

# God's 5 Big Promises

Lesson 1

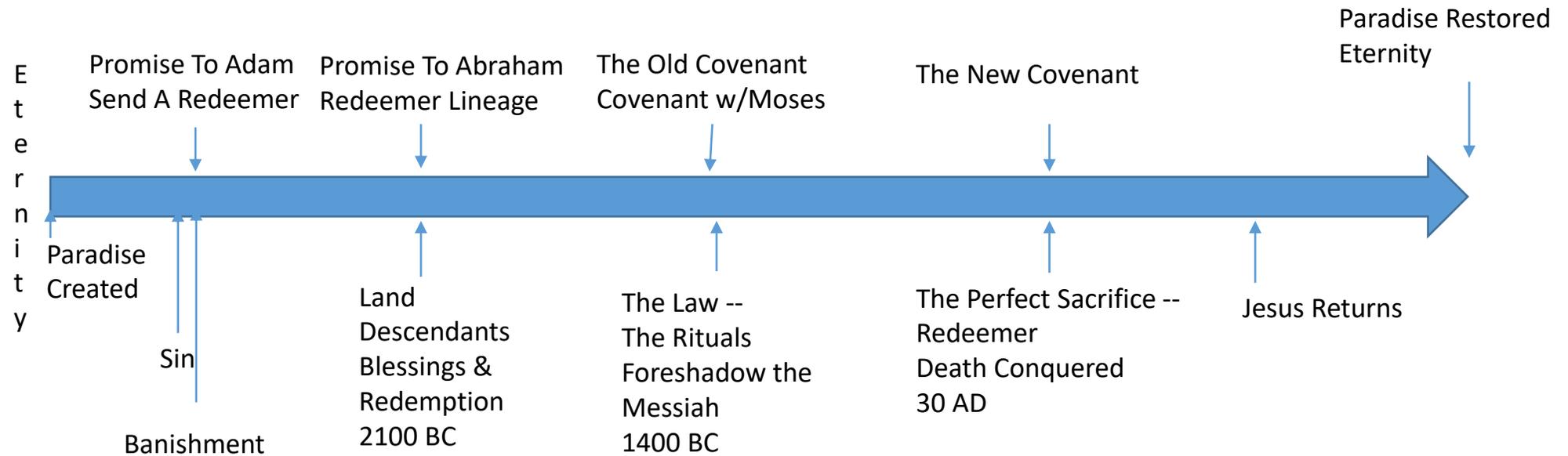
# I Shall Return To Restore All Things.

- In Genesis we read of how Satan subverted the first humans and usurped the title, “the ruler of this world” ([John 12:31](#)).
- The earth still belonged to God, but He did not move immediately to drive Satan out.
- At Jesus’ first coming (birth), when the timing was right, Jesus began His campaign to regain His rightful sovereignty over the earth.
- The study of the end times and especially the book of Revelation is the account of this on-going campaign.
  - It tells of His appointment by the Father to the throne
  - His battle against the forces of evil
  - His final victory
  - His relationship with the redeemed.
  - It is in the heart of every believer to join with the saints of old in longing for that day as did John and every prophet God sent.

