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Is Heaven the Reward of the Saved?

Lesson 26

An Open Letter from the Staff...

WHY do THE NATIONS of this earth need to be ruled by YEHOVAH God and the Messiah and those trained under a Christian life? Because all the unhappiness -- everything WRONG with this world -- has come from living THE WAY of human nature -- THE WAY of hostility to YEHOVAH's Law and YEHOVAH'S Government. Because the only way this world can have PEACE, PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS, is to be forced to build a society based on THE WAY that PRODUCES these desired blessings.

If you have started on THAT RIGHT WAY, don't get discouraged because you have slipped and fallen down along the road a few times. Get up and KEEP GOING. Even if you have sinned and are truly sorry, you can repent and the Messiah is your High Priest to forgive. Read and study **I John 1:7-10** and **2:1-2**. This is written to converted CHRISTIANS.

At the time of the Messiah's coming, the dead in the Messiah will be resurrected and rise to meet the descending Messiah in the air. At that instant those LIVING who have been thus CHANGED, begotten by YEHOVAH God's spirit, will be changed in composition, from mortal to immortal -- from matter to spirit -- from human to divine.

THEY are then to RULE with and under the all-powerful Father and the Messiah, until ALL NATIONS beat their swords into plowshares, and PEACE shines forth on this war-weary earth! YEHOVAH is simply going to enforce, with divine Power, HIS WAY. He is going to take over all governments, in a super WORLD GOVERNMENT, ruled by the very CREATOR. It will rule by YEHOVAH'S LAWS -- the WAY of love!

Yeshua the Messiah taught his followers to PRAY: "THY KINGDOM COME -- THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH!" Shall we pray that prayer?

I DO!



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The Bible reveals that spirit-begotten Christians are HEIRS with Abraham to receive "the promises." Those promises will soon be inherited when the Messiah returns to establish the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God on earth. Included in the promises is eternal inheritance of the EARTH -- NOT HEAVEN! This lesson gives the Biblical PROOF!

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LESSON 26

You were born into a world which has developed a certain type of civilization. The instant you were born you knew NOTHING! But your eyes opened, you looked about, and knowledge of what you saw began registering in your memory -- began putting knowledge into your mind. Your ears heard sounds, and thus additional knowledge entered through the sense of hearing. Very elementary at first, but gradually, each bit of new knowledge, entering your mind through your sense of taste, smell, feel, sight and hearing, was ADDED to what had previously been stored there.

Gradually you came to know, and take up with, the customs, ways, generally accepted ideas and beliefs of this world. You accepted them, took them for granted without question.

Some of them were good -- but many of them were BAD. But you took them for granted without realizing they were bad.

You were born with a NATURE. We call it human nature. Few people realize what it is. Human nature has a spiritual side, and a physical side. On its spiritual side, it is pure VANITY. Vanity loves and tends to exalt the SELF. It is SELF-centered. It is selfish and greedy. It is this way NATURALLY. On its physical side, there are the five senses, and the PULL of these senses to want to be satisfied. Exercise of these senses can produce sensations of pleasure. Some of these sensual pleasures are healthy, uplifting and GOOD. But many are injurious, harmful and BAD. Yet the bad ones cry out for gratification as much -- probably far more than the good. Thus human nature exerts an automatic, impulsive PULL toward selfishness, greed, vanity, jealousy, envy, hatred, and toward the lusts (WRONG desires) of the flesh.

Human nature makes it come NAT-

URAL to resent and resist authority over one. A child tends to resist the authority of his parents. We grow up with a natural attitude of hostility toward any authority, all the way up to YEHOVAH GOD.

Human nature wants to BE good. It just doesn't want to DO good because GOOD is the WAY of YEHOVAH God's invisible, inexorable, spiritual LAW. That LAW is, simply, LOVE. It is love toward YEHOVAH God in the form of trusting and willing OBEDIENCE to YEHOVAH's every command and direction, knowing it is for our highest good. It is love toward YEHOVAH God in the form of being GOD-centered -- having the mind CONTINUALLY (consciously or sub-consciously) in contact with YEHOVAH, RELYING on YEHOVAH, seeking guidance from YEHOVAH, worshipful in the sense of gratitude, obedience, faith in complete trust. It is love toward fellow MAN -- in the sense of outgoing concern, EQUAL TO love and concern for self.

Now NO MAN exercises THAT KIND of love NATURALLY. YOU simply were not born with that kind of love.

You DON'T HAVE IT!

That is, not unless you have received it from YEHOVAH God through His GIFT of His holy spirit.

THAT LOVE travels a certain road. It is the road that leads to peace, to happiness, to confident assurance, security, well-being, ENJOYMENT without kickbacks, prosperity -- every good thing the heart desires.

Everyone wants that RESULT.

That is to say, everyone wants to BE good.

But no one, it seems, NATURALLY wants to GO that way -- to DO good.

That is the WAY of YEHOVAH's Law.

Now this world is NOT FULL of happiness, peace, joy, and universal prosperity. It is pretty well filled with strife -- in the home, in business, in politics, in war between nations. It is pretty well filled with unhappiness, frustration, insecurity. It is pretty well filled with crime and violence, with broken homes and unhappy quarreling homes, with sickness and disease, with frustrations, failures, tragedies.

Now YEHOVAH GOD is NOT the author of all these troubles in the world.

YEHOVAH has, FOR A GREAT PURPOSE, made humans free moral agents, and allotted six thousand years for mankind to MAKE A CHOICE -- whether to accept YEHOVAH's government over him, to be ruled by YEHOVAH's Law of LOVE -- or whether to set up his own ideas of man-made government, following what comes NATURALLY -- HUMAN NATURE.

That six thousand years is about up. When it is -- in a VERY few more years -- YEHOVAH God Almighty is going to intervene supernaturally and with divine POWER in the governments and ways of society -- and BRING PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO HUMANITY!

HOW can that be done?

It's simple!

There is A WAY of personal, group, and organized living that will automatically produce that utopia. And there is A WAY that HAS, for 6,000 years, produced curses, war, strife and violence, frustration, failure everything this world has.

