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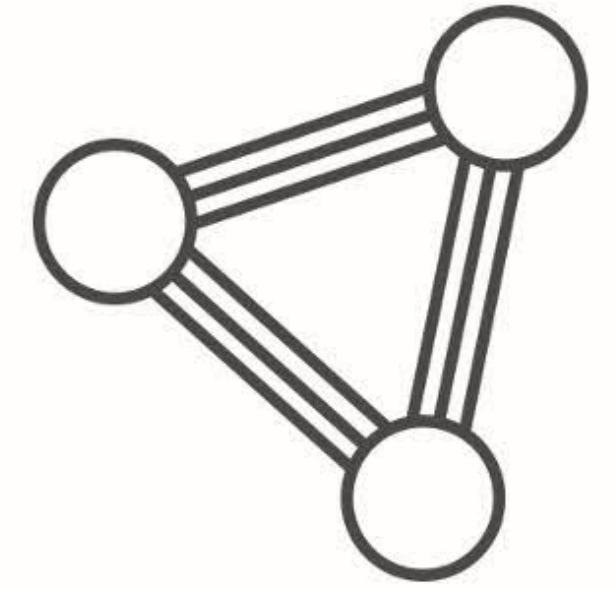
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## **Lesson 23: King Solomon**

### **Lesson 23 A: King Solomon**

- **Asked God for Wisdom: What is Wisdom?**
- **Solomon's Legacy**
- **Solomon Built and Dedicated the Temple**
- **Solomon Turned from the Lord**

# Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE  
God would save man

## Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

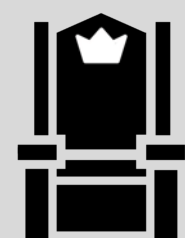


God built Israel:

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



Conquest and Settlement  
in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

- **Unified kingdom**

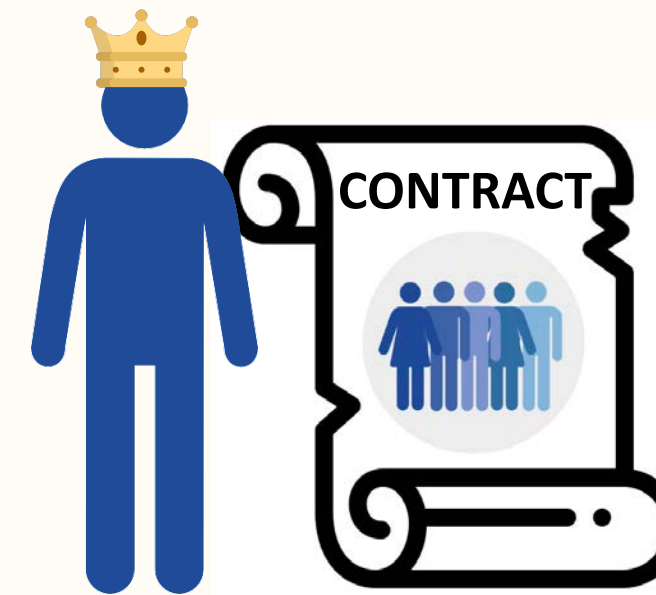
Grey shows paganization

# Kings of the Unified Kingdom



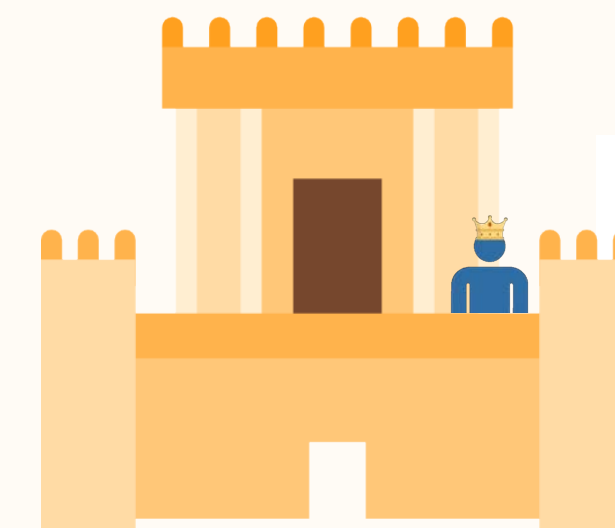
**Saul**

1095–1055 BC



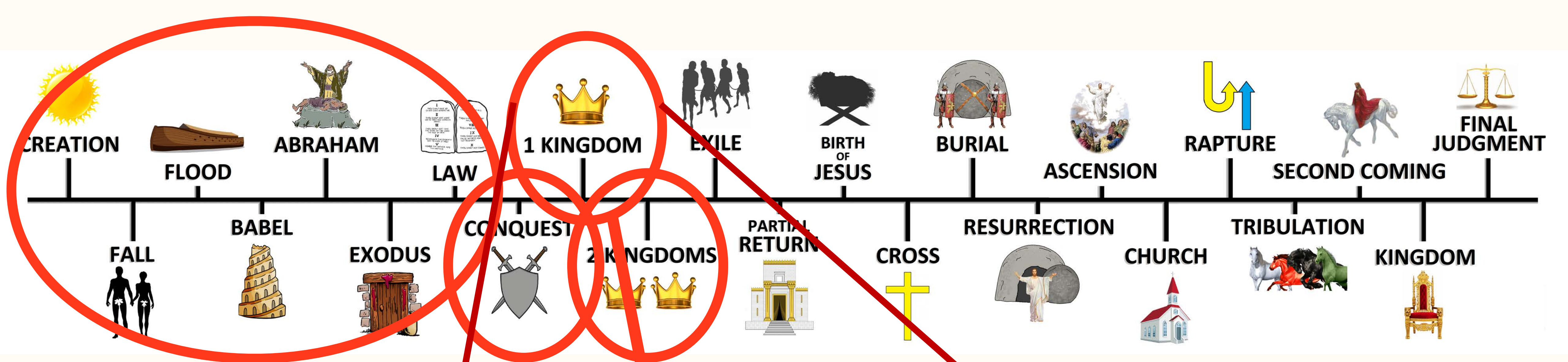
**David**

1055–1015 BC



**Solomon**

1015–975 BC

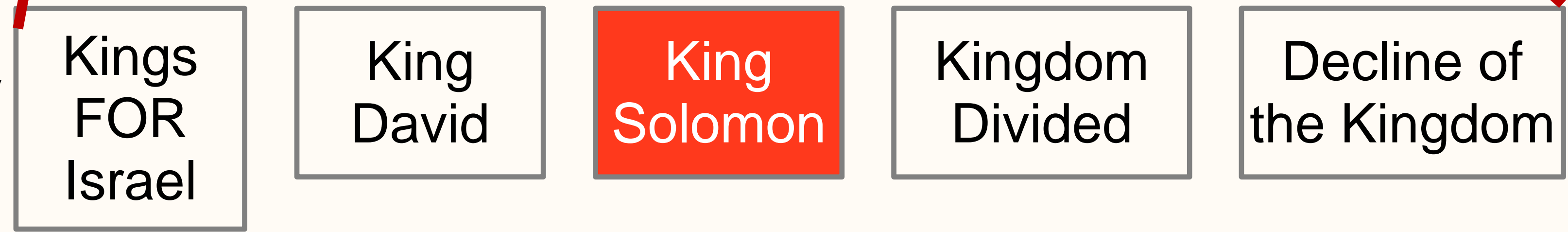


Torah  
Pentateuch

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

1-2 Samuel  
1-2 Kings  
1-2 Chronicles



# I. The Third and Final King of Israel as a Unified Kingdom: Solomon

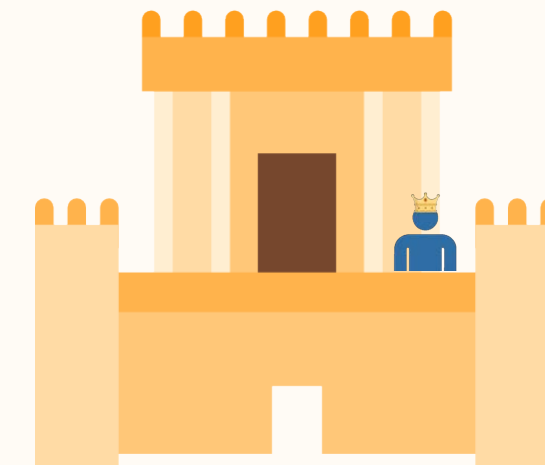
## Key Events in the Life of Solomon



A. Asked God for wisdom



B. Legacy: Golden Era



C. Built and Dedicated Temple



D. Turned away from God

## **A. Asked God for wisdom (1 Kings 3)**

**1 Kings 3:5, “At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask! What shall I give you?’”**

**1 Kings 3:6, “And Solomon said: ‘You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.’”**

**1 Kings 3:7, “ ‘Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.’ ”**

**1 Kings 3:8, “ ‘And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.**

**1 Kings 3:9, “ ‘Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?’**

**1 Kings 3:10, “The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.”**

**1 Kings 3:11, “Then God said to him: ‘Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,**

**1 Kings 3:12, “ ‘behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.**

**1 Kings 3:13, “ ‘And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.’ ”**



**What is “Wisdom?”**

**General definition:**

**Wisdom is the ability to judge what is true and right and apply it to life’s decisions so we can live skillfully for God.**



