

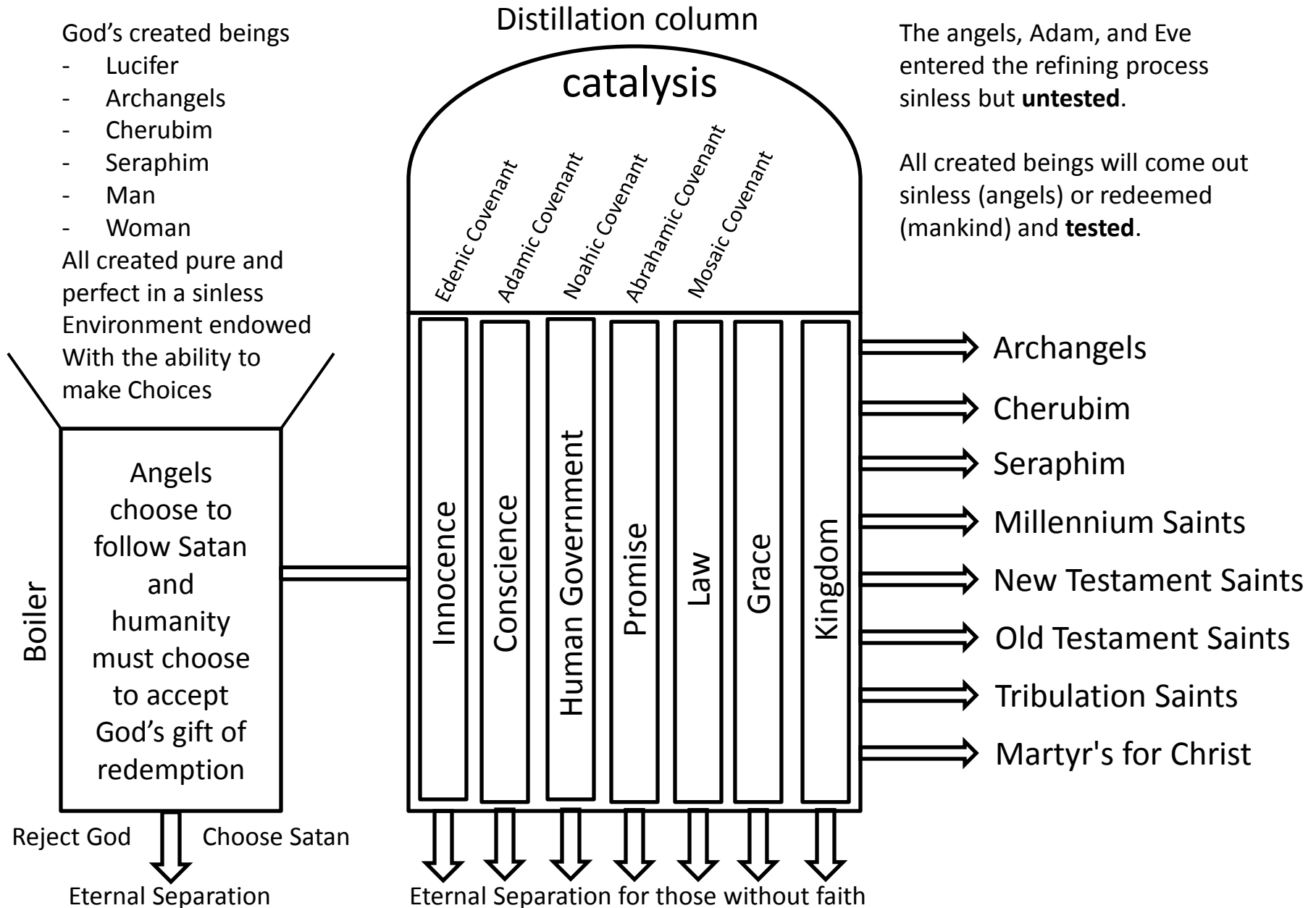
# Refining a Creation for Eternity

The Revealed Plan of God from Eternity Past to Eternity Future



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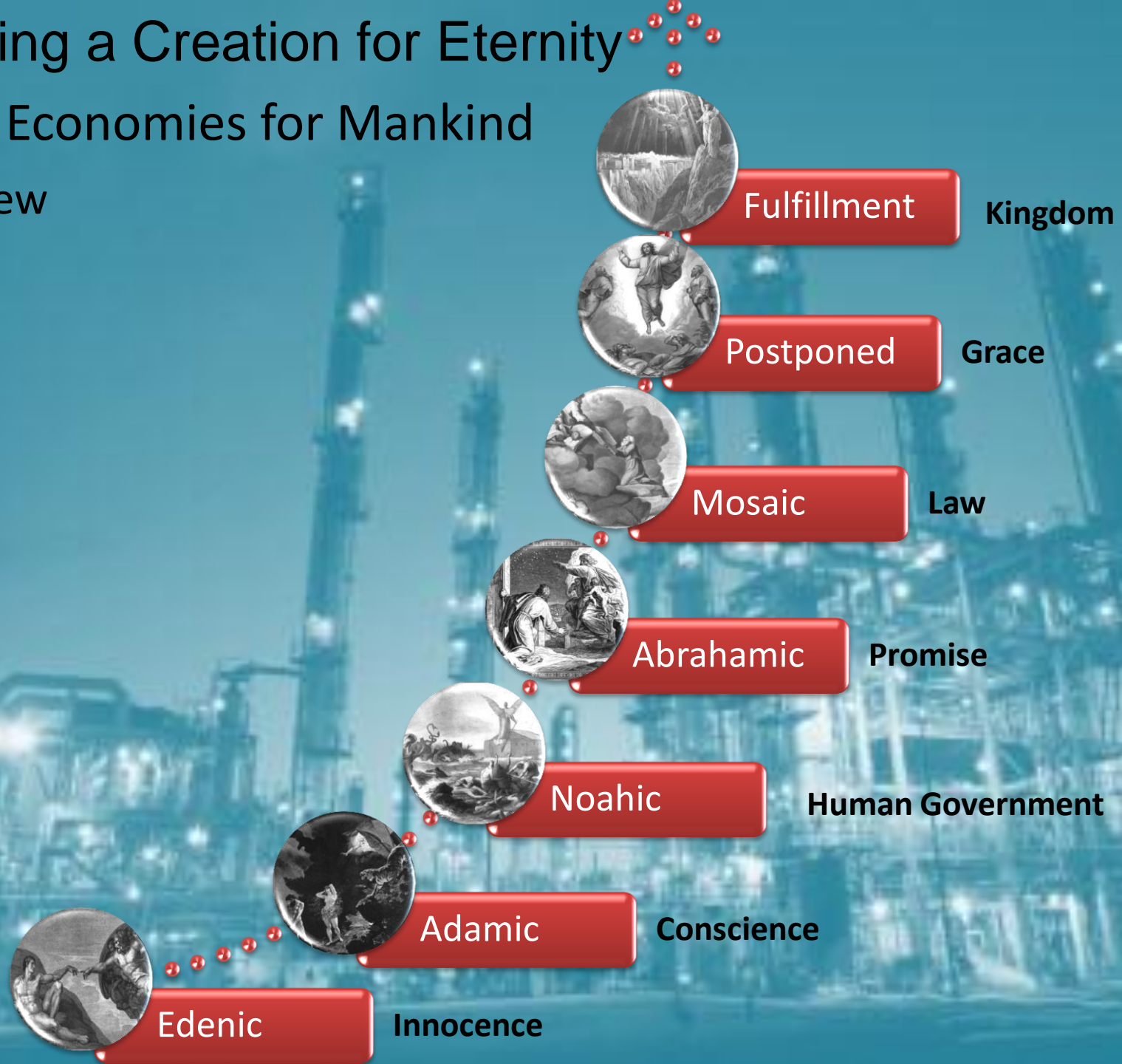
# God's Refining Process for His Created Beings



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## God's Economies for Mankind

