

Sermon Title: Whose Land Is It? Part 1

Speaker: Pastor Wes Date: 05/12/24

I. Introduction

- Context: Return to Genesis after various series (e.g., marriage series, missions week).
- Emphasis on critical thinking and understanding current events in light of the Bible.

II. Scriptural Background: Genesis 12

- **Genesis 12:1-4:** God's call to Abram, instructing him to leave his country and go to a land God will show him.
- **Title of the Message:** Whose land is it — Israel or Palestine?

III. Importance of Understanding Biblical Context

- Need for believers to know the significance of Israel in biblical prophecy.
- Discussion of the church's role in educating about biblical prophecies and their unfolding in today's world.

IV. The Promises to Abram

- **Genesis 12:1-3:** God's promises to make Abram a great nation, bless him, and make his name great.
- The implications of God's blessings and curses associated with how others treat Abram's descendants.

V. Prophecy and Its Fulfillment

- Overview of prophetic significance concerning the land of Israel.
- Explanation of current events as part of God's prophetic timeline.

VI. God's Call and Promise

- **Genesis 12:1:** The call to Abram to leave his home and receive God's promise.
- The significance of obedience to God's call.

VII. Detailed Explanation of Genesis 12:1-4

- Exploration of the specific verses where God speaks to Abram.
- Reflection on the personal implications for believers today — understanding one's spiritual journey in relation to biblical figures.

VIII. Application to Current Events

- Linking biblical promises to the geopolitical climate in the Middle East.
- The role of modern Israel and the Jewish people in fulfilling biblical prophecy.

IX. Conclusion

- Summarization of the key points about God's promises and their relevance today.
- Call to action for further study and understanding of biblical texts in relation to current global events.

This outline captures the essence of Pastor Wes' sermon, focusing on the biblical foundation for understanding the ownership and significance of the land of Israel, as well as the call to believers to be informed and thoughtful regarding biblical prophecies and current events.