Why do some people -- even college professors and some who are intellectually inclined -- become Communists? Because they see many things WRONG in this world -- they want to BE right -- they grasp Communism as a last straw and only hope, under the delusion that THEY CAN HAVE A PART IN MAKING THIS A BETTER WORLD! They want to BE right -- but they don't want to DO right. So they grasp the straw that makes the lying and false PROMISES of producing the solution. But Communism is only another IDEA OF MAN

BASED ON HUMAN NATURE. It is a theoretical WAY that would destroy what little good there might be in this world's society. It is the most false of false hopes.

But YOU can HAVE A PART in actually bringing PEACE, happiness, joy and abundance to humanity. YEHOVAH God Almighty is GOING TO DO IT -- whether or not you have a part in it! But He is not going to do it alone. He is going to take certain human beings, born in the very LIKENESS of YEHOVAH God, who REPENT of their carnal human nature who cry out to YEHOVAH to CHANGE that nature, and GIVE them the matchless supreme GIFT of His divine LOVE that will travel THE WAY toward peace, happiness and joy.

These are they who, through real repentance of what they ARE as well as what they have done, through faith in the sacrifice of Yeshua the Messiah as well as in his resurrected LIFE and POWER, are forgiven their guilty past, given contact with YEHOVAH, CHANGED, CONVERTED, receiving HIS HOLY SPIRIT, being begotten as HIS CHILDREN, receiving the DIVINE nature.

In other words, they REPENT of human nature -- they REPENT of hostility to authority -- of resentment against YEHOVAH's Law. They SURRENDER unconditionally to YEHOVAH, and wholeheartedly WANT Him to rule in their lives. They CHANGE (through YEHOVAH's power given by His grace) from rebellion to submission -- from SELF-centeredness to being GOD-centered. They let Yeshua the Messiah (in Spirit) come into their lives and actually live their lives for them (**Galatians 2:20**).

They change from THE WAY that has brought all the curses upon this unhappy world, to THE WAY that will bring a brilliant, joyous UTOPIA to earth in a very few years when YEHOVAH God and Yeshua the Messiah come to this earth in all Power and Glory to RULE ALL NATIONS and bring the happy, peaceful WORLD TOMORROW!

This CHANGE is conversion. This is

what it means to BECOME a Christian. A Christian is NOT merely one who PROFESSES the Messiah. YEHOVAH's own instruction to us -- the Bible says that if one has not received YEHOVAH's holy spirit, he is NONE of His -- he is NOT a Christian (**Romans 8:9**). YEHOVAH gives His holy spirit ONLY to them that OBEY Him (**Acts 5:32**). This implants within the mind the DIVINE NATURE -- it means a CHANGED MIND!

But it does NOT remove the HUMAN nature. The MIND governs whether the converted Christian now FOLLOWS the pulls, the impulses, the desires of human nature, or whether he resists them and is LED BY the newly received divine nature. "As many as are LED BY the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (**Romans 8:14**). But one's HUMAN nature cries out to be satisfied -- does not like to be repressed.

Just RECEIVING YEHOVAH God's Spirit is not enough. One must BE LED by YEHOVAH's spirit. His spirit opens the mind to UNDERSTANDING of spiritual truth, and the KNOWLEDGE of YEHOVAH's Law. It opens the mind to THE WAY one should follow. YEHOVAH's spirit also is the love of YEHOVAH -- YEHOVAH's own divine love flooding into the human heart, and flowing on out in love to YEHOVAH and love to neighbor.

One must therefore GROW in spiritual knowledge and in YEHOVAH's grace (**II Peter 3:18**). He must become a DOER of YEHOVAH God's Law -- actually LIVING in THE WAY of peace and happiness and joy. This means he must OVERCOME his own carnal nature, his old habits, the temptations of the world -- HE MUST BE CHANGED! He must develop toward perfect spiritual and righteous CHARACTER. The real Christian is undergoing a life of TRAINING to become a RULER in YEHOVAH God's Kingdom -- in the happy and peaceful WORLD TOMORROW.

One cannot learn everything in a minute, a day, or a year. One does not become perfect at one jump. It is a continuous PROCESS. No

Christian becomes perfect at the very beginning. He does not overcome or root out all the sins, the wrong habits, all at once. He must do it little by little. But, "he that overcometh, and keepeth MY WORKS unto the end," says Yeshua the Messiah, "to him will I give power over THE NATIONS: AND HE SHALL RULE THEM" (**Revelation 2:26-27**).

YEHOVAH God Makes a Promise

WHERE will the "saved" spend eternity? Do you REALLY know? Of course you've always HEARD that you'll go to heaven, if you are "saved" -- and you've probably just accepted it WITHOUT QUESTION.

But did you ever stop to PROVE it for yourself? Did you ever look into the BIBLE TO SEE whether it REALLY does say Christians will go to heaven?

It's time we learned what YEHOVAH God Almighty -- the FINAL AUTHORITY -- reveals about the Christian's promised inheritance! Let's begin to UNDERSTAND the astounding truth from your Bible!

There is a PROMISE in your Bible which tells WHAT the saved shall inherit for eternity -- and WHERE they will be! That promise was made to all Christians. Yet the promise of this place was not made DIRECTLY to Christians. It was made to ABRAHAM, from whom the Messiah -- as an HEIR of Abraham -- descended!

As soon as one becomes a Christian -- as soon as he is truly the Messiah's -- he becomes a co-heir WITH THE MESSIAH of this promise (**Romans 8:17**). Therefore, the promise which was made to Abraham and his heir, the Messiah, also applies to every Christian.

While addressing Gentile converts, YEHOVAH God says through Paul, in **Galatians 3:16,29**, "Now to ABRAHAM and his SEED [the Messiah] were the promises made...And if YE be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed [children] and HEIRS according to the PROMISE."

Do you COMPREHEND what that means? Let's understand! "If ye be Christ's" -- that is, if you are TRULY CHRISTIANS -- then you are ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN -- you are accounted by YEHOVAH God spiritually as children of Abraham -- and are now "HEIRS according to the PROMISE" -- YOU are now an HEIR, a beneficiary -- you will receive the FULFILLMENT of the SAME PROMISE that YEHOVAH made to Abraham!

