

The Week of Millenniums




Lesson Five

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The Covenants of Day Three

The covenants God made with Adam and Noah were inclusive to all mankind.

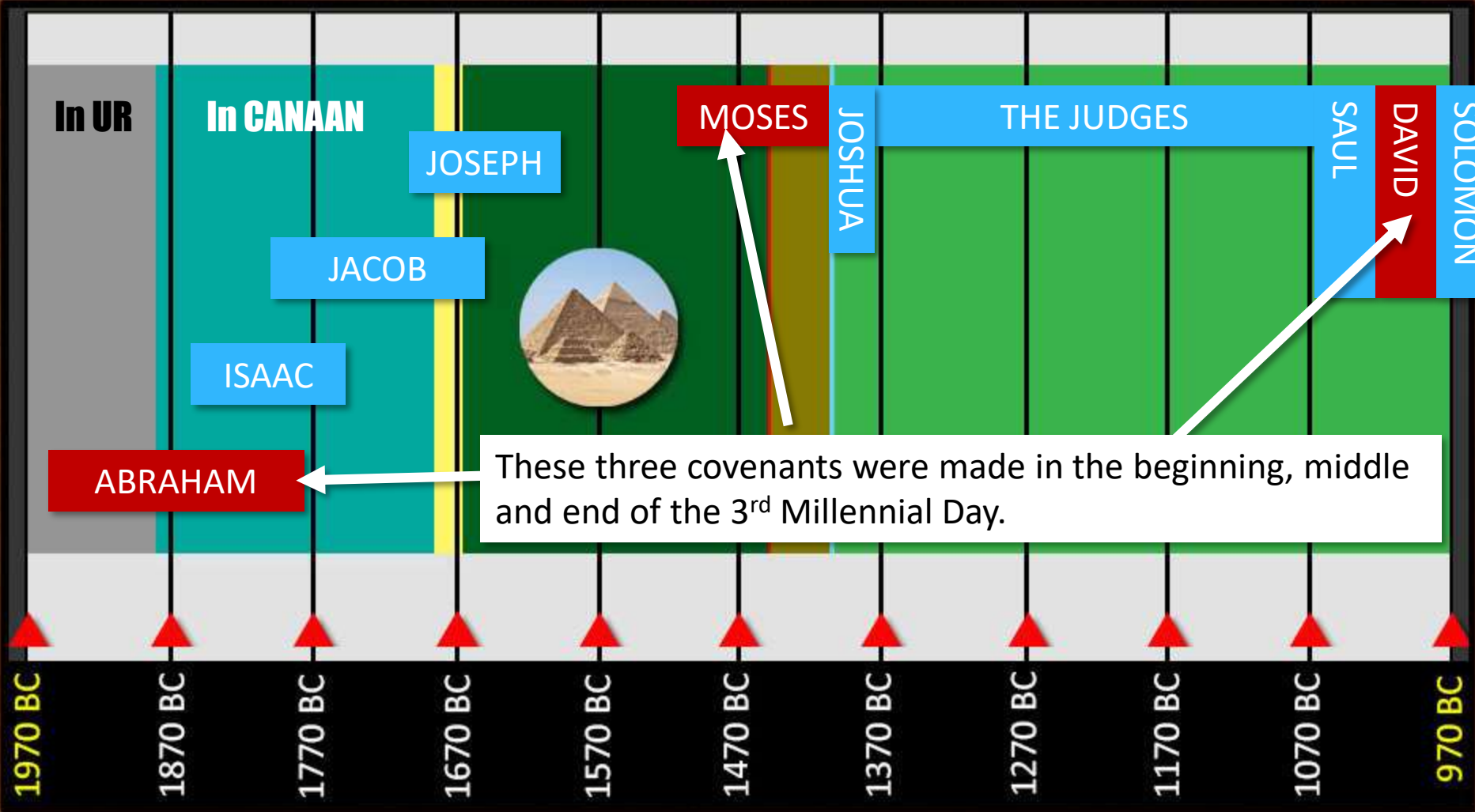
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The ~~E~~den Covenant
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The ~~N~~oah Covenant

But starting in Day THREE, God's covenants were exclusive to a particular people – his CHOSEN people.