**Ex. 28:3, “So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.”**

**Ex. 31:3, “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,”**

**Ex. 31:6, “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:”**

**Ex. 35:26, “And all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats’ hair.”**

**Ex. 35:35, “He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.”**

**Ex. 36:1, “And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded.”**

- **Biblical wisdom is deeply related to God as Creator.**

**Prov. 1:20, “Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.”**

## **The use of personification.**

**Personification is a figure of speech where an abstract idea or a concrete inanimate object is depicted as a person in order to enhance the significance of the idea or the impact of something. For example, “all my bones shall say” (Psa. 35:10) personifies “bones” as having their own emotions to illustrate the negative impact of some spiritual or mental event.**

- **God is eternally omniscient, and this knowledge was demonstrated in God's skillful artistry in His creation of the universe.**

**Thus "wisdom" is viewed as if it is created, but it is in the creation itself that creatures can see and understand God's skillful application of His knowledge. We see His design, artistry, and beauty in all of His creation.**

**Prov. 8:22, “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old.**

**Prov. 8:23, “I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth.”**

# General idea of wisdom

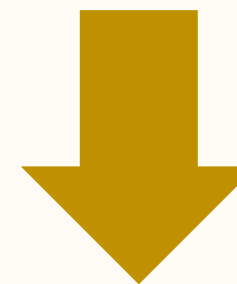




# Biblical wisdom

***YAHWEH***

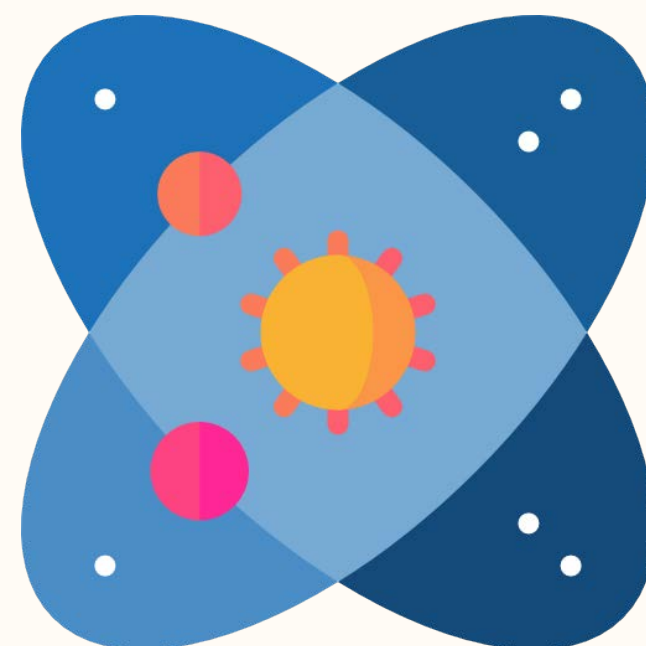
**Infinitely wise**



Used

**WISDOM**

To create the universe



**Prov. 8:1**, “Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice?

**Prov. 8:2**, “She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet.

**Prov. 8:3**, “She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors:

**Prov. 8:4**, “ ‘To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men.

**Prov. 8:5**, “ ‘O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart.

**Prov. 8:6**, “ ‘Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things;

**Prov. 8:7**, “ ‘For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

**Prov. 8:8**, “ ‘All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; nothing crooked or perverse is in them.’ ”

**Prov. 9:13, “A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.**

**Prov. 9:14, “For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat by the highest places of the city,**

**Prov. 9:15, “To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their way:**

**Prov. 9:16, “ ‘Whoever is simple, let him turn in here’; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,**

**Prov. 9:17, “ ‘Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.’**

**Prov. 9:18, “But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.”**

**Prov. 9:1, “Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars;**

**Prov. 9:2, “She has slaughtered her meat, she has mixed her wine, she has also furnished her table.**

**Prov. 9:3, “She has sent out her maidens, she cries out from the highest places of the city,**

**Prov. 9:4, “ ‘Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!’ As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,**

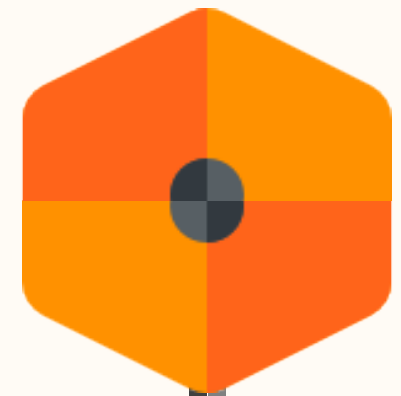
**Prov. 9:5, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.**

**Prov. 9:6, “ ‘Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding.**

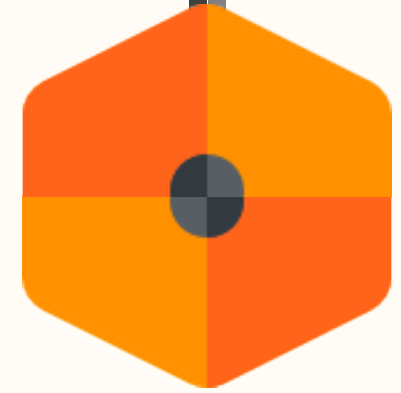
**Prov. 9:7, “ ‘He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.’ ”**