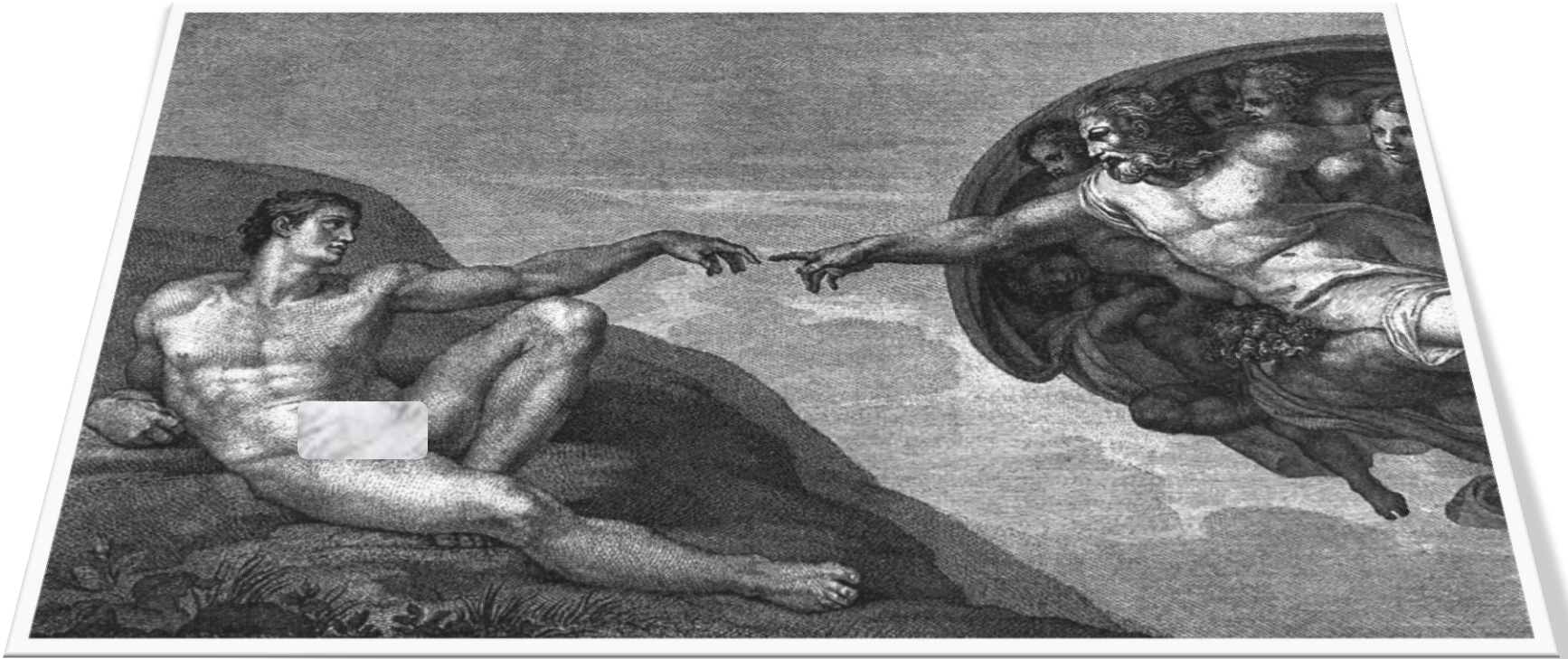
### Overview





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## The First Economy





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## Review of past lessons

### Edenic Covenant (Gen 1:28-30; 2:15-17; Hos 6:7)

#### Parties to the Covenant

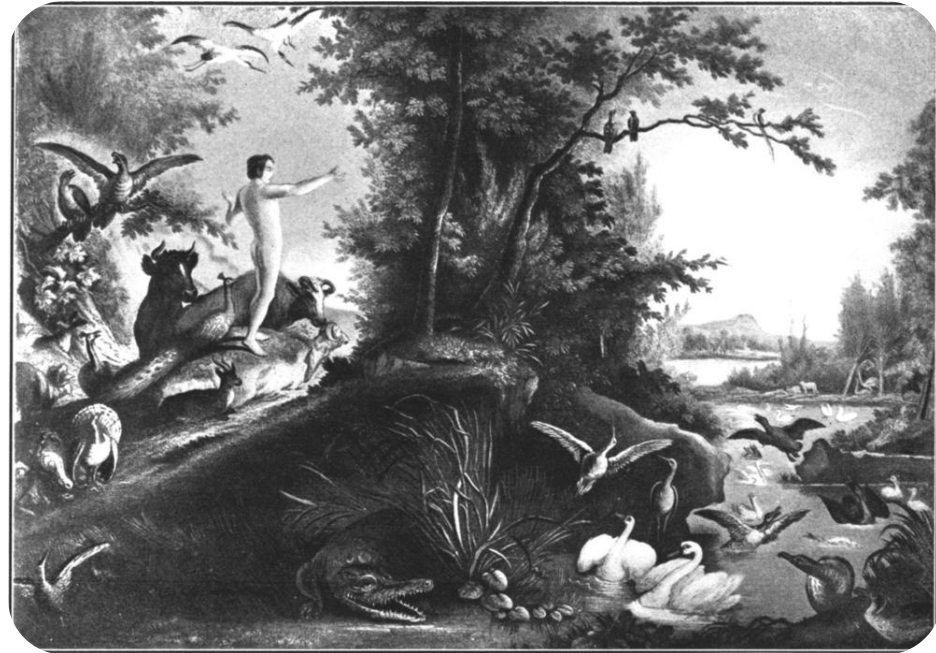
- God and Adam

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth
- Subdue the Earth
- Rule over the animal kingdom
- Plants are for food (vegetarian)
- Defined roles
- Guard the garden
- Not eat from one tree
- Penalty for violating the commands is death

#### Token of the Covenant

- Tree of Life



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Innocence

#### Man's Responsibilities

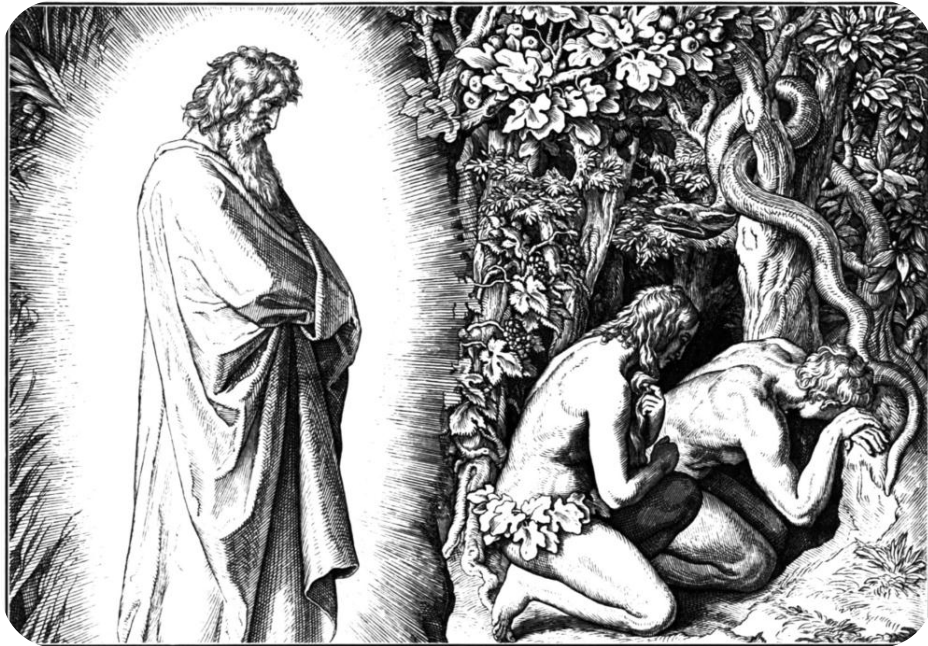
- Man's responsibilities in the garden were to fulfill the Edenic Covenant, essentially to multiply and fill the Earth and subdue it. Mankind was forbidden to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

#### Man's Failures

- Man's failure was to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is important to note that while the woman was deceived, the man made a conscious decision to disobey God.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- Pain in childbirth, Authority struggle, Earth antagonistic to man, Man irresponsible to animals, Plants of the field for food, Expelled from Eden, Spiritual and physical death





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## Review of past lessons

### Approaching God in the Dispensation of Innocence

#### God walked with man

- Genesis 2:15 - Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- Genesis 3:8 - They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

#### God spoke to man

- Genesis 2:16 - The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

#### God had fellowship with man

- Genesis 2:19 - Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.





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## Review of past lessons

### Adamic Covenant (Gen 3:14 – 3:21)

#### Parties to the Covenant

- God and Adam as the representative for mankind

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Transformation of the animal kingdom
- Protevangelium (first gospel) and promise of Satan's defeat
- Woman cursed in area of assigned duties
- Man cursed in area of assigned duties
- Physical death (return to ground)
- Man remains a vegetarian

#### Token of the Covenant

- Spiritual death



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Conscience

#### Man's Responsibilities

- Man's responsibilities, having been ejected from the garden, was to fulfill the Adamic Covenant, essentially to multiply and fill the Earth. Mankind was to respond to God through the prompting of his conscience and as evidence of his faith in the promised seed, to bring an acceptable blood sacrifice as God had instructed them to do.

#### Man's Failures

- Mankind, having been given the ability, through their conscience, to desire a relationship with God and the provision, through blood sacrifices, to approach God, failed to do so and instead followed after their own evil lusts. The wickedness and evil became so great and widespread, God decided to let mankind start anew.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- God, being true to His word, spared the only faithful humans and a small remnant of air breathing creatures and started over in order to fulfill his promise of redemption





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## Review of past lessons

### Approaching God in the Dispensation of Conscience

#### Approach God by Faith

- Hebrews 11:4 - By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

#### Blood sacrifice as example of faith

- The test then becomes “with a conscience, guided by that conscience, will man choose to do good and approach God by means of sacrifice as the example of the sacrifice that God indicated”.
- Leviticus 17:11 - ‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’



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## Review of past lessons

### At The End Of The Second Economy

#### Promise of Redemption Maintained - Genesis 6:8-9, 18; 7:1

- But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.
- “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.
- Then the LORD said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.

#### Angelic Conflict - 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6

- For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
- And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

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## Review of past lessons

### Noahic Covenant (Genesis 8:20 – 9:17)

#### Parties to the Covenant

- God and Noah as the representative for mankind

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth
- Man to be feared by animals
- Mankind allowed to eat meat
- Mankind not to eat or drink blood
- Institution of capital punishment
- Never again a universal flood

#### Token of the Covenant

- Rainbow



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Human Government

#### Man's Responsibilities

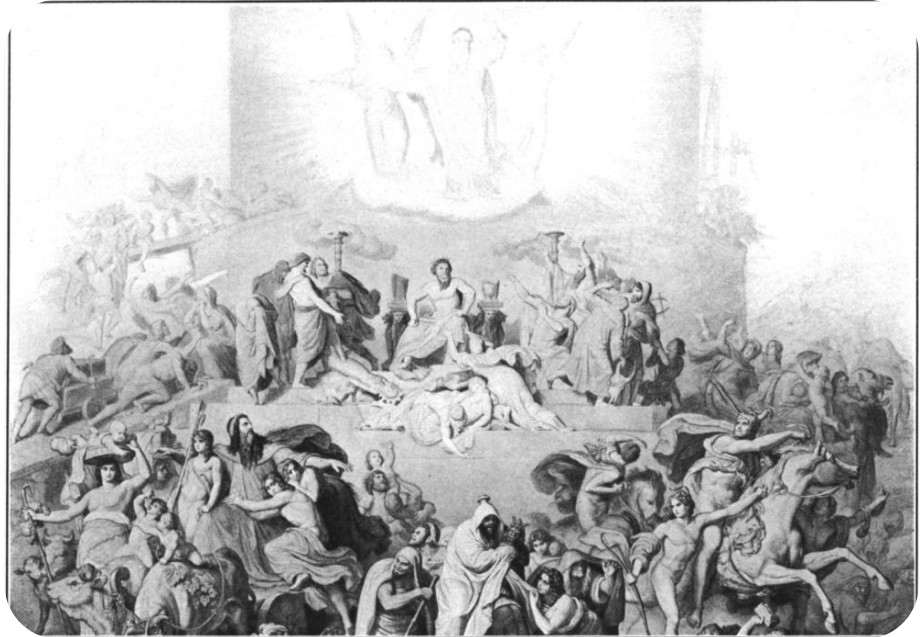
- Man's responsibilities were to fulfill the Noahic covenant. Mankind was to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Mankind was to govern itself with the full authority of capital punishment.

#### Man's Failures

- Failure to govern successfully appeared on the scene almost immediately, for Noah became drunk and incapable of ruling. The people, instead of obeying God's command to scatter and fill the earth, conceived the idea of staying together and building the tower of Babel to help achieve their aim. Fellowship with man replaced fellowship with God.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- As a result, God sent the judgment of the tower of Babel and the confusion of languages. He also graciously intervened in that He did not utterly destroy the nations but chose to deal graciously with Abraham and his descendants.



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## Review of past lessons

### Small Remnant of Righteous – The Example of Job's Theology

#### God's sovereignty – Job 1:21

- He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.** Blessed be the name of the LORD."

#### God's justice – Job 13:15–16

- "Though He slay me, **I will hope in Him.** Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him. **"This also will be my salvation,** For a godless man may not come before His presence."

