

Morning Lesson

GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE AND MODERN ISRAEL

Gen. 12:1-7

INTRO:

1. God made a promise to Abraham.
2. He repeated the promise to Jacob.
Gen. 35:10-12
3. The descendants became God's chosen people at Mt. Sinai. **Ex. 19:1-6**
4. Many people have questions about the relationship of the Israel of today and the Israel of scripture.

I. WHAT DID GOD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

- A. He selected Abraham because Abraham was capable to carry out what God had in mind. **Gen. 18:19; Heb. 11:8-10**
- B. There were seven elements in this promise.
 1. I will make you a great nation.
 2. I will bless you.
 3. I will make your name great.
 4. You will be a blessing.
 5. I will bless those that bless you.
 6. I will curse those that curse you.
 7. In you all nations of the earth will be blessed.
- C. There was nothing purely racial or ethnic in God's election of his chosen people.

II. IS MODERN ISRAEL THE PROMISED NATION AND THEREFORE SONS OF ABRAHAM?

- A. What did God say through Paul about Abraham and his faith? **Rom. 4:1-15; Rom. 9:3-8; Gal. 3:6-9, 23-29**
- B. The Israelites were God's chosen people during the time of the Mosaic Law, which has been taken out of the way. **Rom. 7:6, 7; Eph. 2:11-16; Col. 3:11-17; Heb. 8:1-13; 10:9**

CONC:

1. Should we pray for Israel? Absolutely! Just like we should pray for any group of people.
2. God sent Jesus for all people because he loves us. **John 3:16; Heb. 10:10**