

The Overall Theme of the New Testament



When you look at earth from the moon, you get the BIG PICTURE.

In like manner...



What is the overall theme of the New Testament?

"Such is the scenario as the Bible reaches its glorious conclusion in the Book of the Revelation. There, in the millennial context, all the many streams of history and God's *unconditional covenants* flow together toward completion. All that was promised has been fulfilled. That ancient understanding between God and his friend, ABRAHAM, is accomplished."

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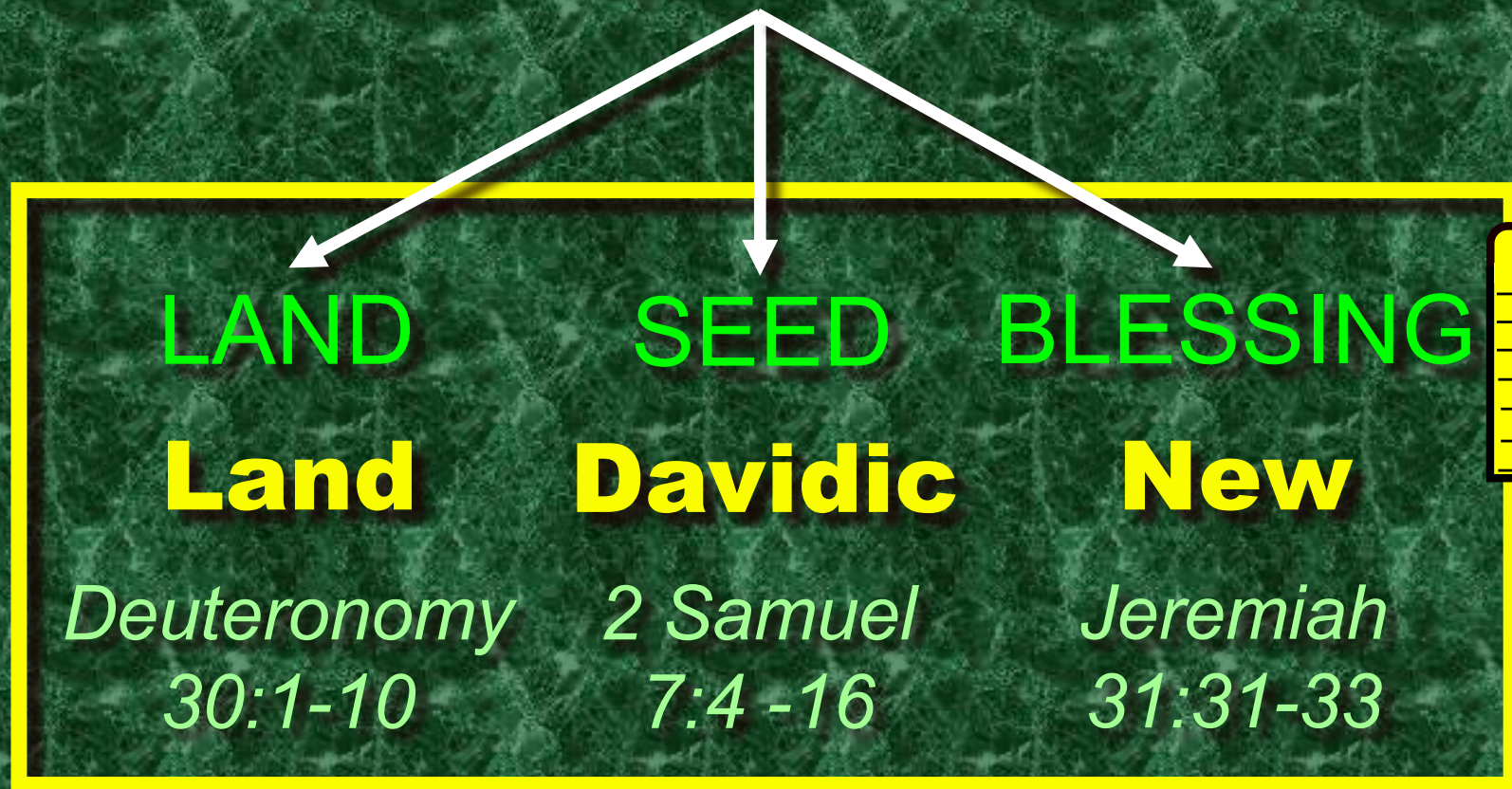
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Covenant

Handbook pg. 39-41

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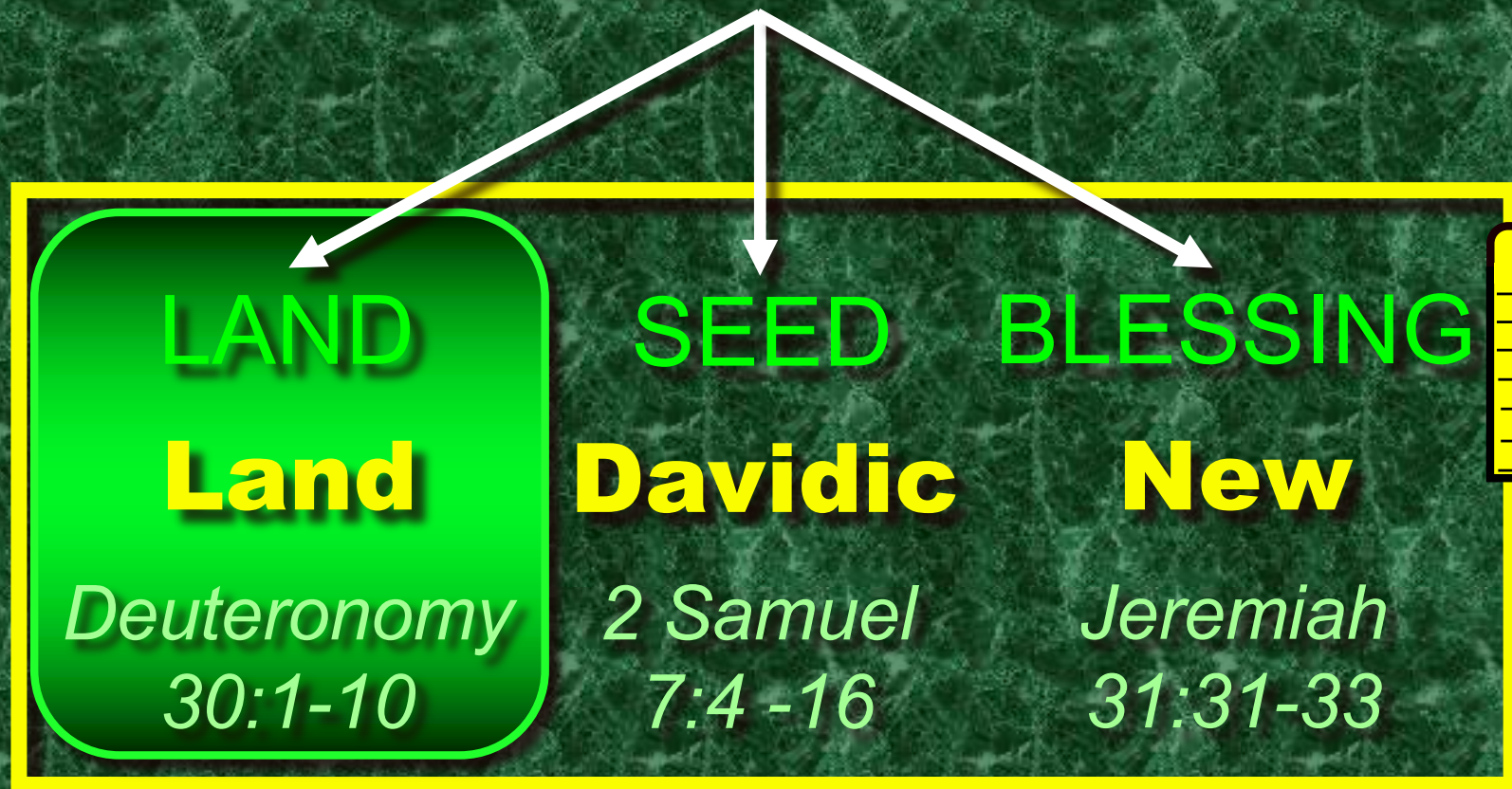