#### God's promise of salvation – Job 19:25

- "As for me, I know that **my Redeemer lives,** And at the last **He will take His stand on the earth.**"





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## Review of past lessons

### At The End Of The Third Economy

#### Promise of Redemption Maintained - Genesis 12:1-3

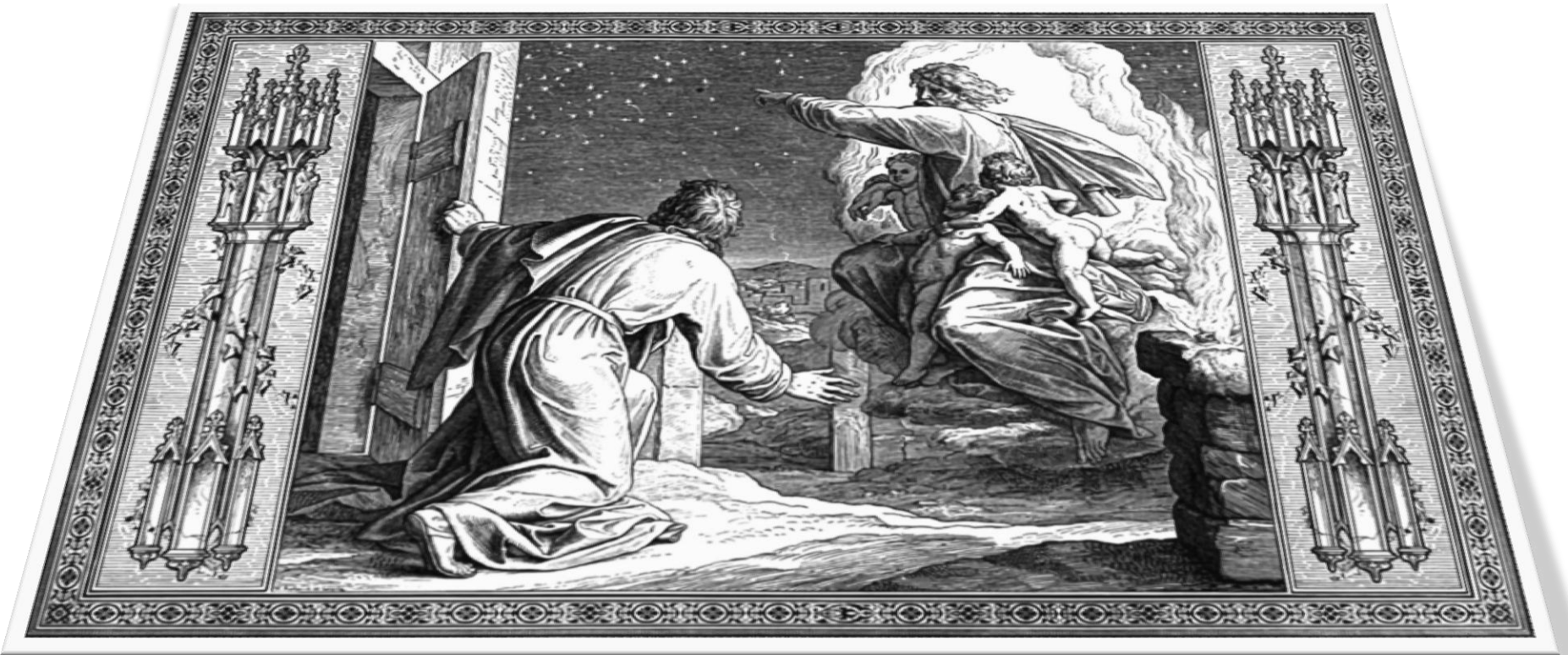
- Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

#### Angelic Conflict - Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7

- God allows Satan to persecute the faithful that He knows are mature enough to endure the trials. This strengthens the faithful and allows God to show His grace, mercy, and love. God also demonstrates that His righteousness and justice are compatible with His love.

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## Review of past lessons

### Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

#### Parties to the Covenant

- God and Abram as the father of the Jewish race

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Fourteen provisions including the token of circumcision

#### Token of the Covenant

- Circumcision





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## Review of past lessons

### Promises made to Abraham

Father of great nation (Israel)

Possess the Promised Land

Father of other nations

Many descendants became kings

Receive personal blessings

Be a blessing to others

Name to become great

### Promises made to Israel

Become a great nation

Become innumerable

Possess the Promised Land

Victory over enemies

### Promises to Gentiles

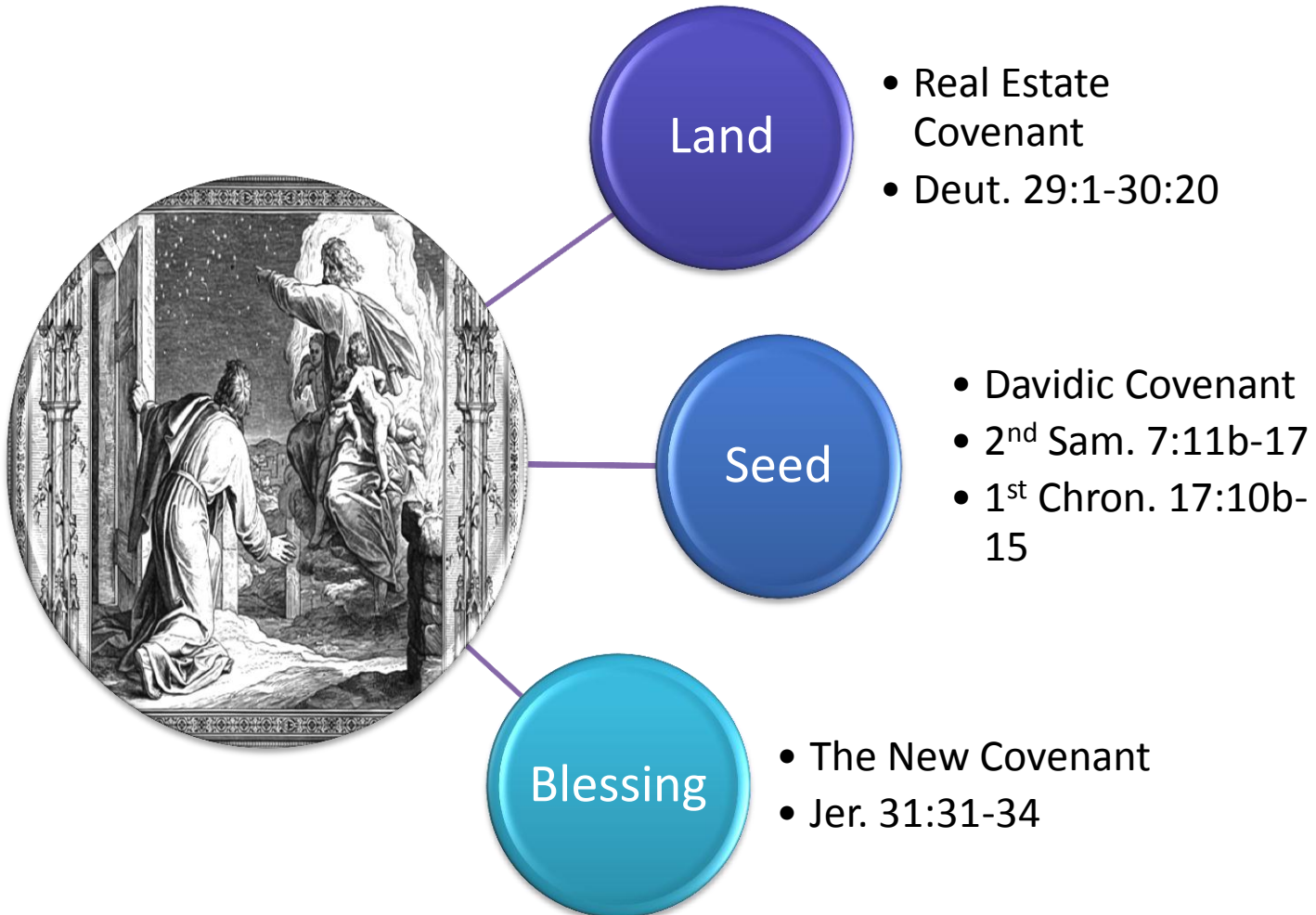
Blessings for blessing Israel

Cursing's for cursing Israel

Spiritual blessings through the seed of Abraham – The Messiah

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## Review of past lessons



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Promise

#### Man's Responsibilities

- The responsibility of the patriarchs was simply to believe and serve God, and God gave them every material and spiritual provision to encourage them to do this. The Promised Land was theirs, and blessing was theirs as long as they remained in the land. The people of the promise; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the children of Jacob (Israel) were to stay separate from the nations around them.

#### Man's Failures

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons continued to intermingle with the Canaanites and surrounding nations.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- God sent the family down to Egypt where the surrounding Egyptians would not associate with them. Soon after they would be enslaved.





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## Review of past lessons

### Approaching God in the Dispensation of Promise

#### Approach God by Faith

- Genesis 15:5–7 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

#### Blood sacrifice as example of faith

- Genesis 31:54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his kinsmen to the meal; and they ate the meal and spent the night on the mountain.



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## Review of past lessons

### Abraham – Chosen from the World

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great great great great great great great grandson of Shem.

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Born around 1996 BC in Ur of the Chaldeans, Two years after death of Noah.

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Married to Sarah and concubines Hagar and Keturah.

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Abraham believed God and was reckoned to him as righteousness. (Gen 15:6)

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Abraham had eight sons.

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Abraham lived to 175 years old.

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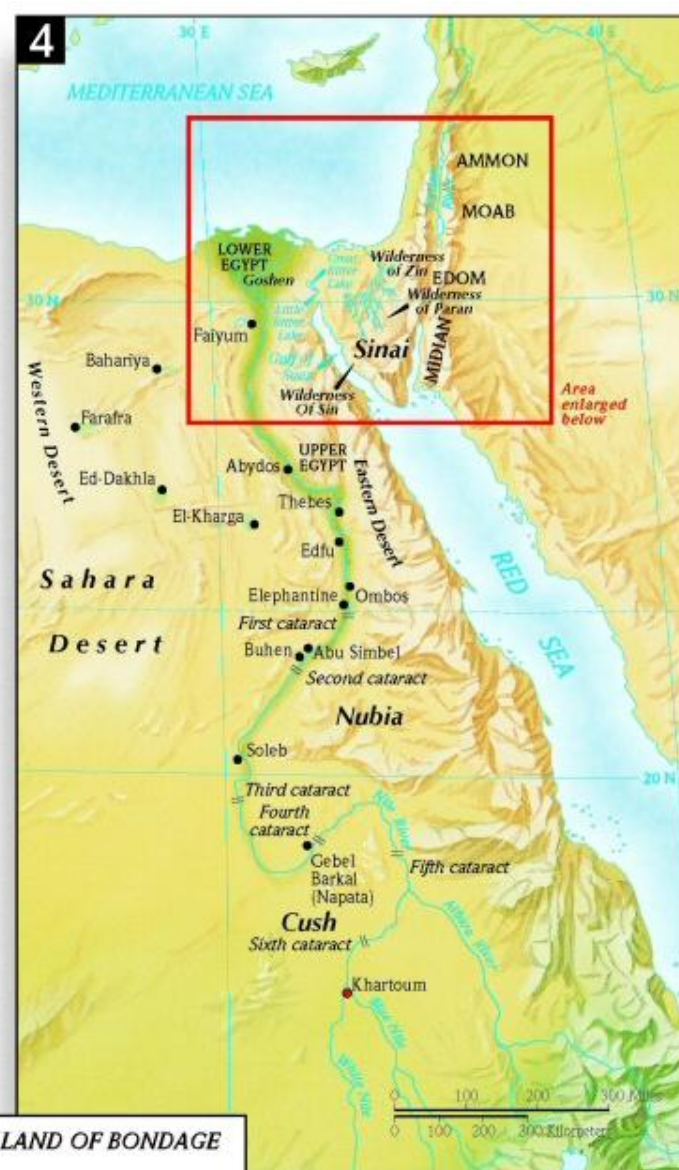
### Life in Captivity

