

創世記結晶讀經（二）

第四篇

完成神定旨的地

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讀經：創十二7，十五7～21，加三14，西一12，二6～7

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創 15:8 亞伯蘭說，主耶和華啊，我怎能知道必得這地為業呢？

創 15:9 祂說，你為我取一隻三歲的母牛、一隻三歲的母山羊、一隻三歲的公綿羊、一隻斑鳩、一隻雛鴿。

創 15:10 亞伯蘭就取了這些來，每樣從中剖開，分成兩半，一半對着一半的擺列，只有鳥沒有剖開。

創 15:11 有鷲鳥下來，落在死畜的肉上，亞伯蘭就把牠們嚇飛了。

創 15:12 日頭正落的時候，亞伯蘭沉沉的睡了；忽然有驚人的大黑暗落在他身上。

創 15:13 耶和華對亞伯蘭說，你要確實知道，你的後裔必寄居別人的地，又服事那地的人；那地的人要苦待他們四百年。

創 15:14 但他們所要服事的那國，我要懲罰，後來他們必帶着許多財物從那裏出來。

創 15:15 至於你，你要享大壽數，被人埋葬，平平安安的歸到你列祖那裏。

創 15:16 到了第四代，他們必回到此地，因為亞摩利人的罪孽還沒有滿盈。

創 15:17 日落天黑，不料有冒煙的爐並燒着的火把，從那些肉塊中經過。

創 15:18 當那日，耶和華與亞伯蘭立約，說，我已賜給你的後裔，從埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

創 15:19 就是基尼人、基尼洗人、甲摩尼人、

創 15:20 赫人、比利洗人、利乏音人、

創 15:21 亞摩利人、迦南人、革迦撒人、耶布斯人之地。

加 3:14 為叫亞伯拉罕的福，在基督耶穌裏可以臨到外邦人，使我們

Crystallization-Study of Genesis (2)

Message Four

The Land for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose

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Scripture Reading: Gen. 12:7; 15:7-21; Gal. 3:14; Col. 1:12; 2:6-7

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, O Lord Jehovah, how will I know that I will inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

Gen 15:11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a terror and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

Gen 15:17 And when the sun went down and it was dark, there came a smoking furnace and a torch of fire which passed between these pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The land of the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive

藉着信，可以接受所應許的那靈。

西 1:12 感謝父，叫你們較資格在光中同得所分給眾聖徒的分；

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 2:7 在祂裏面已經生根，並正被建造，且照着你們所受的教導，
在信心上得以堅固，洋溢着感謝，就要在祂裏面行事為人。

壹 要完成神的定旨，後裔和地這二者是必需的；後裔和地二者都豫表基督，祂是神經綸的中心和普及—創十二7，西一18，三10～11。

創 12:7 耶和華向亞伯蘭顯現，說，我要把這地賜給你的後裔。亞伯蘭就在那裏為向他顯現的耶和華築了一座壇。

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

西 3:10 並且穿上了新人；這新人照着創造他者的形像漸漸更新，以致有充足的知識；

西 3:11 在此並沒有希利尼人和猶太人、受割禮的和未受割禮的、化外人、西古提人、為奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之內。

貳 主一再對亞伯拉罕說到關於地的事，說，『從你所在的地方，舉目向東西南北觀看；凡你所看見的一切地，我都要賜給你和你的後裔，直到永遠。…你起來，縱橫走遍這地，因為我必把這地賜給你』—創十三14～15、17，參十二7，十五7：

創 13:14 羅得離別亞伯蘭以後，耶和華對亞伯蘭說，從你所在的地方，舉目向東西南北觀看；

創 13:15 凡你所看見的一切地，我都要賜給你和你的後裔，直到永遠。

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一 地是亞伯拉罕生活其中且憑以生活的地方—7～8節。

the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

I. For the fulfillment of God's purpose two things are required—the seed and the land; both the seed and the land typify Christ, who is the centrality and universality of God's economy—Gen. 12:7; Col. 1:18; 3:10-11.

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

II. The Lord spoke to Abraham repeatedly concerning the land, saying, “Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever…Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you”—Gen. 13:14-15, 17; cf. 12:7; 15:7:

Gen 13:14 And Jehovah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him, Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

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A. The land was a place for Abraham to live in and live on—vv. 7-8.

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二 地是亞伯拉罕能擊敗一切仇敵，使神能在地 上得着國度的地方——十四 13 ~ 20。

創 14:13 有一個逃出來的人，來告訴希伯來人亞伯蘭；亞伯蘭正住在亞摩利人慢利的橡樹那裏。慢利和以實各並亞乃都是弟兄，曾與亞伯蘭聯盟。

創 14:14 亞伯蘭聽見他姪兒被擄去，就率領他家裏生養的精練壯丁三百一十八人，直追到但，

創 14:15 便在夜間，自己同僕人分隊擊敗敵人，又追到大馬色北邊的何把，

創 14:16 將一切財物奪回來，連他姪兒羅得和他的財物，以及婦女、人民也都奪回來。

創 14:17 亞伯蘭擊敗基大老瑪和與他同盟的王回來的時候，所多瑪王出來，在沙微谷迎接他；沙微谷就是王谷。

創 14:18 又有撒冷王麥基洗德帶着餅和酒出來迎接；他是至高神的祭司。

創 14:19 他為亞伯蘭祝福，說，願天地的主、至高的神賜福與亞伯蘭；

創 14:20 至高的神把敵人交在你手裏，是當受頌讚的。亞伯蘭就將所得的一切，拿了十分之一給他。

三 地是神能有一個居所來彰顯祂自己的地方——申十二 5、11，十六 2。

申 12:5 但耶和華你們的神從你們各支派中，所選擇出來立祂名的地方，就是祂的居所，那是你們當尋求的，你們要往那裏去，

申 12:11 那時你們要將我所吩咐你們的燔祭和別的祭，十分取一之物，和手中的舉祭，並向耶和華許願所獻一切上好的選願祭，都奉到耶和華你們神所選擇給祂名居住的地方。

申 16:2 你當在耶和華所選擇給祂名居住的地方，從羊羣牛羣中，將逾越節的祭牲獻給耶和華你的神。

四 今天我們的地是基督；祂活在我們裏面，我們也活在祂裏面；我們應該活在基督裏，並靠基督而活——西一 27，二 6 ~ 7。

西 1:27 神願意叫他們知道，這奧祕的榮耀在外邦人中是何等的豐富，就是基督在你們裏面成了榮耀的盼望；

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 2:7 在祂裏面已經生根，並正被建造，且照着你們所受的教導，在信心上得以堅固，洋溢着感謝，就要在祂裏面行事為人。

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B. *The land was a place in which Abraham could defeat all his enemies in order that God might have a kingdom on earth—14:13-20.*

Gen 14:13 And one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was dwelling by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother of Aner; and these were allies of Abram.

Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued as far as Dan.

Gen 14:15 And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and struck them and pursued them to Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the possessions and also brought back Lot his brother and his possessions as well as the women and the people.

Gen 14:17 And after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.

C. *The land was the place where God could have a habitation as the expression of Himself—Deut. 12:5, 11; 16:2.*

Deut 12:5 But to the place which Jehovah your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name, to His habitation, shall you seek, and there shall you go.

Deut 12:11 Then to the place where Jehovah your God will choose to cause His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I am commanding you, your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and all your choice vows which you vow to Jehovah.

Deut 16:2 And you shall sacrifice the passover to Jehovah your God, from the flock and from the herd, in the place where Jehovah will choose to cause His name to dwell.

