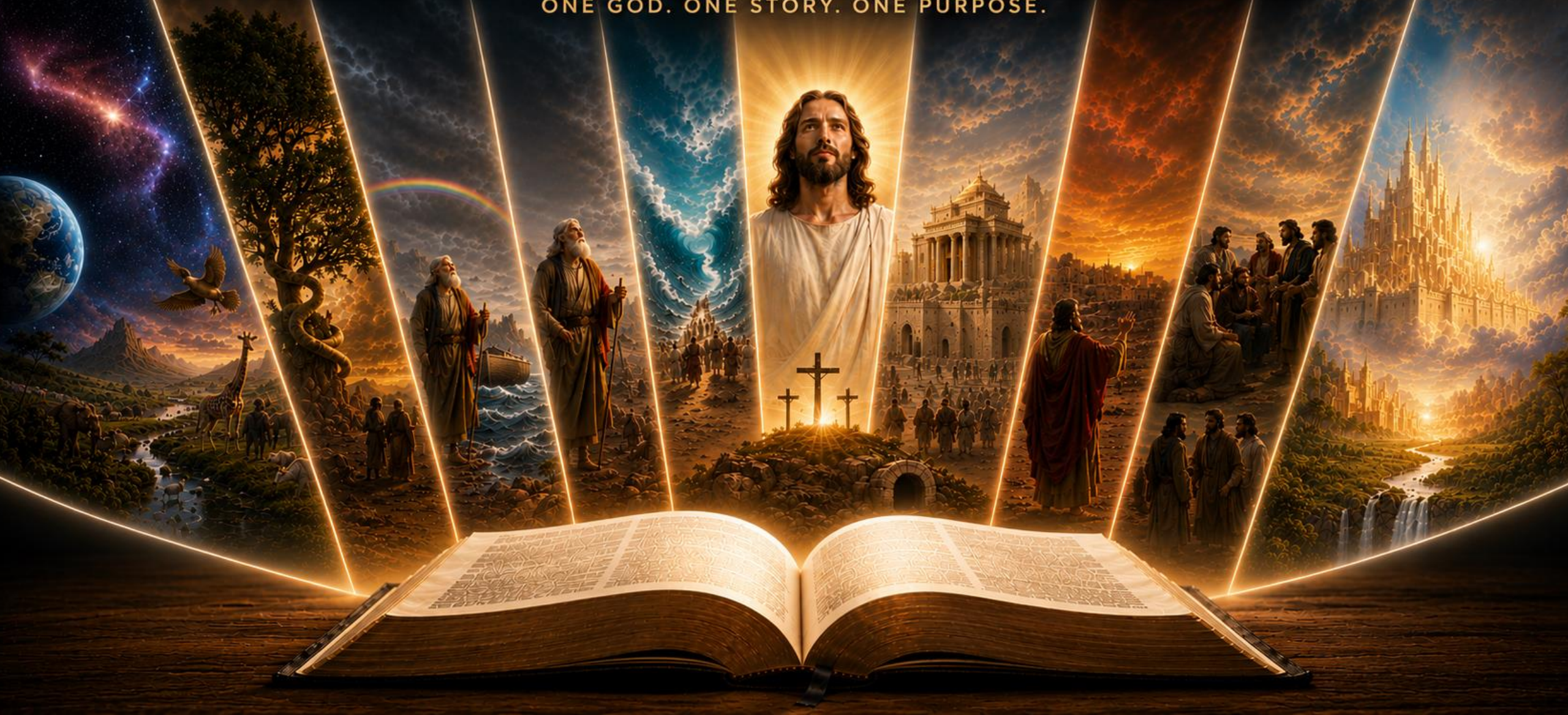


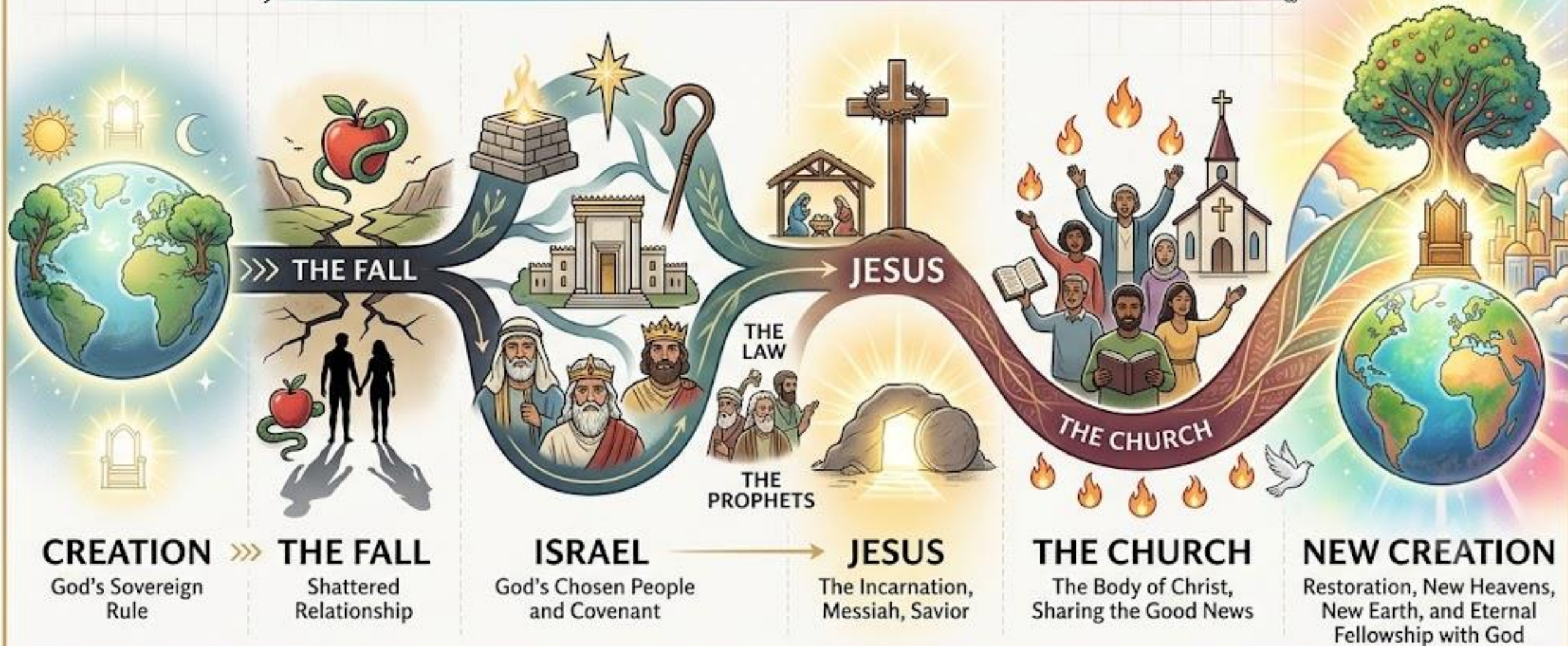
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THE THREE MAJOR COVENANTS

ALL THREE POINT TO CHRIST



1. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

A COVENANT OF PROMISE

GENESIS 12:1-3



