

# Interlocked Series

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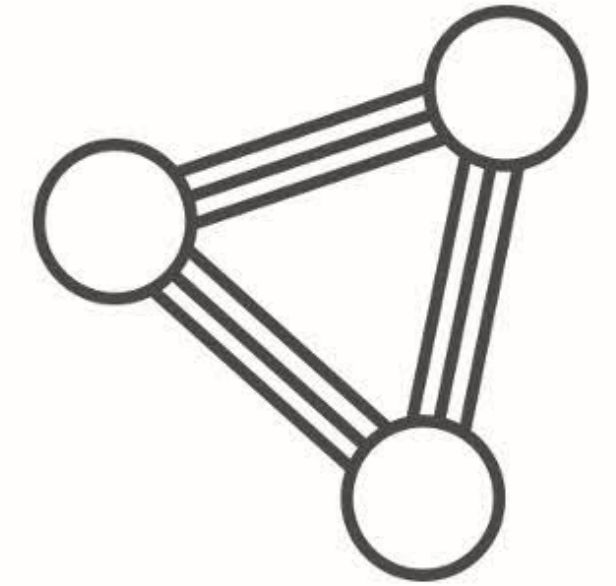
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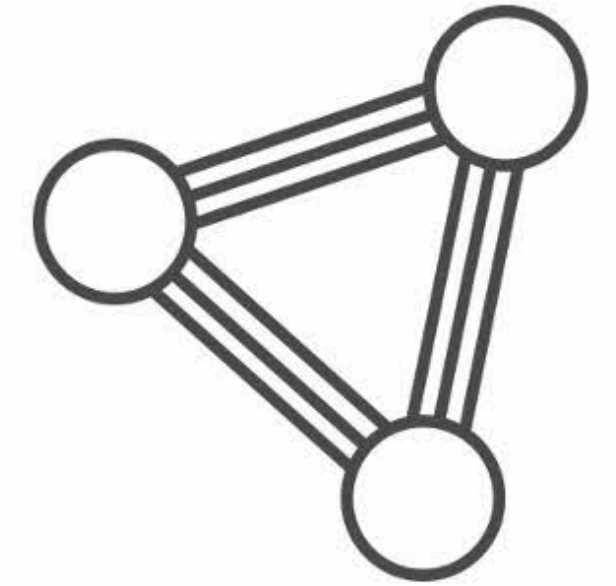


## **Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom**

### **Lesson 25A The Prophets**

- **The Prophets**
- **The Job of the Prophets**
- **The Message of the Prophets**
- **Curses**
- **The Different Parties in the “*Riv*” Lawsuit**

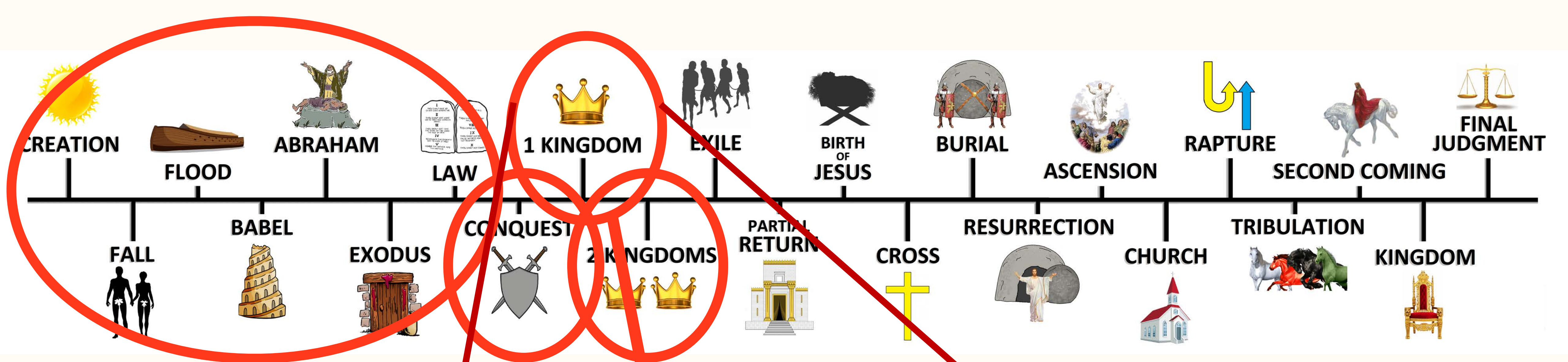
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## **Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom**

