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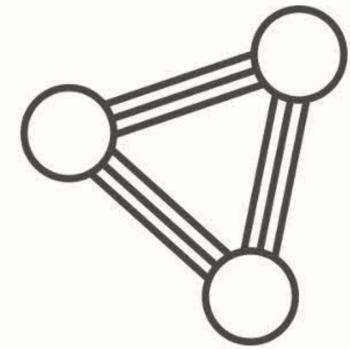
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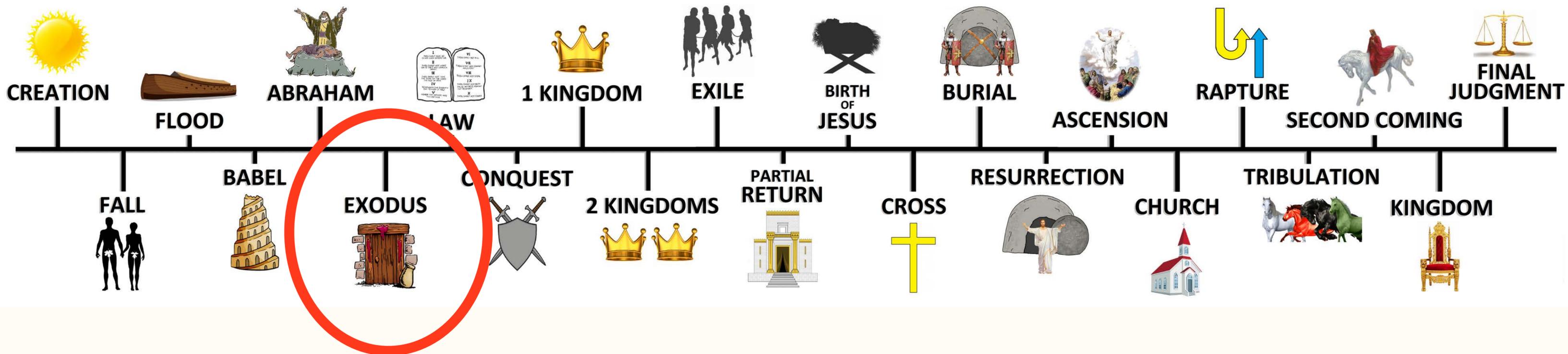
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# Lesson 13: Mount Sinai—The Law

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Lesson 13A: Mount Sinai—The Law



## Divine Institutions

1. Responsible choice
2. Marriage
3. Family
4. Human government
5. Nations and boundaries
6. Israel

## **Outline: Lesson 12B**

**Five Lessons we learned from the Flood repeated in the Exodus!**

- 1. Grace before judgment**
- 2. Whom to save, whom to judge**
- 3. Only one way of salvation**
- 4. Man and creation impacted**
- 5. How to be saved: by faith alone**

**Blood Atonement**

**Our Response to the Word of God**

**Where do People go When They Die?**

- 1. Before the Cross**
- 2. After the Cross**

## **Outline: Lesson 13A**

**Israel, God's Son**

**Rules to Live by: Mosaic Law**

**Parties involved**

**Promises**

**Question: Is it true that history can be explained by human actions or is God overseeing history?**

- **How God directs history**
- **Israel is *Yahweh's* mouthpiece to the world**

**Signatories (the ones who sign)**

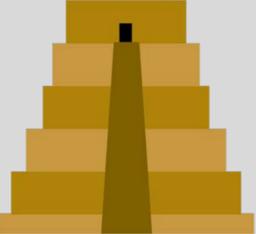
**Founding sacrifice**

**Type of contract**

**The reason God gave the Israelites for obeying the Law:**

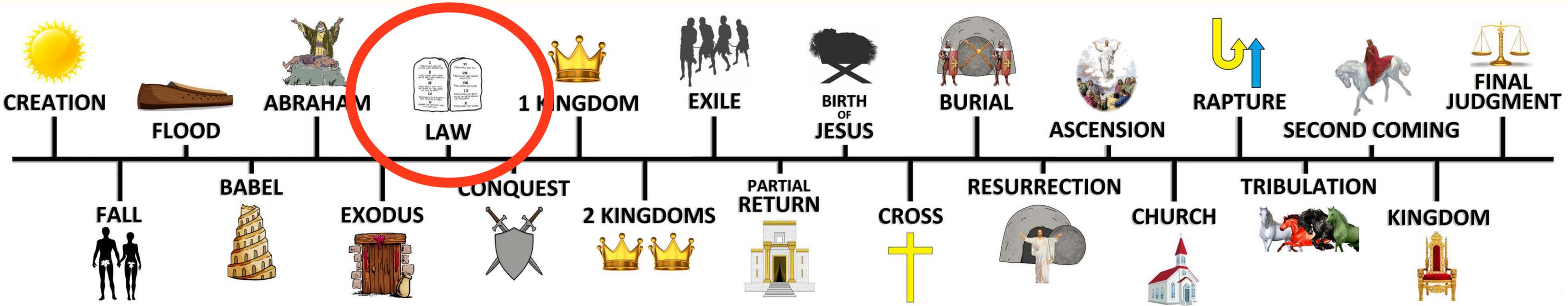
**Gratitude**

# Exodus: A Confrontation Between the Kingdom of Man and the Kingdom of God

<b>Pagan Kingdom of Man</b> Based on WORKS Man would save himself through his own ideas	<b>Kingdom of God</b> Based on GRACE God would save man
 <p>Babel</p>  <p>Egypt</p>	<b>Election</b>
	 <p>God chose Abraham</p>  <p>God saved Israel</p>

Confrontation between:

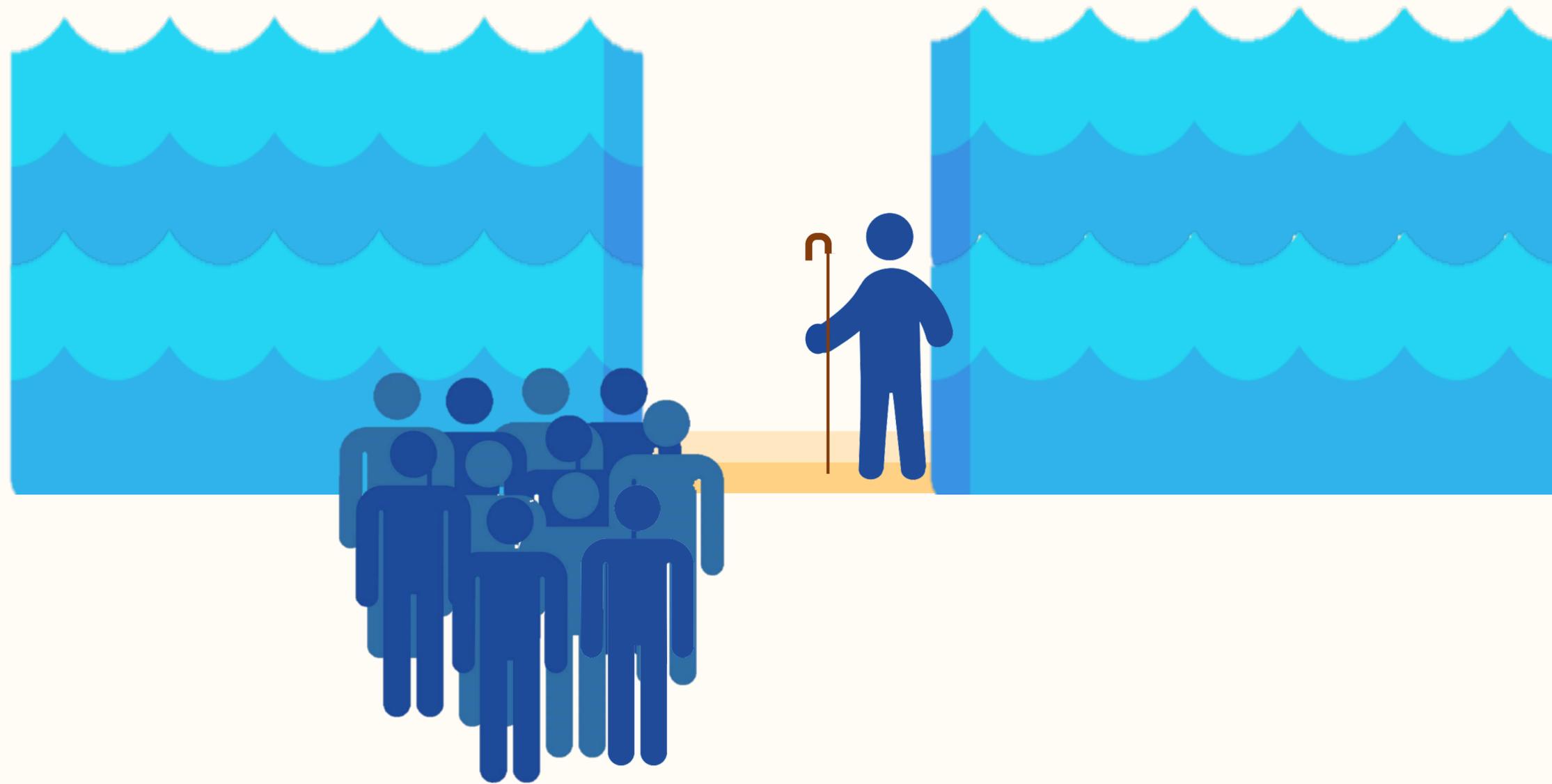
- 2 gods
- 2 belief systems
- 2 mighty ideas