2. MOSAIC COVENANT

A COVENANT OF LAW

EXODUS 19:5-6



3. DAVIDIC COVENANT

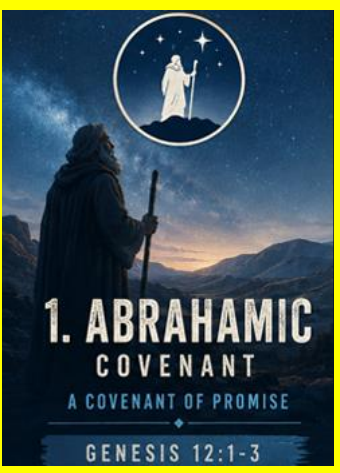
A COVENANT OF THRONE

2 SAMUEL 7:12-16



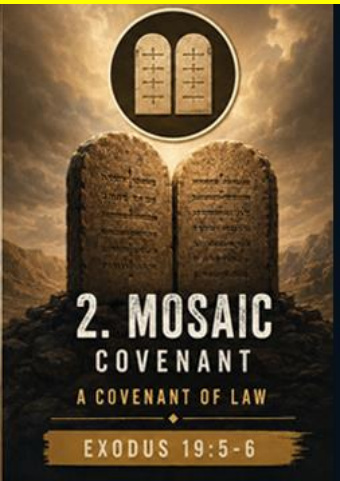
ALL THREE COVENANTS FIND THEIR ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT IN JESUS CHRIST

