

The promise to Abraham revisited.

Human beings have always believed in some sort of an afterlife reward for the saved; and belief in heaven after death is not only restricted to Christianity. Because people have been taught lies from childhood, they are blinded to most of the truths to be found in the Scriptures; and even when these truths are given to them, most find it too incredible to be true. This is when Satan blinds the minds of the unbelievers, as Yahshua explained to His disciples in the first part of Matthew 13: 19, saying: ***“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.”*** A second witness to this comes from 2 Corinthians 4: 3 & 4, as follows: ***‘And even if the gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim.’***

Think for a moment, if so-called righteous believers go to heaven after death, why did Yahshua our Messiah in speaking to Nicodemus about being born-again in John 3: 13, said: ***“And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man.”*** Moreover we read from Acts 13: 21 & 22 about Israel and King David, in this way: ***“And then they asked for a king, and Elohim gave them Shaul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. (22) And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.’”*** If the saved go to heaven, why did Rav Kepha say about King David in Acts 2: 29 – 35: ***“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (30) And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that ELOHIM HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE (forever), (31) he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of Messiah, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID HIS flesh SUFFER DECAY. (32) This Yahshua Elohim raised up again to which we are all witnesses. (33) Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of Elohim, and having received from the Father the promise of the Set-apart Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. (34) For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘YHVH SAID TO MY MASTER, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, (35) UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET.’”*** What an inconsistency, even though most today believe they are going to heaven, here we see that King David did not, but Yahshua who came from heaven, returned there again, just as He said! But what do the Scriptures have to say about the reward of the saved?

Rav Shaul summarized Elohim’s purpose and plan for mankind in the book of Galatians - In fact a returnee from the lost sheep of the house of Israel’s hope depends entirely on the subject discussed in this generally misunderstood passage. While speaking to the Galatians, Rav Shaul was inspired to say in Galatians 3: 16, 26 – 29, ***‘Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Messiah. (26) For you are all sons of Elohim through faith in Messiah Yahshua. (27) for all of you who were immersed into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Yahshua. (29) And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.’*** True believers from the lost sheep of the house of Israel, who used to believe they are nothing but Gentiles (including a small number of real Gentiles) are not yet possessors of this reward, but become heirs of the promise YHVH made to Abraham, through his one seed Yahshua, who paid for their punishment for breaking Elohim’s Torah teachings, by becoming our kinsman Redeemer. As our kinsman Redeemer He also bought the piece of property we lost in the Promised Land, due to idolatry. What believers shall inherit, if ‘saved’ - where they shall spend eternity, is a definite promise of Elohim! That promise was made to Abraham; if one comes to believe in Yahshua the Messiah as his/her personal savior, then one becomes an heir of the promises made to Abraham. The problem with most descendants of the lost ten tribes descended from Europe (France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland Sweden, Norway, and Finland) is that they are part of the lost ten tribes of Israel who eventually moved westward to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and the

United States of America, have lost their identity, culture, language and religion, after most became part of the Christian religion, which is essentially the way in which Esau (or more specifically the Roman Catholic Church) took the house of Israel into captivity to believe in both a false Messiah who came to abolish Torah for them, and a false gospel promising them eternity in heaven. In this way Satan used Esau to keep the truth away from the house of Israel for the past 1800 years.

The question is: What exactly did Elohim promise Abraham? We read the promise Elohim made in Genesis 12: 2 - 3 & 6 - 7 saying to Abraham: ***“And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; (3) And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*** (6) ***‘And Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. (7) And YHVH appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to YHVH who had appeared to him.’*** However, we see from Genesis 12: 10 that Abram went to Egypt for a short time because there was a great famine in the land of Canaan. When Abram returned to Canaan later, YHVH again spoke to him, repeating His promises to him, as witnessed in Genesis 13: 12 - 15, as follows: ***‘Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. (13) Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against YHVH. (14) And YHVH said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; (15) for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.”’*** YHVH promised Abram and his descendants the land of Canaan forever; and since the inheritance is an eternal inheritance, it includes everlasting life.

