

THE BIG PICTURE

Is There Not A Cause?

Israel not only has an ethical and constitutional right to defend herself today, but she has a biblically moral right to defend her land moving forward - all of her land.

Whenever young David, being commissioned by his father, went to visit his brothers on the battlefield, he encountered a real-time crisis situation. The Philistines, or shall we employ their modern-day name of Palestinians, were threatening the nation by parading their military champion, Goliath, before them. The times were frightening and disheartening. Morale was low. Their future appeared hopeless. Rather than inspiring them, David's now legendary words condemned those around him. "Is There Not A Cause?"

Those who appreciate the study of eschatology know all too well the weight of David's comment, as did his brothers that day. David reached back to an everlasting covenant promise made to his forefather Abraham. Young David stood firmly on the promise of "The Land Covenant."

There are four everlasting redemptive covenants that God established through and beginning with Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3. These four eternal covenants were confirmed and enlarged upon even more so over time throughout the Torah. God will never abort nor renege on His promises:

- 1) A Nation Forever
- 2) A King Forever
- 3) A Redeemed People Forever
- 4) A Land Forever

These four everlasting promises are commonly referred to by their Covenant names:

- 1) Abrahamic Covenant
- 2) Davidic Covenant
- 3) New Covenant
- 4) Palestinian or Land Covenant

David, being raised as a Hebrew under the law, was very much taught and instructed about the Abrahamic promises. Especially the national promises regarding ethnic Israel and the permanent possession of their promised land. Even more so about a coming Messiah. This was the heartbeat of all Hebrews. The Deliverer would one day come and establish the kingdom and fulfill all the aspects of the Abrahamic Covenant. He would be their King and Messiah forever.

They would be a redeemed people forever and possess the promised land forever. This same basic understanding of the “Kingdom Covenants” was what the disciples of Christ themselves knew. They, too, anticipated it even in their own day. They assumed that Christ, being Messiah, would set up the Kingdom during their lifetime.

The Hebrews of old, as they do still today, look with great anticipation towards the day Messiah arrives to fulfill all the eternal covenant promises. As with all Hebrews, David was also taught this from a very early age through the Mosaic Law. He would settle for nothing less.

In Numbers 34, God clearly laid out the boundary lines of the entire promised land of Canaan. God graciously gave all of that land to Israel. It is now their land forever. God issued the title deed and gave Israel the spiritual resources to drive out the enemy in Joshua’s day. We know, however, that due to the weariness of long battles, along with their newfound prosperity at the time, they, unfortunately, through complacency, stopped short of doing so, and they have paid a great price ever since. They ultimately did not drive out all of the inhabitants of the land.

While they have enjoyed brief times of partial and even total possession of the prescribed land, it ultimately was only temporary in nature. The covenant promise clearly states the terms “everlasting” and “forever.” So, we can be sure that one day, they will possess all of the land permanently. The fulfillment of all four eternal covenants will come to pass. Let God be true. The millennial reign of Christ will witness the finalization of all four of the everlasting promises of God. God will complete the eternal promises He has made to Abraham at that time -

A King Forever
A Nation Forever
A Redeemed People Forever
and... a Land Forever

So today, with all of the current violence and chaos of war in the land of Israel, we join with religious Jews around the world by asking the same question as David...

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