How to approach God – Israel

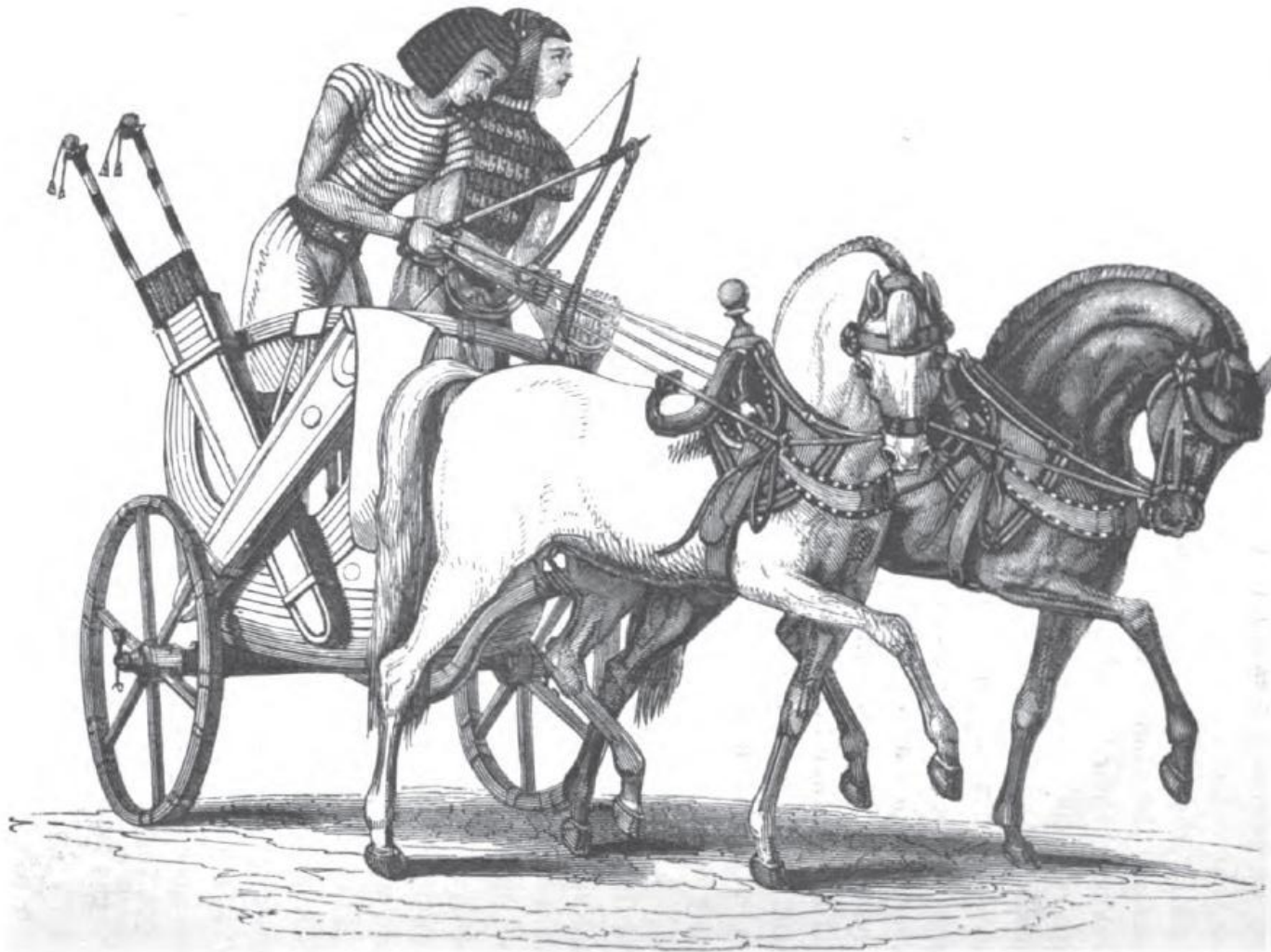
#### **Exodus 1:8-14**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. “Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land.” So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel. The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.





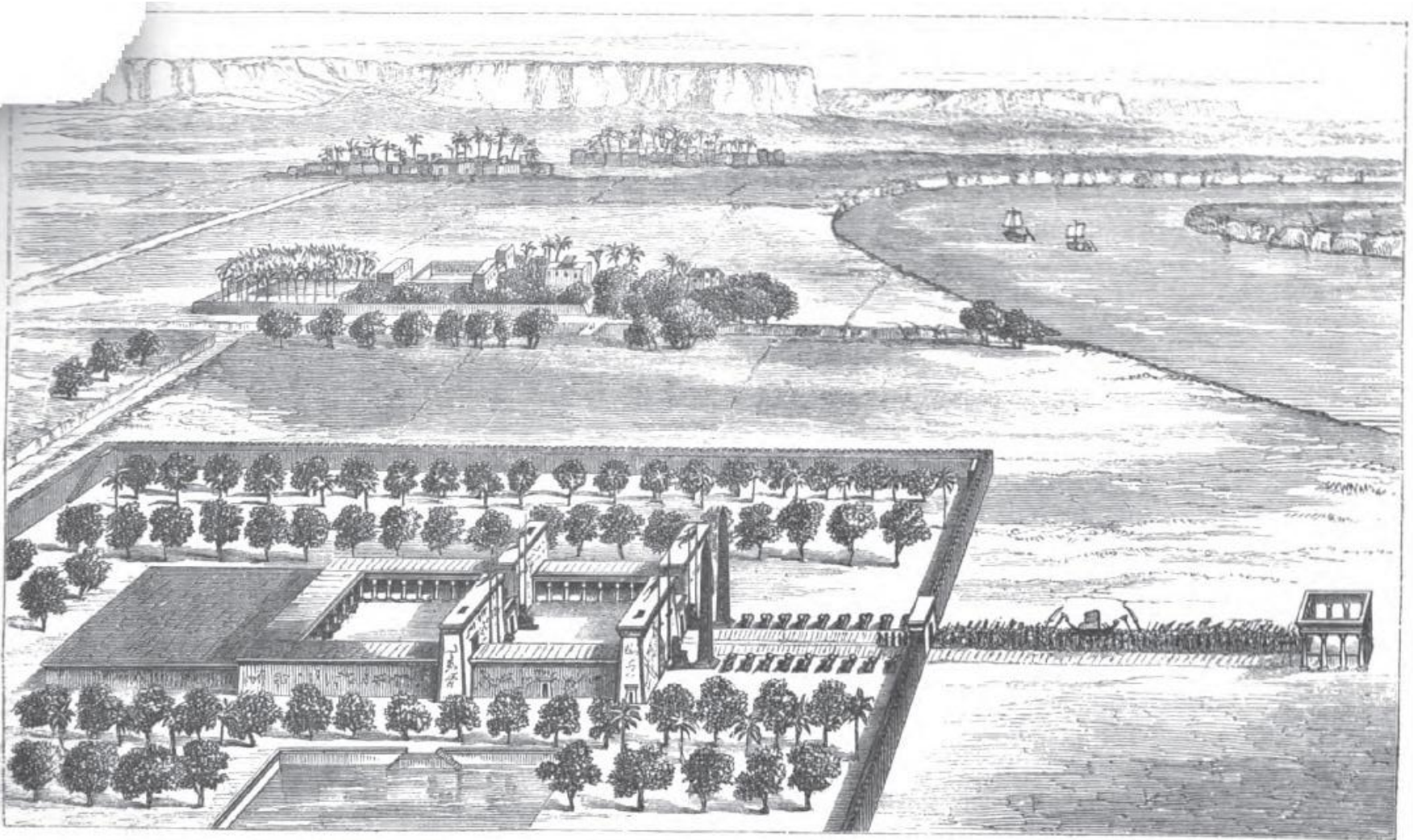
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**335a.** An Egyptian car and horses in perspective, designed from a comparison of different sculptures.



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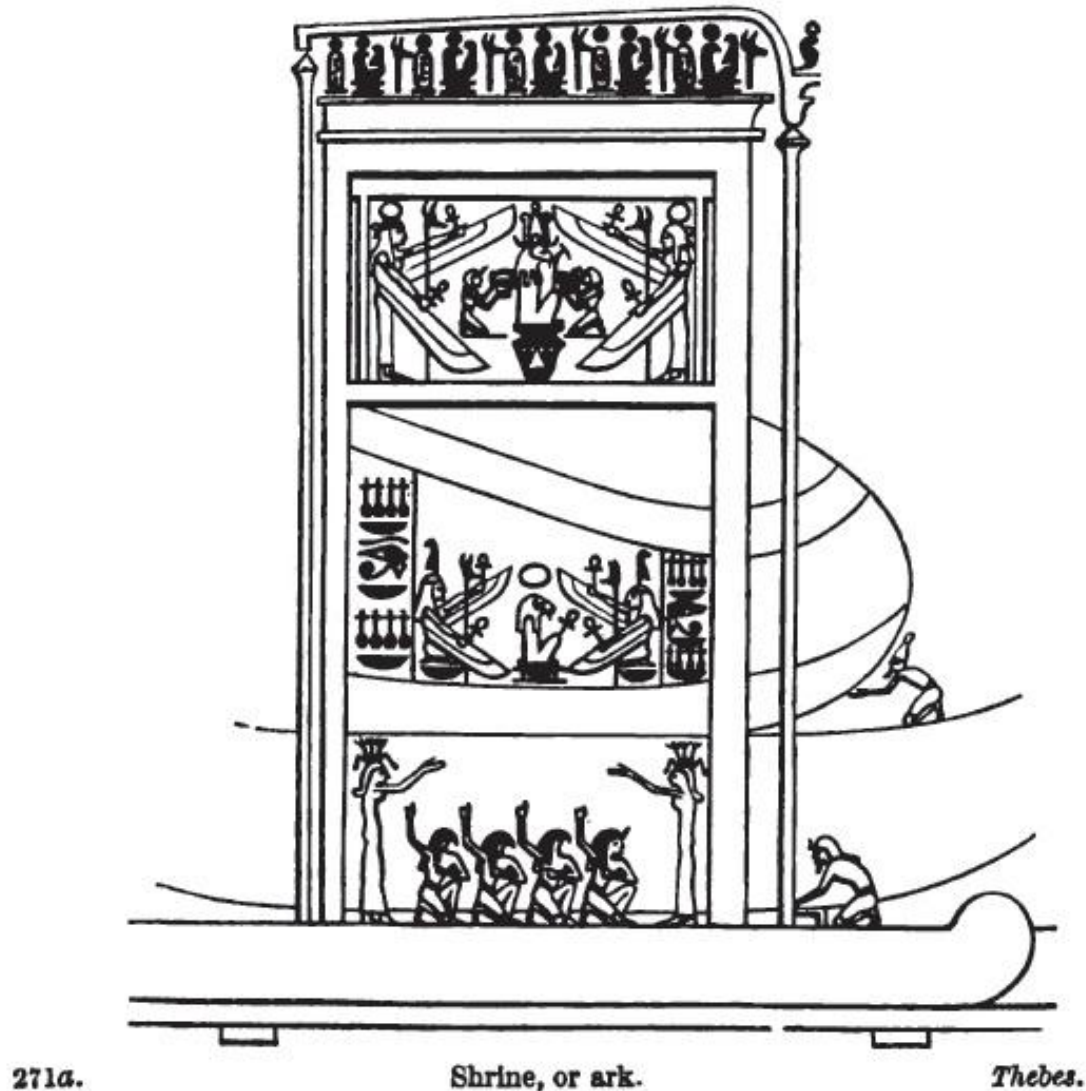


