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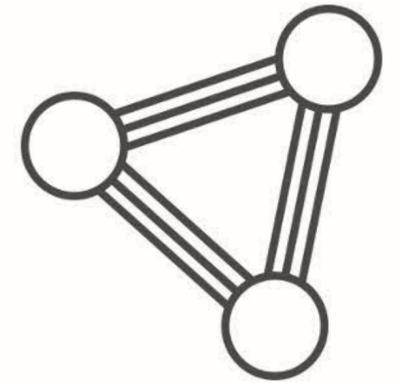
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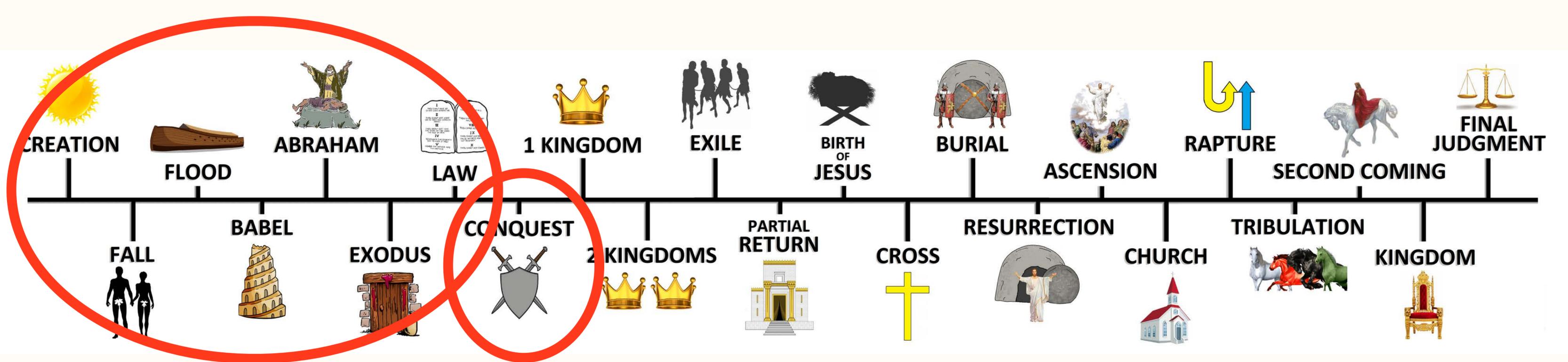
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Lesson 17: Building Spiritual Life in the Israelites

Lesson 17B Seven key events: 1. Covenant Breaking at Sinai, 2. Declaration of Judgment War, 3. Rebellion at KB, 4. Victory at Jericho, 5. Defeat at Ai, 6. The Longest Day, 7. God Postpones the Kingdom at Bochim

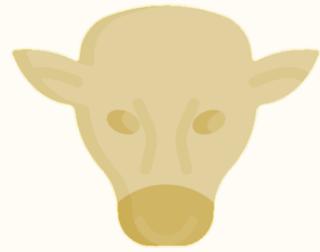


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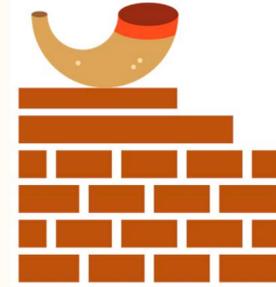
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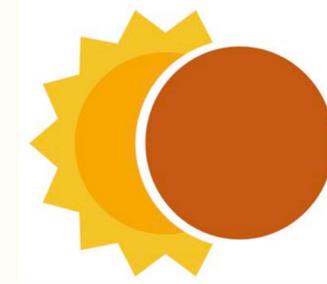
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God's
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What God wants is a heart turned to Him.

I don't like using the word "repent" here. The Hebrew often used is the word to "turn," *shuv*.

- He wants the Israelites to turn away from relying on themselves. They are to reject the pagan kingdom of man, that is, the idea that mankind is the ultimate authority and can save themselves.**
- He wants the Israelites to turn towards Him. They should put their faith in Him and submit willingly to the truth that He is the ultimate authority.**

Physical circumcision:

Outward sign of God's
Covenant with Israel

Does not
make a
person
right with
God



Circumcision of the Heart:

Positionally: An inward
change from rebellion to
obedience that sets a person
apart to love God fully inside
and out. This is the result of
believing the saving Promise
of God.