Notice that the Christian is NOT YET a possessor of his inheritance -- he is NOW an HEIR -- and what he will inherit (possess) if saved, is the SAME INHERITANCE promised to Abraham. Whatever shall be the inheritance of the saved is a definite, SPECIFIC PROMISE of YEHOVAH God which was made to the ISRAELITE forefather, Abraham.

Abraham is referred to in the Bible as the "FATHER" of the FAITHFUL (**Romans 4:11; Galatians 3:7, 9**). Abraham is the father of all those who are FULL OF FAITH! If one is converted, whether he be Jew or Gentile -- regardless of race or color or sex -- if one is the Messiah's, then he becomes one of Abraham's children, and an HEIR of the PROMISE made to Abraham. The converted Christian is to INHERIT what was PROMISED to Abraham.

If you will look into your Bible to find out what YEHOVAH God promised to Abraham -- to find out WHAT is the inheritance of those who are saved -- to find out WHY we have to be Abraham's children to inherit this promise -- WHEN and HOW we shall inherit the promise -- YOU'RE IN FOR A SHOCKING SURPRISE!

There is no other question more IMPORTANT in your life -- this matter concerns YOUR ETERNITY -- and yet you probably never thought to really look into it for yourself --

IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!

The statement we read from the Book of Galatians actually sums up the WHOLE of the Gospel -- it is a condensed statement of the very PURPOSE and PLAN of YEHOVAH God for mankind! Your hope of ETERNAL LIFE -- of salvation -- depends altogether on what is stated in that greatly misunderstood passage!

The Messiah Confirmed the PROMISE

In order to understand this important question, notice what is written in **Romans 15:8**: "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to CONFIRM the PROMISES made unto the fathers."

In bringing a NEW MESSAGE -- the GOSPEL -- Yeshua came to confirm the promises made to the fathers.

But WHO were the FATHERS? -- and WHAT are the PROMISES made to them? -- heaven? -- purgatory?

Your salvation depends on the answer!

The inspired words of Peter relate that "The God of ABRAHAM, and of ISAAC, and of

Below, remains of Babylonian temples on the side of a ziggurat at Eridu, in southern Iraq. Here early Babylonians used to worship Enki, pagan god of the deep. YEHOVAH God called Abraham out of such religious confusion and idolatry.



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16th century depiction of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, capital city of King Nebuchadnezzar's vast empire. YEHOVAH God likens it to the confused spiritual "Babylon" in which we live today.

JACOB, the God of OUR FATHERS, hath glorified His Son Jesus" (**Acts 3:13**).

The fathers, then, were Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If you are the Messiah's -- if you are a CHRISTIAN -- YOU are an heir to inherit -- not what men might devise in their imaginations -- you are an heir ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE!

If you're an heir, you are going to INHERIT something. If you're an heir according to the promise, you are going to INHERIT WHATEVER WAS PROMISED TO THE FATHERS -- not something else.

That promise to Abraham is IMPORTANT! Whatever it is -- THAT IS what you shall inherit -- if you are saved! You find the account of that PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM in the Book of Genesis.

Abraham OBEYED

Now notice the **12th chapter of the Book of Genesis, verse 1**: "Now the Eternal had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a LAND that I will show thee."

We find that YEHOVAH God called

Abram -- as his name was originally -- out of the land of Babylon where he lived -- surely symbolic of the spiritual "Babylon" in which we live today -- just as, today, YEHOVAH calls you and me out of THIS world -- THIS BABYLON!

Abraham didn't quibble or argue. **Verse 4** says: "So Abram DEPARTED." He went to a CERTAIN LAND, where YEHOVAH God led him -- the land we call Palestine today! ABRAHAM OBEYED YEHOVAH GOD. "So Abram departed!" it is written. That is why he was made FATHER of the precious promises on which your eternal salvation rests! He OBEYED --

immediately he DEPARTED! Yes, just as you and I too must OBEY, if we, WITH Abraham, are to inherit the promises!

Men today have NO CONCEPTION of what is in store for the one who is really SAVED. The inheritance that awaits you -- if you surrender to YEHOVAH God -- if you OBEY as Abraham obeyed -- if you rely, not on YOUR faith, but on the very FAITH OF THE MESSIAH -- and if you are BORN AGAIN -- that inheritance surpasses anything you have ever conceived of so FAR, that you haven't the slightest conception of your TRUE POTENTIAL DESTINY!

As we read in **I Corinthians 2:9**, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him..." The inheritance which YEHOVAH has prepared for us cannot even be conceived of by the natural mind of man -- but YEHOVAH God DOES reveal it to us "BY HIS SPIRIT!" (**I Corinthians 2:10**.)

Now WHAT did YEHOVAH God promise Abraham? We are about to see. But first, READ these instructions.

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Before You Begin

This lesson is intended to direct you to the BIBLE -- to help you learn the truth of YEHOVAH's Word. Here is the method of study.

Is your Bible in front of you? If not, get your Bible -- or Bibles, if you have more than one translation -- BEFORE YOU DO ANOTHER THING! Have a good dictionary, a concordance if you own one, and your notepaper all placed in front of you on a desk or table.

Remember -- you must open your Bible to EVERY PASSAGE. Never say to yourself, "Oh, I think I know what this scripture is referring to" -- and then pass over it. You need to "KEEP YOUR NOSE IN THE BIBLE," so to speak. You must read and re-read and think out each passage. MEDITATE on this new knowledge in your leisure time during the following twenty-four hours, and in your time of prayer -- so you WON'T FORGET it!

Make YEHOVAH's Word a PART OF YOU! Don't forget, this is a BIBLE STUDY Course not just a study of these words we send you.

Here is the method of making effective notes: Write down neatly on your paper the title of this lesson. Underneath that write down the lesson number. As you come to each question section, write down its heading. Then, UNDERNEATH at the left-hand margin of your paper, number each question and write down the scriptural answer to each, together with any pertinent ideas that come to your mind.

Be SURE to WRITE OUT the scripture which answers each question. If you have not done so before, BEGIN TO DO IT NOW! Writing down every word of each Bible passage, and any comments you wish to make as you go along, will help you greatly in REVIEWING and REMEMBERING.