# ADAM

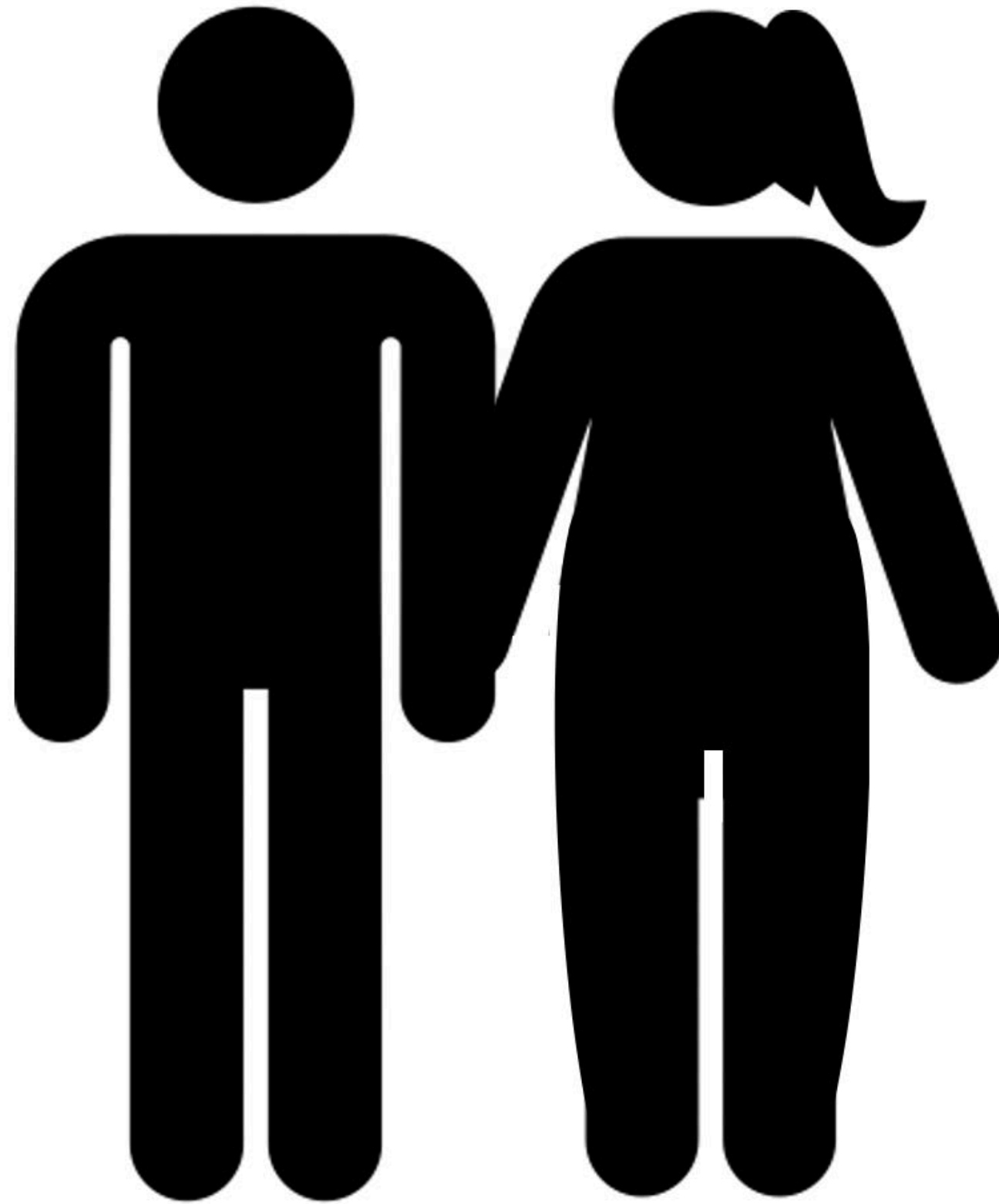
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**Responsible  
dominion**

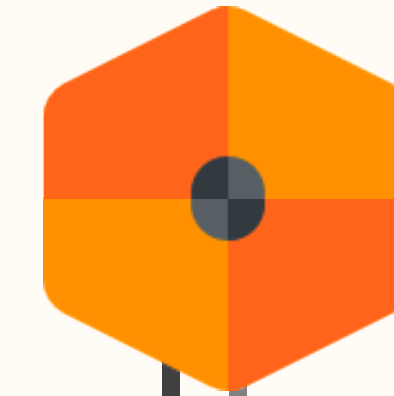


**Multiply:  
have  
children**

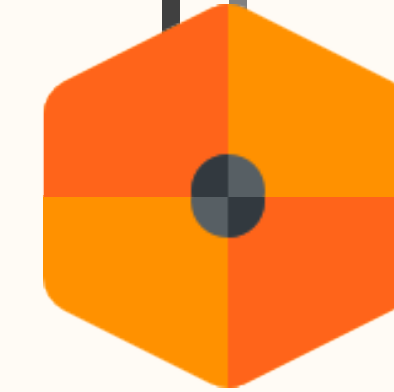


# EVE

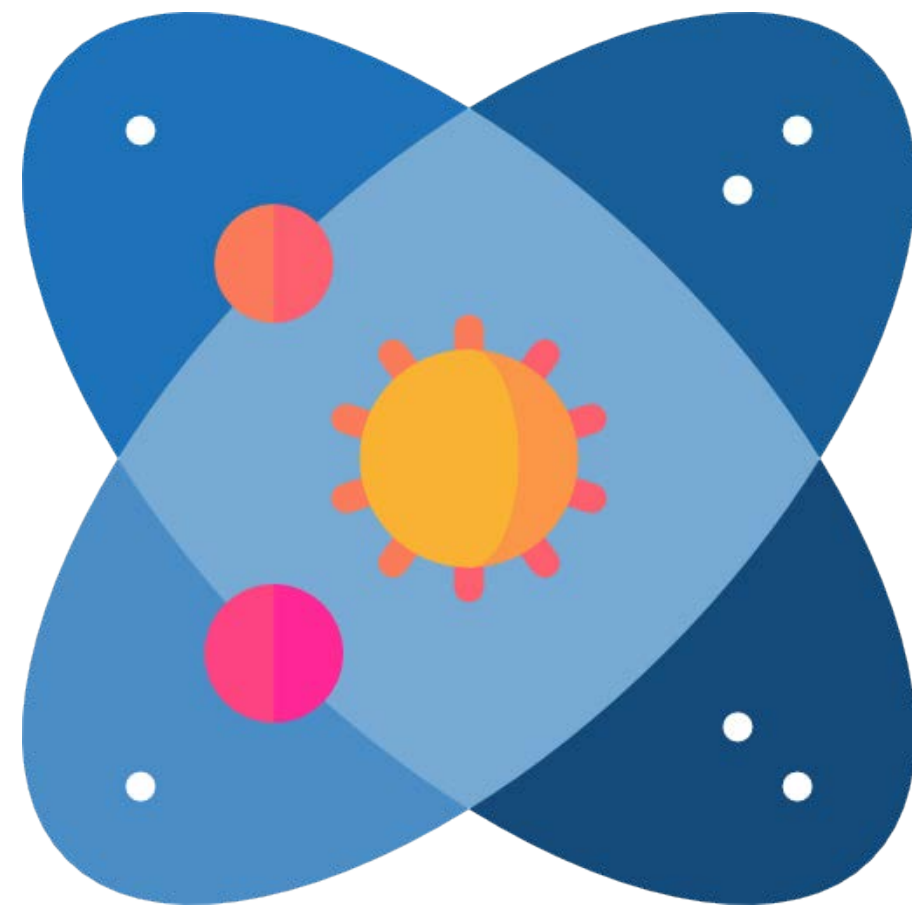
## JOB DESCRIPTION



**Complete  
Adam**



**Help Adam  
in his job**



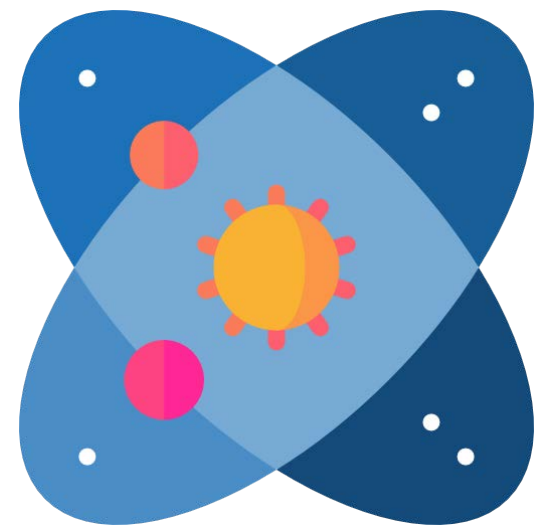
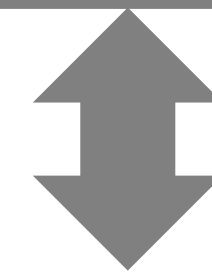
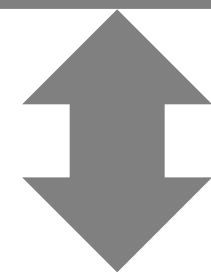
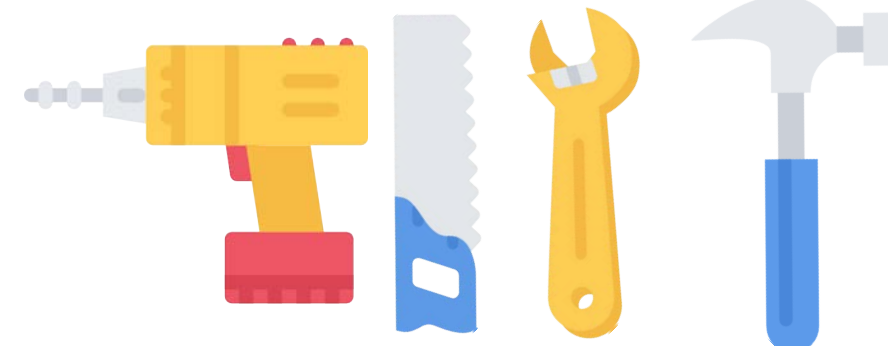
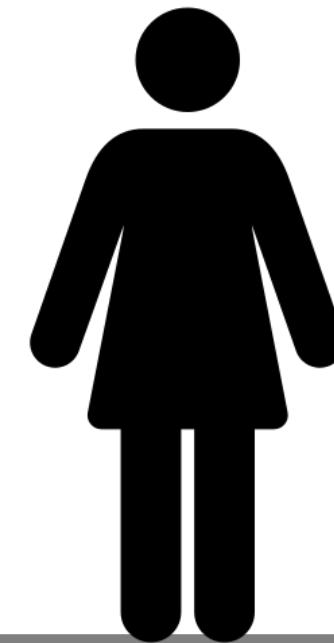
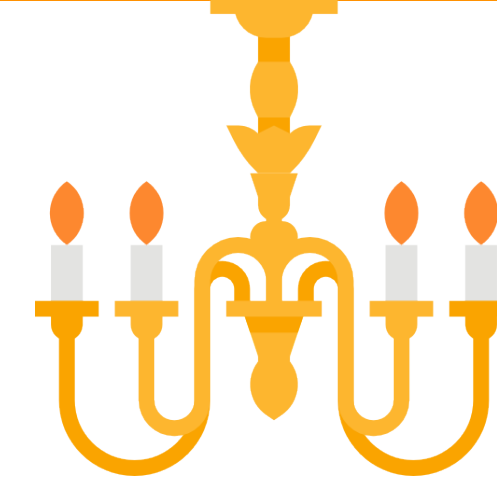
Creation