We see from Genesis 15: 18 that the boundaries of the Promised Land is as follows: ***‘On that day YHVH made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.”*** The land of Canaan in the Middle East was promised to Abraham and his descendants forever, and is therefore known as the *‘Promised Land’*. However, it is important to notice that the Promised Land is on earth and not in heaven. We understand from Romans 4: 13 that the promise was expanded to later include inheritance of the whole world, in this way: ***‘For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.’*** Through Abraham, all true believers in Messiah are promised the earth, and there is not one word about heaven in the promise made to Abraham and his descendants. The same promise was later made to Isaac as recorded in Genesis 26: 2 - 5, as follows: ***‘And YHVH appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you. (3) Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. (4) And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; (5) because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws.”’*** Yes, even though some in Christianity deny that Abraham kept Torah, this verse states just the opposite. Yes, the commandments, statutes and judgments were only written down later, but the word of YHVH spoke to Abraham and taught him on a one to one basis personally.

We see further that Elohim repeated these same promises to Jacob and his descendants the Israelites in Genesis 35: 10 - 12, saying to him, ***“Your name is Jacob; you shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” Thus He called him Israel. (11) Elohim also said to him, “I am Elohim Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come forth from you. (12) And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you.”*** But the promise to inherit the Promised Land as an eternal inheritance was made conditional to Abram’s obedience to YHVH. Firstly YHVH called Abram in Genesis 12: 1, saying: ***‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you.’*** We see from the first part of Genesis 12: 4 that Abram obeyed YHVH immediately, without question, as follows: ***‘So Abram went forth as YHVH had spoken to him; and Lot went with him.’*** Elohim called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldeans where he was born. Ur was in Babylon, a land under the authority of

a political system that started at Babel, symbolic of the spiritual 'Babylon' from which YHVH is calling true believers today, as recorded in Revelation 18: 1 – 4, in this way: ***'After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with His glory. (2) And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. (3) For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues.'"*** Abraham obeyed Elohim; firstly he left his homeland, his relatives and friends and followed where Elohim led Him. But we saw from Genesis 13: 14 & 16 that Elohim promised Abram the land of Canaan as well as a promise of a multiplicity of descendants. Because Abram and Sarai was already advanced in years, Abram tried to help YHVH fulfill the promise of Genesis 13 by erroneously and prematurely choosing Eliezer, who was not a physical descendant of Abram, to be the one through whom that promise would be accomplished. But, Elohim reprimands Abram telling him again that His promise of physical multiplicity would not come through an adopted Gentile or a second choice. Elohim ordained that this promised heir would come from Abram's own body. He would not be adopted but would be a physical descendant of Abram. YHVH once again promises Abram that his physical offspring will be more than the stars of Heaven.

This promise of physical multiplicity and blessing is renewed in Genesis 17 verse 4, where Abram is told that this promise will establish him as a father of a multitude of nations. The term "multitude of nations" is repeated in verse 5 and simply means many 'Gentile' nations. We also see that at this point YHVH changed Abram's name to Abraham – meaning the father of a multitude. The physical descendants of Abram will fill the earth with a boisterous multitude making a great uproar about Elohim's love for humanity; misinterpreting His love (or way of reconciliation) to be *'the true gospel'*, instead of the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of Elohim, as proclaimed by Messiah in Mark 1: 14 & 15. Reading from verse 6 – 12 of Genesis 17, we see however that YHVH made the promise for Abraham and his offspring to dwell in the land of Canaan conditional to them being circumcised, as follows: ***"And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. (7) And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and your descendants after you. (8) And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim. (9) Elohim said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout your generations. (10) This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. (11) And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.*** In verse 6 Abraham is promised that kings shall come forth from him. This is talking about the kings that would one day make up the royal House of David, through whom Messiah would come to His throne. Yes, it is referring to those of us called at this time together with our fathers in the faith, who if we qualify, will rule as kings and priests under Messiah. In verse 7 YHVH reassures Abraham that this promise of greatness through physical multiplicity would be unconditional and everlasting. Many in Christianity and even the Assemblies of YHVH and Churches of G-d somehow want to spiritualize these physical signs that YHVH our Elohim require of us away, forgetting that Yahshua our Messiah, Elohim's perfect example for us, was also circumcised as recorded in Luke 2: 21.

