



Life

“A bridge of groans across a stream of tears.”

Philip J. Bailey

A scenic landscape with a green field, a tree, and a sky with birds. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. There are several birds flying in the sky. The ground is a lush green field. A tree with brown branches is visible on the left side of the image.

Life

“A blister on top of a tumor, and a boil on top of that.”

Sholom Aleichem



Life

“Like eating artichokes—you’ve got to go through so much to get so little.”

T. A. Dorgan



Life

“An onion, and one peels it crying.”

French Proverb



Life

“A span of time in which the first half is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.”

Anonymous



Life

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Jesus Christ (John 10:10)

A landscape scene featuring a tree on the left with one side green and the other bare, several birds flying in the sky, and a sunset or sunrise sky with a rainbow. The foreground is a green field.

That They May Have Life

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- What is life?
- Where does life come from?
- How do we get it?

That They May Have Life

- Not talking about justification
- Nor mere existence
- Rather, human existence as it was intended to be

What is Life?

- Start with the nature of man
 - Di- or Trichotomy?
 - Man is soul (and/or spirit) that possesses or inhabits a body

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- Start with the nature of man
 - OT: holistic – *unity*, not *union*
 - Man is an integrated whole, not an assembly of parts



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“Human beings are described as a soul/body unity from the very beginning. ...Genesis says, ‘The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and



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“breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and *the man became a living being [soul]*” (2:7). That is, the whole unity of dust (matter) and breath (life) was a vital being.”

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“...if both soul and body were not created as a unity, then the murder of a body would not be wrong. But it is, for God said, ‘Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; ...’



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“for in the image of God has God made man’ (Gen. 9:6). This, again, implies that the image of God includes the body, otherwise the prohibition against murdering a body would not apply.”

Theological Wordbook of OT

“...the OT view of the nature of man is holistic, that is, his function as body, mind, spirit is a unified whole spoken of in very concrete terms.”

Int'l Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Life in the OT: “It meant life in the body, the existence and activity of the man in all his parts and energies. It is the person complete, conscious and active.”

Theological Wordbook of OT

“Life is the ability to exercise all one’s vital power to the fullest; death is the opposite.”

What is Life?

- Life - fully exercising all your God-given faculties/powers
 - *Firing on all 8 cylinders*
 - *All your heart, soul, mind, and strength*

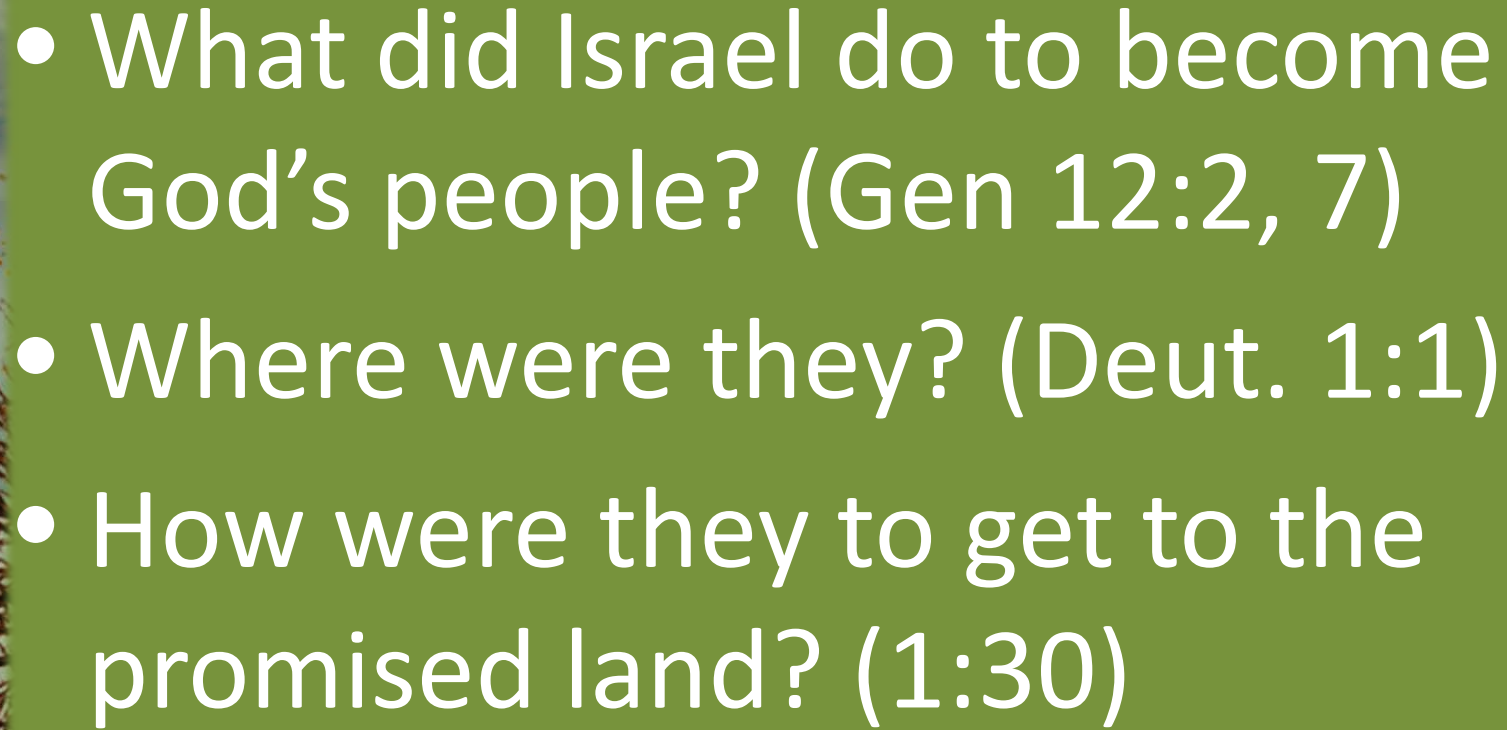
Where Does Life Come From?