Completes Creation

**Man: Builder**

**Woman: Completer**



**Creation**



**WISDOM**

# TANAKH

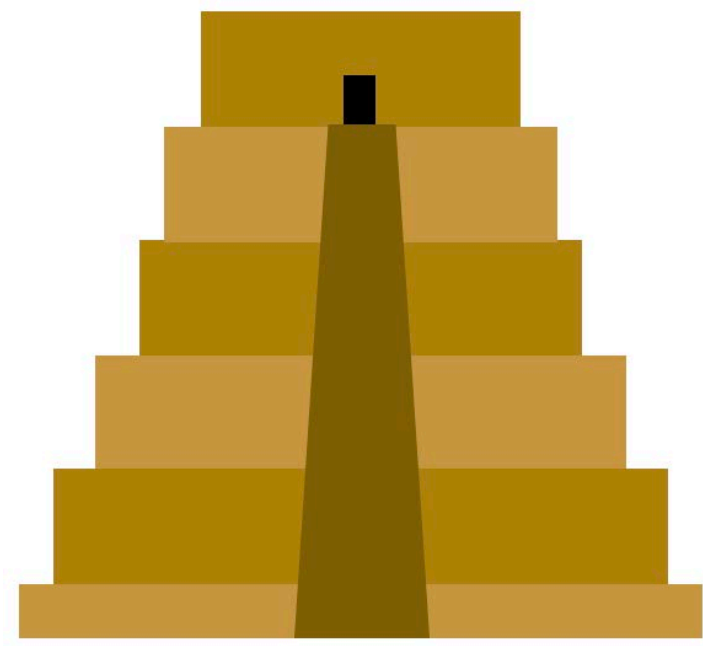


**Torah (Law)**

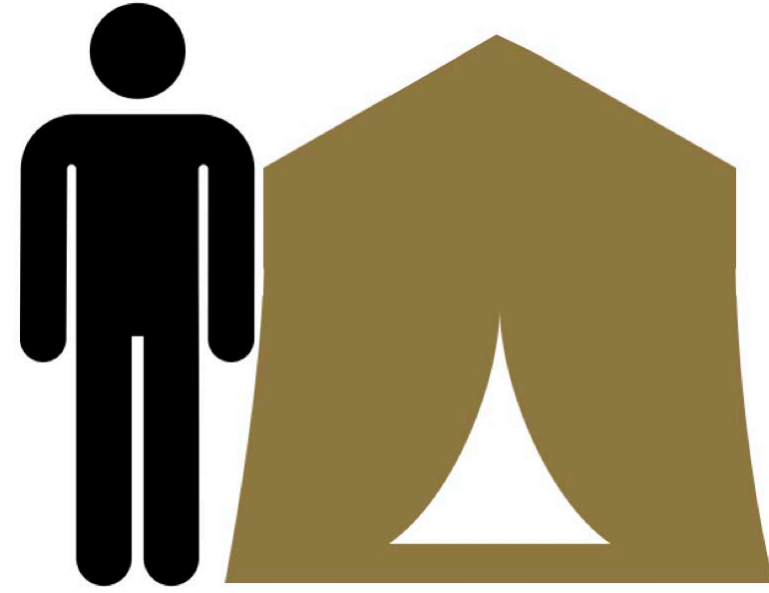
***Nevi'im* (Prophets)**

**Ketuvim (Writings)**





**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.



**GOD'S PEOPLE → MISSIONARIES**



**GOD'S WORD PRESERVED → SCRIPTURES**

**Deut. 4:5, “Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.**

**Deut. 4:6, “Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ”**

**Deut. 4:7, “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?”**

**Deut. 4:8, “And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?”**

**1 Kings 4:29, “And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.**

**1 Kings 4:30, “Thus Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.**

**1 Kings 4:31, “For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.”**

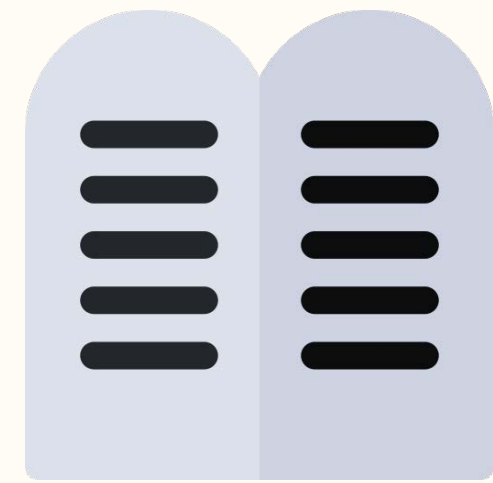
**1 Kings 4:32, “He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.”**

