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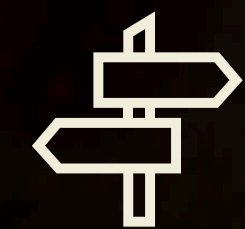
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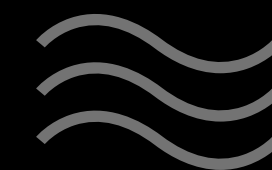
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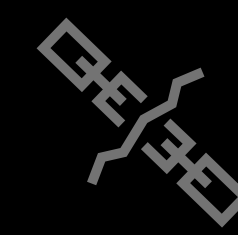
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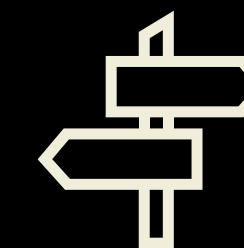
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# COMMANDMENTS SUMMARIZED

## LEVITICUS 26:1–2 NIV

“Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God. <sup>2</sup>  
‘Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord.’”

## > BLESSINGS

<sup>3</sup> **If you** follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands...

<sup>14</sup> But **if you** will not listen to me and carry out all these commands...

## > CURSES

<sup>4A</sup> ...**I will** send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit.

<sup>16</sup> ...then **I will** do this to you...

# BLESSINGS

## PROVISION

### LEVITICUS 26:4–5 NIV

“I will **send you rain** in its season, and the **ground will yield its crops** and the **trees their fruit**.<sup>5</sup> Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will **eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land**.”



# BLESSINGS

PROVISION  
PROTECTION

## LEVITICUS 26:6–8 NIV

“I will grant **peace in the land**, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will **remove wild beasts** from the land, and the **sword will not pass through your country**.<sup>7</sup> You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.<sup>8</sup> Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your **enemies will fall by the sword** before you.”

# BLESSINGS

PROVISION  
PROTECTION  
PRESENCE

## LEVITICUS 26:11–13 NIV

“I will put **my dwelling place among you**, and I will not abhor you. <sup>12</sup> I will **walk among you and be your God**, and **you will be my people**. <sup>13</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.”

# BLESSINGS

PROVISION  
PROTECTION  
PRESENCE

## LEVITICUS 26:9–10 NIV

“I will **look on you with favor** and **make you fruitful** and **increase your numbers**, and I will **keep my covenant with you**.<sup>10</sup> You will still be eating last year’s harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.”

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SICKNESS/DEFEAT

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## LEVITICUS 26:40–42 NIV

“But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me,<sup>41</sup> which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin,<sup>42</sup> **I will remember my covenant** with Jacob and **my covenant** with Isaac and **my covenant** with Abraham, and I will remember the land.”

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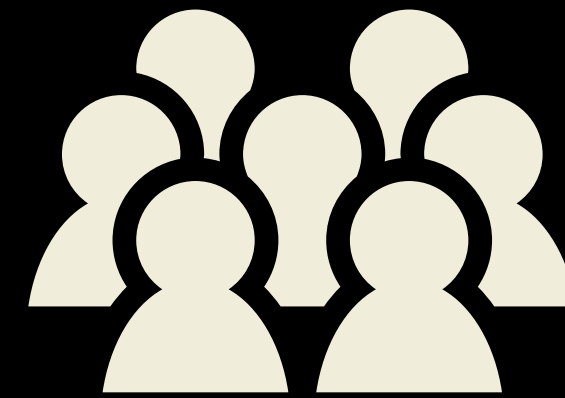
- A BINDING PROMISE
- FORMS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO PERSONS (GOD & HIS PEOPLE)
- CAN BE CONDITIONAL OR UNCONDITIONAL

