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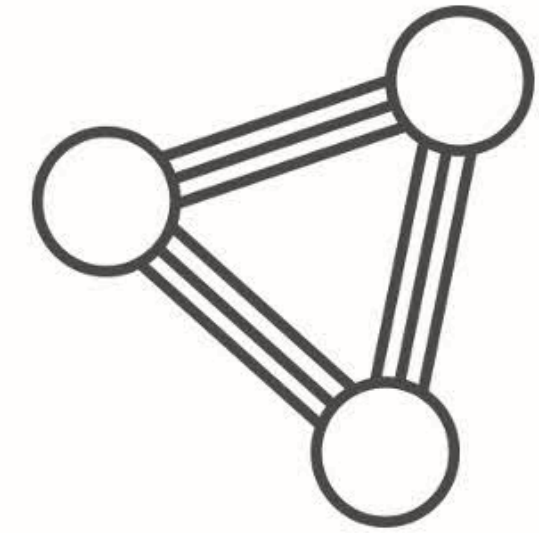
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Lesson 13: Mount Sinai—The Law

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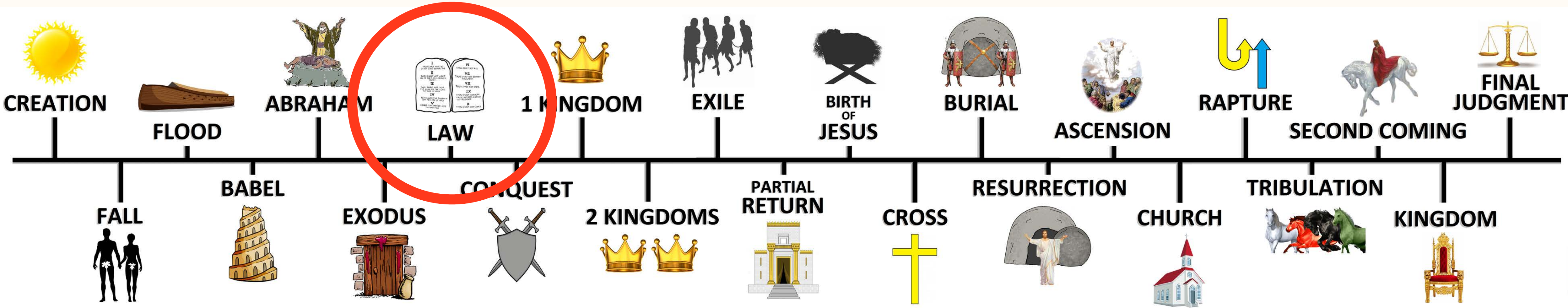


Lesson 13A: Mount Sinai—The Law

Lesson 13B: Sabbath

Sacrifice

The Nature of the Law



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

Outline: Lesson 13B

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Type of Contract

**The Reason God Gave the Israelites for Obeying the Law:
Gratitude.**

God's Law is Personal

How did Israel Respond to the Covenant?

The Witnesses

The Prosecuting Attorneys

Exodus before Sinai: Salvation before Relationship

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 - - -



Terms of the treaty

1

**You
shall
have
no**

2

**You
shall
not**

3

**You
shall
not**

4

**REMEMBER
THE
SABBATH**

5

**Honor
your**

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**You
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Founding Sacrifice

Sinful man cannot enter into a contract with the Righteous God



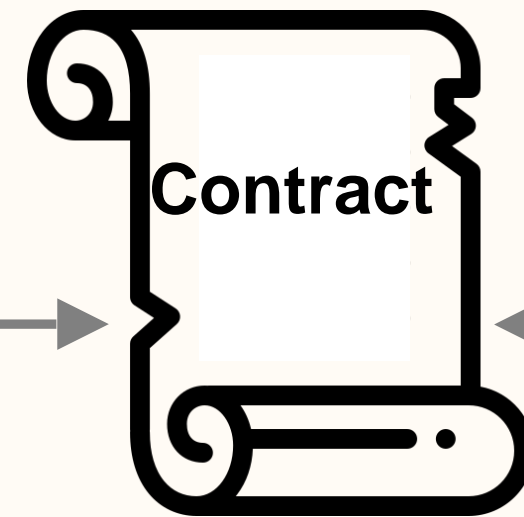
Yahweh


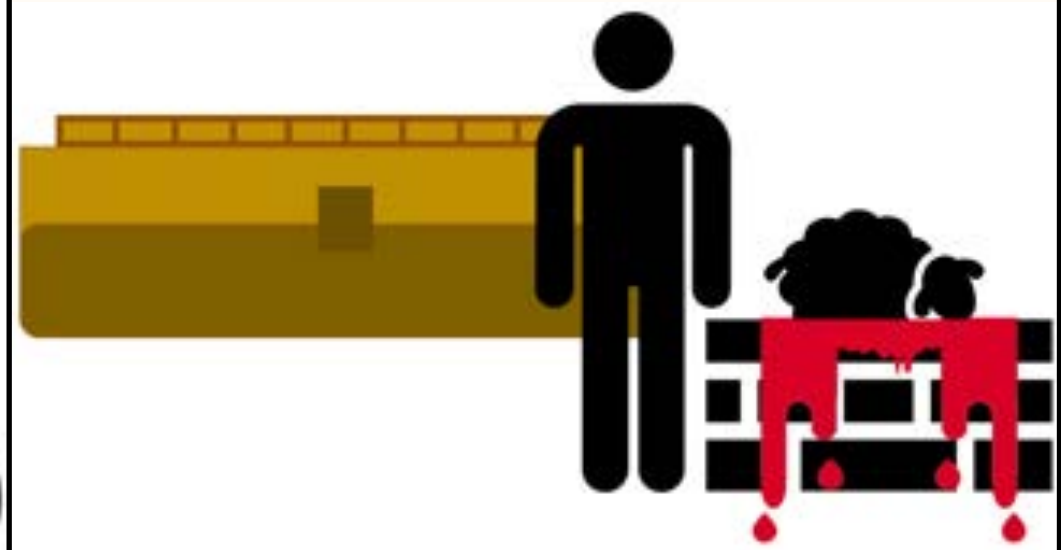


**Righteous
God**



**Sinful
man**

Only when an innocent sacrifice dies in place of sinful man, then man can be made righteous. Only then can he enter into a contract with *Yahweh*.



