans 13:13 **Let us walk honestly**, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Romans 13:14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof.