THE PROMISE IS WRITTEN

JEREMIAH 29:1-14

11. FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," SAYS THE LORD. "THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR DISASTER, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE. 12. IN THOSE DAYS WHEN YOU PRAY, I WILL LISTEN. 13. IF YOU LOOK FOR ME WHOLEHEARTEDLY, YOU WILL FIND ME. 14. I WILL BE FOUND BY YOU," SAYS THE LORD...

• LET THIS GREAT PROMISE TAKE ROOT IN YOUR HEART, MIND AND SOUL.

THE PROMISE IS FAR-REACHING

LUKE 24:44-48

"THEN HE SAID, "WHEN I WAS WITH YOU BEFORE, I TOLD YOU THAT EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND IN THE PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." 45. THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES. 46. AND HE SAID, "YES, IT WAS WRITTEN LONG AGO THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER AND DIE AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY. 47. IT WAS ALSO WRITTEN THAT THIS MESSAGE WOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN THE AUTHORITY OF HIS NAME TO ALL THE NATIONS, BEGINNING IN JERUSALEM: 'THERE IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS FOR ALL WHO REPENT.' 48. YOU ARE WITNESSES OF ALL THESE THINGS.

LET THE BLESSING BEGIN WITH YOU & CONTINUE TO WORK ITS COURSE IN YOUR LIFE.

THE PROMISE IS CONFIRMED

LUKE 24:49

"AND NOW I WILL SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUST AS MY FATHER PROMISED. BUT STAY HERE IN THE CITY UNTIL THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AND FILLS YOU WITH POWER FROM HEAVEN."

THE PROMISE & PURPOSE OF POWER

ACTS 1:4-7

ONCE WHEN HE WAS EATING WITH THEM, HE COMMANDED THEM, "DO NOT LEAVE JERUSALEM UNTIL THE FATHER SENDS YOU THE GIFT HE PROMISED, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE. 5. JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT IN JUST A FEW DAYS YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." 6. SO WHEN THE APOSTLES WERE WITH JESUS, THEY KEPT ASKING HIM, "LORD, HAS THE TIME COME FOR YOU TO FREE ISRAEL AND RESTORE OUR KINGDOM?" 7. HE REPLIED, "THE FATHER ALONE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SET THOSE DATES AND TIMES, AND THEY ARE NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW.

ACTS 1:8

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES, TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE – IN JERUSALEM, THROUGHOUT JUDEA, IN SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

THE PROMISE IS GIVEN

ACTS 2:1-4

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE MEETING TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. 2. SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN LIKE THE ROARING OF A MIGHTY WINDSTORM, AND IT FILLED THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. 3. THEN, WHAT LOOKED LIKE FLAMES, OR TONGUES OF FIRE APPEARED AND SETTLED ON EACH OF THEM. 4. AND EVERYONE PRESENT WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN SPEAKING IN OTHER LANGUAGES, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE THEM THIS ABILITY.

THE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AT WORK WITHIN US IS UNDENIABLE
Q: HOW MIGHT THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT BECOME MORE PRESENT IN YOUR LIFE?

POWER TO WAIT

PSALM 40:1

I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD TO HELP ME, AND HE TURNED TO ME AND HEARD MY CRY.

ISAIAH 40:29-31

29. HE GIVES POWER TO THE WEAK AND STRENGTH TO THE POWERLESS. 30. EVEN YOUTHS WILL BECOME WEAK AND TIRED, AND YOUNG MEN WILL FALL IN EXHAUSTION. 31. BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND NEW STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES. THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY. THEY WILL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

POWER TO WORSHIP

ACTS 16:25-26

25. AROUND MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS TO GOD, AND THE OTHER PRISONERS WERE LISTENING. 26. SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE, AND THE PRISON WAS SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATIONS. ALL THE DOORS IMMEDIATELY FLEW OPEN, AND THE CHAINS OF EVERY PRISONER FELL OFF!

POWER TO WITNESS

ACTS 16:27-32

27. THE JAILER WOKE UP TO SEE THE PRISON DOORS WIDE OPEN. HE ASSUMED THE PRISONERS HAD ESCAPED, SO HE DREW HIS SWORD TO KILL HIMSELF. 28. BUT PAUL SHOUTED TO HIM, "STOP! DON'T KILL YOURSELF! WE ARE ALL HERE!" 29. THE JAILER CALLED FOR LIGHTS AND RAN TO THE DUNGEON AND FELL DOWN TREMBLING BEFORE PAUL AND SILAS. 30. THEN HE BROUGHT THEM OUT AND ASKED, "SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" 31. THEY REPLIED, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, ALONG WITH EVERYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD." 32. AND THEY SHARED THE WORD OF THE LORD WITH HIM AND WITH ALL WHO LIVED IN HIS HOUSEHOLD.

• LET GOD FULFILL HIS PROMISE IN YOU BY ASKING HIM TO BEGIN A NEW WORK TODAY