

Marking the Promise

When God promised to give Abraham the land of Canaan, it was a promise God was willing and able to keep. Trace this promise through Scripture and mark it as a chain in your Bible. To make a chain reference, write the second reference next to the first, the third next to the second, and so on. If you have a topical index in your Bible, you could write the first reference next to the entry for the promised land. If you don't have a topical index, you could write "promised land" on a blank page and then write at least the first reference by it.

Since this is a reference to the inheritance of the promised land, you might use a "PL" next to the reference. The first mention of the land is in Genesis 12:7, and the second is in 13:14-17. Next to 12:7, you would write "PL 13:14-17." Then write the next reference at 13:14-17. This will give you a map of the promise as it was passed from Abraham through to Joshua. The list below is not exhaustive, but it will give you a path from the giving of the promise to the entering of the promised land. You can add to it later in your own study as you encounter more references.

1. Genesis 12:7, 13:14-17, 15:7, 15:16-21, 17:8, 24:6-7, 26:2-4, 28:13-15, 35:11-12, 48:3-4, 50:24-25
2. Exodus 3:8, 6:4-8, 12:25, 13:5, 15:14-17, 20:12, 23:20-23, 32:13, 33:1-3, 34:11
3. Numbers 13:1-2, 14:6-9, 14:20-30, 15:1-2, 20:12, 27:12, 32:11-19, 33:50-56, 34:1-12
4. Deuteronomy 31:1-13, 32:48-52, 34:1-4 (Many of the passages from Exodus and Numbers are repeated in this book.)
5. Joshua 1:1-6, 1:10-11, 2:24