

Genesis 13:14-18 **Extent of the Promised Land**

¹⁴“And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are--northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." ¹⁸ Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.” NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God waited years before He was willing to speak to Abram about the **extent** of the Land of Promise: From His call to Abram in Ur of the Chaldeans, the move of Abram’s family to Haran, for his father Terah to die, then for Abram to move to Canaan land and on to Egypt, amass a great amount of wealth, return to Bethel, and finally to separate from Lot completing God’s first commandment to him to leave his family and his father’s house.
- ✧ From his hilltop-vantage point God said, “Look North, South, East, and West from where you are standing, that is from **Bethel**, all the land you see I give to you and your descendants **forever**.” This “Promise” was passed on to Isaac [[Genesis 26:1-3](#)] and to Jacob. [[Genesis 28:10-13](#)]
- ✧ Keep in mind that Bethel, from which God promised the land, is now claimed by the Palestinians and is called the West Bank. Palestinians are not descended from Abram through Isaac and Jacob, but the **Jews are!**
- ✧ God said, “**Arise and walk through the land, its length and its width for I give it to you.**”
- ✧ Abram moved from Bethel to Hebron, pitched his tent under the terebinth trees of Mamre and built an altar to Yahowah.
- ✧ **Hebron** is located 19 miles south of Jerusalem, also in the middle of the so called “*West Bank*.”
- ✧ The promise was a *forever promise*, and when the Kingdom of God is established with Christ Himself returned and seated on His Throne in Jerusalem, the land will be entirely returned to the **nation of Israel**.