

Interlocked Series

Lesson #16.1

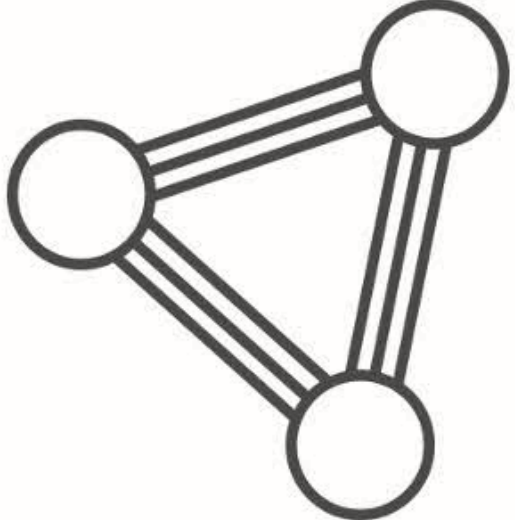
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Lesson 15: Revelation and Rebellion at Sinai

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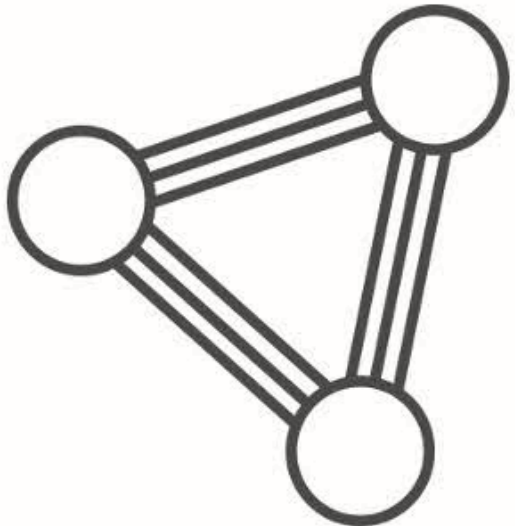
Lesson 15A The Writing of the Law

Revelation: How God Reveals Himself

God's Communication Pattern:

Revelation Through Prophets

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

- **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

**1. Responsible
Choice**

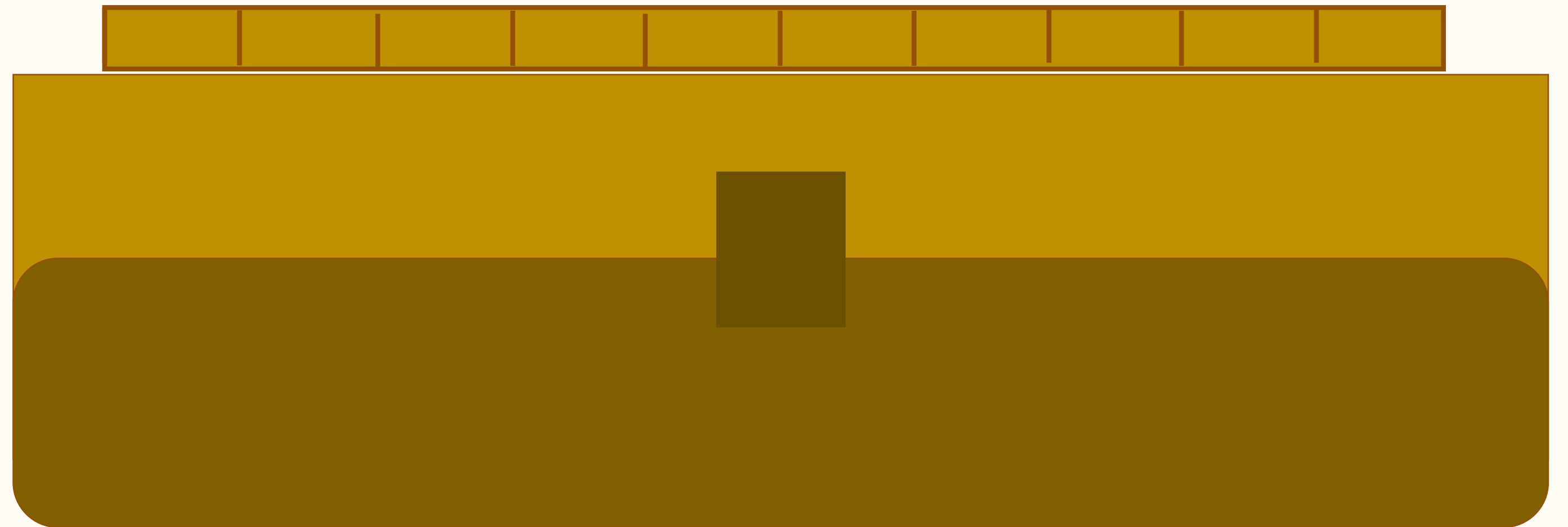
2. Marriage

3. Family

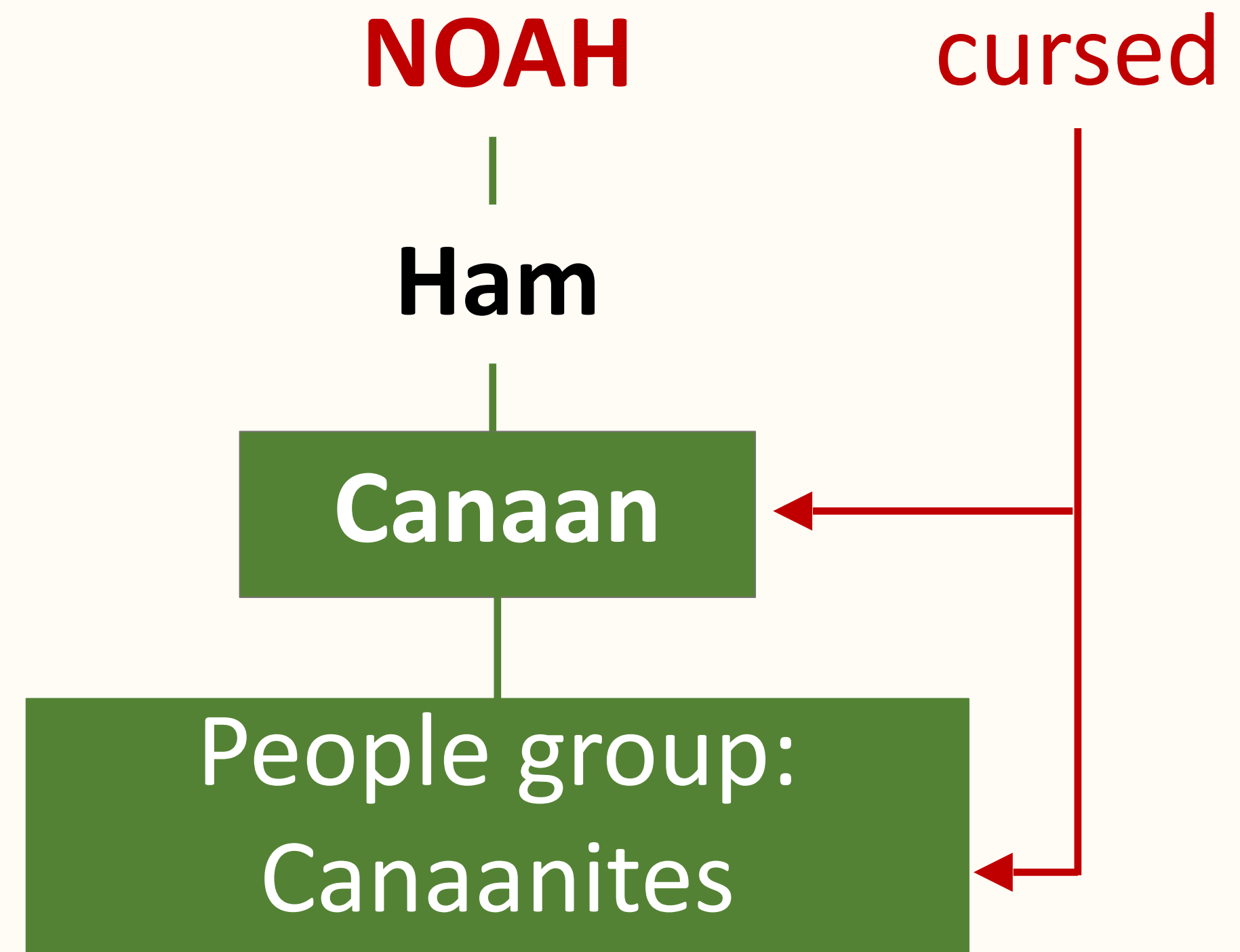
5. Nationalism

- **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.



- **Up to this point, God had revealed Himself to all people by directly communicating with Adam and Eve and their descendants. But mankind had continually chosen to reject God. In fact, they rejected God even after the great Flood by building for themselves the Tower of Babel.**

- **It was also after the Flood that God put in place the fourth divine institution of civil government. God knew the kind of evil society people would have to live in and so He put in place controls that would limit evil. He gave people the power to restrain evil through capital punishment and deadly force.**

- **So God judged the people at Babel, scattering them and putting in place the fifth divine institution of tribal diversity. Again, this was to slow down the spread of evil. By separating mankind into tribes and nations, God could judge an evil people group without judging all of mankind. He could also use one people group as His instrument of judgment on another.**

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Choice**

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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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BLESSES SOCIETY

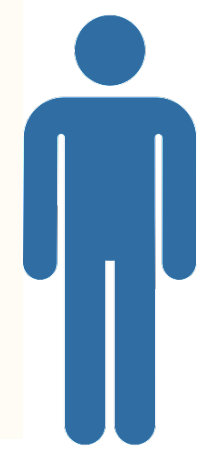
6. Israel

- **Due to famine in the land that God gave Abraham, his grandson Jacob moved his whole family to Egypt. There, Jacob's 12 sons grew from a family of 70 people into an entire nation of 2.4 million called Israel.**

The Line of the Promised Seed and the Covenant



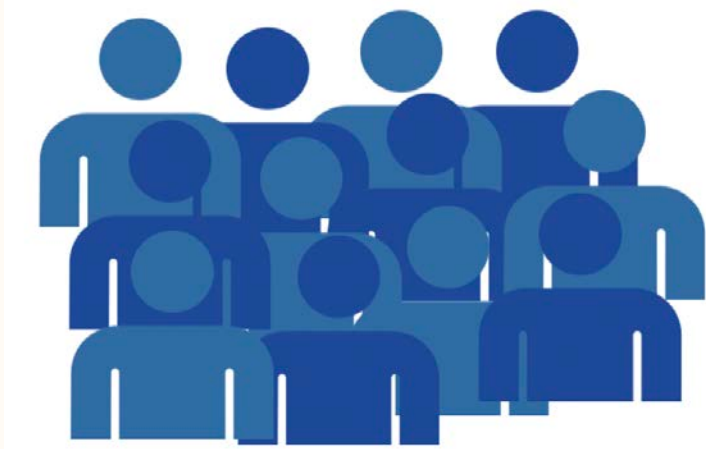
God chose Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



People of Israel



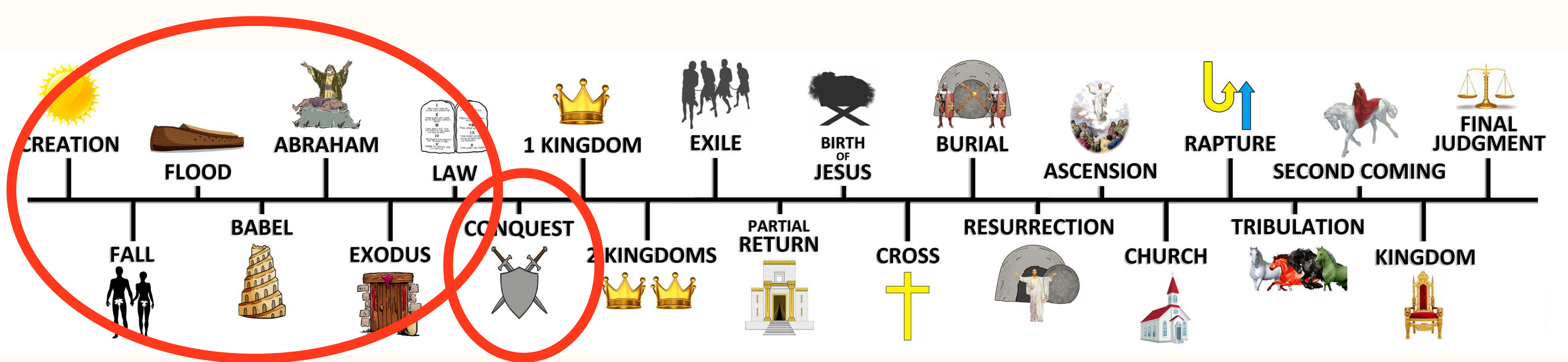
- **While in the desert, God built Israel into a nation by giving them His values, ethics, and law. All that God taught them was in total conflict with the self-serving values of the increasingly wicked and evil pagan nations around them.**

- **At this point in history, God had set the stage for the next major event. Three truths we have studied were now in place:**
 - (i) Noah's prophecy cursing Canaan, the son of Ham, could now be fulfilled;**
 - (ii) Israel now had the civil authority through the fourth divine institution to use deadly force and carry out capital punishment; and**
 - (iii) God could now use the fifth divine institution of tribal diversity to direct Israel to judge the fully corrupted tribe of Canaan and its closely-linked tribes.**

**Evil Canaanites
cursed**

**Civil Government
to restrain evil**

**Tribal Diversity
to restrain evil**



Torah
Pentateuch

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

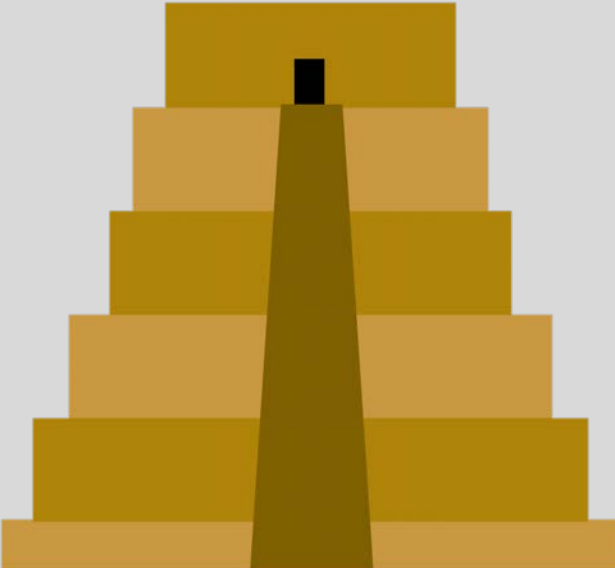
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Conquest

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

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

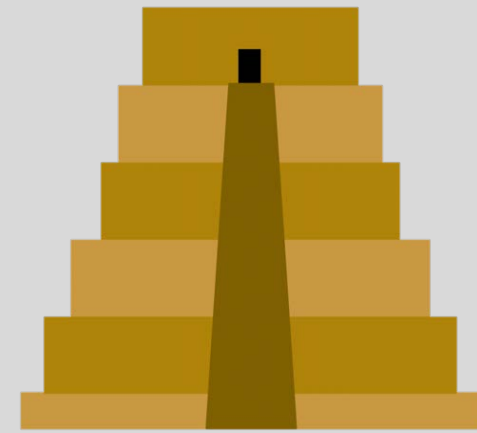


God built Israel:

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

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Canaan

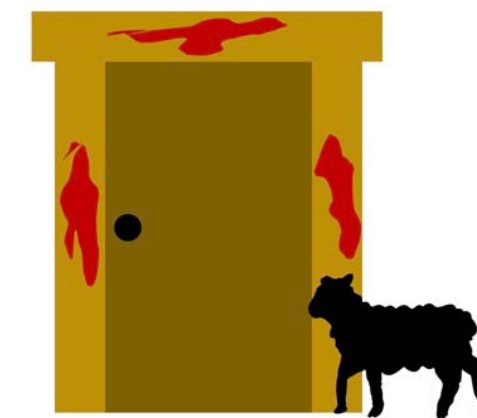
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God taught Israel
about spiritual life:

Period of the Conquest

	 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	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)	God (with the sign of the Sabbath)
Who is responsible?	God	God	God and Israel (Mutual obligation)
 Type	Unconditional/Permanent	Unconditional/Permanent	Conditional/Temporary Dependent on whether Israel obeys

Unconditional/Permanent: In the Noahic and Abrahamic covenants, God Himself made the promises and He alone would fulfill them. People did not need to do anything.

Conditional/Temporary: The Mosaic Covenant was different. God promised blessings for the people's obedience and cursings for disobedience. There was mutual obligation. Both God and Israel had responsibilities in this covenant.

Heb. 8:13, “In that He says, ‘A new covenant,’ He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”



Canaan belongs to Israel



Canaan occupied by others

- In the Abrahamic Covenant, God promised Abraham and his descendants land. God guaranteed that Israel had **unconditional OWNERSHIP** of the land.
- But now, for Israel to **POSSESS** the land, Israel had to obey God. This was **conditional**.
 - ➔ If they obeyed, they would be blessed and enjoy the land.
 - ➔ If they disobeyed, they would be cursed.



Owns the house



Occupies the house



Deut. 20:16, “But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,

Deut. 20:17, “but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you,”

Why was Total Destruction Necessary?

1



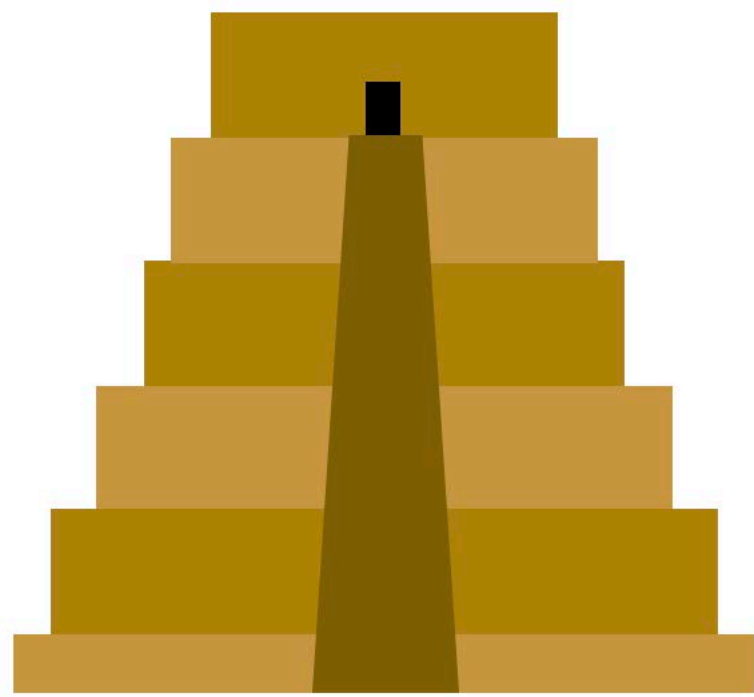
Israelites must be kept culturally intact to fulfill their mission of carrying God's history and truth to the world.

2



Total destruction is God's stern warning picture of the Final Judgment.

1. Total destruction was necessary because the Israelites must be kept pure (uncorrupted) to carry God's history and truth to the rest of 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.

GOD'S WORD PRESERVED → SCRIPTURES

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



Ex. 34:11, “Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

Ex. 34:12, “Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.

Ex. 34:13, “But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images

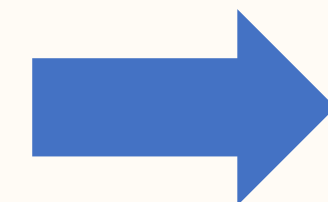
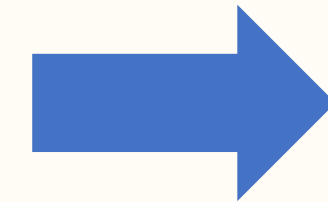
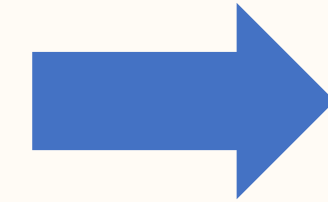
Ex. 34:14, “(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),”

Ex. 34:15, “lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,

Ex. 34:16, “and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.”

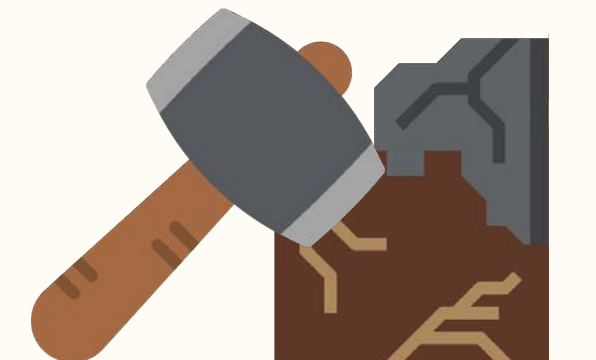
Threat of Cultural Death

- Canaanites will invite Israel to follow their evil ways
- Israelites will intermarry with Canaanites and become idol worshipers
- Israelites will be tempted to practice idol worship



To Prevent Cultural Death, God Commanded Them to:

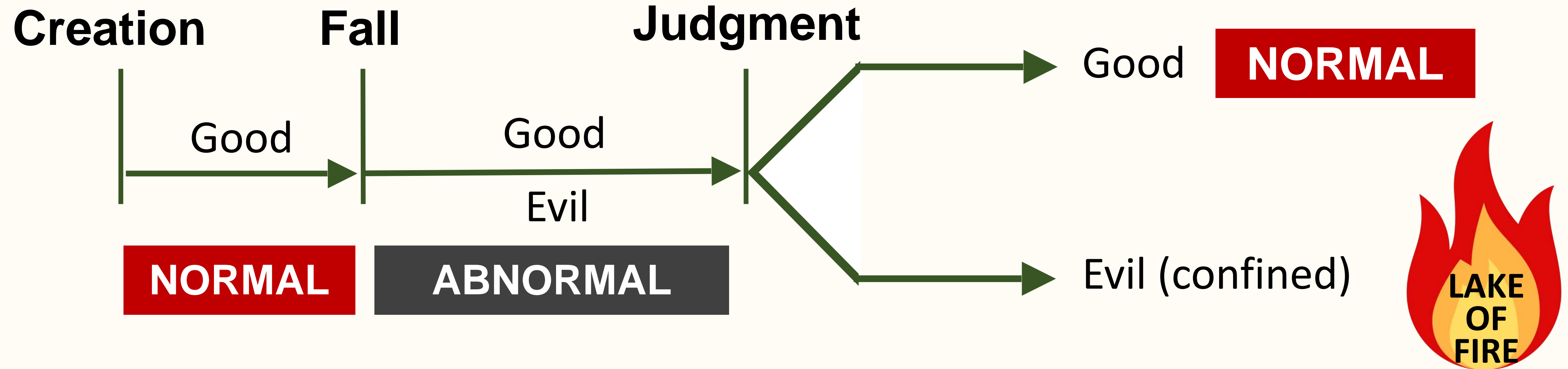
- Drive out the idol-worshipping peoples
- Never make treaties or intermarry with them
- Break down their places of idol worship



God's War

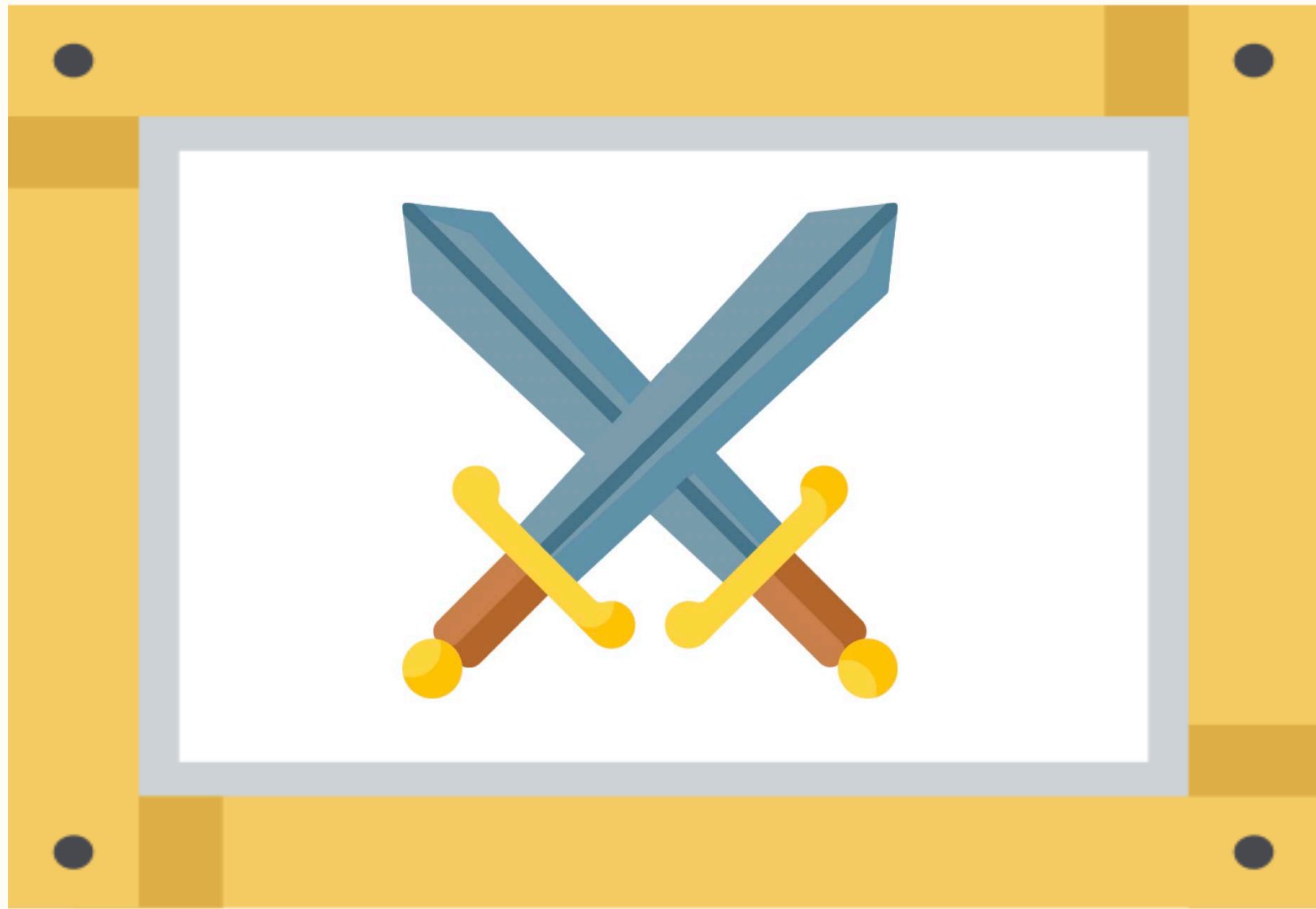
2. Total destruction in ~~the Holy War~~ is a stern warning picture of the Final Judgment.

