

#1472 Building the Temples of the *Christian* New Israel and the *Jewish* new Israel – The wrong understanding and interpretation of Genesis 12:3

Key Understanding #1: The doctrine has abounded in the Church that Genesis 12:3 is to be applied to the *natural* Seed of Abraham, the Jews, in New Testament times.

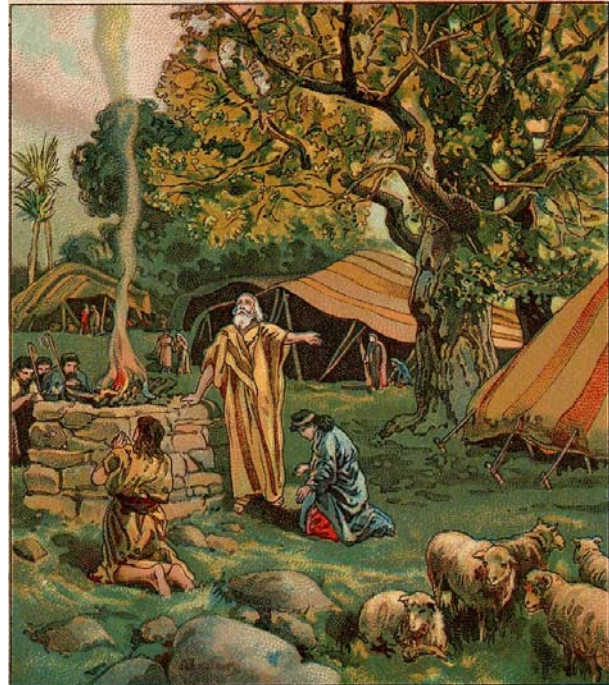
Genesis 12:1-3 (KJV) Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

*2 And **I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*3 And **I WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE, AND CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE: AND IN THEE SHALL ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.***

However, the Apostle Paul makes it clear that *the* Seed of Abraham is Jesus Christ:

*Galatians 3:16 (KJV) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, **AND TO THY SEED, WHICH IS CHRIST.***



ABRAM CALLED TO BE A BLESSING

Gen. 12:1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT:—I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

Gen. 12:2.

Thus, those who belong to the true *heavenly* kingdom of Jesus Christ are Abraham's Seed:

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

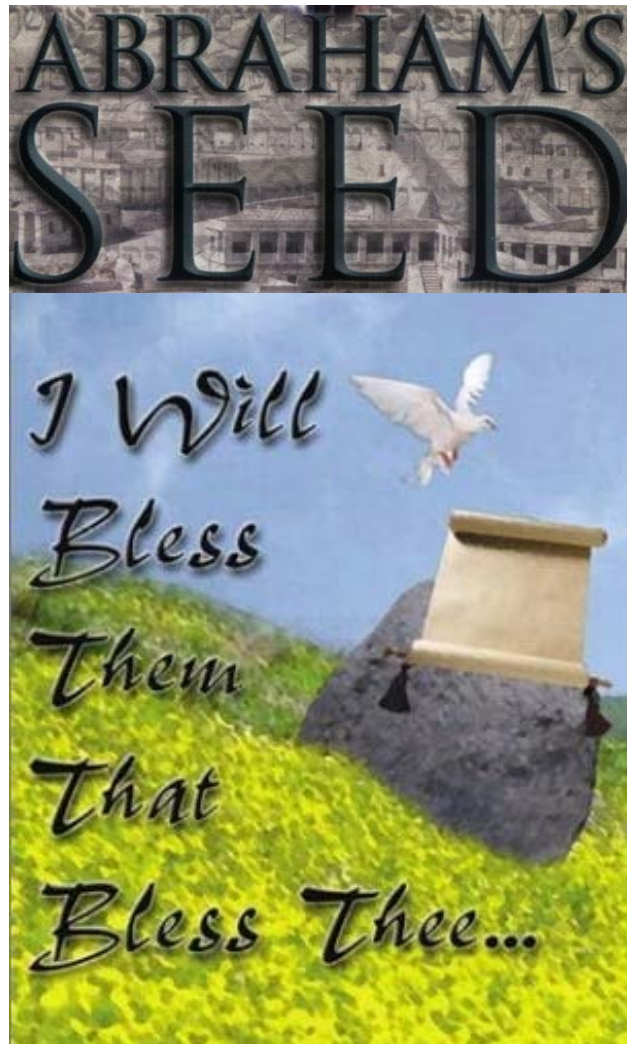
27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

*29 And **IF YE BE CHRIST'S, THEN ARE YE ABRAHAM'S SEED**, and heirs according to the promise.*

Key Understanding #2: The issue of blessings and curses surrounding the Seed of Abraham in Genesis 12:3 is resolved by the fact that Jesus Christ is *the* Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16). Thus, those who belong to the true *heavenly* kingdom of Jesus Christ are, like Jesus Christ, the Seed of Abraham, meaning the *spiritual* Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:29). It is the *spiritual* Seed of Abraham who are the great nation (Genesis 12:2), the Lord's Holy Nation (1 Peter 2:9).

Key Understanding #3: However, this does not mean that the true heavenly kingdom Christian participates in anything that would be considered as anti-Semitic toward the Jews or the nation of Israel. But neither does the true heavenly kingdom Christian war for the Jews and the nation of Israel. It just means that those who are true heavenly kingdom Christians receive the promises of God that surround Genesis 12:3.



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