



The New Covenant

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Old vs. New Covenants



How is the new covenant
better than the old?

How is the New Covenant

Better?

(Hebrews 8)

"Old" Replaced by "New"

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 521

"What then is the 'old covenant' in contrast with the 'new covenant' in Christ? It is not the whole of the Old Testament, because the covenants with Abraham and David are never called 'old' in the New Testament. Rather, only the covenant under Moses, the covenant made at Mount Sinai (Ex. 19-24) is called the 'old covenant' (2 Cor. 3:14; cf. Heb. 8:6, 13), to be replaced by the "new covenant" in Christ (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24)."

View	Explanation	School & Scholars	Problems
Restated Mosaic	No New Covenant	<u>Critical:</u> –Couturier –Duhm –Schmidt –Potter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OC/NC distinctions in text ignored 2. OC = conditional, NC = unconditional 3. OC = temporal, NC = eternal 4. OC = external, NC = internal 5. OC = no enablement, NC = enablement 6. NC = peace, prosperity, sanctuary, Spirit (parallel passages)
Views on New Covenant Fulfillment			
Church Alone	No Israel Participation	<u>Amillennial/ Postmillennial:</u> –Allis –Cox –Smick –Boettner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ignores OT data by equating Israel & the Church 2. NC introduced ≠ fulfilled to Israel 3. Present need to know YHWH (we still need to obey the Great Commission) 4. AD 70 Jerusalem vs. Jer. 31:40

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Israel Alone	No Church Participation	<u>Misc/Classical Dispensational:</u> –Darby – Thompson –von Rad	1. Ignores NT data –Christ's Last Supper words –Paul's statements –Hebrews application to Church 2. Ignores present work of Spirit
Views on New Covenant Fulfillment			
Two New Covenants	NC for Israel + NC for Church	<u>Early 1900s Dispensational:</u> –Chafer –Walvoord (old) –Ryrie (old)	1. Same terminology for OT & NT NCs 2. Israel/Church distinction too sharp 3. Basis of forgiveness the same 4. If 2 NCs then no OC for Church 5. Church doesn't possess Israel's promises

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Church Participates	Primarily for Israel Secondarily for the Church	<u>Misc/Present</u> <u>Dispensational:</u> –Keil –Lemke –Bright –Scofield –Walvoord (DTS) –Ryrie (DTS) –Archer (TEDS) –Kaiser (TEDS)	<u>Support:</u> 1. Primary fulfillment is future— Rom 11 2. Deals with both OT & NT data 3. Forgiveness & the Spirit are blessings experienced now 4. NC has new law 5. Rebuttals to above views	

= My View on New Covenant Fulfillment



Sign of the Covenant with Noah

Signs of the Covenants

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<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Fulfillment</i>	<i>Sign</i>
Noahic	Unconditional promise not to flood earth again	Gen. 9:12-17	No more sea (Rev. 21:1)	Rainbow (Gen. 9:12-17)
Abrahamic	Promise to provide Israel a land, rule, and spiritual blessing	Gen. 12:1-3; 15:13-18	Continues at present (Gal. 3:17) but Israel still has a future (Rom. 11:25-27)	Circumcision (Gen. 17:11)
Mosaic	Conditional stipulations for blessing on Israel	Exod. 19-31; Deut. 28	Death of Christ (Rom. 7:4-6)	Sabbath (Exod. 31:13)
Land	Promise of <u>physical</u> land from the Wadi of Egypt to the River Euphrates	Deut. 30:1-10	Land blessed (Amos 9:13-15)	No sign (that I know of)
Davidic	Promise of eternal, <u>political</u> rule of a descendant of David	2 Sam. 7:12-17	Rule renewed (Amos 9:11-12)	Christ seated at the Father's right hand (Acts 2:34-36)
New	Promise of <u>spiritual</u> indwelling of the Spirit ("law written on hearts"), forgiveness, and total evangelization of Israel	Jer. 31:31-34	Paul & the Apostles (2 Cor. 3-4) All Israel saved (Rom. 11:26-27)	Cup of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)

The Old Covenant for Israel

I AM THE LORD THY GOD
THOU SHALT HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO
THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE
NAME OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN
REMEMBER THE SABBATH
DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY

HONOUR THY FATHER AND
THY MOTHER
THOU SHALT NOT KILL
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
THOU SHALT NOT COVET



**The New
Covenant is for
the Church now
(Jew and Gentile),
but many more
Jews will believe
in Christ during
the Tribulation**