**1 Kings 4:33, “Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.”**

**1 Kings 4:34, “And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.”**



Other  
nations



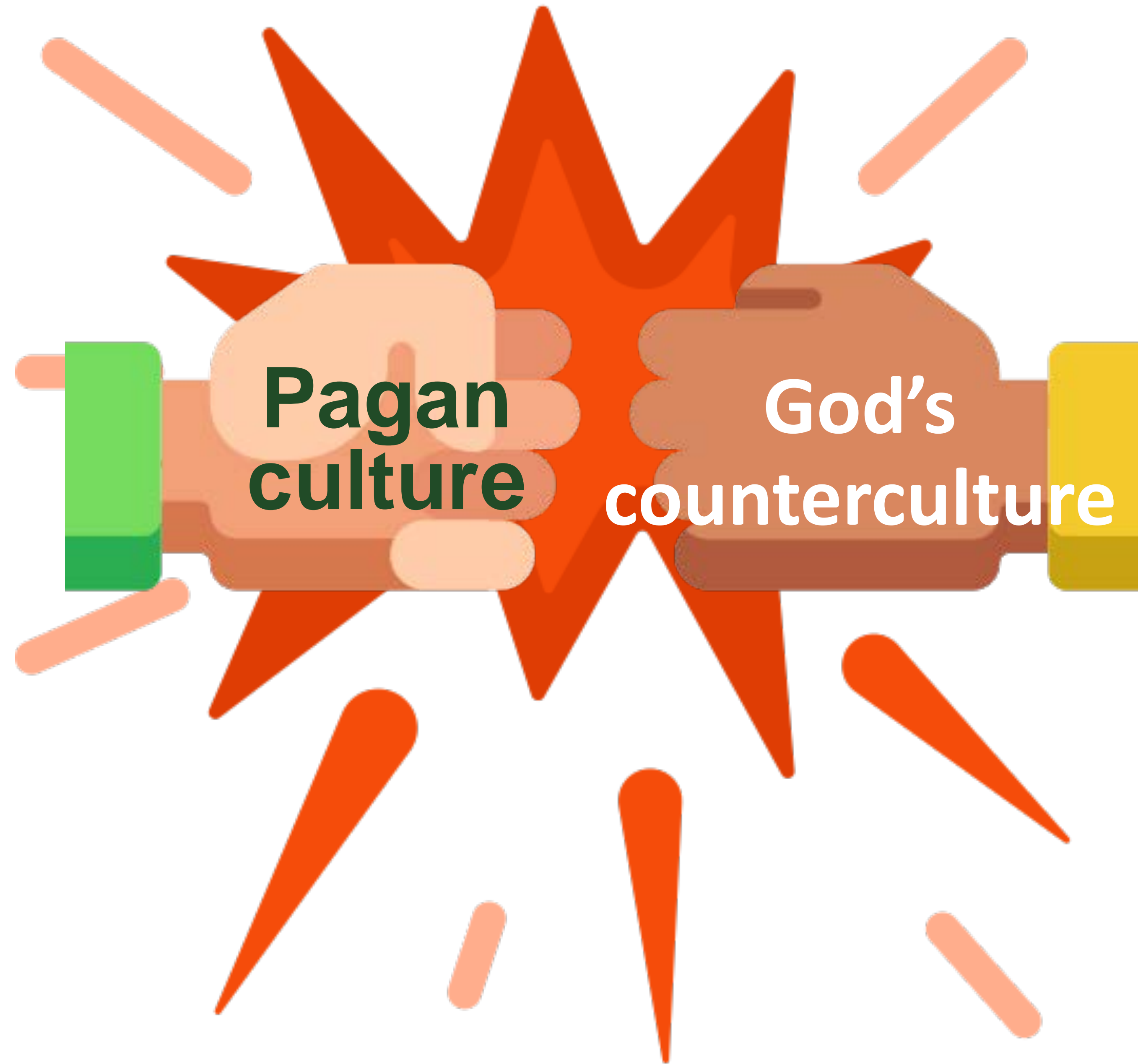
Israel's laws  
are righteous  
and fair



Israelites must  
be wise and  
intelligent



Which God  
do they  
worship?



**Pagan  
culture**

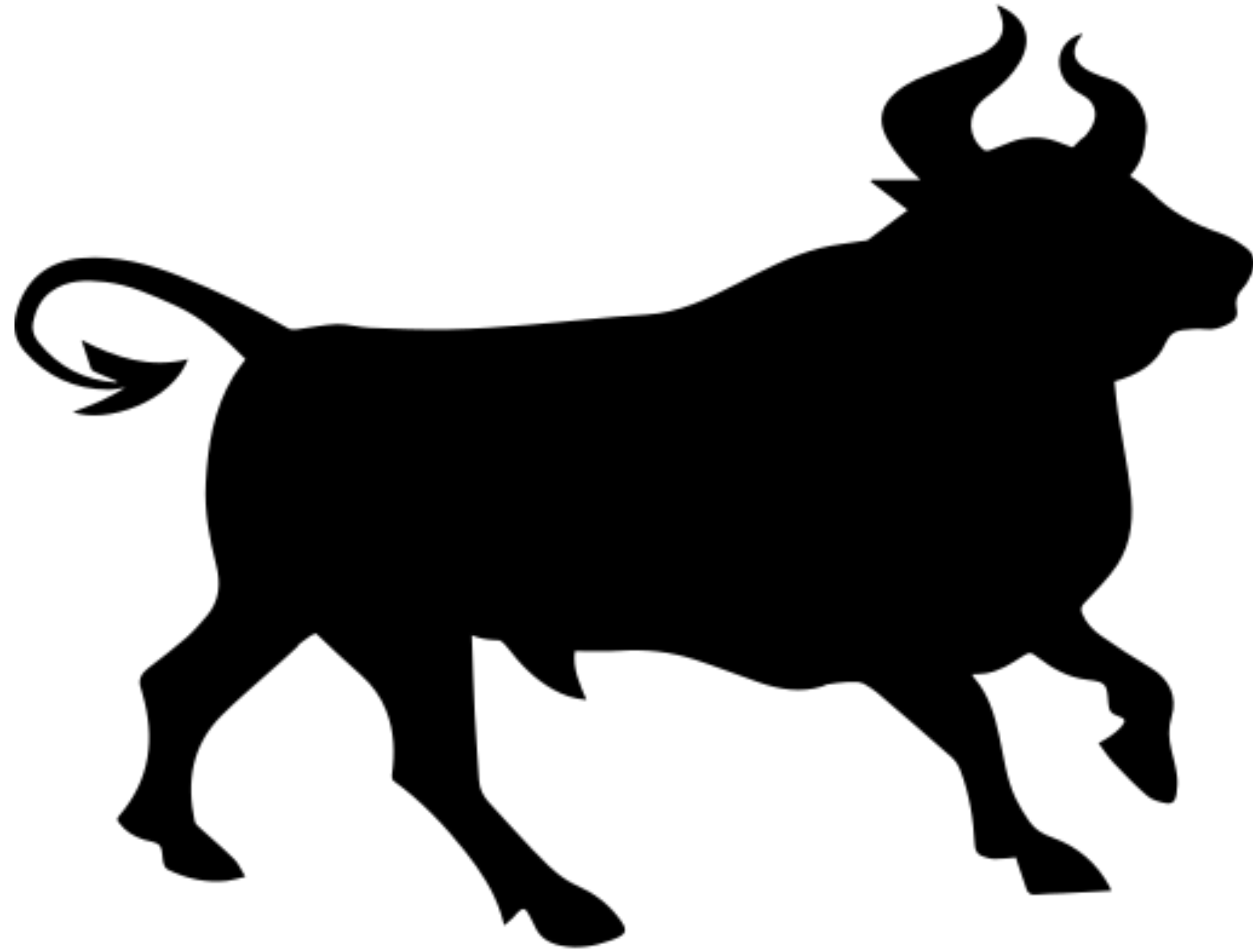
**God's  
counterculture**

**1 Kings 4:20, “Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing.”**

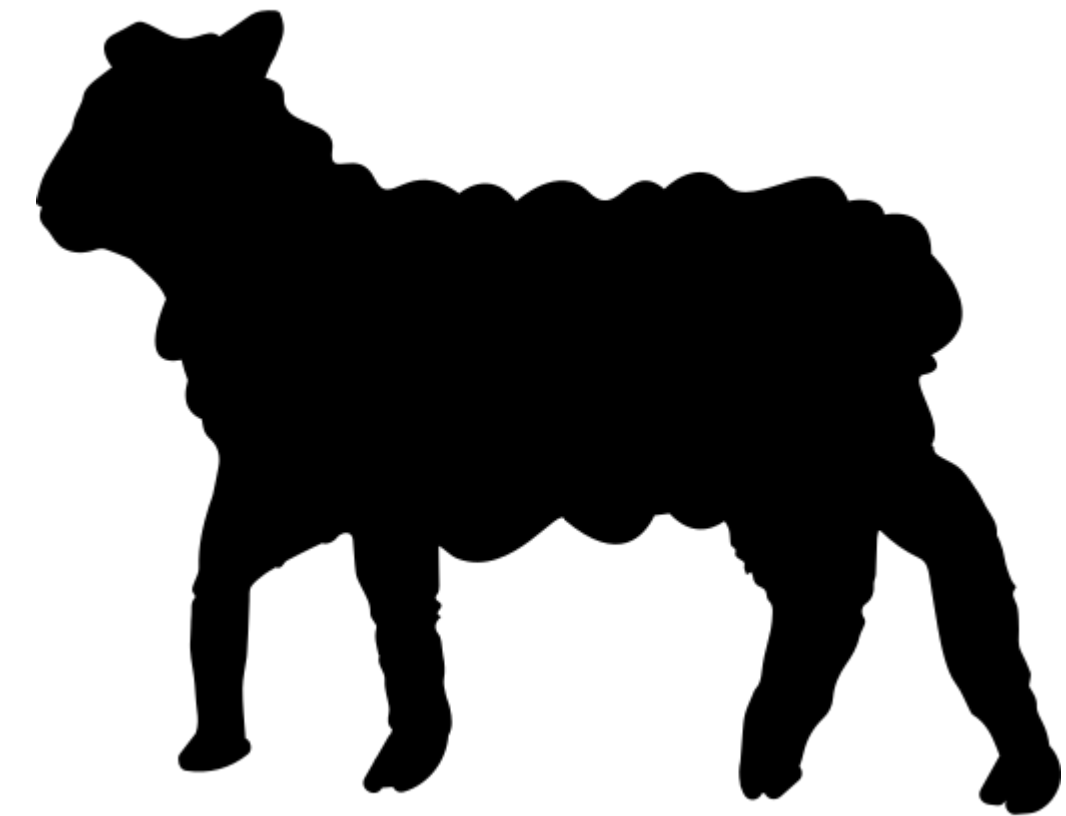








22,000 oxen



120,000 sheep

# The logistics of the sacrifices:

22,000 cattle in 12 days = 1,833/day (Sabbath off)

