

THE OLD COVENANT

GOD'S HOLINESS IN THE LAND OF CANAAN

- Like a terrarium is a miniature ecosystem, a model of the world, so too is the land of Canaan a miniature model, an analogy of creation. It echoes the covenant with Adam in the Garden (“a land flowing with milk and honey”) and it points forward to the New Covenant in Christ.
- God chose to uniquely dwell in the land of Canaan in a way that He did not dwell in the rest of creation.

Exodus 29:⁴² It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. ⁴³ There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴ I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. ⁴⁵ I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. ⁴⁶ And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

Exod 25:⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it... ²¹ And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. ²² There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

Exod 40:³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

- His dwelling place was holy.

Exod 26:³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. ³⁴ You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.

- So that Israel could dwell in the land, with God in their midst, they were required to be holy.

Lev 20:² “You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³ And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them. ²⁴ But I have said to you,



'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples. ²⁵ You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean. ²⁶ You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

THE CONDITION FOR DWELLING IN THE LAND

- God made the Old Sinai Covenant with Israel in the wilderness after He brought them out of Egypt as the condition for their entering into and remaining in the promised land.

Exod 19:1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 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; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord... ¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled... ²⁰ The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain.

Exod 24: ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord... ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

- It promised an indefinite, abundant, fruitful, long life of blessing and rest from enemies in the land *if* Israel obeyed (Deut 28:1-14).

Lev 26: ³ "If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, ⁴ then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵ Your threshing shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely. ⁶ I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the



land, and the sword shall not go through your land. ⁷You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you. ¹⁰You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new. ¹¹I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. ¹²And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. ¹³I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Lev 18: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. (cf. Gal. 3:12; Rom. 10:5).

Deut 6:²⁰ “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ ²¹ then you shall say to your son... ²⁴ And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵ And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’

- But it threatened famine, pestilence, war, death, and expulsion from the land *if* Israel disobeyed (Deut 27:1-26; 28:15-68).

Lev 26:⁴ “But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, ¹⁵ if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, ¹⁶ then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷ I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you. ¹⁸ And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins, ¹⁹ and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰ And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit... ³⁰ And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you. ³¹ And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing aromas. ³² And I myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled at it. ³³ And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste... ³⁸ And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. ³⁹ And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity, and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they shall



rot away like them... ⁴⁶These are the statutes and rules and laws that the Lord made between himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Deut 27: ¹⁰You shall therefore obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today." ... ²⁶"Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Deut 11:²⁶ "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. ²⁹ And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

- Stoning was a curse for individuals who broke this covenant.

Lev 20:1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³ I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. ⁴ And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, ⁵ then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.

⁶ "If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. ⁷ Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. ⁸ Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you. ⁹ For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.

- This covenant was about blessing and curse in this life, in the land of Canaan, not eternal life.

THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

- Unlike the Garden Temple of Eden, the tabernacle and temple in Israel had to be purified/cleansed with blood for God to dwell there (because man is no longer sinless, as in the garden).

Heb 9:¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,



²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Lev 16:1 The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died, ² and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. ³ But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering... ¹⁵ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. ¹⁶ Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. ¹⁷ No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. ¹⁸ Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹ And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

- These sacrifices could not eternally save the Israelites (Acts 13:38-39; Heb 9:9-14), but they did purify their "flesh" such that they could remain God's people, dwelling in God's holy land despite the fact that they were descendants of Adam.

Lev 17: ¹⁰ "If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Heb 9:9 gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation... ¹³ the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh

Lev 16: ³⁰ For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins. ³¹ It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. ³² And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. ³³ He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. ³⁴ And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be



made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." And Aaron did as the Lord commanded Moses.

- Every morning and evening the priests were required to offer a food offering consisting of a burnt offering and a grain offering and a drink offering (Ex. 29:38-42; Num 28:1-8) in order to make them acceptable before the LORD (Lev 1:3-4), that He may meet with them and dwell among them (Ex 29:42-46). Without these daily offerings, the Israelites would not be acceptable to the LORD and thus He would not be their God (Lev 1:3-4; Ex 29:45).

Lev 1:³ "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord. ⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

Exod 29:³⁸ "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. ³⁹ One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. ⁴⁰ And with the first lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. ⁴¹ The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the Lord. ⁴² It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. ⁴³ There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴ I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. ⁴⁵ I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. ⁴⁶ And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

- Different kinds of sacrifices were required, each with a meaning and function.
 - During the harvest season, the **first-fruits** were to be offered to the LORD, so that Israel would be accepted (Lev 2:12, 14; 23:9-14; Num 15:17-21; Deut 26).
 - **Burnt food offerings** (Lev 1) were to be made of a male from the herd, the flock, or a bird. The blood was to be thrown at the altar and the animal burned on the altar. The offering atoned for the offerer, making him acceptable before the LORD (Lev 1:3-4). This was not an offering for specific sins (a sin offering), but for depravity in general. These were regular, daily offerings and could also be used for vow & freewill offerings (Lev 22:18).
 - A **grain food offering** (Lev 2) was made from fine flour (unleavened baked or unbaked), a portion of which was burned on the altar. The remainder was given to the priests for them alone to eat because it was a most holy offering (Lev 6:16-18).
 - **Peace food offerings** (Lev 3; 7:11-36) were to be made of a male or female from the herd or the flock. The offerer's hand was laid on the head (atonement), the blood was thrown at the altar and only the fat portion was burned (on top of a burnt offering), for Israelites were not allowed to eat the fat or the blood of an animal (Lev 3:16-17; 7:22-27). It was brought



by the offerer himself and was offered to make him acceptable (Lev 19:5; 7:18). Peace food offerings were not regular. They were made as vow or freewill offerings (Lev 22:19; Lev 7:16). It could be eaten for two days, after which anyone who eats it was to be put to death (Lev 19:7-8; 7:17-18). They were also made as thanksgiving offerings, in which case loaves of unleavened bread were offered as well and the food was to be eaten in one day (Lev 7:11-15). The breast and right thigh were given to the priests as their due (Lev 7:30-36).