D. *For us today the land is Christ, who is living in us and in whom we are living; we should live in Christ and on Christ—Col. 1:27; 2:6-7.*

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

三 基督由美地—迦南地—所豫表，乃是『所分給眾聖徒的分』——12：

西 1:12 感謝父，叫你們較資格在光中同得所分給眾聖徒的分；

一 『所分給...的分』是指業分，如以色列人分得迦南美地之分，作他們的產業——書十四 1：

書 14:1 以下是以色列人在迦南地所得的產業，就是祭司以利亞撒和嫩的兒子約書亞，並以色列人各支派宗族的首領所分給他們的；

1 新約信徒的基業，他們所分得的分，乃是包羅萬有的基督——參申八 7～10。

申 8:7 因為耶和華你神領你進入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，從谷中和山上流出水來；

申 8:8 那地有小麥、大麥、葡萄樹、無花果樹、石榴樹；那地有出油的橄欖樹，有蜜。

申 8:9 你在那地不缺食物，你必一無所缺；那地的石頭是鐵，山內可以挖銅。

申 8:10 你喫得飽足，就要頌讚耶和華你的神，因祂將那美地賜給你了。

2 基督是眾聖徒所分得的分，作了他們神聖的基業，給他們享受——弗三 8。

弗 3:8 這恩典賜給了我這比眾聖徒中最小者還小的，叫我將基督那追測不盡的豐富，當作福音傳給外邦人，

二 我們既然接受了基督作我們所分得的分，就該在祂裏面行事為人——西二 6～7：

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 2:7 在祂裏面已經生根，並正被建造，且照着你們所受的教導，在信心上得以堅固，洋溢着感謝，就要在祂裏面行事為人。

1 行事為人就是生活、行動、舉止、為人。

2 我們該在基督裏行事為人，生活行動，使我們能享受祂的豐富，就如以色列人住在美地，享受其上一

III. As typified by the good land, the land of Canaan, Christ is “the allotted portion of the saints”—1:12:

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

A. The allotted portion refers to the lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance —Josh. 14:1:

Josh 14:1 And these are what the children of Israel received as inheritances in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel gave to them as inheritances,

1. The New Testament believers' inheritance, their allotted portion, is the all-inclusive Christ—cf. Deut. 8:7-10.

Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

Deut 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

2. Christ is the allotted portion of the saints as their divine inheritance for their enjoyment—Eph. 3:8.

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

B. Since we have received Christ as our allotted portion, we should walk in Him—Col. 2:6:

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

1. To walk is to live, to act, to behave, and to have our being.

2. We should walk, live, and act in Christ so that we may enjoy His riches, just as the children of Israel lived in the good land, enjoying all its rich produce —

切豐富的出產—申八7~10。

- 申 8:7 因為耶和華你神領你進入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，從谷中和山上流出水來；
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- 申 8:9 你在那地不缺食物，你必一無所缺；那地的石頭是鐵，山內可以挖銅。
- 申 8:10 你喫得飽足，就要頌讚耶和華你的神，因祂將那美地賜給你了。

3 今天的美地就是基督那包羅萬有的靈，祂住在我們的靈裏，作我們的享受；照着這靈而行，乃是新約的中心和關鍵—加三14，五16，提後四22，羅八4、16。

- 加 3:14 為叫亞伯拉罕的福，在基督耶穌裏可以臨到外邦人，使我們藉着信，可以接受所應許的那靈。
- 加 5:16 我說，你們當憑着靈而行，就絕不會滿足肉體的情慾了。
- 提後 4:22 願主與你的靈同在。願恩典與你同在。
- 羅 8:4 使律法義的要求，成就在我們這不照着肉體，只照着靈而行的人身上。
- 羅 8:16 那靈自己同我們的靈見證我們是神的兒女。

肆 神應許亞伯拉罕物質方面的福乃是美地，作包羅萬有之基督的豫表—創十二7，十三15，十七8，二六3~4：

- 創 12:7 耶和華向亞伯蘭顯現，說，我要把這地賜給你的後裔。亞伯蘭就在那裏為向他顯現的耶和華築了一座壇。
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- 創 17:8 我要將你寄居的地，就是迦南全地，賜給你和你的後裔永遠為業，我也必作他們的神。
- 創 26:3 你寄居在這地，我必與你同在，賜福給你，因為我要將這些地都賜給你和你的後裔；我必堅定我向你父亞伯拉罕所起的誓。
- 創 26:4 我要使你的後裔繁增，如同天上的星那樣多，又要將這些地都賜給你的後裔；並且地上萬國必因你的後裔得福；

一 因着基督至終實化為包羅萬有賜生命的靈，這應許之靈的福，就與應許亞伯拉罕之地的福相符—加三14，林前十五45，林後三17。

Deut. 8:7-10.