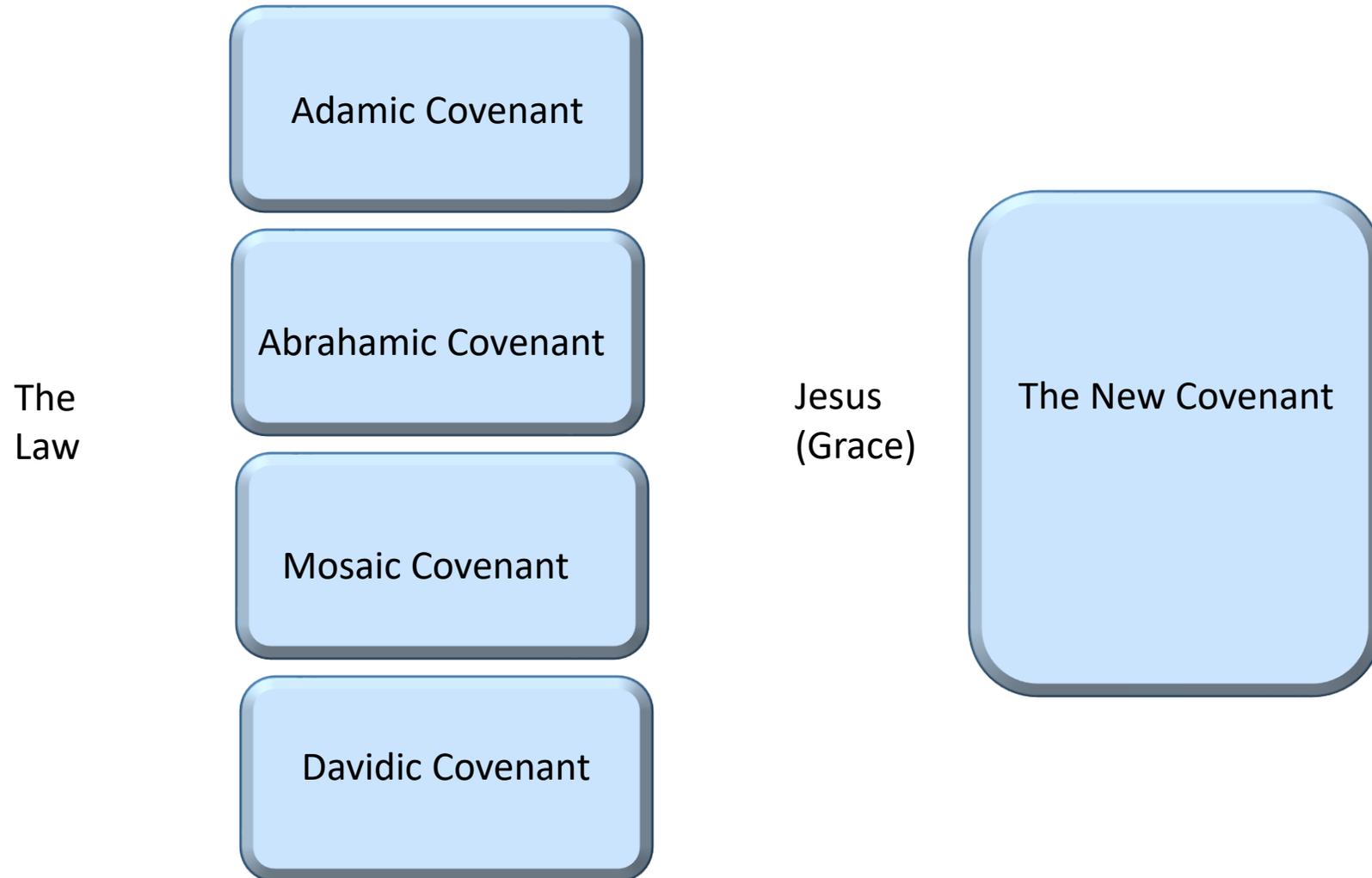
# Tell Us ...

- In [Matt 24:3](#) the Disciples asked ...
  - When will these things be?
  - What will be the sign of your coming?
  - And the end of the age?
  - The disciples wanted to know when Jesus would fulfill the covenants that God had made with Israel since Adam.
- And Jesus answered them .....
- Jesus had just completed some discussions and debates with the religious leaders at the temple. The words Jesus had just told those religious leaders were still burning in His disciples' ears
- Jesus was returning to Bethany by way of the Mount of Olives..
- Jesus had denounced the nation and said it would be desolate ([Matthew 23:38](#)).
- If Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed, how would there be a nation for Messiah to rule?
- The disciples pointed out the magnificent temple as to impress Jesus
- Jesus' answer prompted the disciples to ask when all this would take place.
- Today we, like the disciples, ask when all this will take place?
  - So how would the disciples be answered this question today.....

# God's Promises



# Covenant Hierarchy



# Adamic Covenant

- **The Edenic Covenant ([Genesis 1:26-30](#); [2:16-17](#))**
  - Mankind (male and female) created in God's image.
  - Mankind's dominion (rule) over the animal kingdom.
  - Divine directive for mankind to reproduce and inhabit the entire Earth.
  - Mankind to be vegetarian (eating of meat established in the Noahic covenant: Genesis 9:3).
  - Eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil forbidden (death as stated penalty).
- **The Adamic Covenant ([Genesis 3:15-19](#))**
  - Enmity between Satan and Eve and her descendants.
  - Painful childbirth for women.
  - Marital strife.
  - The soil cursed.
  - Introduction of thorns and thistles.
  - Survival to be a struggle.
  - Death introduced.
  - Death will be the inescapable fate of all living things.
  - The promise of grace included in Adamic Covenant. ([Genesis 3:15](#)) God promises that one born of a woman would be wounded in the process of destroying Satan. The "seed" of the woman who would crush the Serpent's head is none other than Jesus Christ (see [Galatians 4:4](#) and [1 John 3:8](#)).