We see from Genesis 22: 1 & 2 that Elohim further tested Abraham, in this way: ***'Now it came about after these things, that Elohim tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." (2) And He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.'"*** Again, Abraham responded without question and took Isaac to sacrifice him as Elohim required. Upon reaching the point where Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, Isaac said to Him (in the last part of verse 7): ***"Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"*** Abraham answered Isaac in verse 8(RSV), saying:

“Elohim will provide Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” We see by implication here how Yahshua, Elohim with us (or Immanuel) became the Lamb of Elohim who had to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. This was to help Abraham understand the truth about Messiah as witnessed in Hebrews 11: 17 – 19, as follows: ***‘By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; (18) it was he to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.” (19) He considered that Elohim is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type (of Messiah).’***

We see from verses 10 – 12 of Genesis 22, that even though Elohim wanted Abraham to understand the reality of Messiah’s sacrifice for the sins of the world, He did not allow Abraham to kill his own son, in this way: ***‘And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. (11) But the angel of YHVH called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” (12) And he said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear Elohim, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”*** Elohim did not really want Isaac’s life, but He wanted to test Abraham’s willingness to obey Him in faith. Because Abraham was faithfully obedient to Elohim, the Scriptures refer to him as ‘the father’ of all who live by faith, as witnessed in Galatians 3: 6 & 7, as follows: ***‘Even so Abraham BELIEVED ELOHIM, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. (7) Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.’*** After Abraham obeyed the test and was found faithful, there were no more conditions to Elohim’s original promise, as recorded in Genesis 22: 15 – 18, in this way: ***“Then the angel of YHVH called to Abraham a second time from heaven, (16) and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares YHVH, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, (17) indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. (18) And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”*** The promise was unconditional, since Abraham has fulfilled his side of the agreement.

To summarize, YHVH basically made a two-fold promise to Abraham; firstly, He promised that if Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob remain faithful to Him and His Torah instructions (as Abraham did – as recorded in Genesis 26: 5 quoted earlier) and as a sign of the covenant circumcise their sons at the age of eight days old, they will inherit the Promised Land eternally – meaning they will live eternally as spiritual children and co-rulers with Elohim in the Promised Land. Now we know that the house of Judah remained loyal to YHVH ever since their return from captivity in Babylon for breaking the land Sabbath, but the house of Israel whom YHVH divorced because of idolatry, remained in captivity to this day. However, this is where the second part of the promise that YHVH made with Abraham comes into effect. The second part of the promise discussed in the book of Galatians 3 by Rav Shaul, makes provision for members of the lost ten tribes of Israel, whom YHVH has and are specifically calling at this time, by allowing us to return to the covenant that YHVH made with the house of Israel, together with the house of Judah, to return through Abraham’s one seed Yahshua to become heirs of the promise made to Abraham once again. Yes, the word ‘seed’ in Genesis 22: 18 refer specifically to One Seed, namely Messiah, rather than to Abraham’s multiple offspring mentioned in Genesis 13: 16 & 17: 8. We see from Luke 3: 23 & 34 that Yahshua was a direct descendant or ‘seed’ of Abraham. Luke records Yahshua’s genealogy through His mother Miriam. The Joseph, mentioned in Luke 3: 23, was actually the son-in-law of Heli, the father of Miriam. Therefore, even if one is not a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, he may become an heir of the promises made to Abraham, by faith in Messiah. So ultimately Yahshua will also save the rest of mankind, after His Millennial rule, during the great white throne judgment period as attested in Revelation 20: 12 and Isaiah 25: 7 – 9. We are reconciled to YHVH through Messiah the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sins of the world.

