

What are Israel's boundaries?

This is a common question among people around the world, including Bible students. And, as always, the best place to start is with God's Word. God gives the boundaries here:

Remember God's promise:

"⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. ⁷ Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.... ¹⁷ And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸ On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land... "" (Genesis 15:5-18)

God made an unconditional everlasting covenant with Abraham here, including the land. "⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."" (Genesis 17:4-8)

Now, that doesn't mean Israel won't have enemies, but they can stand on God's Word, always. The liar, satan, formerly Lucifer (Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28) is a powerful fallen angel and he and his other demons use every type of deception to confuse what God has said. But what God has said, He will not change or revoke. Deuteronomy 28 explains how God will bless those Jews who seek Him, and bring troubles on those who chase idols and sins, but it does not annul God's previous promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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So, back to the topic of boundaries of the Promise Land, the Land of Israel. So, first of all, God, gave a general set of boundaries to Abraham.

"18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates-- 19 the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the

Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."" (Genesis 15:18-21)

Then God explained more to and through Moses.

- "1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saving,
- ² "Command the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance--the land of Canaan to its boundaries.
- ³ Your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom; then your southern border shall extend eastward to the end of the Salt Sea;
- ⁴ your border shall turn from the southern side of the Ascent of Akrabbim, continue to Zin, and be on the south of Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar Addar, and continue to Azmon; ⁵ the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the Sea.
- ⁶ 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western border.
- ⁷ 'And this shall be your northern border: From the Great Sea you shall mark out your border line to Mount Hor; ⁸ from Mount Hor you shall mark out your border to the entrance of Hamath; then the direction of the border shall be toward Zedad; ⁹ the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This shall be your northern border.
- ¹⁰ 'You shall mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan to Shepham; ¹¹ the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; the border shall go down and reach to the eastern side of the Sea of Chinnereth; ¹² the border shall go down along the Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with its surrounding boundaries.' "" (Numbers 34:1-12)

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Here is what those boundaries would look like.

So, the next time you hear someone saying that "Israel is occupying someone else's land", try to remind them of the unconditional everlasting covenant between God and Abraham. If they listen, great! If they don't, you can't make them listen. But God will still uphold His Word. You can count on Him to keep His promises, and covenants, always.

So, make a covenant with Him today, or deepen it. Either way, grow more in studying His Word and sharing it with those you care about. Have a blessed day.