

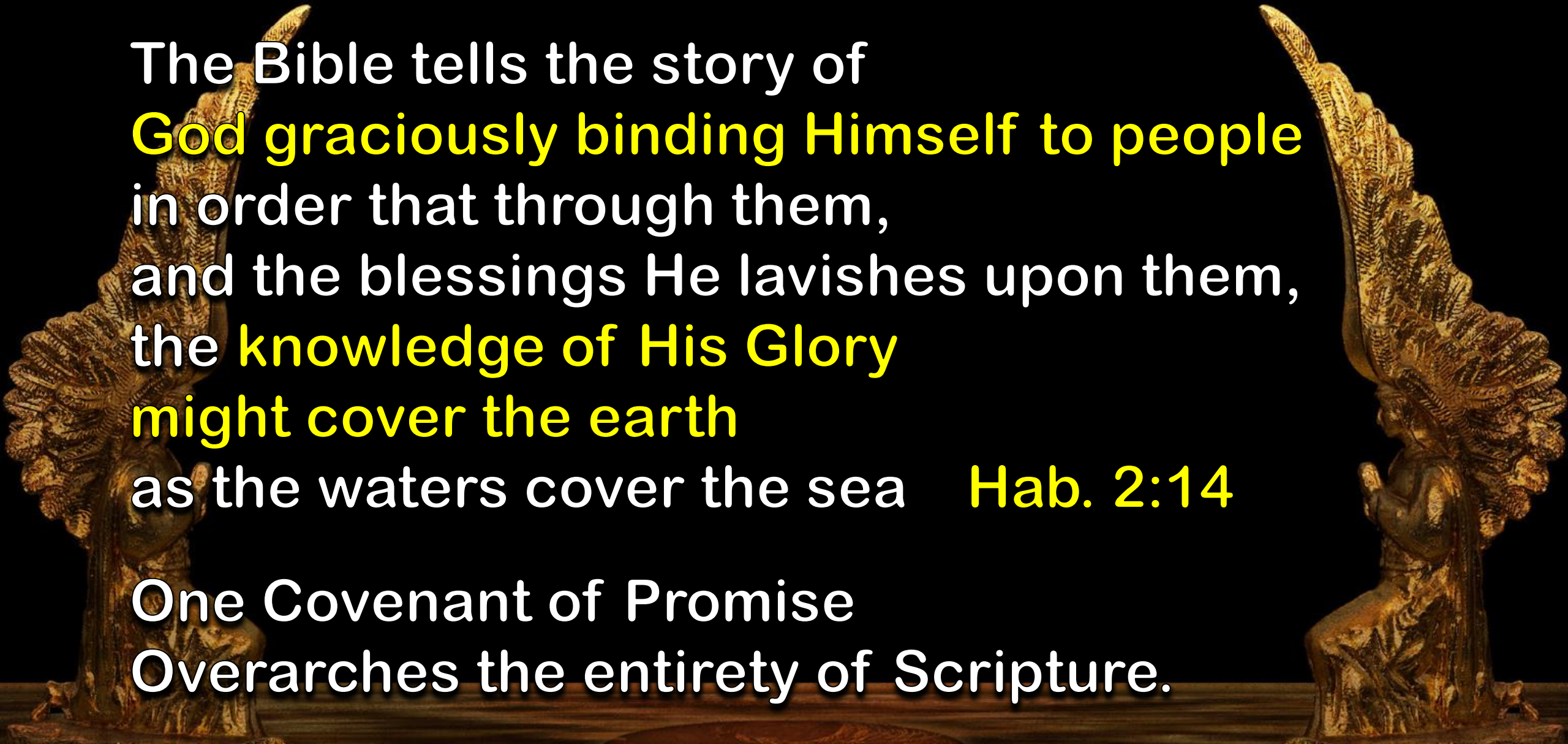
Seeing the World Through God's Eyes



“God’s Covenant of Promise.”

The Bible tells the story of
God graciously binding Himself to people
in order that through them,
and the blessings He lavishes upon them,
the knowledge of His Glory
might cover the earth
as the waters cover the sea Hab. 2:14

One Covenant of Promise
Overarches the entirety of Scripture.





“The Family That Followed God” Part 5

Genesis 15:1-21

“God’s Covenant Promises”

Genesis 15:1-21 NLT

The LORD's Covenant Promise to Abram

- 1 Some time later, **the LORD spoke to Abram** in a vision and said to him,
“**Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.**”

Abraham

- 2 But Abram replied, “O Sovereign LORD,
what good are all your blessings
when I don’t even have a son?
Since you’ve given me no children,
Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household,
will inherit all my wealth.
- 3 You have given me no descendants of my own,
so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Abraham

4 Then the LORD said to him,
“No, your servant will not be your heir,
for you will have a son of your own
who will be your heir.”

