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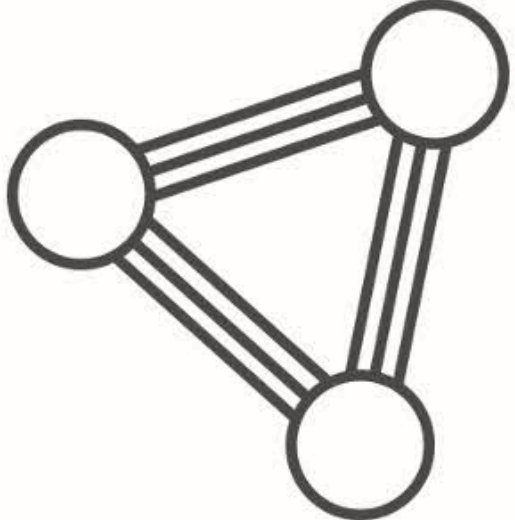
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Lesson 16: The Period of the Conquest

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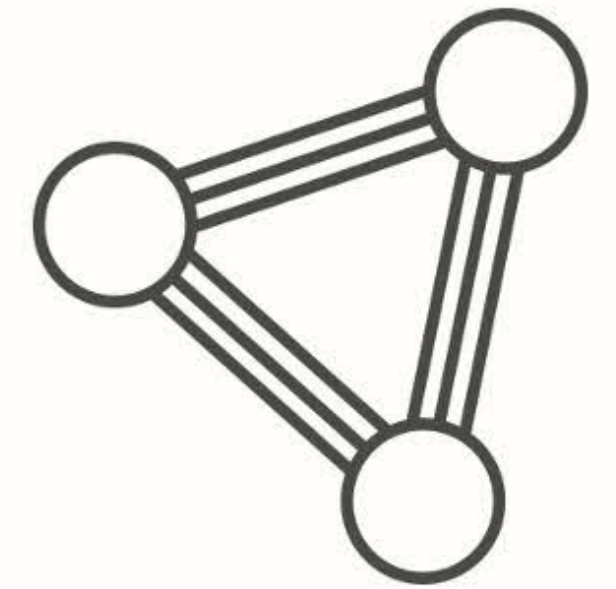
Lesson 16A Conquest

Total Destruction was Necessary

Total Destruction in God's War

God's War Foreshadows Eternal Judgment

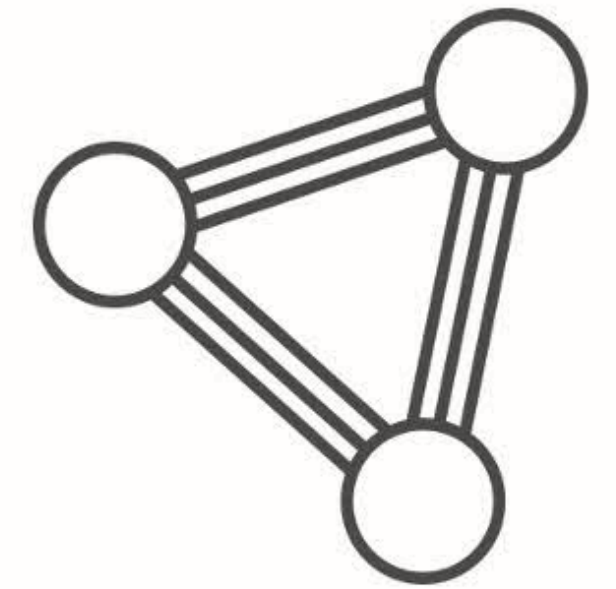
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Lesson 16: The Period of the Conquest

Lesson 16B Salvation Will be for Anyone who Puts Their Trust in *Yahweh*: Rahab, Ruth; Foreshadowing of the Final Judgment; How Can a Loving God judge so harshly? The War on God's History and Truth

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Lesson 17: Building Spiritual Life in the Israelites

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

God created the world perfect. He did not create evil, sin, pain, and suffering. All that came with the Fall.

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—”

THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS



BUILDS SOCIETY

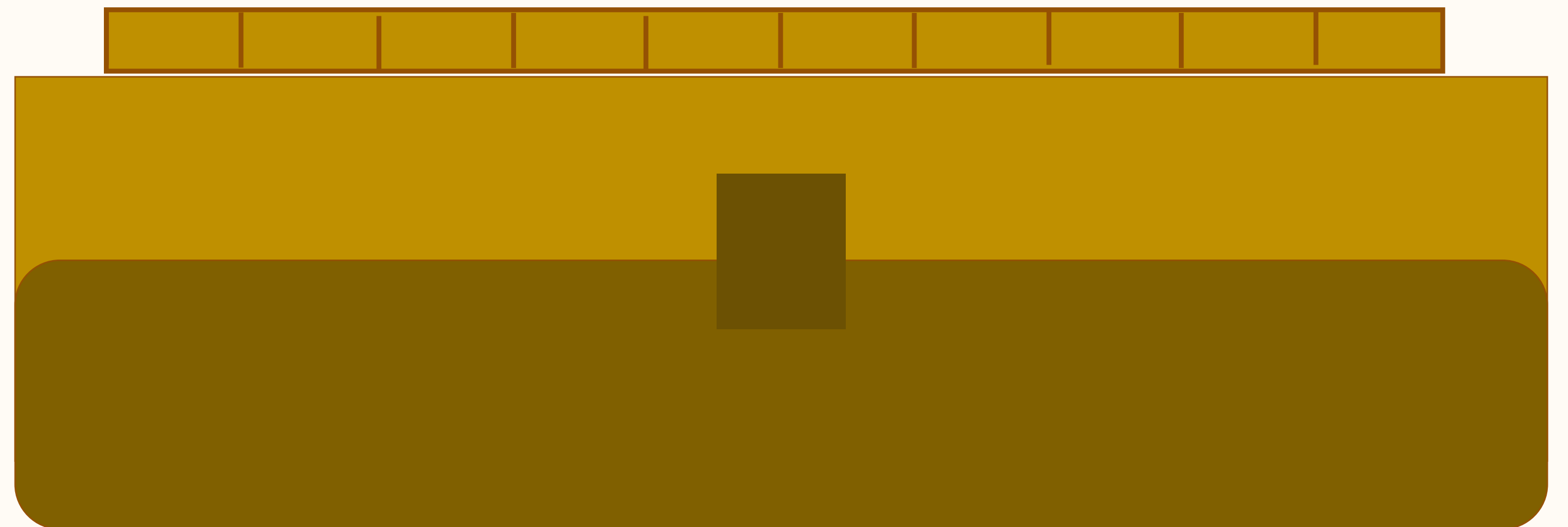
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Choice**

