

Message Notes

The God who keeps covenant

Introduction – “I, Cor, take you, Jill.”

GOD: an introduction

- The God who creates
- The God who has compassion on the rebellious

Just so we're clear...

The God who keeps covenant

- With Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-8, 15:13-18a)
Two BIG promises fulfilled: Descendants and Land

- With Moses and the Israelites (Exodus 19:1-6, 24:1-8)

The Law and the tabernacle

- With David (2 Samuel 7:8-16)

King me!

A summary of the biblical covenants

GOD

- He initiates.
- He makes promises and fulfills them.
- He remembers his covenant.
- He requires obedience.
- His covenant is everlasting.
- He keeps covenant with his people.

Peoples

- They make promises and don't fulfill them.
- They forget their covenant.
- They break the covenant.
- They make covenants with forbidden others.

Simply stated: Exodus 6:7 and Leviticus 26:12

The crescendo of Scripture

- The New Covenant promised (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- The New Covenant fulfilled (Romans 3:14-15a, Revelation 21:3, 1 Corinthians 13:12, Luke 22:14-20)

Application - What does it mean that God keeps covenant with you?

Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations...”

Genesis 12:1-3

1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Exodus 24:6-8

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

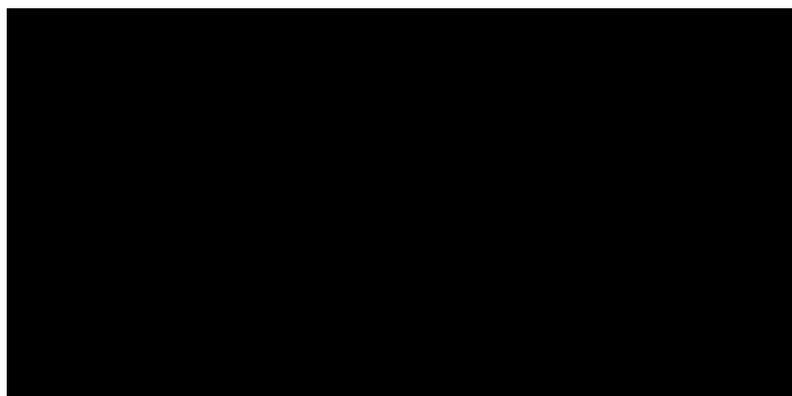
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Luke 22:14-20

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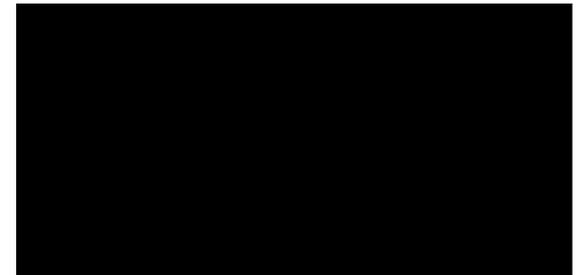
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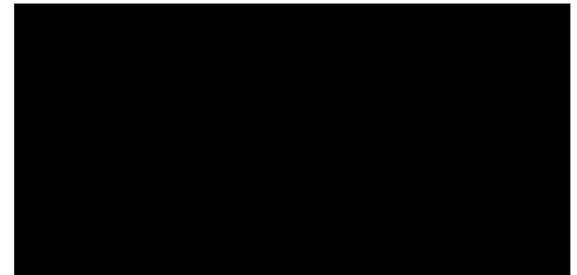
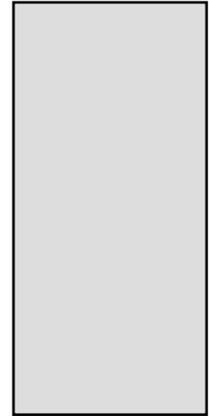
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a 10 week study of how God progressively
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The God who makes promises



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see also 1 Kings 8:23, 2 Chronicles 6:14, Nehemiah 1:5, 9:32, and Daniel 9:4

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With Abraham
Genesis 15:13-18a

12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

13Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14**But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15**As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16**And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. **18**On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land..."