# Abrahamic Covenant

- The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant God made to Abraham that required nothing of Abraham. ([Genesis 12:1-3](#), [15:18–21](#))
  - **Land:** Dimensions of the land God promised to Abraham and his descendants. ([Gen 12:1](#))
    - Israel will possess the totality of the land in the future. Numerous OT passages anticipate the future blessing of Israel and her possession of the land as promised to Abraham. ([Ezekiel 20:33–37](#), [40–42](#); [36:1](#), [37:28](#)).
  - **Descendants:** Abraham would become a father of a nation ([Gen 12:2](#))
  - **Blessings and Redemption:** ([Gen 12:3](#))
    - Israel will be converted, forgiven, and restored ([Zech 12:10–14](#), [Rom 11:25–27](#)).
    - The Abrahamic Covenant finds its ultimate fulfillment in connection with the return of Messiah to rescue and bless His people Israel. It is through the nation Israel that God promised in [Gen 12:1–3](#) to bless the nations of the world. That ultimate blessing will issue in the forgiveness of sins and Messiah's glorious kingdom reign on earth
- Covenant reaffirmed through Isaac ([Gen 21:12](#), [26:3-4](#))
- Covenant reaffirmed through Jacob ([Gen 28:14-15](#))

# Mosaic Covenant

- The Mosaic Covenant is a conditional covenant made between God and the nation of Israel at Mount Sinai ([Exodus 19-24](#)). God reminded the people of their obligation to be obedient to His law ([Exodus 19:5](#)), and the people agreed to the covenant ([Exodus 19:8](#)).
  - It is conditional in that the blessings that God promises are directly related to Israel's obedience to the Mosaic Law. If Israel is obedient, then God will bless them, but if they disobey, then God will punish them ([Deuteronomy 28](#))
- This Covenant is especially significant in that it ...
  - Sets Israel apart from all other nations as God's chosen people and was as equally binding as the unconditional covenant that God made with Abraham.
  - God promises to make Israel "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" ([Exodus 19:6](#)).
  - The sacrificial system of the Mosaic Covenant did not take away sins ([Hebrews 10:1-4](#)); it simply foreshadowed the bearing of sin by Christ, the perfect high priest Who was also the perfect sacrifice ([Hebrews 9:11-28](#)). Therefore, the Mosaic Covenant itself, with all its detailed laws, could not save people. It is not that there was any problem with the Law itself, for the Law is perfect and was given by a holy God, but the Law had no power to give people new life, and the people were not able to obey the Law perfectly ([Galatians 3:21](#)).
  - The Mosaic Covenant is a significant covenant in both God's redemptive history and in the history of the nation of Israel through whom God would sovereignly choose to bless the world with both His written Word and the Living Word, Jesus Christ

# Davidic Covenant

- God's promises to David through Nathan the prophet ([2 Samuel 7](#); [1 Chronicles 17:11–14](#); [2 Chronicles 6:16](#))
- This is an unconditional covenant made between God and David through which God promises ...
  - David and Israel that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come from the lineage of David and the tribe of Judah and
  - The Messiah would establish a kingdom that would endure forever.
  - God reaffirms the promise of the land that He made in the first two covenants with Israel (the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants) ([2 Samuel 7:10](#)).
  - God then promises that David's son will succeed him as king of Israel
  - David's son, Solomon, would build the temple. ([2 Samuel 7:12–13](#))
  - David's house and kingdom will endure forever before God.
  - David's throne will be established forever.
- The Davidic Covenant is unconditional because God does not place any conditions of obedience upon its fulfillment. The surety of the promises made rests solely on God's faithfulness and does not depend at all on David or Israel's obedience.
- The promise that David's "house," "kingdom," and "throne" will be established forever is significant because it shows that the Messiah will come from the lineage of David and that He will establish a kingdom from which He will reign. The covenant is summarized by the words "house," promising a dynasty in the lineage of David; "kingdom," referring to a people who are governed by a king; "throne," emphasizing the authority of the king's rule; and "forever," emphasizing the eternal and unconditional nature of this promise to David and Israel

# The New Covenant

- The new covenant is spoken about first in [Jeremiah 31:31-33](#)
  - The old covenant that God had established with His people required obedience to the Old Testament Mosaic law.
  - Because the wages of sin is death ([Romans 6:23](#)), the law required that people perform rituals and sacrifices in order to please God and remain in His grace.
- Jesus Christ came to fulfill the law of Moses ([Matthew 5:17](#)) and create a new covenant between God and His people.
- The old covenant was written in stone, but the new covenant is written on our hearts, made possible only by faith in Christ, who shed His own blood to atone for the sins of the world. ([Luke 22:20](#))
- Now that we are under the new covenant, we are not under the penalty of the law.
- We are now given the opportunity to receive salvation as a free gift ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)).
- Through the life-giving Holy Spirit who lives in all believers ([Romans 8:9-11](#)), we can now share in the inheritance of Christ and enjoy a permanent, unbroken relationship with God. ([Hebrews 9:15](#))