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κληρονομία *kleronomia*
acc fem sing
“inheritance, possession”

μισθαποδότης *misthapodotes*
nom masc sing
“rewarder”

Inheritance as Possession

1. In the Old Testament inheritance referred to the ownership of property, especially property that is to be passed down from one generation to another.

2. The property that belonged to Zelophehad in the tribe of Manasseh. Numbers 36:2

Numbers 36:2, “And they said: ‘The LORD commanded my lord Moses to give the land as an inheritance [נַחֲלָה] (*nahălâ*) “*inheritance, heritage, possession*”] by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters.’ ”

Numbers 36:7, “So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.”

Numbers 36:8, “And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be the wife of one of the family of her father’s tribe, so that the children of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

Numbers 36:9, “Thus no inheritance shall change hands from one tribe to another, but every tribe of the children of Israel shall keep its own inheritance.”

3. “Inheritance,” “property,” “possession” and “ownership” are interchangeable ideas.

4. Certain categories of people lived in the land but did not own the land:

**Sojourners, strangers, even Levites;
Exod. 12:48–49; Num. 18:20, 24**

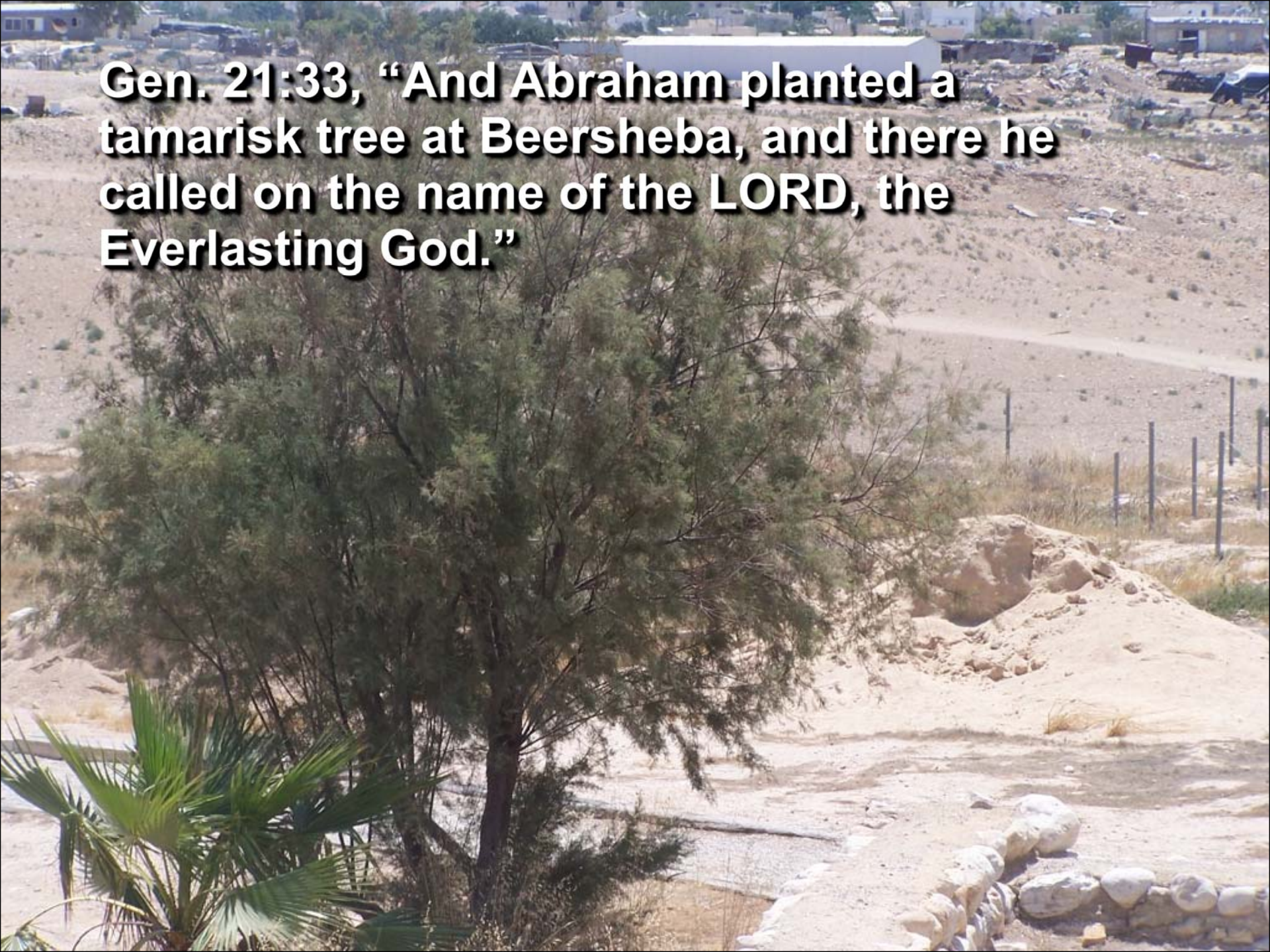
**Even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in the land but never owned it; Heb. 11:13;
Gen. 21:33; 35:27**

Num. 18:20, “Then the LORD said to Aaron, ‘You shall have no inheritance [נַחַל (nāḥal) “*inherit, possess*”] in their land, nor own any portion among them; I am your portion [חֵלֶק (ḥēleq) *share, part, territory*] and your inheritance [נַחֲלָה (naḥălâ) “*inheritance, heritage, possession*”] among the sons of Israel.’ ”

Num. 18:24, “ ‘For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said concerning them, They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.’ ”

Heb. 11:13, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

Gen. 21:33, “And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.”



Gen. 35:27, “And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre of Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.”

5. Even in the Millennium kingdom not all who dwell there will possess it.

1 Cor. 15:50, “Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”

6. Inheritance was given positionally or potentially on the basis of grace, but the realization and enjoyment of the inheritance was a reward of obedience.

Josh. 14:8, “Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully.

Josh. 14:9, “So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance [נַחֲלָה (*nahălâ*) *inheritance, heritage, possession*] to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.’ ”

7. The possession of the land therefore was conditioned on obedience, it was merited. Therefore as a possession it could be lost (as seen in the case of Zelophehad's daughters).

Gen. 17:14, “But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

Num. 14:24, “But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.”

8. The entire Exodus Generation had become God's firstborn son (Ex 4:22–23), yet the entire generation with the exception of Caleb and Joshua forfeited the inheritance due the firstborn, though they remained saved.

Exodus 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.”

Exodus 4:23, “ ‘ “So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.” ’ ”

9. Though not all have an inheritance in the land, all have God as their inheritance and possession.

**Psa. 73:26, “My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my
portion [חֵלֶק (*hēleq*)] forever.”**

Psa. 119:57, “The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Thy words.”

Psa. 142:5, “I cried out to Thee, O LORD; I said, ‘Thou art my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.’ ”

10. For the church age, Christ is given ownership of all things, and the believer shares in that ownership as a joint heir in Christ only as we mature as believers.

Heb. 1:1, “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

Heb. 1:2, “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”

Heb. 1:3, “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb. 1:4, “having become so much better than the angels, as He has by **inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”**

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Main clause:

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Gen. 12:1, "Now the LORD had said to
Abram:

'Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.' "

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 30

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

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Promise: 13x in Hebrews; 5x in Heb. 11

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