



God promises Abraham's family will be his people, in his place, be blessed under his rule, and be a blessing to all people. Through this family, God guarantees his original plan for the world.

Video Summary

God chooses a man called Abraham and makes a four-part promise to him about his family: They will be God's people — his descendants will grow into a great nation. They will live in God's place — God takes Abraham to the land of Canaan and says his descendants will one day live in and own the land. They will be blessed living under God's rule — they will enjoy the benefits and fulfil the responsibilities of God's rule. They will be a blessing — they will expand and spread God's rule to all people across the world.

This is not a new plan, it is the original plan. The first man and woman in the Garden were God's people in God's place. They were blessed under God's rule. They were to be a blessing to the world, joining in with what God was doing and establishing his kingdom on earth.

Through Abraham's family, God guarantees his original plan for the world — to bring about a worldwide kingdom, everywhere for everyone.

The question is how God can keep his promise given that people have a sin problem, given that we spiral towards self-destruction and reject God as king. How can a human family be the solution when humans are the problem?

Discussion Questions

- 1** What are the four parts of the promise God made to Abraham and his family? How does each part link to the original plan?
- 2** Why do you think God didn't come up with a new plan?
- 3** Abraham's family were chosen because God hadn't given up on the world. What does that tell you about God and how he works? How does that shape the way you see God's people?
- 4** Which parts of the promise do you think Abraham would have found most challenging to believe? What makes it challenging for you to believe God's promises?

Bible Passages for Further Study

Genesis 11:1-8 — People reject God by building the Tower of Babel

Genesis 12:1-6 — God's promise to Abraham's family