This lesson, like all others, is extremely important to you. Have you PRAYED to YEHOVAH God for understanding? If not, then go to a private place, kneel down, and ask

YEHOVAH for SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING and wisdom. Ask Him to HELP YOU grasp and apply in your own life the knowledge this lesson will reveal to you in the Bible.

And now for the lesson itself!

The "Promised Land"

1. Did YEHOVAH God call Abraham out of the land in which he had been residing? **Genesis 12:1.** Did YEHOVAH, at this same time, PROMISE that He would lead Abraham to another land -- a PARTICULAR land? **Same verse.**

2. Does the Bible record that Abraham ARGUED with YEHOVAH God about leaving the land, like most people do today, when they are called upon to give up the bad habits they have acquired in this world and follow where YEHOVAH leads them? Or did Abraham just Do AS YEHOVAH COMMANDED HIM? **Genesis 12:4.** What land did YEHOVAH lead Abraham into? **Genesis 12:5.**

COMMENT: Canaan is the present land of Palestine.

3. Now just what DID YEHOVAH God promise ABRAHAM? **Genesis 12:7.**

COMMENT: "Seed" means "offspring." So the promise was the INHERITANCE of the LAND OF PALESTINE by Abraham's offspring.

4. Abraham then went down into the land of Egypt for a short time. When he returned to Palestine, what did YEHOVAH tell Abraham to do? **Genesis 13:14-15.** Did YEHOVAH reiterate His promise that He would give Abraham's seed this particular land? Did YEHOVAH also promise Abraham that he, too, would receive this land? **Verse 15.** And that Abraham's offspring would be multiplied? **Verse 16.**

COMMENT: PALESTINE was PROMISED by YEHOVAH God to Abraham a second time for emphasis. Notice that Palestine was PROMISED. That is why it's called "the PROMISED LAND"!

5. For HOW LONG is it promised -- ETERNAL INHERITANCE includes MUCH FOREVER? **Genesis 13:15.** MORE!

COMMENT: The inheritance is to be an ETERNAL inheritance, which of necessity involves and INCLUDES EVERLASTING LIFE!

6. If one inherits a piece of LAND, the deed must describe the exact BOUNDARIES of the property. What is the description of the land we may hope to inherit? **Genesis 15:18.**

COMMENT: We have all seen enough maps to know that the boundaries here described are NOT up in HEAVEN, but are the boundaries of a LAND RIGHT HERE ON EARTH -- and the promise THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL INHERITANCE -- is the LAND OF PALESTINE, from the Nile to the Euphrates River, HERE on this earth! May YEHOVAH God help us to put our TRUST in the sure Word of YEHOVAH -- NOT in the FABLES OF MEN!

7. Was this promise EXPANDED until ultimately it included inheritance of the WHOLE EARTH? **Romans 4:13.**

COMMENT: Other scriptures to be studied in this lesson show that the promise of

Obedience Before Inheritance

In making this promise to Abraham, YEHOVAH God conditioned it on OBEDIENCE. Abraham DID OBEY!

First, he LEFT his native land, his friends and relatives, his old ways of life -- he FORSOOK ALL and followed where YEHOVAH God led. Did YEHOVAH stop here in testing Abraham, and CONFIRM this priceless promise? OR, did YEHOVAH test Abraham further before doing so? Let us examine.

1. How did YEHOVAH test Abraham? **Genesis 22:1, 2.**

COMMENT: The proper translation of the word "tempt," used here, is "try." YEHOVAH tempts no man to cause him to fall. When the King James Translation of the Bible was made, the word "tempt" meant "try," or to "TEST." Thus the translators used the word "tempt."

2. Did Abraham, unlike the first time, stop to reason it out, or make excuse, or rebel? Or did he dutifully OBEY YEHOVAH -- even rising early in the morning to do so? **Genesis 22:3.**

3. Did YEHOVAH thus take Abraham's only son? **Genesis 22:10-12.**

COMMENT: YEHOVAH did not take the son -- YEHOVAH merely wanted Abraham's WILLINGNESS TO OBEY, in and through faith.

The lush Jordan Valley in Palestine today -- part of the inheritance promised to Abraham's descendants.



Because Abraham was FAITHFUL -- full of faith -- the Bible refers to Abraham as the symbolic "father" of ALL who are full of faith in this same sense.

4. But AFTER Abraham HAD obeyed -- HAD been put to the test and found faithful -- were there any OTHER CONDITIONS to the promise? **Genesis 22:15-18**. Underline heavily in your Bible the words, "BECAUSE thou hast DONE this thing," in **verse 16**, and the words, "BECAUSE thou hast OBEYED MY VOICE," in **verse 18**.

COMMENT: Now the PROMISE WAS UNCONDITIONAL. Abraham already HAD PERFORMED HIS PART of the COVENANT -- this agreement.

5. What other scripture shows us this promise is now ABSOLUTELY SURE? -- did Abraham faithfully obey YEHOVAH God in EVERY WAY? **Genesis 26:5**.

COMMENT: It should be remembered that YEHOVAH's law -- YEHOVAH's commandments -- have been in effect from the very time of creation. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (**I John 3:4**). The same fundamental, eternal SPIRITUAL LAWS that Adam transgressed when he sinned are the SAME laws and commandments Abraham obeyed and kept -- long before the sacrifices and rituals of Moses were instituted.

6. Were these SAME promises passed on down to Isaac, Abraham's son? **Genesis 26:1-4**. Why? **Verse 5**. Were ALL nations to be blessed through Isaac, as they were through Abraham? **Verse 4**.

7. Were these SAME PROMISES then passed down to Jacob, Isaac's son? **Genesis 35:9-12**. Note **verse 11**, then read comment below.

COMMENT: The explanation of **verse 11** is this: the UNITED STATES is the "nation" referred to here, and the BRITISH COMMONWEALTH is the "company of nations." Write for our articles *Where Did the Twelve Apostles Go?* and *Who Are the Present-Day Scots Anyway?* to help understand

this incredible topic!

Jacob -- whose name was later changed to ISRAEL -- had twelve children. Each gave rise to one of the twelve tribes of ISRAEL -- known collectively as the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, or ISRAELITES. One of these tribes originated from the brother JUDAH -- known correctly as "Judahites." The term "Jew" (that is used today) describes a mixed people of whom only a relatively small percentage are descended from Judah. All people of the earth who have not descended from Abraham, are called Gentiles by the Bible. However, we must be careful here -- the 10 Lost Tribes of Israel are also referred to as "Gentiles." (Read our article, *New Testament Gentiles and the House of Israel*).