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The **A**brahamic Covenant
The **M**osaic Covenant
The **D**avidic Covenant



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These three covenants were made in the beginning, middle and end of the 3rd Millennial Day.

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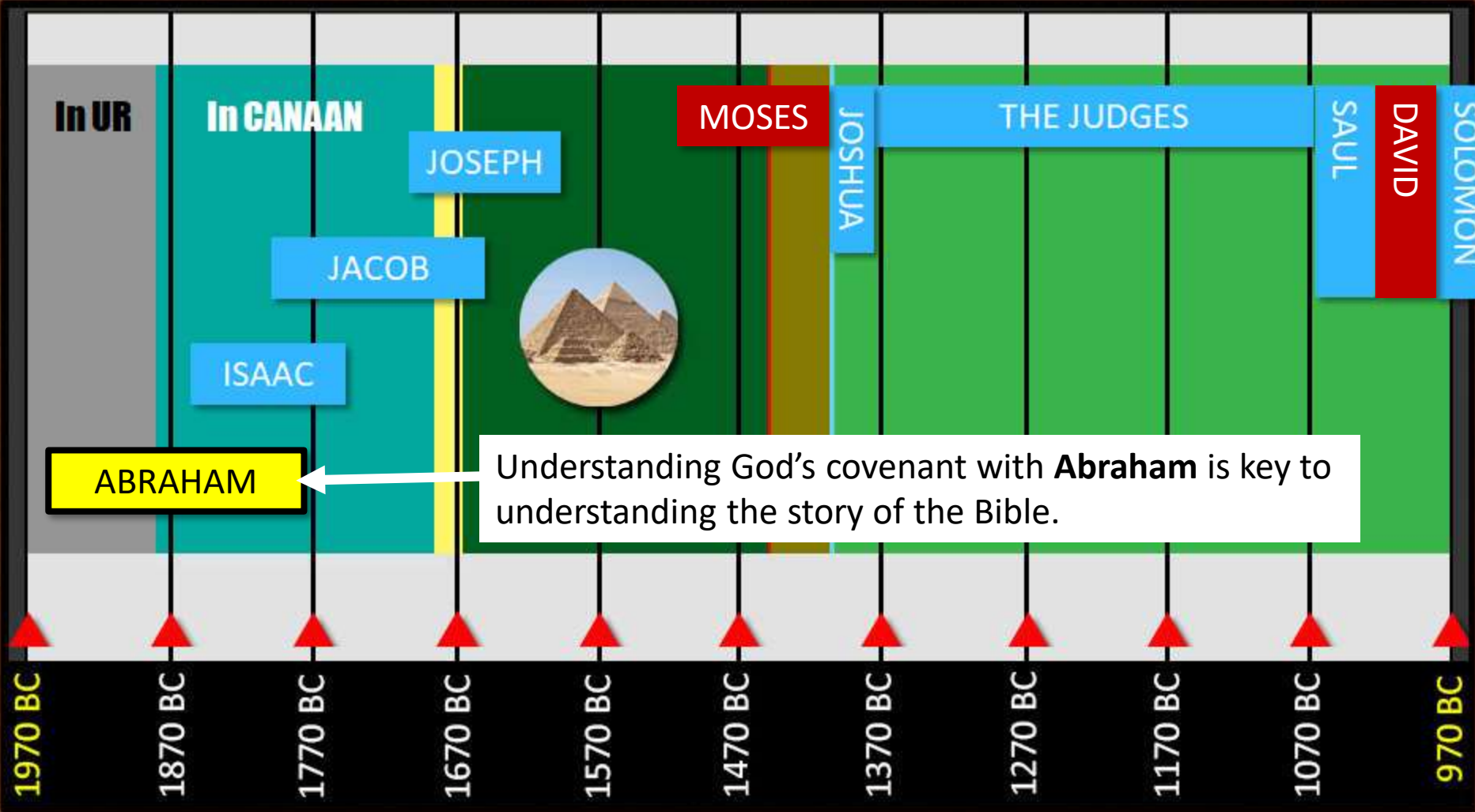
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Understanding God's covenant with **Abraham** is key to understanding the story of the Bible.