**The redemption of Israel from slavery in Egypt is a picture of their national salvation.**

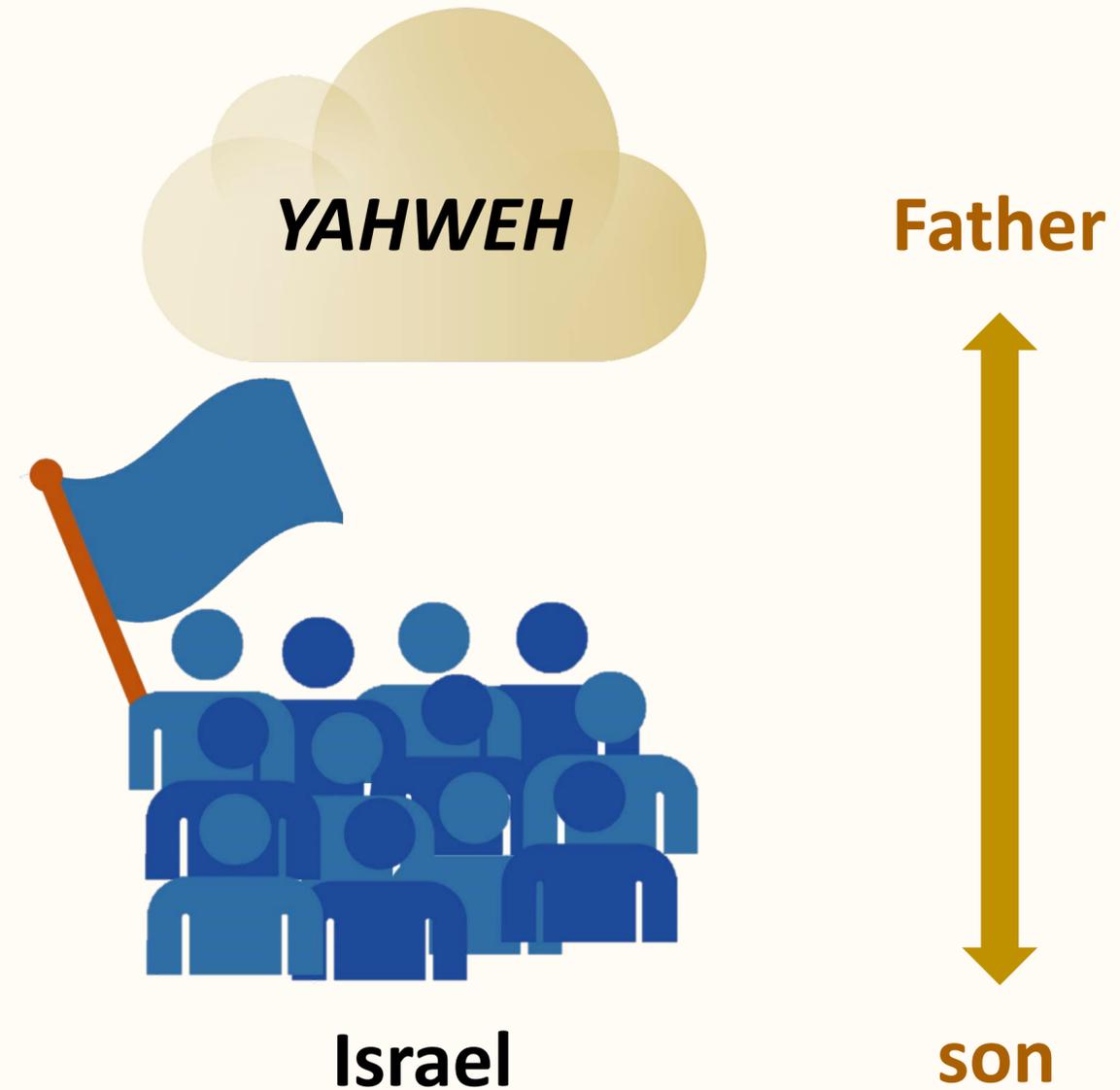
**They are viewed as saved people.**

**But how should a redeemed people live?**



# Israel, God's Son

Hos. 11:1, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”



