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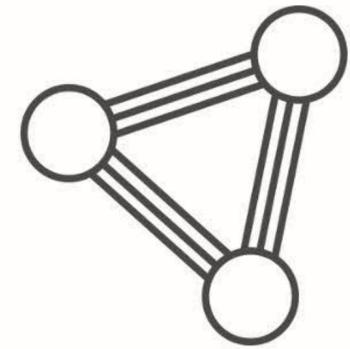
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The Signing of the Abrahamic Covenant

Election: God Chose Abraham

Kingdom of Man versus the Kingdom of God

Lesson 9.2: The Abrahamic Covenant

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”

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;”

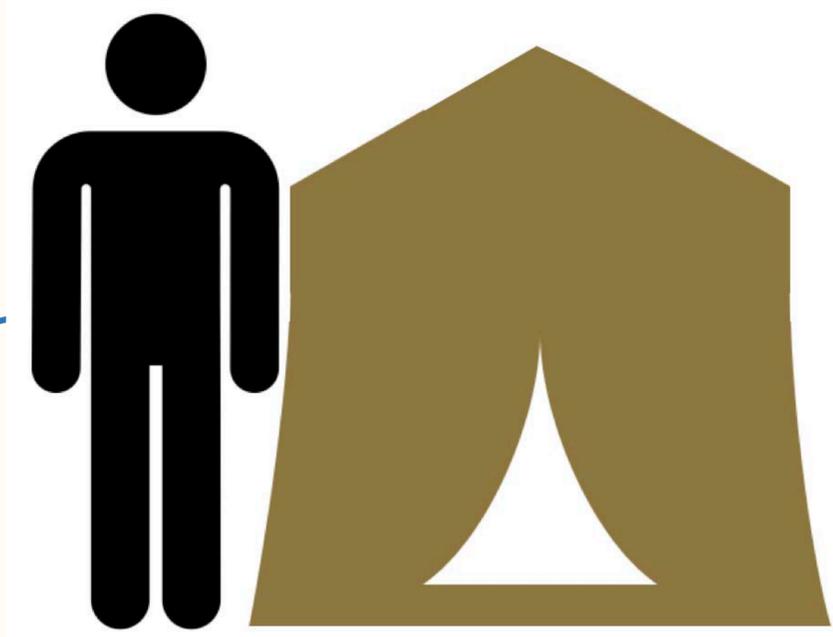
The Land Promise

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;

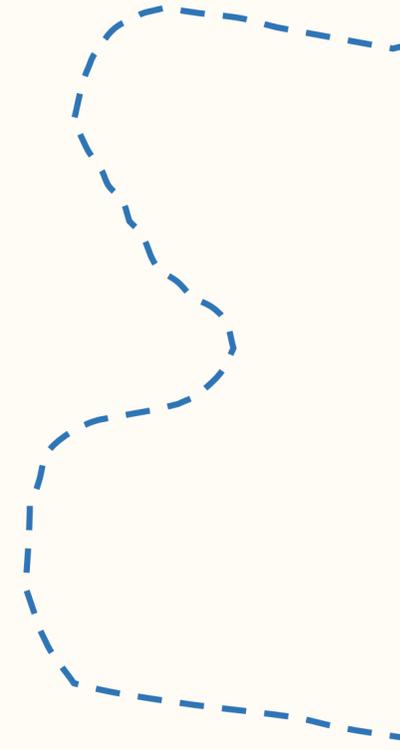
Gen. 13:15, “for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.”

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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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.”

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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

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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

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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.’ ”

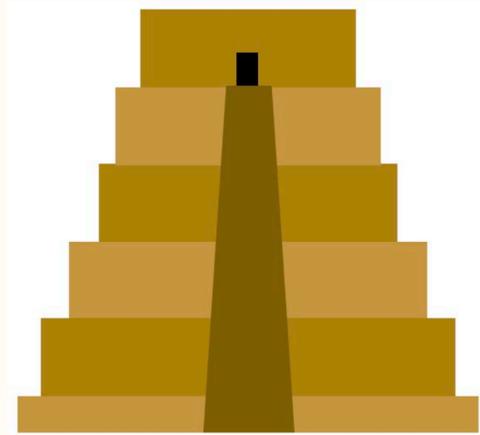
Isa. 43:11, “ ‘I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.’ ”

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.’ ”

Abrahamic Covenant

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PAGAN CULTURE



God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture.