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Once again, Chapters 1-11 of Genesis are the prelude, the *introduction* to the Bible. The story really begins in Genesis 12 with the call of Abraham.



God's Covenant With Abraham

Abraham received great promises from God even before he began his journey out of his homeland.

Genesis 12:1

¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram,
Get thee out of thy country,
and from thy kindred,
and from thy father's house,
unto a land that I will shew thee:



God's Covenant With Abraham

Abraham received great promises from God even before he began his journey out of his homeland.

Genesis 12:2-3

- ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.



God's Covenant With Abraham

GOD PROMISED TO MAKE OF ABRAHAM:

A great nation

A great name

A great blessing

Genesis 12:2-3

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and curse him that curseth thee:
**and in thee shall all families of the
earth be blessed.**



God's Covenant With Abraham

Twenty-five years later, God was even more emphatic: Abraham would father *many* nations and kings.

Genesis 17:3-4

- ³ And Abram fell on his face:
and God talked with him, saying,
- ⁴ As for me, behold,
my covenant *is* with thee,
and **thou shalt be a father of many
nations.**



God's Covenant With Abraham

Twenty-five years later, God was even more emphatic: Abraham would father *many* nations and kings.

Genesis 17:5-6

- ⁵ Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; **for a father of many nations have I made thee.**
- ⁶ And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, **and kings shall come out of thee.**



God's Covenant With Abraham

Abram means “exalted father.”
Abraham means “father of a great multitude.”

Genesis 17:5-6

- ⁵ Neither shall thy name any more be called **Abram**,
but thy name shall be **Abraham**;
for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- ⁶ And I will make thee exceeding fruitful,
and I will make nations of thee,
and kings shall come out of thee.



God's Covenant With Abraham

God entered into an **unconditional** and everlasting covenant with Abraham and his progeny.

Genesis 17:7-8

- ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
- ⁸ And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.



God's Covenant With Abraham

God promised an unbreakable relationship, and a permanent homeland.

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God's Covenant With Abraham

Abraham's wife received a promise and a new name as well.

Genesis 17:15-16

- ¹⁵ And God said unto Abraham,
As for Sarai thy wife,
thou shalt not call her name Sarai,
but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.
- ¹⁶ And I will bless her,
and give thee a son also of her:
yea, I will bless her,
and she shall be *a mother* of nations;
kings of people shall be of her.



God's Covenant With Abraham

Sarai means "my princess."
Sarah means "noblewoman."

Genesis 17:15-16

- ¹⁵ And God said unto Abraham,
As for Sarai thy wife,
**thou shalt not call her name Sarai,
but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.**
- ¹⁶ And I will bless her,
and give thee a son also of her:
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God's Covenant With Abraham

God's covenant with Abraham was established through his son, Isaac, before he was even born.

Genesis 17:19

¹⁹ And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.



God's Covenant With Abraham

These promises were confirmed to Isaac's son (and Abraham's grandson) Jacob, the patriarch of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Genesis 35:9-10

- ⁹ And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.
- ¹⁰ And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.



