

Jerusalem—Promise

Luke 1:5-17

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Where is Christmas? The Journey to Faith

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” —Acts 1:8

**I am God’s plan to reach the world for Christ—there is no plan B.
 I am Oakland’s plan for Christmas outreach.
 I will pray for those around me who are far from God.
 I will invite those persons around me to one of our Christmas celebrations this year.
 I will not keep more than one of these flyers in my possession. I will pass them on.**

1. History of Jerusalem**A. Melchizedek, priest of Salem**

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. —Genesis 14:18

B. Jebus, Fortress of Zion, the City of David. (2 Samuel 5, 1 Chronicles 11)

David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David” —1 Chronicles 11:5b

C. Mount Moriah, Binding of Isaac

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about. —Genesis 22:2

D. Moriah, Threshing Floor of Ornan (or Araunah) (2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21)

But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing." So David paid Araunah six hundred shekels of gold for the site. —1 Chronicles 21:24-25

E. Solomon’s Temple on Mount Moriah

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David. —2 Chronicles 3:1

F. Mt. Calvary, Golgotha

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. —Luke 23:33

2. History of Promise

A. Descendant of Eye (Woman's seed)

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.—Genesis 3:15

B. Call of Abraham

Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

—Genesis 12:1-2

(See also Genesis 15:1-6)

Renewed to Isaac Gen. 26:23-24

To Jacob (name changed to Israel) Gen. 35:9-13

C. David's Descendants

When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.

—2 Samuel 7:12

(1 Chron. 17:11, 2 Chron. 6:16, Psalm 89:3)

D. Return of Elijah

See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.

—Malachi 4:5-6

Fulfilled in Zachariah's vision (Luke 1:16-17)

Promises to Zechariah

1. Have a son
2. Great in God's sight, Filled with Holy Spirit from birth
3. Will be the Elijah, the forerunner of Christ.
4. Revival in Israel, turning Fathers to their children.

3. God's Promise to Us.

Incarnation—Christmas (John 1:14)

Salvation—Christmas (Luke 2:11)

Justification—Calvary (John 3:16)

Resurrection Life—Easter (Matthew 28:6)

Resurrection Power—Pentecost (Colossians 1:27)

Consummation—Second Coming (Acts 1:11)

So we begin our journey in Jerusalem.

Next Week, Challenges of Judean Hills.