

## Cause and Effect

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To understand the future, we must understand the present, and to understand the present we must understand the past, and to understand it all we must understand the Jews.

Last week we looked at Israel, the Jewish people, and saw several things.

- ✓ God Chose Israel (people and portal: Bible, Savior, Church)
- ✓ God Created Israel (miracle of the heir, birth, and re-birth)
- ✓ God Challenged Israel (different and distributors)
- ✓ God Chastened Israel (attention and affection)
- ✓ God Cherishes Israel (Like the father and the prodigal)
- ✓ God Commissions Israel

- I. God agreed to be their God (Exodus 6:2-8)
- II. They agreed to obey their God (Exodus 19:7-8)
- III. Owning their land is a given (Exodus 6:2-4 & 8)
- IV. Enjoying the land is an option
  - A. *"If you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God"* (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)
  - B. *"If you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God"* (Deuteronomy 28:15-24 & 58-65)

God has not promised us land here on this earth, or the kind of future kingdom He promised Israel.

God has promised us a home in heaven, and we are part of a kingdom that Jesus described as *"not of this world"*. (John 18:36)

So What?

- When a person trusts Jesus as their Savior from sin, they already possess eternal life.
- When a person submits to Jesus seeking to follow Him, they enjoy their eternal life.
- When a person rebels and refuses to follow Him, they don't enjoy their eternal life.