God will put an end to evil at the Final Judgment



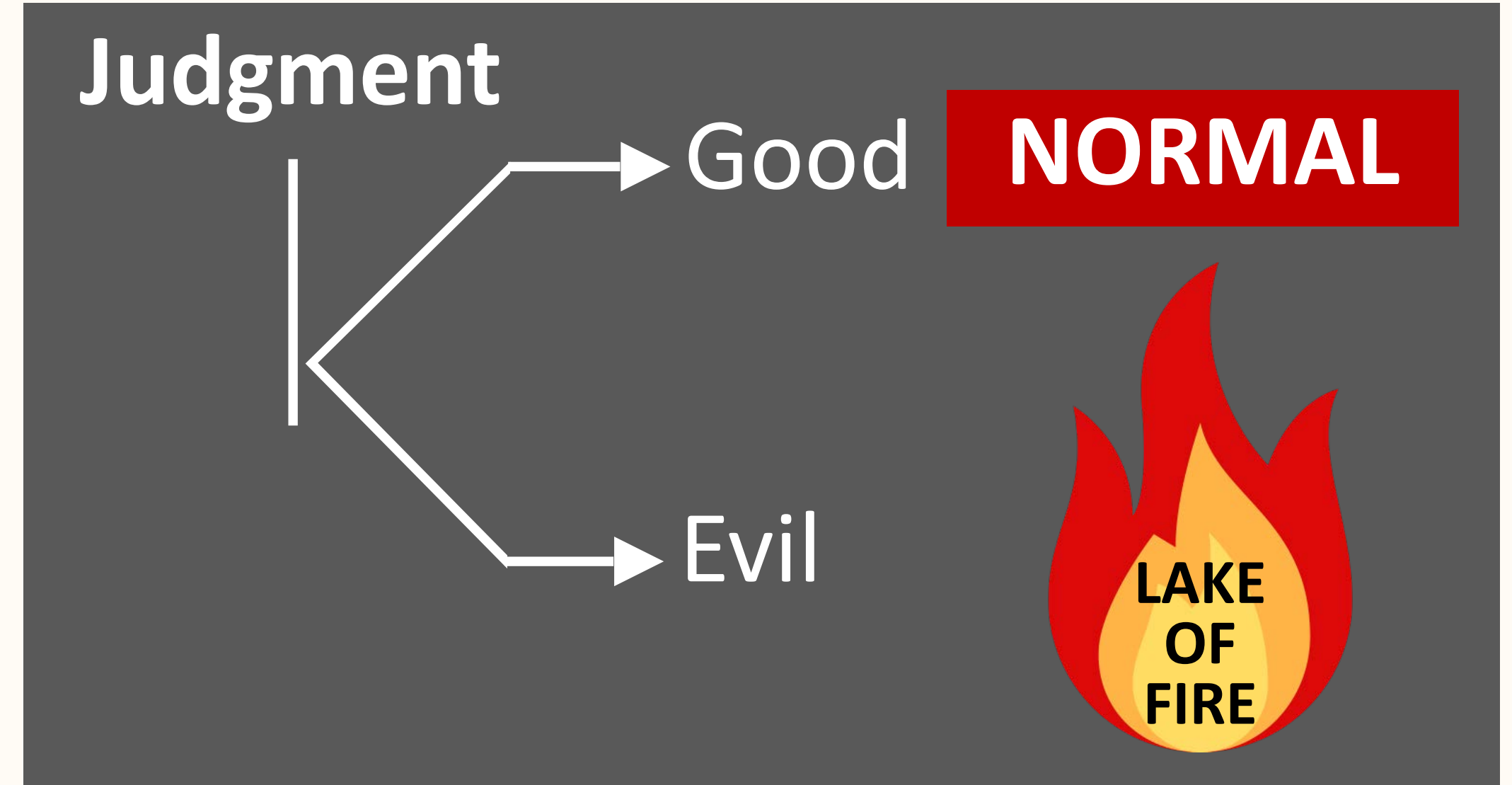
Specifically:

- Evil will be forever confined in the Lake of Fire.
- God will restore “normal” and have all creation good and perfect once again.



God's War ...

... is a picture of ...



... the Final Judgment

I	II	III
There will be a time of grace	Salvation will be for anyone who puts their trust in <i>Yahweh</i>	Devastating and final judgment will come

I. There Will Be a Time of Grace

Gen. 15:13, “Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.”

Gen. 15:14, “And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.”

Gen. 15:15, “Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.”

