

so secured the righteousness of faith. In this strange land God appeared to him and made a covenant with him, and as this was the beginning of all that follows in the history of redemption we will examine it closely. It must be obvious to all that this covenant contains three distinct promises.

In Genesis 12: 23, this language is used:

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing and I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Again in chapter 17, 1-8 the covenant is renewed and this is the language used at that time:

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked to him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

1st. There is in this covenant the promise of the land of Canaan to Abraham's seed for an everlasting possession.

2nd. There is the promise of a blessing through his seed, upon all the families of the earth.

3rd. There is the promise that his seed should become many nations.

When the time came for Abraham to die, these promises were transmitted to Isaac. "And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac." "And in Isaac shall thy seed be called." Of Isaac came Jacob in whom the covenant was re-affirmed with special emphasis. Genesis 28:13-15:

"And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will