### **Lesson 25B The Prophets**

- **The Bible's Commentary on the Blessings and Curses**
- **The Eternal Promises of Land, Seed, Blessing**
- **The Unresolved Mystery of the Prophets**
- **Is the Role of the Prophet Active in the Church Today?**



Torah  
Pentateuch

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth

1–2 Samuel  
1–2 Kings  
1–2 Chronicles

Kings  
FOR  
Israel

King  
David

King  
Solomon

Kingdom  
Divided

Decline of  
the Kingdom

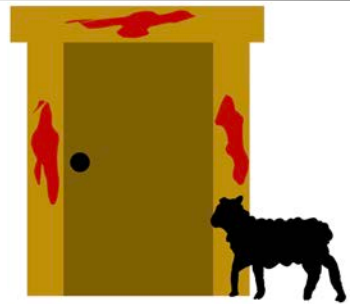
# Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE  
God would save man

## Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

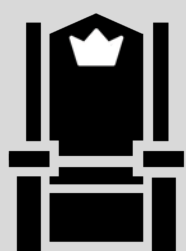


God built Israel:

- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



Conquest and Settlement  
in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

- **Unified kingdom**

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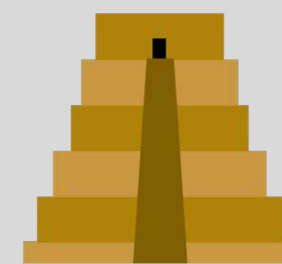
- Unified kingdom
- **Divided kingdom**



Israel and Judah turned against  
God: Paganized—unbelievers



Few  
believers



**Brought in man's ideas**



**Made the king and  
state all-powerful**



**Worshipped idols**

Grey shows paganization

# The Bible's Commentary on the Mosaic Law and the Curses



If **YAHWEH** were to make His people righteous, He would have to do it another way.

## II. Promises

### The Message of the Prophets

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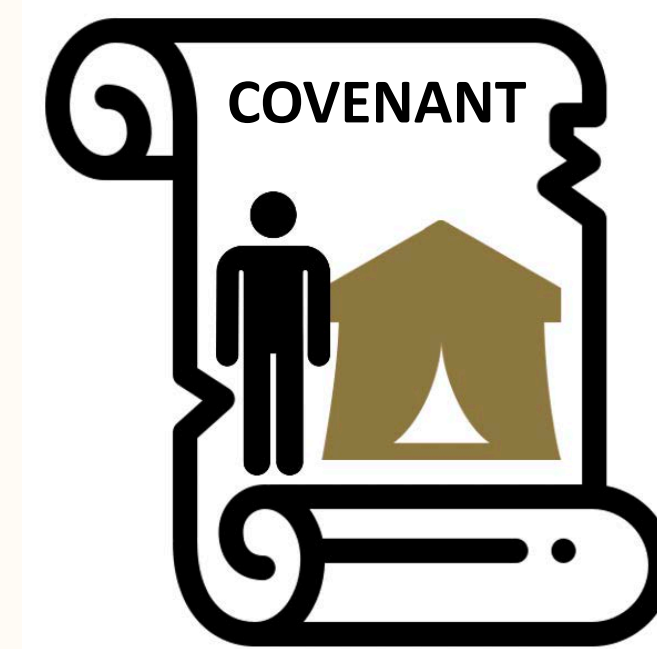
#### Curses



Tell people that they broke the **Mosaic Covenant** and God is sending curses against them.

2

#### Promises



Remind people that all of God's **Abrahamic Covenant** promises will come true in the future Kingdom of God.

