

The Promised Land

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Each participant in this conference, which was comprised of Jewish, Arab, and other believers in Yeshua, was asked to provide a written response to a series of 7 questions. These responses were submitted and then discussed at the conference. The seven questions were:

Question #1

What is the Promised Land? What connections are there between the Land and the Kingdom of Heaven?

Question #2

What are the geographical borders? Will these borders stay the same over time?

Questions #3

To whom does the Promised Land belong? What Scriptures reveal that the Promised Land does not belong to Israel, if any?

Question #4

What is the eschatological perspective regarding the Promised Land? When will the full recovery of the Land take place? What stages toward that will occur, if any?

Question #5

Are all implications for the Promised Land limited to the Covenant between the God of Israel and His chosen people or is there to be a place for others, like descendents of Ishmael, who have lived in the Land ever since?

Question #6

Is there a role to play for the Church regarding the Promised Land?

Question #7

What are the implications of what Scriptures reveal regarding the major conflicts of today: Arabs and Jews, the Nations and Israel, EU, and Islam?

These essays were written by Ariel Berkowitz and submitted as part of his participation in the conference. We thought others might find them either helpful, interesting, or both.