**A COMPLETE EGYPTIAN TEMPLE.**

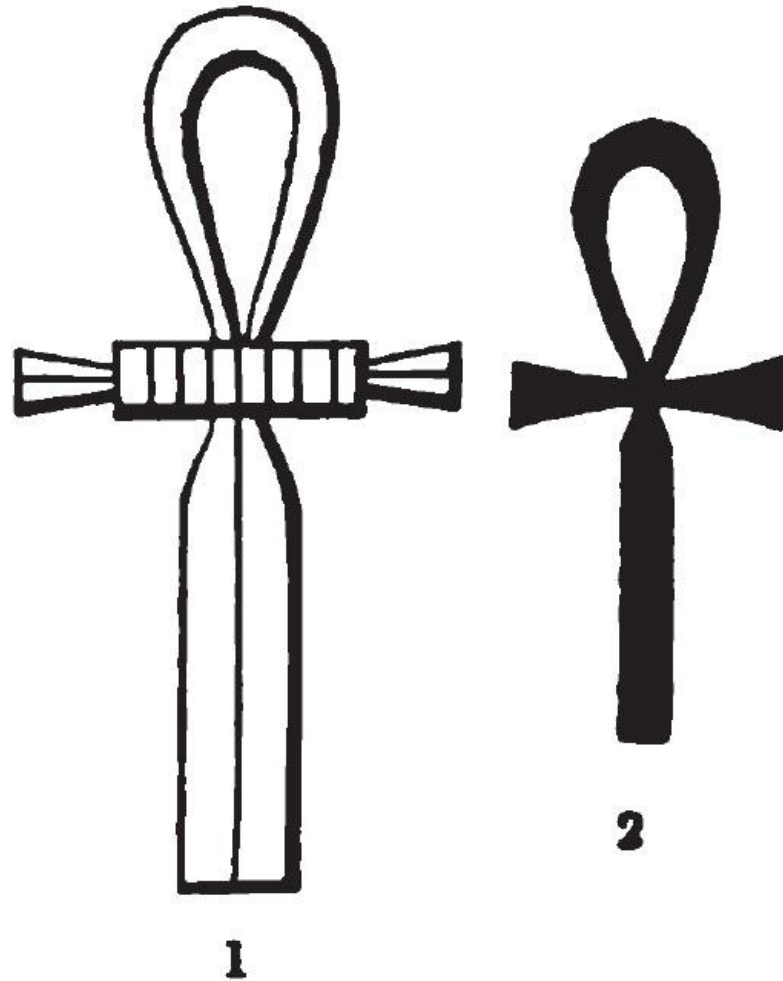
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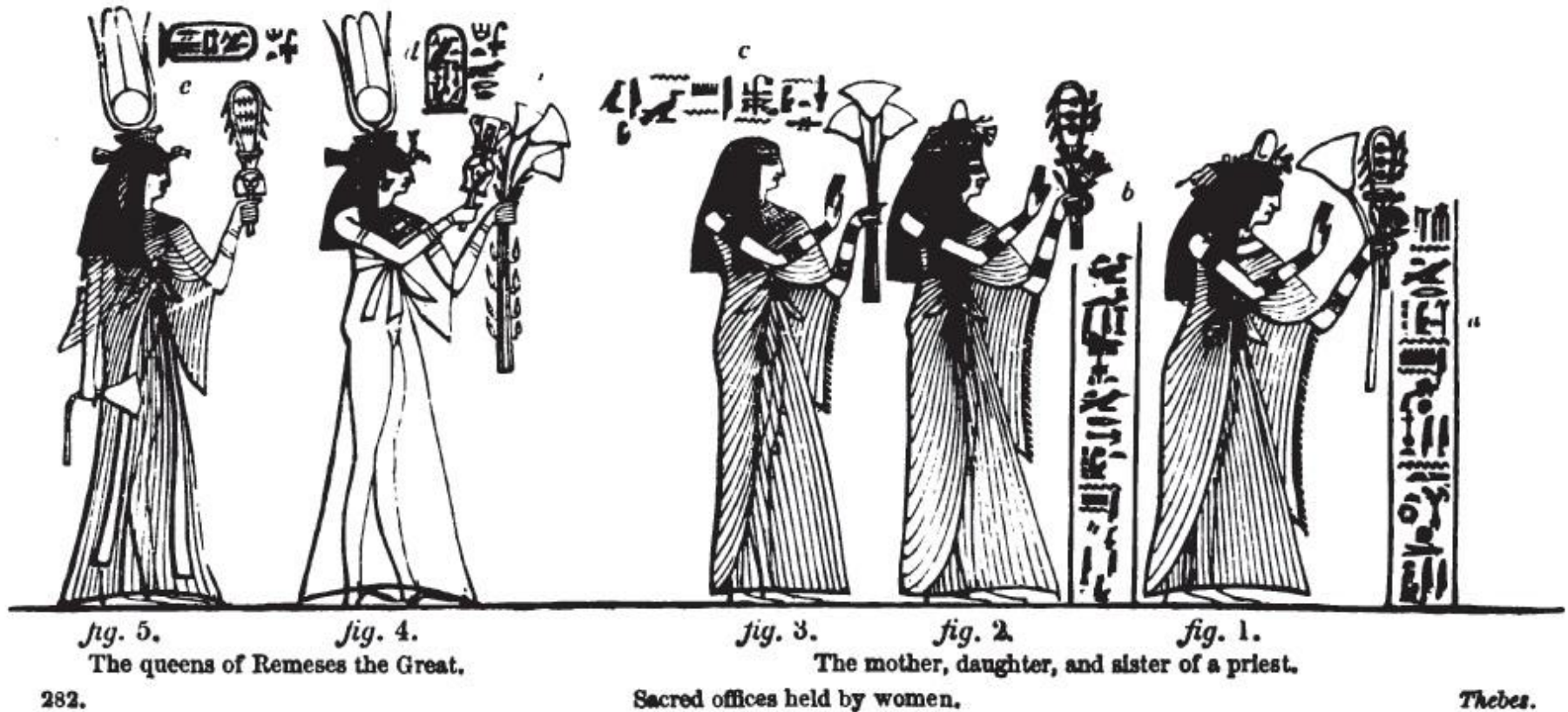


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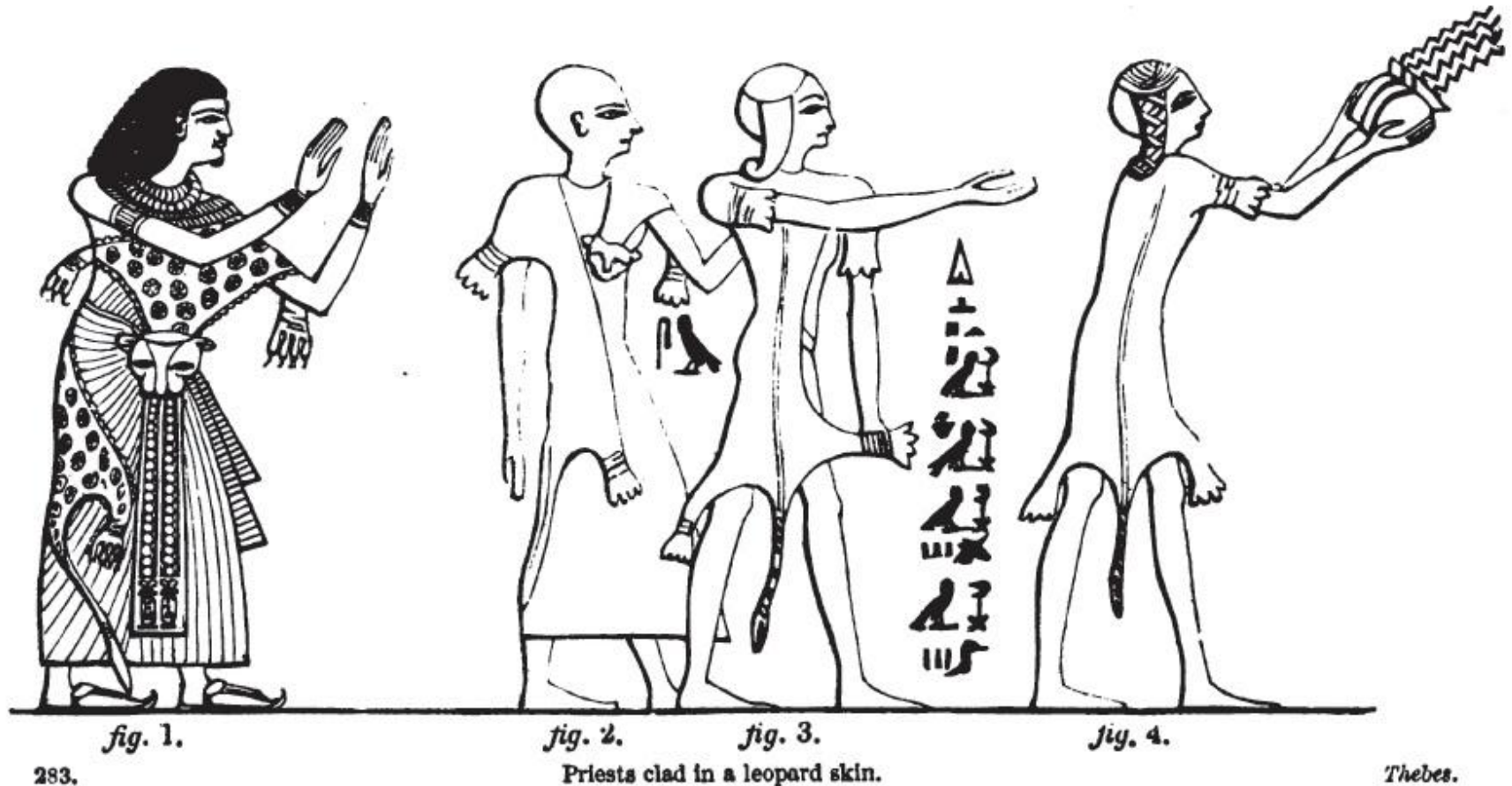