2. Marriage

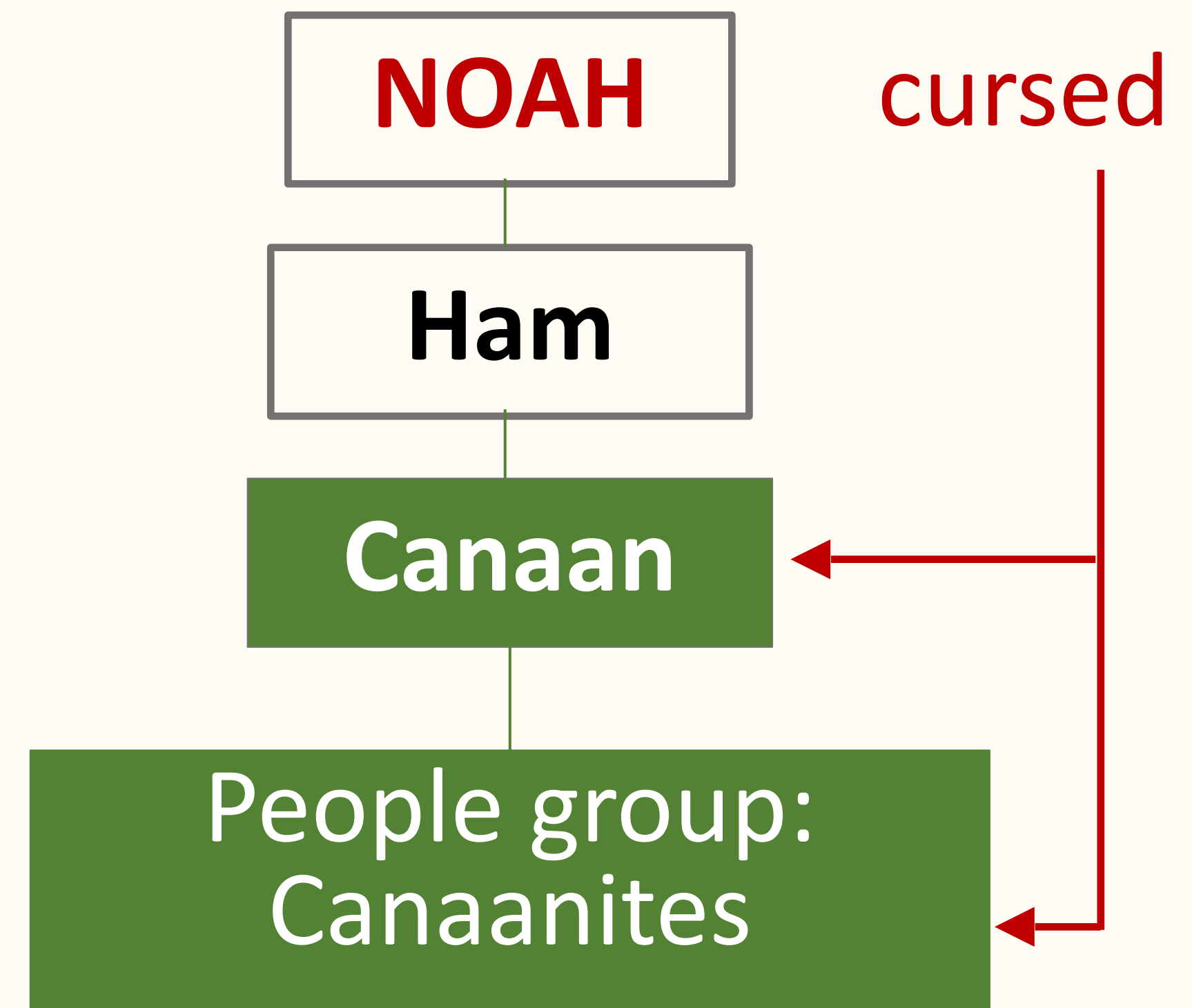
3. Family

5. Nationalism

- **God created the world perfect. He did not create evil, sin, pain, and suffering. All that came with the Fall.**
- **When mankind became too evil, God judged the whole world with the global Flood. He supernaturally destroyed all rebellious people on earth, saving only the eight who trusted Him (Noah and his family).**



- **After the Flood, Noah acted as God's prophet. Noah cursed the future people of Canaan for their evil ways (Genesis 9:20–27).** He was referring to a future day when the Canaanites would become so corrupted that God would destroy them.



THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

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BUILDS SOCIETY

**1. Responsible
Choice**

2. Marriage

3. Family

RESTRAINS SOCIETY

**4. Civil
Government**

**5. Tribal Diversity
Nations, Borders**

- **Because mankind as a whole had continually rejected God, to preserve His history and truth, God interrupted history and called Abraham out of the evil culture. From then on, God revealed Himself to Abraham instead of to everyone. He promised Abraham:**
 - (i) land,**
 - (ii) descendants, and**
 - (iii) that he would be a worldwide blessing.**

God was going to offer reconciliation to mankind through Abraham's family line.