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- Deut 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

3. The good land today is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, who dwells in our spirit to be our enjoyment; to walk according to this Spirit is the central and crucial point of the New Testament—Gal. 3:14; 5:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:4, 16.

- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
- Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

IV. The physical aspect of the blessing that God promised to Abraham was the good land, which is a type of the all-inclusive Christ—Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 17:8; 26:3-4:

- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
- Gen 13:15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever.
- Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,

A. *Since Christ is eventually realized as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, the blessing of the promised Spirit corresponds with the blessing of the land promised to Abraham—Gal. 3:14; 1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:17.*

加 3:14 為叫亞伯拉罕的福，在基督耶穌裏可以臨到外邦人，使我們藉着信，可以接受所應許的那靈。

林前 15:45 經上也是這樣記着：『首先的人亞當成了活的魂；』末後的亞當成了賜生命的靈。

林後 3:17 而且主就是那靈；主的靈在那裏，那裏就有自由。

二 實際上，這靈作基督在我們經歷中的實化，就是美地，作神全備供應的源頭，給我們享受—創十二 7，申八 7，加三 14。

創 12:7 耶和華向亞伯蘭顯現，說，我要把這地賜給你的後裔。亞伯蘭就在那裏為向他顯現的耶和華築了一座壇。

申 8:7 因為耶和華你神領你進入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，從谷中和山上流出水來；

加 3:14 為叫亞伯拉罕的福，在基督耶穌裏可以臨到外邦人，使我們藉着信，可以接受所應許的那靈。

伍 地乃是基督作為包羅萬有的靈；地也是召會—基督的身體—作基督的擴大，擴展—林前十二 12 ~ 13：

林前 12:12 就如身體是一個，卻有許多肢體，而且身體上一切的肢體雖多，仍是一個身體，基督也是這樣。

林前 12:13 因為我們不拘是猶太人或希利尼人，是為奴的或自主的，都已經在一位靈裏受浸，成了一個身體，且都得以喝一位靈。

一 在召會中，我們活在基督裏，並靠基督而活—西二 6，三 4、10 ~ 11。

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 3:4 基督是我們的生命，祂顯現的時候，你們也要與祂一同顯現在榮耀裏。

西 3:10 並且穿上了新人；這新人照着創造他者的形像漸漸更新，以致有充足的知識；

西 3:11 在此並沒有希利尼人和猶太人、受割禮的和未受割禮的、化外人、西古提人、為奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之內。

二 在召會中，我們擊敗仇敵，並有神的國度同神的居所—弗六 10 ~ 12，二 22，羅十四 17。

弗 6:10 末了的話，你們要在主裏，靠着祂力量的權能，得着加力。

弗 6:11 要穿戴神全副的軍裝，使你們能以站住，抵擋魔鬼的詭計，

弗 6:12 因我們並不是與血肉之人摔跤，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

B. Actually, the Spirit as the realization of Christ in our experience is the good land as the source of God's bountiful supply for us to enjoy—Gen. 12:7; Deut. 8:7; Gal. 3:14.