God's Covenant With Abraham

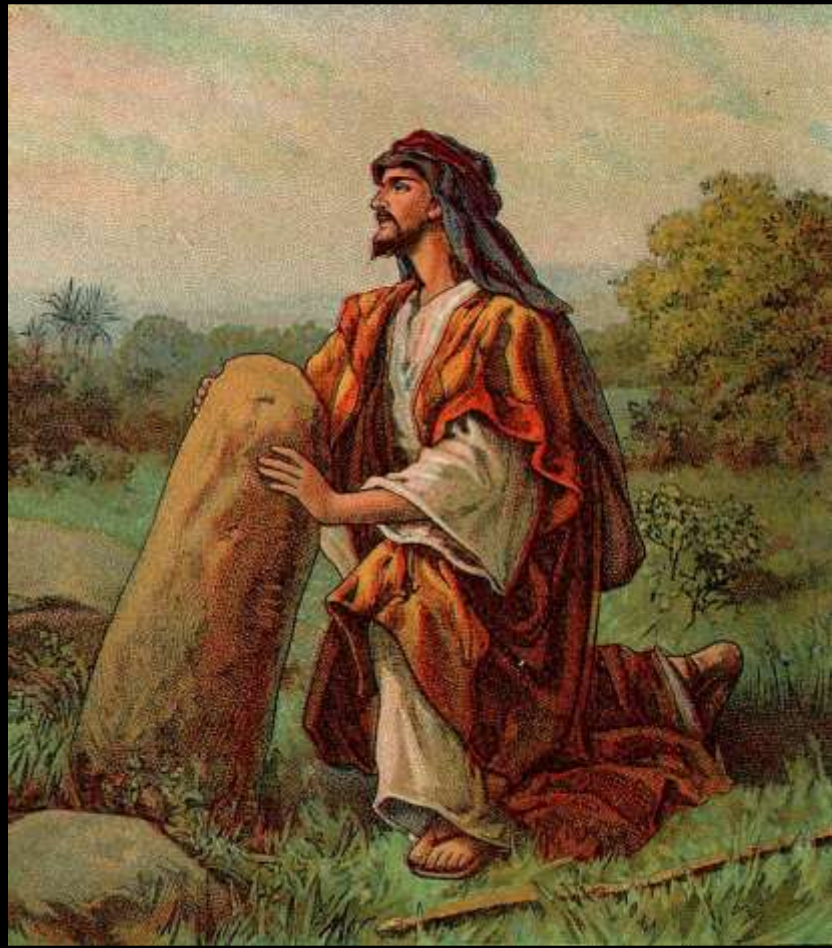
Jacob means “heel holder, or supplanter.”
To supplant is to remove or displace by stratagem.

Israel means “God prevails.”

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Genesis 35:11-12

- ¹¹ And God said unto him,
I *am* God Almighty:
be fruitful and multiply;
a nation and a company of nations
shall be of thee,
and kings shall come out of thy loins;
- ¹² And the land which I gave Abraham
and Isaac, to thee I will give it,
and to thy seed after thee will I give
the land.



The LORD God now aligned himself exclusively to a particular people. He called himself “the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob.”





He is the God of Abraham

Genesis 17:1-2

- ¹ And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am the Almighty God;* walk before me, and be thou perfect.
- ² And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.



He is the God of Abraham, of Isaac

Genesis 26:24

²⁴ And the LORD appeared unto him [Isaac] the same night, and said, *I am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.



He is the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob

Genesis 28:12-13a

- ¹² And he [Jacob] dreamed,
and behold a ladder set up on the
earth, and the top of it reached to
heaven:
and behold the angels of God
ascending and descending on it.
- ¹³ And, behold, the LORD stood above it,
and said,
I am the LORD God of Abraham thy
father, and the God of Isaac:



He is the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob

This is the name God used to declare himself to Moses.



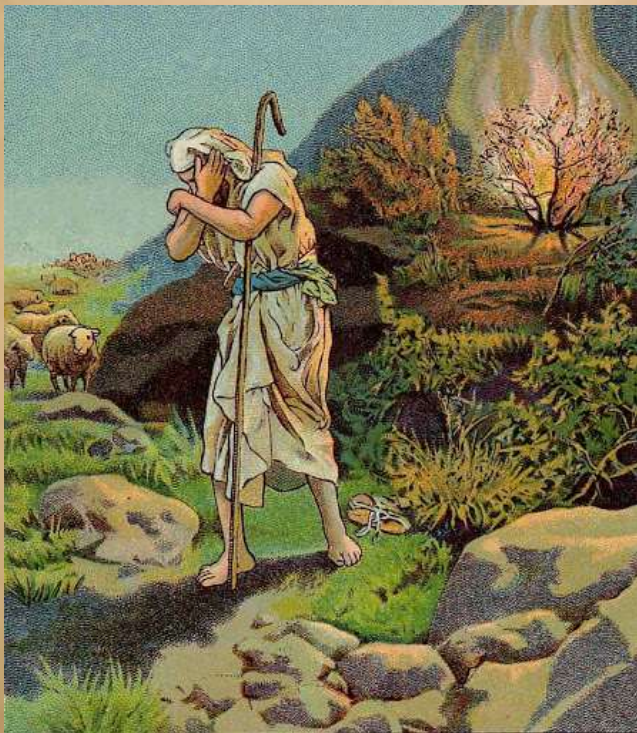
Exodus 3:1-2

- ¹ Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.
- ² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.



