

Acts 7:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

Analysis

God gave Abraham 'none inheritance, no, not so much as to set his foot on' - yet promised it to 'his seed after him.' This paradox of promised-but-not-possessed land required generational faith. Abraham trusted God's word beyond his lifetime.

Historical Context

Abraham owned only the cave of Machpelah (Genesis 23), purchased as a burial site. His faith was for descendants, not personal possession of the land.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Abraham's faith in promises beyond his lifetime challenge your perspective?

2. What are you trusting God for that may benefit future generations more than yourself?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὐκ	δοῦναι	αὐτῷ	κληρονομίαν	ἐν	αὐτῷ	οὐδὲ	βῆμα
And	no	he gave	him	inheritance	in	him	no not	on
G2532	G3756	G1325	G846	G2817	G1722	G846	G3761	G968

ποδός	καὶ	ἐπηγγείλατο	αὐτῷ	δοῦναι	εἰς	κατάσχεσιν
his foot	And	he promised	him	he gave	for	a possession
G4228	G2532	G1861	G846	G1325	G1519	G2697

αὐτῷ	καὶ	τῷ	σπέρματι	αὐτῷ	μετ'	αὐτῷ	οὐκ	ὄντος
him	And	G3588	seed	him	after	him	no	had
G846	G2532		G4690	G846	G3326	G846	G3756	G5607

αὐτῷ	τέκνου
him	child
G846	G5043

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 17:8 (Parallel theme): 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.

Genesis 12:7 (Parallel theme): And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Genesis 13:15 (Parallel theme): For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Genesis 15:18 (Covenant): In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Genesis 26:3 (Parallel theme): Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

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