Covenant	Initiating Sacrifice	Scripture Reference
<p>New World (or Noahic)</p> 	 <p>Noah sacrificed groups of clean animals.</p>	<p>Genesis 8:20–22</p> <p>20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose. 21 And the LORD was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things. 22 As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night.”</p>
<p>Abrahamic</p> 	<p>Abraham sacrificed a heifer, goat, ram, turtledove, and pigeon. (These animals also served as God’s signature.)</p> 	<p>Genesis 15:9–10</p> <p>9 The LORD told 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.” 10 So Abram presented all these to him and killed them. Then he cut each animal down the middle and laid the halves side by side; he did not, however, cut the birds in half.</p>






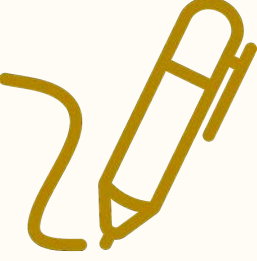


Ex. 24:4, “And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ex. 24:5, “Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

Ex. 24:6, “And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Ex. 24:7, “Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, ‘All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.’

Ex. 24:8, “And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.’ ”

	 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"> • Blessings for obeying all the laws • Cursings for disobeying the laws
 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

The Reason God Gave the Israelites for Obeying the Law: Gratitude

Ex. 20:2, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Ex. 20:3, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

The Reason God Gave the Israelites for Obeying the Law: Gratitude

Deut. 4:37, “And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

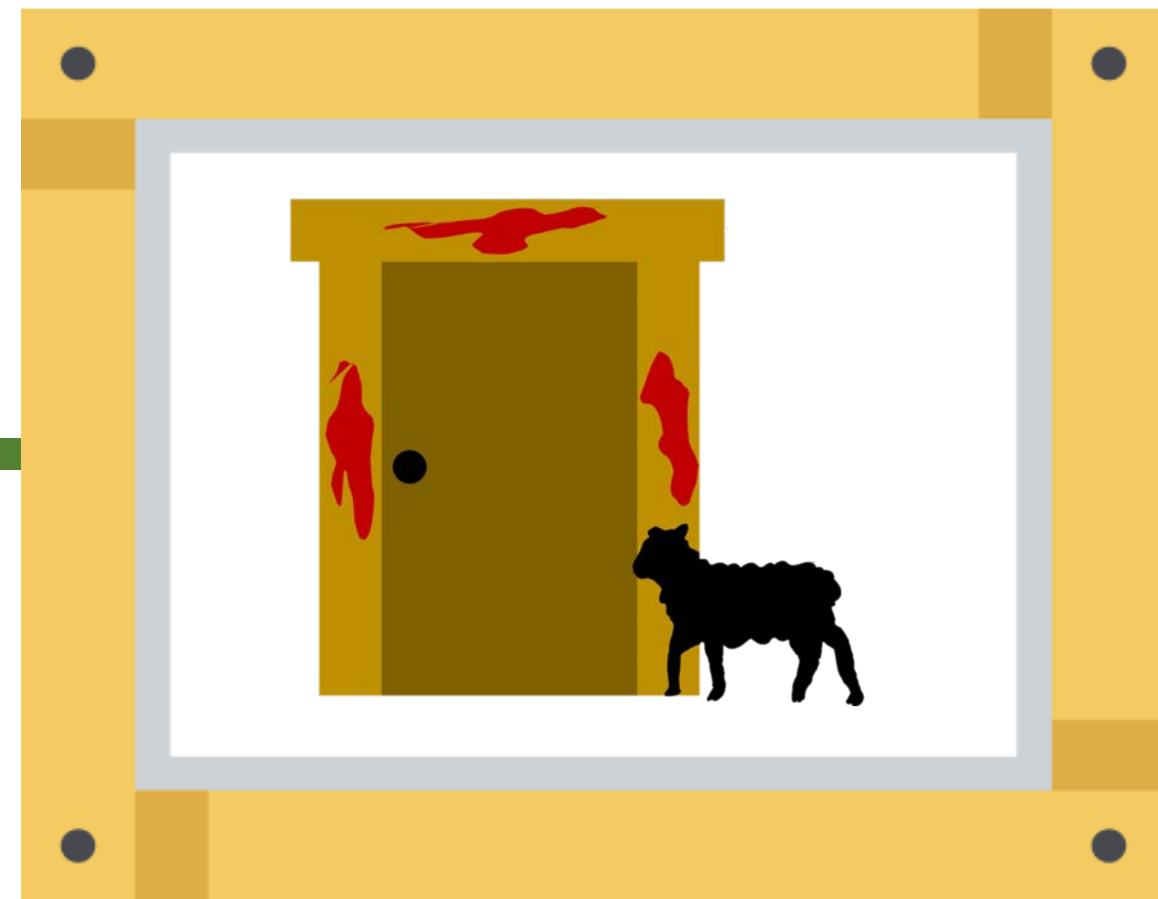
Deut. 4:38, “driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,

Deut. 4:39, “know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deut. 4:40, “Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

This happened first ...

... then this happened.



ISRAEL'S EXODUS

A picture of Salvation

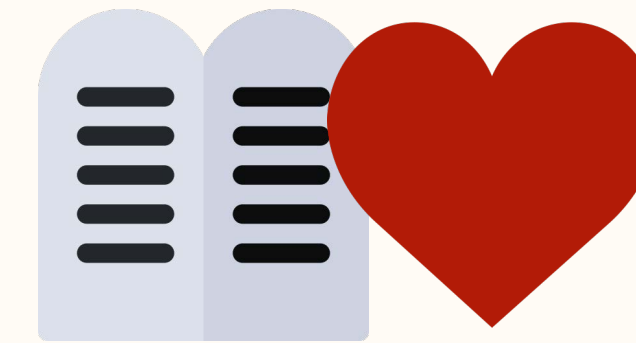


GOD GAVE THE LAW

A picture of Relationship



God's Law is Personal



	Typical understanding of “law”	God’s Law
Format	Impersonal code of rules: “if you do this ... then the punishment is ...”	Personal address by God to man’s heart and to the heart of the nation
Scope	External only. Something that a policeman or lawyer can observe	Internal (hearts) and external (behavior)
Reason to obey	Avoid punishment	Gratitude

Rom. 7:12, “Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”

Ex. 22:1, “If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.”