# Covenants

## Abrahamic



### Unconditional

- Land
  - Descendants
  - Worldwide blessing
- Genesis 12:1–3*

## Mosaic



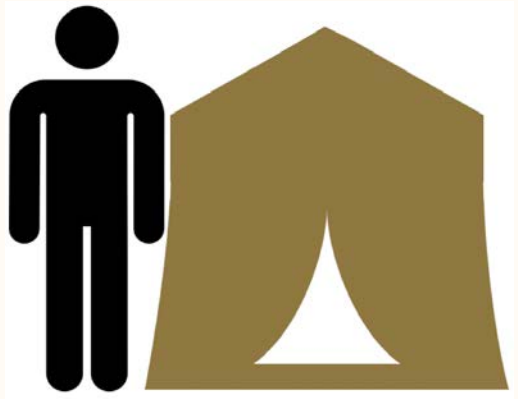
### Conditional

- Blessings
- Cursings for rebellion  
*Deuteronomy 28:1–68*  
*Leviticus 26:1–46*

**ISRAEL FAILED**



# Election of a nation for a specific mission and purpose



**An individual:  
Abraham**



**A family:  
Jacob's**



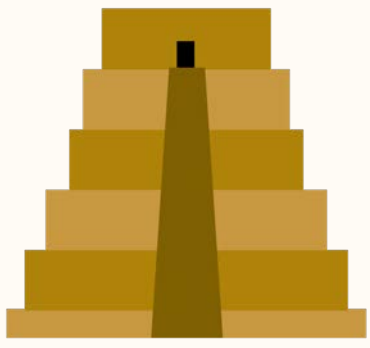
**A nation:  
Israel**



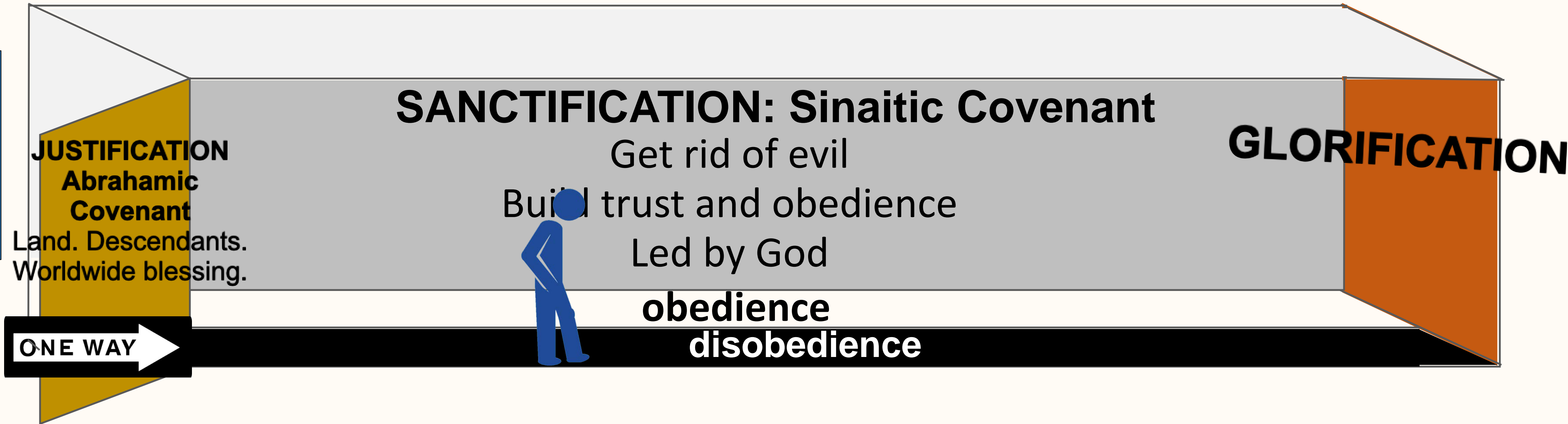
**Record God's  
Word**



**Be  
missionaries to  
pagan culture**



• The  
• Nation  
• of  
• Israel



**JUSTIFICATION**  
Abrahamic  
Covenant  
Land. Descendants.  
Worldwide blessing.

**SANCTIFICATION: Sinaitic Covenant**

Get rid of evil

Build trust and obedience

Led by God

**obedience**

**disobedience**

**GLORIFICATION**

**ONE WAY** →

**Deut. 32:26, “I would have said, ‘I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,’**

**Deut. 32:27, “Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should misunderstand, lest they should say, ‘Our hand is high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this.’ ”**