# The Line of the Promised Seed and the Covenant



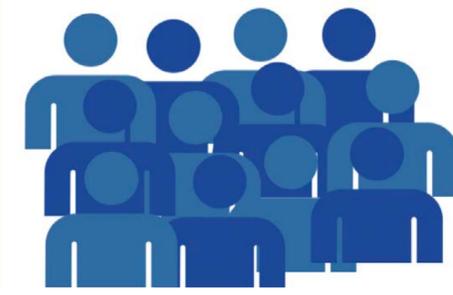
God chose Abraham



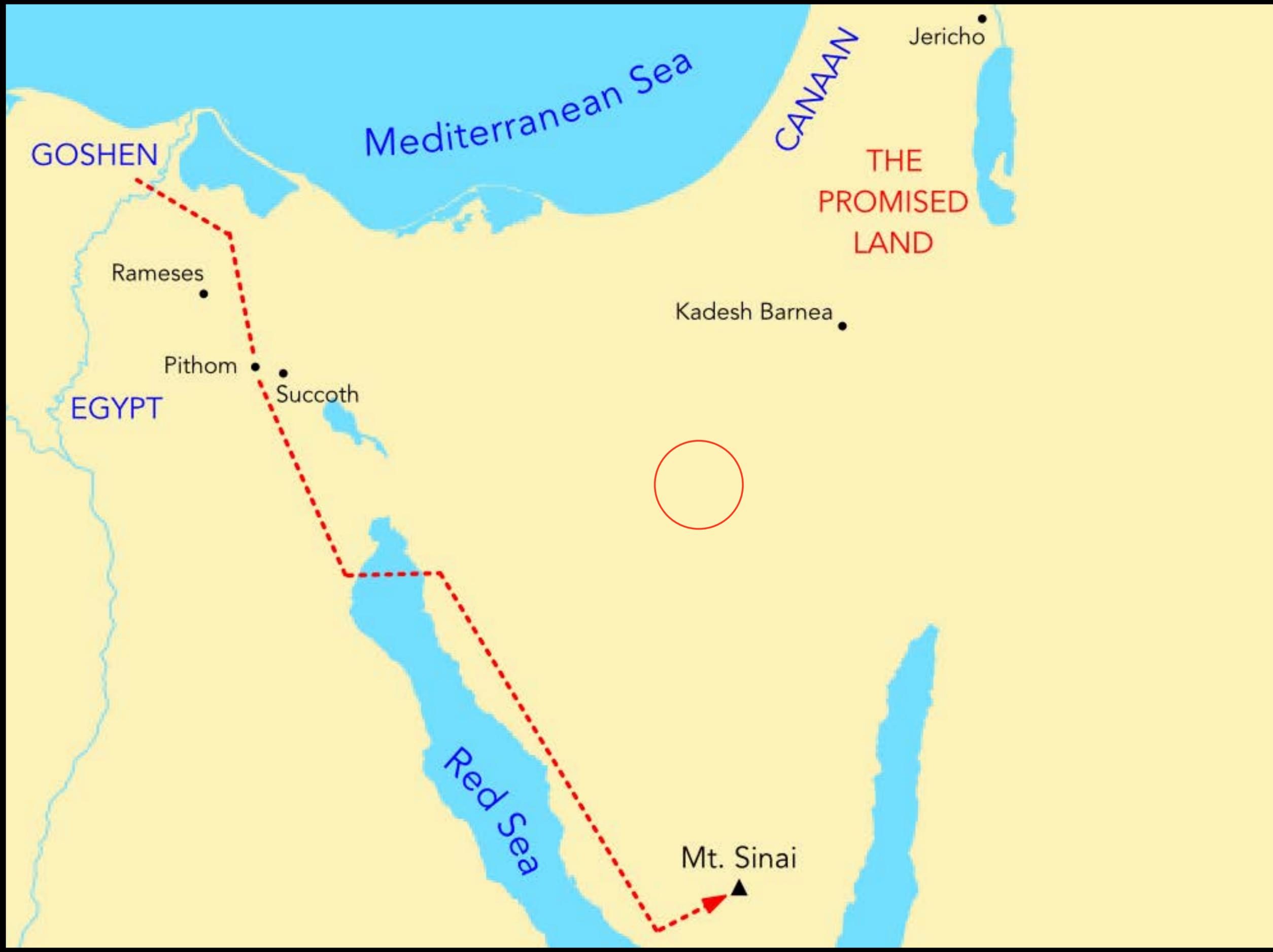
Isaac



Jacob



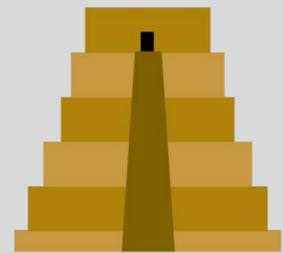
People of Israel



## Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself  
through his own ideas



**Babel**



**Egypt**

## Kingdom of God

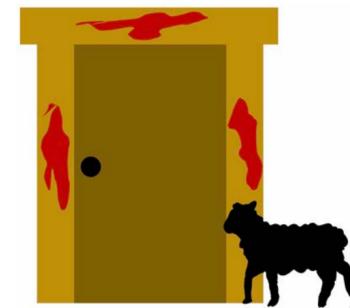
Based on GRACE

God would save man

**God's Choice**



God chose  
Abraham



God saved  
Israel



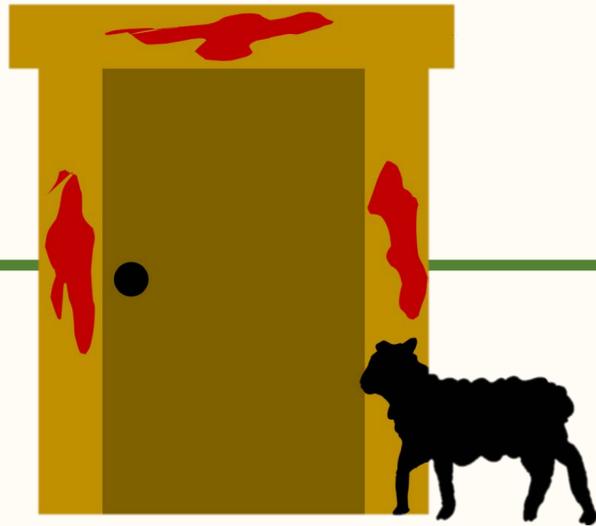
God built Israel:

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

# Rules to Live by: Mosaic Law

This happened first ...