Gen. 15:16, “But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

Gen. 15:17, “And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

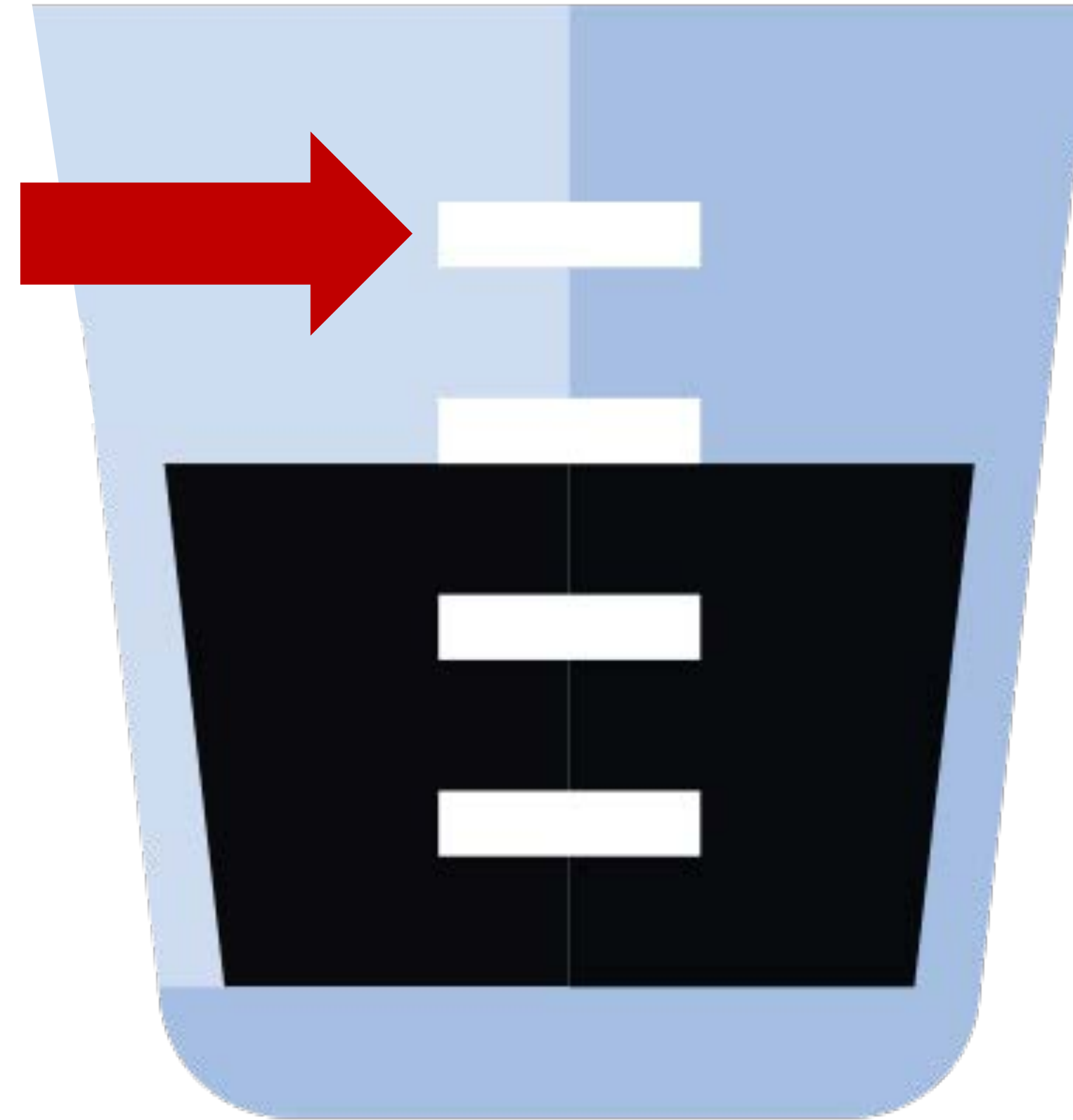
Gen. 15:18, “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Gen. 15:19, “ ‘the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,

Gen. 15:20, “ ‘the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

Gen. 15:21, “ ‘the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.’ ”

**God will
destroy
them for
their sins**



Sins of the Amorites

God's War in the Period of the Conquest and the Final Judgment



Greece

Turkey

Iran

Mediterranean Sea

Lebanon

Syria

Iraq

Israel

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

Libya

Egypt

Deut. 18:9, “When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.

Deut. 18:10, “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

Deut. 18:11, “or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

Deut. 18:12, “For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.”

Lev. 18:24, “Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.

Lev. 18:25, “For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.”

