

“God’s blessings are material as well as spiritual—good crops, fine harvests, a land of plenty, and a politics of peace....To be a Jew is to celebrate life, to see God in life, and to make a blessing over life.”

Rabbi Sacks

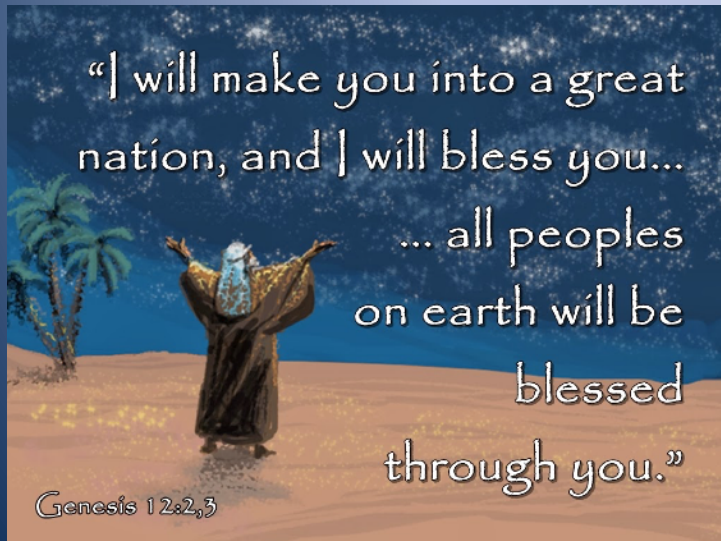


Mobile shower for the homeless

Ezekiel 34:26–27

“...I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land.”

WHAT IS GOD'S PROMISE?



"The promise to Abraham and his family that he would inherit the world...depends on faith in order that the promise should be sure for all his family, not only those who are of the law but also those who are of the faith of Abraham." (Rom. 4:13, 16)

"If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's family, heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:29)

"You Gentiles...were without Christ, aliens from citizenship in Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world...This mystery has now been revealed, that the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, joint partakers in the promise through Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:11-12, 3:6)

PAUL


the Apostle

- circumcised the eighth day
- of the nation of Israel
- of the tribe of Benjamin
- a Hebrew of Hebrews
- as to the Law, a Pharisee

Philippians 3:5
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Then Paul Said: “I Am A Jew, Born In Tarsus Of Cilicia, But Brought Up In This City. Under Gamaliel I Was Thoroughly Trained In The Law Of Our Fathers And Was Just As Zealous For God As Any Of You Are Today.”

Acts 22-3



Paul

as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

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“When Rabban Gamliel died, reverence for Torah ceased and purity and piety died”
(Sotah 9.15)

REMEMBERING THE POOR

“After An Absence Of
Several Years, I Came To
Jerusalem To Bring My
People Gifts For The Poor
And To Present Offerings.

Acts 24-17

In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews. Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do.

Galatians 2:9-10

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

— Acts 20:16 (NASB®)

**ACTS
20:22-23**

22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

Relief to Judea (Acts 11:27-30)

- Prophets came to Antioch from Jerusalem
- Agabus prophesied that there would be a famine throughout all the world.
- Happened in the days of Claudius Caesar (~A.D. 41-54)
- “Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul”