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Eschatology *and* True Grace

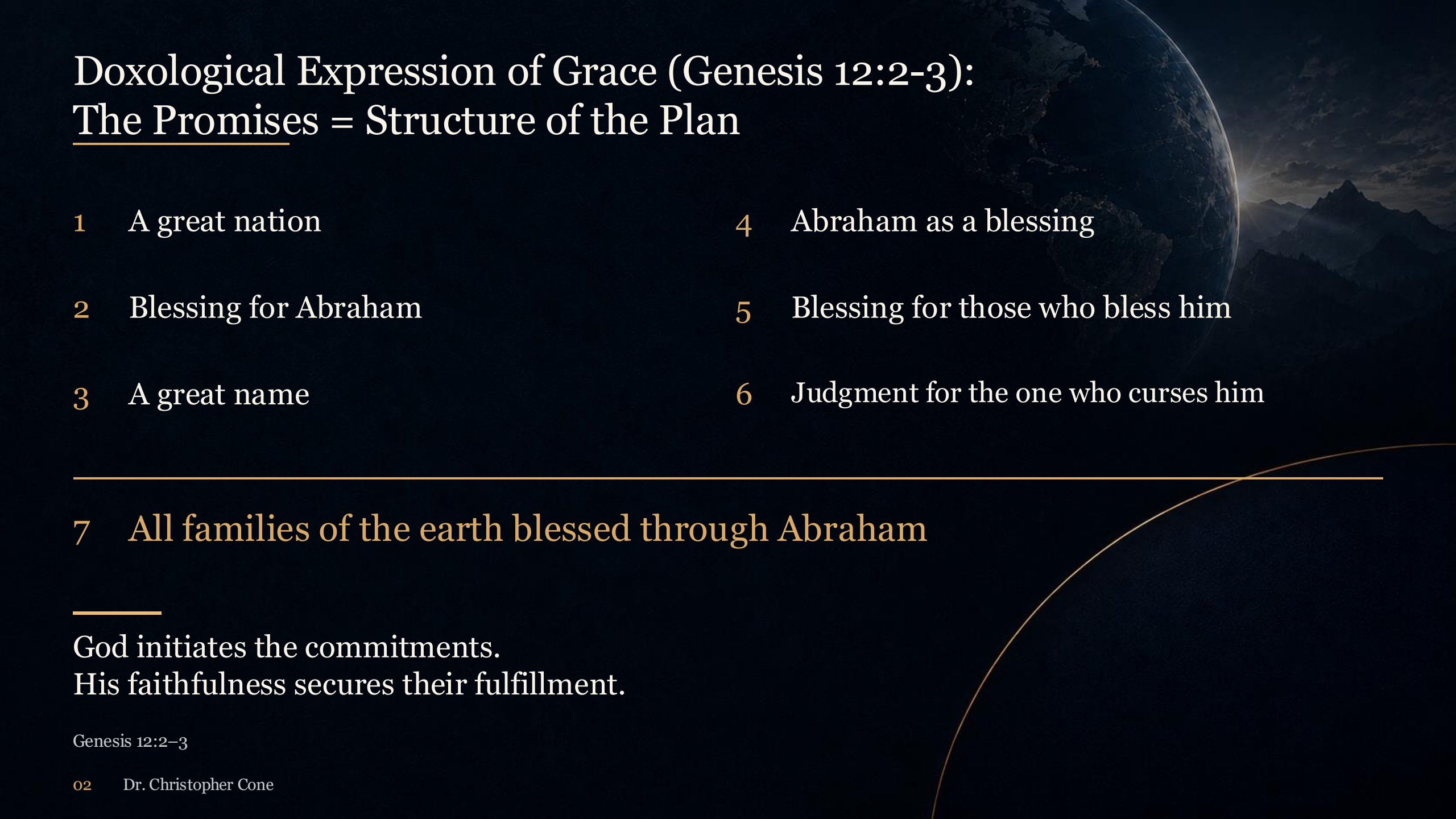
*“Your word
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JOHN 17:17

Can God's grace be trusted?
Genesis 12:2–3 / Romans 11:25–36

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Doxological Expression of Grace (Genesis 12:2-3): The Promises = Structure of the Plan

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| 1 | A great nation | 4 | Abraham as a blessing |
| 2 | Blessing for Abraham | 5 | Blessing for those who bless him |
| 3 | A great name | 6 | Judgment for the one who curses him |
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- 7 All families of the earth blessed through Abraham

God initiates the commitments.
His faithfulness secures their fulfillment.

