

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
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ποδός καὶ ἐπηγγείλατο αὐτῷ δοῦναι εἰς κατάσχεσιν
his foot And he promised him he gave for a possession
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αὐτῷ καὶ τῷ σπέρματι αὐτῷ μετ' αὐτῷ οὐκ ὄντος
him And G3588 seed him after him no had
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αὐτῷ τέκνου
him child
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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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