**Deut. 32:36, “For the LORD will judge His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone, and there is no one remaining, bond or free.”**

# LAND

**Isa. 14:1, “For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.”**

## **DESCENDANTS (“seed”)**

**Amos 9:11, “On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old;”**

## **DESCENDANTS (“seed”)**

**Isa. 11:1, “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.**

**Isa. 11:2, “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”**


## **WORLDWIDE BLESSING**

**Zech. 8:22, “ ‘Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.’**

**Zech. 8:23, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ”**

# Covenants

**2** **Abrahamic**



**Unconditional**

- Land
- Descendants
- Worldwide blessing

*Genesis 12:1–3*

**Abrahamic promises reaffirmed and expanded by these covenants**


**4** **Land**



Confirmation of **land** promise

*Deuteronomy 29:1–30:10*

**5** **Davidic**



Confirmation of **descendants** promise

*2 Samuel 7:11–17*

**6** **New**



Confirmation of **worldwide blessings** promise



**Jer. 31:31, “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—**

**Jer. 31:32, “not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.**




**Jer. 31:33, “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

**Jer. 31:34, “No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”**

**Jer. 31:38, “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.”**

**Jer. 31:40, “And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever.”**



	<b>Abrahamic Covenant</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Davidic</b>	<b>New Covenant</b>
<b>Parties</b> 	God, Abraham, and descendants	God and Israel	God, David, and some of David's descendants	God, Israel, and Judah
<b>Promises</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Descendants</li> <li>• Worldwide blessing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Promised Land belongs to Israel</li> <li>• Israel will possess the land forever</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The king will have a Father-Son relationship with <i>Yahweh</i></li> <li>• David's dynasty will be eternal</li> <li>• David's dynasty will be in Jerusalem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God will forgive their sins.</li> <li>• God will change their hearts.</li> <li>• God will regather all Israel to the Promised Land forever.</li> </ul>
<b>Type</b> 	Unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	<b>Unconditional</b>

# The Dual-Track Message of the Prophets

1

## Curses



Tell people that they broke the **Mosaic Covenant** and God is sending curses against them.

2

## Promises



Remind people that all of God's **Abrahamic Covenant** promises will come true in the future Kingdom of God.

# **The Unresolved Mystery Left by the Prophets**



## UNRIGHTEOUS

- Broke Mosaic Covenant
- Continued to sin



## RIGHTEOUS

- *Yahweh* forgives their sins.
- *Yahweh* changes their hearts.
- *Yahweh* regathers all Israel to the Promised Land.

- How would the people go from discipline and suffering to finally receiving all of God's promises? Who was involved in this change? How would it happen? When would it happen?
- How would the holy, righteous *Yahweh* reconcile the rebellious, sinful Israel to an everlasting fellowship with Himself?