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BUILDS SOCIETY

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Nations, Borders**

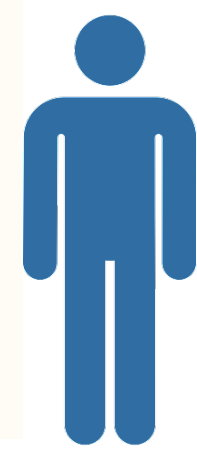
BLESSES SOCIETY

6. Israel

The Line of the Promised Seed and the Covenant



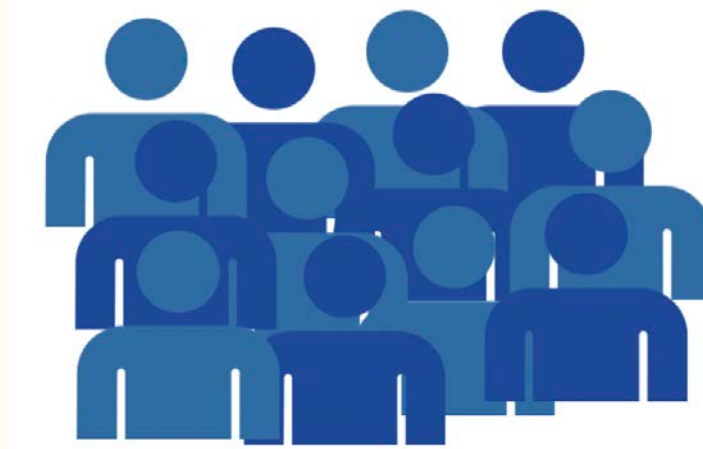
God chose Abraham



Isaac

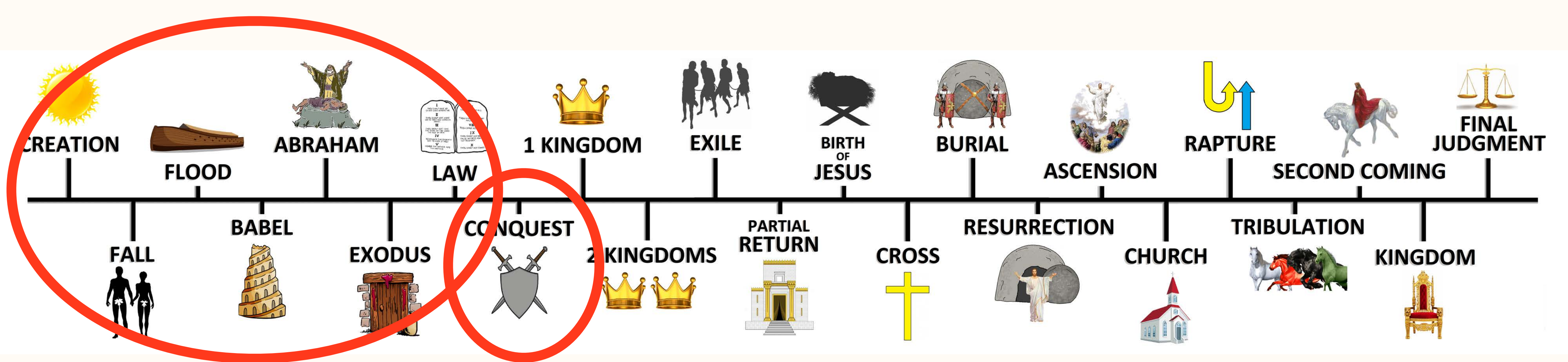


Jacob



People of Israel





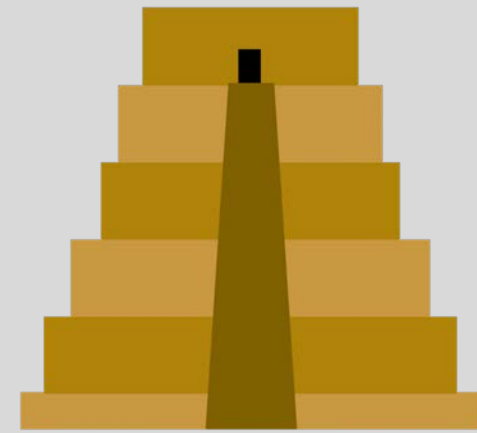
Torah
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Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself through
his own ideas



Babel



Egypt

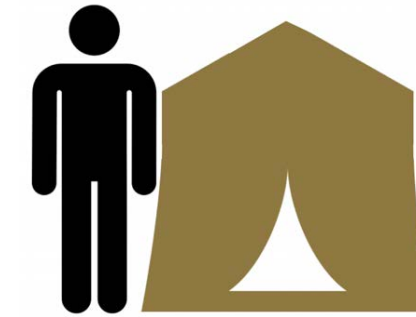


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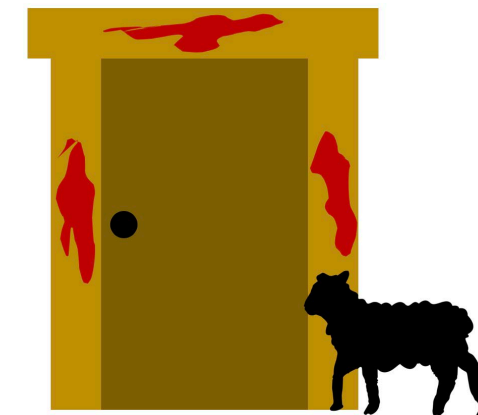
Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel



God built Israel:

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



God taught Israel
about spiritual life:

Period of the Conquest

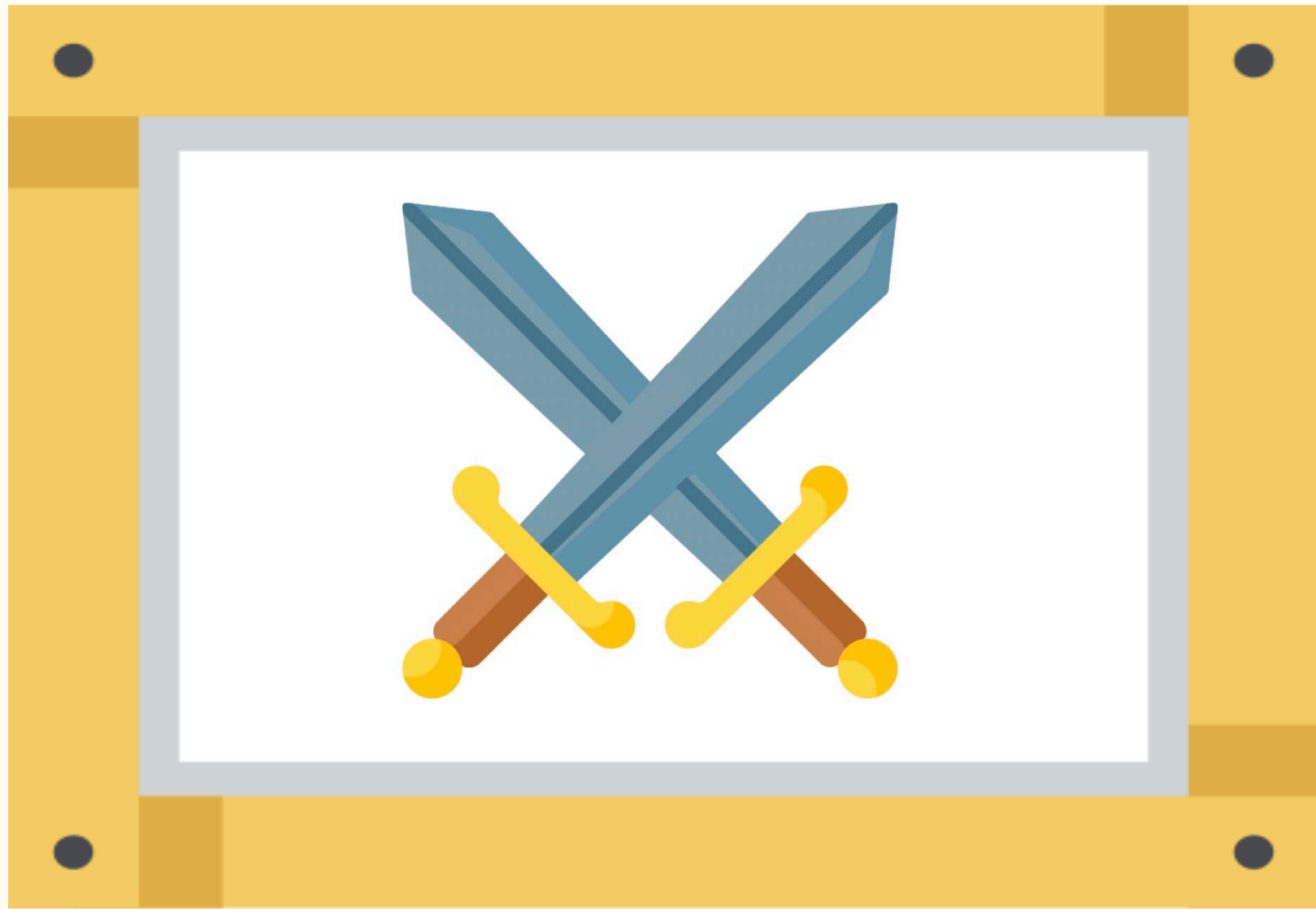


Canaan belongs to Israel



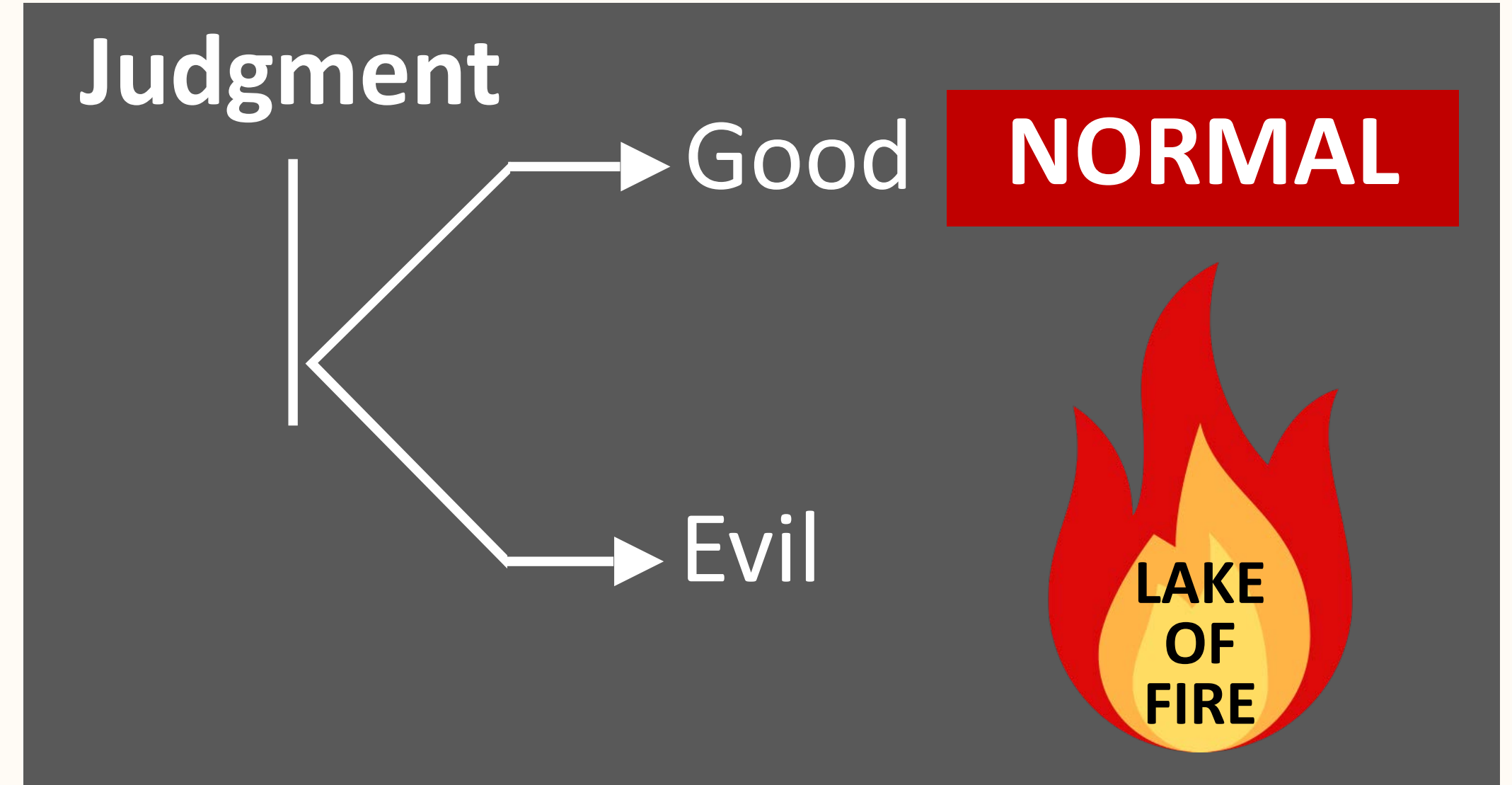
Canaan occupied by others





God's War ...