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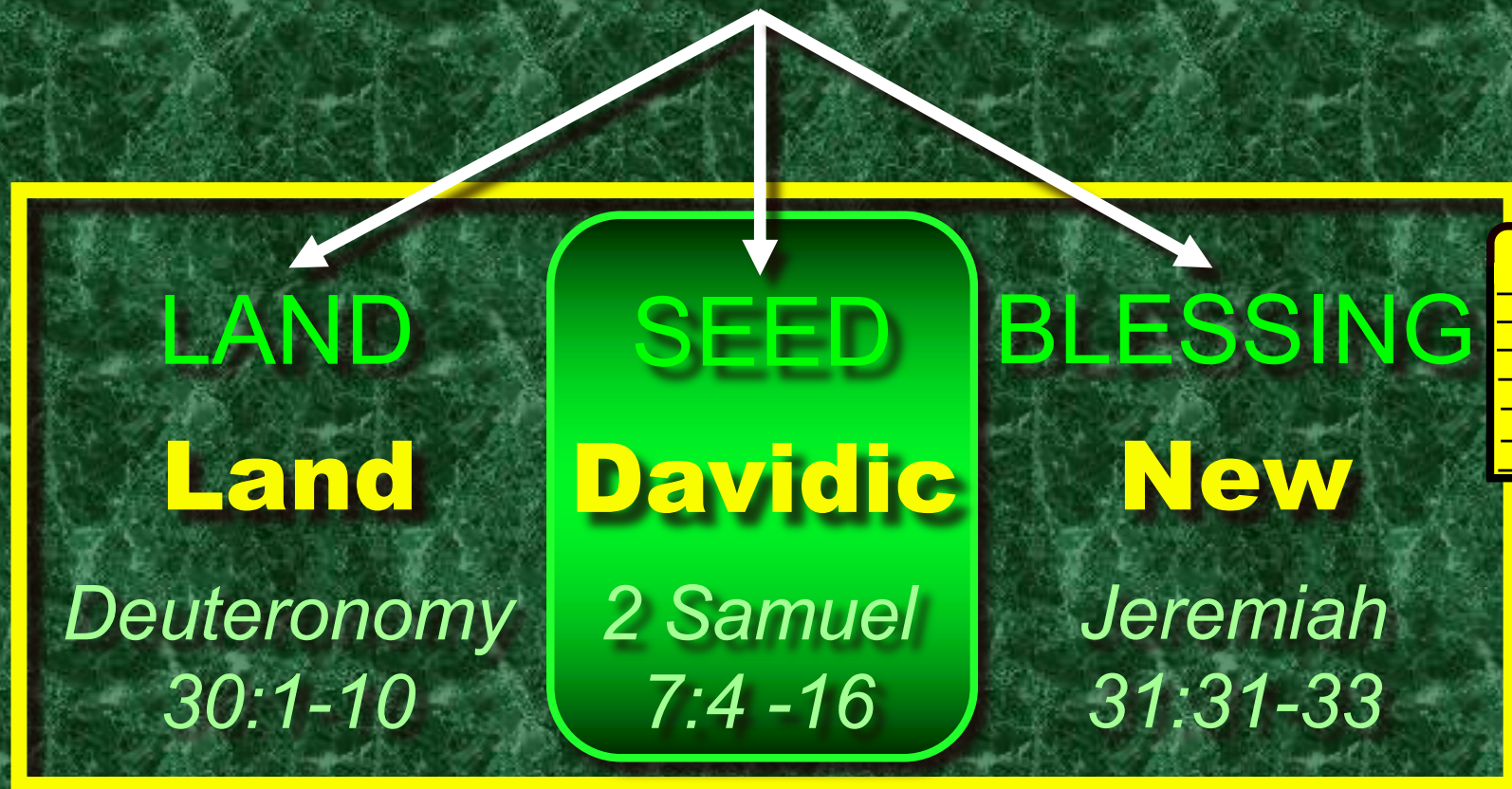
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LAND