Genesis 12:2-3

Doxological Expression of Grace (Genesis 12:2-3): One Plan, Two Streams

GENESIS 12:2-3

ISRAEL: A GREAT NATION

Land / Davidic / New Covenant

ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH

Redemption and blessing through Christ

CHRIST'S ONE SACRIFICE

Pays for Israel's New Covenant

Pays for redemption for all humanity

ISRAEL

National fulfillment still future

CHURCH: DISTINCT FROM ISRAEL

Believing Jews and Gentiles in one body

Church gathered (raptured) • Daniel's final seven • Christ returns

Earthly kingdom for Israel • Blessing to the nations

Final judgment • New creation • God glorified

Genesis 12:2-3; Romans 11:25-36

Stream #1: “I Will Make You a Great Nation”

A national purpose for Abraham’s descendants

Disobedience and discipline in Israel’s history

Preservation and a remnant according to grace

Human failure does not dissolve
God’s national commitment.

Genesis 12:2; Jeremiah 31:35–37; Romans 11:1–6

Stream #1: A Land, a King, and a Forgiven People

01

A land

Land inheritance

02

→ **A King**

Davidic covenant

03

→ **A forgiven
people**

New Covenant

God specifies the blessings
His faithfulness will provide.

Genesis 15:18–21; Deuteronomy 30:1–10; 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Jeremiah 31:31–34

Stream #2: “All the Families of the Earth Will Be Blessed”

Blessing for the nations in the original promise

Justification through faith

Christ as the basis of the promised blessing

Provision for all humanity.
Saving benefits received through faith.

Genesis 12:3b; Galatians 3:6–16

Grace Applied Through Faith (all Streams)

Abraham believes *in* God.

God credits righteousness apart from works.

Eschatological Progress: God establishes His (prior) covenant commitment.

His revealed word gives faith
a dependable foundation.

Genesis 15:6–21; Romans 4:1–5; Hebrews 6:13–18

Stream #1: God's Eschatological Calendar Demonstrates Grace

Seventy sevens

Daniel's people and holy city

Messiah cut off

Within the revealed sequence

The final seven

Toward promised fulfillment

Time and judgment do not divert God
from His declared purpose.

Daniel 9:24–27

One Gracious Sacrifice Provides for Both Streams of Promise

ONE SACRIFICE – TWO STREAMS

Stream #1 – Israel's New Covenant

His blood pays for the covenant
promised to Israel and Judah.
Luke 22:20; Hebrews 9:15

Stream #2 – Redemption for all humanity

His death provides redemption for all.
Saving benefits received through faith.
1 Timothy 2:5–6; 1 John 2:2

One sufficient sacrifice.
God provides what His promises require.

Luke 22:20; Hebrews 9:15; Galatians 3:13–14; 1 Timothy 2:5–6; 1 John 2:2

The Church Receives Grace Without Replacing Israel

THE CHURCH

Believing Jews and Gentiles
One body in Christ
Equal standing and spiritual blessing