GOD'S COUNTERCULTURE

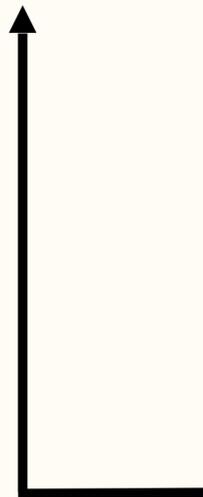
God would teach Abraham and his descendants all about Himself. Abraham's descendants would know God's HISTORY and TRUTH.

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

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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!’ ”

3. The Signing of the Abrahamic Covenant

Two types of Covenants in the Bible

A conditional or bilateral (two-way) covenant is an agreement that two parties agree to and where both have responsibilities or obligations to fulfill. The covenant with Moses was also temporary.

An unconditional or unilateral covenant (one-way) is an agreement between two parties but only one party has responsibilities to fulfill. The other party doesn't need to do anything.

Gen. 15:7, “Then He said to him, ‘I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.’

Gen. 15:8, “And he said, ‘Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?’

Gen. 15:9, “So He said to him, ‘Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.’

Gen. 15:10, “Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Gen. 15:11, “And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen. 15:12, “Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.”

Gen. 15:17, “And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. **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—’ ”



Jer. 34:18, “And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it—

Jer. 34:19, “the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf—”

Exploring the Promised Land Boundaries

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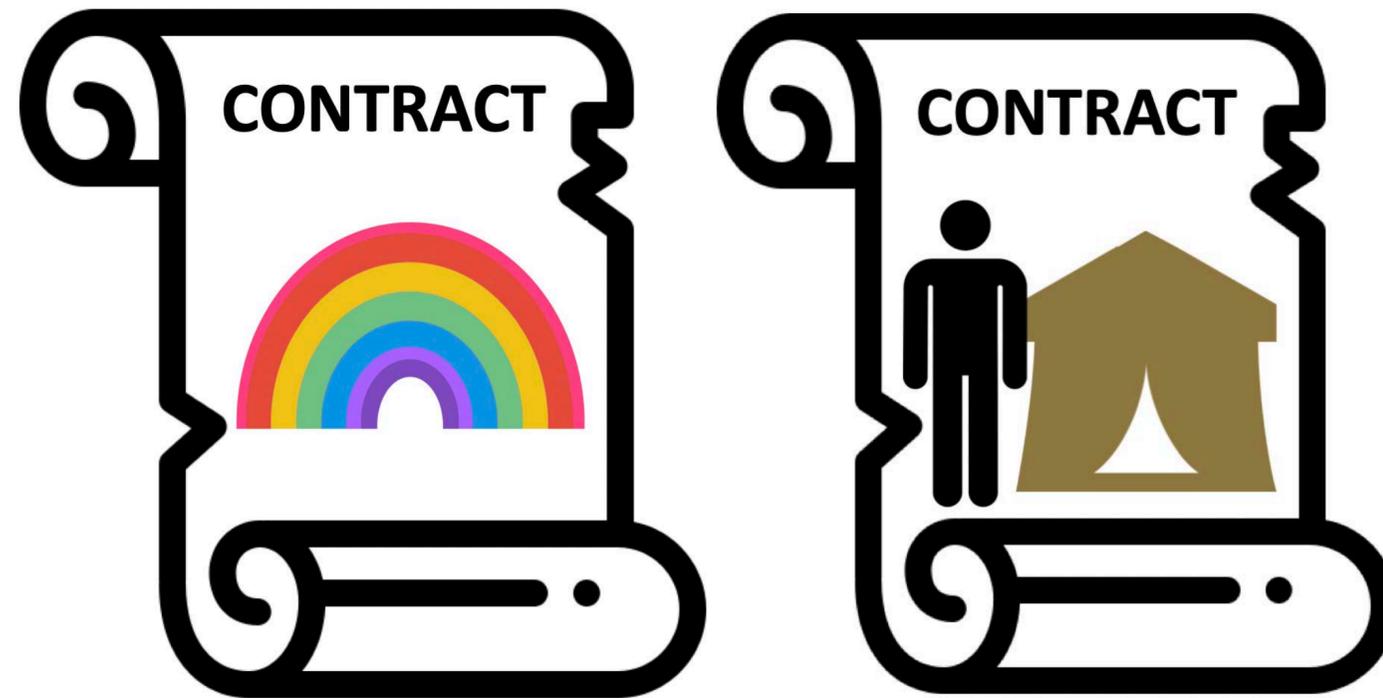