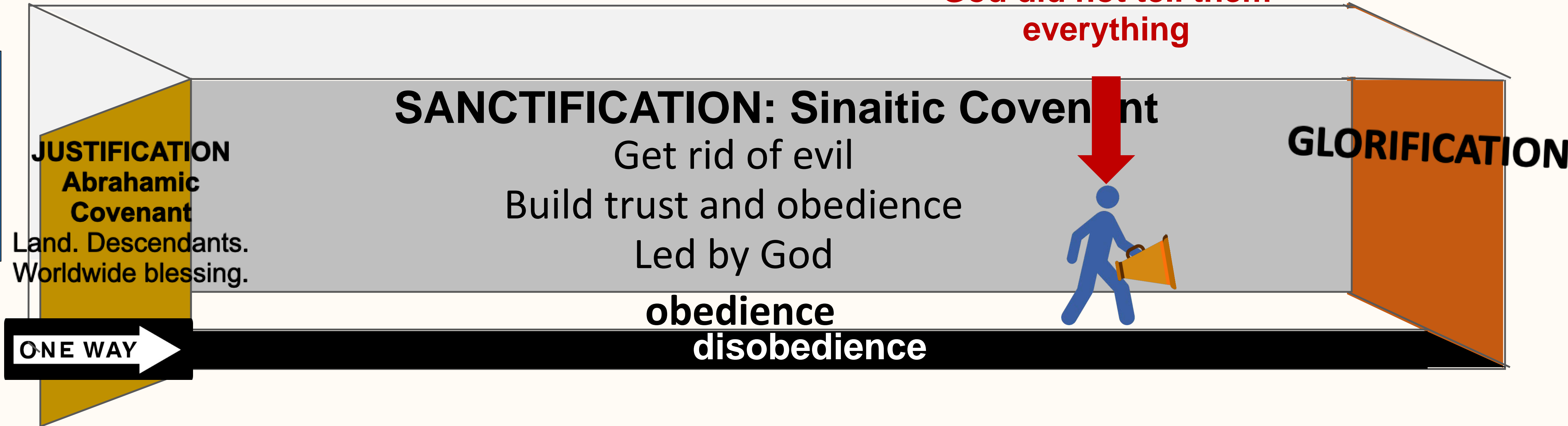
**1 Pet. 1:10, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,**

**1 Pet. 1:11, “searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”**

**Deut. 29:29, “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”**



• The Nation of Israel •

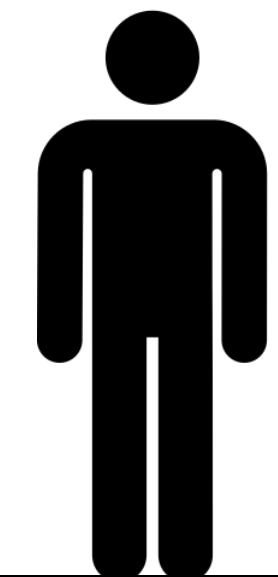
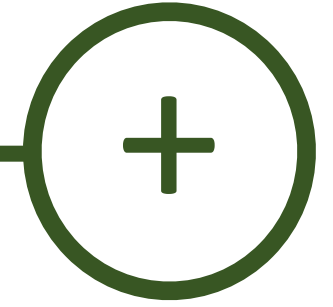
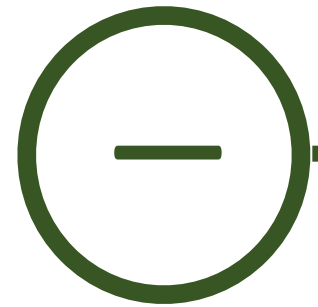


