

God's Promises to People in the Bible

	Where in the Bible	God's Promise	The Promise Fulfilled
Abraham	Genesis 12, Genesis 15:2-5	God told Abraham he would make his offspring as numerous as “the dust of the earth” (13:16). Despite his wife Sarah being barren, He would make Abraham’s descendants into a great nation and provide the land of Israel as their home.	When Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety, their son Isaac was born (see Genesis 17:17; 21:5). God’s promise to Israel given to Abraham would continue through Moses and be fulfilled with Joshua.
Sarah	Genesis 12, Genesis 15:2-5	When God called Abraham to leave his homeland, “[Abraham] took his wife [Sarah], his nephew Lot . . . and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there” (Genesis 12:5). She, too, heard the promises of land, blessing, and an heir.	At the age of ninety, Sarah and Abraham welcomed their first child into the world and did for Sarah what he had promised (Genesis 21:1).
Moses	Exodus 3, Acts 7:33-36	God promised to deliver the Israelites and take them to a land of their own—the “promised” land—with Moses in the lead.	Forty years after leaving Egypt, the Hebrews eventually entered the “land flowing with milk and honey” (Exodus 3:8 NASB). Although Moses was not allowed to enter into Canaan because of his disobedience, God allowed him to see the land and buried him in the land of Moab (see Deuteronomy 34:6).
Joshua	Joshua 1:3-5	God promised Joshua “I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.... (Joshua 1:3-5). The promise dated back to Abraham (Genesis 12:2) and Moses (Exodus 3:8).	It was under Joshua’s leadership that God’s promise to Israel was fulfilled. Joshua had to wander with the Israelites in the desert for forty years, but God did allow him to enter the Promised Land (see Joshua 14:30).
Mary	Luke 1:26-38	Mary was visited by an angel who told her she had found favor with God and would bear a child she would call Jesus, which means “God saves.”	Through the birth of Jesus, God fulfilled His promise that Abraham’s seed would be a blessing to all nations. The God of the How and When continues to build His Kingdom through the lives of the billions of followers of Jesus (Yeshua), the Savior of all humankind.