**275. Tau, or Sign of Life.**

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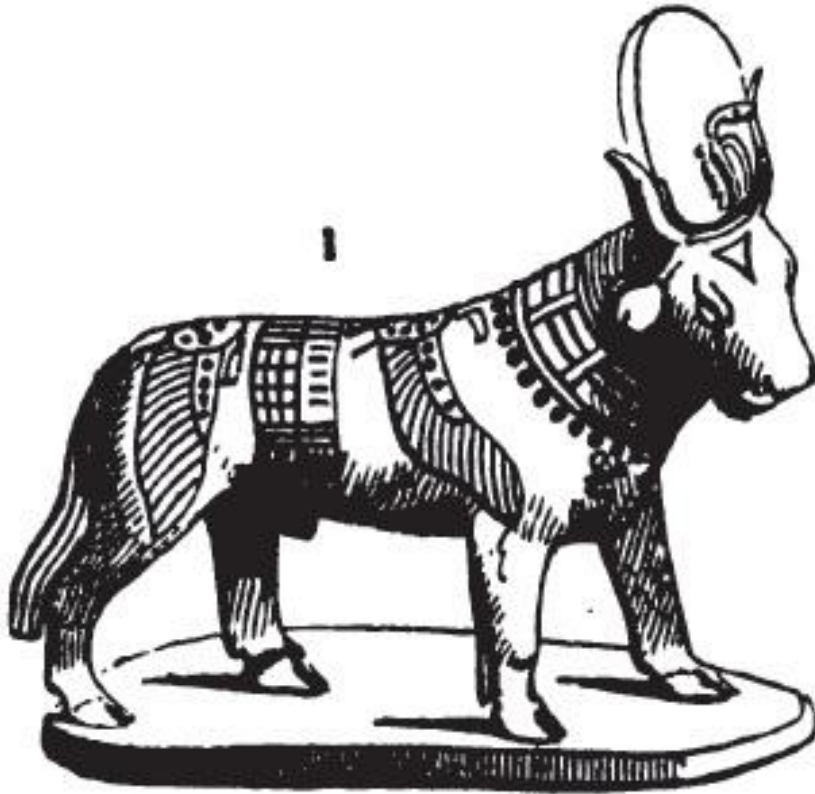


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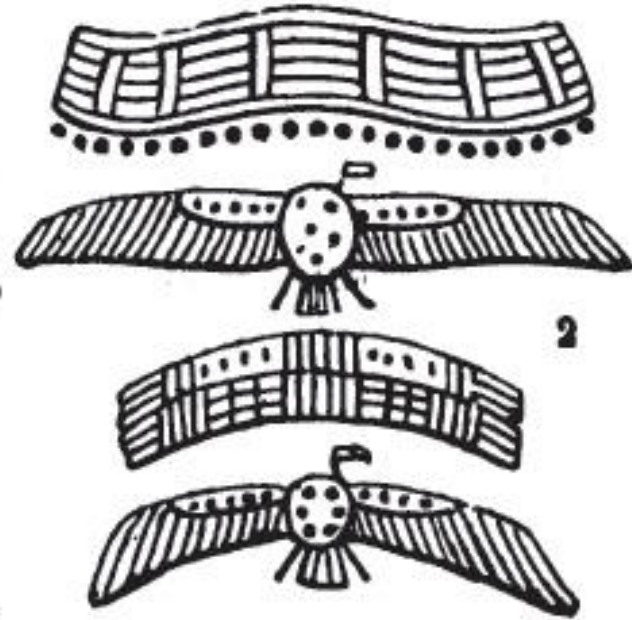
279. Princes and Children. Thebes.  
 1. Head-dress of a prince. 2 and 3. Lock of hair worn by children. 4. Dress of a son of  
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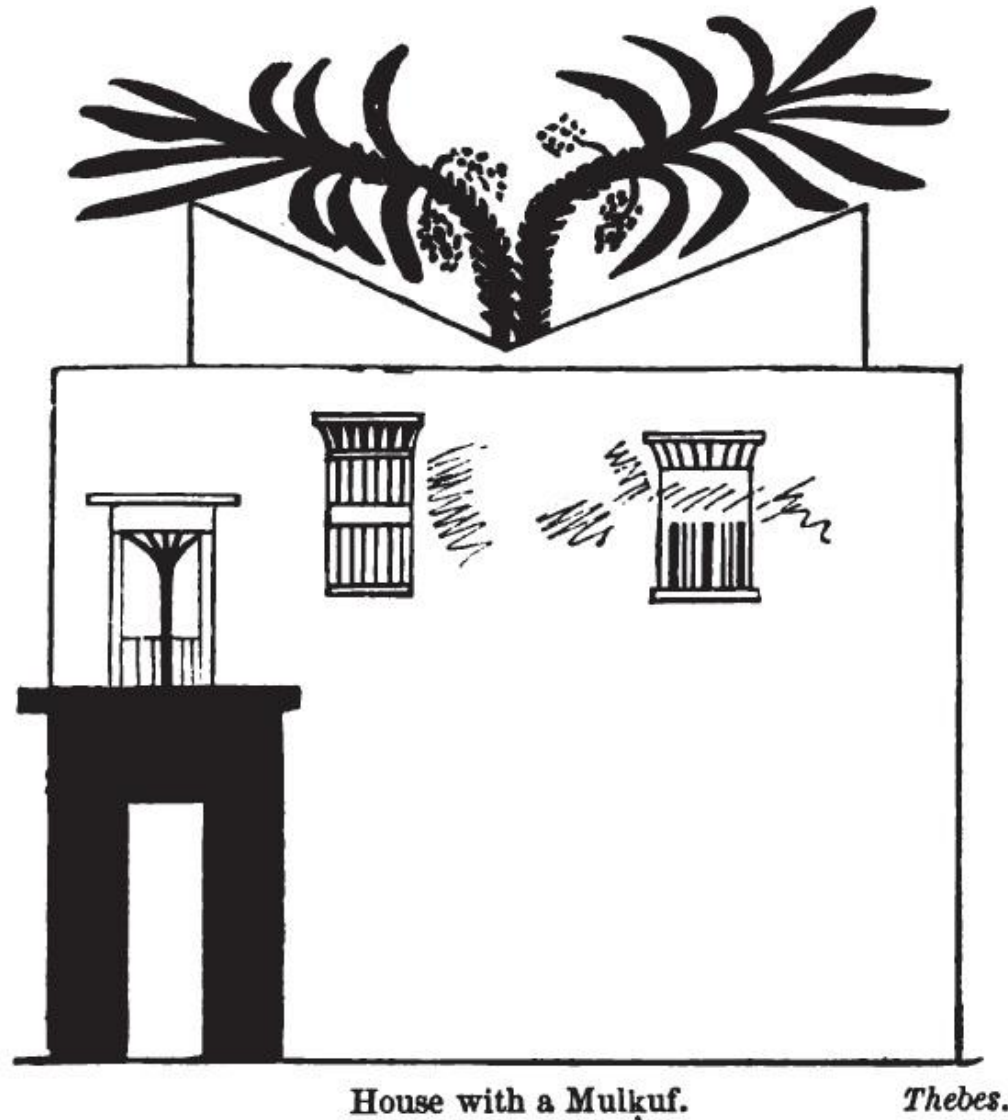
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1. Bronze figure of Apla.

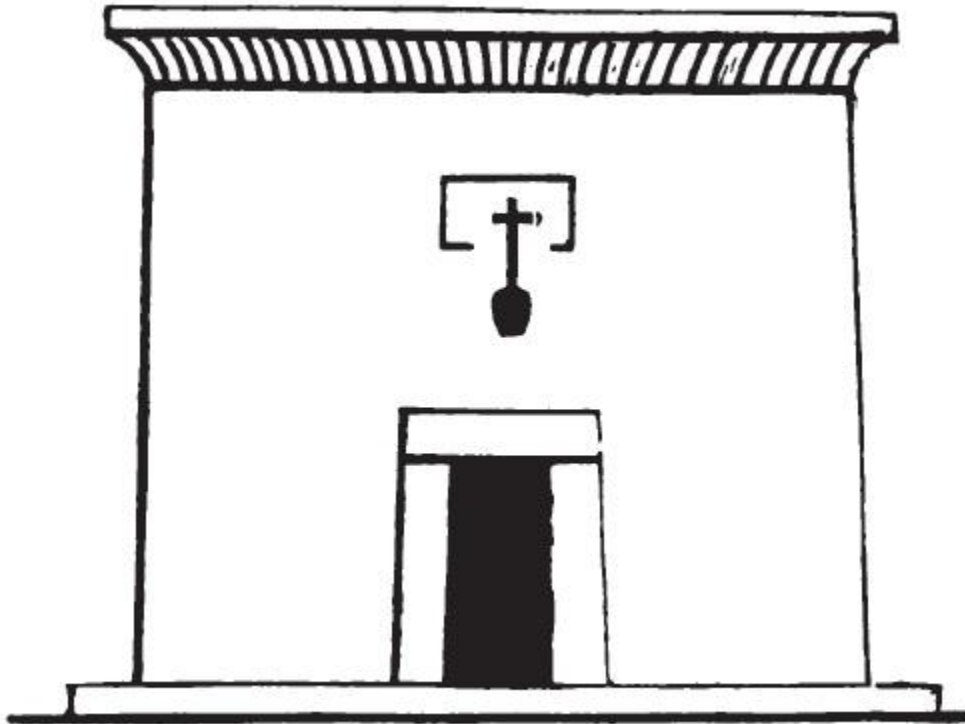


*In the possession of Miss Rogers.*  
2. The marks on his back.

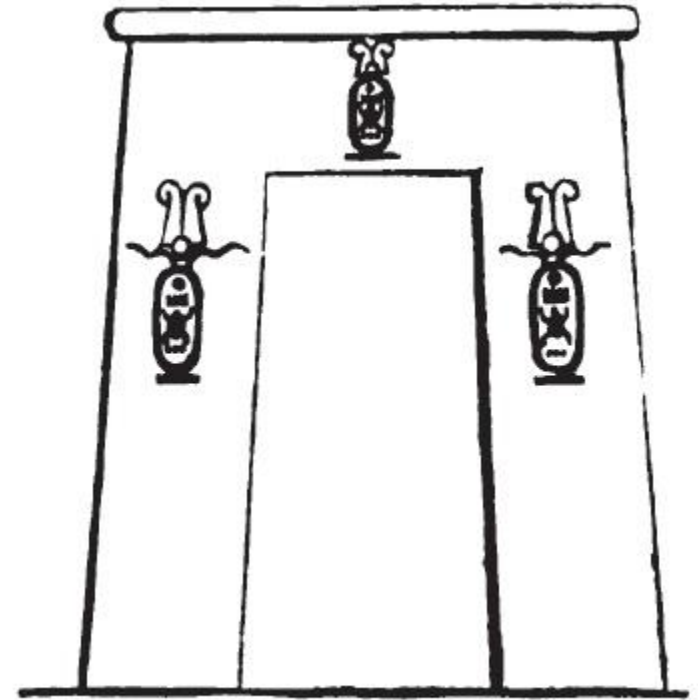
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2. Over the door is "The good house."



3. Doorway, with a king's name.



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Emblematic offerings.