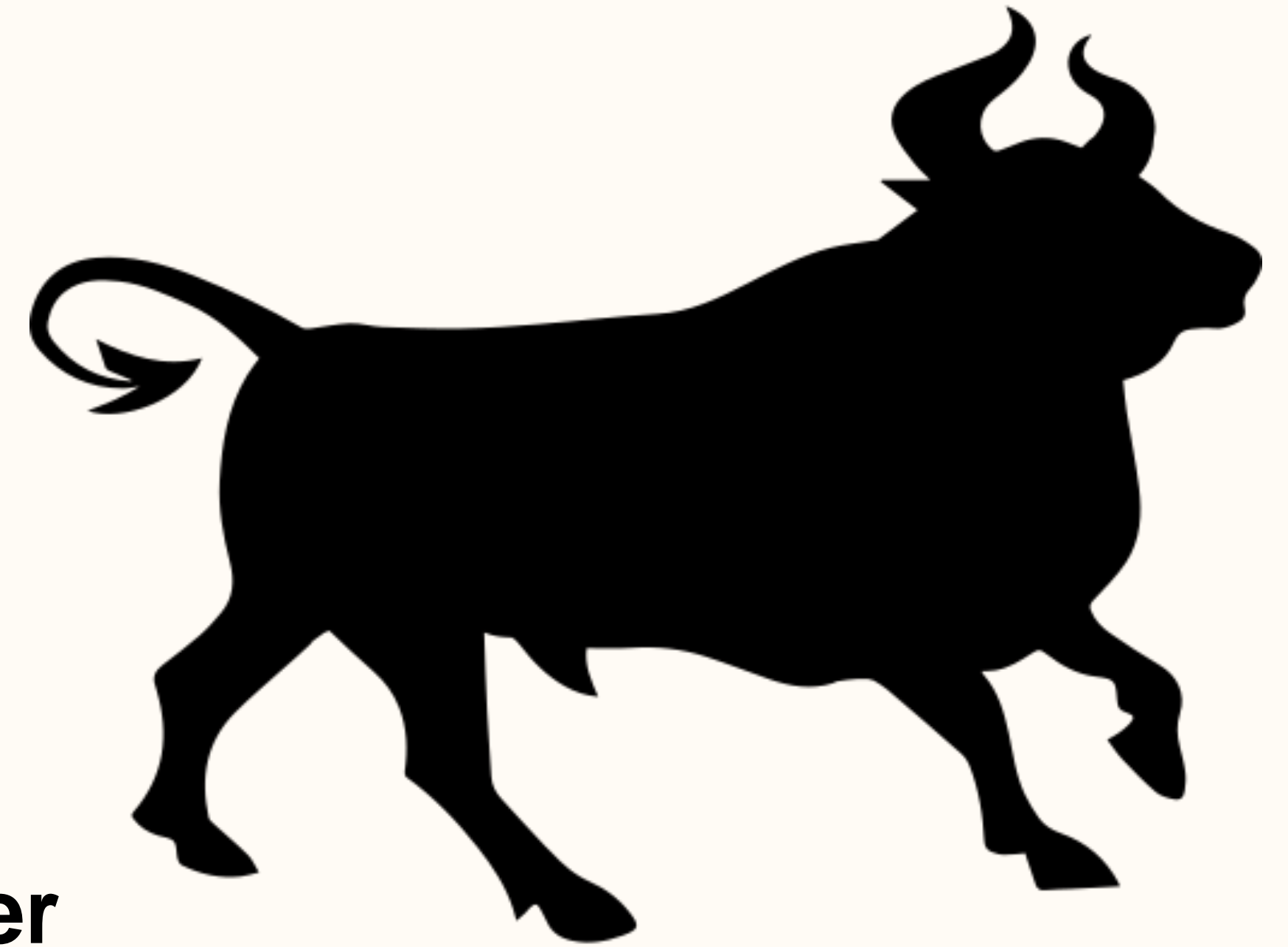
152.7/hour or 2.5 cattle/minute

833 sheep/hour = 13.89 sheep/minute or 1 about every 4 seconds

Avg. weight: 1000 lbs, 90 lbs of blood (10.8 gal per cattle)

22,000 cattle @1,000 lbs would yield 237,600 gal blood

That is just under 20,000 gal blood/day (19,796 gal)



22,000 oxen

# The logistics of the sacrifices:

120,000 sheep in 12 days = 10,000/day

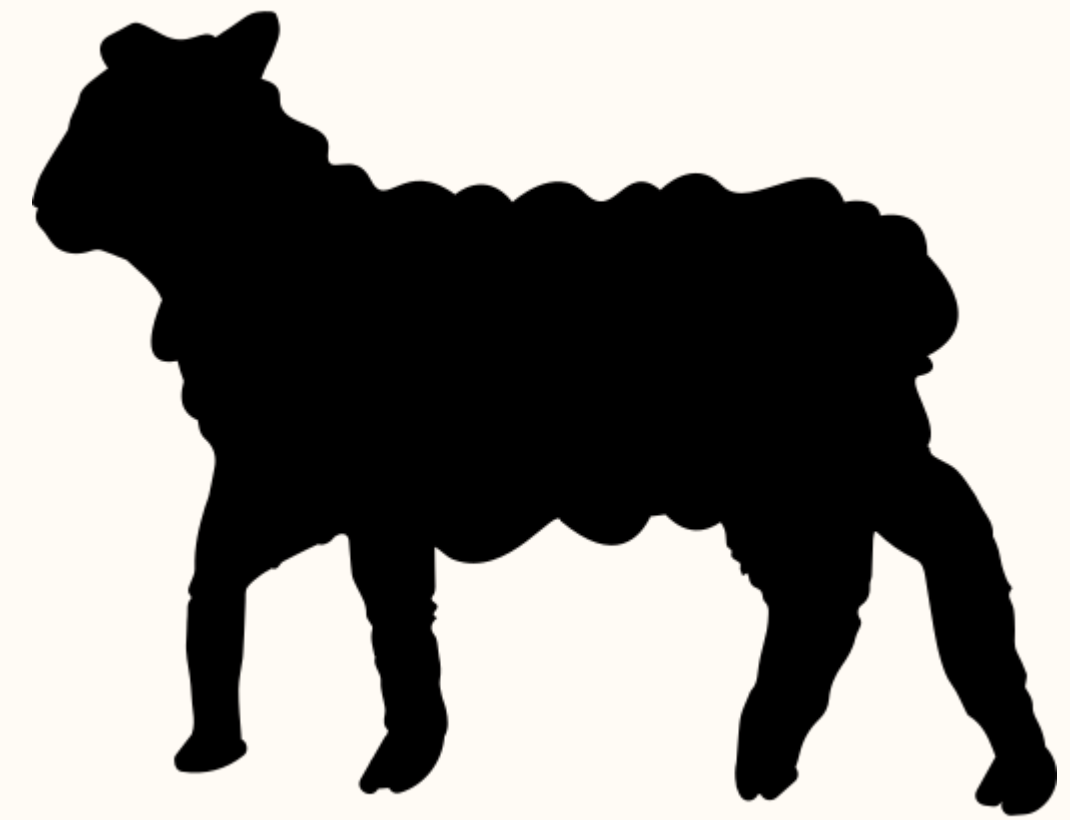
10,000 per day / 12 hours = 833/hour

833 sheep/hour = 13.89 sheep/minute or 1 about every 4 seconds

Avg. weight: 50 lbs, 4.5 lbs of blood (0.54 gal/sheep)

