

God's Character: The Importance of the Promised Land

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, (Gen 15:18, ESV)

With the Mosaic Covenant in view, when and where was the Land Covenant of Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20 made? What was promised?

These are the words of the covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb. (Deut 29:1, ESV)

1) "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, 2) and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3) then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4) If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. 5) And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. (Deut 30:1-5, ESV)

6) And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7) And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. 8) And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. (Deut 30:6-8, ESV)

What are the dimensions of the Most Holy Place?

8) And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. 9) Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex 25:8-9, ESV)

8) And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length, corresponding to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and its breadth was twenty cubits. He overlaid it with 600 talents of fine gold. 9) The weight of gold for the nails was fifty shekels. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. (2 Chron 3:8-9, ESV)

1) Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2) a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3) For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4) Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5) They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." (Heb 8:1-5, ESV)

What are the dimensions of New Jerusalem? Convert and compare the dimensions to Genesis 15:8 and 2 Chronicles 3:8-9. What context does this provide to Hebrews 8:1-5? How does Revelation fulfill the Land Covenant?

15) And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. 16) The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. 17) He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. 18) The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. (Rev 21:15-18, ESV)

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. (Rev 21:22, ESV)