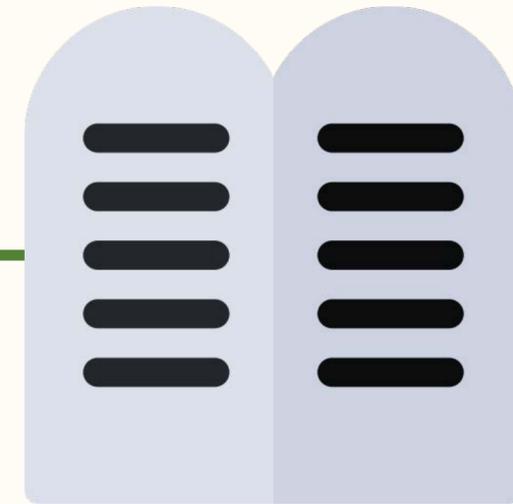
... then this happened.



**ISRAEL'S EXODUS**

Father-son relationship

**BIRTH OF A NATION/  
Salvation**



**MOUNT SINAI**

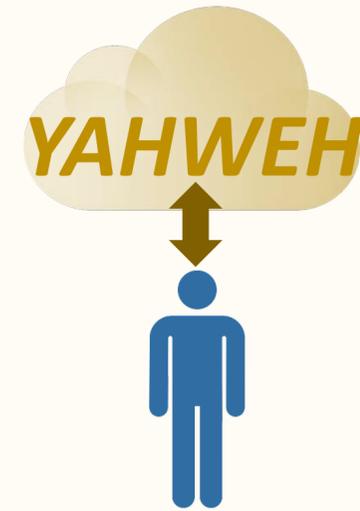
God gave the Law

**HOW A GODLY NATION LIVES/  
How a Believer Lives**



# Ten Commandments

1. Do not have any gods other than *Yahweh*.
2. Do not make idols or images and worship them.
3. Do not misuse the name of *Yahweh*.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not testify falsely.
10. Do not covet what is not yours.



Man's  
relationship  
with God



Man's  
relationship  
with each  
other

	 Noahic Covenant	 Abrahamic Covenant	 Mosaic Covenant
 Parties	God, mankind, animals	God, Abraham, and descendants	God and the 12 tribes of Israel (sons of Jacob)
 Promises	No future global floods	3 Promises: Land, descendants, worldwide blessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessings for obeying all the laws</li> <li>• Cursings for disobeying the laws</li> </ul>
 Signatories	God alone (with the rainbow)	God alone (with the animal halves) no conditions for Abraham	God (with the sign of the Sabbath)
 Founding sacrifice	Genesis 8:20–22	Genesis 15:9–11	Exodus 24:4–8
 Type	Unconditional/ Permanent	Unconditional/ Permanent	Conditional/Temporary



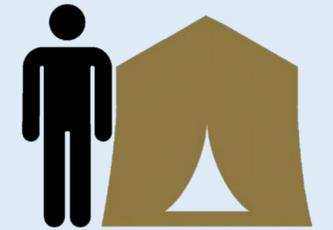
Noahic  
Covenant



Parties involved



Abrahamic Covenant



Abraham

Ishmael X

6 sons of Keturah X

Isaac

Esau X

Jacob

12 sons (tribes) of Israel



Mosaic Covenant

# PROMISES



**In the Noahic and Abrahamic Covenants, the focus was on God's promises and His sovereign assurance that He would fulfill them.**

**In the Mosaic Covenant, the focus is on God's righteous expectations of His people.**

- What does it mean to be God's son?**
- Now that they are God's son, what are the "family responsibilities" and "house rules"?**
- How are they supposed to relate to God as Father?**
- How are they supposed to relate to each other as siblings?**