Contrasting the Covenants (2 Cor. 3-4)**Old Covenant****New Covenant****166c**

initiated by Moses (3:8)

initiated by Christ (3:4)

of the letter (3:6a)

of the Spirit (3:6a, 18b)

kills (3:6b, 7a)

gives life (3:6b)

engraved on stone (3:3b, 7a)

engraved on hearts (3:3b; Jer. 31:33)

glorious (3:7a)

more glorious (3:8, 10)

glory faded (3:7b, 11a, 13b)

glory ever-increases (3:11b, 18)

condemns men (3:9a)

brings righteousness (3:9b)

deception (3:13)

boldness (3:12)

veiled face of Moses (3:13b)

unveiled faces (3:13a, 18a)

veiled minds (3:14a)

unveiled minds (3:14b; 4:3-6)

veiled hearts (3:15)

unveiled hearts (3:16)

dullness (3:14a)

freedom (3:17)

Moses reflected God's glory

all believers reflect Son's glory (3:17)

non-transforming (3:7)

transforming (3:18)

lack of zeal (3:13)

confidence, steadfastness (3:4-5; 4:1)

deception (3:13)

sincerity (4:2)

**"I will put
my laws in
their minds,
and I will
write them
on their
hearts"
(Heb 8:10b
NLT).**



How is the New Covenant

Better?

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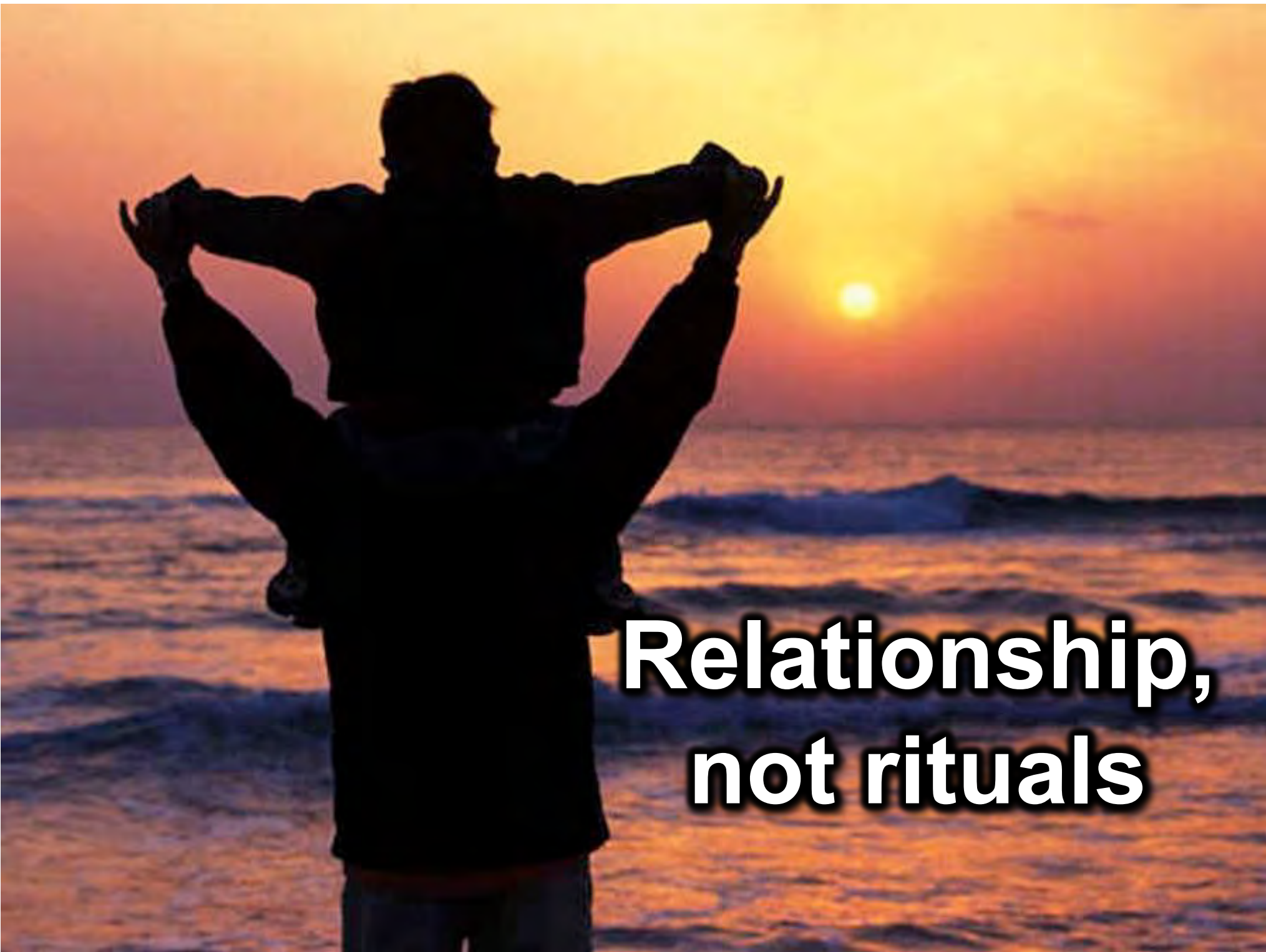
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Main Idea of Hebrews 8