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Our Faith Lesson:

First, God wants us to turn to Him for salvation. That results in being identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Col. 2:11, “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”

Our Faith Lesson:

Second, once we are justified and set apart to Him because of a new position in Christ, He wants us to turn to Him for:

- spiritual growth**
- meaning in life**
- instruction**
- a new way to live where He is our final authority in all matters.**

Php. 3:3, “For we are the circumcision, who worship God by means of the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,”

Eph. 4:21, “if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Eph. 4:22, “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph. 4:24, “and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

POSITIONAL : Circumcised Heart: Positional Cleansing

EXPERIENTIAL : Circumcised Heart in a Daily Walk

Uncircumcised heart



- Naturally rebellious towards God
- Needs change and correction

Circumcised heart



- God (Holy Spirit) works to change heart and life
- Willing and motivated to obey God

Rom. 2:28, “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

Rom. 2:29, “but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

- I am my own person. I am not accountable to anyone.
- Truth is whatever I make it. I make my own law.
- I do what is right in my own eyes.
- I make up my own meaning of life.



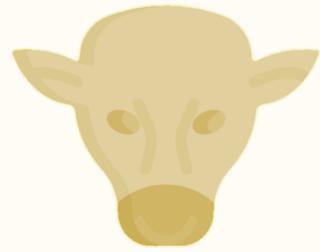
REPENTANCE

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

- I am a creature who is accountable to my Creator.
- My Creator is the source of all Truth.
- My Creator defines what I do.
- He gives my life meaning.

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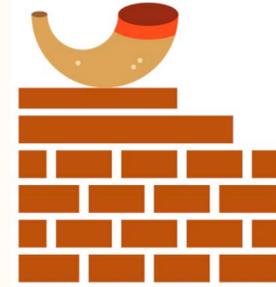
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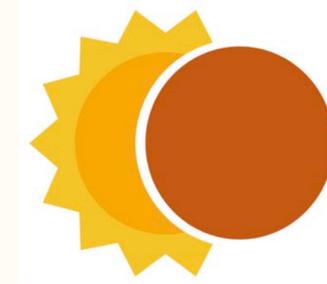
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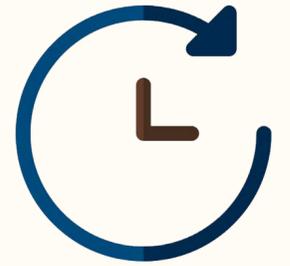
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2. Declaration of God's War of Judgment on the Canaanites

Deut. 20:16, “But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,

Deut. 20:17, “but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you,”

*** חָרַם (*ḥāram*) | , *ban, devote, destroy utterly.***

RD: to devote a people to divine judgment

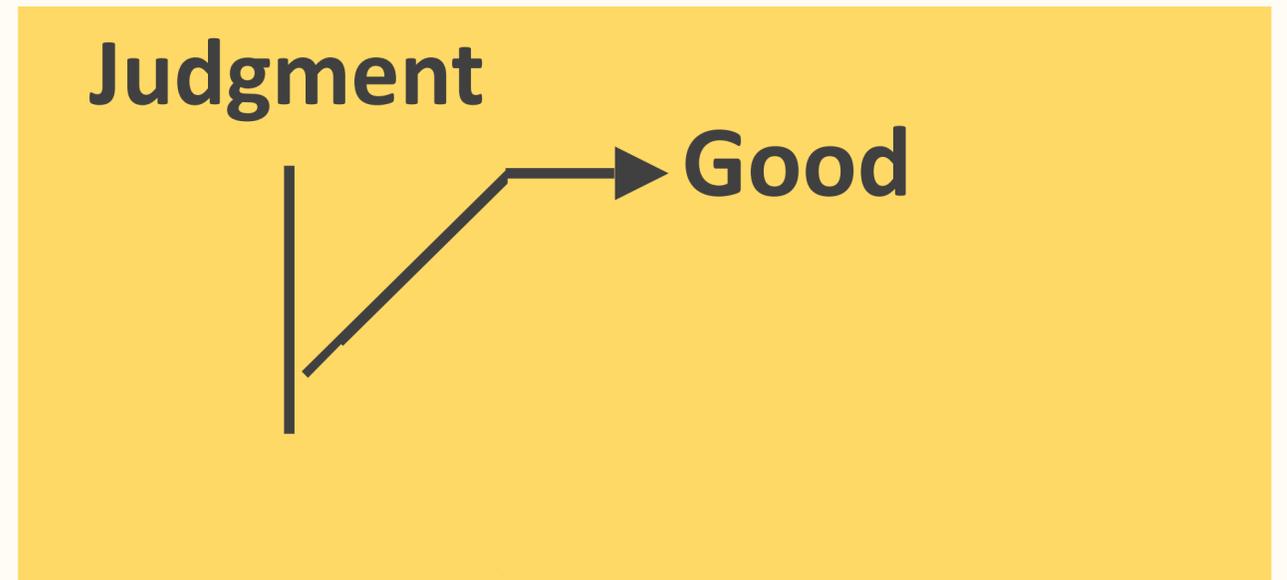
The conquest and settlement period gives us these pictures:

- **The Jews—a picture of God's grace in history.**
- **The Canaanites—a picture of evil people being removed permanently.**



The Jews ...

... are a picture of ...

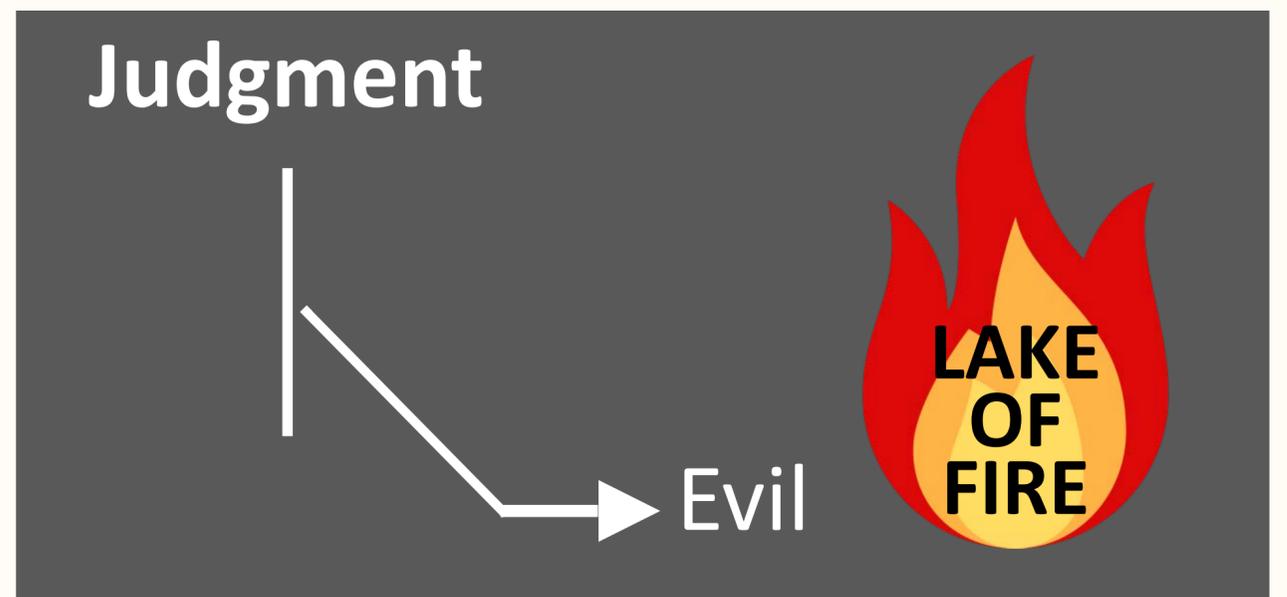


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The Canaanites ...

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... evil people being removed permanently

What God was teaching the Israelites while in the desert ...

This Judgment War is a warning preview of the final judgment that God will enact on all mankind.

Our Faith Lesson

We need to get rid of evil, sin, injustice, suffering! If there is a God and He is good, why can't He get rid of all that? He's either not powerful enough or He's not good!



