

CURRENT, CURRENTLY

The territory that God promised to give Abram's descendants is much larger than what the Jews have ever possessed in all of their history. (In the millennium, God will give Israel much more land than they **currently** possess.)

- **Genesis 15:18:** "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"

When Abraham paid Ephron for his land (so he could bury his wife Sarah), he paid "**current** money with the merchant".

- **Genesis 23:16, 19:** "And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. ... And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan."

When Jacob sent Joseph all the way from Hebron to Shechem to check on his evil brothers (who were far away from where Jacob was **currently** living), he sent him alone. Jacob did this even though Joseph was just a teenager.

- **Genesis 37:14-15:** "And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in

the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?"

Moses told the Israelites that the fathers of the **current** generation discouraged people from going into the land of Canaan.

- **Numbers 32:7-8:** "And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land."

Moses believed that if the **current** generation of Israelites rejected the promised land the way the previous generation had done, they would die in the wilderness as well.

- **Numbers 32:15:** "For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people."

Since the adversaries of the Jews couldn't claim that the **current** generation of Jews had done anything wrong, they instead told King Artaxerxes the Jews should be punished for what their ancestors had done. (The king listened to them and did exactly that.)

- **Ezra 4:15-16:** "That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by

this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river."

King Artaxerxes decided to hold the **current** generation of Jews responsible for what their ancestors had done, even though they were only building a temple to God and weren't rebelling against him in anyway.

- **Ezra 4:19, 21:** "And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. ... Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me."

Nehemiah reached "the governors beyond the river". This seems to be referring to the Jordan river, and the people who were **currently** governing Judah.

- **Nehemiah 2:9:** "Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me."

In the Mosaic Law, God commanded the Israelites to dwell in booths (tents) for a period of time in the seventh month of their year (which happened to be the **current** month). (This is a reference to the feast of tabernacles.)

- **Nehemiah 8:14:** "And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:"

The psalmist speaks of the fact that one day the **current** universe will grow old, and God will then change it. (This seems to be one of the rare Old Testament references to the eternal state, when God will create a new heaven and earth.)

- **Psalm 102:26:** "They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:"

David commanded Israel to hope in God in this **current** time.

- **Psalm 131:3:** "Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever."

The generation that's **currently** in this world will be gone one day and replaced by a different one.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:4:** "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever."

Solomon took time to consider those who would rise up and replace the **current** rulers of this world. He found the endless cycle of rulers to be deeply unsatisfying.

- **Ecclesiastes 4:15-16:** "I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit."

One day the light of the sun will be seven times brighter than it **currently** is. In that day the moon will be as bright as the sun. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 30:26:** "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound."

Israel isn't the bride of Christ. Instead Israel is the wife of Jehovah (and is **currently** divorced).

- **Isaiah 50:1:** "Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away."

In the days of Jeremiah, God said that the **current** generation of Jews wasn't holy (because of their idolatry).

- **Jeremiah 11:15:** "What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest."

In the days of Jeremiah, God said that the **current** generation of Jews had wrought lewdness with many. (This seems to be referring to the fact that those Jews worshiped many different false gods.)

- **Jeremiah 11:15:** "What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and

the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest."

The ancestors of the **current** generation of Jews had sinned against God. (This is referring to the generation that saw the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.)

- **Lamentations 5:7:** "Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities."

God told Ezekiel that the Israelites were **currently** sinning against Him.

- **Ezekiel 2:3:** "And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day."

God told Ezekiel that He wasn't going to ignore the grievous transgressions of Israel just because of the righteous lives of Noah, Daniel, and Job. Their righteousness couldn't save the **current** generation from His wrath.

- **Ezekiel 14:14:** "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD."

Our previous righteousness doesn't cover our **current** sins.

- **Ezekiel 33:12:** "Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in

the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth."

The saints don't **currently** have the kingdom. (One day the meek will inherit the world and delight themselves in an abundance of peace, but that day hasn't come yet.)

- **Daniel 7:27:** "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

God told Zechariah that the prophets prophesied to the ancestors of the **current** generation of Israelites. Although the prophets commanded them to repent, the people refused to do so.

- **Zechariah 1:4:** "Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD."

It's foolish to look at the **current** prosperity of the wicked, and the current suffering of the righteous, and interpret that to mean God supports wickedness and hates righteousness. When the day of judgment comes, only those who fear the Lord will be saved. The apparent prosperity of the wicked won't last.

