



God's Promises Revealed to the Patriarchs

<p>To Abram when he was first called out from Ur at 75 yrs. old: I will Make You into a Great Name, Nation (12:2-4) All the families of nations will be blessed (12:3) All the land of Canaan, to him, to his descendants (12:7, 13:15) All the land he can see to his descendants forever (13:15) Descendants will outnumber the dust of the earth (13:16)</p>	<p>When God Appeared to Jacob in a Dream: The land where he was [at Bethel] would become his and his descendants (28:13) His descendants will migrate in every direction (28:14) All the families of the earth would be blessed by his descendant(s) (28:14) God would bring Jacob back to that place (28:15)</p>	<p>As he departs to Egypt when God spoke to him in the night visions I will make you a great nation there (46:3) I will surely bring you back up (46:4)</p>	<p>When Jacob Blesses Joseph: Added land, recites Abrahamic Covenant (48:3-4, 22)</p>	<p>When Joseph is about to die: God will certainly bring you to the land promised to the patriarchs (50:24)</p>
<p>To Abram after the War of the Kings/ Blessing from Melchizedek before he was 86 yrs. old: Your descendants will outnumber the stars (15:5) Possession of the land (15:7) Your descendants will enslave foreigners 400 years followed by an exodus w/ many possessions (15:13) God's land promise is made unilateral oath: From the Nile to the Euphrates is sworn to his descendants (15:18)</p>	<p>When Jacob Prays before Meeting Esau: He predicates his appeal on God's promise to multiply his descendants (32:12)</p>		<p>When Jacob Blesses His Sons: The scepter will not pass from Judah (49:10) One Ruling descendant would receive the obedience of the peoples (49:10)</p>	
<p>When God changed Abram's name to Abraham at 99 yrs. old: God Established a covenant w/ him (17:2) A father of nations (17:4-5) The land of his sojourning's as an everlasting possession (17:8) YHWH will be the God of his descendances (17:8) God will establish said covenant thru Isaac [not yet born or named]. (17:21)</p>	<p>When God Appeared to Jacob at Bethel Nations and Kings would come forth from him (35:11) The land given to Abraham and Isaac would be given to him and his descendants (35:12)</p>			
<p>When Abraham Offered Isaac at 115-137 yrs. old: The Angel of YHWH: God will multiply Abraham's descendants [plural] as the stars of heaven (22:17) One particular descendent [singular] would possess the gate of His enemies (22:17) All the nations of the earth will be blessed by Him (22:18) *He believed that God was able to raise the dead (Heb. 11:19)</p>				
<p>When Abraham Seeks a Wife for Isaac at 140 yrs. old: Abraham recount the land promise to his servant (24:7, 25:20) Rebekah's brothers bless her with the same [apparently well known] blessing concerning a descendent w/ dominion over his enemies (24:60)</p>				
<p>When Isaac Became Father of Jacob & Esau at 60 yrs. old: Jacob's household would prevail over Esau's (25:23, 26)</p>				
<p>When God appeared to Isaac in Gerar on two occasions, years after he was 60, but long before he was 100: The land of his sojourning would be an inheritance to him and his decedents (26:3, 4) His descendent(s) will be the source of blessing to the nations (26:4) God will multiply his descendants (26:24)</p>				

* By this point Job's expectation for a resurrected body suitable for God's presence would have been widely known. (Job 19:26)