

Looking for the Blessed Hope
A Covenant Kept

Key Events

- God's Covenant with Abraham
- The Israelite Period
- Divided Kingdom
- 70 years of Babylonian captivity
 - The destruction of Jerusalem
 - Daniel's "70 Weeks of Years" prophecy
- The Roman Empire
- Dispersion of Jews from Israel and the holocaust
- Re-birth of Israel

God's Covenant with Abraham (Abram)

- Genesis 12:1-3 - first spoken to Abram
- Genesis 15:1-21 - defined in detail
- Genesis 17:1-21 - reaffirmed to Abram (V5: God changed Abram's name to Abraham.)
- Genesis 26:2-5 - renewed with Isaac
- Genesis 28:10-17 - renewed with Jacob
- Provisions of the Covenant:
 - Land from the river of Egypt (Nile) to the great river, Euphrates
 - Spread out in every direction

 **The Israelite Period**

- Joseph's slavery in Egypt
- 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 49)
- Moses and the Exodus to the Promised Land
- King Saul to Solomon (approximately 1022-933 BC)
- Temple built (approximately 952 BC)

 **Divided Kingdom**

Solomon's two sons:

Jeroboam	Rehoboam
• Northern Kingdom - Israel	• Southern Kingdom - Judah
• 10 tribes	• 2 tribes
• All kings were wicked	• Mixed bag of good and wicked kings
• Began to worship idols	• Taken into captivity by Babylon (586 BC)
• Taken into captivity by Assyria (722 BC)	

 **Babylonian Captivity**

- Nebuchadnezzar destroys the Temple
- "Captivity prophets"
 - Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel
- Daniel's "70 Weeks of Years" prophecy
- Return to the land
- Re-building the Temple



The Roman Empire

- Roman General Pompey lays siege to Jerusalem (63 BC)
- Herod's rule (37-4 BC)
 - Expands Temple Mount
 - Builds extremely elaborate Temple
- Jesus' birth, life and ministry
 - Herod's attempt to kill Jesus as a child
- Jesus' death, burial and resurrection



The Dispersion and Holocaust

- 70 AD - Destruction of the Temple
- Succession of rulers
- WWI - another key to prophecy
- WWII - Hitler
 - Extermination of Jews
 - Holocaust



The Re-birth of Israel

- God was about to act for the sake of His Holy Name! (Ezekiel 36:22)
- Israel comes alive!
 - Ezekiel 37
 - God is not finished with Israel yet!
- Key date in the history of the world:
May 14, 1948



This Week's Study

- God's Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- Kings and Prophets of Israel
- The Re-Birth of Israel



Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. May peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm 122:6-9