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## The Fourth Economy

### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Nile turned to blood
Reference	• Exodus 7:14-25
Warning	• To Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (7:15-18)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Hapi (Apis), the bull god, god of the Nile; Isis, goddess of the Nile; Khnum, ram god guardian of the Nile; and others
Pharaoh's Response	• Did not listen to the request that the Israelites be released. (7:22-23)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Frogs
Reference	• Exodus 8:1-15
Warning	• To Pharaoh probably in his palace (8:2-4)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Heqet, goddess of birth, with a frog head
Pharaoh's Response	• Agreed to let the people if the frogs were taken away (8:8)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Gnats
Reference	• Exodus 8:16-19
Warning	• No warning
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Set, god of the desert
Pharaoh's Response	• Refused to listen to his magicians' suggestion (8:19)



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## The Fourth Economy

### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Flies
Reference	• Exodus 8:20-32
Warning	• Warning to Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (8:20-23)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Re, a sun god; or the god Uatchit, possibly represented by the fly
Pharaoh's Response	• Suggested the Israelites sacrifice in Egypt (8:25)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Death of livestock
Reference	• Exodus 9:1-7
Warning	• Warning to Pharaoh probably in his palace (9:1-5)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Hathor, goddess with the cow head; Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility
Pharaoh's Response	• Refused Moses' request (9:7)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boils</li></ul>
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exodus 9:8-12</li></ul>
Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No warning</li></ul>
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease; Sunu, the pestilence god, Isis, goddess of healing</li></ul>
Pharaoh's Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refused Moses' request (9:12)</li></ul>

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hail</li></ul>
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exodus 9:13:35</li></ul>
Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warning to Pharaoh in his palace in the morning (9:13-19)</li></ul>
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility; Set, god of storms</li></ul>
Pharaoh's Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promised to let the Israelites go if the rain and hail were stopped (9:28)</li></ul>



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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Locusts
Reference	• Exodus 10:1-20
Warning	• Warning to Pharaoh probably in his palace (10:3-6)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility;
Pharaoh's Response	• Offered to let only the men go (10:11)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Darkness
Reference	• Exodus 10:21-29
Warning	• No warning
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Re, the sun god; Horus, a sun god; Nut, a sky goddess; Hathor, a sky goddess
Pharaoh's Response	• Agreed that the people could go but not their animals (10:24)

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### The Ten Plagues on Egypt

Plague	• Death of the firstborn
Reference	• Exodus 11:1-12:30
Warning	• Warning to Pharaoh probably in his palace (11:4-8)
Possible Egyptian God Attacked	• Min, god of reproduction; Heqet, goddess for women at childbirth; Isis, goddess who protected children; Pharaoh's firstborn son, a god
Pharaoh's Response	• Urged the people to go (12:31-32)

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### The Exodus



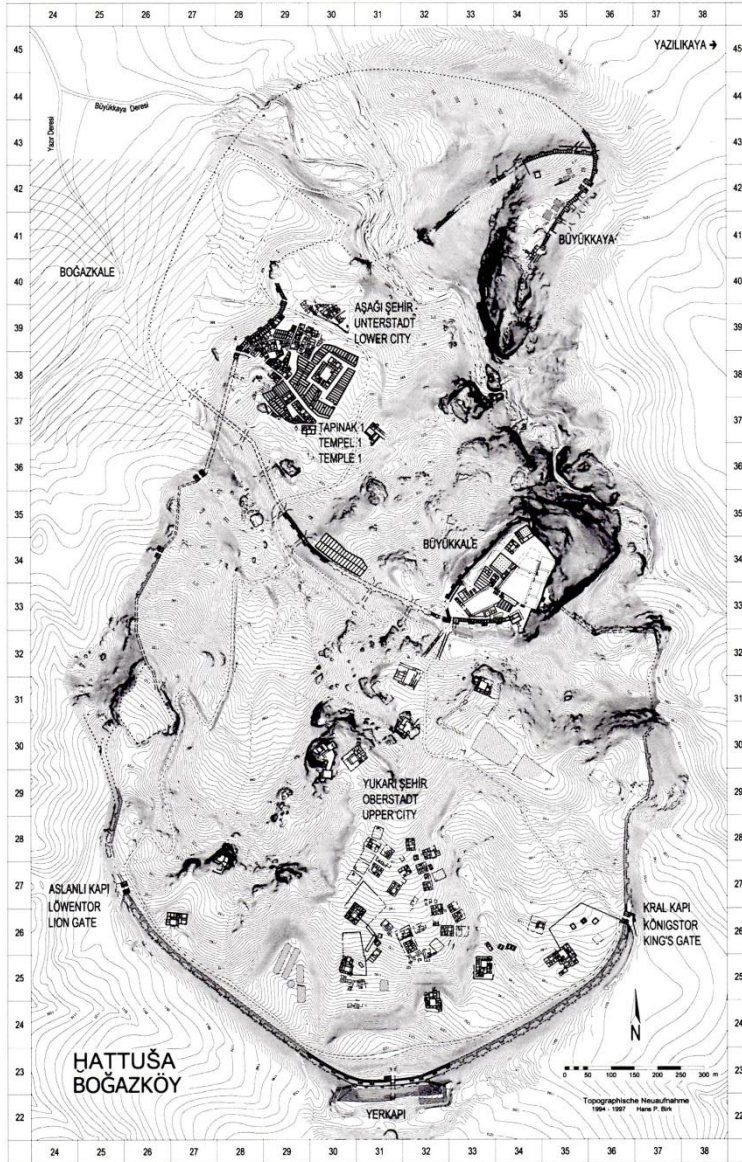


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Relief depiction of a sun god in Chamber 2 in the Upper City of Hattusa. Unlike Relief No. 34 at Yazilkaya, this sun god holds an object that corresponds to the Egyptian key of life (= ankh). A double sun-disk with wings can be seen above his head.





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King and queen before an alter. The king wearing a long dress and mantle holds a royal staff-lituus in his right hand. His left hand is extended forwards. The skullcap-shaped headdress is distinctive. The queen wears a decorated dress and is covered from head to toe with a mantle. Both figures wear large-looped earrings.



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One-handed vessel  
containing figures  
participating in a ritual.





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Relief depicting a figure in a long robe (perhaps a priest) leading a flock of sheep.



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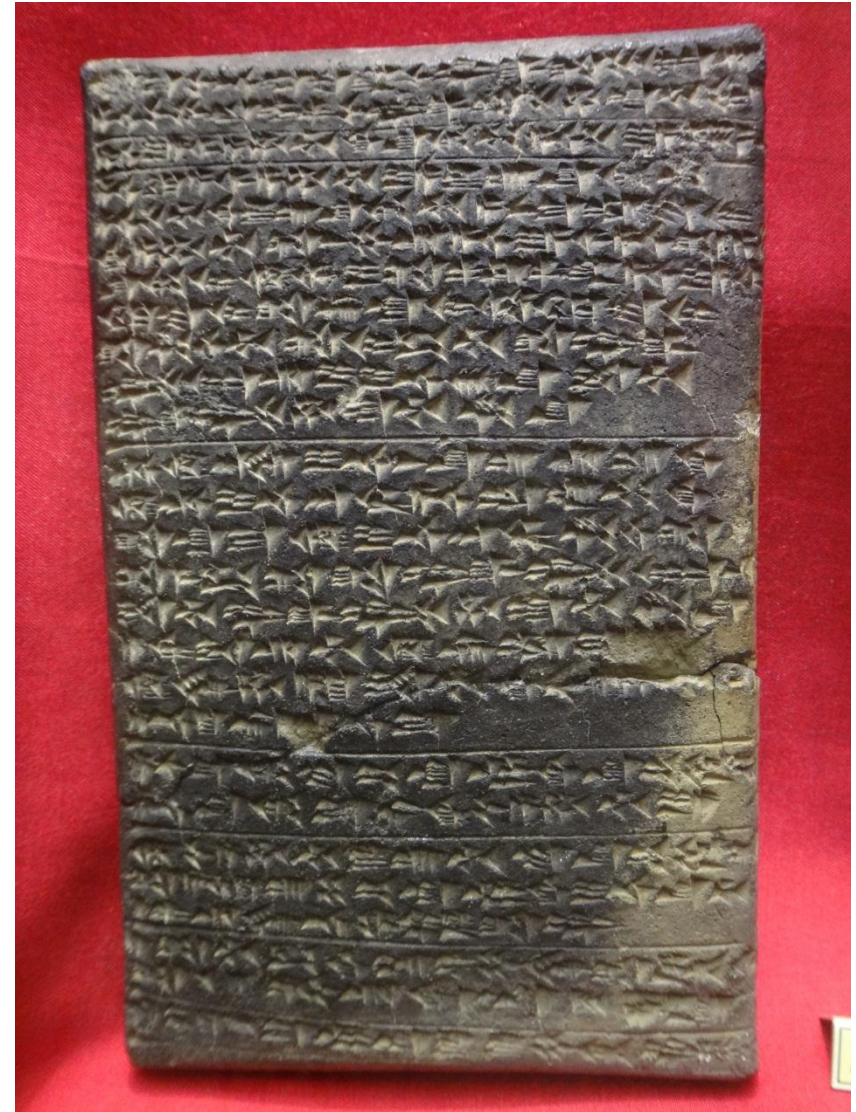
This cuneiform document is the only bronze tablet found in Anatolia. It enlightens the historical geography of Anatolia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC testifying to the treaty between Tudhaliya IV and Kurunta of Tarhuntassa in 1235 BC. The “Thousands of gods” are listed as divine witnesses for obedience of the treaty partners.