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GEN 12, 15, 17 & 22



DESCENDANTS



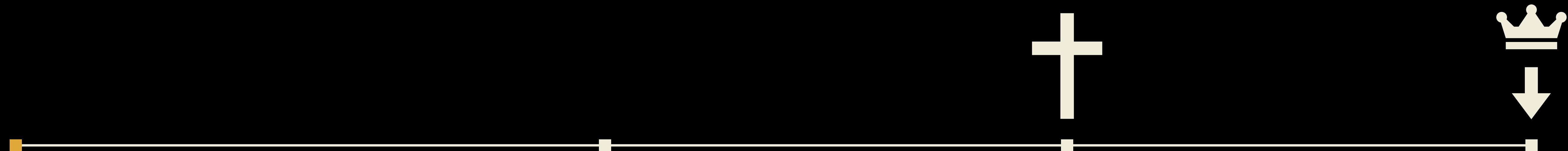
LAND



BLESSING

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant  
between me and you and your descendants after you  
for the generations to come...”

GEN 17:7

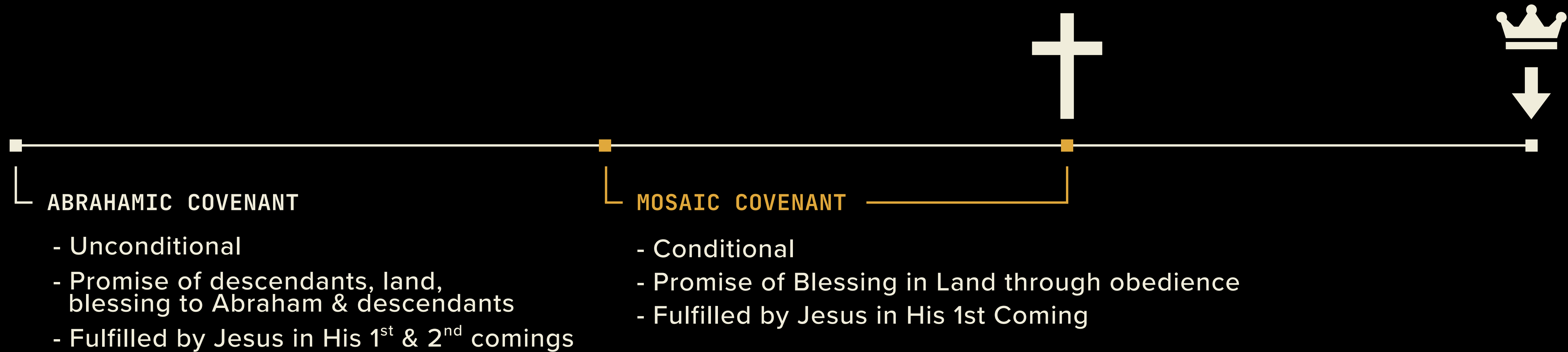


## ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- Unconditional
- Promise of descendants, land, blessing to Abraham & descendants
- Fulfilled by Jesus in His 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> comings

## GALATIANS 3:7–9 NIV

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.<sup>8</sup> Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”**<sup>9</sup> So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



2 CHR 7:11-22

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“But if they will **confess their sins** and the sins of their ancestors... when their uncircumcised hearts are **humbled**... I will remember my covenant with... Abraham, and I will **remember the land.**”

## LEVITICUS 26:44–45 NIV

“Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, **I will not reject them** or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, **breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God.** <sup>45</sup> But for their sake **I will remember the covenant with their ancestors** whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. **I am the Lord.**”

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## HEBREWS 12:5–7 NIV

And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
<sup>6</sup> **because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.**”

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children.  
For what children are not disciplined by their father?

