

In the garden of Eden was a tree of life (Gen. 2:9; 3:22,24). It represented God's life giving relationship with Adam & Eve. The serpent questioned God's warning to Adam and Eve that if they ate from the tree of knowledge, they would die. This cast doubt on the goodness and trustworthiness of God's character. The death of Adam and Eve became inevitable because sin created a distance between God and man, so they became cut off from the source of life. In a sense the tree of life would have protected them from Death, but out of the garden they would spend the rest of their days waiting to die. By the end of the book of Genesis, humans barely get a chance to see the fullness of life before it all goes wrong and by Exodus 1:11, God's people are slaves in a foreign land.

Yet in the midst of all this we see God's COVENANTAL PROMISES with Abraham - "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." These PROMISES have the POWER to release God's LIFE and strength when we declare, speak, agree, confess and proclaim into our lives, families, church, community, city and nation.

PRAY & DECLARE: We are a CHOSEN people, a ROYAL (Ruling) PRIESTHOOD (that pray), a holy nation, God's own possession. IN Jesus name I will show everyone around me the GOODNESS of GOD by giving people a taste or experience of the kingdom of God. Let the light of God's glory increase in and over my life - so I can shine like stars in a dark world.

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