

Our Lord Jesus stated: “For had ye believed **Moses**, ye would have believed me; for he **wrote of me.**” (John 5:46) The question is: where? One place is concealed by the little-known fact that every time the Book of Genesis records God’s promise to give **the land** of Canaan to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob’s “seed” the word is never plural – it is always *singular*! The Apostle Paul explains this at Galatians 3:16:

Now to Abraham and his seed (Greek = σπέρματι = *spermati* = singular) were the promises made.
He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed (*spermati*), **which is Christ.**

Further, Genesis 26:4 said a singular *seed* (Hebrew = זֶרַע = *zera*) **would bless all the nations of the earth.**

Both promises are also in the Greek OT (the Septuagint = LXX) under the same singular *spermati*. Now Galatians 3:16 (above) declares Jesus is that *seed*! Thus, faith in these promises was faith in Messiah. Indeed, this is the singular seed of the woman (Heb. = *zera*, Gen. 3:15), which was God’s first promise of the coming Messiah. Moreover, *every time* Genesis speaks of a *singular* seed (*spermati* or *zera*), that seed is Christ.

Galatians 3:8 declares God revealed *the Gospel* to Abraham – that all nations would be blessed through him. And how was this blessing to be accomplished? It was through Abraham’s “seed” (singular!) that all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:3, 22:18). And what great deed would be required to gain this blessing? Abraham merely *believed* God, & God “counted it to him for righteousness.” (Rom. 4:3; Jam. 2:23)

So faith in God’s promises concerning Christ is how Old Covenant people were saved – exactly the way we come to the Lord now in NT days. There has always been only one way: I am **the** way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me** (Jesus; John 14:6) – because the Lord got it right the first time!

Finally, we offer the following sampling from the writings of Moses concerning Messiah. After all, Jesus said the entire Old Testament was about Himself (Luke 24:27, 44). As Galatians 3:16 was our “proof text” for *spermati* being the *singular* Christ, we return to using the OT Greek (LXX: all are also Hebrew *zera* singular).

Gen 12:7 ...the LORD appeared unto Abram, & said, **Unto thy seed** (*spermati*, Christ) **will I give this land:**

Gen 13:15 ...**all the land** which thou seest, to thee (Abram) will I give it, & **to thy seed** (*spermati*), **for ever.**

16 And I will make thy seed (*sperma*) as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed (*sperma*) also be numbered. (both “seed” in vs. 16 are plural: note *context*)

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee (Abraham), and **to thy seed** (*spermati*, singular = Christ) after thee, **the land** wherein thou art a stranger, **all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession...**

Gen 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son...and thou shalt call his name **Isaac**: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his **seed** (*spermati*, singular) after him.

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee (Abraham), and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed (*sperma*; plural – note following context) as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and **thy seed** (*spermati*, singular: see context “his”) shall possess the gate of **his** enemies;

18 And in **thy seed** (*spermati*, singular = Christ) shall **all the nations of the earth be blessed**; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee (Isaac), and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto **thy seed** (*spermati*, singular = Christ), **I will give all these countries...**

4 And I will make thy seed (*sperma*, plural) to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto **thy seed** (*spermati*) **all these countries**; and in **thy seed** (*spermati*) shall **all the nations of the earth be blessed**;

Gen 28:13 And, behold, the LORD...said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: **the land** whereon thou liest, to thee (Jacob) will I give it, and **to thy seed** (*spermati*, singular);

14 And thy seed (*sperma*, plural – note following context) shall be as the dust of the earth...and in thee and in **thy seed** (*spermati*, singular = Christ) shall **all the families of the earth be blessed.**

Gen 35:12 And **the land** which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee (Jacob) I will give it, and **to thy seed** (*spermati*, singular = Messiah) after thee **will I give the land.** (cp. same promise at Gen 15:18)

Gen 48:4 And said unto me (Jacob)...I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will **give this land** to **thy seed** (*spermati*, singular) after thee for **an everlasting possession.** (note: the land was *not* promised for all time to the nation Israel – but to Messiah!)