

Abraham

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“The promises were made to Abraham . . . God bestowed it on Abraham through a promise” (Galatians 3:17,18 NAB). But how are the promises made to Abraham fulfilled?

“Those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith”—Galatians 3:9 NAB

“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise”—Galatians 3:29 NAB

All genuine Christians, therefore inherit the blessings promised to Abraham.

“He was to be the father of all the uncircumcised who believe . . . as well as the father of the circumcised who . . . also follow the path of faith the our father Abraham walked”—Romans 4:11,12 NAB

Is the literal, physical “land” a part of this promise? — No!

“Here we have no lasting city”---Hebrews 13:14 NAB

“The promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world . . . through the righteousness that comes through faith”---Romans 4:13 NAB

Abraham **“was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God”---Hebrews 11:10 NAB**

All faithful ones **“desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God . . . has prepared a city for them”---Hebrews 11:16 NAB**

The literal, physical land promises to Abraham’s descendants were only preliminary, not the final destination, which is actually ‘the better homeland’.

“Your house will be abandoned, desolate”---Matthew 23:38 NAB

Earthly Jerusalem and its Temple were “abandoned” by God at the death of Christ.

“I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”---Revelation 21:2 NAB

“New Jerusalem . . . bride: symbol of the church”---NAB note on Revelation 21:2

“I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb”---Revelation 21:9 NAB

“The bride, the wife of the Lamb”: the Church”---NAB note on Revelation 21:9

“Symbolic of the new Israel (c.f. Rev 14:1-5; Gal 6:16; Jas 1:1 that embraces people from every nation, race, people and tongue (Rev 7:9)”---NAB note on Revelation 7:4-9

This is how the promises to Abraham ([Genesis 17:8](#)) are fulfilled.