



## Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Study Deuteronomy 30:1-8  
Observation  
Interpretation  
Application
3. Review Next Lesson

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## God Grows His Church

God grows His church, God grows His children.  
God's Word is life, It flows by day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water  
Take root below, bear fruit above,  
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church  
God grows His children.

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## Assignment 5

Question: What is the promised blessing given to Israel and its ultimate purpose?

Observation  
Interpretation  
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## **Deuteronomy 30:1-8** **Observation**

**Deuteronomy 30:1-2** When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations,

2 and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today,

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## **Deuteronomy 30:1-8** **Observation**

**Deuteronomy 30:3-4:** then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.

4 Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back.

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## **Deuteronomy 30:1-8** **Observation**

**Deuteronomy 30:5-8:** He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

6 The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

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## **Deuteronomy 30:1-8** **Observation**

**Deuteronomy 30:1-8:** The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you.

8 You will again obey the LORD and follow all his commands I am giving you today.

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## **The Conditions** **Interpretation**

The Conditions of the Restoration  
If you return to the Lord, He will gather you back to the land.

Their hearts must be "circumcised" by God so they would love Him wholly.

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## **Restoration Today** **Application**

**Romans 2:28-29** A person is not a SDA if they are only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

Romans 2:29 No, a person is a SDA if they are one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

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## **God's Purpose-Israel**

### **Gerhard Hasel**

Indeed, the issue of the right of national existence and the fixing of national borders is a matter of world peace.

An intricate factor in the minds of thinking people is the applicability of biblical promises made to ancient Israel and their relevance for modern Israel.

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## **Israel and the Land**

### **Interpretation**

1. The political, geographical reality in modern day Israel. The challenge of the Palestinians and the West Bank.

2. The rise and influence of dispensationalism in the charismatic movement and modern prophecy.

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## **Israel and the Land**

### **Interpretation**

The Presuppositions of Dispensationalism

God's promises to Israel and the land were unconditional and have not yet met their fulfillment.

Israel has a part to play in the end times.

God will not let His people suffer during the tribulation.

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## **Israel and the Land**

### **Interpretation**

The Teaching of Dispensationalism

Secret rapture before the tribulation.

Israel rises and witnesses for God during the seven year tribulation (Daniel 9:27).

Armageddon is fought in Israel and Jesus comes and sets up His kingdom.

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## **Israel and the Land**

### **Interpretation**

The Leader Voices of Dispensationalism

Dallas Theological Seminary  
John Walvoord

The "Left Behind" Series  
Tim LeHaye

Trinity Broadcasting Network  
Paul and Jan Crouch

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## **1. Promise of the Land**

### **Gerhard Hasel**

"To your descendants I will give this land" (12:7). The divine promise that the "seed" . . . of Abraham, i.e. his "descendants," will receive the land promised to them is one of the key themes of the Bible.

"Lift up your eyes, . . . for all the land which you see I will give to you and to your descendants for ever" (Gen 13:14-15).

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## **2. Time of Fulfillment**

### **Gerhard Hasel**

Divine mercy is manifested in the revelation to Abraham about the time element as regards the fulfillment of the possession of the Promised Land. One of the pivotal sayings of the Old Testament discloses to the father of the Israelites that God's patience towards the inhabitants of the Promised Land is extended, [9] because "the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete" (Gen 15:16).

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## **2. Time of Fulfillment**

### **Gerhard Hasel**

By the time when Joshua's death approached (Josh 23:1, 14) the Lord had given to Israel "all the land which he swore to give to their fathers; and having taken possession of it, they settled there. . . . Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass" (21:43, 45; cf. 23:14).

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## **3. Extent of the Land**

### **Gerhard Hasel**

On the basis of these descriptions the Promised Land seems to include the territory of both Transjordan and Cisjordan from the Nile to the Euphrates (Exod 23:31; Deut 1:6-8; Josh 1:2-4).

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### **3. Extent of the Land** **Gerhard Hasel**

Nothing is known about Israel ever establishing control of the territory clear south to the Nile or to incorporate the cities of Tyre and Sidon, which were allocated to Asher (Josh 19:28-29; Judg 1:31). It is evident, then, that the land promised to the patriarchs was never completely fulfilled. Why not?

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### **4. Conditional Fulfillment** **Gerhard Hasel**

The discrepancy between the promise and its complete fulfillment does not rest in a lack on the part of the divine promise or God's ability and word, but in the lacking obedience on the part of Israel. "The complete fulfillment of the promise was inseparably connected with the fidelity of Israel to the Lord."

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### **4. Conditional Fulfillment** **Gerhard Hasel**

Abraham's obedience in not withholding his son keeps the promise functioning (Gen 22:16-18). Because Abraham "obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Gen 26:5), the Lord will fulfill his oath and give to his descendants "all these lands" (vs. 3). Abraham is not the recipient of the promise of the land because of his obedience; his obedience, on the contrary, keeps the promise active. Without loyalty to God, the promise of the land cannot be fulfilled. The promise of the land is conditional.

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**5. Conditional Restoration**  
**Gerhard Hasel**

The constant interrelationship between restoration in the physical sense and restoration of the inner life of the people is also maintained by Jeremiah. Without the inner restoration based on the new covenant "within them" (Jer 31:33) and written on their hearts (31:31-34), there can be no genuine restoration in the physical sense. The new covenant will make a new people.

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**5. Conditional Restoration**  
**Gerhard Hasel**

The Promised Land is God's gift, but cannot be received without the divine Giver. Since no nation in the Middle East today fulfills the conditions that are the prerequisite for the reception of the Promised Land one can hardly conclude that any of the Old Testament promises of restoration are physically fulfilled or in the process of fulfillment in our time.

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**5. Conditional Restoration**  
**Gerhard Hasel**

Yet God's plan is not frustrated. The New Testament gives testimony on how He will work out His purposes for all men on the basis of the new covenant with the new people of God (Rom 2:28-29; 4:13-25; Galatians 5, 6; Col 2:11; Romans 9-11, etc.).

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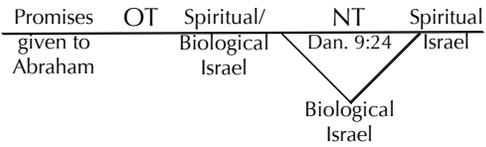
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## Who is "Israel"

### Application

Those who have been born according to the promise have always been "Israel" (Gal. 4:21ff).




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## Next Lesson

1. Study Jonah 2  
Observation  
Interpretation  
Application
2. Read Verkuyl on Jonah

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