120,000 sheep would yield 64,800 gal blood

10,000 sheep would shed at least 54 gal blood a day or about 90 gal/hour



120,000 sheep

## **Totals**

**250,000 gal blood which would fill about a dozen railroad tank cars holding about 25,000 gallons each.**

**The rumen, the storage stomach**

**In cattle: 40–50 gallons**

**Sheep: 1 gallon**

**Approximately 120,000 gallons of sheep GI contents**

**Approximately 1,320,000 gallons of cattle GI waste**

**Net:**

**The 120,000 sheep yield about 3,000,000 pounds of meat ( $120,000 \times 50 \text{ lbs} \times 50\%$ ) and about 120,000 gallons of gastro-intestinal waste.**

**The 22,000 cattle yield about 13,000,000 pounds of beef ( $22,000 \times 1000 \text{ lbs} \times 60\%$ ) plus about 1,320,000 gallons of gastro-intestinal waste.**

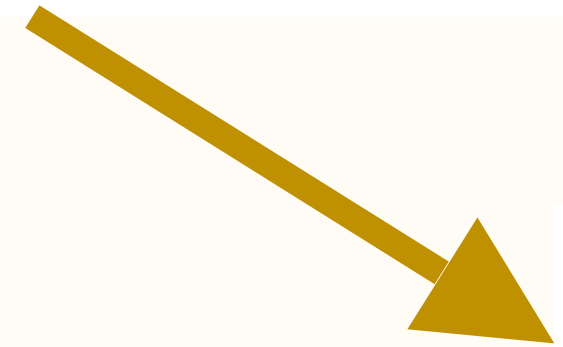
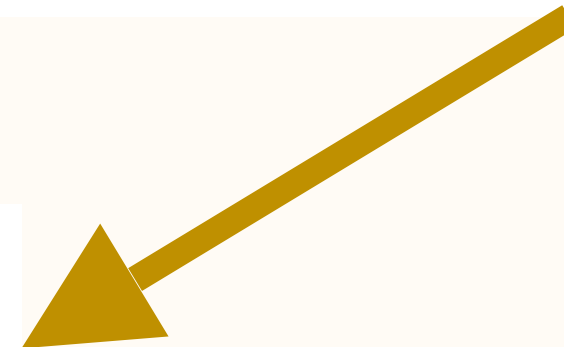
**Enormous waste disposal problem and food distribution challenge.**

**Do unbelievers have any “wisdom” that comes from God?**

**Much wisdom is evident in the Creation itself, from which anyone can learn.**



**Created ALL mankind in His image**



**Believers**

**Unbelievers**

made in the image of God

made in the image of God



# THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

**BUILDS  
SOCIETY**

**1. Responsible Choice**

**2. Marriage**

**3. Family**

**RESTRAINS  
SOCIETY**

**4. Civil Government**

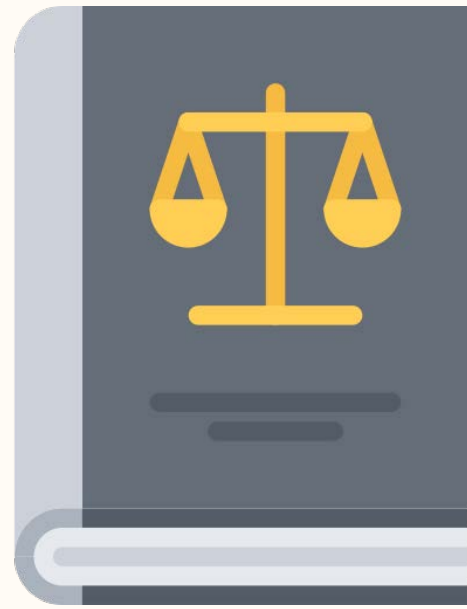
**5. Tribal Diversity**

**BLESSES  
SOCIETY**

**6. Israel**

# NATIONAL LAWS

## LEGISLATURE



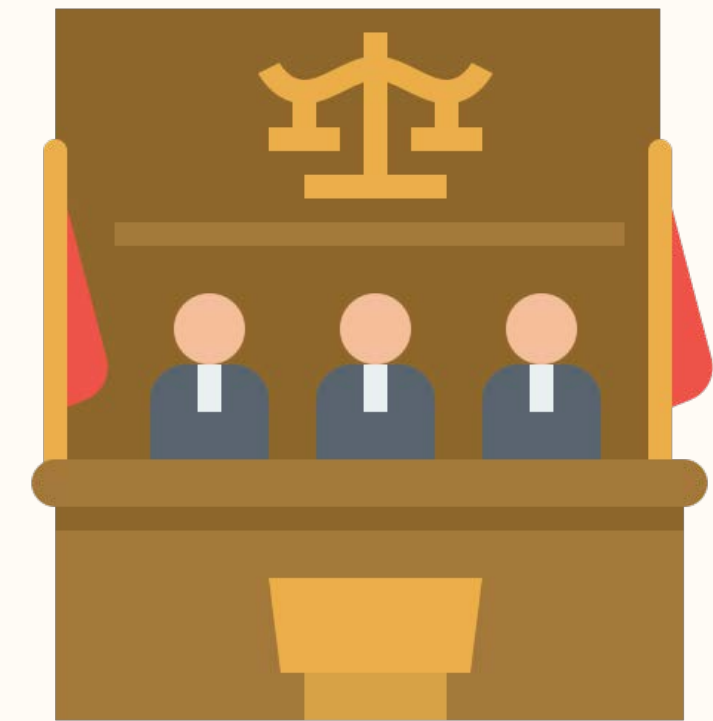
**Makes the  
law**

## EXECUTIVE



**Enforces the  
law**

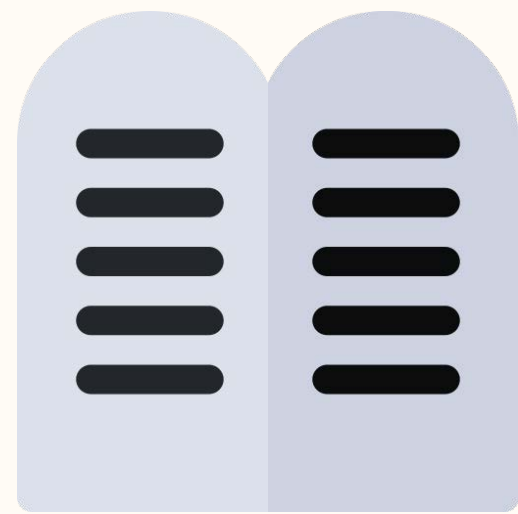
## JUDICIARY



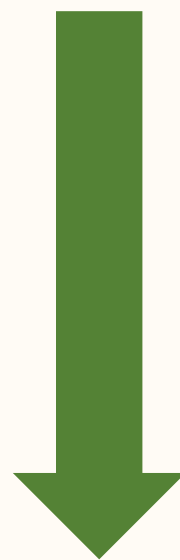
**Court system that  
interprets and  
applies the law**