**Mystery resolved in the New Testament through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.**

# What Jesus did to bring mankind from “unrighteous” to “righteous.”

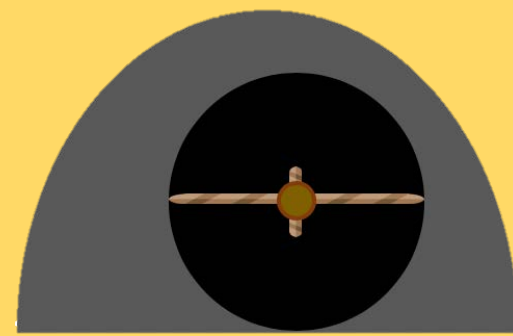
man: unrighteous

man: righteous



Mankind

**Needs a death to pay for sin**



**Jesus paid the penalty of death for man's sin**

**Needs to live a perfect life by God's standards**



**Jesus lived a perfect life and imputed that to man**



**Luke 22:20, “Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’ ”**

# **The Prophets Are a Model for Us**

# Creator-Creature Distinction

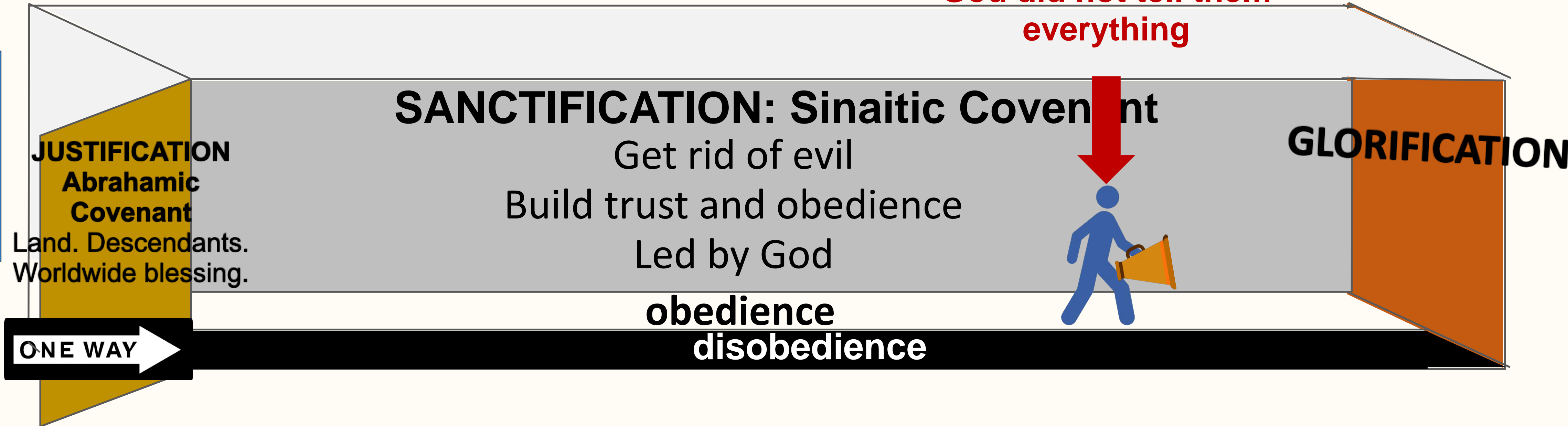
1<sup>st</sup> level  
CREATOR

INFINITELY HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, REASONABLE GOD

2<sup>nd</sup> level  
creature

● finite fallen  
mankind

• The  
• Nation  
• of  
• Israel



**Isa. 40:28, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.”**

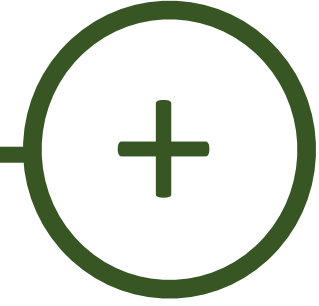
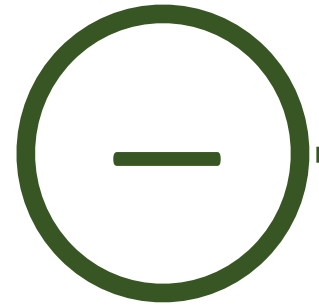


**Isa. 43:19, “Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”**

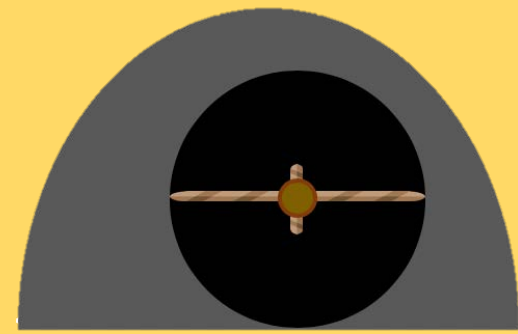
# God credits righteousness to believers because of what Jesus did

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applies to believers

applies to believers



All Man

FAITH

God's Promises

**Is the role of a prophet active in the church today?**

**Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”**

**Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,**

**Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,**

**Eph. 2:21, “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,”**



**Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,**

**Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”**

**2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**

**2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

This happened first ... ... then this happened.