8. The promises were made, as we have seen, to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jacob's CHILDREN. Jacob's children are ISRAELITES, not Gentiles -- except under circumstances found in the New Testament. There is a mistaken idea, today, that Christianity is a GENTILE religion. But through whom does the Messiah plainly say salvation is? **John 4:22**. And what does Paul say about this? **Romans 2:10**.

COMMENT: The SCEPTRE promise, through which the Messiah and salvation were promised, went specifically to the house of Judah, whose people correctly called JUDAHITES. The Bible reveals that the COVENANTS and the PROMISES pertained to all of ISRAEL. So we read in **Romans 9:4**: "Who are ISRAELITES; TO WHOM pertaineth the adoption and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, AND THE PROMISES."

Christians Are HEIRS to the Promises

Since these promises were made specifically to Abraham and his descendants mentioned above, how can ALL nations also be BLESSED through these promises? Let's understand.

1. Did YEHOUAH God promise Abraham that ALL nations of the earth would be blessed through his one "seed"? **Genesis 12:3** and **22:18**. Who is this "seed"? **Galatians 3:8, 16**.

COMMENT: The word "seed" in **Genesis 22:18** refers specifically to Abraham's ONE SEED, who is Yeshua the Messiah -- not to Abraham's MULTIPLE "seed," or REMAINDER of his blood offspring (**Genesis 13:16** and **17:8**).

2. Doesn't **Luke 3:23, 34** prove that Yeshua was a BLOOD OFFSPRING -- a SEED -- of Abraham?

3. HOW did Paul say that Gentiles could share in the promises made to Abraham? **Galatians 3:28-29**.

COMMENT: Unless a Gentile (whether Israelite or non-Israelite) becomes a SPIRITUAL Israelite through the Messiah, he has ABSOLUTELY NO HOPE of becoming an HEIR to the SPIRITUAL promises made to Abraham! This is made possible only through becoming "the Messiah's" -- by becoming a SPIRIT-BEGOTTEN CHRISTIAN!

4. What did Paul say the CONVERTED Ephesian Gentiles used to be IN TIMES PAST? **Ephesians 2:11-12**.

COMMENT: This doesn't sound like Christianity is a GENTILE religion. THIS doesn't sound like the NEW Covenant is a GENTILE covenant! WHILE these particular Ephesians Paul was here talking to were Gentiles in the FLESH, they had become SPIRITUAL Israelites THROUGH the Messiah. But they were "STRANGERS from the covenants of promise; having NO HOPE, AND WITHOUT GOD in the world," BEFORE conversion!

5. But NOW, through the Messiah, are they made near? **Ephesians 2:13**. Are they strangers and foreigners any more? **Verse 19**. Are they fellow citizens with the saints, and of the SPIRITUAL Household of YEHOUAH God? **Same verse**.

COMMENT: And so today, WHOSOEVER WILL from EVERY nation, may come

and take of the waters of eternal life FREELY, because YEHOUAH God has kept His promise, and the promised Seed, the Messiah, has come.

What a glorious, matchless privilege to be taken into the very Household of YEHOUAH God -- to be able to call the Eternal Creator our FATHER! For THROUGH THE MESSIAH, Abraham becomes our fleshly father, and YEHOUAH GOD becomes our spiritual Father. We read in **Galatians 3:7**: "Know ye therefore that they which are of FAITH, the same are the CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM." That's why Abraham is called the "father" of the faithful (**Romans 4:11**) -- whether Jew (Judahite) or Gentile!

Again, in **Romans 8:14-15**: "For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the SONS OF GOD...Whereby we cry, Abba Father." Yes, now SPIRIT-BEGOTTEN sons who shall become BORN SONS at the time of the resurrection -- to become INHERITORS of the Kingdom of YEHOUAH God!

The Kingdom of YEHOUAH God is the FAMILY of YEHOUAH -- the GOD FAMILY!

It's a glorious FAMILY RELATIONSHIP! This glorified INHERITANCE surpasses anything you have ever conceived of in your mind!

But what is the difference between inheriting the EARTH and the KINGDOM of YEHOUAH God -- WHERE shall we inherit the Kingdom? Let's study further and see.

NO MAN Has Ascended to Heaven -- Except the Messiah

We have clearly seen, from the Bible, that the EARTH IS THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAVED -- NOT heaven. But where does the Bible specifically SAY we DO NOT go to heaven?

1. Did Yeshua dogmatically state that NO ONE, beside himself, has ever ascended up to heaven? **John 13:33**.

COMMENT: The Bible plainly states that NO MAN has ever ASCENDED UP into the

heaven where YEHOVAH God is, EXCEPT the MAN Messiah!

2. What else did the Messiah tell his disciples? **John 3:13**.

COMMENT: Even the Messiah's own disciples were told they could NOT go up into heaven where he was going.

3. But DID the Messiah give them an idea of WHERE they would be and WHAT they would be doing WHEN he returns? **John 14:2**, **3**. Read also **Matthew 25:31, 34**.

COMMENT: "Mansions" -- rooms -- in the "Father's house" -- YEHOVAH's Temple in the Old Testament times -- were occupied by YEHOVAH's priests. These ROOMS represented POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY.

WHEN Yeshua will have returned to this earth, as judge of all nations on earth, THEN he will say to the saved: "Come, ye blessed... INHERIT THE KINGDOM, prepared for you." The Kingdom of YEHOVAH God is the divine, ruling FAMILY of YEHOVAH God. It will rule all nations, here ON EARTH! The saints will HAVE POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY in that Kingdom. To enter into -- to INHERIT -- the divine Kingdom of YEHOVAH God is a destiny of such marvelous GLORY that your mind cannot grasp it now! And our inheritance, as divine members of the very GOD FAMILY, shall be the earth for an EVERLASTING POSSESSION.

WHAT'S WRONG with the earth?

