

# Covenants and the Kingdom

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KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE KINGDOM

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# 4 Key Questions about the Kingdom

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**Why the kingdom?**

**Where the kingdom?**

**Whose kingdom?**

**What kind of kingdom?**

# Why the Kingdom?

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# Why the Kingdom?

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*“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. **I will make you a great nation;** I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

**Genesis 12:1-3 (NASB)**



# Why the Kingdom?

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*“I will make you a great nation”*

A nation is “a large body of people, associated with a particular territory, that is sufficiently conscious of its unity to seek or to possess a government peculiarly its own.”



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1. A nation requires people and a “great nation” requires a great number of people
2. A nation always had a physical territory with specific boundaries



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*“I will make you a great nation”*

3. A nation almost always had a dynastic monarchy as its government
4. A nation always had at least one national religion



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*“I will make you a great nation”*

Abraham would have understood this to mean an organized monarchy over a large number of citizens existing within relatively fixed geographical boundaries, all sharing a common form of worship

# Where the Kingdom?

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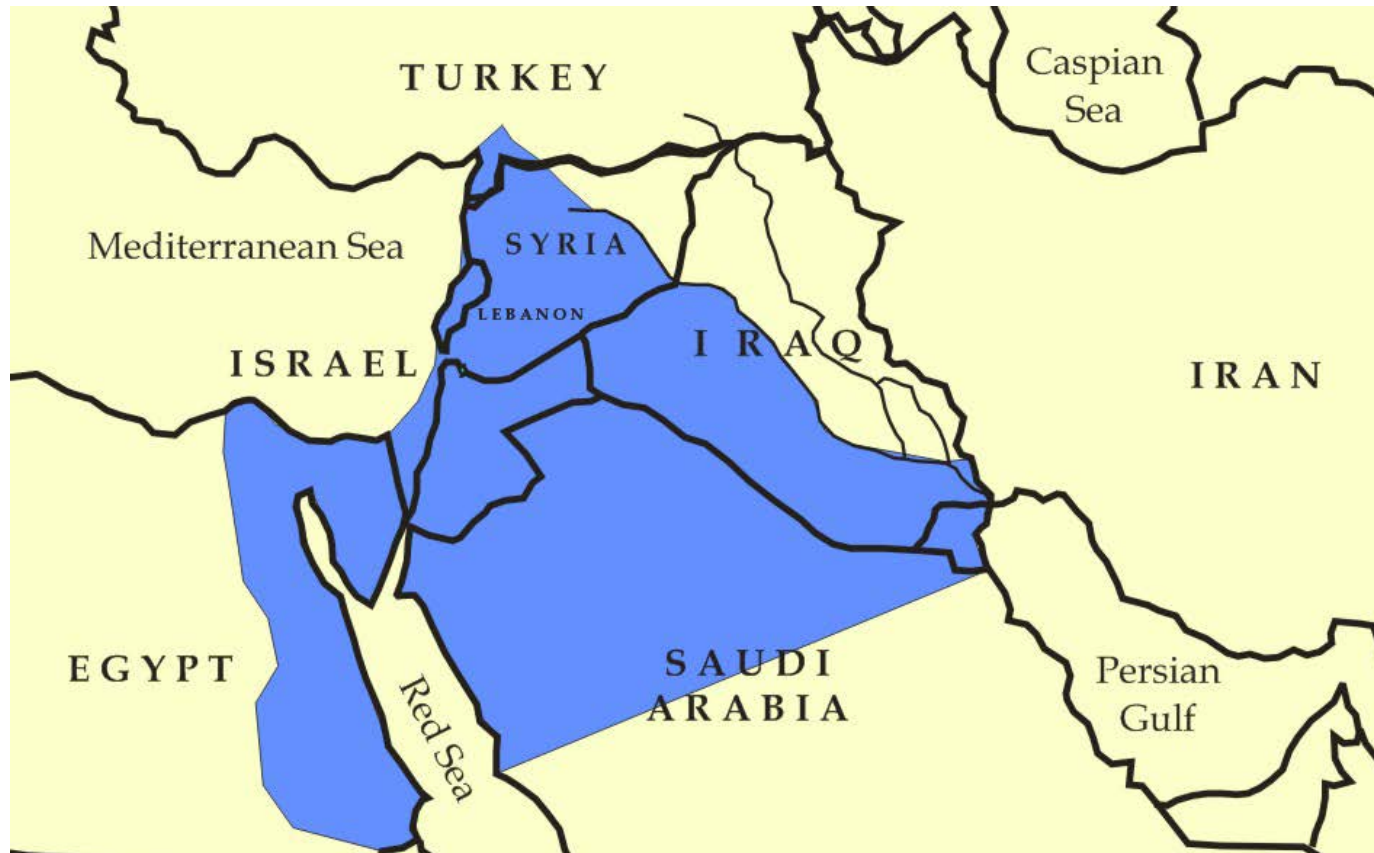
# Where the Kingdom?

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*Then He said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, **to give you this land to inherit it.**” And he said, “Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it? . . . **To your descendants I have given this land,** from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.” **Genesis 15:7-8, 18-21***

# Where the Kingdom?

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*“If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there **the LORD your God will gather you**, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, **and you shall possess it**. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.”*

**Deuteronomy 30:4-5**

# Whose Kingdom?

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*“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. . . . And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. **Your throne shall be established forever.**” 2 Samuel 7:12, 16*





# Whose Kingdom?

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*“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and **the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.**” Luke 1:31-33*

# What Type of Kingdom?

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*“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah**—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.*”



# What Type of Kingdom?

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*But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel **after those days**, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**



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## 4 Key Questions about the Kingdom



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