

In the opening chapters of Genesis, the Lord spoke to Abraham and told him, *"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse."*

A lot of debates have centred around this portion of Scripture and doctrines built! The two main views are whether the promise is a reference to Abraham's spiritual seed, *"the Israel of God,"* described by the Apostle Paul in Galatians, composed of both Jew and Greek, or to the current State of Israel in the Middle East.

First, if it were true this promise is to Abraham's biological seed then we would expect the Arabs to have experienced God's Divine Wrath, since no other people have cursed Israel so much since its birth! Yet instead of poverty, disease and exile, Muslims possess much more wealth, land, and oil resources than any other group of people on the planet!

Last, and most important, Jesus commands His followers to, *"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."* Are we to believe the Lord deals harshly with people who mistreat His natural relatives, but kindly towards those who mistreat His spiritual ones, who, according to His own words, are of greater importance to Him?

Finally, according to the Book of Leviticus, to truly bless Israel and the Jewish people is to tell them they need to repent and believe on Jesus Christ!