Absolutely nothing but SIN -- rebellion against YEHOVAH GOD and his eternal SPIRITUAL LAWS that GOVERN peace and happiness and joy! Happiness and joy -- a GLORIFIED condition such as you MAY inherit -- is not a matter of geographical location! It is a spiritual condition! There will be NO SIN in that happy world tomorrow! No liars -- no murderers -- no thieves or robbers. Think of it -- there'll be NO SATAN to deceive people, no locks on doors -- no jails, no hospitals -- no poorhouses! No strife, no war -- no sickness or disease no poverty nor hunger, nor want!

Fulfillment of Promises Just AHEAD

Has Abraham already inherited the promises?

First, notice the inspired words of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, full of faith and the holy spirit -- Stephen who PAID WITH HIS LIFE for these inspired words of Scripture. They are in the Book of Acts.

1. Has Abraham yet RECEIVED the inheritance YEHOVAH promised to him? **Acts 7:2-5**. Note especially **verse 5**.

COMMENT: Abraham NEVER RECEIVED the promised inheritance -- though YEHOVAH's promise was made UNCONDITIONAL because Abraham HAD OBEYED YEHOVAH God!

2. Was Abraham merely a SO-JOURNER, during his lifetime, in the land that YEHOVAH had promised to him? **Hebrews 11:8-10**. Note **verse 9** particularly. Even as he lay dying, had he, as yet, RECEIVED the promises? **Verse 13**. But does **verse 8** point out that Abraham will, IN THE FUTURE, receive the fulfillment of these promises? Note the words "AFTER receive"!

3. Does the Bible say that Isaac and Jacob were heirs to this SAME promise? **Hebrews 11:9**. Have they received it, as yet? **Verse 13**.

COMMENT: Do you grasp what these inspired Scriptures of YEHOVAH God say? They say in plain language that all these died, NOT having received their inheritance -- the very FATHERS to whom the promises were made did NOT "go to their 'reward' at death!" THUS SAYS THE LORD!

4. Was Abraham STILL DEAD during the time of the apostles? **John 8:52, 53**. Then Abraham has NOT received the promises TO THIS DAY, has he?

COMMENT: All through the New Testament you read that Christians who become Abraham's "children" through the Messiah are NOT NOW inheritors -- they are spoken of only as heirs. An HEIR is one who has NOT YET

come into his inheritance. So the dead in the Messiah even of our age have NOT received their inheritance either!

Now WHY has Abraham, even to this day, as yet not inherited the promise? Listen! The Messiah came to CONFIRM -- MAKE POSSIBLE -- THE FULFILLMENT of the PROMISE of eternal inheritance of the earth made to Abraham. This constitutes one of the "BETTER PROMISES" of the NEW TESTAMENT! The Messiah, in CONFIRMING these promises made to Abraham, preached always the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD which is to occupy and govern the EARTH -- the SAME earth that has been promised to Abraham for an eternal inheritance.

Abraham will soon be BORN INTO the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God! Abraham's inheritance is thus to be the KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD! The SAME INHERITANCE you and I may have by becoming Abraham's seed, through the Messiah.

To Inherit the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God

1. Does **Matthew 6:33** verify the fact that it is the KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD we are to strive to enter -- and NOT heaven?

2. Does **Matthew 7:21** also verify the fact that the inheritance of the saved will be the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? It is the Kingdom OF heaven -- not IN heaven!

3. Does **Ephesians 5:5** plainly show that the sinner will have NO INHERITANCE in the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? Don't these preceding scriptures plainly show that the inheritance of the saved is the KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD?

4. But that Kingdom, Yeshua said, is NOT of this world -- THIS AGE! In his great prophecy of events about to occur in the

apostles' lifetimes, what did Yeshua say in **Luke 21:31**?

COMMENT: The Kingdom of YEHOVAH God will RULE THE WORLD. IT IS not yet established -- but today it is "NIGH AT HAND" -- and IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!



The earth is the Christian's inheritance -- not heaven. And why not the earth? There's nothing wrong with it -- except man's sins which have made it a desert wilderness and a slum-covered, garbage-riddled hulk! YEHOVAH God and the Messiah are coming soon to STRAIGHTEN OUT what man has made crooked.

WHY is it that Abraham and all the "HEIRS according to the promise" must REMAIN heirs for a short time longer? There are several reasons. Let us see.

5. Has the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God, of which Christians are HEIRS, been established upon this earth yet? -- what did the Messiah tell his disciples when they thought he would establish his Father's world-ruling Kingdom in their day? **Luke 19:11-13, 15.**

COMMENT: The Messiah represented himself here as the young nobleman going to the far country -- heaven -- to receive the right to RULE in the Kingdom, showing it would be set up and would take over the rule of all nations at his Father's and his own COMING. The point is

that the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God has NOT YET been established on this earth so that Christians may inherit it!

6. Does **Matthew 6:10** also prove that YEHOVAH's Kingdom is YET to be established ON OUR EARTH?

7. Is the record of each who is to receive this inheritance being kept in heaven? **I Peter 1:3, 4**. WHEN IS the salvation of the saved revealed? And WHEN IS the possession of the inheritance given? **Verse 5**.

COMMENT: Note that the record of the inheritance is "reserved" -- is kept -- in heaven, and that salvation, and therefore the POSSESSION of the inheritance, is to be "revealed" -- given -- "in the LAST TIME" -- at the soon-coming END OF THIS AGE. This is additional proof that the Kingdom has NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED!

8. But there's still another reason why we CANNOT INHERIT the Kingdom at this present time. We are now composed of flesh and blood. Can we inherit the Kingdom while we are composed of this material? **I Corinthians 15:50**.

COMMENT: No flesh and blood can INHERIT the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God. The Kingdom of YEHOVAH God is NOT A HUMAN KINGDOM -- there are NO HUMANS in it -- it is a DIVINE KINGDOM -- the God Kingdom! Our human bodies must be changed to another kind of material to become a PART of that particular Kingdom!

9. Does Paul say our flesh-and-blood bodies will be CHANGED? **I Corinthians 15:51, 53**. Since we will be born of the Spirit then, of what will our bodies be composed? **John 3:6**. What is this process called -- being "born again"? **John 3:3**. And if we are in this manner "born again," can we "see" -- ENTER -- the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? **Same verse**.