GALATIANS 3:16 • HEBREWS 8 • LUKE 1:32-33



Genesis 12:2–3 (ESV)

And I will make of you a great nation, and *I will bless you* and make your name great, so that *you will be a blessing*.

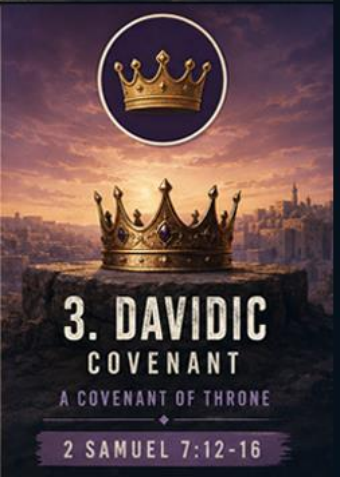


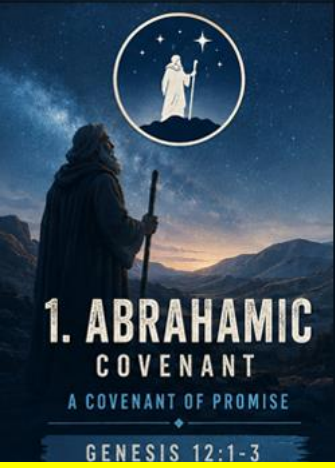
Genesis 12:5–7 (ESV)

And Abram ... set out to go to the land of Canaan... Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “*To your offspring I will give this land.*”

Expectation:

Israel understood itself as God’s covenant people. They had a unique relationship with God. They expected to be a great nation in the land that God had provided to them.



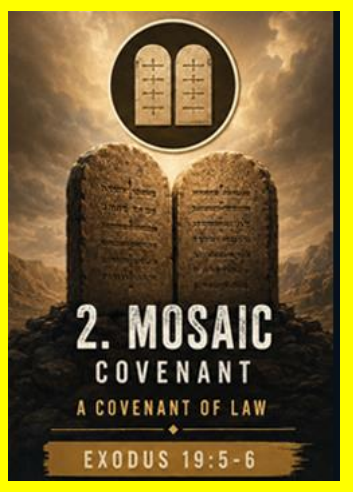


Exodus 19:5–6 (ESV)

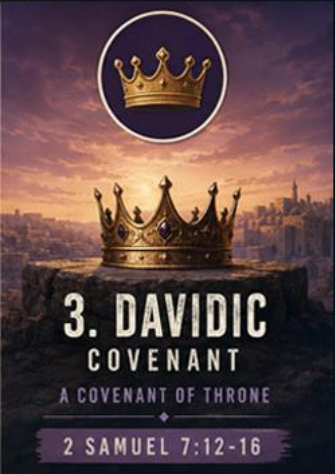
⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, *you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples*, for all the earth is mine; and *you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

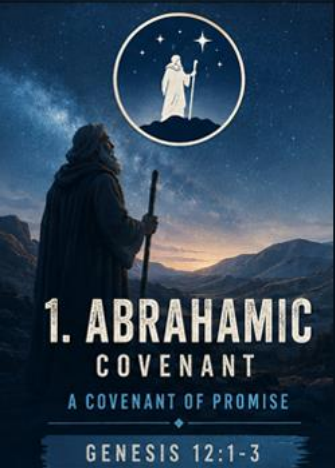
Expectation:

Israel was not only supposed to possess land. They were supposed to live as God's people within the land, under God's law and reflecting God's holiness.



After exile, they returned to the land without experiencing the full restoration they expected. They expected a time of restoration.





