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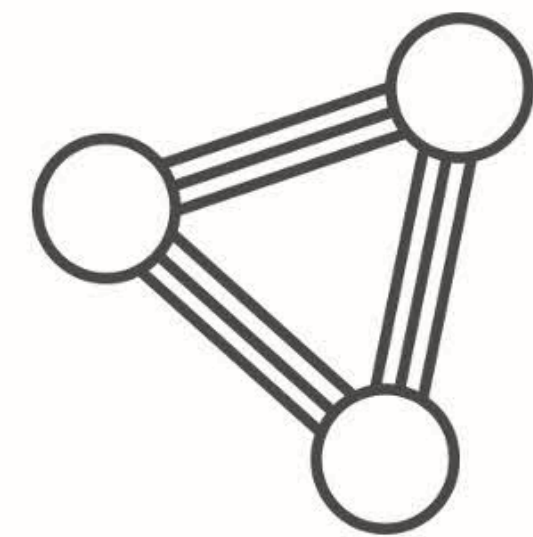
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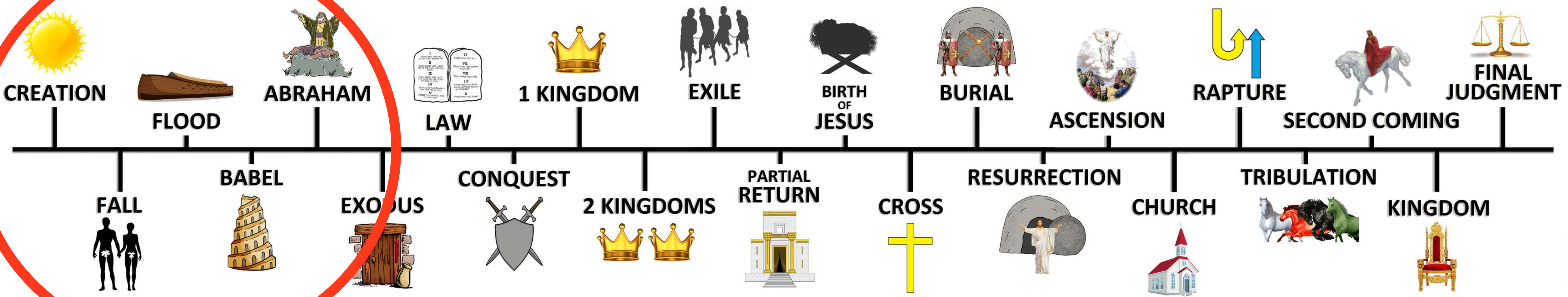
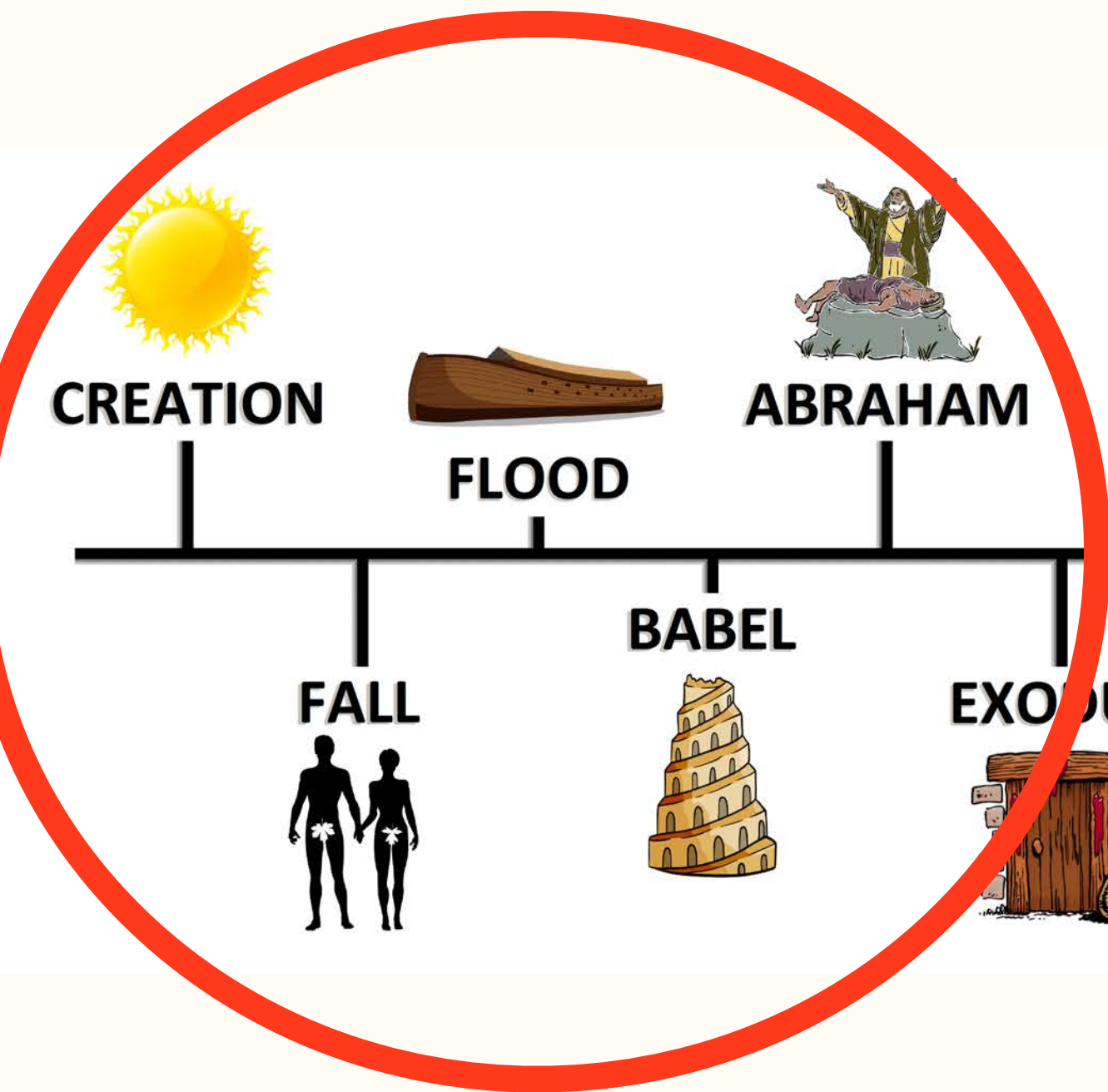
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**Who Will Tell God's Story?
God's Plan for Abraham
The Abrahamic Covenant**

Lesson 9: The Call of Abraham



The Call of Abraham

Who Will Tell God's Story?

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1. The Parties to the Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant: Land, Descendants, Worldwide Blessing The Promised Savior would be Abram's Descendant

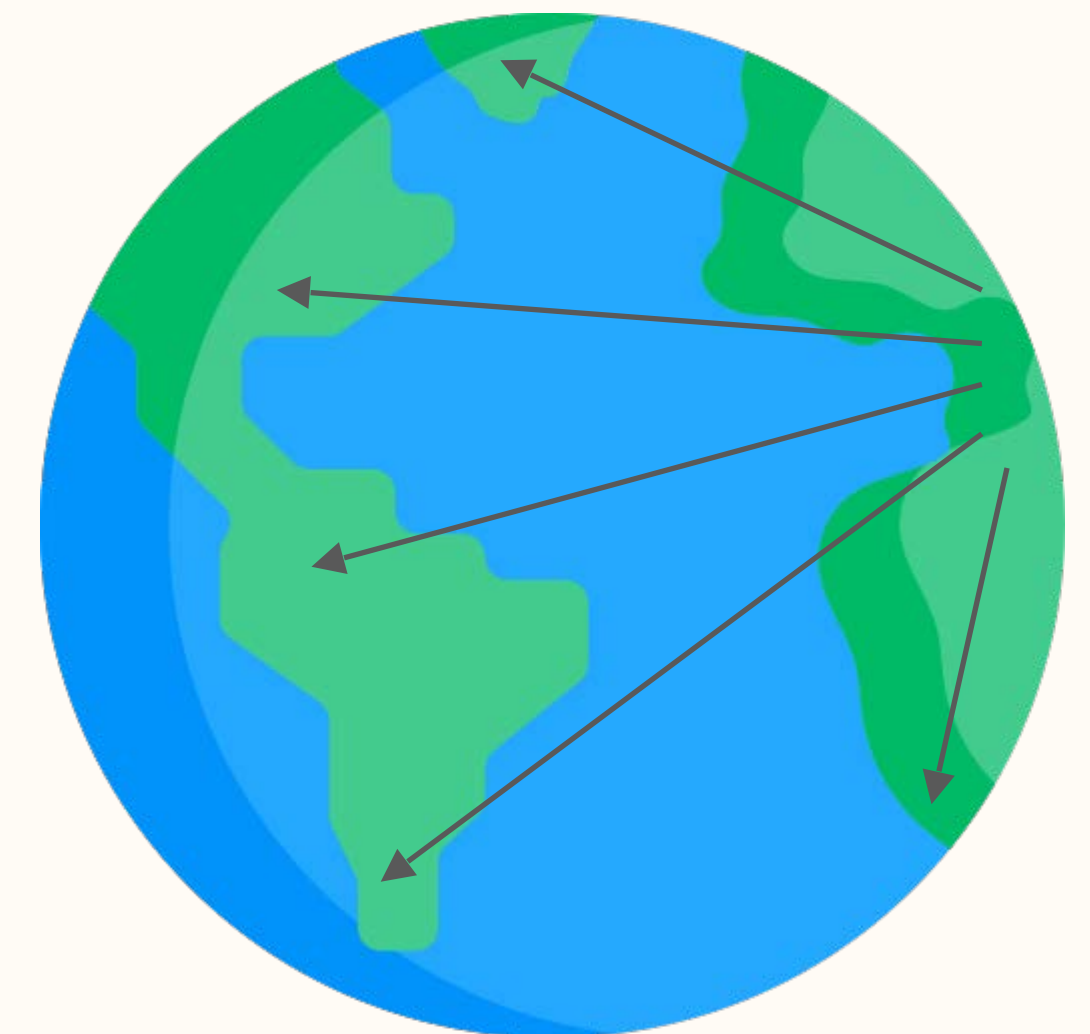
3. The Signing of the Abrahamic Covenant

