

Questions / Answers

1. Why did God create the earth?
To fill the earth with His glory.
2. What is God's glory?
God's glory is His wonderful character.
3. How was God's plan spoilt?
When Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God.
4. Is God's plan spoilt for ever?
No. God made promises of hope about His purpose with the earth.
5. Who did God make promises to?
Adam and Eve, Abraham, David.
6. Who fulfilled all these promises?
Jesus.
7. To which nation were God's promises made?
The Jews.
8. How can we have a part in God's promises?
By being baptised.
9. When Jesus returns where will he reign as King?
Jerusalem.
10. What will the earth be like when God's purpose is fulfilled?
It will be full of the knowledge of His glory.

Memory verses

Habakkuk 2:14 Isaiah 2:4 Isaiah 11:6

Discussion

Discuss how man spoilt God's plan, yet God's purpose will be fulfilled.
Discuss the promises God made. How are they all fulfilled by Jesus?
How will they be completely fulfilled in the Kingdom?

Writing

Describe what the Kingdom of God will be like.

CBM Senior Lessons

Lesson 51 God's promises to you



READING Habakkuk 2:14; Exodus 33:18—19 & 34:6 -7; Genesis 1:26—27 & 3:15 & 12:2—3; 2 Samuel 7:12—13; Isaiah 11:1—9

LESSON

God tells us why He created the earth. "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." *Habakkuk 2:14.* God's purpose is that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of His glory.

God's glory is His wonderful character. So the purpose of God is to fill the earth with people who know the glory of God. They will be people who show the character of God in their lives.

When God's purpose is completed, all the people on the earth will have God's character. This is the purpose God has for the earth. God is calling people to love and obey Him so that they can be in His Kingdom on the earth.

God made man in His own image and likeness. (*Genesis 1:26 - 27*). God wanted man to love Him and to willingly show His wonderful character in their lives. Adam and Eve spoilt God's plan. They did not love God enough. They did not obey God.

Man spoilt God's purpose for a time. But God's purpose will succeed. God has been working out His purpose from the very beginning. God made promises to faithful men to tell them how He will fulfil His purpose with the earth. God will establish His Kingdom on the earth. The earth will be filled with His glory.

God made promises of hope to show men and women that He is working out His purpose with the earth.



GOD PROMISED

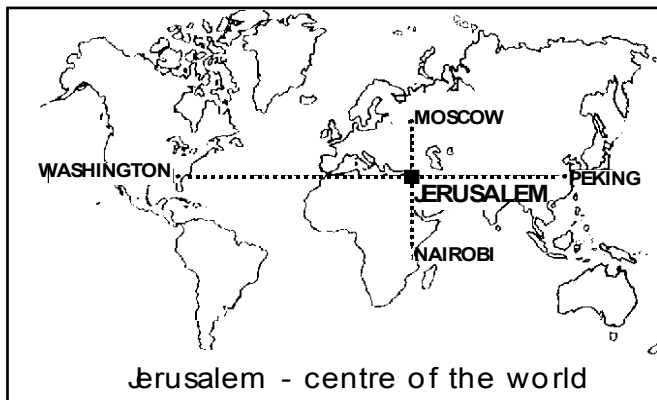
- Adam & Eve** a special descendant who would save people from their sins, and bring new fellowship with God
- Abraham** a people - the Jews
a land - the land of Israel
a special descendant who will bring God's promises to all people of the world
- David** a special descendant who will be King on David's throne in Jerusalem. He will rule the world for ever.

ALL THESE PROMISES ARE FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST

Jesus came to fulfil all God's promises. Jesus gave his perfect life when he was crucified. Jesus destroyed the power of sin and death. Through baptism into Jesus we can have our sins forgiven and have fellowship with God. We can have a part in God's promises.

Jesus was raised from the dead. He went to live with God in Heaven. Very soon Jesus will come back to the earth again. Jesus will raise the dead. Jesus will judge people according to how they have lived their lives. Jesus will give eternal life to those who have been faithful. Eternal life is a very special life. People who have eternal life will not be able to sin. They will have characters like the character of God. They will have great wisdom and knowledge. They will never again be hungry or tired or ill. They will have no sorrow or pain. They will live for ever in God's Kingdom. They will help Jesus to rule the world.

Jesus will be King in Jerusalem. He will rule over all countries of the world. Jerusalem is the centre of the world. Jesus will rule with God's laws. They are righteous laws. God's laws will bring peace and righteousness to the world.



God's laws will teach people to live honestly and peacefully together. Children will learn to love and obey God. There will be no more corruption and bribery. There will be no more violence and terrorism. There will be no more war. Men will learn to love one another and to live at peace. Men will learn to farm the land instead of fighting over it. There will be plenty for everyone.

The curse that was put on the ground when Adam sinned will be taken away. Weeds and thistles will not grow any more. God will bless all the earth with plenty of rain. There will be no more deserts or waste land. God will bless the earth and make it very fruitful. Crops will be grown even in areas that are now desert. There will be good harvests every year. There will be no more famine. Everyone will have plenty to eat.

People will have their own land to farm. They will be strong and healthy. Everyone will have work to do. They will be able to enjoy their work and feel satisfied with what they do. They will produce plenty of food for their families. Everyone will have food and clothing and a home.

Good food and a contented life will bring health to people. Sickness and diseases will be healed. The blind and deaf and crippled will be cured. Everyone will be happy and at peace. Even the animals will live at peace. Everyone will love and praise God.

***"The earth will be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea."***

Then God's purpose with the earth will be fulfilled.

God made special promises to His people. The promises were about salvation. They were promises about living for ever in God's Kingdom on earth. God's promises were made to His people, the Jews. All God's promises were fulfilled in Jesus. By his death and resurrection Jesus brought salvation to all peoples. We are Gentiles. We can become associated with the death and resurrection of Jesus by baptism. Through baptism we become part of God's promises. We have the hope of eternal life in His Kingdom.

God wants you to be in His Kingdom. God's purpose from the very beginning was that you should have a part in His wonderful Kingdom on earth. God has loved you. God has given His only Son for your salvation. God has given you His promises of hope.