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

V. The land is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, and it is also the church, the Body of Christ, as the enlargement, the expansion, of Christ—1 Cor. 12:12-13:

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

A. In the church we live in Christ and on Christ—Col. 2:6; 3:4, 10-11.

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

B. In the church we defeat the enemies, and we have the kingdom of God with the dwelling place of God—Eph. 6:10-12; 2:22; Rom. 14:17.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against

管轄這黑暗世界的、以及諸天界裏那邪惡的屬靈勢力摔跤。

弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成為神在靈裏的居所。

羅 14:17 因為神的國不在於喫喝，乃在於公義、和平、並聖靈中的喜樂。

三 我們要完成神的定旨，就需要接受神的恩典，使基督這後裔能作到我們裏面，並使基督這地能從我們活出而成為我們的召會生活，好叫我們享受神的安息，擊敗神的仇敵，並建立神的國同祂的居所，使祂得着彰顯和代表—創一 26，加六 18，三 16，四 19，西一 12，二 7，來四 9，弗六 10 ~ 12，二 22，太六 33。

創 1:26 神說，我們要按着我們的形像，照着我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

加 6:18 弟兄們，願我們主耶穌基督的恩與你們的靈同在。阿們。

加 3:16 應許原是向亞伯拉罕和他後裔說的。並不是說，和眾後裔，像是指着許多人，乃是說，『和你那後裔，』指着一個人，就是基督。

加 4:19 我的孩子們，我為你們再受生產之苦，直等到基督成形在你們裏面。

西 1:12 感謝父，叫你們較資格在光中同得所分給眾聖徒的分；

西 2:7 在祂裏面已經生根，並正被建造，且照着你們所受的教導，在信心上得以堅固，洋溢着感謝，就要在祂裏面行事為人。

來 4:9 這樣，必有一安息日的安息，為神的子民存留。

弗 6:10 末了的話，你們要在主裏，靠着祂力量的權能，得着加力。

弗 6:11 要穿戴神全副的軍裝，使你們能以站住，抵擋魔鬼的詭計，

弗 6:12 因我們並不是與血肉之人摔跤，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這黑暗世界的、以及諸天界裏那邪惡的屬靈勢力摔跤。

弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成為神在靈裏的居所。

太 6:33 但你們要先尋求祂的國和祂的義，這一切就都要加給你們了。

四 到了某個時候，我們真成了無有，神就要將祂自己在基督裏作到我們裏面，而祂所作到我們裏面的，要生出基督為後裔，並要將我們帶進那作我們地的基督裏面—弗三 17、8，西一 12、27，二 6。

弗 3:17 使基督藉着信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，

弗 3:8 這恩典賜給了我這比眾聖徒中最小者還小的，叫我將基督那追測不盡的豐富，當作福音傳給外邦人，

西 1:12 感謝父，叫你們較資格在光中同得所分給眾聖徒的分；

the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

C. In order to fulfill God's purpose, we need to receive God's grace so that Christ can be wrought into us as the seed and lived out of us as the land to be our church life, that we may enjoy God's rest, defeat God's enemies, and establish God's kingdom with His dwelling place for His expression and representation—Gen. 1:26; Gal. 6:18; 3:16; 4:19; Col. 1:12; 2:7; Heb. 4:9; Eph. 6:10-12; 2:22; Matt. 6:33.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you, Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Heb 4:9 So then there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

D. At a certain time, after we have truly become nothing, God will work Himself in Christ into us, and that which He has worked into us will bring forth Christ as the seed and will also bring us into Christ as our land—Eph. 3:17, 8; Col. 1:12, 27; 2:6.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

