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Out of wilderness; into the Promise(s) of God

*Series Introduction*

Gen. 3:15; !2:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:15-22

*“Everybody—at least everybody who has anything to do with God—spends time in the wilderness.”* (E. Peterson)

*“I am God...who declares the end from the beginning...who says* ***My purpose*** *will stand, also, I will accomplish all My good pleasure...I have formulated it, indeed, I will accomplish it.”* (Is. 46:9-11)

**All of the promises of God are sourced in His single purpose—His promise, THE PROMISE of Jesus Christ who will reconcile the world to God, by His grace and for His glory.**

The Scriptural storyline of wilderness to Promise...

1. Warning Label—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (Gen. 3:15)

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her seed (offspring); HE shall crush you on the head, and you shall strike HIM on the heel.*

God announced first in the Garden of Eden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that He would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world to Himself through “her seed” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by crushing the head of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and all of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Is. 14:12; Lk. 10:17-18; Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:9; 20:1-3,7-10)

*He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.* (Jn. 6:54)

*Are you abiding in Him?*

1. Warning Label—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (Gen.12:1-3)

*And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

“A son (Gen. 3:15) born to a Semite (Gen. 9:26) named Abram (Abraham), was to form a nation to advance THE PROMISE.” (W. Kaiser, TOTT, 1978)

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”* (Gal. 3:13)

*Have you received the exchange of the curse of the law for the blessings of God’s salvation in Christ?*

1. Warning Label—**All the promises of God are** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (2 Cor. 1:15-22)

*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.*

A son (Gen. 3:15), born to a Semite (Lk. 1:26-35) named Mary, according to “the oath which He swore to Abraham, our father” (Lk. 1:73), is THE PROMISE from which all other promises find meaning.

So, we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God who has extended grace by making time between Calvary and the Second Coming—the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is that mercy of God!

*Have you received the seal of His ownership in your life, His Spirit, the first installment of what is yet to come and the present benefit of all the promises of God?*

YOUR DESTINATION IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BUT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of peace with God through Jesus Christ—from the curse of death to YES in Christ!

Have you **chosen** the wilderness by your disobedience? There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

Have you been **chased** into the wilderness by God? He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ senses to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him more clearly and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Him more fully.