

Preparation for next week:

We invite you to watch episode 2 of season 5 of The Chosen: House of Cards on [Amazon Prime](#) or the web <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

For Bible Geeks (like us) Who Want to Know!

In Biblical times, a wooden yoke joined two animals together, allowing them to combine strength in order to pull a heavy load. By itself, an ox or horse had no rest from gruelling work, no help in exhaustion, no options when it all


became too much - they just had to plow ahead.

Jesus offers to be yoked to us. He offers to help carry our load. To bring his otherworldly strength, love, kindness, faithfulness, mercy, power, and wisdom to our circumstances.

By ourselves, we have no help. No rest from our gruelling world, no aid in

exhaustion, no option when circumstances become too much.

But with Him, we have Him. Experiencing His presence in the midst of trying circumstances will increase our faith and allow us to not only endure, but also to believe God is all the things the Bible says He is.



*Sanctuary in
Jesus*

Week 1 - Extension
work

Steadfast

Jesus was not derailed by the 180° turn from the people in Jerusalem, moving from calling out “Hosanna!” to “Crucify Him!” in a few short days.

Because, truth be told, we do not remain steadfast. When our life goes awry, or circumstances get hard, we flail. When our loved ones suffer, we shake our fists at heaven and feel God has abandoned us.

He hasn't. He wouldn't. Not ever.

This scene shows us this. Despite the people moving from praise to rejection, He still goes to the cross to save them.

Jesus remains the stronghold we desperately need.

Your turn:

Read Psalm 136 and practice "beholding God's power and glory" by listing all the ways He:

- 1. saved the nation of Israel in the Old Testament**
- 2. will save us.**

Prayer focus

Praise Hosanna Jesus - the One who saves
Thank Him for what He did on the cross, for knowing
and faithfully carrying out the better thing: our
redemption.

Tell Him the burdens you're currently carrying and
take up His yoke of rest. Ask Him to teach you
more and more about how to abide in Him

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In Genesis 12:1-3, God promised Abraham a LAND, a LINEAGE, and a LEGACY.

This promise was repeated several times to Abraham (Gen. 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 18:18-19; 22:15-19) and also to his descendants (Gen. 26:1-5, 23-25; 28:13-15; 35:9-12; 50:24-26).

The promised LAND was the territory along the south eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.

The promised LINEAGE was the nation of Israel (named after Abraham's grandson).

This promise God made to Abraham (the Abrahamic Covenant) is the foundational promise of the Israelite people.

Thus after hundreds of years of captivity in Egypt, and as the Israelites moved back into the Middle Eastern territory, it was natural to refer to it as "the land (God) promised to give". (Ex. 12:25; 32:13; Deut. 11:25; 19:8; 27:3; Josh. 23:5; Acts 7:1-5

To have a pagan nation controlling the land God had promised to His people was offensive and a sign of cursedness, not blessing. This meant many Jews saw Rome as a problem to be solved.

However, the third part of the promise was always intended to include more than mere political independence. As it turns out, the promised LEGACY -- that through Abraham's offspring "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen. 12:3) -- is Jesus (Acts 3:25-26)!