西 1:27 神願意叫他們知道，這奧祕的榮耀在外邦人中是何等的豐富，就是基督在你們裏面成了榮耀的盼望；

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

陸 在創世記十五章七至二十一節，神與亞伯拉罕立關於地的約：

創 15:7 耶和華又對他說，我是耶和華，曾領你出了迦勒底的吾珥，為要將這地賜你為業。

創 15:8 亞伯蘭說，主耶和華啊，我怎能知道必得這地為業呢？

創 15:9 祂說，你為我取一隻三歲的母牛、一隻三歲的母山羊、一隻三歲的公綿羊、一隻斑鳩、一隻雛鴿。

創 15:10 亞伯蘭就取了這些來，每樣從中剖開，分成兩半，一半對着一半的擺列，只有鳥沒有剖開。

創 15:11 有鷲鳥下來，落在死畜的肉上，亞伯蘭就把牠們嚇飛了。

創 15:12 日頭正落的時候，亞伯蘭沉沉的睡了；忽然有驚人的大黑暗落在他身上。

創 15:13 耶和華對亞伯蘭說，你要確實知道，你的後裔必寄居別人的地，又服事那地的人；那地的人要苦待他們四百年。

創 15:14 但他們所要服事的那國，我要懲罰，後來他們必帶着許多財物從那裏出來。

創 15:15 至於你，你要享大壽數，被人埋葬，平平安安的歸到你列祖那裏。

創 15:16 到了第四代，他們必回到此地，因為亞摩利人的罪孽還沒有滿盈。

創 15:17 日落天黑，不料有冒煙的爐並燒着的火把，從那些肉塊中經過。

創 15:18 當那日，耶和華與亞伯蘭立約，說，我已賜給你的後裔，從埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

創 15:19 就是基尼人、基尼洗人、甲摩尼人、

創 15:20 赫人、比利洗人、利乏音人、

創 15:21 亞摩利人、迦南人、革迦撒人、耶布斯人之地。

一 因着亞伯拉罕對神關於地的應許缺乏信心，神與亞伯拉罕立約，以堅定祂對亞伯拉罕關於地的應許——8 ~ 21 節。

創 15:8 ~ 21 (從畧。)

二 神立定這約的特別方式，含示亞伯拉罕能完成神永遠定旨的路——10 ~ 18 節：

創 15:10 ~ 18 (從畧。)

1 神與亞伯拉罕所立的約，乃是應許的約，要藉着神在

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

VI. In Genesis 15:7-21 God made a covenant with Abraham concerning the land:

Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, O Lord Jehovah, how will I know that I will inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

Gen 15:11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a terror and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

Gen 15:17 And when the sun went down and it was dark, there came a smoking furnace and a torch of fire which passed between these pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The land of the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

A. *Because Abraham lacked faith to believe God for the promise concerning the land, God confirmed His promise to Abraham concerning the land by making a covenant with him—vv. 8-21.*

Gen 15:8-21 (be omitted.)

B. *The extraordinary way in which God enacted this covenant implies the way in which Abraham could fulfill God's eternal purpose—vv. 10-18:*

Gen 15:10-18 (be omitted.)