Rav Shaul clearly indicated in Ephesians 2: 11 & 12 that Ephesian Gentiles were not part of Israel before coming to believe in Messiah, in this way: ***“Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise ([1] Salvation through Messiah and;***

[2] Eternal life in the Promised Land), **having no hope and without Elohim in the world.**' As Gentiles, they had been *'strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Elohim in the world'*, but through Messiah and His sacrifice they were brought near to the promise. The words 'far off' and 'near' as used in Ephesians 2 refer to the house of Israel who went far away from Elohim and became like Gentiles, and the house of Judah who remained near to Elohim as defined by the prophet Daniel in Daniel 9: 7 in his prayer for both houses, prior to the house of Judah's return to the Promised Land 70 years after their captivity, in this way: **"Righteousness belongs to Thee; O YHVH, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee."** We see from verse 13 – 19 of Ephesians 2 that through Messiah they were not strangers and foreigners anymore, as follows: **'But now in Messiah Yahshua you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. (17) AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; (18) for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. (19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of Elohim's household.'** Therefore, those called from the lost ten tribes of Israel who came to believe that they are Gentiles, together with some genuine Gentiles, who become saved through the 'seed' of Abraham, namely Messiah, also become heirs of the promises Elohim made to Abraham.

Once we are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise through faith in Messiah, every male descendant shall be circumcised, as part of the covenant made to Abraham, in Genesis 17: 12, in this way: **"And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants."** We read from Galatians 3: 7, **'Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.'** If you are a believer, regardless of race, Abraham is your 'father' and you will inherit whatever Elohim promised to him. Therefore all true believers are heirs with Abraham to inherit ETERNAL LIFE (Salvation) and ETERNAL INHERITANCE OF THE PROMISED LAND. 'Heaven' was not included in the promises Elohim made to Abraham. But we see from Acts 7: 2 – 5 that Abraham and his 'children' have not received their inheritance yet, as follows: **'And he said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The Elohim of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, (3) and said to him, 'DEPART FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.' (4) Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, Elohim removed him into this country in which you are now living. (5) And He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground; and yet, even when he had no child, He promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS OFFSPRING AFTER HIM.'** These inspired words of Stephen clearly show that Abraham never received the promised inheritance – even though Elohim's promises were made UNCONDITIONAL because of his obedience.

We read further about this subject in Hebrews 11: 8 – 10, **'By Faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; (10) for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim.'** Here again we are told that our fathers in the faith were looking forward to their inheritance which they have not up to now received. But we are also told in verses 39 & 40 why they have not received it yet, as follows: **'And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us (latter day believers in Messiah and heirs of Abraham), so that apart from us they should not be made perfect.'** This means that our fathers in the faith are still in their graves, waiting to be resurrected at

Messiah's return, because of faith in Him and then to receive the Promised Land as an everlasting inheritance as immortal spiritual children of Elohim! A second witness that Abraham was still dead during Messiah's time, comes from John 8: 52 & 53, in this way: ***'The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste of death.'*** (53) ***"Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"***: Do you grasp what these inspired words are saying? They clearly say that all these men died, in faith, NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE PROMISES! The fathers to whom the promises were made did not *'go to their reward at death!* Nor had they *'gone to their reward'* years after the resurrection and ascension of Messiah to heaven! We also read before from Acts 2: 29 that David an heir of Abraham and one of Elohim's prophets did also not inherit the promises, but is still dead in his grave.