Who Will Tell God's Story?

- 1. Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth lived through the Flood and knew of man's early history. But they would be dead 500 years after the Flood. Who would continue telling God's story?**
- 2. Just as it was before the Flood, people were wicked and rebellious towards God after the Flood. At Babel, they created their own "god" (that is, worshipped themselves) and created their own truth (for example, a man-made tower can reach heaven). They would not tell God's story. They were not interested in the truth.**

Who Will Tell God's Story?

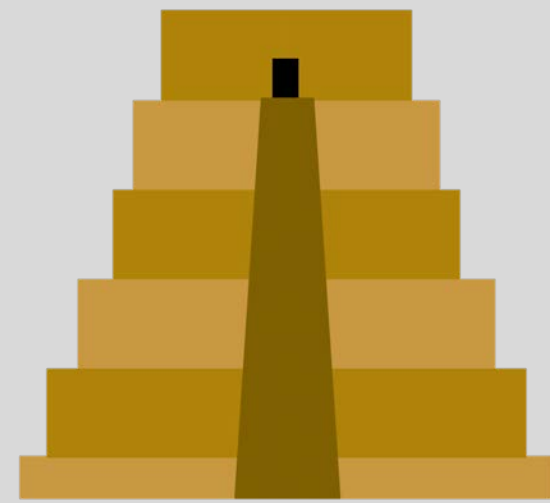
- 3. When God judged the people at Babel, He created many languages. This meant there was no more global language that everyone understood. Who would be able to tell God's story to the world?**
- 4. As the Ice Age ended, tribes and nations were spread out all over the world. Who would go to all the ends of the world to tell them God's story?**



How God Intervened

Noah and his family – All believers in Yahweh

Most people rebelled against God and rejected His History and Truth



Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas

God intervened to preserve His History and Truth



Call of Abraham

Destiny:

lake of fire



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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.’”



Mt. Ararat ▲

MEDIA

ASSYRIA

•Haran

•Nineveh

Euphrates River

Tigris River

SYRIA

PERSIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CANAAN

•Babel

← Jordan River

CHALDEA

← Dead Sea

Ur

EGYPT

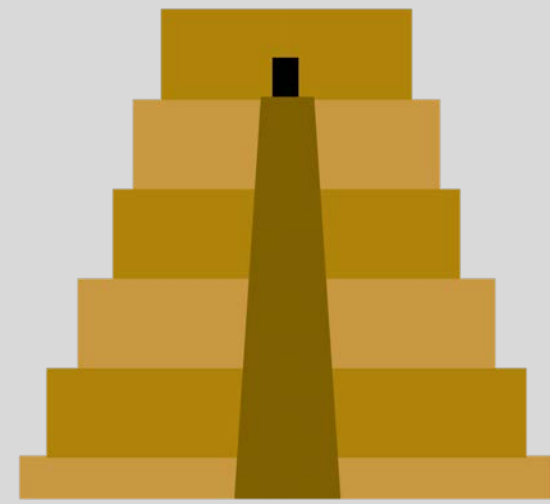
Red Sea

Josh. 24:2, “And Joshua said to all the people, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.” ’ ”