... is a picture of ...



... the Final Judgment

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas



Canaanites

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

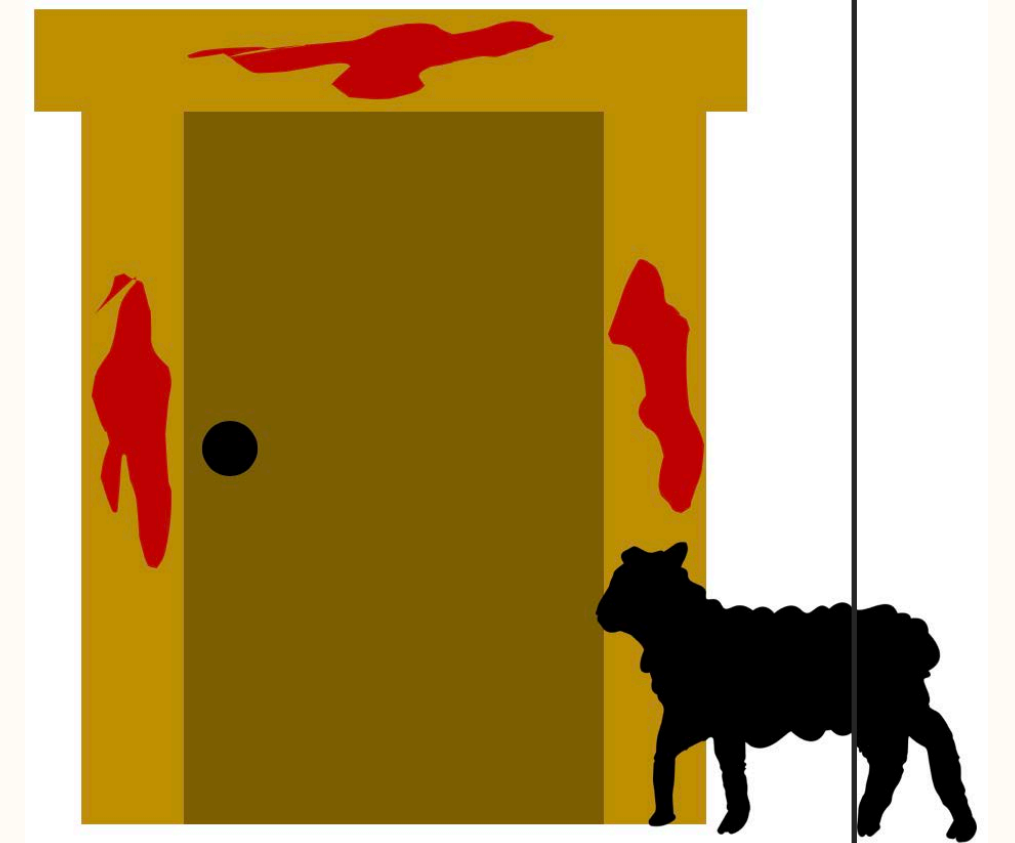
God would save man