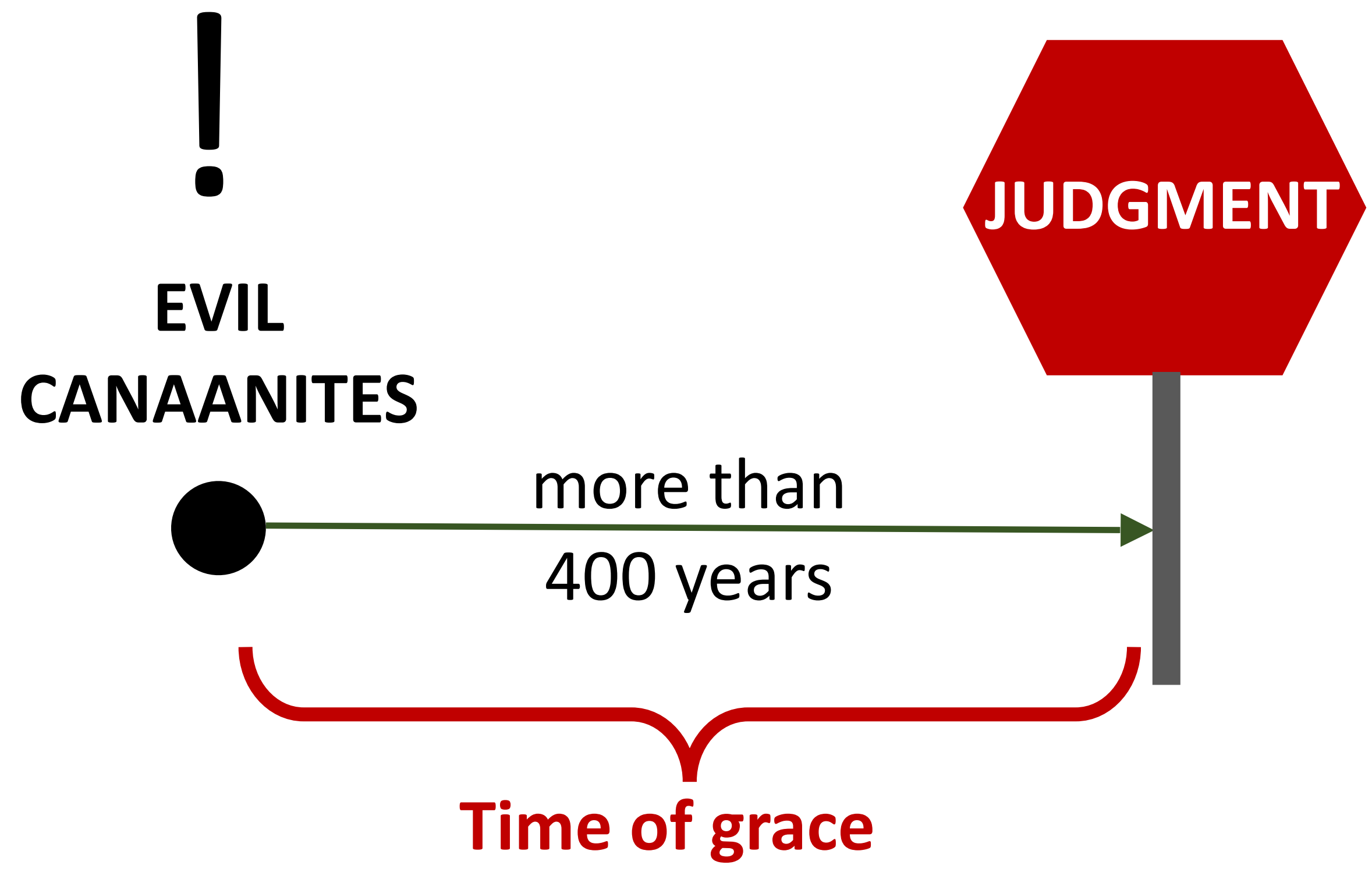


God used Israel to destroy the wicked Canaanites

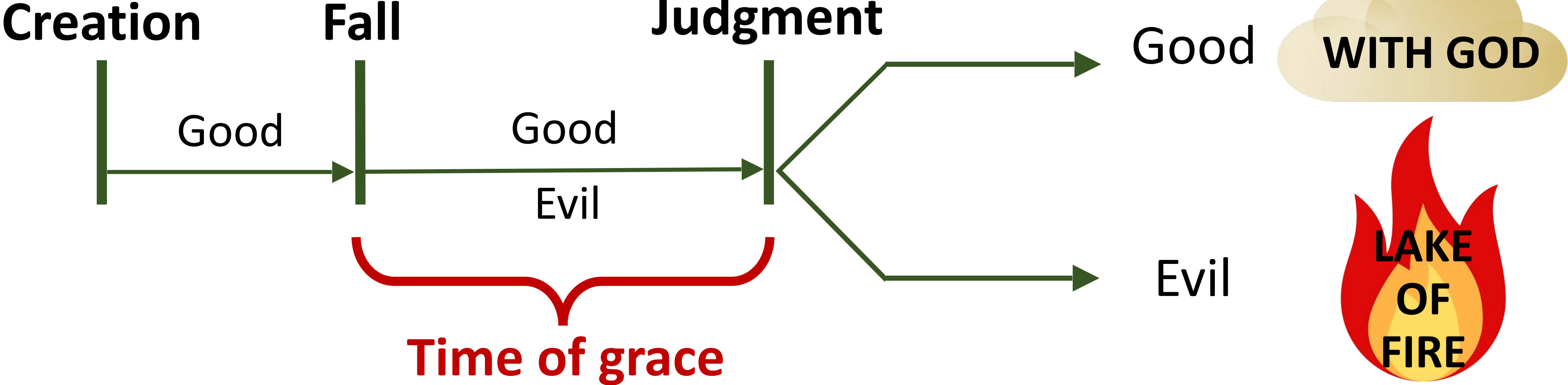
Psa. 14:1, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.

Psa. 14:2, “The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

Psa. 14:3, “They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.”



God will put an end to evil at the Final Judgment



Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

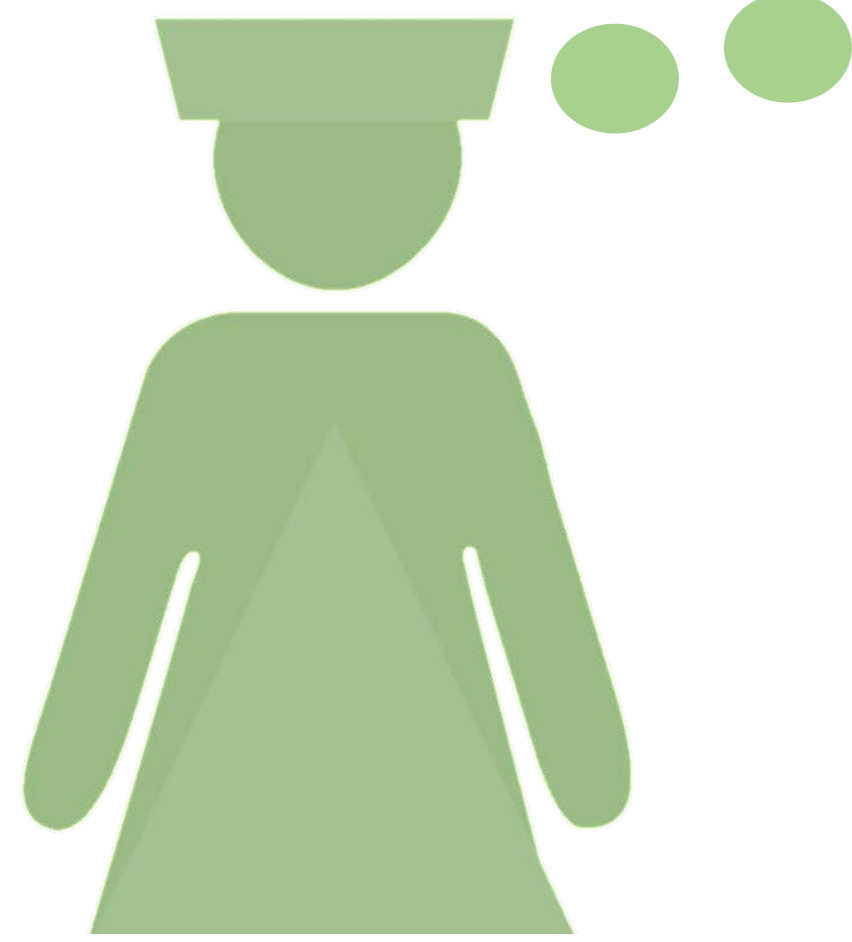
II. Salvation will be for anyone who puts their trust in *Yahweh*.