	 Noahic Covenant	 Abrahamic Covenant
 Signatories	<p>God alone (with the rainbow)</p>	<p>God alone (by passing between the animal halves)</p>
 Punishment for failure to fulfill	<p>Curse on God</p>	<p>Curse on God</p>

In Hebrew, there is no special word for “rainbow”. It is simply “bow” (*qesheth*), the same word as in the weapon of war for firing arrows. So visually, God placed a bow pointing upwards toward Himself! The arrow, so to speak, was targeted at God Himself. It appears as if God placed Himself under a curse if He failed to keep away another global flood.



God Can Always Be Trusted to Fulfill His Promises

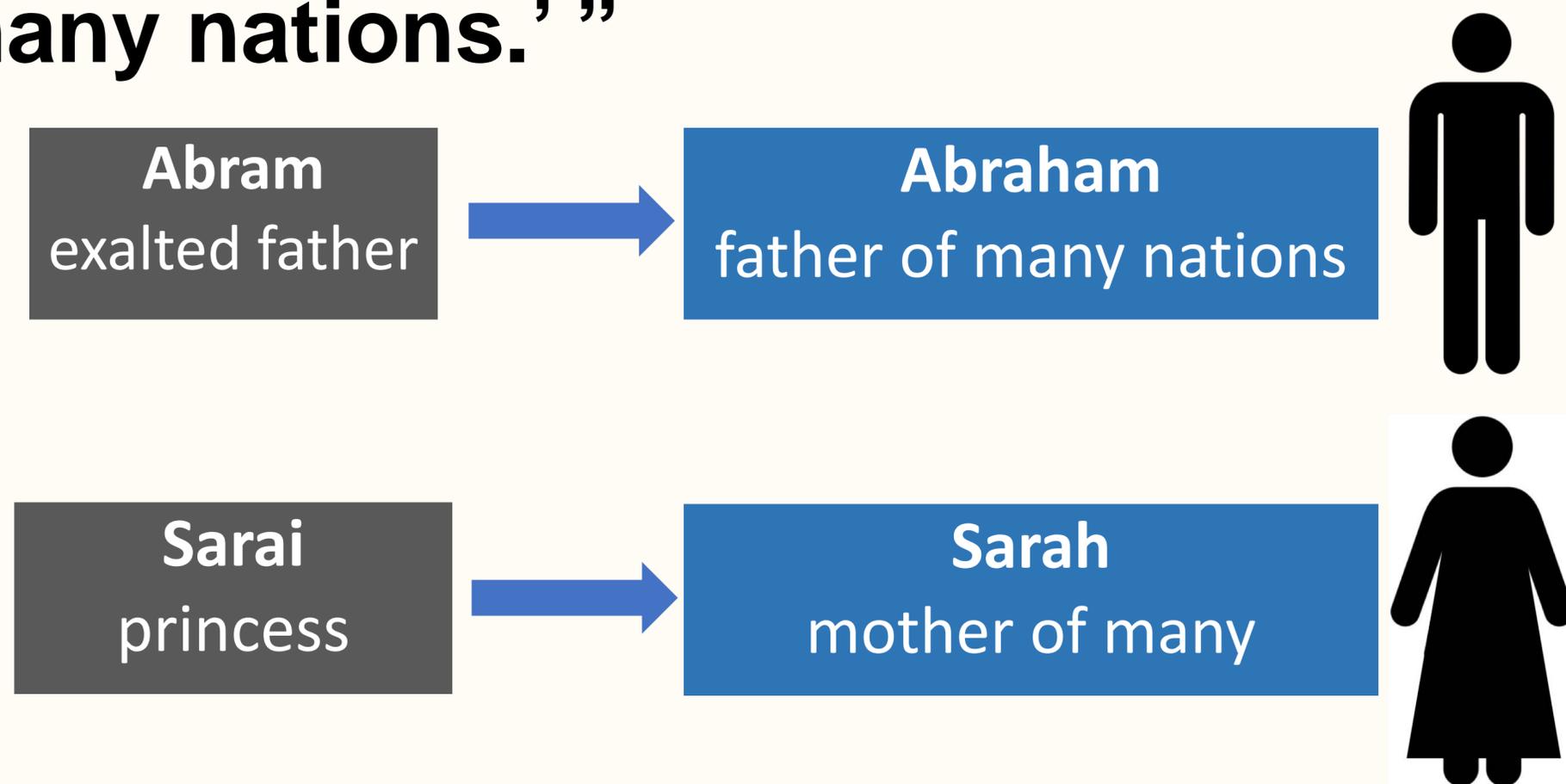


Fulfilled? God can be trusted!

