



**DANIEL INTRODUCTION**



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### America is a "Christian Nation"

"This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation...These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people...These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation."



Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 465, 470-71 (1892)

### Scripture and Psychological Damage

"But if portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be, and in his specific experience with children Dr. Grayzel observed, had been, psychologically harmful to the child and had caused a divisive force within the social media of the school."



*School District of Abington Township v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203, 209 (1963).*

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### Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC Genesis 15		
LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND Deuteronomy 29-30	DAVIDIC 2 Samuel 7:12-16	NEW Jeremiah 31:31-34
		

### Evidence of Abrahamic Covenant's Unconditional Nature

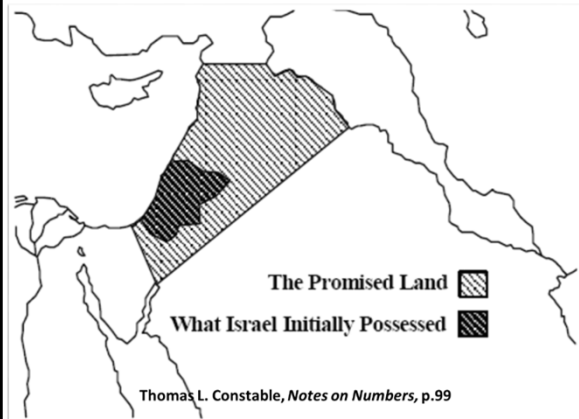
- ANE covenant ratification ceremony (Gen 15)
- No stated conditions for Israel's obedience (Gen 15)
- Covenant's eternity (Gen 17:7, 13, 19)
- Covenant's immutability (Heb 6:13-18)
- Trans-generational reaffirmation despite perpetual national disobedience (Jer. 31:35-37)



Walvoord, *The Millennial Kingdom*, 149-52

### Land Promises Fulfilled in the Time of Joshua or Solomon?

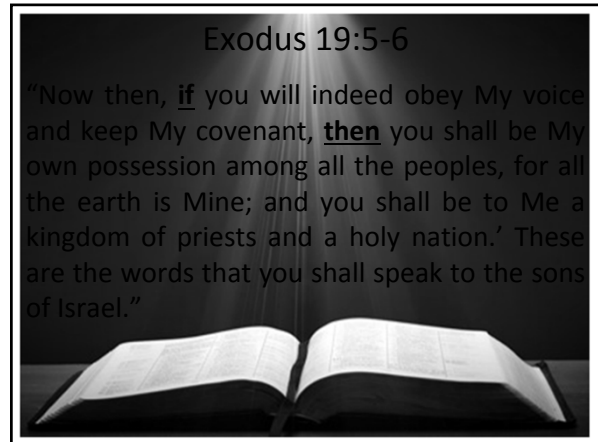
- Extended context *Josh 13:1-7*
- Land gained was a fraction of what was promised *Num. 34 vs. Gen. 15*
- Jerusalem unconquered by Joshua *Josh 15:63*
- Forever? *Gen 17:8*
- Amos 9:11-15 Reaffirms land promises

Fruchtenbaum, *Israelology*, 521-22, 631-32



The Promised Land   
 What Israel Initially Possessed 

Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers*, p.99



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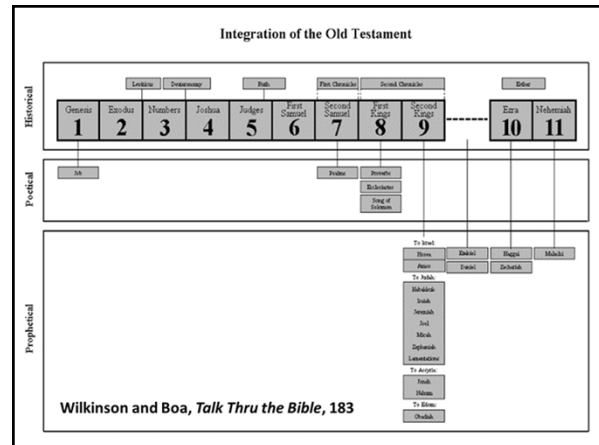
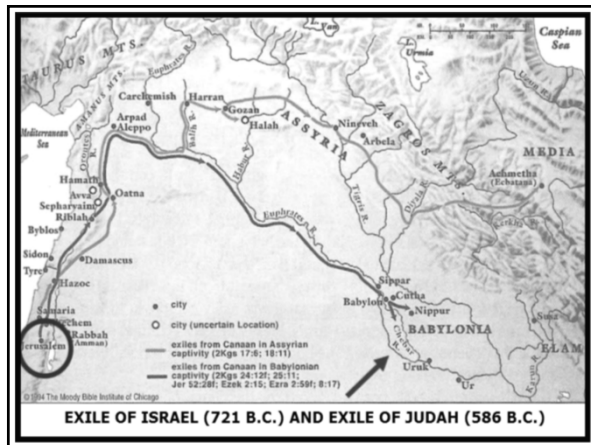


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	1	2	3
Year	605	597	586
Scripture	2 Kings 24:1; Dan.1:1	2 Kings 24:10-16; Ezek. 1:1-2	2 Kings 25:1-2, Ezek 33:21
Judah's king	Jehoiakim	Jehoiachin	Zedekiah
Those taken	Daniel & some princes	Ezekiel & majority 10k	Remnant captured, Jerusalem & Temple destroyed




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- I. Narrative section (1-6)
- II. Prophetic section (7-12)



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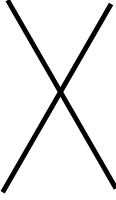
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1. Gentile History (2)
2. Protection (3)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
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1. Gentile history (7)

**Synthetic Outline**

**I. Prophetic (8-12):**

Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation, Hebrew


A. Ram & Goat (8)

B. 70 weeks (9)

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