- A **sin offering** (Lev 4; Num 15:22-31) could be made for forgiveness (Lev 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13) of an unintentional sin, a mistake (of a priest, the corporate assembly, a leader, or an individual - Israelite or sojourner, Num 15:29). The hand(s) was placed on the head of a bull, goat, or lamb (atonement). In the case of the unintentional sin of an anointed priest or of the corporate assembly, the blood was brought into the tent of meeting to be sprinkled before the LORD in front of the veil seven times and then on the horns of the altar of incense. The rest of the blood was poured at the base of the altar outside. The fat portion was burned on the altar and the remainder was burned outside the camp. In the case a leader or an individual, the blood is only placed on the horns of the altar, thus the remainder may be eaten by priests (Lev 6:30; 2 Chr 29:23-24). A high-handed, intentional sin could not be atoned for (Num 15:30-31).
- If the priest entered within the veil to the Most Holy Place he would die (Ex 26:33; Lev 16:2), except on the **Day of Atonement** (Lev 16). He would fill the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place with incense, covering the mercy seat so that he would not die when he entered (Lev 16:13). Then he was to offer a bull as a sin offering for himself and a goat as a sin offering for the people and would sprinkle the blood of each on the mercy seat within the Most Holy Place seven times to make atonement for the Holy Place because of the uncleanness and sin of the people (Lev 16:16, 33), likewise for the tabernacle itself (Lev 16:16, 33; Ex 30:10) for the altar (Lev 16:19, 33), and thus for the priests and the people (Lev 16:33) for all their sin once a year (Lev 16:34).
- The sacrificial system itself operated according to Lev. 18:5, not contrary to it (Exod. 28:35; 43; 30:20-21, 30; Lev. 8:35; 10:1-2, 6, 9; 19:8; Num. 1:51; 3:10, 38; 18:3).

Exod 28:³⁵ And it [garment] shall be on Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the Lord, and when he comes out, so that he does not die... and they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they go into the tent of meeting or when they come near the altar to minister in the Holy Place, lest they bear guilt and die. This shall be a statute forever for him and for his offspring after him.

Exod 30:²⁰ When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the Lord, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die.²¹ They shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they may not die. It shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his offspring throughout their generations."



Lev 8:³¹ And Moses said to Aaron and his sons...³⁵ At the entrance of the tent of meeting you shall remain day and night for seven days, performing what the Lord has charged, so that you do not die, for so I have been commanded."³⁶ And Aaron and his sons did all the things that the Lord commanded by Moses.

Lev 10:1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them.² And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord...⁶ And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, "Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation...⁹ "Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

Numbers 3:¹⁰ And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall guard their priesthood. But if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death."

The LAW(S) OF THE OLD COVENANT

- On Mt. Sinai, the law of God was written in stone by the finger of God (Ex 24:12; 31:18; 32:16; 34:1, 28) and spoken by God (Ex 20:1).

Exod 24:¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

Exod 31:¹⁸ And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exod 32:¹⁵ Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written.¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

Deut 10:1 "At that time the Lord said to me, 'Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood.² And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.'³ So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.⁴ And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

Exod 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying,



² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me... ¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

- Additional laws were written by (Ex 24:4; 34:27) and spoken by (Ex 21:1; 24:3) Moses.

Exod 24:³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord... ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

- Only the 10 Commandments/tablets of stone were placed *in* the ark of the covenant (Ex 25:16; 40:20; Deut 10:1-5; 1 Kings 8:9; Heb 9:4). The rest of the laws (the Book of the Covenant/Law) was placed *beside* it (Deut 31:24-26).

Exod 25:¹⁶ And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.

Exod 40:²⁰ He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark.

Deut 10:5 Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the Lord commanded me."

1 Kgs 8:⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

Deut 31:²⁴ When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, ²⁵ Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, ²⁶ "Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.

- The 10 commandments were a clear summary of the law written on the heart of man at creation, which had become obscured by sin but was and remains a rule of righteousness for all image bearers, as they are a reflection of God's character and transcend all covenants (Rom 1:32; 2:14-15; 3:9, 19; 13:8-10; 1 Cor 9:21).



- Additional laws written by Moses (known as ceremonial and judicial) were positive laws (laws that do not flow from creation and may change) given specifically for the nation of Israel for life in the promised land (Heb 7:11-12; 9:10; Acts 10:15, 28; 15:1, 5, 10).

Hebrews 9:9 According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

Acts 10: ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common."... ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.

SALVATION DURING THE OLD COVENANT ERA

- During this time, men were saved by believing in the promised seed of the woman, a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, a spotless lamb who would atone for their sins in the heavenly sanctuary (Heb 9).