Gen. 17:3, “Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:

Gen. 17:4, “ ‘As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

Gen. 17:5, “ ‘No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.’ ”



Gen. 17:9, “And God said to Abraham: ‘As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

Gen. 17:10, “ ‘This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

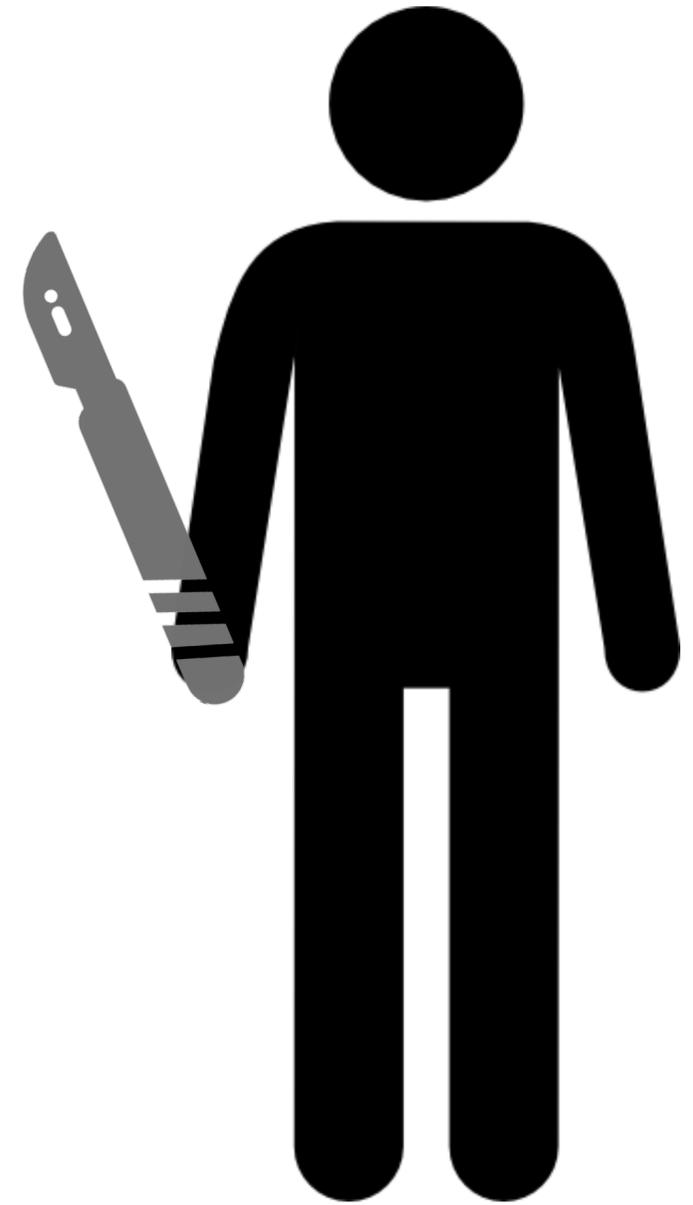
Gen. 17:11, “ ‘and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Gen. 17:12, “ ‘He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.

Gen. 17:13, “ ‘He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

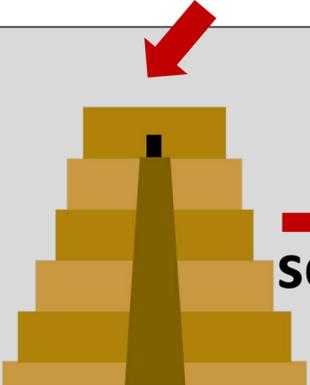
Gen. 17:14, “ ‘And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.’ ”

**Physical
circumcision:**
Outward sign of
God's Covenant
with Israel



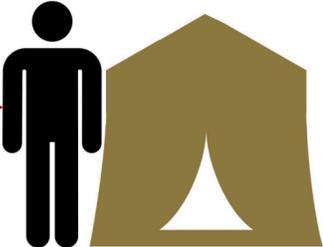
Rom. 5:12, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—”