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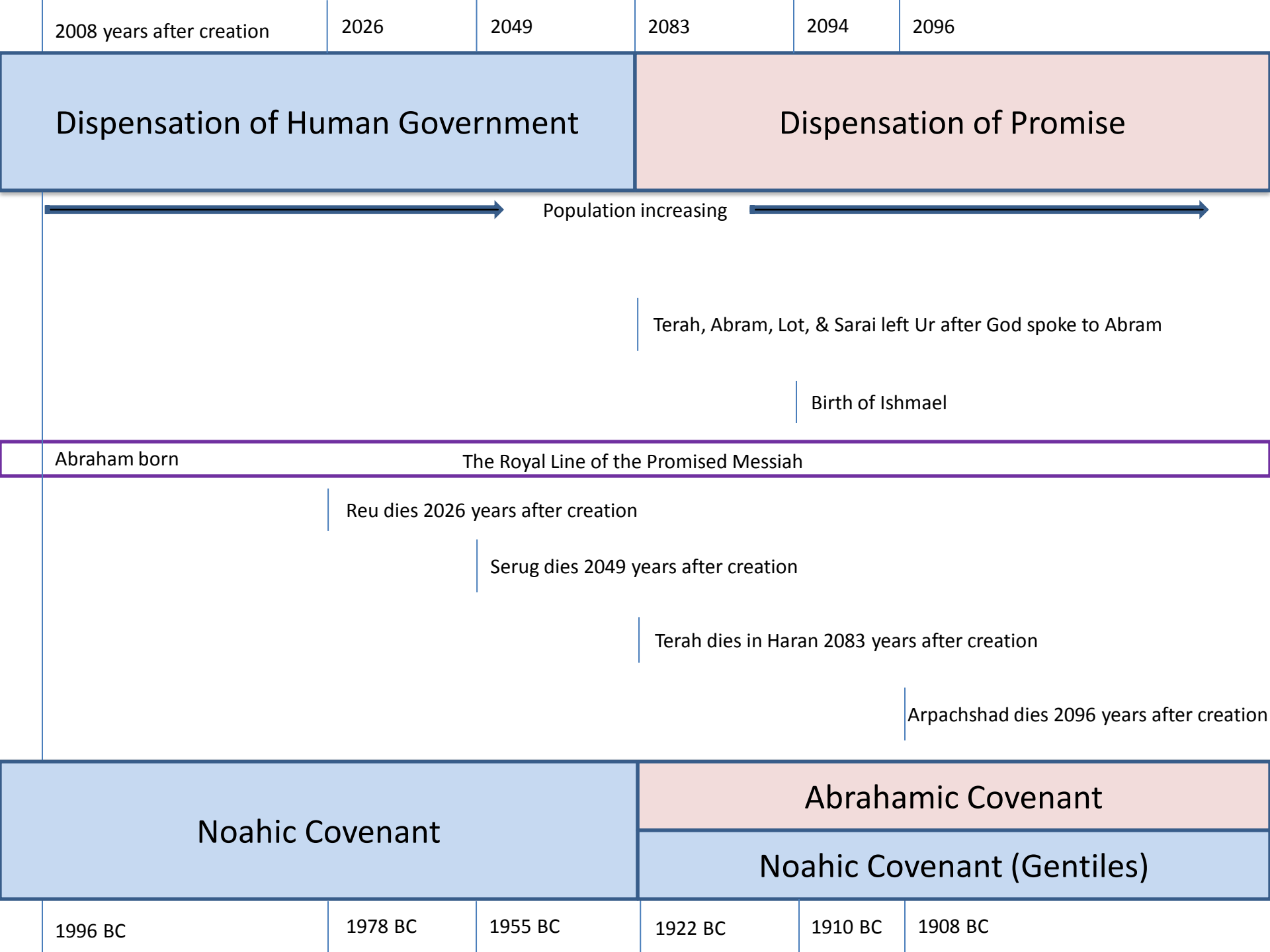
This tablet is a friendly correspondence from Egyptian Queen Naptera (wife of Ramesses II) to Hittite Queen Puduhepa (wife of Hattushili III) after the Kadesh Peace Treaty, in Akkadian, dated 1275-1220 BC. It indicates the close relationship between the two nations and lists gifts.

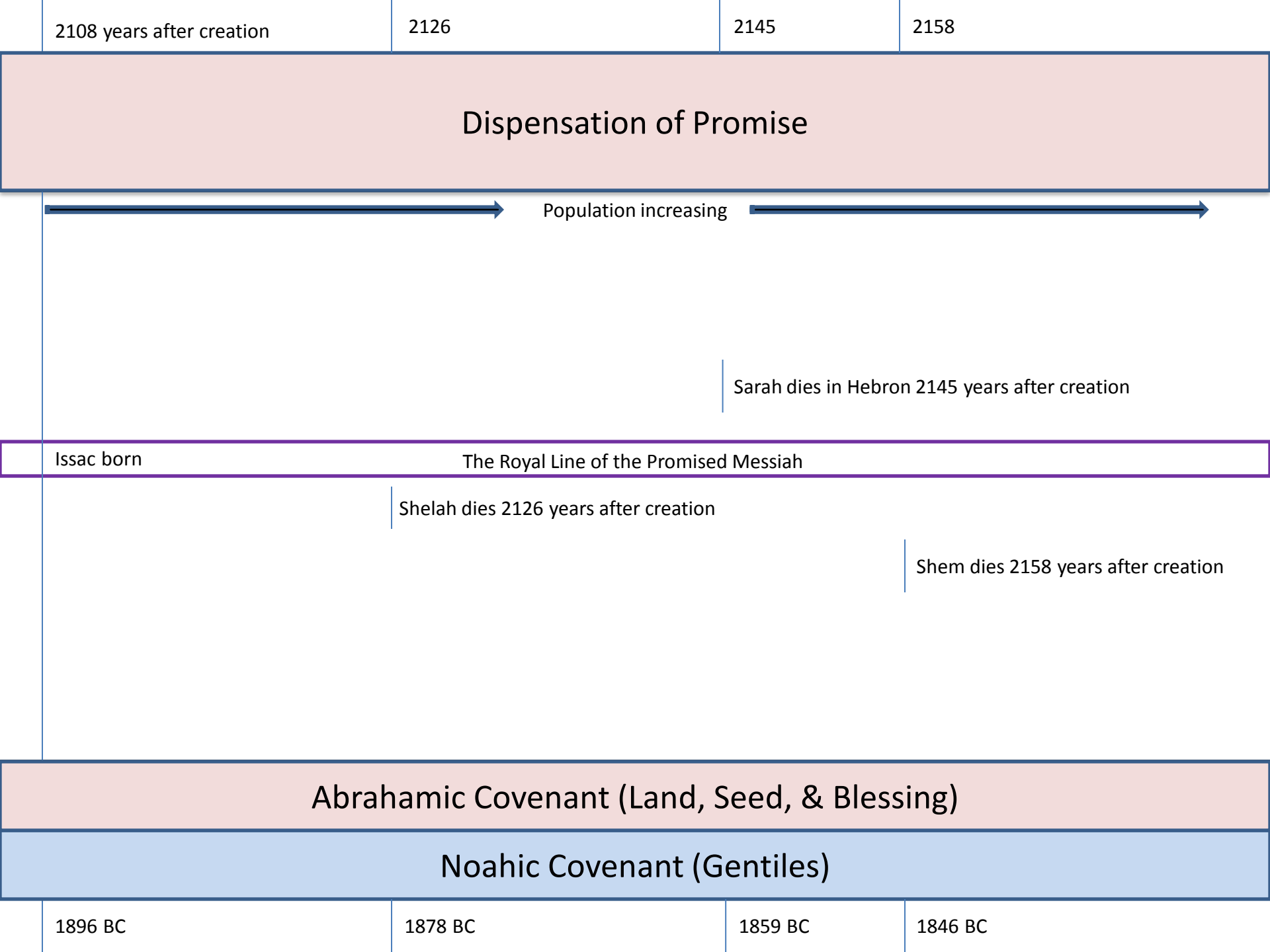


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Figurines of god and goddesses during the Hittite period of 1750-1200 BC.







2168 years after creation

2245

## Dispensation of Promise

Population increasing

Jacob's dream

God establishes the Nation of Israel

Jacob born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Jacob's name changed to Israel

Eber dies 2187 years after creation

Abraham dies 2183 years after creation (1821 BC)

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1836 BC

1817 BC

1759 BC



2249 years after creation

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## Dispensation of Promise

Population increasing

Joseph sold as a slave and taken to Egypt

Nation of Israel

Judah born

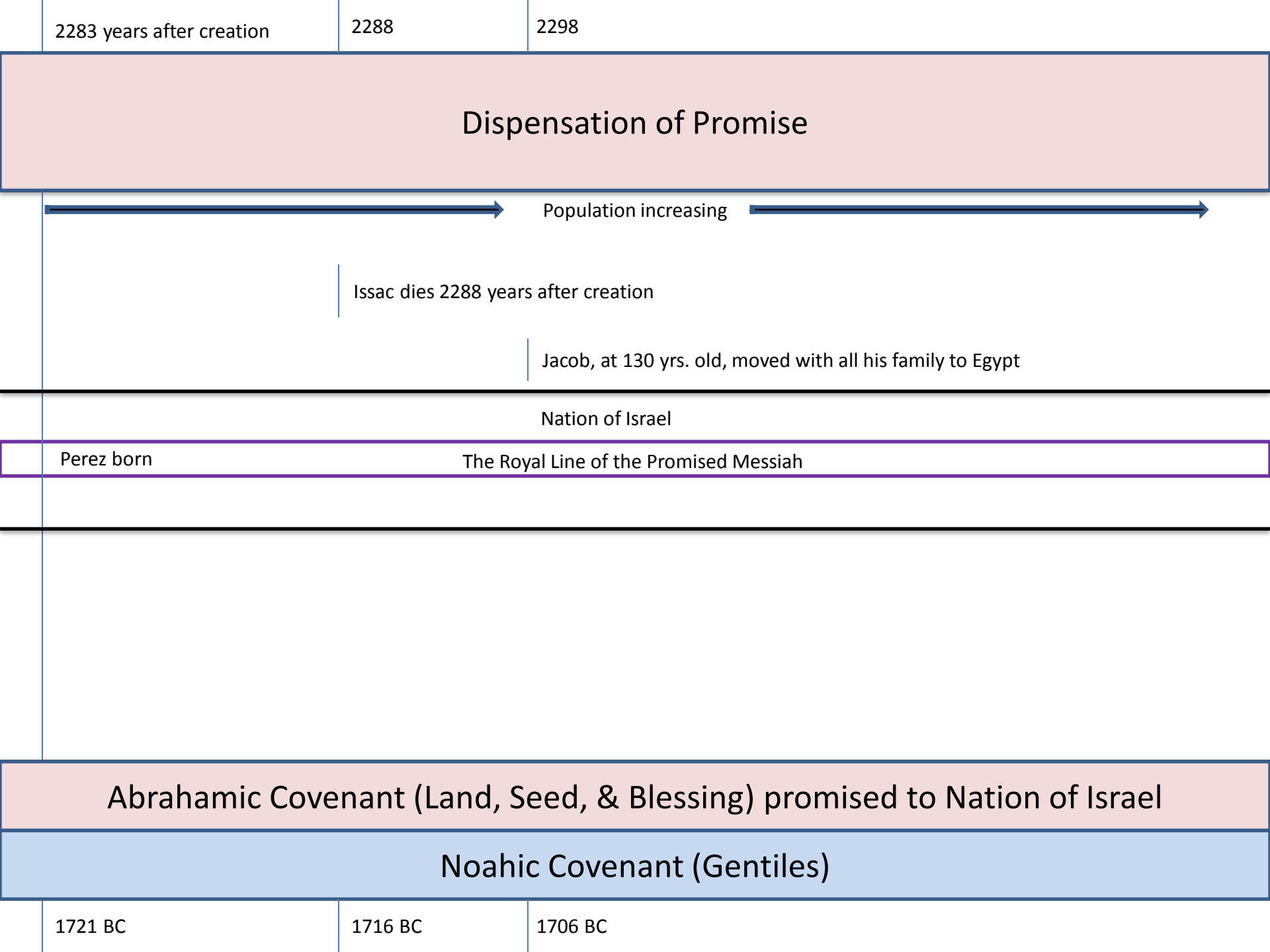
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Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1755 BC

1728 BC



XXXX years after creation

2315

## Dispensation of Promise

Population increasing

Jacob dies 2315 years after creation. Prior to his death, he adopted Ephraim and Manasseh, the son's of Joseph.

Nation of Israel

Hezron born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

1689 BC



XXXX years after creation

## Dispensation of Promise

Population increasing

Nation of Israel

Ram born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

XXXX years after creation

2433

## Dispensation of Promise

Population increasing

Moses born and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter

Nation of Israel

Amminadab born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

1571 BC