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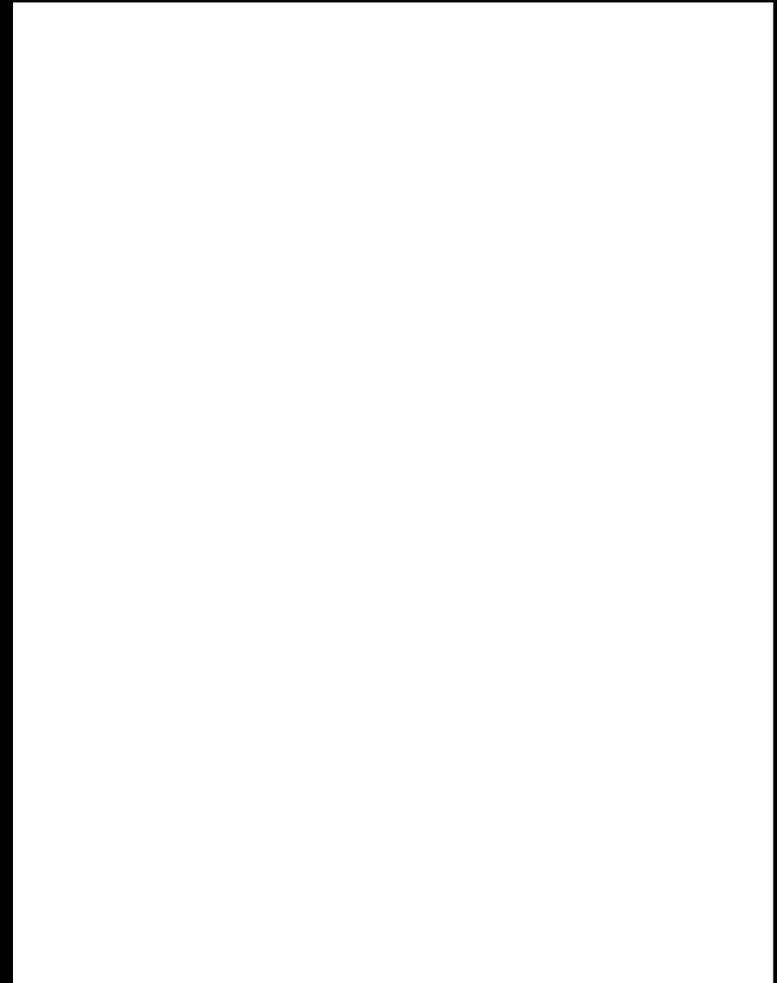
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With Moses and the Israelites

Exodus 19:1-6

1On 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. 2They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3while 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: 4You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5Now 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; 6and 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."