Noah and his family – All believers in Yahweh



Men not circumcised

God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture



Circumcision physically sets them apart



Isaac

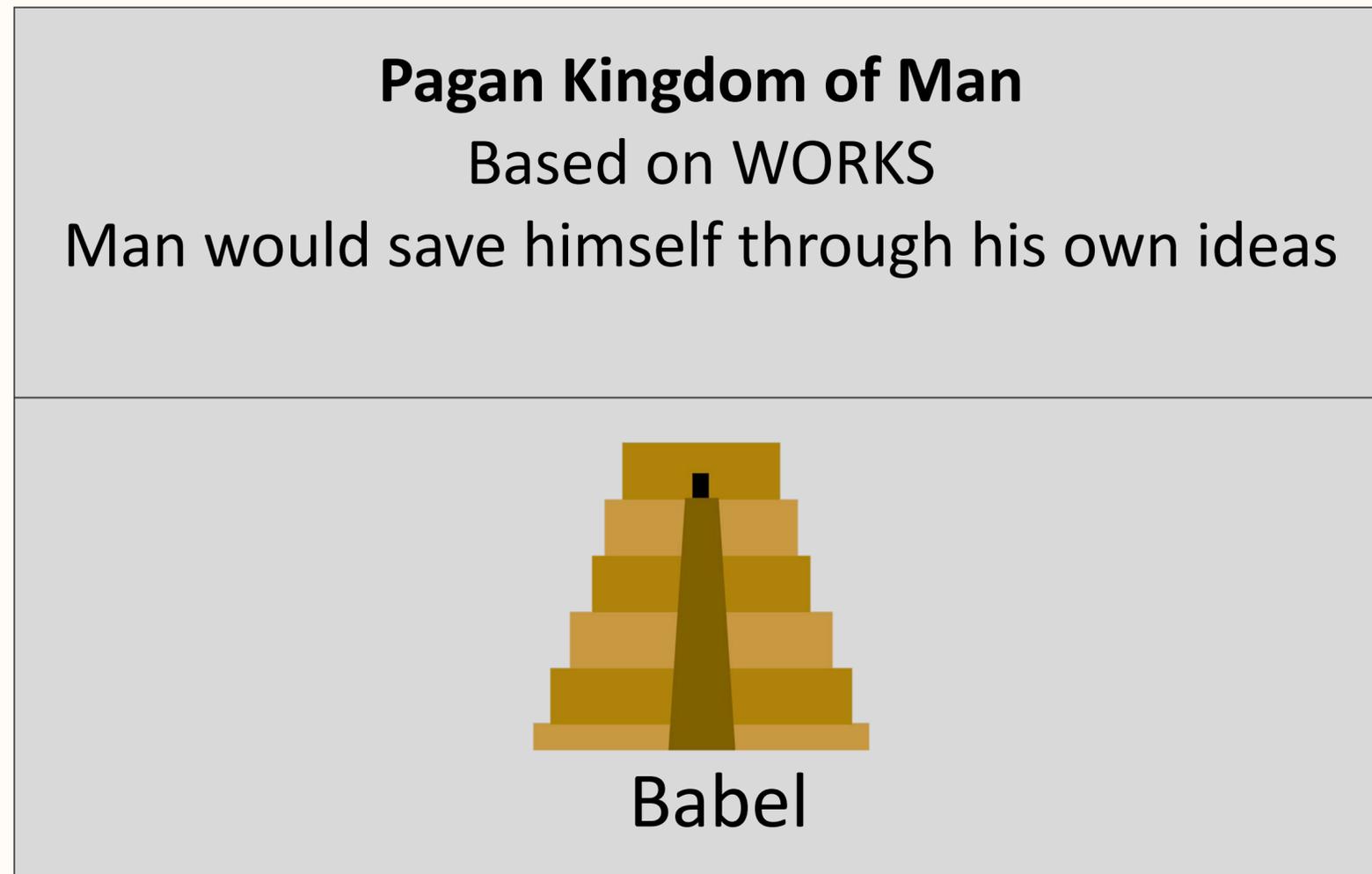


Jacob



Promised Saviour

Election: God Chose Abraham (not for salvation, but for a specific role in His plan of salvation)

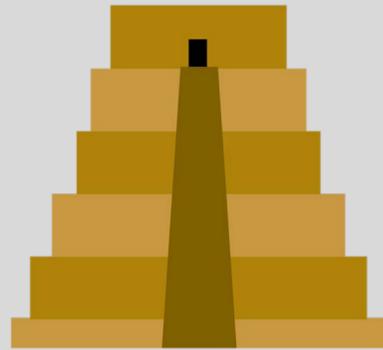


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Destiny:



Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS (man is god)
Man would save himself through his
own ideas



Babel

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Destiny:



Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man



Abraham

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Specific Job:
Preserve God's Word
Share God's Word

Gen. 15:6, “And he had already believed in the LORD, and He had already accounted it to him for righteousness.”