Deut. 10:12, “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut. 10:13, “and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”

Deut. 10:14, “Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

Deut. 10:15, “The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.”

Deut. 10:16, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Deut. 10:17, “For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

Deut. 10:18, “He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

Deut. 10:19, “Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

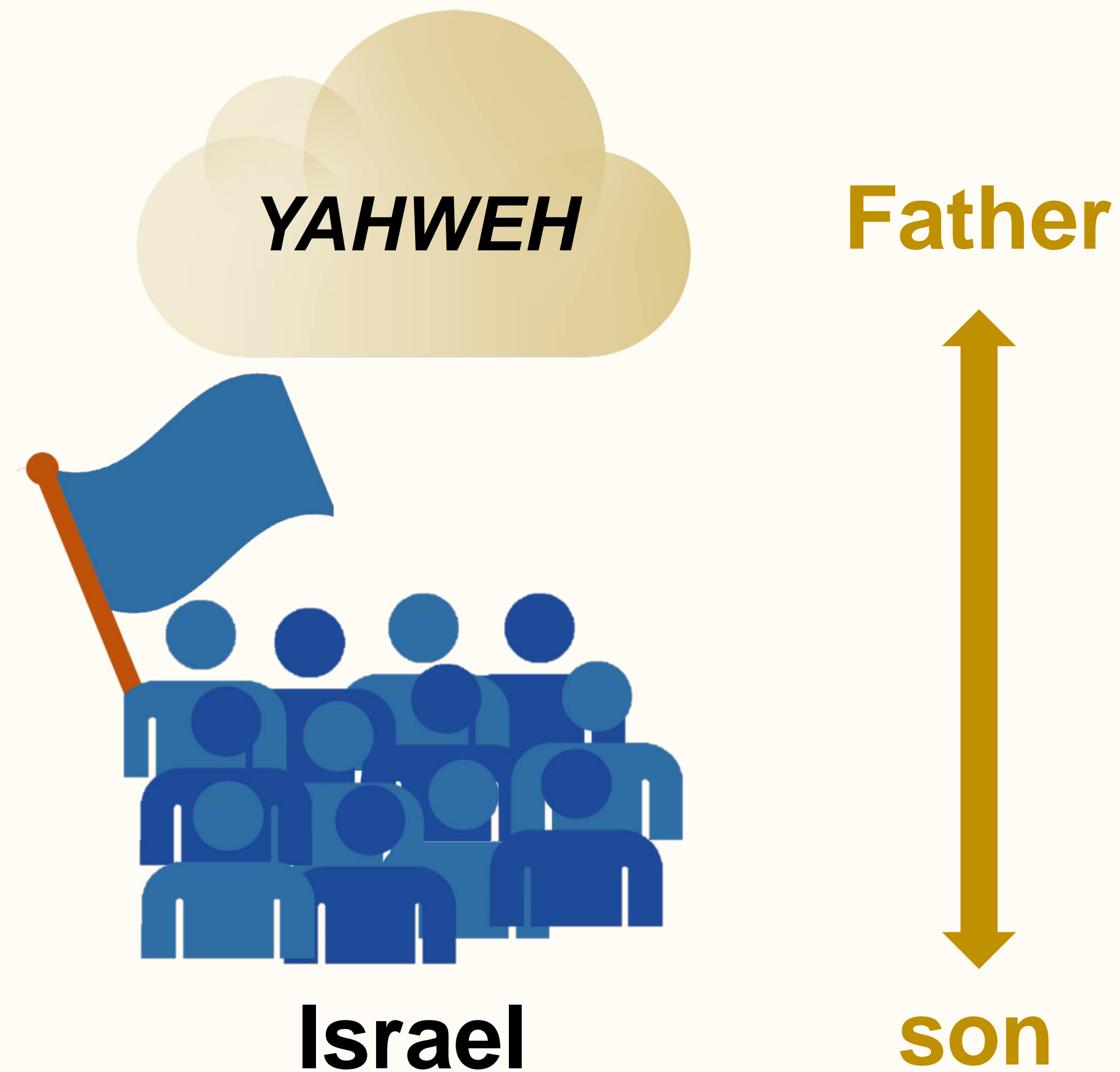
Deut. 10:20, “You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.”

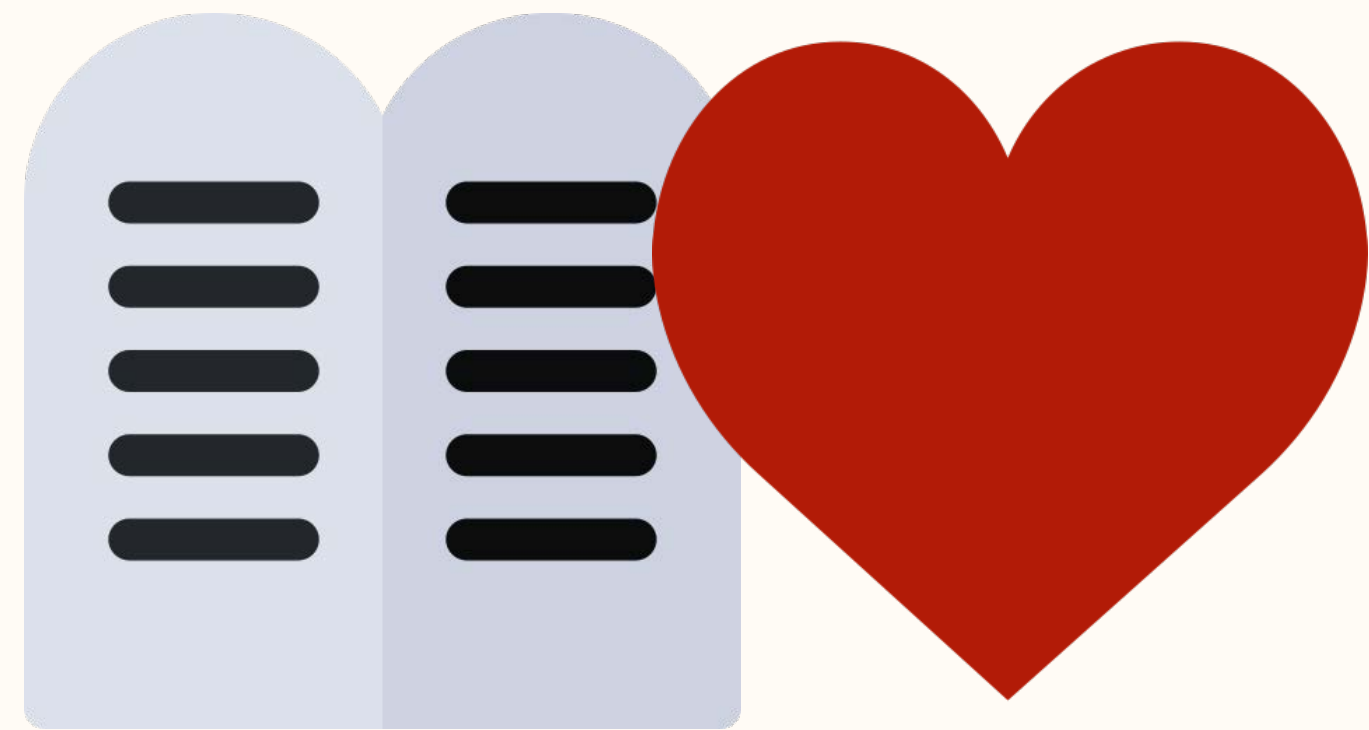
Deut. 10:21, “He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.”

Deut. 10:22, “Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.”

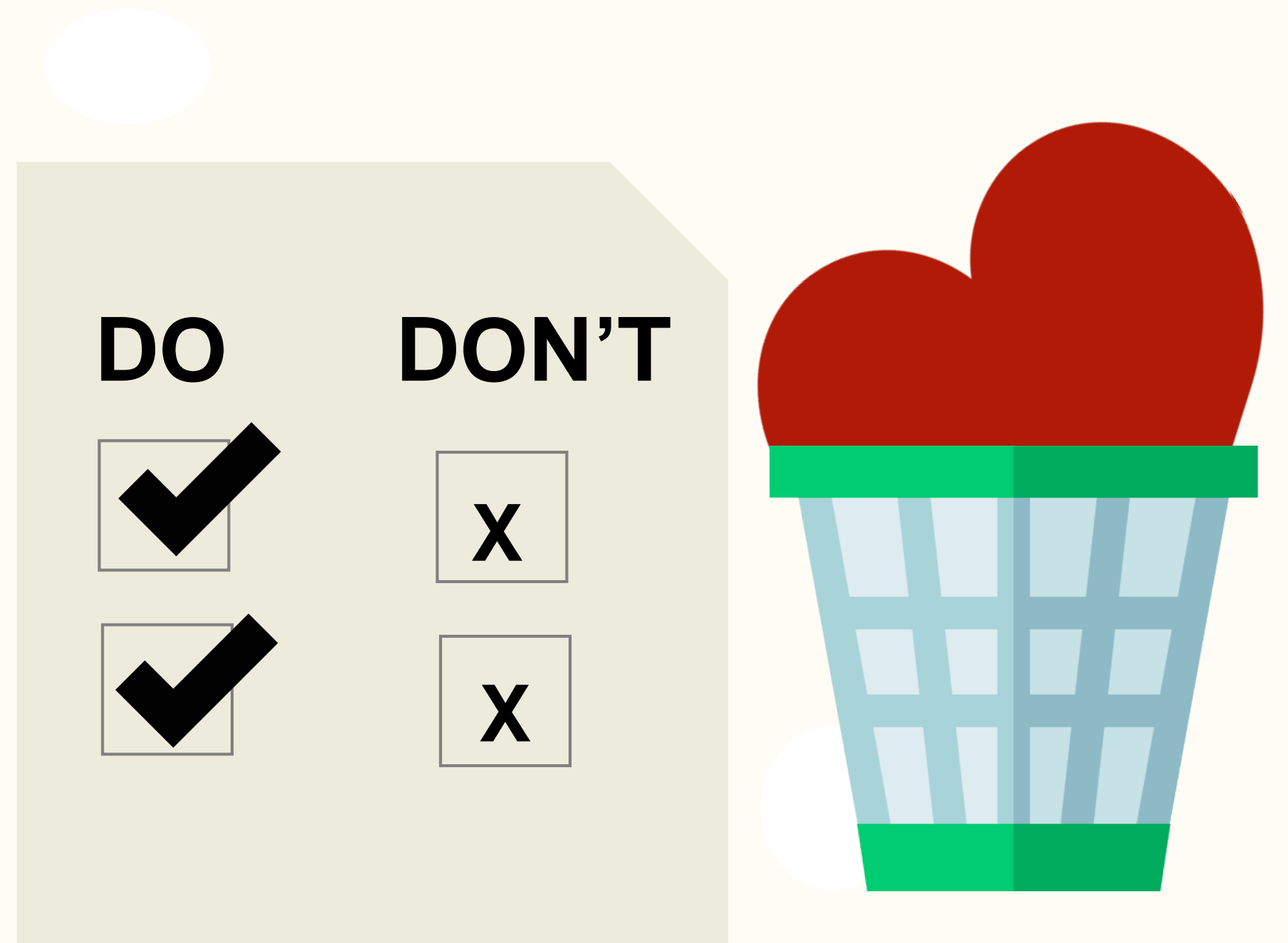
1 Sam. 16:7, “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’ ”

Isa. 29:13, “Therefore the Lord said: ‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men.’ ”