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*Deuteronomy
30:1-10*

SEED

Davidic

*2 Samuel
7:4 -16*

BLESSING

New

*Jeremiah
31:31-33*

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Abrahamic Covenant

CREATION

ABRAHAM

JOSEPH

MOSES

JOSHUA

ANARCHY

ROYALTY

CAPTIVITY

SILENCE

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Deuteronomy 27:1-10
30:1-10

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The Kingdom

The Garden of Gethsemane,
Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

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"In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, 'Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the kingdom of heaven is near' "

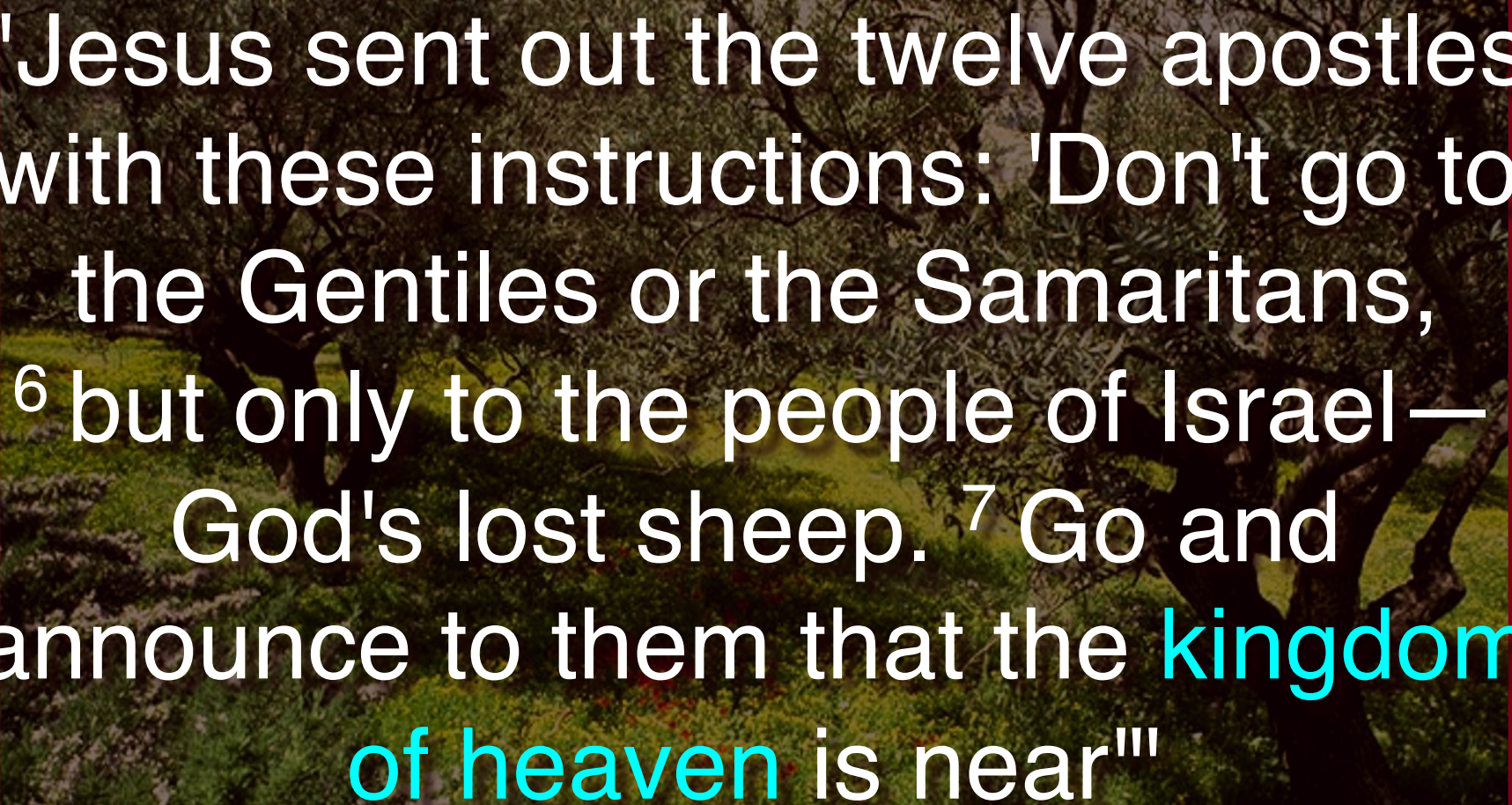
Matt. 3:1-2 NLT

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“...Jesus began to preach and say: 'Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand...Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom**...'”


Matt. 4:17, 23

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"Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: 'Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans,⁶ but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep.⁷ Go and announce to them that the **kingdom of heaven** is near'"

Matt. 10:5-7



“But seek first **His Kingdom** and
His righteousness, and all these
things will be added to you.”