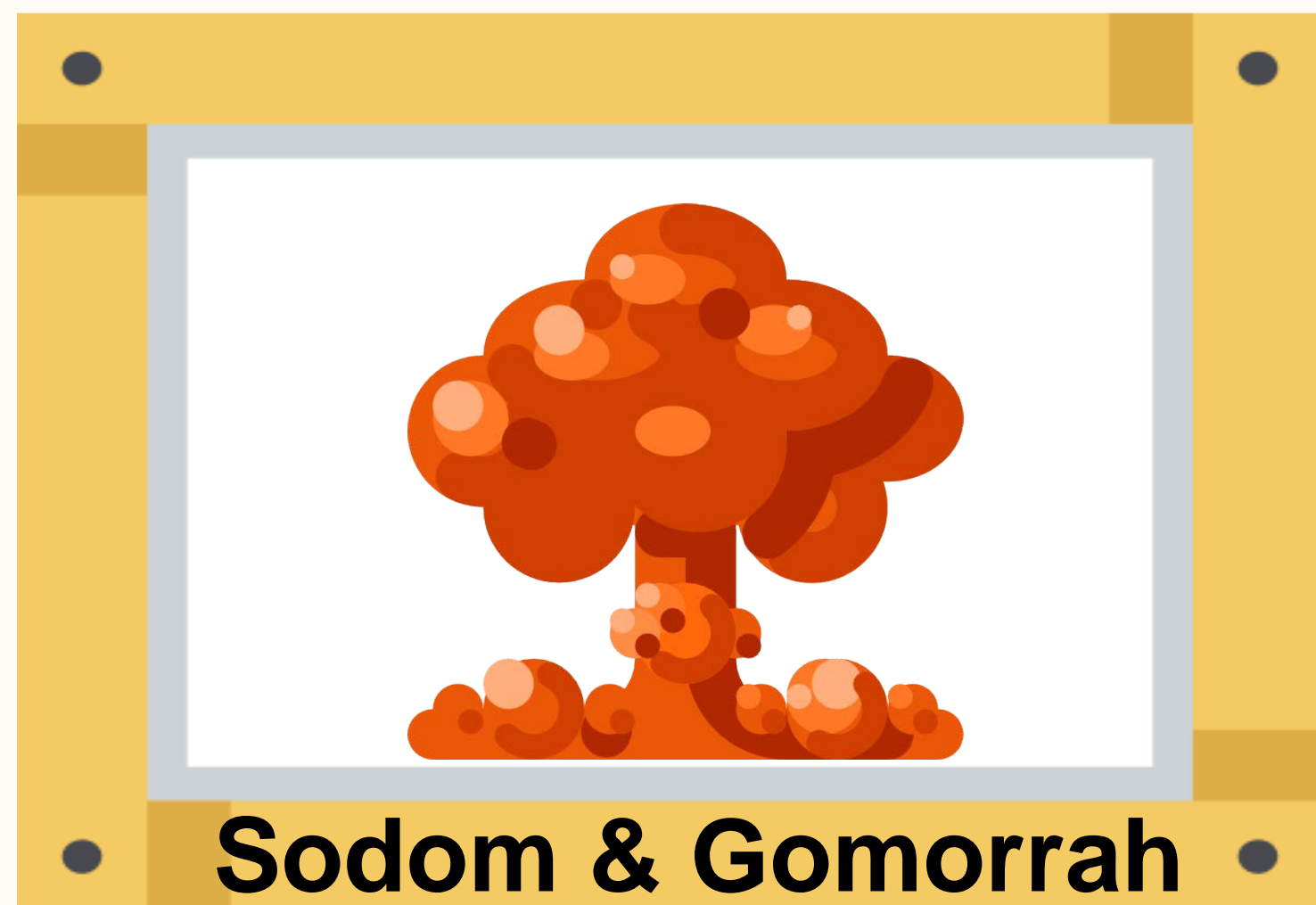
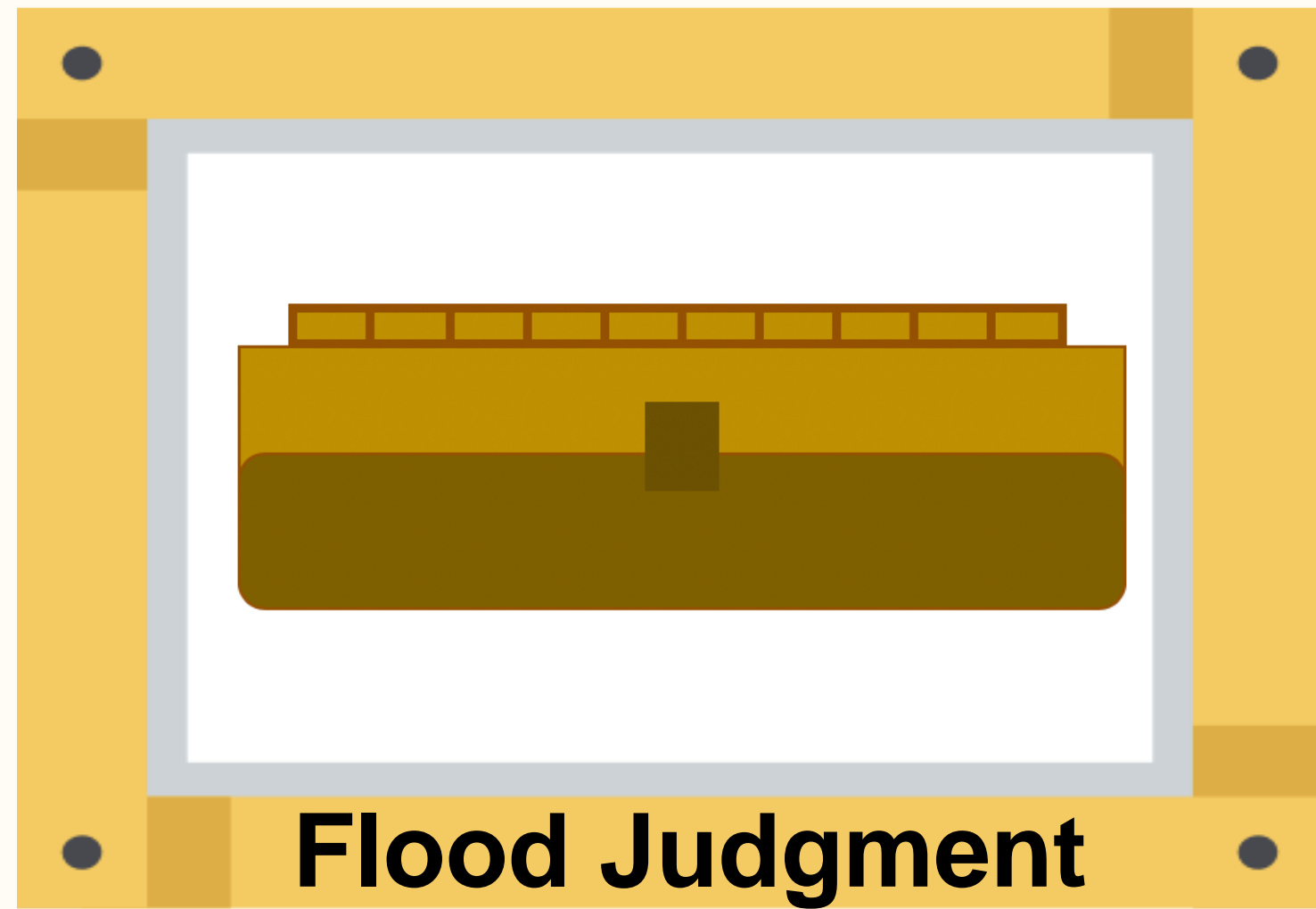
Ruth



Rahab



Foreshadowing of the Final Judgment



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**WARNING
PICTURE**
of ...