God's Intent for the Law



Misunderstanding of God's Law

Mark 3:1, “And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

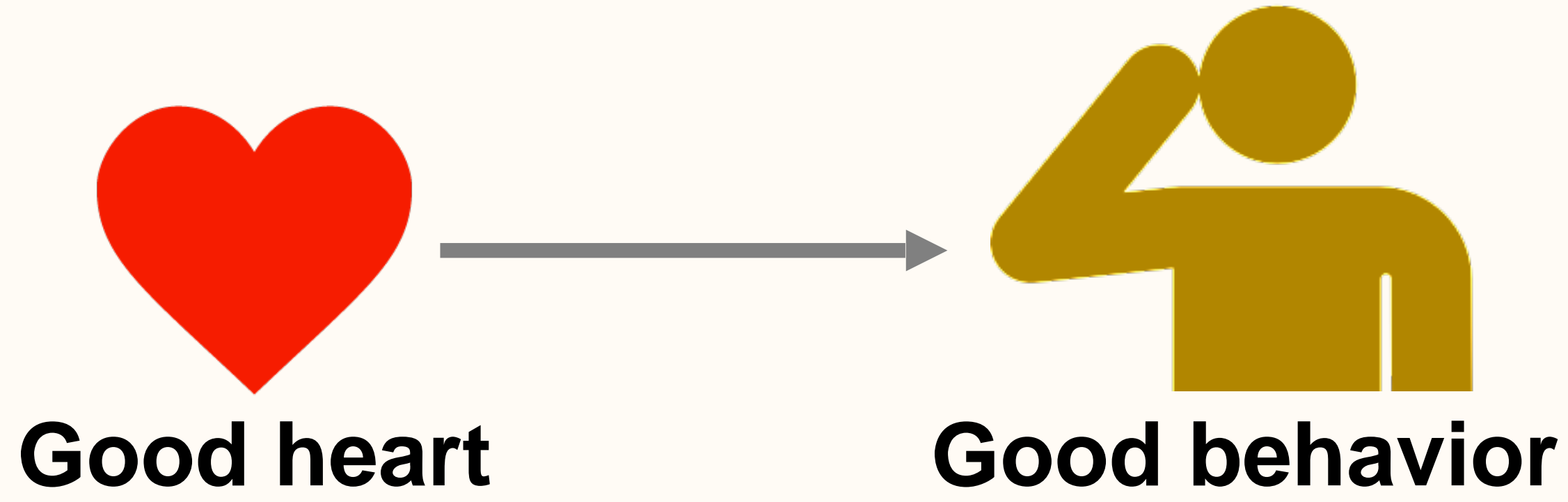
Mark 3:2, “So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

Mark 3:3, “And He said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Step forward.’

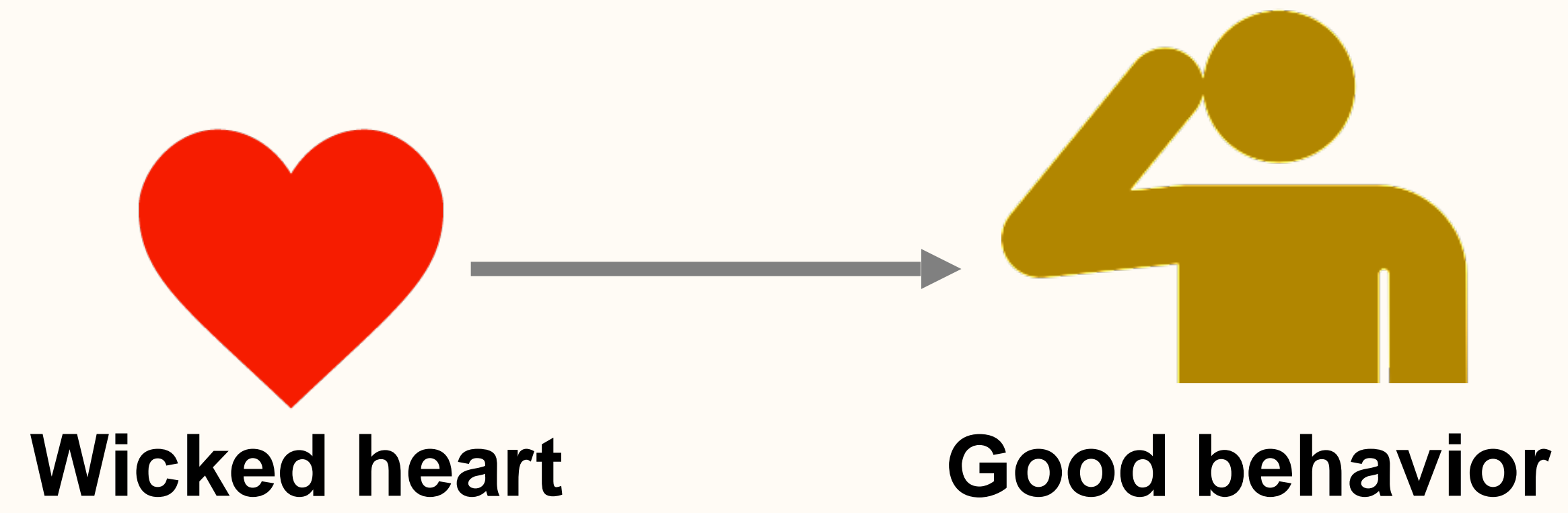
Mark 3:4, “Then He said to them, ‘Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?’ But they kept silent.

Mark 3:5, “And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Mark 3:6, “Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.”