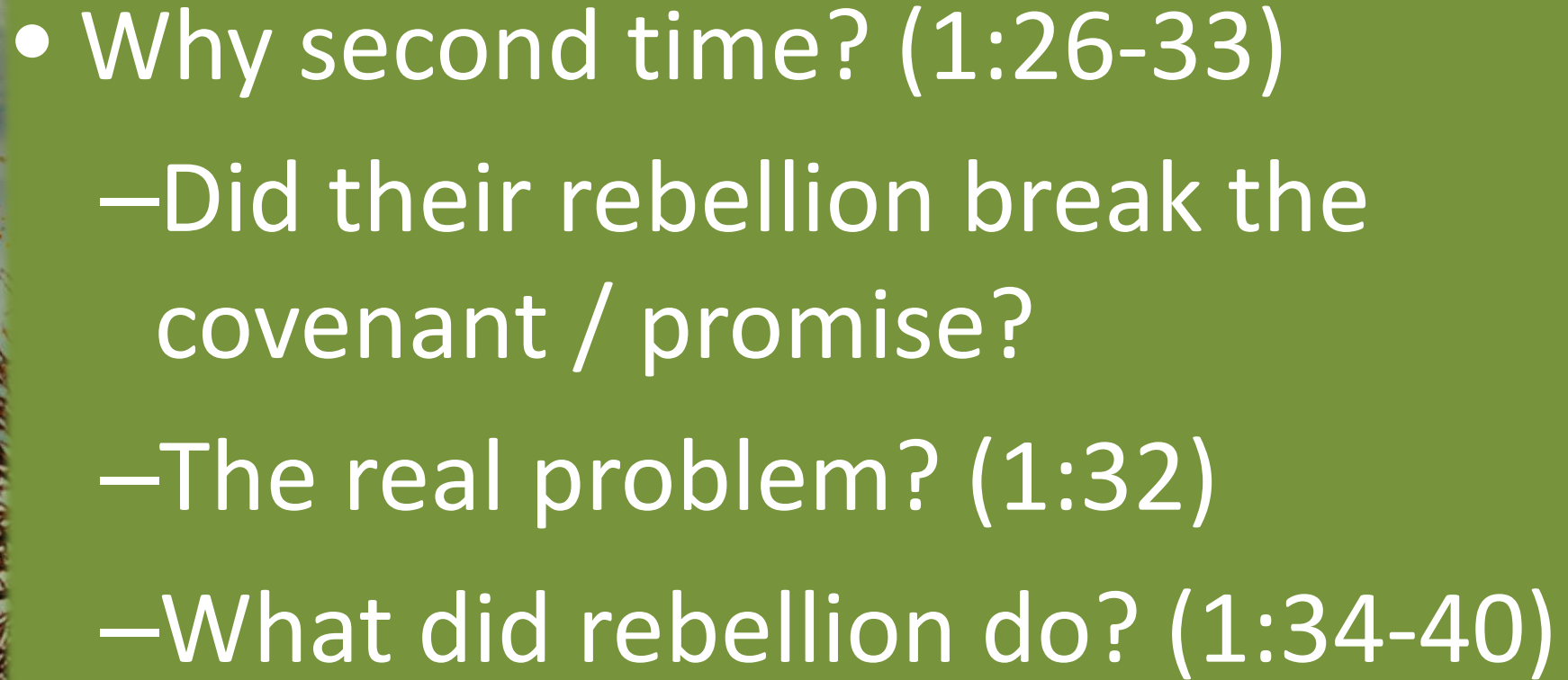
- What did Adam do to acquire life?
- Who planted the Garden of Eden?
- How did Adam get there?
- What was Adam to do there?
- What could remove him?

A landscape scene featuring a tree with a bare, brown left side and a lush green right side, set against a sky with clouds and birds. A large green rectangular overlay covers the right portion of the image, containing white text.

Homework:

- Spend some time with God in Deut. 30:15-20
- First, some background

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- What did Israel do to become God's people? (Gen 12:2, 7)
 - Where were they? (Deut. 1:1)
 - How were they to get to the promised land? (1:30)

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- Why second time? (1:26-33)
 - Did their rebellion break the covenant / promise?
 - The real problem? (1:32)
 - What did rebellion do? (1:34-40)

- God made a covenant with David and his descendants (2 Sam. 7:8-17)
 - Established forever (13, 16 2x)
 - Did it prove true for each?
 - 1 Kings 2:1-4

Observations

- Life is a gift from God
 - *Irrevocable* (Rom. 11:28-36)
- Experiencing the fullness of the gift is conditional (cf. Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7-8)

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WE HAVE A WINNER!

A landscape scene featuring a large tree with a dense green canopy on the right and bare, brown branches on the left. The background shows a sky with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. A green rectangular text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Homework:

- Spend some time with God in Deut. 30:15-20
 - Key words?
 - Relate?

Observations

- Fullness of life is a choice
 - *Set before you ... so choose*
 - ‘This is what real life looks like, but it’s up to you’



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Summary

- Life is a gift from God
 - Comes through relationship
- But the full enjoyment of that gift is a choice