COMMENT: Our mortal human bodies will then be CHANGED into SPIRIT BODIES -- bodies which can INHERIT the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God. Our present flesh is corruptible, subject to aging and decay. But

spirit things and spirit beings are ETERNALLY NEW.

10. How LONG will it take us to be changed from our present material substance into spirit? **I Corinthians 15:52**, the first nine words.

COMMENT: Now we begin to see why Abraham, and his children through the Messiah, have not as YET inherited the promises!

Inheritors at the Resurrection

But to go further. We cannot come into ETERNAL inheritance until we come into ETERNAL LIFE. And what is our only HOPE of inheriting eternal life? The RESURRECTION from the dead! For it is appointed to ALL once to die (**Hebrews 9:27**) -- everyone of us must die even though it be for only a split second. Without a RESURRECTION no one would LIVE again.

Is your hope of a resurrection well founded? Do you actually have the PROMISE from YEHOVAH God, Himself, that He will resurrect you? Here's what YEHOVAH says.

1. Did YEHOVAH God, Himself, inspire the apostle Paul to pose the question, "IF there be NO resurrection of the dead..."? **I Corinthians 15:13**. What does YEHOVAH say of the Messiah, IF there is no resurrection? **Same verse**.

2. If this be the case, is our faith in a future resurrection in VAIN? **I Corinthians 15:14**. And are those who are asleep in the Messiah PERISHED? **Verse 18**. Strong scripture, that!

COMMENT: The dead IN THE MESSIAH are UTTERLY PERISHED -- UNLESS there is to be a RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD! How DIFFERENT from the modern fables to which a deceived world has been turned today!

So Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are DEAD. And, unless there is to be a RESURRECTION -- a rising up FROM the grave they are PERISHED!

3. What did YESHUA say to show there surely will be a resurrection? **Matthew 22:31**. WHAT IS being discussed here -- the RESURRECTION of the dead? Didn't YEHOVAH God say He is the God of the LIVING -- not the dead? **Verse 32**.

COMMENT: Yeshua clearly spoke of a FUTURE resurrection of the dead. He showed that the resurrection of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- who have been DEAD all these centuries -- is so SURE, it was AS IF it had already taken place! BY TWISTING this text many try to prove Abraham is not dead, but has already gone to and come into his promised inheritance -- just the OPPOSITE of what Yeshua meant!

HOW the Messiah Made Our Inheritance Possible

1. What is SIN? **I John 3:4**. What is the PENALTY -- "the wages of" -- sin? **Romans 6:23**. Has ALL mankind sinned? **Romans 3:23**.

COMMENT: YEHOVAH God is Creator and Owner of the universe and all that is within it. He is also the great LAWGIVER. Whoever is NOT OBEDIENT to Him, SINS! Sin causes so much sorrow, suffering, unhappiness and anguish, all who disobey YEHOVAH God are worthy of death -- ETERNAL death! And ALL have sinned. ALL are therefore WORTHY OF ETERNAL DEATH. If WE were to PAY the penalty of our OWN sins, none of us would have eternal life -- none could inherit the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God as an eternal inheritance.

2. But did the Messiah give himself -- shed his LIFE BLOOD -- in our place, so that we need not have to pay the penalty of our sins and thus be deprived of eternal inheritance -- the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? **I Timothy 2:5, 6** and **Romans 5:8-10**.

COMMENT: By DYING -- by shedding his LIFE BLOOD -- the Messiah was able to pay for ALL the sins of mankind for ALL TIME.

This is HOW the Messiah CONFIRMED

-- made possible -- our INHERITANCE of the Kingdom for eternity. Through his DEATH, he made it POSSIBLE for us to have ETERNAL LIFE -- to exist for all eternity!

3. Did the Messiah leave a WILL, or last testament, at the time of his death? **Hebrews 9:15**. Notice the word "testament." A "testament" is a "will." What does it PROMISE those who are called to salvation? **Same verse**. When a person makes a will, must he DIE BEFORE it comes into force? **Verses 16-17**. Are those who are to receive salvation called HEIRS? **Hebrews 1:14**.

COMMENT: The Messiah wished to make eternal inheritance of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God available to all people. He did this by making a WILL -- A TESTAMENT. This is why the last fourth of your Bible is called the "New Testament." It teaches you HOW you may become an HEIR to the PROMISE OF ETERNAL INHERITANCE in the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God which is to be established upon this earth!! A testament, or will, is of no effect unless the one making it DIES. The Messiah DIED SO that you may INHERIT the promises FROM HIM!

What We Must DO!

And now comes the CRUX OF THIS WHOLE LESSON! Is there anything that we must DO in order to inherit these priceless promises? Ponder this section well, for it reveals what we must DO in this life to become HEIRS and finally INHERITORS of YEHOVAH's Kingdom.

1. Did YEHOVAH God the Father GIVE His only begotten Son so that we might become heirs to the promises? **John 3:16**.

2. Did the Messiah voluntarily GIVE himself as our sacrifice in order that we might have this privilege? **Luke 22:42**. Was his body DISFIGURED more than that of any other man? **Isaiah 52:14**. Did his perspiration appear as BLOOD at Gethsemane, shortly before he became our sacrifice? **Luke 22:44**. (His profuse

sweat was tinged with blood!)

3. Is it because of the Messiah's suffering and death for us that YEHOVAH God says we have been "bought" BY HIM? **I Corinthians 7:23**. And is it YEHOVAH God, therefore, whom we are now to SERVE? **Same verse**. But what do some thoughtless people say? **Malachi 3:14**. Do some even go so far as to deny the Lord that "BOUGHT" them? **II Peter 2:1**.

4. What does the Messiah tell us, by example, to do IF we are to receive -- enter into -- the ETERNAL INHERITANCE? **Matthew 19:17**. Isn't this exactly the SAME thing that Abraham did? **Genesis 26:5**. Note the word "COMMANDMENTS."

5. Did Paul SERVE YEHOVAH God? **Acts 27:23**. Doesn't he point out that even the service we give to our earthly bosses is to be considered as service rendered unto YEHOVAH GOD? **Colossians 3:22-24**.