 **God is pleased**



 **God is NOT pleased**

Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

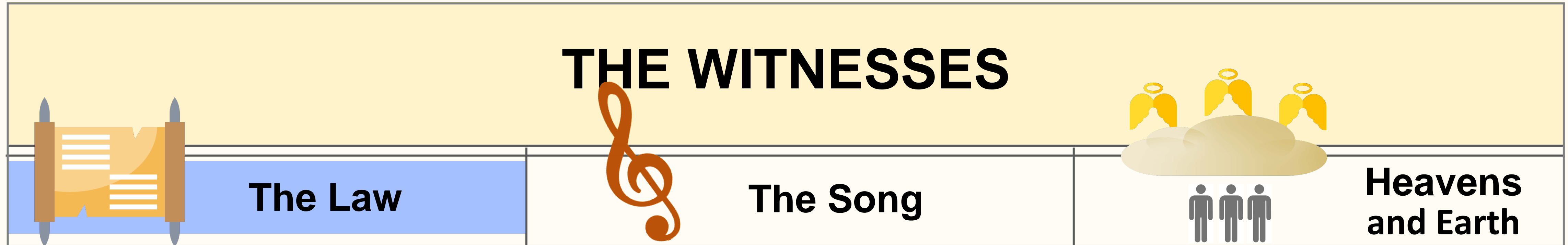
Jer. 17:10, “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

How did Israel Respond to the Covenant?

Ex. 24:7, “Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, ‘All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.’ ”

The Witnesses

1. Book of the Law

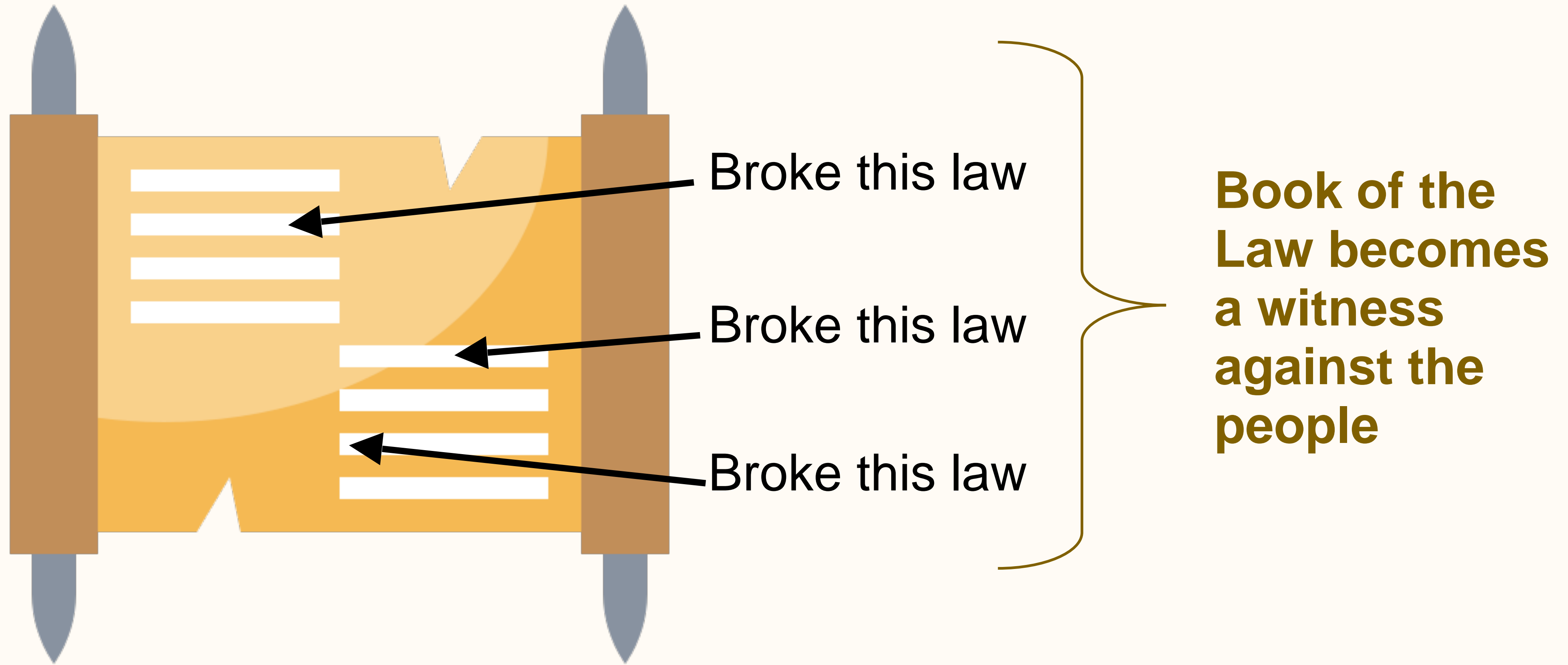


Deut. 31:24, “So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished,

Deut. 31:25, “that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying:

Deut. 31:26, “ ‘Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;’ ”

Book of the Law



The Witnesses

1. Book of the Law



Deut. 31:19, “Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.

Deut. 31:20, “ ‘When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.

Deut. 31:21, “ ‘Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.’

Deut. 31:22, “Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.”

The Witnesses

1. Book of the Law



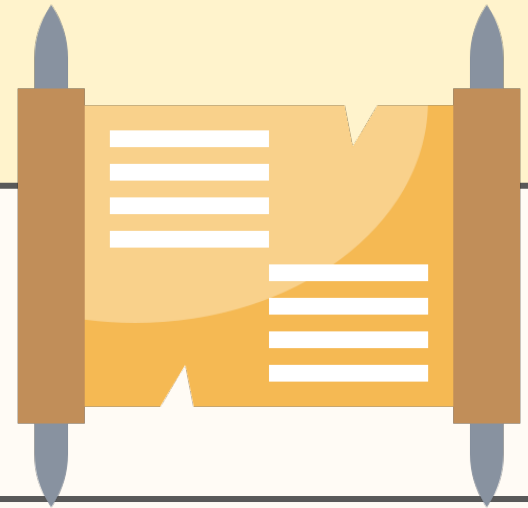
Deut. 31:28, “Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them.



Deut. 31:29, “For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.”

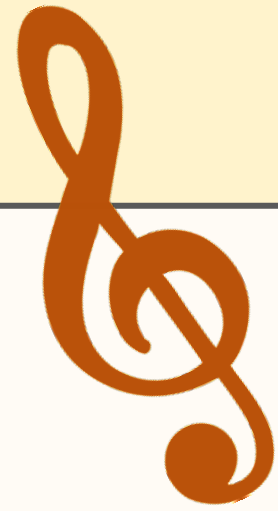
Deut. 32:1, “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.”