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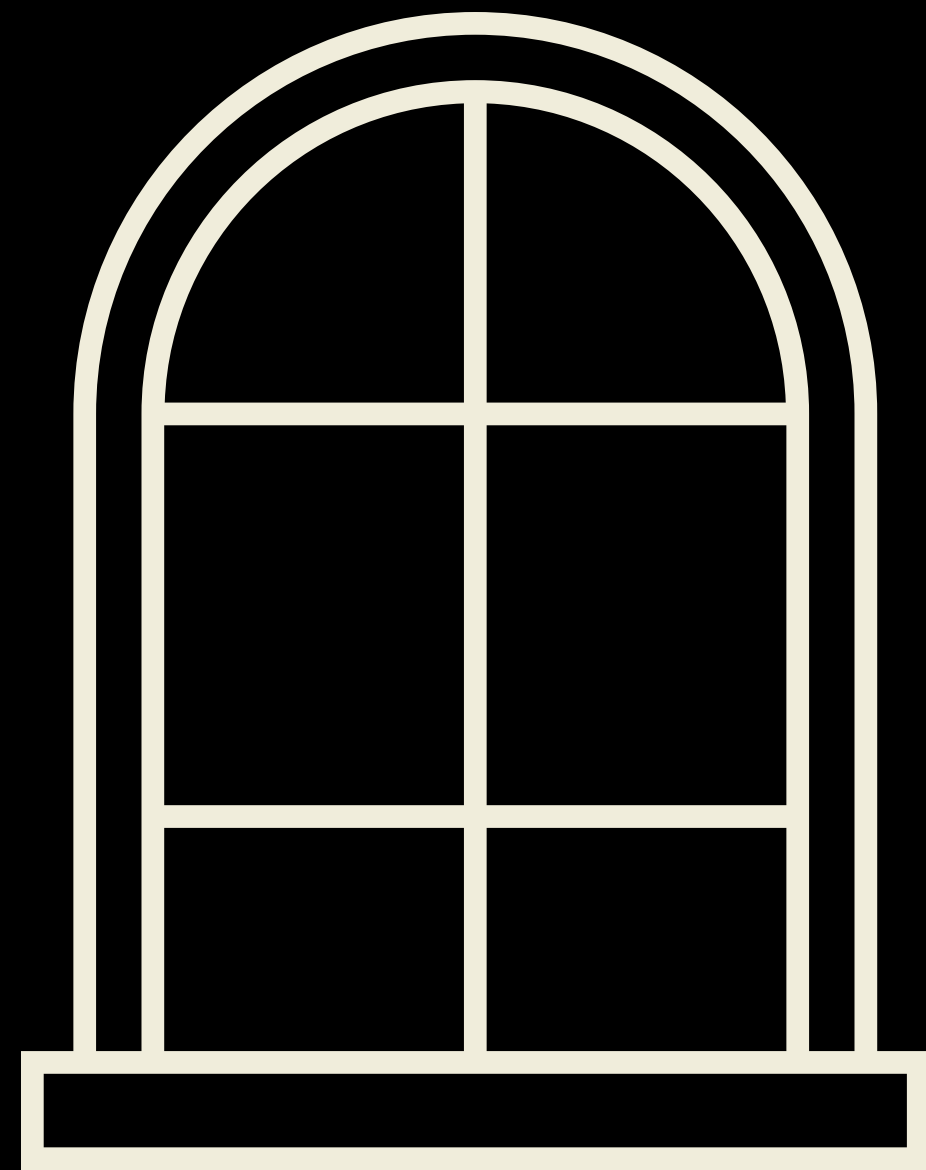
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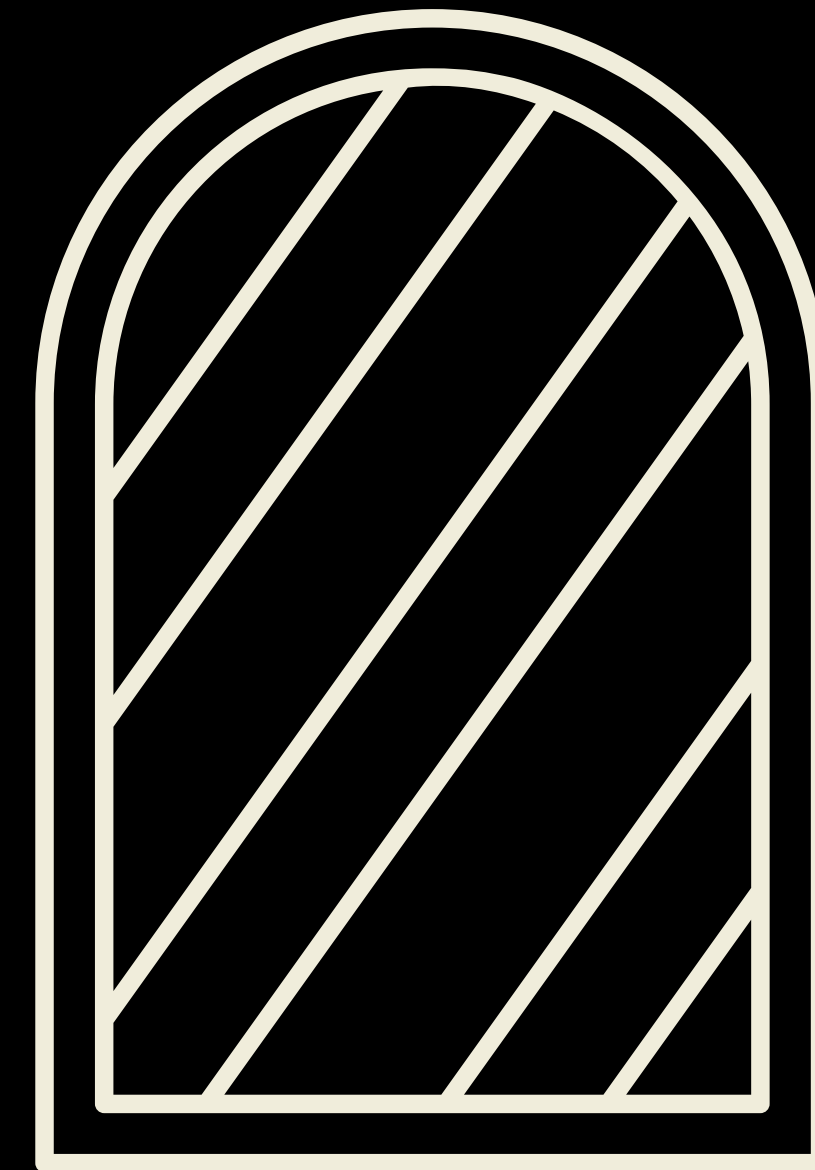
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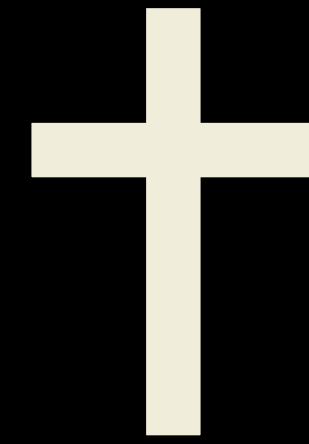