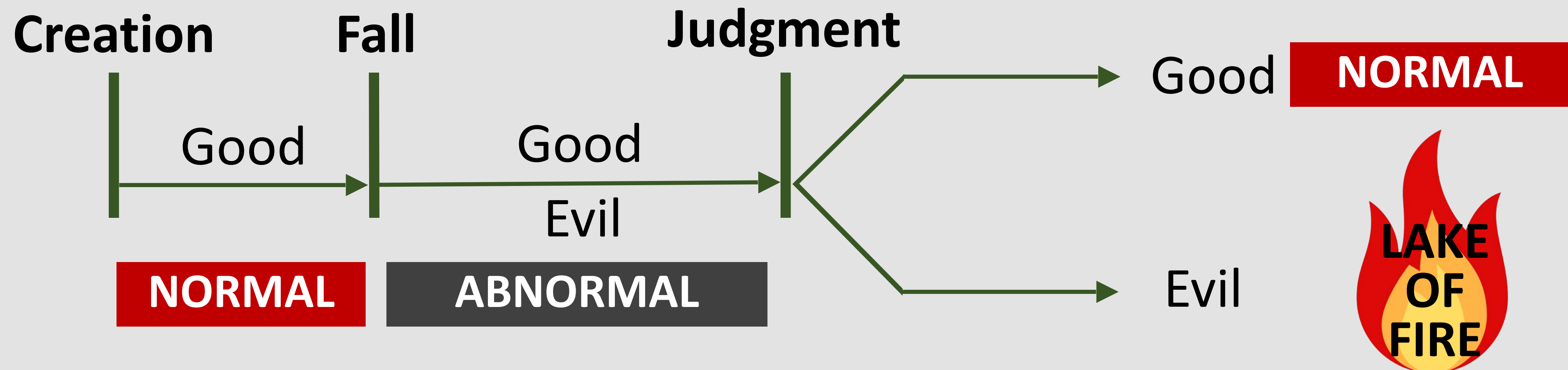


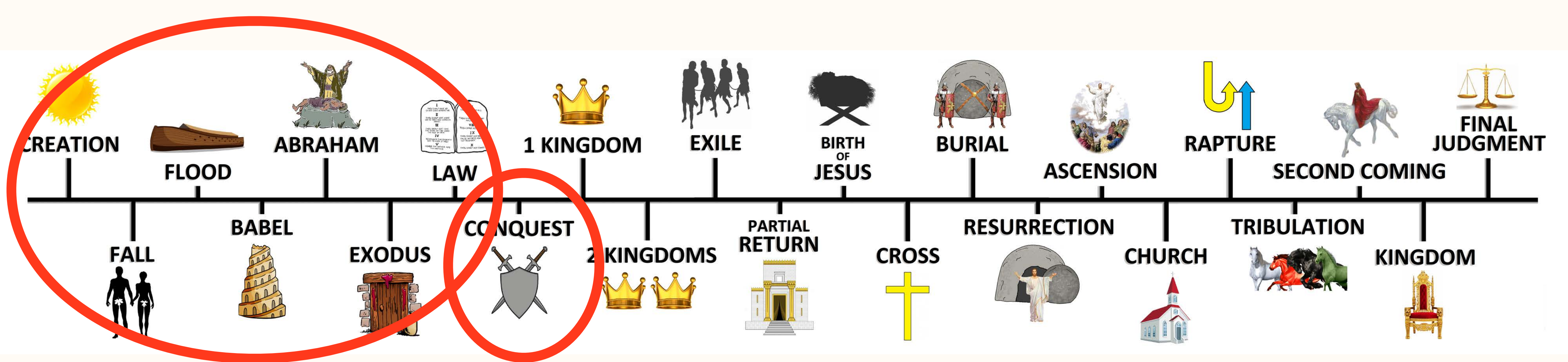
...THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Pagan View: Good/Evil Mix is Forever “Normal”



Biblical View: Good/Evil Mix in Creation is Abnormal and Temporary



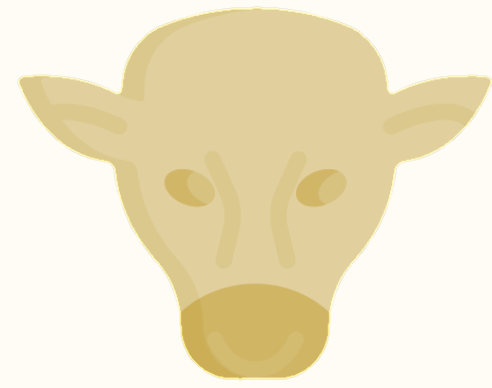


Torah
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Covenant
breaking
at Sinai

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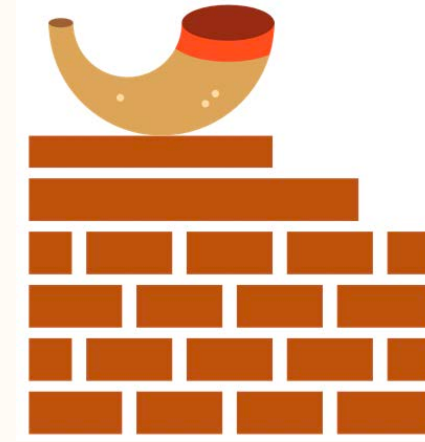
Declara-
tion of
God's
War

3



Rebellion
against
invasion at
Kadesh-
Barnea

4



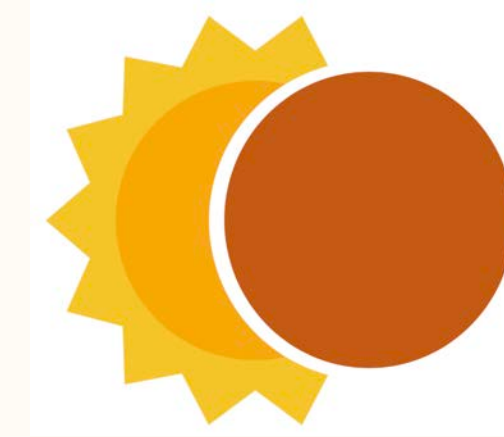
Victory
at
Jericho

5



Defeat
at Ai

6



Supernatural
longest day
at Aijalon

7



God's
sentence of
postponed
Kingdom at
Bochim



CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CANAAN

Jordan River

5

Ai

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Bokim (possible location)

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Aijalon

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Jericho

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Jerusalem

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Kadesh-Barnea

Dead Sea

GOSHEN

EGYPT

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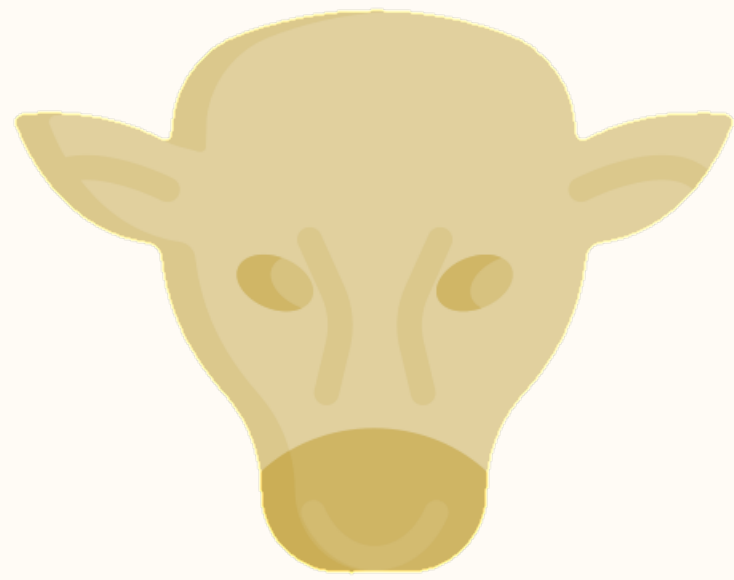
Declaration of Holy War