Matt. 6:33

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What Kind of Kingdom Did Isaiah (and Matthew) Envision?

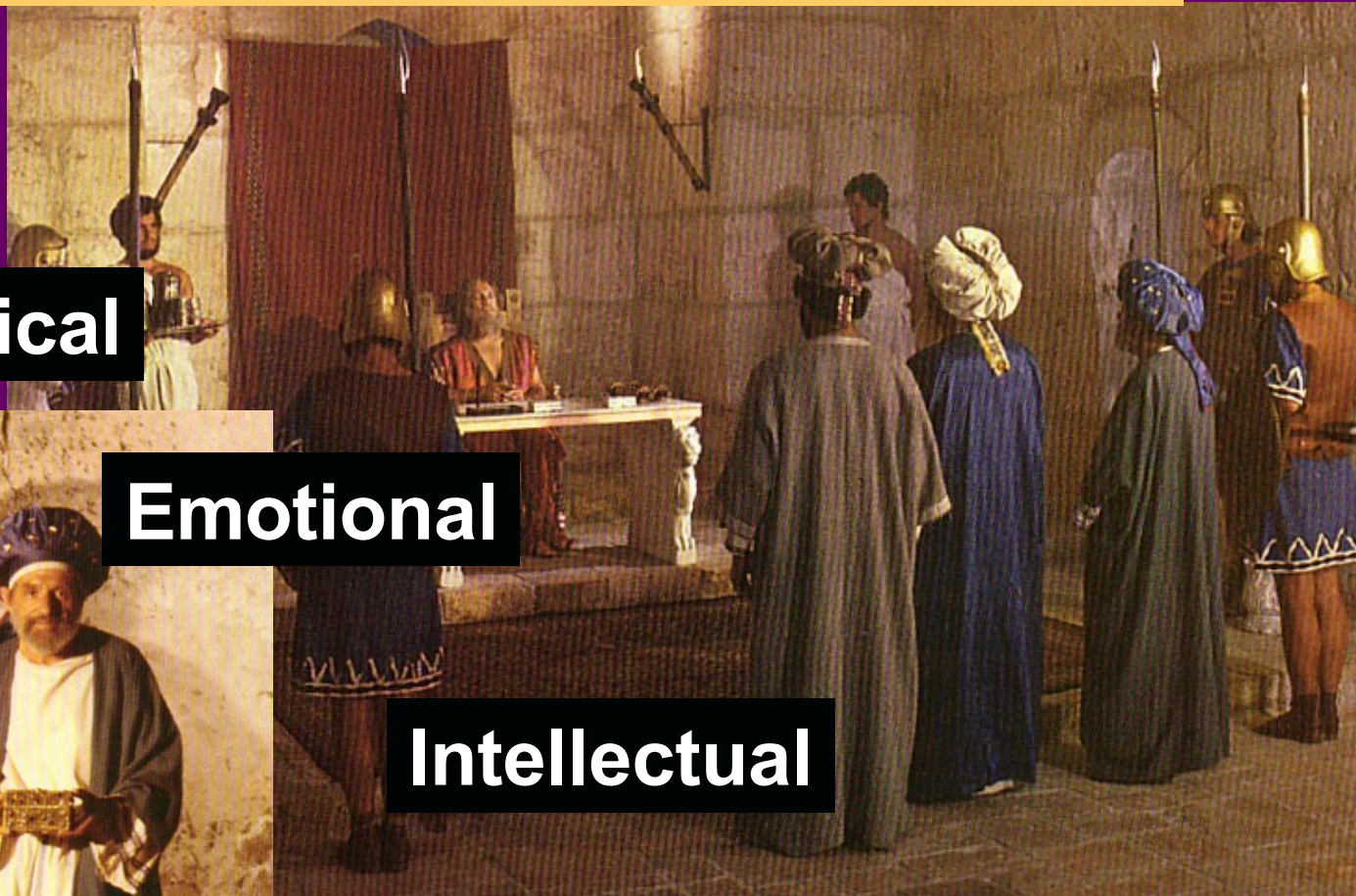
Political


Physical

Emotional

Intellectual

Spiritual





“For He has rescued us
from the domain of
darkness, and transferred us
to the kingdom of His
beloved Son.”