How God Intervened

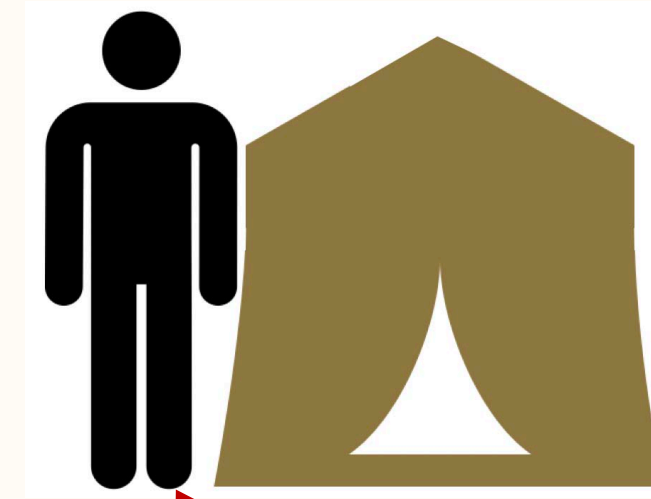
Noah and his family – All believers in Yahweh

Most people rebelled against God and rejected His History and Truth



Abraham's father, Terah worshipped other gods

God intervened to preserve His History and Truth



God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture

Call of Abraham

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,”

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Acts 14:16, “who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:17, “Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matt. 5:45, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matt. 5:46, “For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

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.

Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “ ‘I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

Gen. 12:4, “So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

God was saying to Abram that:

- 1. He would give him LAND.**
- 2. He would make him into a great nation, meaning he would have many DESCENDANTS.**
- 3. But most remarkably, he would make Abram famous and Abram would be a BLESSING to the entire world!**

Heb. 11:8, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Heb. 11:9, “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;”

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

“blessing”

The Land Promise

Gen. 12:7, “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Gen. 13:14, “And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: ‘Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

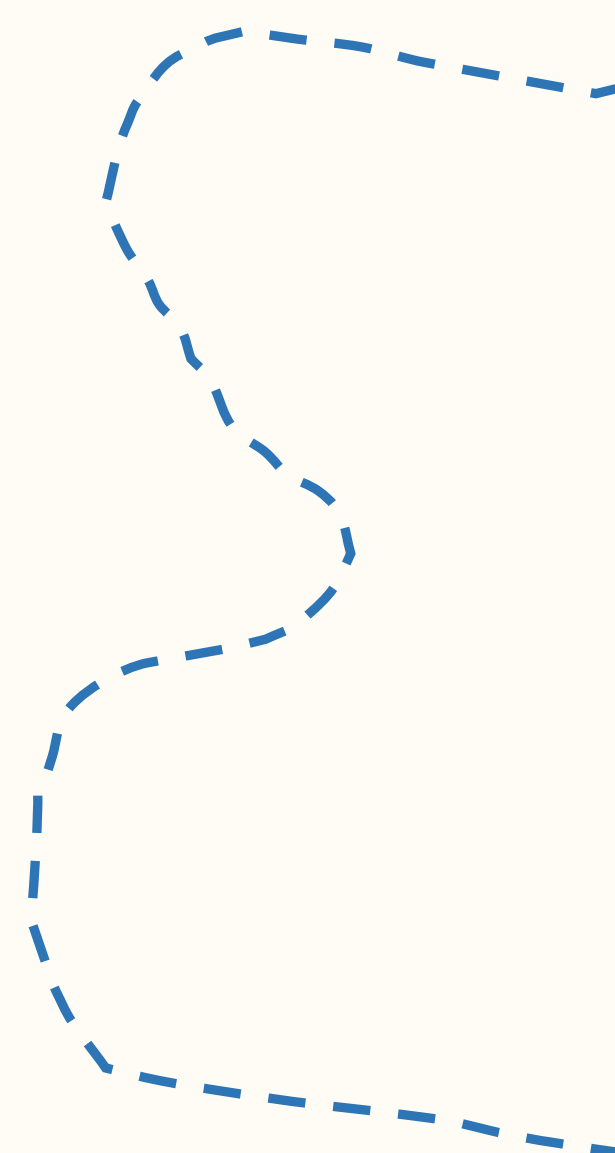
Gen. 13:15, “ ‘for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.’ ”