Exodus 3:3-5

- ³ And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- ⁴ And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.
- ⁵ And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.



Exodus 3:6

⁶ Moreover he said,
*I am the God of thy father,
the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob.*

And Moses hid his face;
for he was afraid to look upon
God.

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2 Kings 13:23

²³ And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, **because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,** and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.



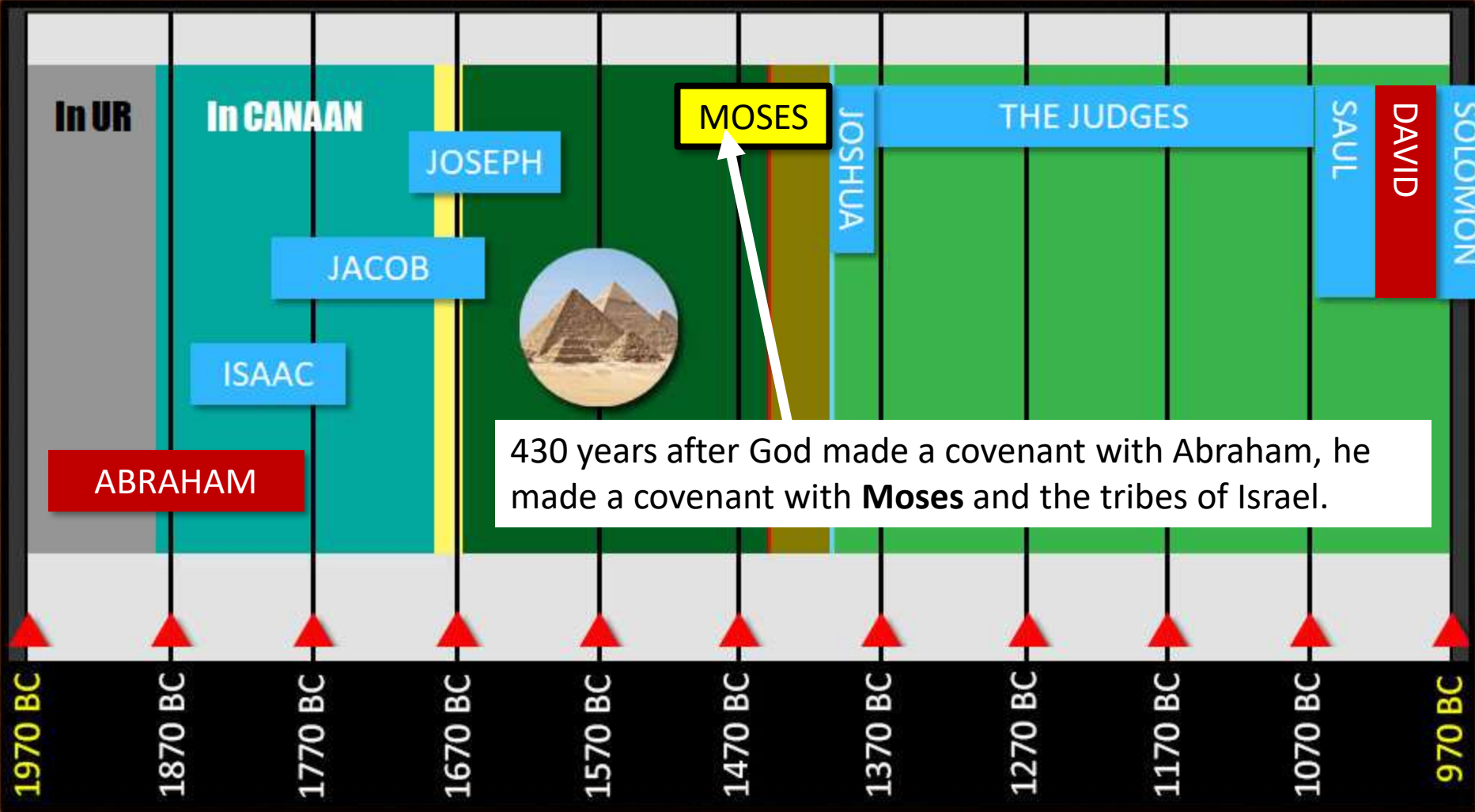
And, as Peter reminded the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, it was to the people of this covenant that God first sent his Son.