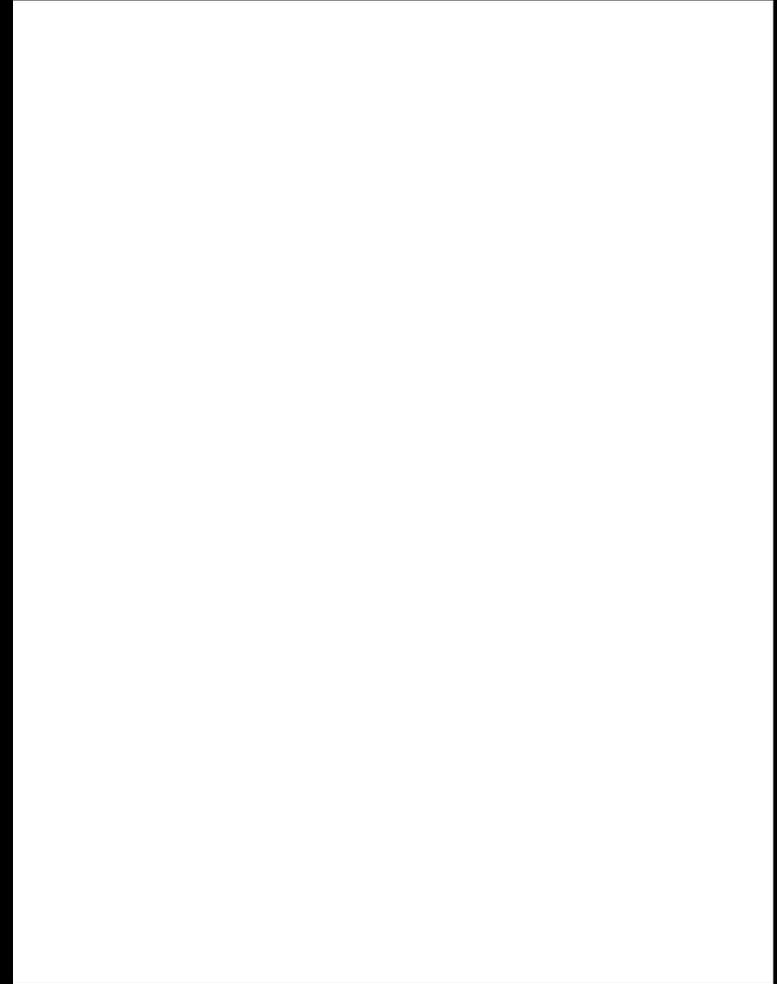
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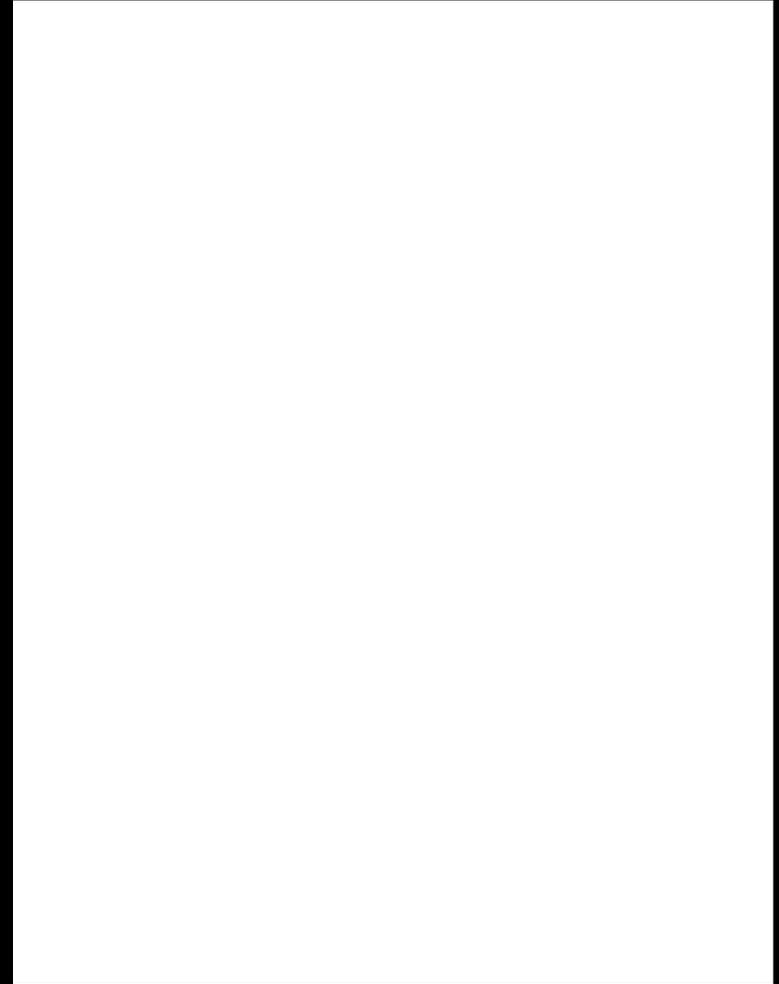
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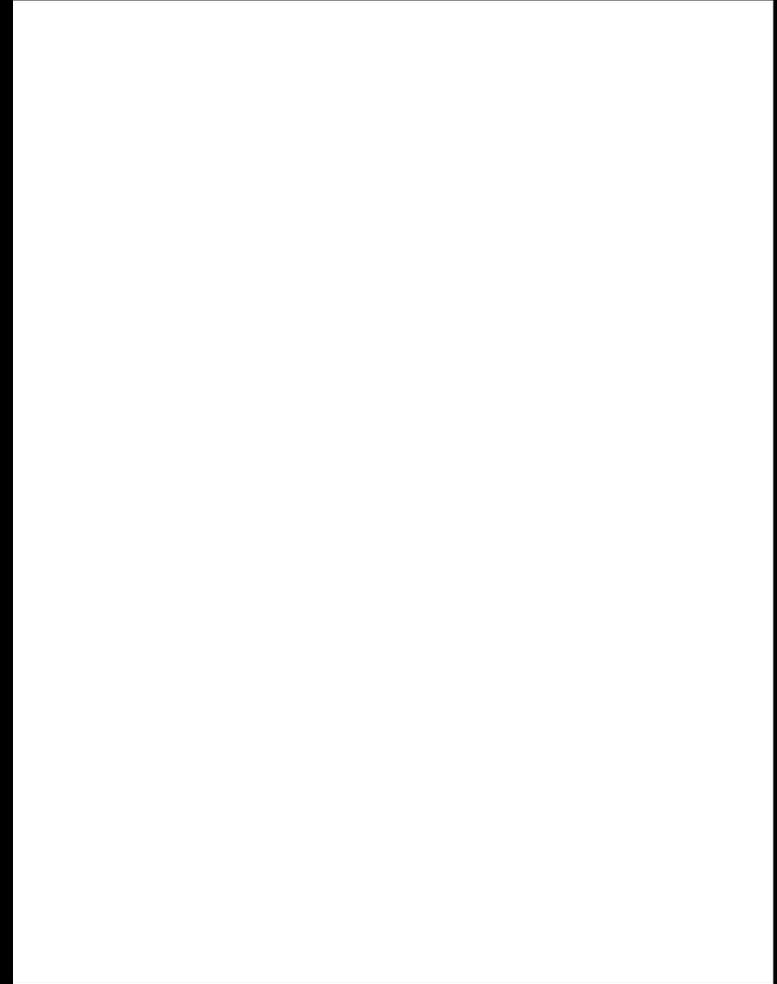