1. The covenant God made with Abraham was a covenant of promise that would be

祂恩典中的大能得着成就，而不是藉着亞伯拉罕在他肉體裏的努力；新約是這約的延續—加三 17～18。

加 3:17 而且我這樣說，神豫先所立定的約，不能被那四百三十年以後纔有的律法廢掉，以致使應許失效。

加 3:18 因為承受產業若是本於律法，就不再本於應許；但神已經藉着應許，將產業恩賜亞伯拉罕。

2 神藉着釘十字架並復活的基督，與亞伯拉罕立約—創十五 9～10：

創 15:9 祂說，你為我取一隻三歲的母牛、一隻三歲的母山羊、一隻三歲的公綿羊、一隻斑鳩、一隻雛鴿。

創 15:10 亞伯蘭就取了這些來，每樣從中剖開，分成兩半，一半對着一半的擺列，只有鳥沒有剖開。

a 三種被殺的牲畜，表徵基督在祂的人性裏為我們釘十字架，兩隻活鳥表徵基督在祂的神性裏，是活着、復活的一位—約十一 25。

約 11:25 耶穌對她說，我是復活，我是生命；信入我的人，雖然死了，也必復活；

b 基督在祂的人性裏被殺，但在祂的神性裏活着—十四 19，彼前三 18。

約 14:19 還有不多的時候，世人不再看見我，你們卻看見我，因為我活着，你們也要活着。

彼前 3:18 因基督也曾一次為罪受死，就是義的代替不義的，為要引你們到神面前；在肉體裏祂被治死，在靈裏祂卻活着；

3 神要亞伯拉罕將牲畜和鳥獻給祂，含示亞伯拉罕必須與他所獻的一切東西聯合為一—創十五 9～10：

創 15:9 祂說，你為我取一隻三歲的母牛、一隻三歲的母山羊、一隻三歲的公綿羊、一隻斑鳩、一隻雛鴿。

創 15:10 亞伯蘭就取了這些來，每樣從中剖開，分成兩半，一半對着一半的擺列，只有鳥沒有剖開。

a 這指明我們要完成神永遠的定旨，就必須在基督的釘十字架裏釘死，也在基督的復活裏復活—羅六 5、8，加二 20。

fulfilled through God's power in His grace, not through Abraham's effort in his flesh; the new testament is a continuation of this covenant—Gal. 3:17-18.

Gal 3:17 And I say this: A covenant previously ratified by God, the law, having come four hundred and thirty years after, does not annul so as to make the promise of none effect.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance is of law, it is no longer of promise; but to Abraham God has graciously given it through promise.

2. God made His covenant with Abraham through the crucified and resurrected Christ—Gen. 15:9-10:

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

a. The three kinds of slain cattle signify Christ in His humanity being crucified for us, and the two living birds signify Christ in His divinity being the living, resurrected One —John 11:25.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

b. Christ was killed in His humanity, but He lives in His divinity—14:19; 1 Pet. 3:18.

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;

3. God's asking Abraham to offer the cattle and the birds to Him implies that Abraham had to identify himself with and be one with all the things that he offered—Gen. 15:9-10:

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

a. This indicates that in order to fulfill God's eternal purpose, we must be crucified in Christ's crucifixion and resurrected in Christ's resurrection—Rom. 6:5, 8; Gal. 2:20.

羅 6:5 我們若在祂死的樣式裏與祂聯合生長，也必要在祂復活樣式裏與祂聯合生長；

羅 6:8 我們若與基督同死，就信也必與祂同活，

加 2:20 我已經與基督同釘十字架；現在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我裏面活着；並且我如今在肉身裏所活的生命，是我在神兒子的信裏，與祂聯結所活的，祂是愛我，為我捨了自己。

b 惟有如此，我們纔能在作為應許之地的基督裏面實行召會生活—西一 12，二 6，三 10～13。

西 1:12 感謝父，叫你們較資格在光中同得所分給眾聖徒的分；

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 3:10 並且穿上了新人；這新人照着創造他者的形像漸漸更新，以致有充足的知識；

西 3:11 在此並沒有希利尼人和猶太人、受割禮的和未受割禮的、化外人、西古提人、為奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之內。

西 3:12 所以你們既是神的選民，聖別蒙愛的人，就要穿上憐恤的心腸、恩慈、卑微、溫柔、恆忍。

西 3:13 倘若這人與那人有嫌隙，總要彼此容忍，彼此饒恕；主怎樣饒恕了你們，你們也要怎樣饒恕人。

4 神在與亞伯拉罕所立的約中，定了美地的界限；這地乃是以馬內利之地，以色列的領土，從尼羅河到幼發拉底河；這是亞伯拉罕獨一的後裔基督，為着建立千年國所要承受的地—創十五 18，十二 7，賽八 8，加三 16，參出二三 31，申十一 24 與註 1，書一 3～4，太二五 34 與註 1。

創 15:18 當那日，耶和華與亞伯蘭立約，說，我已賜給你的後裔，從埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

創 12:7 耶和華向亞伯蘭顯現，說，我要把這地賜給你的後裔。亞伯蘭就在那裏為向他顯現的耶和華築了一座壇。

賽 8:8 必沖入猶大，漲溢泛濫，直到頸項；以馬內利啊，那河展開翅膀，遍滿你的地。

加 3:16 應許原是向亞伯拉罕和他後裔說的。並不是說，和眾後裔，像是指着許多人，乃是說，『和你那後裔，』指着一個人，就是基督。

出 23:31 我要定你的境界，從紅海直到非利士海，又從曠野直到大河；我要將那地的居民交在你手中，你要將他們從你面前攆出去。

申 11:24 凡你們腳掌所踏之地都必歸你們；從曠野和利巴嫩，並伯拉河，直到¹西海，都要作你們的境界。

註 1 或，最遠的海。即地中海。本節中以色列地的境界是神所定的，

Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

b. Only in this way can we practice the church life in Christ as the promised land—Col. 1:12; 2:6; 3:10-13.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

Col 3:13 Bearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone should have a complaint against anyone; even as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive.

