

Exodus 33:1

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'

Perhaps few things are clearer in the Word of God, than the promise and its fulfillment that the Lord made to Abraham concerning the land which He was giving to him and his descendants. Yet, ever since Joshua crossed the Jordan to enter the 'Promised Land', the battle has been one that is fierce and never ending. One of Satan's goals is to rob each of us of our Godly heritage and promises. Daily, Satan seeks to destroy our hopes and dreams; and if possible, to place doubt in hearts concerning God and His promises to us. When the Lord promised Abraham a new land in **Genesis 12:1**, I am sure that Abraham had no idea of the length of time that would transpire before its fulfillment. I am also confident that Abraham never dreamed that his descendants would endure four hundred years of slavery before they would first taste the lands 'milk and honey'. If ever a piece of Real Estate was deeded by God's own hand, it is the land promised to Abraham and every living Jew.

From the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD, until May 14, 1948 this promise looked impossible, if not dead. Yet, God! Our Lord is never late, and His covenants are never ending. Here we see one of the greatest fulfillments of prophecy, since Jesus was raised from the dead. Amazingly, after almost nineteen hundred years of waiting for Israel to once again be reunited back to their land; why are they giving large chunks of it back to their enemies? Sadly enough, it is the United States who has been behind this 'land for peace'. All three peace plans beginning with the Madrid Peace Conference, followed by the Oslo Agreement, and then most recently the Road Map to Peace have demanded that the Jews give up land for peace. Consider with me **Joel 3:1-2**, ¹ "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations, And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.

If one thing has continued to prove itself as true over and over again; it is that peace will NEVER come through Israel's acts of generosity; whether by giving up its land, releasing terrorist prisoners, or any other act of kindness. Do you not find it strange how Israel is the one who is required again and again to make concessions for peace? What have the Palestinians or any other Arab entity given up in order to have peace? Absolutely nothing! Yet, Israel concedes, pulls out, and the next day rockets are fired into Israel from the very land that was just relinquished. When will Israel and the United States ever understand that this land was deeded by God? If the United States is truly an ally of Israel, then why are we so adamant, that they give up their land to the very enemies that have sworn to completely destroy them? The blessings that have come to this nation have been due to our choice to build this great land upon a Judeo-Christian foundation. Yet if we continue to press this 'land for peace', we will fall into the judgment prophesied in the book of **Joel**.