SEED

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"Now to Abraham and his **Seed** were **the promises** made. He did not say, 'And to seeds, as of many;' but **as of One**: and to your **Seed**, **Who is Christ**." (Galatians 3:16)

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'By Myself have I sworn, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son; in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your-seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and **your-Seed** shall possess the gate of **His** enemies; and **in-your-Seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed My voice.' " (Genesis 22:15-<u>18</u>) (This promise made after when, in obedience to God, Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac!)

Seed: from the Greek word *spermati* (*sperma*) which means: <u>that</u> which is sown, seed or grain; a seed, offspring, descendants, children.

Seed: from the Hebrew word *zar* which means: your-seed, your descendant(s); (*zap*) - in-your-seed) (from *sera* - a sowing, a seed, offspring)

The promised <u>Seed</u>, the promised <u>Descendant</u> is <u>Christ Jesus</u> the promised <u>Messiah</u>! And in this promised Messiah shall, indeed <u>have</u>, all the nations of the earth be blessed! Consider Galatians 3:16 in context:

"Now to Abraham and his **Seed** were **the promises** made. He did not say, 'And to seeds, as of many;' but as of One: and to your Seed, Who is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, the Law, that was confirmed beforehand by God; and which came four hundred and thirty years afterwards (after the promises made to Abraham), cannot nullify so as to make the promises of no effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise (but by obedience to the law): but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Therefore, why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come to whom (speaking of Abraham) the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is One! Is the law then against the promises of God? May it never be! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, then righteousness would have been by the law. But the scripture has enclosed all (all people) under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, kept-under-guard until the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Therefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after this faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For you are all the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you (we) are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you be Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed (offspring), and heirs according to the promise!" (Galatians 3:16-19-26)

<u>Even as Abraham believed God</u>, and it was accounted to him as righteousness. Therefore, know you that those who are of faith, these are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, preached beforehand the good-news unto Abraham, saying, '<u>In you shall all nations be blessed</u>.' So then, those who are of faith (faith in Christ Jesus the Seed of Abraham) are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3:6-9) (read Genesis 12:1-3)

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Peter, the apostle of Jesus Christ, encourage faith in Jesus with these words:

"Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, who was hand-picked before for you; and whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets <u>since the world began</u>. ... And all the prophets from Samuel and those that followed afterwards, as many as have spoken, <u>have likewise foretold of these days</u>. You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, '*And in your Seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.' (see Genesis 22:18 above) Unto you first (the nation of Israel) God, has raised up His Servant, and sent Him to bless you, by turning away every one of you from his iniquities." (read in context Acts 3:1-19-25-26)

Jesus, the Seed of Abraham, and the Seed of Promise, was also the Seed of prophecy, as Peter said, 'since the world began.' Indeed the world's need for the Seed of promise began in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve! Consider these verses (Genesis 3:9-<u>15</u>):

"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where are you? And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' And He said, 'Who told you that you wast naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?' And the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave to me from the tree, and I did eat.' And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.' And the LORD God said unto the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every animal of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and dust shalt you eat all the days of your life. <u>And I will put enmity</u> between you and the woman, and between your-seed and **her-Seed**; **He** shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

"Therefore, as by the offense of one (the first Adam), judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One (Jesus the Last Adam) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One (Jesus) shall many be made righteous. And the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 5:17-21)

JESUS IS ...

the Seed

The Seed of promise, the Seed, the descendant, of Abraham, foretold by God beforehand through His holy prophets, in whom all the nations of the earth are blessed! And we are all one in Christ Jesus! And we are Abraham's offspring through faith in Jesus, and we are heirs of Eternal Life according to the promise!

Thank You Lord Jesus for being obedient to the Father, even to the point of dying on the Cross for the forgiveness of <u>our</u> sins!!

You are Holy and Righteous, and seated in Glory at the Right Hand of the out Father!

All praise and honor to You forever and ever! Amen!