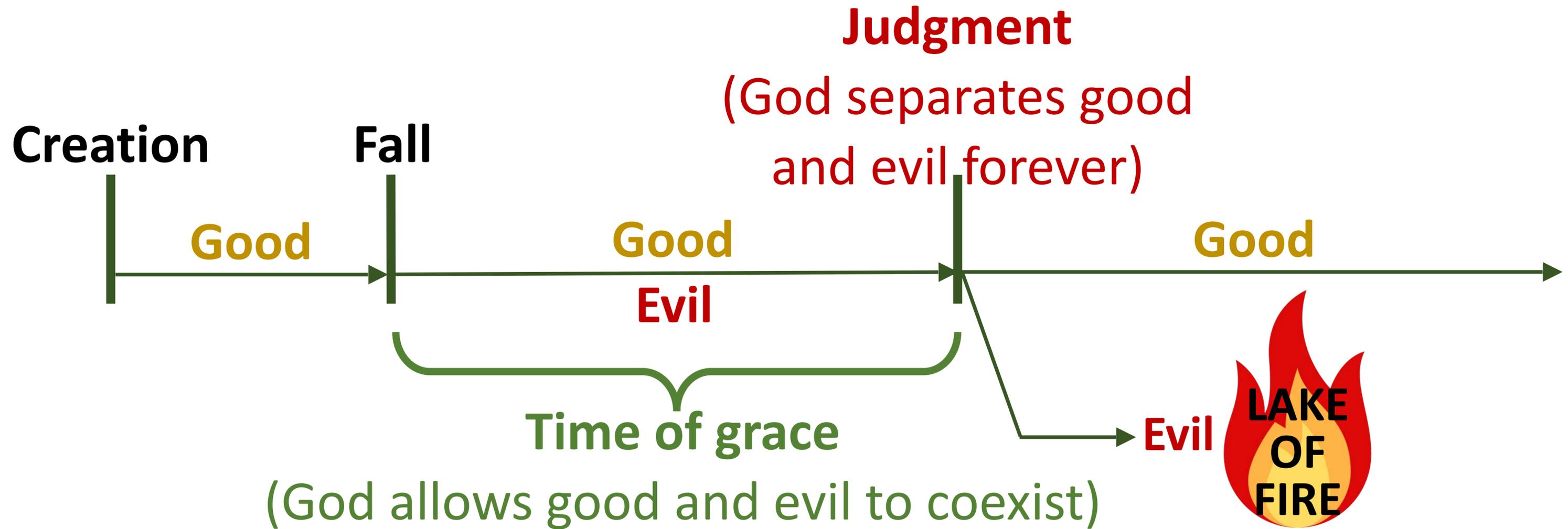
Accusations against God during the time of grace



**God is evil! How can He
destroy so many
people? Why can't He
just leave them alone?**

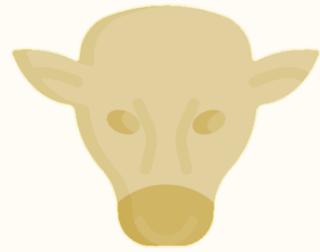
Accusations against God when He judges sin

To have a perfect world again, God must and will remove evil forever



3. Rebellion against invasion at Kadesh-Barnea (Numbers 13–14)

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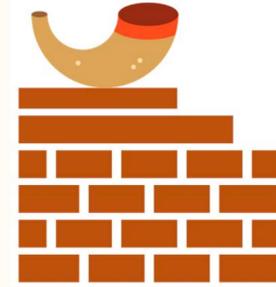
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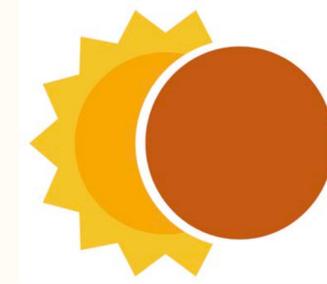
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CANAAN

Jordan River

Ai • Bokim (possible location)

Aijalon • Jericho

Jerusalem •

Dead Sea

3 • Kadesh Barnea

PLAN A



SHOWED NO TRUST IN GOD

Joshua

Caleb



SHOWED TRUST IN GOD

Php. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Php. 2:10, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

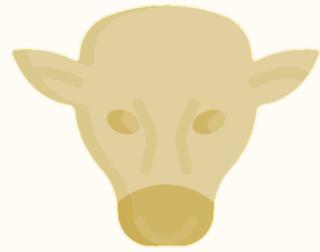
Php. 2:11, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

What God was teaching the Israelites at Kadesh-Barnea?