Josh. 2:8, “Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

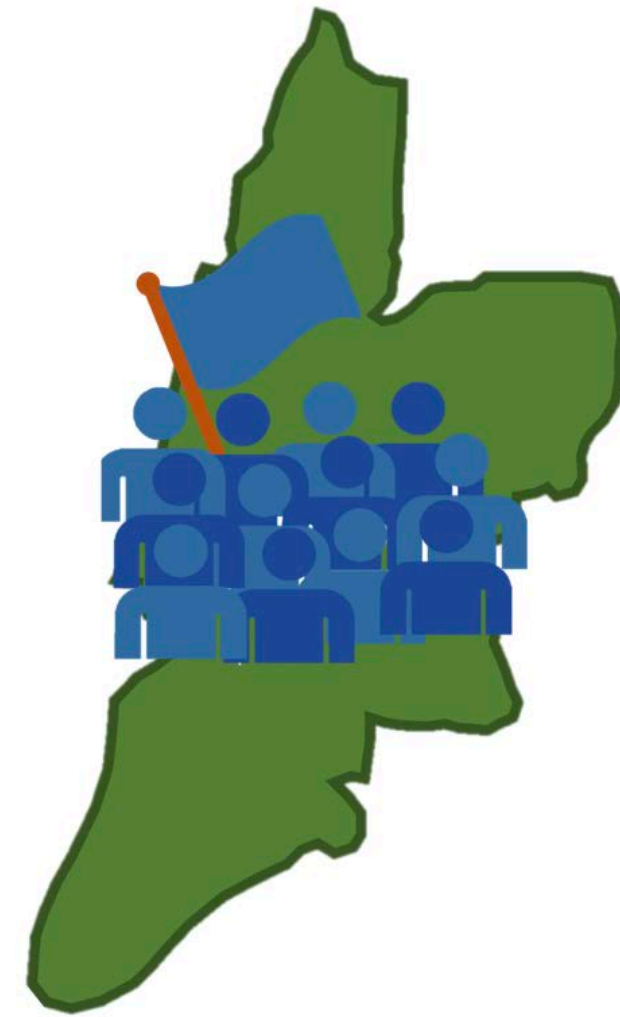
Josh. 2:9, “and said to the men: ‘I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

Josh. 2:10, “ ‘For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

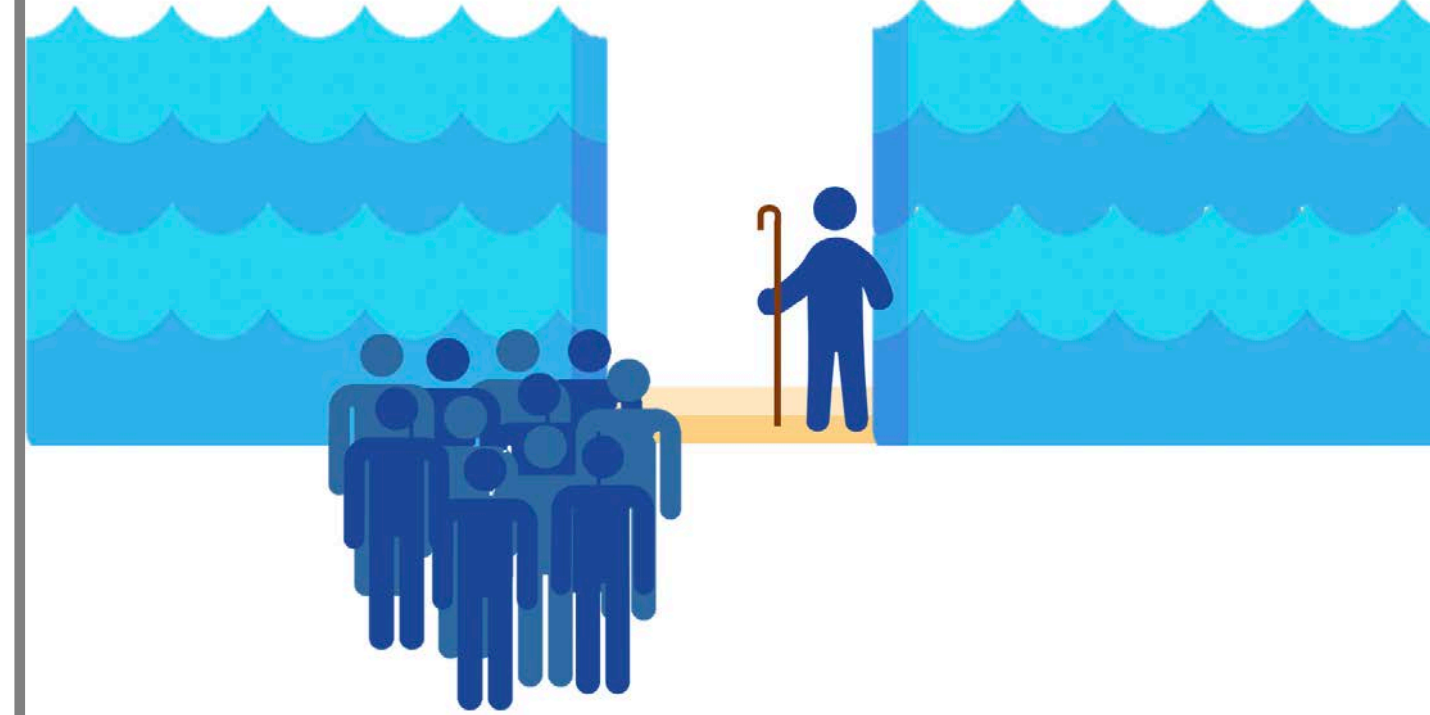
Josh. 2:11, “ ‘And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.’ ”



Rahab knew
and believed...



God gave
Canaan to Israel



God supernaturally
rescued Israel



Israel's God is
the supreme God



Abraham

↓
Isaac

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Jacob

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Judah

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Perez

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Hezon

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Ram

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Amminadab

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Nashon

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Salmon + Rahab 

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Boaz + Ruth 

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Obed

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Jesse

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David

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Jesus



Heb. 11:31, “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”