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Jer. 18:2, “ ‘Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.’

Jer. 18:3, “Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel.

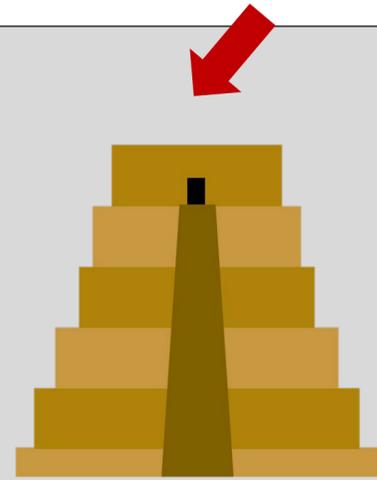
Jer. 18:4, “And the vessel that he made [human race before Babel] of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

Jer. 18:5, “Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Jer. 18:6, “ ‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?’ says the LORD. ‘Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!’ ”

What God did with Abraham

Noah and his family – All believers in Yahweh



Pagan Kingdom of Man



Kingdom of God

Jeremiah 18:4
But the jar he was making
did not turn out as he had hoped ...

... so he crushed it into a
lump of clay again
and started over.

Is God unfair? How can He choose one man and not offer the same thing to others? What about equality?

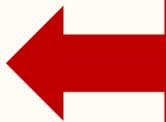
First, we need to first understand that Yahweh is sovereign

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR

He has the right to choose how to run things



2nd level

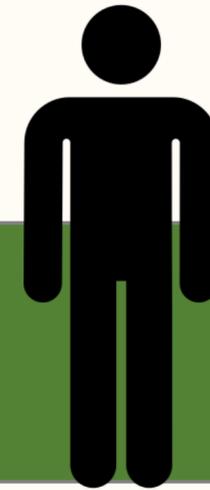
Creature: what God created

Second, God is righteous, just, and all-knowing.



YAHWEH

- All-Righteous
- All-Just
- All-knowing



Mankind

- fallen
- sinful
- limited

Third, God is loving

God is perfect love.

1 John 4:8, “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:16, “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

**1. YHWH sovereignly chose to make a contract with man.
Only the God of the Bible inconvenienced Himself to
obligate Himself to His creatures to save them.**



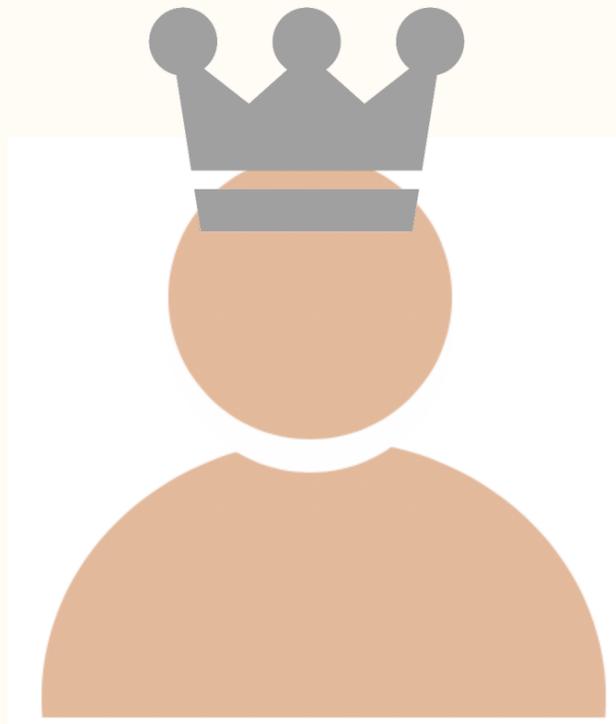
2. YHWH sovereignly chose Abraham out of everyone alive at that time.