**Noahic  
Covenant**



**Abrahamic  
Covenant**



**Mosaic  
Covenant**

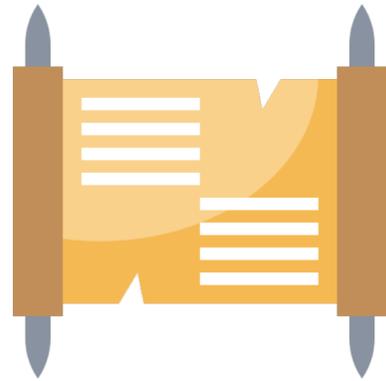
**YAHWEH**

**What God WOULD DO for mankind**



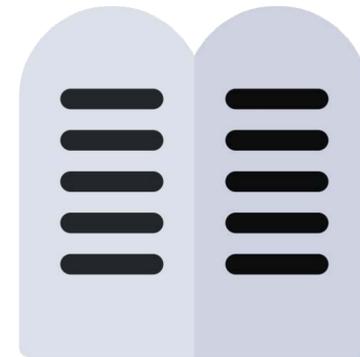
**What GOD EXPECTS of His people**

Moses wrote down



**The Book of the Law**

God wrote down



**The Ten Commandments**



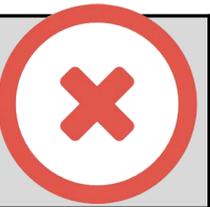
**Blessings for keeping**

**Leviticus 26:1–13 (also Deuteronomy 28:1–14)**

**Blessings include:**

- Economic prosperity, good weather, and cooperative nature (v4–5)
- Military success and peace (v6–8)
- Population growth (v9)
- God’s continued presence with them (v11–12)

**Cursings for breaking the covenant**



**Leviticus 26:14–46 (also Deuteronomy 28:15–68)**

**5 Stages of disciplines or cursings:**

- Stage 1:** Disease and sickness (physical and psychological), military defeat, economic disaster (v14–17)
- Stage 2:** Famine (v18–20)
- Stage 3: Death of children** and livestock, population decrease (v21–22)
- Stage 4:** Starvation, epidemics, ***crushing military defeat*** (v23–26)
- Stage 5:** Cannibalism, death, enemy invasion, exile, terror and psychological problems, God’s presence removed from them (v27–39)

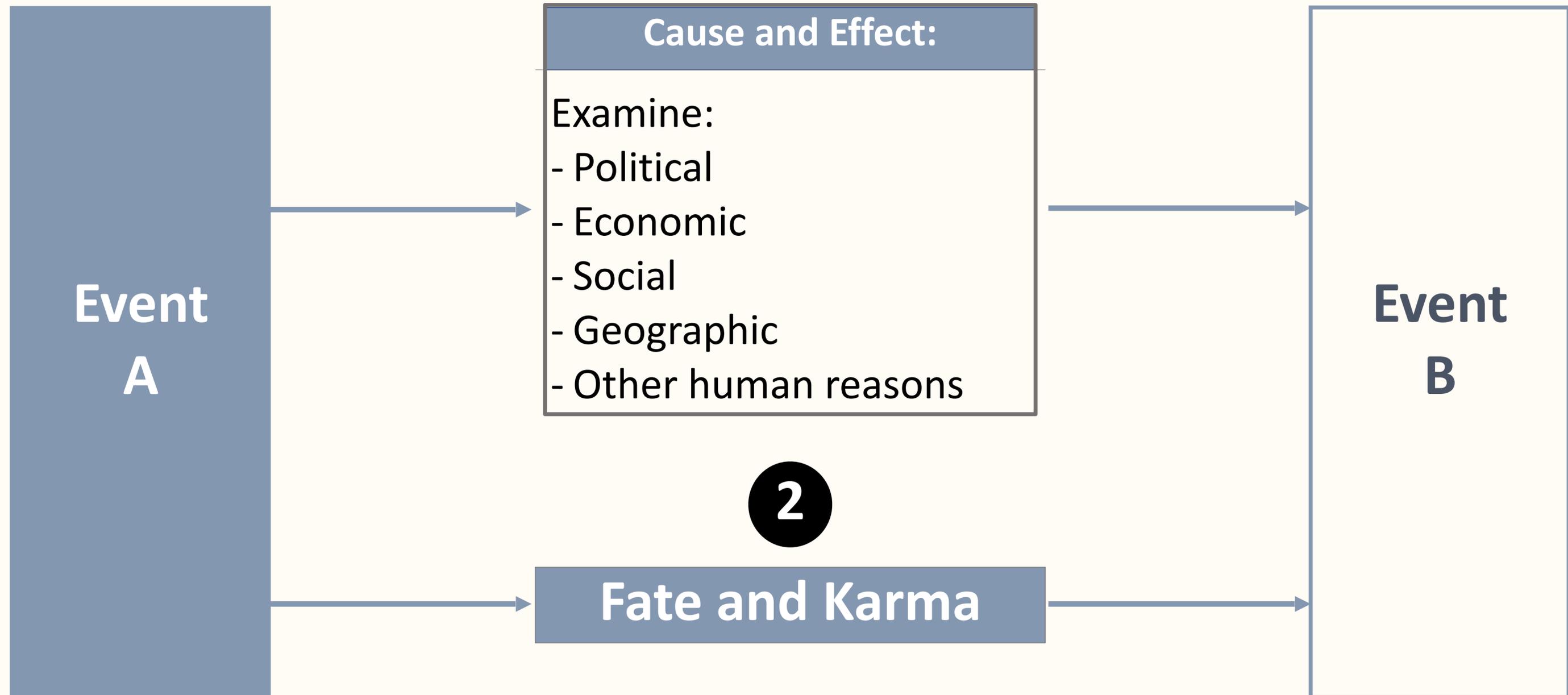
**Ex. 34:6, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,**