1

Mt. Sinai

Red Sea

1



Ex. 32:1, “Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, ‘**Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses**, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, **we do not know what has become of him.**’ ”

**Covenant
breaking
at Sinai**

Ex. 32:4, “And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. **Then they said, ‘This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’** ”

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

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

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

- 1. The Israelite was responsible for circumcising his heart.**
- 2. The circumcision is related to not being stiff-necked and rebellious any more.**
- 3. But what about Deut. 30:6?**

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

- 1. Here it looks like the Lord performs the circumcision.**
- 2. The result is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, to live.**

How do we make sense of this?

Often this circumcised heart is related to Ezek. 36:25ff.

Ezek. 36:25, “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Ezek. 36:26, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezek. 36:27, “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Ezek. 36:28, “THEN you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

The Circumcised Heart



1. What is an uncircumcised heart?

1. Circumcision of the heart is related to a correct attitude toward the Lord, even in the Old Testament. It was a metaphor, related to the symbolism of the flesh of the foreskin being a symbol for the sin nature. So the cutting off of the foreskin depicts two things:
 - a. a separation, in that the people of the Abrahamic Covenant now had a symbol of the uniqueness and separateness positionally unto God, and
 - b. a removal at least symbolically of the influence of sin and obedience to God.

2. The ritual of circumcision as the sign of the Abrahamic Covenant is analogous to positional truth, i.e., a legal position before God and secondarily the experiential relationship to God.

The Abrahamic Covenant set them apart to God positionally.

The Mosaic Covenant instructed the set-apart people how to live.

3. So the emphasis on circumcision for the Mosaic Covenant was related to how a now redeemed people were to live. It was a sign of commitment to the Mosaic Law, or to live as a holy, or set-apart people.

Lev. 11:44, “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy.”

4. Circumcision in both instances related to having an attitude of submission to God. It emphasized a positional separation, but in other passages it is emphasizing an experiential dimension.

On the one hand they are positionally set apart to God to serve Him, but on the other hand they are not experientially living that set-apart life described by the Law.

Lexham Bible Dictionary article illustrates:

“The Septuagint translations of these verses use a verb associated with purity (περιτέμνω, *peritemnō*; and περικαθαρίζω, *perikatharizō*) rather than the common Greek word for circumcision. This connects circumcision with purification—a Jewish practice that also helped people be in proper relationship with God.”

Jer. 4:14, “O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved [delivered]. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?”

Jer. 9:26, “Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.”

Jer. 11:8, “ ‘Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.’ ”

5. Circumcision of the heart is a contrast to stubbornness and rebelliousness.

An unbeliever is by nature of spiritual death stubborn and rebellious. So when they believe the gospel, then they are positionally circumcised in the heart.

A believer can still become rebellious toward God and harden his heart experientially.

6. Like regeneration, the believer does not regenerate himself, or circumcise himself, he turns to God and trusts in the salvation promise, and God regenerates him, circumcises the heart positionally.

John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 1:13, “who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

First, we receive or believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for our justification salvation.

Then, immediately God regenerates us. We do not regenerate ourselves.

First the Old Testament believer turned to God, then God circumcised their heart. Positionally.

After, they, like us, need to learn to experientially live as a redeemed, saved person.

7. After regeneration the believer may still sin.

Now we must take a look at the context of Deut. 30:6.

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

Does God just autonomously and arbitrarily circumcise their hearts? NO!

Deut. 30:1, “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

Deut. 30:2, “and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,”

Isa. 11:11, “It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.”

Isa. 11:12, “He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

Isa. 11:13, “Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isa. 11:14, “But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them.

Isa. 11:15, “The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dryshod.

Isa. 11:16, “There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.”

Deut. 30:3, “that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you AGAIN from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

Deut. 30:4, “If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.”

Deut. 30:5, “Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

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. 31:35, “Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name):

Jer. 31:36, “If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.”

Ezek. 36:22, “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

Ezek. 36:23, “ ‘ “And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

Ezek. 36:24, “ ‘ “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.” ’ ”

Ezek. 36:25, “ ‘ “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

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Ezek. 36:28, “ ‘ “Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.” ’ ”

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.

Makes a
person
right with
God

Rewrite the paragraph at the top of page 5:

A circumcised heart is *what God does when a person believes the saving promise of God.* We believe, but it is God who regenerates us and cleanses us. People with uncircumcised hearts do not have faith in God and are not accepted by Him.

POSITIONAL : Circumcised Heart: Positional Cleansing

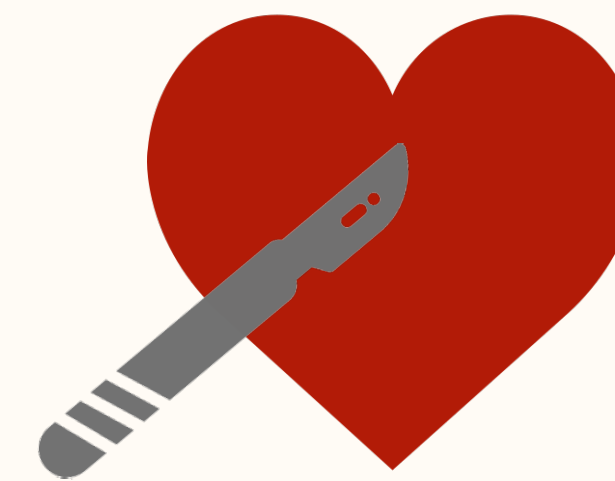
EXPERIENTIAL : Circumcised Heart in a Daily Walk

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

Sinai: How a Redeemed Nation Lives

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.

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.”