There were other believers, but God in His omniscience selected Abraham.

Gen. 14:18, “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

Gen. 14:19, “And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen. 14:20, “ ‘And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he gave him a tithe of all.”



King Melchizedek
King of Salem (Jerusalem)
Priest of God Most High



Abraham
Not royalty
Ancestors worshipped other gods

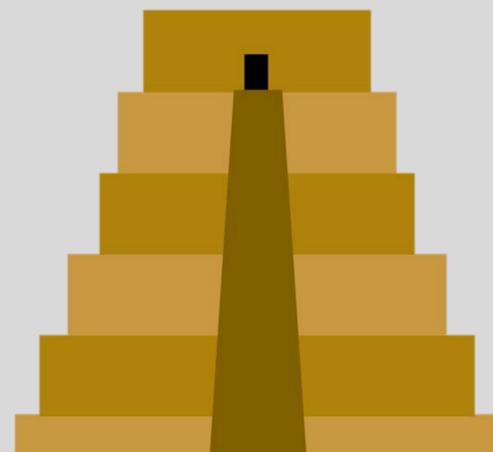
3. The call of Abraham was a means to an end: it was for the sake of all mankind.



Promise	Abraham and his descendants	All mankind
<p>Land</p> 	<p>They will possess eternal land title to physical land in the Middle East. (Genesis 13:14–17; 15:18–21; 17:8)</p>	<p>This same physical land on earth will be the location of the New Jerusalem where all mankind will come to worship God. (Revelation 21–22)</p>
<p>Descendants</p> 	<p>The family will be numerous and survive throughout history. And the promised Saviour will descend from his family line. (Genesis 12:2; 13:15–17; 15:5,13–16,18; 17:1–8, 22:17)</p>	<p>In the future, believers in Christ from every nation will be adopted into Abraham’s family, and along with believing Jews, enjoy the spiritual blessings that God has for them. (Romans 11:17–18; Ephesians 2:12–13)</p>
<p>Worldwide blessing</p> 	<p>God will bless Abraham’s family.</p>	<p>The blessings on Abraham’s family will bless all mankind. (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). Abraham’s family will give the world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Bible <li>(ii) the Promised Saviour and <li>(iii) the global, peaceful and prosperous Kingdom of God on earth.

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself through his own ideas

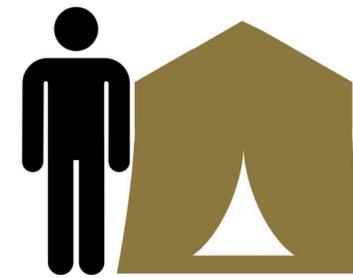


Babel

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God protected
Abraham's family



God grew
Abraham's family into
the nation Israel

LAND



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Descendants

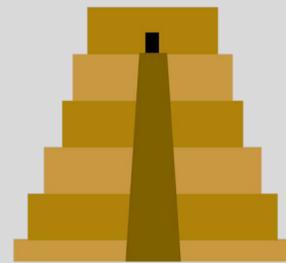


Kingdom of Man versus the Kingdom of God

Pagan Kingdom of Man

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Babel

Genesis 11:4

Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”

Trust in: finite, sinful man

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham

Genesis 12:1–3

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

Trust in: Infinite, Righteous, Sovereign God

Man's Ways

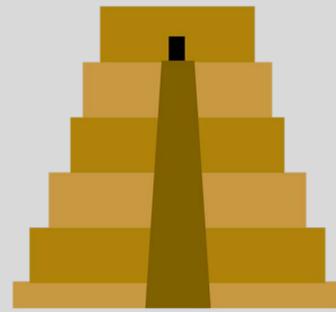
Humans think they can save themselves, find meaning and happiness apart from YHWH.

YHWH says He is the One who will save; only a relationship based on faith in the Creator-God, the Sovereign Redeemer, can provide meaning, purpose, and happiness.

Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

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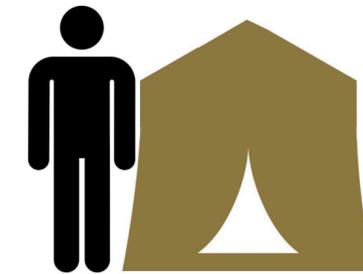


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Kingdom of God

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God chose Abraham

When man is presented with the witness of God, man can choose:

Unbelief in God
Trust in man

Faith in God (like Abraham)
Trust in God