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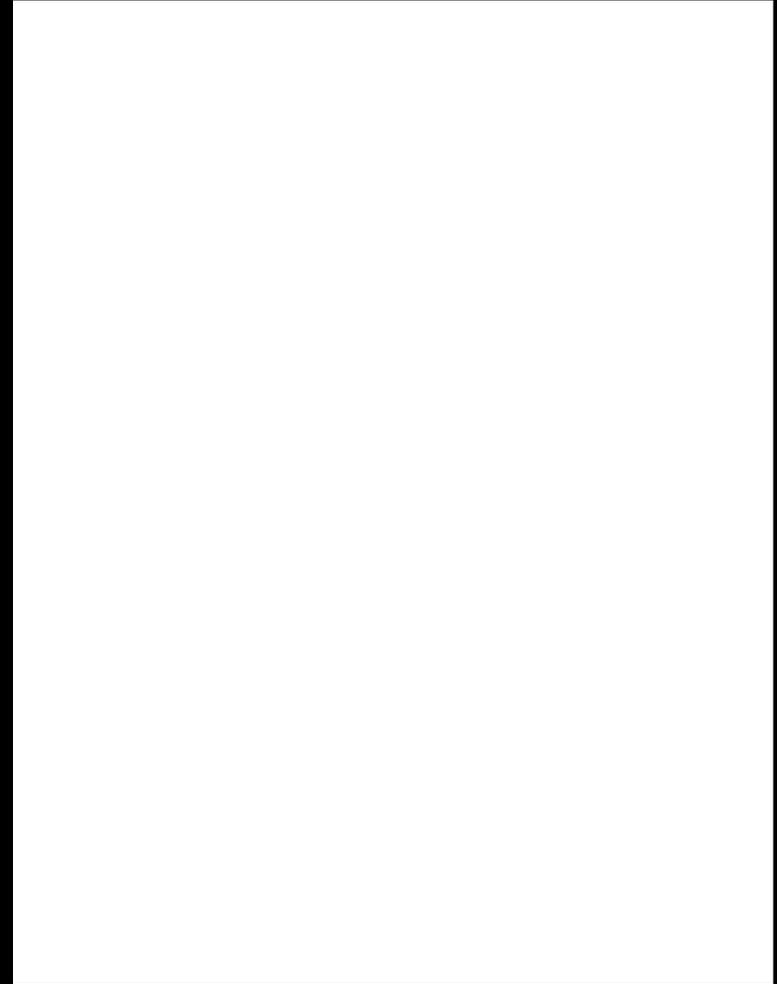