God built the church

God completed the Bible

**THEN** →

**The Bible**



**The church comes under the Bible.  
The church must obey the Bible.**



**Acts 17:10, “Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.**

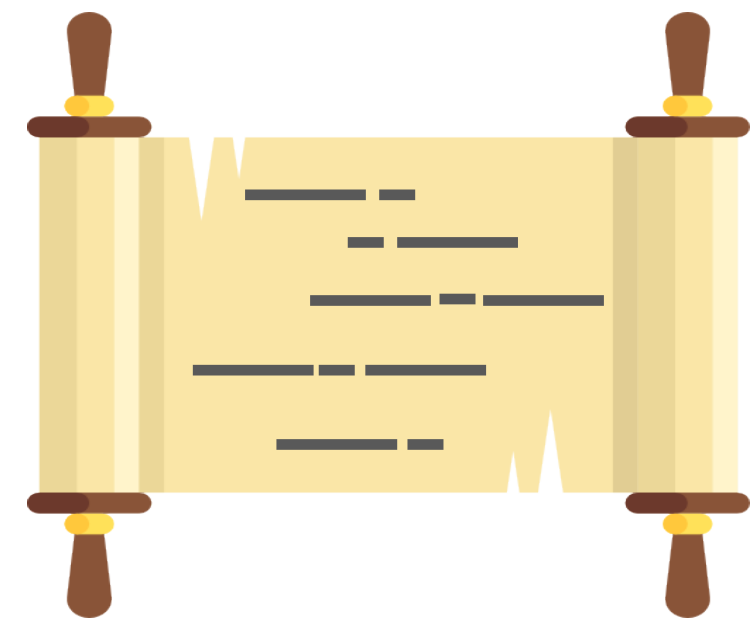
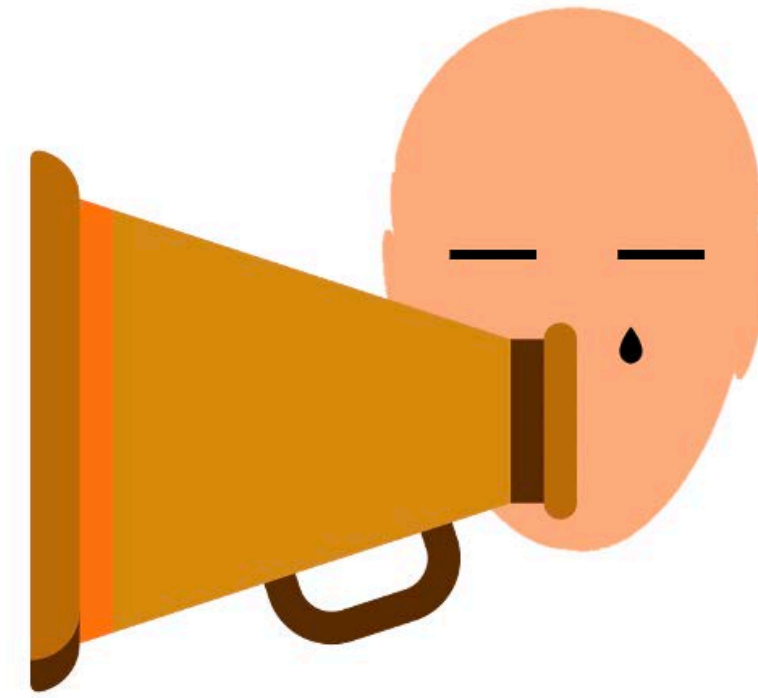
**Acts 17:11, “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.**