The Renewed Covenant shows clearly that Abraham and the patriarchs have not received the promised inheritance, even to this day, as witnessed in Hebrews 11: 39 & 40, as follows: ***'And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us, so that apart from us, they should not be made perfect.'*** Abraham and all the patriarchs, including Torah observant members of the house of Judah and returnees to the covenant from the house of Israel (who used to believe they are Gentiles as well as a number of real Gentiles) who become Abraham's children through Messiah, are now HEIRS to the promises. 'Heir' is people related to Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob who has not yet come into their inheritance. And so they have not yet become 'inheritors'! Yahshua Messiah 'confirmed' during His ministry on earth, as Rav Shaul also described in Romans 15: 8, saying: ***'For I say that Messiah has become a servant to the circumcision¹ on behalf of the truth of Elohim to confirm the promises given to the fathers.'*** In addition we see in Matthew 10 5 – 8 how Yahshua instructed His disciples when He first send them out, saying: ***"Do not go the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; (6) but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (7) And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*** (8) ***Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give."*** Yes, you and I cannot teach those whom YHVH is busy calling out of the world to become part of the commonwealth of Israel for a monetary reward, like the teachers in Churchianity do, by cursing their members and their children according to Deuteronomy 28: 15 – 68, teaching them the Torah teachings of Elohim have been abolished in their false messiah. For those who are often confused by what is meant by the kingdom of heaven, Yahshua also cleared this up for us in Matthew 6: 8 – 10, saying: ***"Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him. (9) "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. (10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" "*** Yes, the kingdom of Elohim is soon coming to earth, as it is now in heaven, when Yahshua our Messiah is coming to rule the world from Jerusalem. We see further from Matthew 9: 35, ***"And Yahshua was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."*** In confirming the promises of eternal inheritance Elohim made to the 'fathers' in the faith, namely Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Messiah always preached the good news of the coming Kingdom of Elohim which is to occupy and govern the earth.

We see witnessed in Matthew 8: 11 that all the righteous men of old will be 'in' the Kingdom of Elohim, as follows: ***"And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of Heaven?"*** The promises Elohim made to the fathers included ENTRANCE into the Kingdom of Elohim! Therefore their inheritance will include (1) ETERNAL LIFE (2) in the Kingdom of Elohim (3) which is on Earth from where that Kingdom will be administered - the same INHERITANCE you and I may receive through Messiah! That is also why Yahshua taught us to pray for Elohim's kingdom to be established on earth as it is in heaven at present. Amein and Amein! See graphic depiction of Elohim's eternal promise to Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob below:

¹ Yahshua said to the Canaanite woman who begged Him to heal her demon possessed daughter in Matthew 15: 24, ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."***

Where are we going when we die?

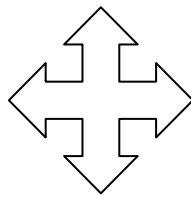
Yahshua said in John 3: 13, *'And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man.'*

Heaven?

We read accordingly from Psalm 115: 16, *'The heavens are the heavens of YHVH; but the earth He has given to the sons of men.'*

We read further from Proverbs 2: 22 & 23, *'For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be uprooted from it.'*

YHVH made a covenant with Abram, promising him the promised land (Canaan) for an everlasting possession, provided that he and his descendants after him circumcise every male child when he is 8 days old (Genesis 17: 7 - 11). Circumcision being the sign of the covenant between YHVH and Abraham.



Reading from Hebrews 11: 8 - 10, we see that: *'By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim.'*

However, we see from Hebrews 11: 39 & 40, *'And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because Elohim had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect.'*

The land of Canaan is on earth and if Abraham was promised this piece of land as an everlasting possession, and if we are heirs of Abraham because of our faith in Messiah, we will also inherit the Promised Land, from where the Kingdom of Elohim will be administered, by Yahshua the Messiah and His saints.

Hell?

Notes:

- When we die we are buried in hell (meaning the grave), our souls or lives come to an end and our spirits go back to Elohim Who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12: 7)?
- Even though our spirits go back to the Father at death, our consciousness comes to an end and we are not aware of any-thing any longer as per Ecclesiastes 9: 5 & 10.
- At Messiah's return He will bring back the spirits of those who died in Him, resurrect their bodies (to life); and their spirits, souls and bodies will once again be complete without blame as per 1 Thessalonians 5: 23.
- We will inherit the earth as Yahshua promised in Matthew 5: 5, saying: *"Blessed are the gentle (humble or meek) for they shall inherit the earth."*