THE WITNESSES



The Law

This is the **contract**. It gives the standard of righteousness that God and the people agreed on.



The Song

This is the **prophetic testimony** of what the Israelites will do in the future concerning the Law.



Heavens and Earth

This is the **third-party testimony**. People looking at how the Israelites behaved can tell if they kept the law or not.

THE VERDICT: ISRAEL FAILED



The Law

This contract was read aloud every 7 years to all the people so the Israelites knew for sure they were breaking the contract.



The Song

The song prophesied that the Israelites would break the contract and they did. The song was a bad testimony for them.



Heavens and Earth

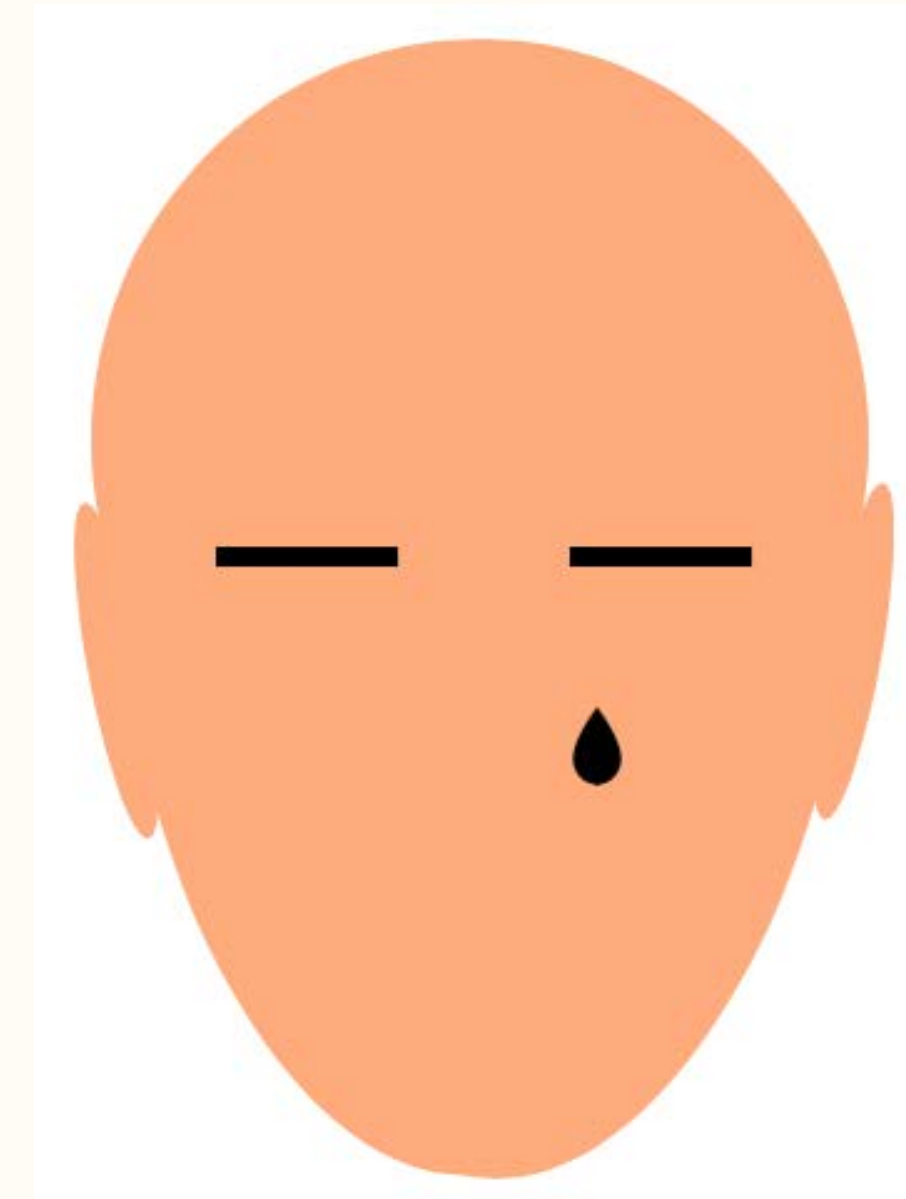
People looking at how the Israelites behaved could tell that they broke God's Law. They saw that Israel failed.

The Prosecuting Attorneys

Isa. 1:2, “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me;

Isa. 1:3, “ ‘The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider.’ ”