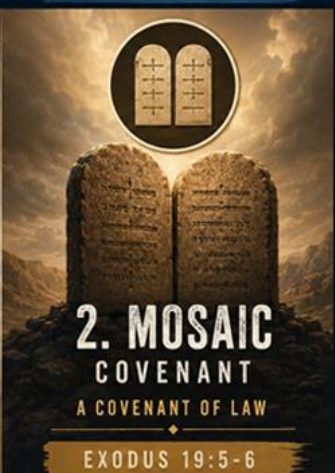
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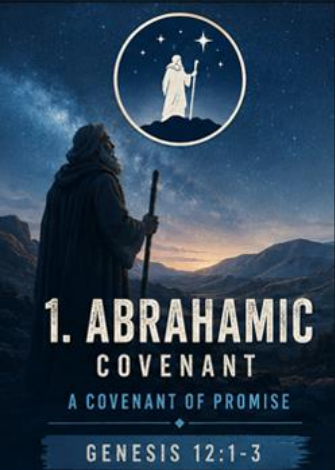
¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and *I will establish his kingdom*. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and *I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever*.

Expectation:

By the 1st century, Israel is back in their land, but they are not sovereign. They are under Roman rule. They have a Jewish religious identity, but Caesar ultimately holds political power. They pay taxes to Rome. And there is no Davidic king sitting on David's throne.

They expected God to fulfill His promise and raise up a king in the Davidic line to sit on David's throne and restore the kingdom.

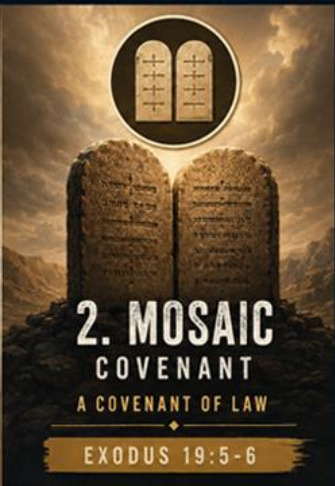




God's people + God's land + God's king = **God's Kingdom**

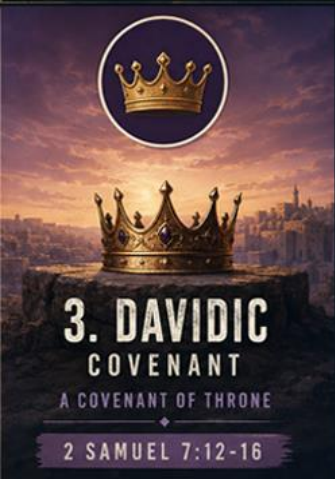
Matthew 3:1–2 (ESV)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**”



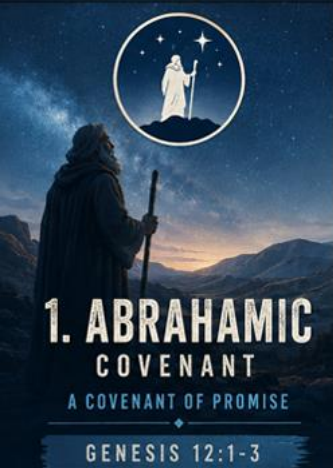
Matthew 4:17 (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**”

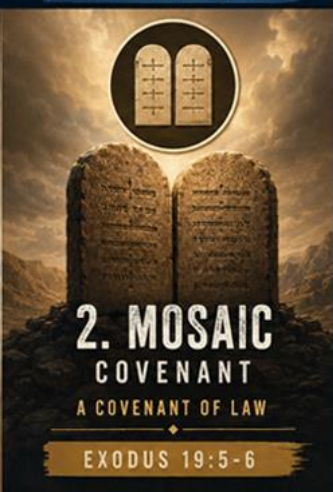


Matthew 4:23 (ESV)

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom...**



If someone promised you that God was finally going to fix the biggest problems facing your country, what would you expect him to do?



What are some things you think the people of Jesus' day might have gotten right about God's promises?



What are some things they might have misunderstood?

Why do you think Jesus' followers sometimes had trouble understanding what Jesus was doing?

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