# God did not give Israel the power to make laws. Fallen mankind makes poor laws.

## LEGISLATURE



**GOD GAVE THE LAW**



If pagan nations “borrow”  
from God’s laws to make  
their laws

## EXECUTIVE



The Mosaic Law  
taught Israel how  
to enforce the law

## JUDICIARY

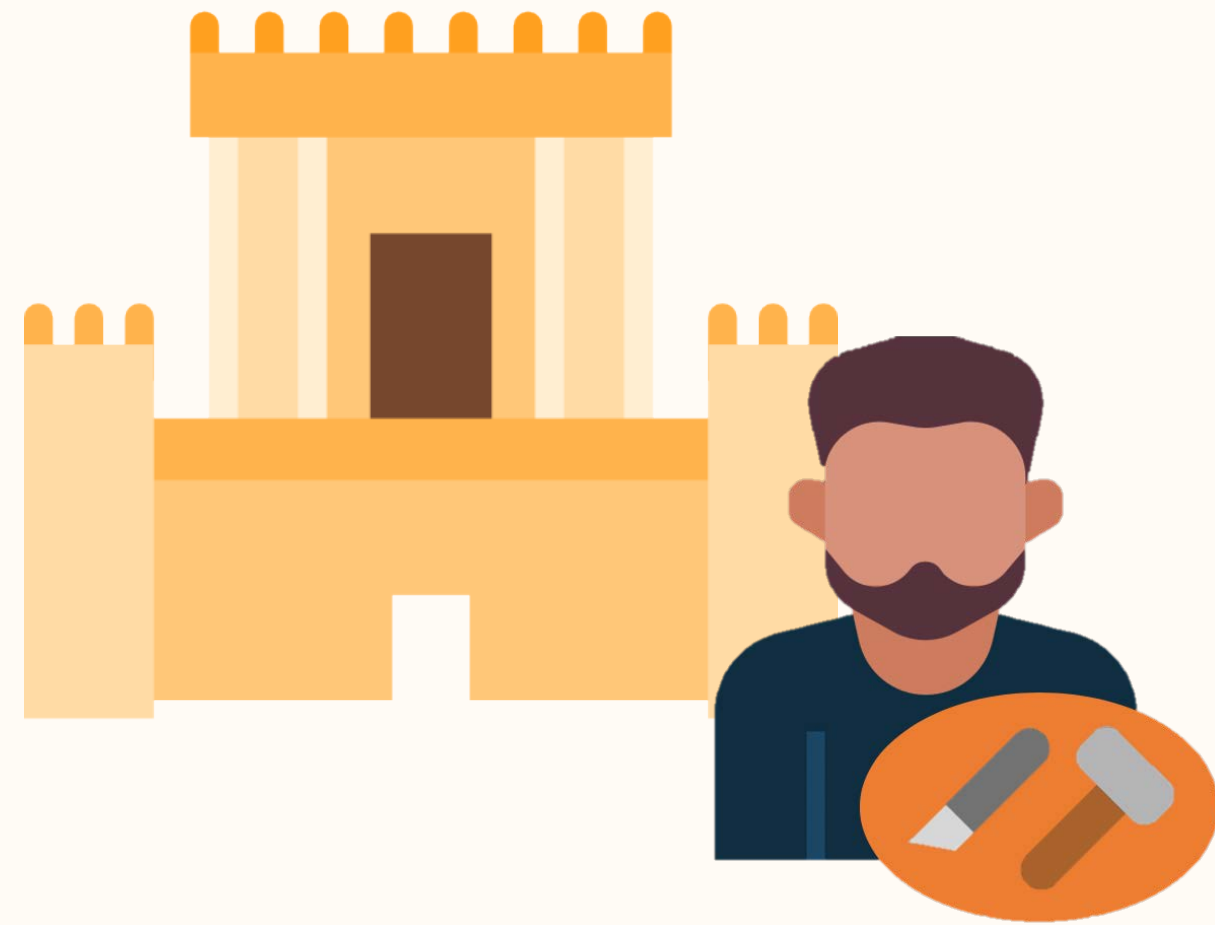


The Mosaic Law taught  
Israel how to run the  
court system to apply  
the law



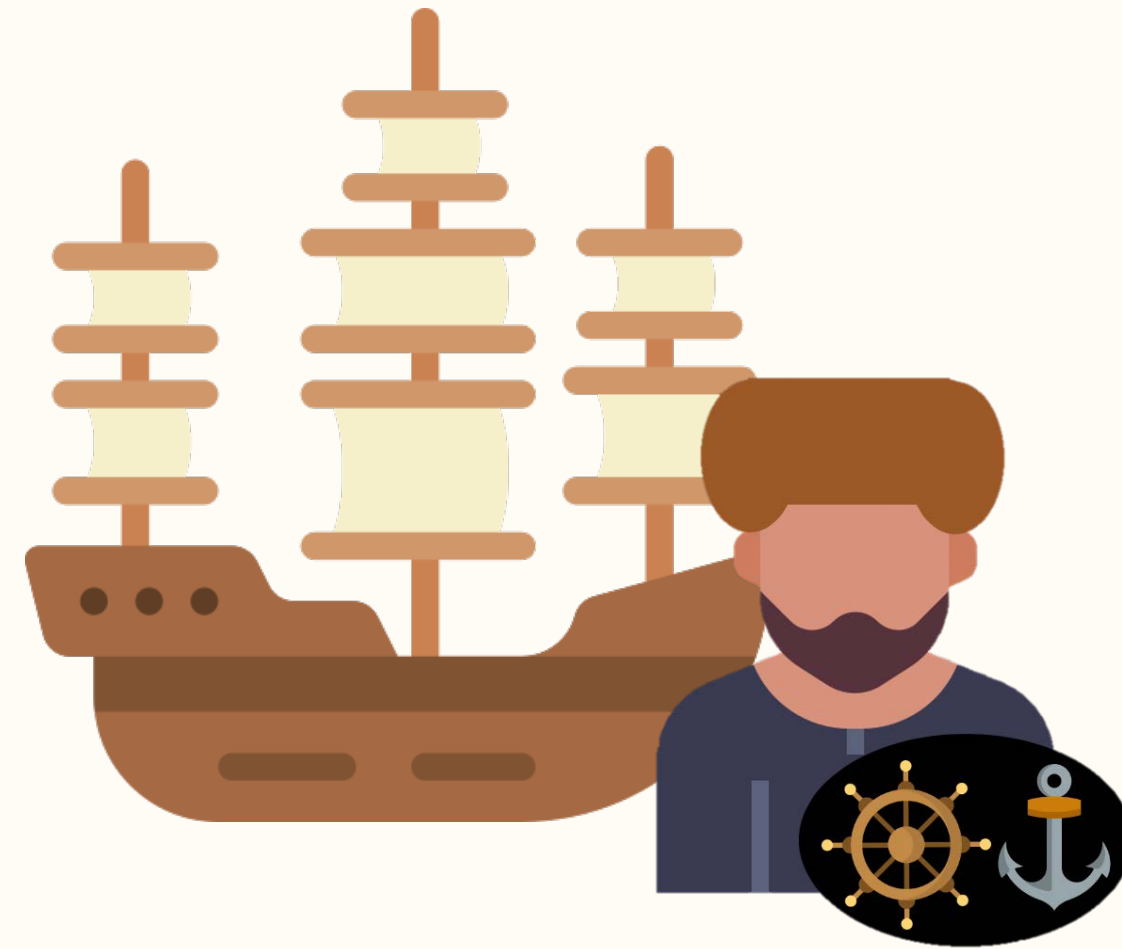
**They will have  
wise and beneficial  
laws**

## Solomon's Temple



Craftsmen from Tyre

## Solomon's Navy



Gentile seamen

## Solomon's cedar logs



Sidonians

**2 Sam. 7:12, “ ‘When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.**

**2 Sam. 7:13, “ ‘He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.’ ”**

**1 Kings 9:3, “And the LORD said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.**

**1 Kings 9:4, “ ‘Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,**

**1 Kings 9:5, “ ‘then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, “You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.” ’ ”**

**1 Kings 9:6, “ ‘But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,**

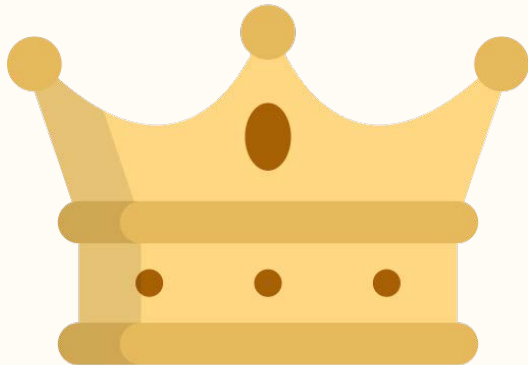
**1 Kings 9:7, “ ‘then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.’ ”**

**1 Kings 9:8, “ ‘And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, “Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?”’ ”**

**1 Kings 9:9, “ ‘Then they will answer, “Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.” ’ ”**



# D. Solomon Turned Away From God (1 Kings 11)



## CONDITIONAL DYNASTY

<p><b>IF</b> Solomon obeys</p> <p><b>THEN</b> Solomon's dynasty will be established forever</p>	<p><b>IF</b> Solomon rebels</p> <p><b>THEN</b> Israel will be scattered in discipline</p>
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