Acts 3:25-26

²⁵ Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

²⁶ Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.





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430 years after God made a covenant with Abraham, he made a covenant with **Moses** and the tribes of Israel.

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The Covenant of the Law

This covenant concerned Israel's well-being in this present world. The promises were **CONDITIONAL** upon their obedience:

Exodus 19:5-6a

- ⁵ Now therefore,
if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant,
then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:
for all the earth *is* mine:
- ⁶ And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.



The Covenant of the Law

The children of Israel were God's people by the unconditional Abrahamic covenant, and not by keeping the Law. But the Law would show whether they were an obedient or disobedient people.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

- ²⁶ Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;
- ²⁷ A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:
- ²⁸ And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.



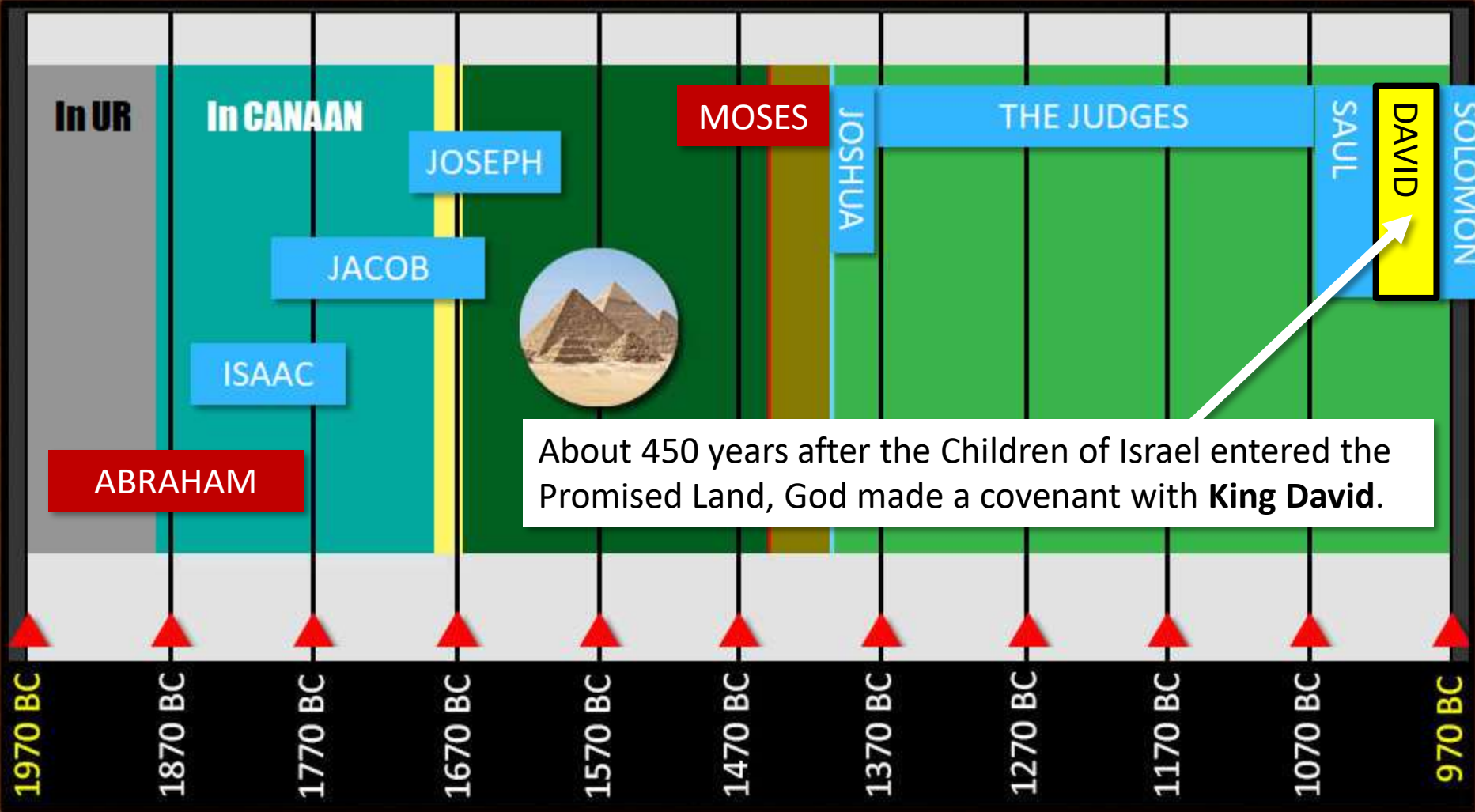
The Covenant of the Law

The ultimate purpose of the Law was to prove that man was incapable of rising above his sinful nature to live a holy and righteous life. His only hope of attaining salvation was through faith in the Savior Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:24-25

- ²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us unto Christ*, that we might be justified by faith.
- ²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.





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About 450 years after the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, God made a covenant with **King David**.

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This passage is the word of God that came to the prophet Nathan for King David.



2 Samuel 7:8b-11a

- ⁸ ...Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep,
to be ruler over my people, over Israel:
- ⁹ And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut
off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a
great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the
earth.
- ¹⁰ Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will
plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and
move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict
them any more, as beforetime,
- ¹¹ And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my
people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine
enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an
house.



2 Samuel 7:12-17

- ¹² And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
- ¹³ He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
- ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he shall be my son.