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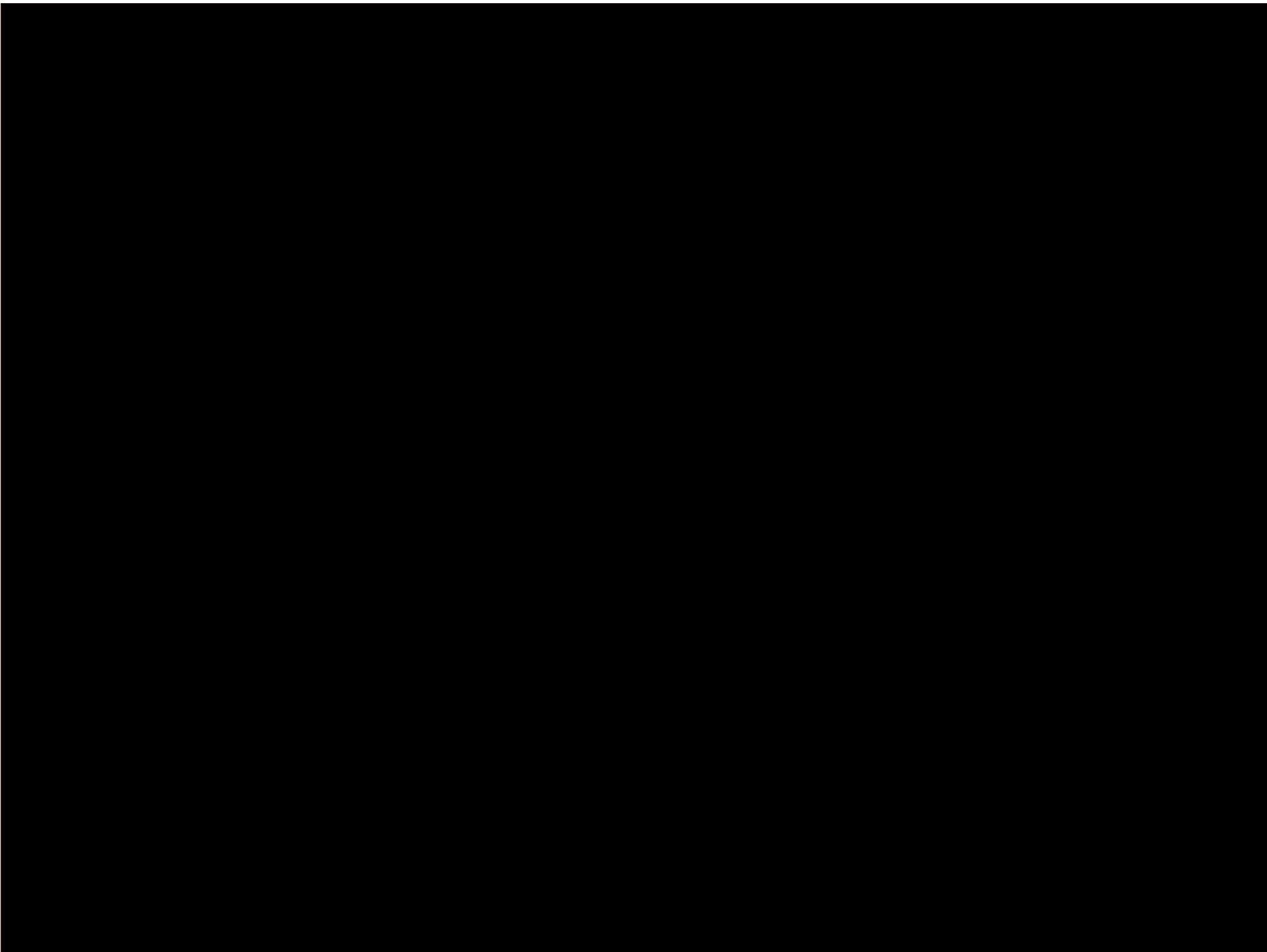
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