

## Were The Old Testament Promises Only For The Jews?

1. The Bible teaches us that ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable.

a. 2 Tim. 3:16

2. The Jewish race started with Abraham. Yet the Bible teaches that what was written concerning him was for OUR sakes also.

a. Rom. 4:23-24

b. God promised to bless ALL THE FAMILIES of the earth through Abraham.

(1) Gen. 12:1-3

c. God also promised to make NATIONS (plural) from him. Israel is only one nation. The covenant God made with Abraham was EVERLASTING. There was no time limit placed on that covenant.

(1) Gen. 17:6-7

3. When we accept Christ as Savior, we become the seed of Abraham and all of the promises God made to him are our's also.

a. Rom. 4:16-17; Gal. 3:26-29

b. *"You belong to Christ. So you are Abraham's descendants. You get ALL of God's blessings because of the promise that God made to Abraham."* (Galatians 3:29; The Everyday Bible)

c. The Living Bible paraphrases verse 29 well: *"And now that we are Christ's we are the true descendants of Abraham, and all of God's promises to him belong to us."*

d. The Message by Eugene Peterson paraphrases Heb. 4:1-3:

*"For as long, then, as that promise of resting in him pulls us on to God's goal for us, we need to be careful that we're not disqualified. We received the same promises as those in the wilderness, but the promises didn't do them a bit of good because they didn't receive the promises with faith."*

4. The New Testament writers proved that Old Testament promises belonged to those under the New Covenant.

a. Eph. 6:1-3; Heb. 13:5-6; 1 Pet. 3:8-12; James 5:16-18

b. Jesus is a mediator of better promises under the New Covenant. All of God's promises are YES and amen in Him.

(1) Heb. 8:6; 2 Cor. 1:20