6. Are we to be obedient in ALL THINGS? **II Corinthians 2:9**. Even in the THOUGHTS we allow ourselves to think? **II Corinthians 10:5**.

7. Why is obedience to YEHOVAH God necessary today as it was in Abraham's day? **Romans 7:7, 12**.

COMMENT: Keeping the Law -- YEHOVAH God's commands -- is the ONLY way we may live in HARMONY with others, and with YEHOVAH God. It's the ONLY way we can develop the CHARACTER OF YEHOVAH GOD -- with the HELP of YEHOVAH's holy spirit -- so we can be BORN of YEHOVAH and INHERIT His Kingdom for eternity!

We Receive the Promises WHEN Yeshua Returns

1. WHEN will Abraham and his children through the Messiah receive the promises? Will there be a SIGNAL given for this great event? **I Corinthians 15:52**. Is this the LAST trump? **Same verse**. Our bodies are then changed from mortality to WHAT? **Verse 53**.

2. And what ELSE IS to happen at that

very same time? **I Thessalonians 4:16, 17**. Will Abraham and his children through the Messiah -- both the dead and the living -- finally be "saved" -- caught up in the resurrection to be with the Messiah WHEREVER HE MAY BE from thenceforth? **Verse 17**. Since the Messiah has already lived on this earth as a normal HUMAN BEING, doesn't this all happen at the Messiah's SECOND APPEARANCE? **Same verses**.

3. And WHERE does the Messiah go in that day? **Revelation 14:1**. Does he also begin to reap the earth's harvest at that time? **Revelation 14:14-20**.

4. Does YEHOVAH God Himself also return to this earth shortly thereafter? **Revelation 19:11-16**. Also read **Zechariah 14:3**, and all verses to the end of the chapter. And will all the saints, or Christians -- Abraham and his children through the Messiah -- the HEIRS who are to inherit this EARTH forever -- join with the returning YEHOVAH God? **Verse 5**, last part.

COMMENT: Yes, at the last trump, the Messiah will appear on this earth -- this time as High Priest and king to reign under YEHOVAH God the Father who will rule all the nations of the earth. When Yeshua the Messiah comes to set up his Father's Kingdom, THEN Abraham and his children in the Messiah who have died shall be RESURRECTED TO IMMORTALITY, to INHERIT THE PROMISE of the KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD -- a world-ruling GOVERNMENT headed and ruled by YEHOVAH God, headquartered in the very LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM -- the land of PALESTINE, from the Nile to the Euphrates River. And this KINGDOM, composed of IMMORTALS which flesh and blood cannot enter, shall rule over all other FLESHLY nations of the earth during the Millennial Utopia!

The Promise Is NOT Heaven!

Yeshua said: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit THE EARTH" (**Matthew 5:5**). That's part of the Sermon on the Mount -- and

certainly every Christian BELIEVES the Sermon on the Mount!

Then we must BELIEVE, if we are Christians, that what the saved inherit is THE EARTH -- and NOT HEAVEN! The inspired apostle John plainly said, "NO MAN HATH ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN" (**John 3:13**). THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING!

1. WHAT do those that "wait upon the LORD" (YEHOVAH God) INHERIT? **Psalm 37:9**.

2. WHAT shall those blessed of YEHOVAH God INHERIT? **Psalm 37:22**.

3. WHAT shall the righteous INHERIT, and HOW LONG shall they dwell there? **Psalm 37:29**.

4. And WHAT does YEHOVAH God promise to those who "KEEP HIS WAY"? **Psalm 37:34**.

COMMENT: There is absolutely NO scripture in all the Bible that promises HEAVEN to the saved in the Messiah. And yet, most people seem to be oblivious to these positive, PLAIN STATEMENTS from YEHOVAH God Almighty, and have carelessly taken for granted, WITHOUT QUESTION, the FALSE IDEA of "going to heaven"!

Notice the words the Messiah will utter at his imminent appearance: "WHEN the Son of man shall come in his Glory, and all the holy angels with him, THEN shall he sit upon the THRONE of his glory...Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD'" (**Matthew 25:31, 34**).

Yes, the KINGDOM of YEHOVAH God is the PLACE PREPARED. Yeshua said he went to PREPARE A PLACE for us in that Kingdom. He also said he went to GET FOR HIMSELF a kingdom, and to RETURN. And WHEN he returns, and when the Father's Kingdom is established on EARTH, and YEHOVAH God Himself is residing in the newly built Temple in Jerusalem, THEN it is that

the joyful call goes out, "COME! Ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU."

NOTES:

Answers to Questions in Lesson 25:

1. Yes, the Messiah speaks of "hell" in the New Testament.
2. Hell.
3. Three.
4. Yes.
5. Eternal death by fire.
6. He ceases to exist.
7. At the resurrection.
8. YEHOVAH's Word -- the Bible.
9. Number
10. The fire that burned in the Valley of Hinnom.
11. From pagans such as Plato and Dante.
12. A place where a vengeful God punishes the sinful forever.
13. (C) Mark 9:45.
14. this earth's surface burning up.
15. Yes.

Check Your Progress...

Question 1: What gives us positive assurance of what will happen to us after death?

Question 2: What made Abraham so important to Christians? _____

Question 3: Was heaven promised to Abraham as a reward for righteousness? _____

Question 4: Is it true that when the Christian is changed into a spirit being he will receive the same inheritance promised to Abraham? _____

Question 5: Can “flesh and blood” inherit the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? _____

Question 6: Do we also, like Abraham, have to be obedient to inherit the promise?

Question 7: What territory did YEHOVAH God ORIGINALLY promise Abraham?

Question 8: What do we find included in the promise TODAY? _____

Question 9: The word “Seed” in Genesis refers to _____

Question 10: Has any man, aside from the Messiah, ever ascended into heaven? _____

Question 11: Did YEHOVAH’s original promise to Abraham EXPAND until it included eternal inheritance of the ENTIRE earth? _____

Question 12: Does this promise also include eternal inheritance in the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? _____

Question 13: Will it take YEHOVAH God long to change our bodies from mortal flesh to immortal spirit? _____

Question 14: Have we much time left to qualify to become members of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God? _____

Question 15: What needs to be done to the earth before it’s a desirable place for eternal inheritance? _____

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