5 Then the LORD took Abram outside
and said to him, “Look up into the sky
and count the stars if you can.
That’s how many descendants you will have!”

6 And Abram **believed** the LORD,
and **the LORD** counted him as righteous
because of **his faith**.

7 Then the LORD told him,
“**I am the LORD** who brought you
out of Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land as your possession.”

8 But Abram replied, “O Sovereign LORD,
how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?”

9 The LORD told him,
“Bring me a three-year-old heifer,
a three-year-old female goat,
a three-year-old ram,
a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 So Abram presented all these to Him and killed them.

Then he cut **each animal** down the middle and **laid the halves side by side**; he did not, however, cut the birds in half.

11 **Some vultures** swooped down to eat the carcasses, but **Abram chased them away**.

12 As the sun was going down,
Abram fell into a deep sleep,
and **a terrifying darkness** came down over him.

13 Then the LORD said to Abram,
“You can be sure that your descendants
will be **strangers in a foreign land,**
where they will be **oppressed as slaves**
for 400 years.”

14 But I will punish the nation that enslaves them,
and in the end
they will come away with great wealth.


15 (As for you, you will die in peace
and be buried at a ripe old age.)

16 After four generations your descendants
will return here to this land,
for the sins of the Amorites
do not yet warrant their destruction.”

A dramatic scene featuring a flaming torch and a smoking firepot. The torch, with bright orange and yellow flames, is positioned on the right side of the frame. The firepot, a dark metal vessel, sits on the left, emitting a thick plume of white smoke that rises into the air. In the background, several animal carcasses are visible, their forms partially obscured by the smoke and the intense light from the fire. The overall atmosphere is one of solemnity and divine presence.

17 After the sun went down and darkness fell, Abram saw a smoking firepot and a flaming torch pass between the halves of the carcasses.

18 So the LORD made a covenant with Abram that day and said,
“I have given this land to your descendants,
all the way from the border of Egypt
to the great Euphrates River

19 the land now occupied by the **Kenites,**
Kenizzites, Kadmonites,
20 **Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,**
21 **Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites,**
and **Jebusites**  **Termites**

The six-fold promise of blessing

1. To make them a great nation
2. To give them a right relationship with Himself
3. To give this people a great name
4. To make them a blessing to other people
5. To protect and provide for them
6. Promised to bless all families of the earth

Ephesians 2:11-21_{NLT}

- 11 Don't forget that **you Gentiles** **used to be outsiders.**
You were called "uncircumcised heathens"
by the Jews, who were
proud of their circumcision,
even though it affected only their bodies
and not their hearts.

12 In those days you were living apart from Christ.
You were excluded from citizenship
among the people of Israel,
and you did not know the Covenant Promises
God had made to them.
You lived in this world
without God and without hope.

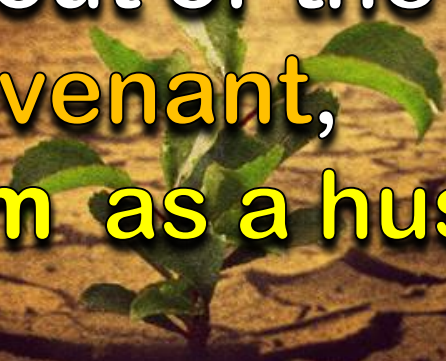
13 But now **you have been united with Christ Jesus.**
Once you were **far away** from God,
but now **you have been brought near** to Him
through the blood of Christ.

19 So now you Gentiles are
no longer strangers and foreigners.
You are **citizens**
along with **all of God's Holy People.**
You are **members of God's Family.**

20 Together, we are His House,
built on the foundation
of the apostles and the prophets.
And the Cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.

21 We are carefully joined together in Him,
becoming a Holy Temple for the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

- 31 “The day is coming,” says the LORD,
“when **I will make a New Covenant**
with the people of Israel and Judah.
- 32 This Covenant will **not be like**
the one I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
and brought them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant,
though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,”
says the LORD.
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33 “But this is the New Covenant
I will make with the people of Israel
after those days,” says the LORD.
“I will put My Instructions deep within them,
and I will write them on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be My people.”



34 And they will **not need to teach** their neighbors,
nor will they **need to teach** their relatives,
saying,

‘**You should know the LORD.**’

For everyone, from the least to the greatest,
will know Me already,” says the LORD.

“And **I will** forgive their wickedness,
and **I will** never again remember their sins.”



Jesus is the Story of Scripture

Jesus is **our Bridge** over time
into the fullness of God and His peace

1. Jesus is both **God** and **man**.
2. Jesus **fulfilled all requirements**
of God's covenant of the Law
3. Jesus **took upon Himself**
the burden of our disobedience,
enduring slaughter, like a sacrificial Lamb,