- **Malachi 3:18:** "Then shall ye return, and discern between

the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

- **Malachi 4:1:** "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

The things that are **currently** hidden won't always be hidden.

- **Luke 8:17:** "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad."

The fact that Jesus commanded us to pray that God's kingdom would come means that it isn't **currently** in this world. (If it was already here then there would be no need to pray that it would come.)

- **Luke 11:2:** "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

We should pray that the will of God would be done in this world, just as it's **currently** being done in Heaven.

- **Luke 11:2:** "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that the man she was **currently** with wasn't her husband.

- **John 4:18:** "For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly."

Just as a whole legion of demons can possess someone, so a person can be filled with increasing amounts of the Holy Spirit. Although all Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit, it seems that it's possible to receive more of the Holy Spirit than what we have **currently**. (Although the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, when they prayed after being arrested they were filled with the Holy Spirit *again* – even though they hadn't lost Him!)

- **Acts 4:31:** "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

There are times when we must give up what we **currently** possess to receive God's promises. (Abraham had to leave his homeland in order to inherit Canaan.)

- **Acts 7:2-3:** "And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee."

We have a mortal body. The body that we **currently** have isn't

immortal.

- **Romans 6:12:** "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

The Lord Jesus Christ is **currently** in Heaven.

- **Romans 10:6:** "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)"
- **Colossians 3:1:** "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."
- **1 Thessalonians 4:16:** "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

The church that Paul was **currently** visiting (when he wrote his letter to the Romans) sent their greetings to the recipients of his letter. (It's not clear which church this was, but it may have been the one in Corinth.)

- **Romans 16:23:** "Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother."

Paul gave the Corinthian church what spiritual material they were able to handle, and was mindful of their **current** maturity level.

- **1 Corinthians 3:2:** "I have fed you with milk, and not with

meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

All Christians are **currently** mortal. (That will change after the resurrection, when we're given immortal bodies.)

- **1 Corinthians 15:53:** "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

All Christians are **currently** corruptible. We're in bodies that are subject to corruption.

- **1 Corinthians 15:53:** "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

In the **current** era (the church age) the Israelites are still blinded to the nature of the old covenant. When they read the Mosaic Law they can't understand it because its meaning is hidden from them.

- **2 Corinthians 3:14:** "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ."

The heavenly city of the New Jerusalem **currently** exists. (In fact, it existed back in Paul's day. The apostle refers to it in the present tense, not the future tense.)

- **Galatians 4:26:** "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

Paul told the Philippian church that he didn't believe his **current** imprisonment would end in his death. (If he expected to visit them again then he must not have thought he was about to be executed.)

- **Philippians 1:24-26:** "Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again."

Paul didn't say that Jesus would give us a different body. Instead he said that one day Jesus will change the body that we **currently** have.

- **Philippians 3:21:** "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Our **current** physical body is vile compared to how Jesus will transform us at the rapture.

- **Philippians 3:21:** "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Christ is **currently** sitting at the right hand of God.

- **Colossians 3:1:** "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

The antichrist is **currently** hidden. However, one day he will be revealed.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:3:** "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

Paul doesn't name who is **currently** restraining the antichrist.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:7:** "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."

Paul praised God for saving his life in previous trials. He had nothing negative to say about the fact that God wasn't going to save him out of his **current** trial.

- **2 Timothy 4:17:** "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."

The author of Hebrews said that the gospel was preached to the **current** generation of Jews.

- **Hebrews 4:2:** "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

Peter said that Christians will be revealed in the last time. This

means we're **currently** hidden in some way, but won't remain hidden forever. (It seems that our unveiling will take place at the rapture.)

- **1 Peter 1:5:** "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

The glory of Jesus is **currently** hidden. It hasn't been revealed yet.

- **1 Peter 4:13:** "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

When Jesus returns at the rapture, He will transform us into beings who are like Him. (However, the exact details of that change are **currently** unknown.)

- **1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Jesus commanded the apostle John to write the things that **currently** existed ("the things which are").

- **Revelation 1:19:** "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;"

The beast is **currently** trapped in the bottomless pit. (He will remain there until the tribulation.)

- **Revelation 11:7:** "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."

The angel told the apostle John said that five kings were gone, one king **currently** existed, and there was one king who had not yet come. (It seems the beast didn't arise until after all seven of those kings.)

- **Revelation 17:10-11:** "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."

The devil isn't **currently** bound. (That won't happen until the beginning of the millennium.)

- **Revelation 20:2:** "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"