Col. 1:13

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Two Overarching Messages
of All of Scripture:

#1: Celebrating & Demonstrating
The Glory of God

#2: Leading Us Toward
The Kingdom of God

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Jesus Christ came to save
that which was lost...and
that to acquire eternal life,
one must come to it
through belief in the gospel
message of the Messiah.

***THEREFORE:
WE MUST GO AND TELL!***

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Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Davidic Covenant

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

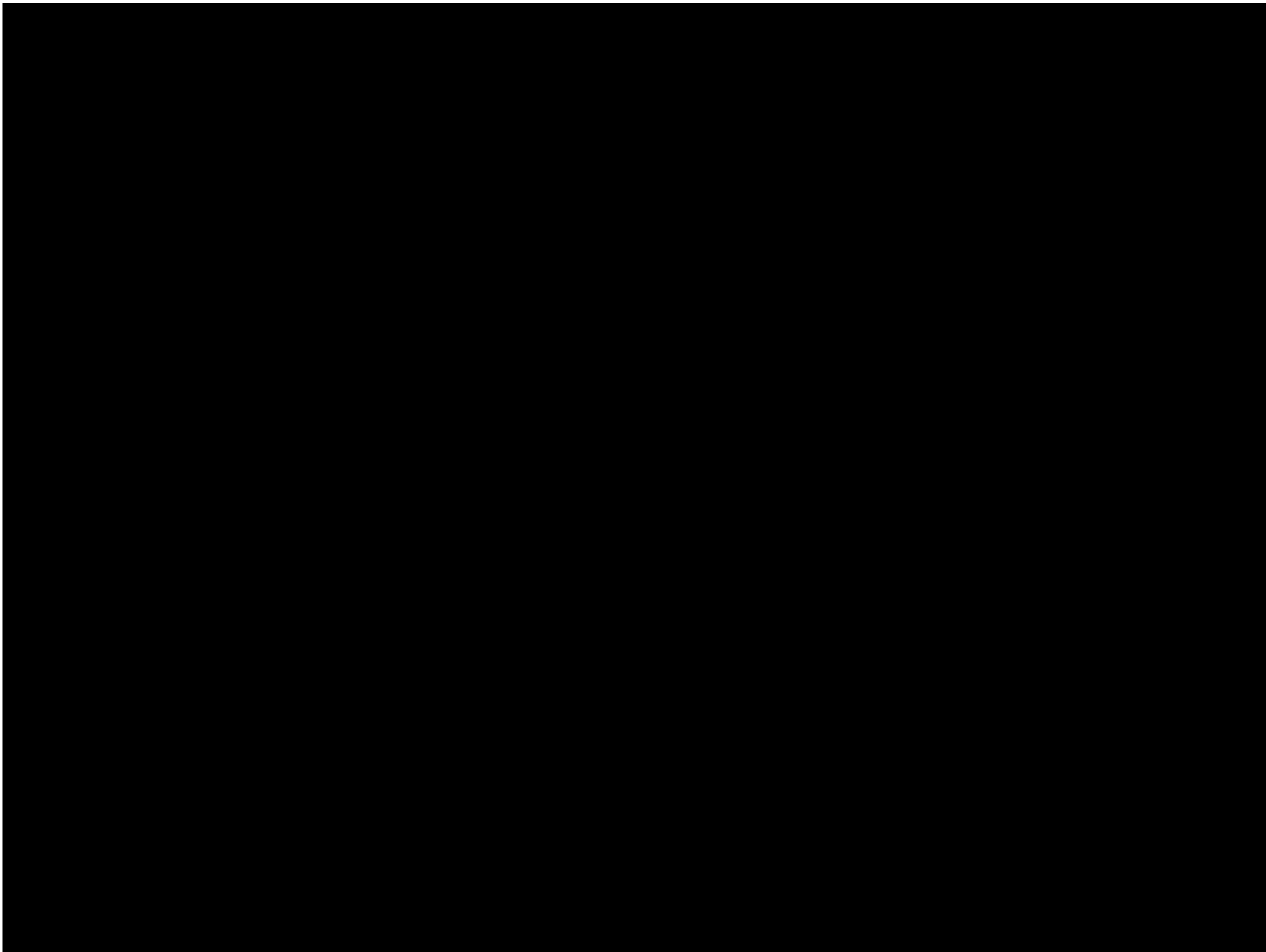
Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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