Timeline of
Abraham's life



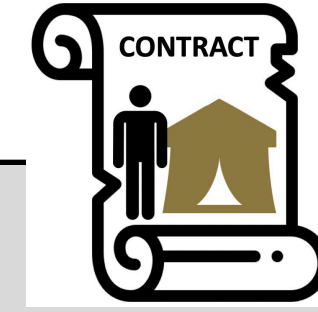
Call of Abraham
(Gen 12:1-9)

God's covenant with Abraham
(Gen 15:1-21)



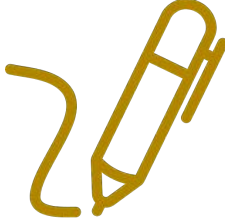





Noahic Covenant



Abrahamic Covenant

	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant
 Parties	God, mankind, animals	God, Abraham and descendants
 Promises	No future global floods	Land, descendants, worldwide blessing
 Signatories	God alone (with the rainbow)	God alone (by passing between the animal halves)
 Type	Unconditional (God will keep His promise. It is not dependent on anything or anyone else)	Unconditional

Abrahamic Covenant

1. The Parties to the Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 17:7, “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.”



Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

LAND: Specific borders

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Abrahamic Covenant

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LAND: Specific borders

Gen. 15:18, “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Gen. 15:19, “ ‘the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,

Gen. 15:20, “ ‘the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

Gen. 15:21, “ ‘the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.’ ”

Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

LAND: Specific borders

Gen. 17:8, “Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”



Mt. Ararat ▲

MEDIA

ASSYRIA

• Haran

• Nineveh

Euphrates River

Tigris River

SYRIA

PERSIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CANAAN

The Promised Land

Mt. Carmel ▲

← Jordan River

▲ Mt. Nebo

← Dead Sea

• Babel

CHALDEA

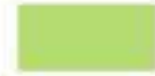
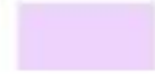

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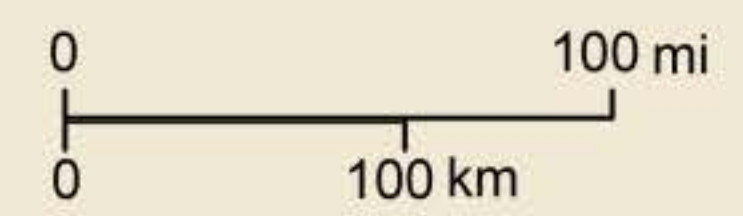
▲ Mt. Hor

EGYPT

Red Sea

Exploring the Promised Land Boundaries

-  Israel's tribal allotments in the time of Joshua
-  Approximate boundaries of the land of Canaan (Numbers 34:1–12)
-  Approximate area of the land from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates (Genesis 15:18)



Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

DESCENDANTS: through the promised son (Isaac, then Jacob)

Gen. 22:17, “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your **DESCENDANT** shall possess the gate of **HIS** enemies.” [Corrected translation—singular pronoun **HIS**, means the second use of “seed” is singular.]

Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

WORLDWIDE BLESSING: through the Messiah

Gen. 22:18, “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

Worldwide Blessing: They would preserve God's history and truth for the world

Rom. 3:2, "Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God."

Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

Worldwide Blessing: The Messiah

Isa. 43:10, “ ‘You are My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.’ ”

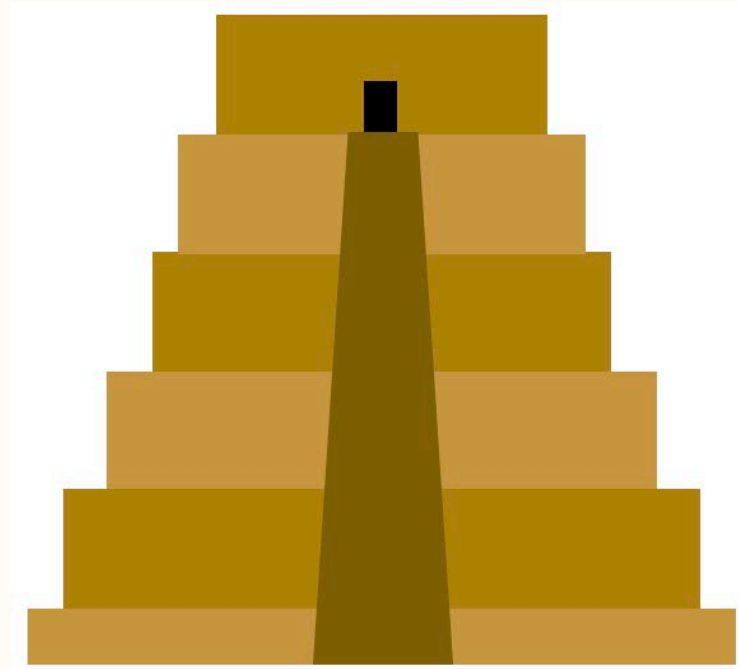
Isa. 43:11, “ ‘I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.’ ”

Isa. 43:12, “ ‘I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘that I am God.’ ”

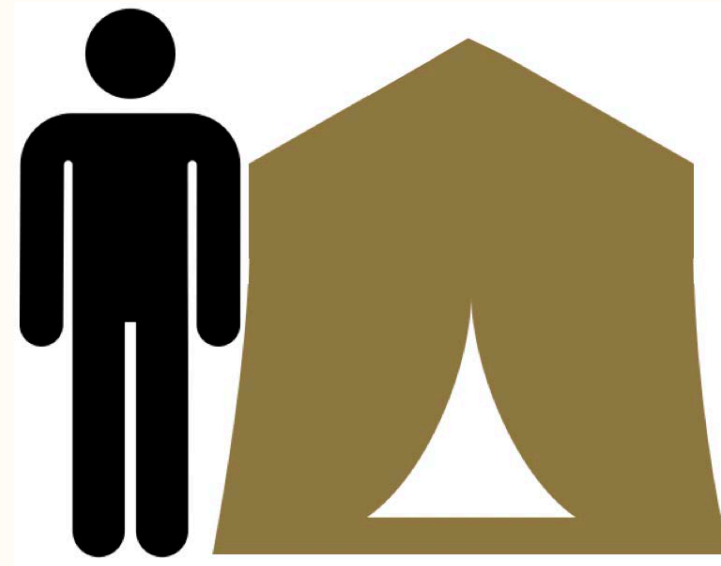
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PAGAN CULTURE



God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture.



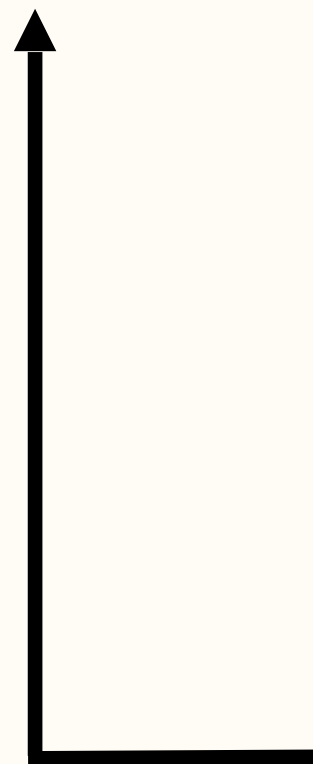
GOD'S COUNTERCULTURE

God would teach Abraham and his descendants all about Himself. Abraham's descendants would know God's HISTORY and TRUTH.

GOD'S WORD PRESERVED → SCRIPTURES



MISSIONARIES
Abraham's descendants would be a BLESSING to the whole world by sharing with them the TRUTH about God so they could be saved from evil and sin.



GOD'S PEOPLE → MISSIONARIES

Abrahamic Covenant

2. The Legal Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant

Worldwide Blessing: The Promised Seed

**Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”**

John 4:22, “You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.”

Gal. 3:8, “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’”

Gal. 3:9, “So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

Rom. 15:8, “Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

Rom. 15:9, “and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.’

Rom. 15:10, “And again he says: ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!’

Rom. 15:11, “And again: ‘Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!’ ”