4. In His covenant with Abraham God set the boundaries of the good land, the land of Immanuel, the territory of Israel, from the Nile to the Euphrates; this is the land that Christ, the unique seed of Abraham, will inherit for the establishing of His millennial kingdom—Gen. 15:18; 12:7; Isa. 8:8; Gal. 3:16; cf. Exo. 23:31; Deut. 11:24 and footnote 1; Josh. 1:3-4; Matt. 25:34 and footnote 1.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Isa 8:8 It will sweep through Judah; it will overflow and rise / Until it reaches the neck; / And the spreading out of its wings / Will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel.

Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

Exo 23:31 And I will set your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out from before you.

Deut 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads will be yours; from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the ¹farthest sea will be your territory.

note 1 I.e., the Mediterranean Sea. In this verse the boundaries of the land of Israel are set by God, from the

從地中海到今日伊拉克的幼發拉底河（參創十五 18，出二三 31）。這要在基督第二次來臨後，以色列得復興時得着應驗（太十七 11，十九 28，徒一 6，三 21，十五 16）。

書 1:3 凡你們腳掌所踏之地，我都照着我所應許摩西的話賜給你們了。

書 1:4 從曠野和這利巴嫩，直到大河，就是伯拉河，赫人的全地，又到大海日落之處，都要作你們的境界。

太 25:34 於是王要對那在祂右邊的說，你們這蒙我父賜福的，來¹承受那創世以來為你們所豫備的國。

註 1 在基督榮耀寶座前的審判之後，『綿羊』要遷到千年國裏，在基督和得勝信徒的君尊治理之下（啓二 26～27，十二 5，二十 4～6），並在得救猶太人的祭司職任之下（亞八 20～23）作百姓。這樣，他們就要『承受那（要來的）國』。千年國有三部分（一）地上的部分，是神創造的福所臨到之地，如創一 28～30 所說的（二）迦南地上以色列國的部分，從尼羅河至幼發拉底河，得救的猶太人要在其中治理全地（賽六十 10～12，亞十四 16～18）（三）屬天、屬靈的部分（林前十五 50～52），是諸天之國的實現，得勝的聖徒要在其中享受國度的賞賜（五 20，七 21）。『綿羊』所要承受的國，乃是第一部分。

Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates in today's Iraq (cf. Gen. 15:18; Exo. 23:31). This will be fulfilled in the restoration of Israel, after the second coming of Christ (Matt. 17:11; 19:28; Acts 1:6; 3:21; 15:16).

Josh 1:3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given to you, as I promised Moses.

Josh 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

Matt 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

note 1 After the judgment at Christ's throne of glory, the "sheep" will be transferred into the millennium to be the people living under the kingly ruling of Christ and the overcoming believers (Rev. 2:26-27; 12:5; 20:4-6) and under the priestly ministry of the saved Jews (Zech. 8:20-23). In this way the "sheep" will inherit the (coming) kingdom. In the millennium there will be three sections: (1) the earth, where the blessing of God's creation will be, as mentioned in Gen. 1:28-30; (2) the nation of Israel in Canaan, from the Nile to the Euphrates, from which the saved Jews will rule over the whole earth (Isa. 60:10-12; Zech. 14:16-18); and (3) the heavenly and spiritual section (1 Cor. 15:50-52), the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens, where the overcoming believers will enjoy the kingdom reward (5:20; 7:21). The kingdom that the "sheep" will inherit consists of the first section.