**Ex. 34:7, “ ‘keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.’ ”**

**Question: Some people claim that history can be explained by human actions. They say that history has no connection to any “god”. Is this true?**

# How the pagan world approaches analyzing history

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## **Israel is *Yahweh's* mouthpiece to the world**

***Yahweh* tells us He is the sovereign God of all things, including history. He is actively directing the history of the world, and in particular, the history of Israel.**

- Why did Israel suffer losses in its wars?**
- Why did Israel suffer storms?**
- Why did their crops fail?**
- Why did so many Israelites get killed by terrible diseases?**
- Why did the people of Israel lose their land and get exiled into another land?**

**The answer: God's enforcement of the Mosaic Covenant with Israel is what shaped history.**

**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.’ ”

# How God directs history



## Mosaic Covenant



Israel obeys



Blessings



Israel rebels

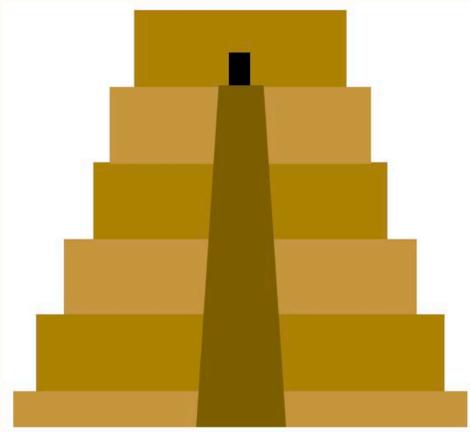


Cursings



Impact on other nations

**Israel is *Yahweh's* mouthpiece to the world**



**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.

**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.



**Ex. 19:3, “And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:**

**Ex. 19:4, “ ‘ “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.**

**Ex. 19:5, “ ‘ “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.**

**Ex. 19:6, “ ‘ “And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.’ ”**

**Amos 3:7, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”**

## Signatories (the Ones Who Sign)

**Ex. 31:12**, “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**Ex. 31:13**, “ ‘Speak also to the children of Israel, saying:  
*“Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign  
between Me and you throughout your generations, that  
you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.” ’ ”*

**Ex. 20:8, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

**Ex. 20:9, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,**

**Ex. 20:10, “but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.**

**Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**

# Ancient Near-East Treaties

**Terms of the treaty - - -**

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**Terms of the treaty**

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**1**

**You  
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have  
no**

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**You  
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**You  
shall  
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**4**

**REMEMBER  
THE  
SABBATH**

**5**

**Honor  
your**

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