ISRAEL

A distinct nation
Continuing covenant commitments
Future national fulfillment

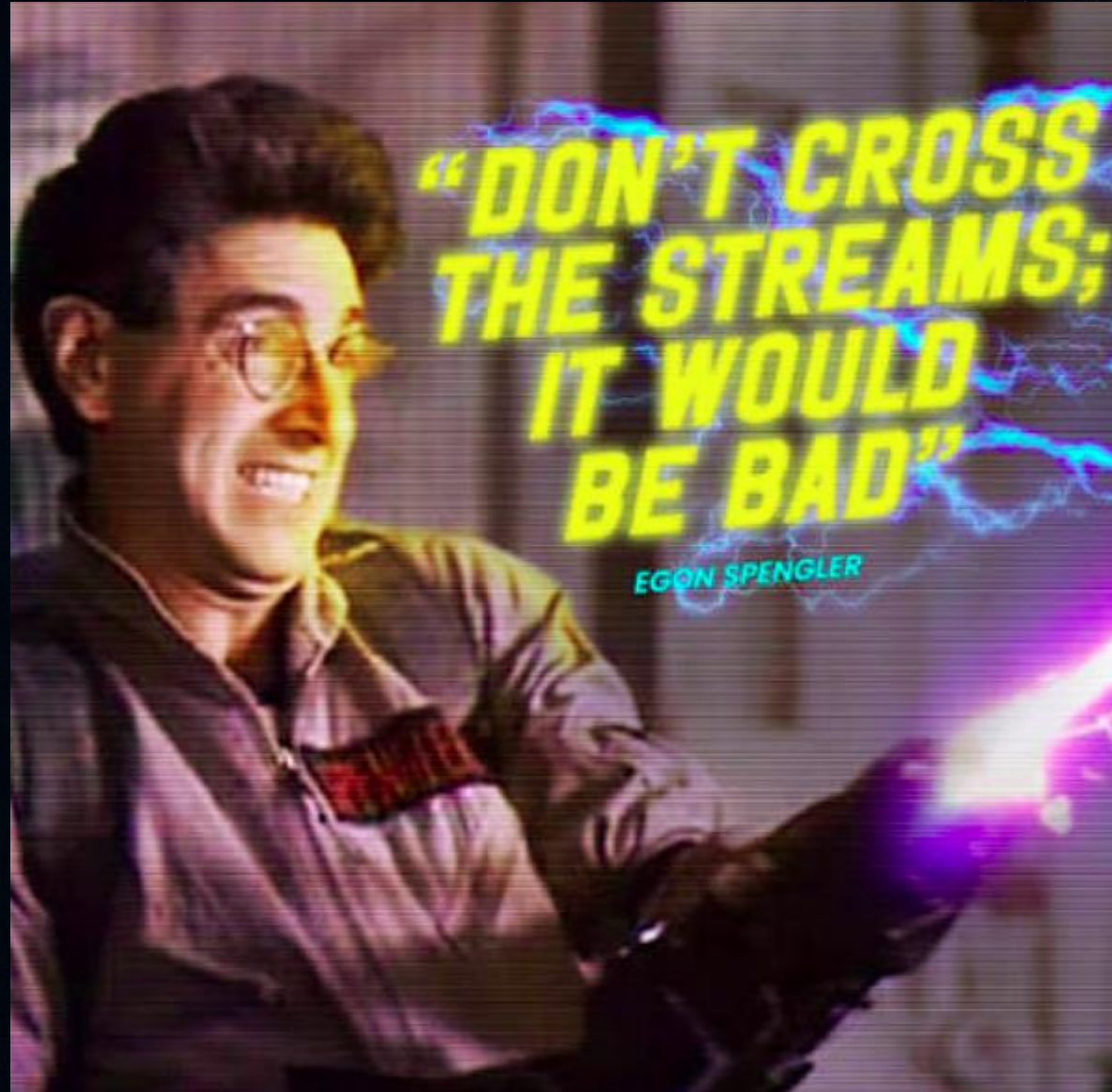
Stream #2 doesn't negate Stream #1

Grace toward the church doesn't negate
God's faithfulness to Israel.

Ephesians 2:11–3:6; Romans 11:17–29

Don't Cross the Streams!!

Conflating the streams = distorting God's plan.



Stream #2: Christ Fulfills His Commitments to the Church

Christ promises to receive His own.

Resurrection and transformation overcome death.

The Spirit's pledge anticipates inheritance.

Christ fulfills the future
He personally promised.

John 14:1–3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Ephesians 1:13–14

Stream #1: God's Gifts and Calling Are Irrevocable

Partial hardening has a stated limit.

Israel's deliverance remains future.

God remembers His covenant commitment.

His covenant faithfulness outlasts
the unbelief that makes mercy necessary.

Romans 11:25–29

Stream #1: God's Dealings Magnify Mercy

Gentile disobedience and received mercy

Israel's disobedience and promised mercy

No grounds for boasting

Mercy explains the blessing
received by both.

Romans 11:30–32

Stream #2: The Future Earthly Kingdom

Christ returns as Faithful and True.

Israel receives restoration under the Davidic King.

The nations receive blessing under His rule.

The earthly kingdom demonstrates fulfilled grace-promises to Israel.

Ezekiel 37:21–28; Revelation 19:11–16; 20:1–6

God's Judgment and the Integrity of His Grace

Judgment upon evil

Discipline with preservation and deliverance

Faithfulness to warnings and promises

God's mercy remains consistent
with His righteousness.

Jeremiah 30:7–11; Daniel 9:27; Revelation 19:1–2

Grace Throughout the Coming Ages

Final judgment brings evil to its appointed end.

God dwells with humanity in the new creation.

The coming ages display His kindness in Christ.

God brings His gracious purpose
to an enduring completion.

Revelation 20:7–15; 21:1–5; 22:1–5; Ephesians 2:7

Streams in Unison: From Gracious Promise to Faithful Fulfillment

God freely announces the blessing.

Christ provides for both lines of promise.

Israel and the church remain distinct.

The earthly kingdom fulfills national promises (Stream #1).

The church (including Gentiles) are citizens of that kingdom (Stream #2)

His completed plan demonstrates
that His grace can be trusted.

Genesis 12:2–3; Romans 11:25–36

Dependable Grace Leads to Worship and Trust

Trust what God has promised.

Fear Him, Worship Him, Love Him for His wisdom and mercy.

Present ourselves to Him in "logical" worship.

In view of His mercies,
let us present ourselves to Him.

Romans 11:33–36; 12:1–2

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