

Thus far we have discovered that most of the Bible is about restoring that which was lost in the opening chapters of Genesis. God will restore Paradise and dwell with people on the earth again. In the process the enemy is destroyed and sin and death removed. This would be accomplished through Christ who would be the seed of the woman but also the seed of Abraham.

The Lord Christ is not the only seed of Abraham since back in Gen.15:5-7 Abraham was promised many descendants who would suffer before glory, Gen.15:13-14.

And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land not theirs, and shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years. And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. And afterward they shall come out with great substance. And you shall go to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age. [Gen 15:13-15](#)

When God delivered Abraham's seed, Israel, from Egypt in what we call the Exodus, He did so in steps or stages which later became the Feasts as recorded in Lev.23. These Feasts step out the suffering to glory plan for all Abraham's "seed" which includes Israel, Christ and the believers up until Acts 28.

Since God told Abraham he would inherit the Land and promised him a city, forgiveness, justification and resurrection must also feature in the earthly program, which they do. Abraham was justified by faith, buried but will rise again to inherit that land and city, see Hebs.11:8-10, 13, 17-19 & 35. Christ died and rose again as will all those other faithful believers up until Acts 28 to inherit the Promised Land.

Christ, Abraham's seed and heir, brought in forgiveness, justification and glory for all the "seeds" in the Land Promised to their father, Abraham.

The Feasts began to be fulfilled during the Gospels and Acts period. Included in these steps was the removal of sin, justification and resurrection. Passover, Unleavened Bread and Pentecost were fulfilled and Trumpets, the next feast on the calendar, was expected up until Acts 28. At Acts 28:25 Israel was let go and the Festive Calendar was postponed to be resumed sometime in the future.

Let us follow this suffering to glory theme for all the "seeds" as revealed in the Scriptures up until Acts 28.

1. Our Lord is the "seed" of Abraham. Paul writes this clearly in Galatians;
[Brothers, I speak according to man, a covenant having been ratified, even among mankind, no one sets aside or adds to it. And to Abraham and to his Seed the promises were spoken. It does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, "And to your Seed," which is Christ. Gal 3:15-16](#)

As the "seed" of Abraham, our Lord suffered and will be glorified in the fulfillment of those steps of the Feasts. The Lord suffered at Passover, He rose again as the first fruit of Unleavened Bread, He shed forth the gifts at Pentecost and He will come again at Trumpets and gather Israel as Matt.24:29-31 says. Then He will cleanse Israel (The Day of Atonement) and "Tabernacle" that is, dwell and be glorified in the Land. He shall sit upon the throne of His glory, between the cherubim in Israel's temple just as He did in the pattern, see Ex.40:34-35, 25:21-22, 2Kings 19:15, Ps.99:1 and Zech.6:12-13.

In the Lord's suffering to glory, He died for sins and rose again for justification which truths are for us but, we are not part of this earthly plan.

Who else is Abraham's seed and is featured in the Gospels and Acts period?

2. The Nation of Israel, through Isaac, is Abraham's seed.

I tell the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great heaviness and continual pain in my heart. For I myself was wishing to be accursed from Christ for my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites;
Not however that the Word of God has failed, for not all those of Israel are Israel; nor because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children. But, "In Isaac shall your Seed be called." Rom 9:2-7

See also Acts 3:12-26.

Back in the Exodus under Moses and Joshua, Abraham's seed was delivered out of bondage into the Land. Christ is the Lamb of God who bears away the sin of the world BUT we must remember when reading the Gospels and Acts that Christ is also the true "Moses" and "Joshua" sent to Israel, (Deut.18:18-19 & Roms.15:8).

Israel was delivered from gentile dominion at Passover & Unleavened Bread but at Trumpets, under Joshua, the Gentiles were removed out of the Land, compare Gen.15:17-21 and Ex.33:2. Christ as Abraham's seed brings about this fulfillment as well. Gentile dominion will be removed from the Land by Christ when He comes back to Israel at Trumpets. In Dan.2, Christ is that rock which smashes Gentile dominion over Israel and in that prophesy Daniel speaks of the Son of Man coming in the clouds (Dan.7:13).

Israel, Abraham's seed will be re-gathered when the greater Joshua returns at the Feast of Trumpets which is their hope (Acts 26:7). He not only re-gathers Israel (Matt.24:29-31), but His glory and power in the earth over the Gentiles will mean Israel will be the head and not the tail; *But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His glory. And all nations shall be gathered before Him. And He shall separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. Mat 25:31-32*

One other parallel about this seed. In the Exodus, most of Abraham's seed was stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears and they experienced God's wrath before they entered their inheritance at Trumpets. Tribulation and wrath is exactly what will happen to this "seed" as the Feasts are fulfilled in their salvation. In Thessalonians (about Trumpets and the cleansing of Israel's Temple, 1Thess.4:16 and 2Thess.2), Paul writes about God's wrath on this "seed" which is the nation of Israel;
(the Jews v14) .. *forbidding us to speak to the nations that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always; but the wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. 1Th 2:16*

What a pity Israel did not heed the call to repent by John the Baptist, Christ then Peter at Acts 3:17-26, and the others all the way to Acts 28. Had they responded Trumpets would have taken place nearly 2000 years ago.

Finally, there is a third "seed" of Abraham that existed up until Acts 28.

3. We find this seed in Paul's Acts period letter to the Galatians here;

For YOU are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as were baptized into Christ, YOU put on Christ. There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male nor female; for YOU are all one in Christ Jesus. And if YOU are Christ's, then YOU are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:26-29

In Galatians, written in the Acts period, the "YOU" referred to the believing Jews and Gentiles who, at that time, were by faith Abraham's seed. Like Joshua and Caleb who were "delivered" in God's wrath and entered the Land in the past, so these would have been delivered through

God's wrath and enter the Kingdom on earth at Trumpets. In Gals.4 Paul calls this "seed" the "children of promise" like Isaac.

Those believing Jews and Gentiles of the Acts period were IN CHRIST but were the "seed" of, and would be blessed WITH ABRAHAM. Like Paul they had been crucified with Christ, Gal.2:20, were forgiven and justified but the earth at Trumpets was their hope. Like Moses and the 70 elders who had spiritual gifts in the past (Num.11), they would also go up into the clouds and meet the Lord;

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall ever be with the Lord. 1Th 4:17

And Moses went up to God, Exo 19:3 (Please read Ex.19 and find, clouds, voice, trumpet, mountain in the Lord's descent).

And Moses went up, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. And they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as the essence of the heavens for clearness., Exo 24:9-10

Are you beginning to see how critical it is to know the pattern of the Feasts before we interpret the Gospels and Acts periods?

At Acts 28, the salvation the Feasts foreshadowed was postponed. You and I live in a dispensation which goes back before the foundation of the world, we are the church which is His Body blessed in the heavenly places, we are not Abraham's seed to be blessed in the Promised Land.