God’s lawyers



**are the
PROPHETS**

Exodus before Sinai: Salvation before Relationship

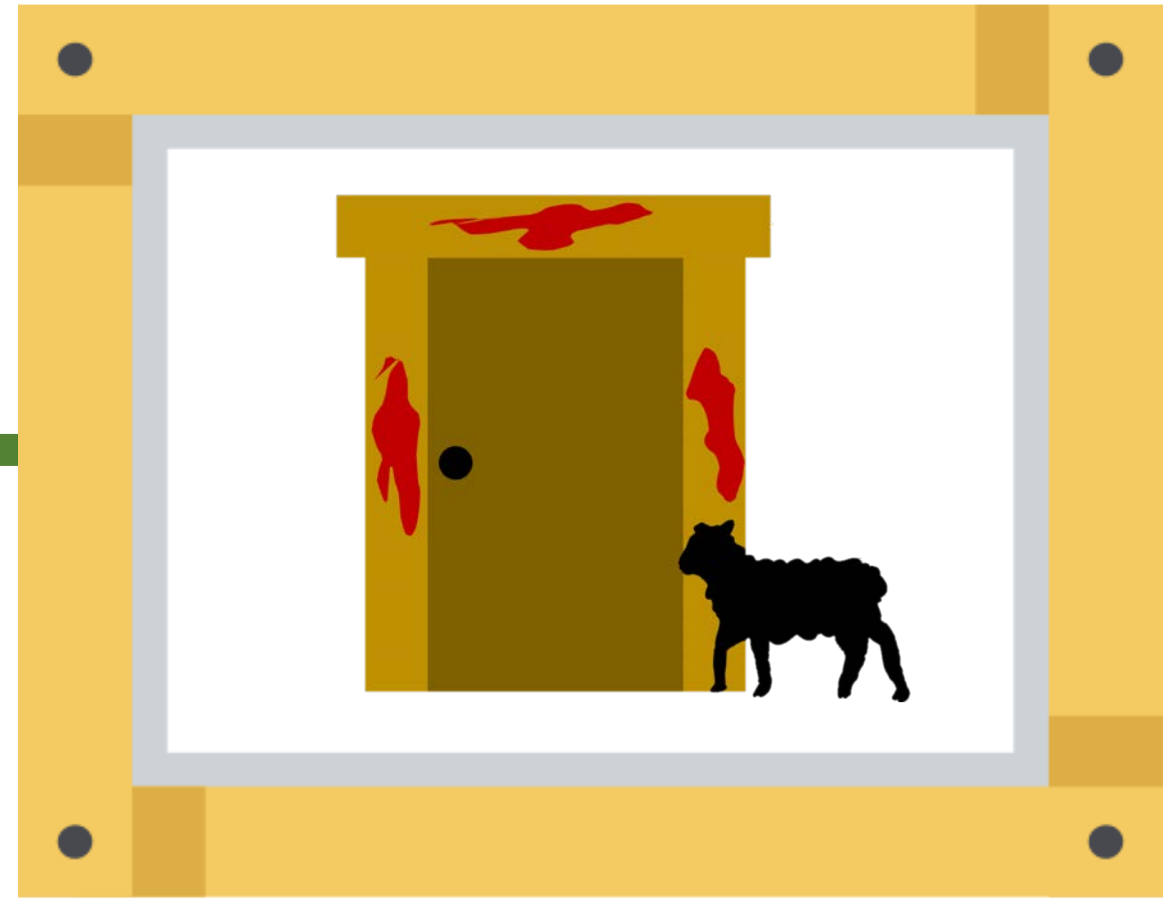
First: Exodus

Then: Mount Sinai

Only after the people were saved, then God gave the Israelites the Law at Mount Sinai.

- The Law came after the Exodus, after God saved them, after salvation.**
- God saved them and then later, He appealed to them to be obedient to Him out of gratitude for what He had done for them.**
- God spoke to them about what a good relationship with Him would look like.**

This happened first ...



ISRAEL'S EXODUS

A picture of Salvation

- *Yahweh* invited people to trust Him.
- *Yahweh* saved them.
- *Yahweh* showed them His grace.

... then this happened.

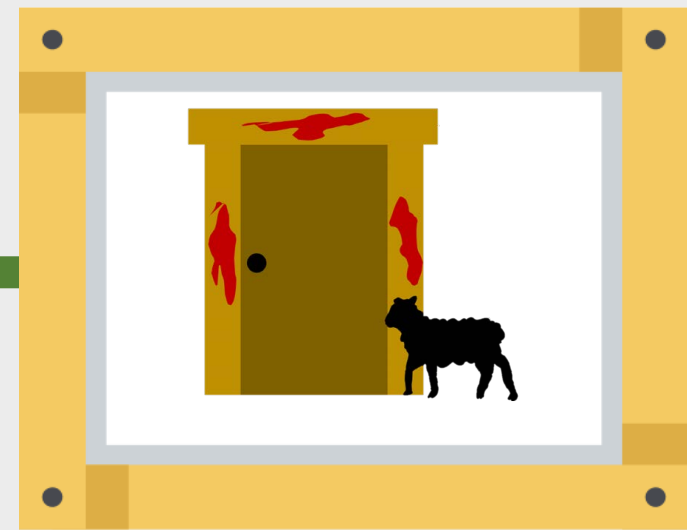


GOD GAVE THE LAW

A picture of Relationship

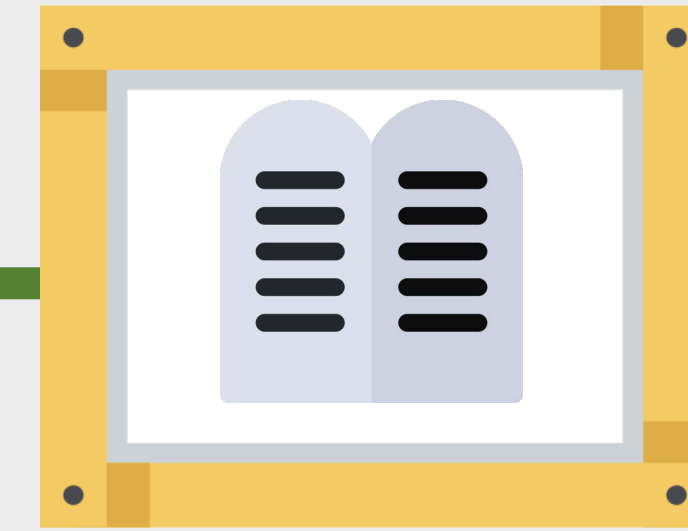
- God appeals for the people's obedience out of gratitude.
- He tells people how to live holy lives as His children: what it means to love Him and love others.

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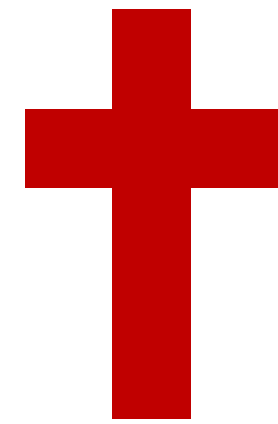


ISRAEL'S EXODUS

... then this happened.



GOD GAVE THE LAW



OUR "EXODUS"



THE LAW OF CHRIST

A picture of Salvation

- God invited us to trust Him.
- We trusted Him.
- God saved us.

A picture of Relationship

- God asks us to obey Him out of gratitude for saving us.
- God tells us how to live holy lives as His children: by loving Him and others.

1 Cor. 5:9, “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.

1 Cor. 5:10, “Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1 Cor. 5:11, “But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

1 Cor. 5:12, “For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?”

1 Cor. 5:13, “But those who are outside God judges. Therefore ‘put away from yourselves the evil person.’ ”