**Acts 17:12, “Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.”**

**Now the question is:**

**Are there true “prophets” in the church today?**

# Job of the Old Testament Prophets



**A.**  
**God's**  
**historians**



**B.**  
**God's**  
**prosecuting attorneys**



**C.**  
**God's**  
**Scripture writers**

# Job of the New Testament Prophets



**Does God reveal and remind believers of truth in the Bible?  
Yes.**

**Does God cause believers to share His word of exhortation,  
encouragement, and rebuke with others? Yes.**

**Does God work in hearts to convict believers of sin and  
encourage repentance? Yes.**

**Does God sometimes supernaturally disrupt our lives and  
intervene with miracles? Yes.**

**He can and does at His will.**

# But none of these is the biblical gift of prophecy!!

God reminds us of truths in the Bible



God leads us to exhort, encourage and rebuke fellow Christians



God works in our hearts to convict us of sin



God can choose to supernaturally disrupt our lives



But all these cannot be called the biblical gift of prophecy

**1 John 4:1, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”**



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**DOES NOT  
MATCH**  
God's Word

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**DO NOT**  
treat it like the  
Word of God



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**MATCHES**  
God's Word

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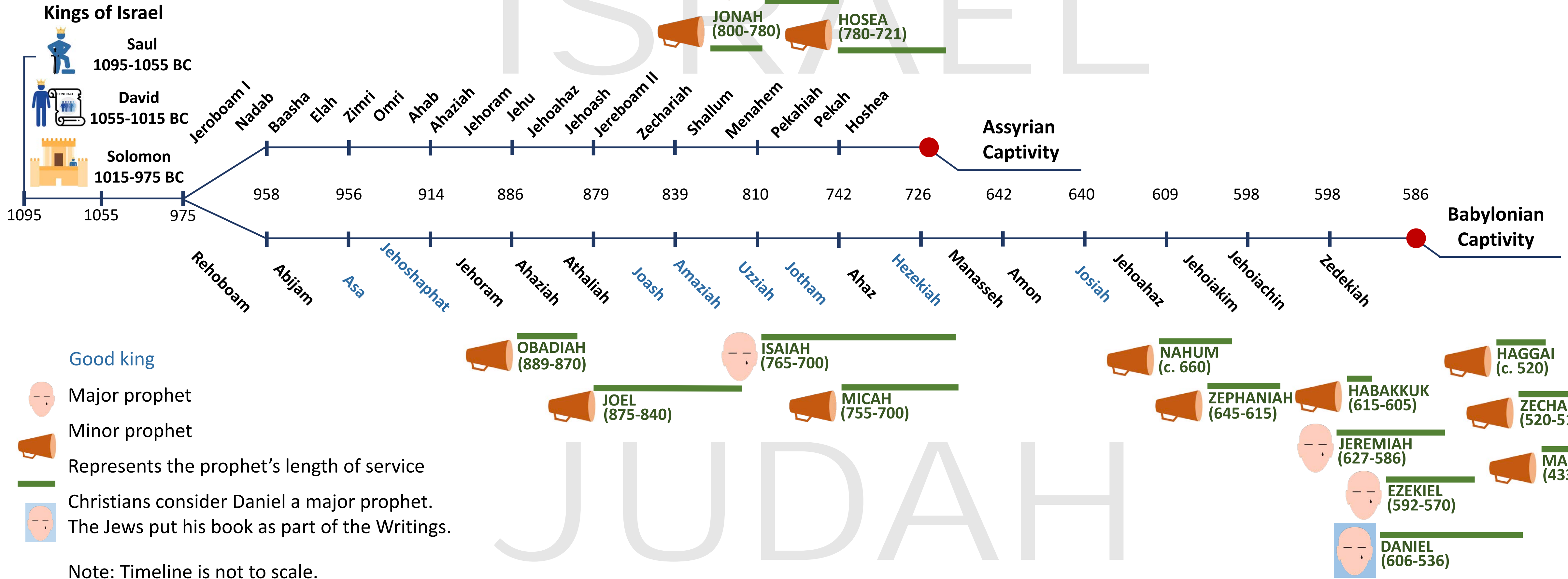


**PRAY** for wisdom and  
discernment to know  
what to do with the  
information



# Kings and Prophets

ISRAEL



JUDAH

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