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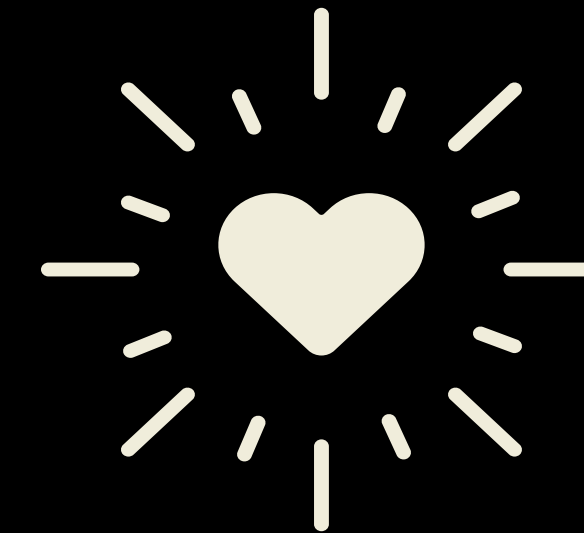
# NEW COVENANT



SINS  
FORGIVEN



HOLY  
SPIRIT



NEW  
HEART



SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL

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## Life with God is enjoyed through faith in His Grace



# GOD'S HOLINESS

**GOD'S  
HOLINESS**

**MY SIN**



GOD'S  
HOLINESS

GRACE

MY SIN