**They need to trust God's Word over their own feelings
(their psychological state).**

4. Victory at Jericho (Joshua 6)

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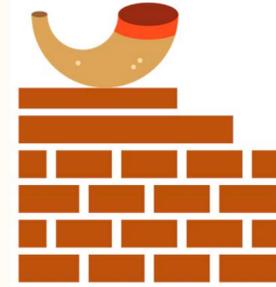
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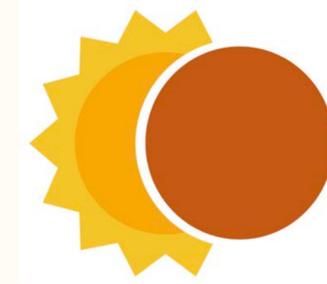
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Josh. 5:13, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’”

Josh. 5:14, “So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’”

Josh. 5:15, “Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”

This Man was God Himself! How do we know?

- **First, He didn't answer Joshua's question.**
- **Second, He allowed Joshua to worship Him. Only God is to be worshipped.**

Josh. 6:1, “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

Josh. 6:2, “And the LORD said to Joshua: ‘See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

Josh. 6:3, “ ‘You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.’ ”

Josh. 6:4, “ ‘And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Josh. 6:5, “ ‘It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.’ ”

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself
through his own ideas



Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man
**Why are some believers
endlessly...**



discouraged



fearful



feeling
hopeless



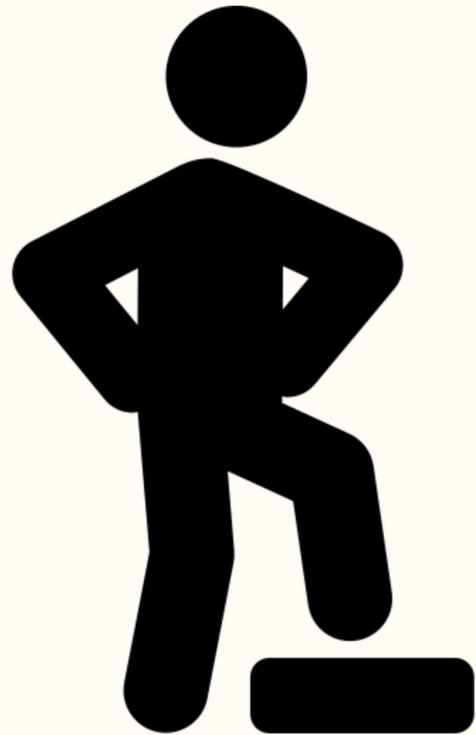
**Jesus won the victory!
Believers will be with
God!**

What God was teaching the Israelites at Jericho?

To trust God more than what they might think was an insufficient and foolish battle plan.

Our Faith Lesson

Whom do we depend on?



I depend on
myself



I depend on
my Creator-God

Box Question: If you trust God, does it mean you don't have to "do" anything?

- **Faith is believing God and thinking, speaking, and doing what He instructs while looking at Him. This means our “works of faith” are made up of our thoughts, words, and deeds that are done in obedience to God while we acknowledge our insufficiency.**

- **Faith is not just standing back, minds unthinking, mouth unspeaking, and body not moving (unless of course, God had given specific instructions to do nothing). In His original purpose, He had created man as under-lord over the world. Man had to think, speak, and act as God directed.**

- **Faith is not selfishly deciding what we want to do and assume God will go along with our plan. The Commander of the LORD's army was the one giving instructions, not Joshua. As believers, we must never tell God what to do and expect Him to fulfil it just because we said it. He is God. We are not. We must never cross the Creator-creature distinction.**

The Curse

Joshua 6:26,

“At that time Joshua invoked this curse: “May the curse of the LORD fall on anyone who tries to rebuild the town of Jericho.

At the cost of his firstborn son, he will lay its foundation.

At the cost of his youngest son, he will set up its gates.”

The Fulfillment

(500 years later when Ahab was king)

1 Kings 16:34,

“It was during his reign that Hiel, a man from Bethel, rebuilt Jericho. When he laid its foundations, it cost him the life of his oldest son, Abiram. And when he completed it and set up its gates, it cost him the life of his youngest son, Segub. This all happened according to the message from the LORD concerning Jericho spoken by Joshua son of Nun.”





Firstborn
Abiram



Youngest
Segub

5. Defeat at Ai (Joshua 7) (pronounced “aye”)