

God's Land

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Introduction

A. We live in a land and times of death.

1. Human bombers who give their lives to kill as many others as possible without regard to children or pregnant mothers.
2. Nazi death camps. Marxist gulags. Maoist cultural revolutionary slaughter of millions, including the "killing fields" of the Khmer Rouge of Cambodia.
3. Abortion clinics who fearing the "population bomb" have killed another 100 million more, along with the abortifacient birth control pills.
4. Drug traffickers and rival gangs spill blood without conscience and the body count soars.
5. Add to this the death simply caused by sins: Ezekiel 18:20 "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."
 - a. Adultery ... jealousy ... murder!
 - b. Fraud ... outrage ... murder!
6. Add to that the deaths caused by selfish neglect, careless disregard to the well-being of others.

B. God offered to Israel a land of Life and to us in Christ another land of life.

I. God's land is a land of life.

A. Depends on us choosing life, Deut. 30:16

B. **John 10:10** Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly.

C. Appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel (2 Tim 1:10)

1. Before Christ, men are alienated from life, Eph. 4:18
2. To be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace, Rom 8:6
-- if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **v. 10**, For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **v. 13**.
3. His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. **2 Peter 1:3**

II. God's land is a safe land.

A. **Ezekiel 28:25-26** Messiah kingdom would be a place where Israel would dwell safely.

B. Isaiah says peaceful, secure, quiet resting places, **Isa. 32:18**

1. **As in Isaiah 11:6-9** wolf dwell with the lamb, etc.

2. **Jeremiah 23:5-6** In His days Judah will be saved; and Israel will dwell safely.

C. **Philippians 4:4-13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

D. **Romans 8:31** If God be for us, who can be against us?

III. God's land is a land of provision.

A. Moses promised Israel that they would lack nothing, Deuteronomy 8:9

1. Then again he said the same thing about their journey in the desert for 40 years.
-- **Deut 2:7; Neh. 9:21**
 2. Yet they lived in tents and did not have the garlic and onions that they wanted!
-- wore the same shoes for 40 years! Would you consider that lacking nothing? God does!
- B. Jesus promised the same to us. **Matthew 6:25-34**
-- He supplies us beyond what we are able to supply for ourselves.
- C. God's land must rely on God, Psalm 127:1

IV. God's land is fruitful and blessing

A. The point of being blessed by God in obeying His will is **that we might be fruitful and multiply.** **Deuteronomy 6:3**

1. God searched for the best land possible to give to His people, **Ezekiel 20:6**
2. "That is might be well with thee."
3. "That ye might increase mightily."

B. **We must bear fruit in Christ.**

1. **Luke 13:9** bear fruit or be cut down.
2. **John 15:2-8** must remain in the Vine: Jesus
3. Fruit of the Spirit: **Galatians 5:22**

C. **All depends on obedience.** Walking in His counsel. **Deut. 28:1-14**

1. Because God's land is holy, **Exodus 19:6**
2. **1 Peter 2:9** We are a holy nation, a people for God's own possession.