If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:
- ¹⁵ But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.
- ¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.
- ¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.



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- ¹⁷ According to all **This was God's unconditional promise to David.** so did Nathan speak unto David.

God's Covenant with David

This covenant was established through David's son, Solomon:

1 Kings 2:45

And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.





David wanted to build the house of God himself, but the LORD told him (through the prophet Nathan) that it would be the job of David's yet-unborn son, Solomon.

God's Covenant with David



1 Chronicles 17:12-14

- ¹² He shall build me an house,
and I will stablish his throne for ever.
- ¹³ I will be his father,
and he shall be my son:
and I will not take my mercy away
from him, as I took *it* from *him* that
was before thee:
- ¹⁴ **But I will settle him in mine house
and in my kingdom for ever:
and his throne shall be established
for evermore.**



God's Covenant with David

This covenant will be fulfilled when the King of kings occupies his throne.

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was before thee:
- ¹⁴ **But I will settle him in mine house
and in my kingdom for ever:
and his throne shall be established
for evermore.**



The covenants God made in the second millennial day were for the benefit of all mankind.

God's Covenants with Mankind

The Eden Covenant (conditional)
Broken by Adam

The Adam Covenant (unconditional)
Partially Fulfilled

The Noah Covenant (unconditional)
Being fulfilled

But the three covenants God made in the *third* millennial day were exclusive to the people of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – his *chosen* people he called Israel.

God's Covenants with Israel

The Abraham Covenant

Everlasting Seed
Everlasting Land
Still Unfulfilled

The Mosaic Covenant (The Law)

Fulfilled by Christ

The Davidic Covenant

Everlasting House of David
Everlasting Kingdom
Everlasting Throne
Still Unfulfilled

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UP NEXT: The 4th Millennial day, and the FALL of Israel

Questions to Test Your Understanding of this Lesson

1. What are the three covenants made in the 3rd Millennial Day?
2. In Genesis 12:2-3, what are the three things that God promised Abraham?
3. Were the blessings God promised Abraham conditional or unconditional?
4. The promises God made to Abraham were established in his son, _____.
5. What was the name God used when he called Moses?
6. Were the blessings that God promised through the Law of Moses conditional or unconditional?
7. According to Galatians 3:24, what was the purpose of the Law?
8. In 2 Samuel 7:16, what are the three things God promised to King David?
9. Were the blessings that God promised David conditional or unconditional?
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