

A The special seed.

- ❖ Why did God choose Israel? Why were they special?
- ❖ Israel's patriarchs did not seem morally better than others. However, God loved them and chose them to fulfill His promises. It was an act of GRACE.
- ❖ What was God expecting from Israel?
 - Exodus 19:6. As priests, they should have an intimate relationship with God, and intermediate between Him and the pagans.
 - Isaiah 49:6. They should set an example of holiness, and to teach the principles of the Gospel to the world.

B The inheritance of the seed.

- ❖ The covenant included an inheritance: the land of Canaan. God fulfilled His part of the covenant (Joshua 23:14).
- ❖ However, keeping that inheritance was conditional:
 - If they obeyed God (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)
 - (1) They would receive His blessings and prosper in Canaan.
 - (2) They would be the head of the nations.
 - If they disobeyed God (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)
 - (1) They would be cursed and expelled from that land.
 - (2) They would be conquered by other nations.

C The disloyal seed.

- ❖ The base of the Eternal Covenant is the relationship between God and people. Marriage is an image of this relationship.
- ❖ Israel stubbornly rejected God and the Messiah, so they lost the status as chosen people.
- ❖ God can no longer save us if we choose to persistently and stubbornly reject Him (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12).

D The rest of the seed.

- ❖ Although most of the people of Israel were disloyal, there were always some people who stood faithful to the covenant and kept loving and obeying God. This group of people is known as the "Remnant".
- ❖ Seven thousand who had not bowed unto Baal, an Ethiopian who saved Jeremiah from death, Daniel and his friends who stood faithful in Babylon although Israel had been disloyal to God... God has always kept a Remnant, chosen by grace.
- ❖ The mission of the Remnant is to pass God's love on to everyone around them. They are faithful witnesses of God on Earth. They hear the voice of the Savior and follow Him (John 10:27-28).

E The spiritual seed.

- ❖ The "spiritual seed" of Abraham is commonly known as the "spiritual Israel". All those who accept Jesus as their Savior by faith are part of this seed (Galatians 3:7).
- ❖ When we are baptized, we are legitimate heirs of God's promises for Abraham (Galatians 3:27). There is no favoritism among those who are clothed in Christ, no matter our nationality, social status, genre... (Galatians 3:28).
- ❖ Our promised inheritance is the world (Romans 4:13). We will finally receive our inheritance the day Jesus will welcome us to the New Earth where we will live with Him forever (Revelation 22:5).