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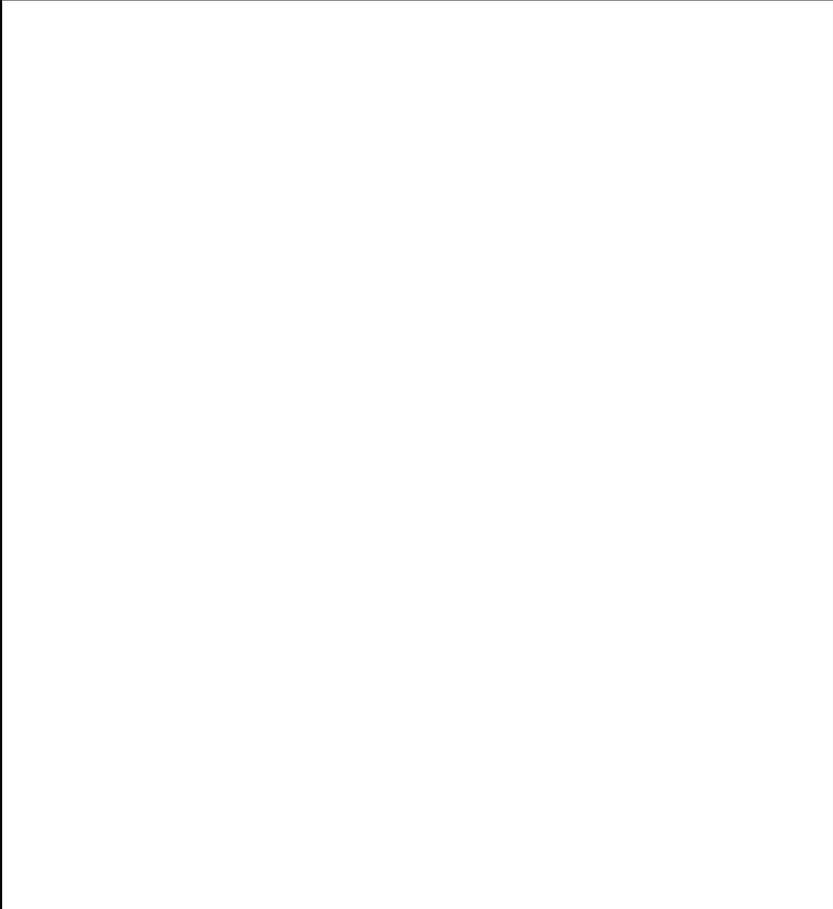
With David
2 Samuel 7:8-11

8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

King David, Iconostasis of Kizhi monastery,
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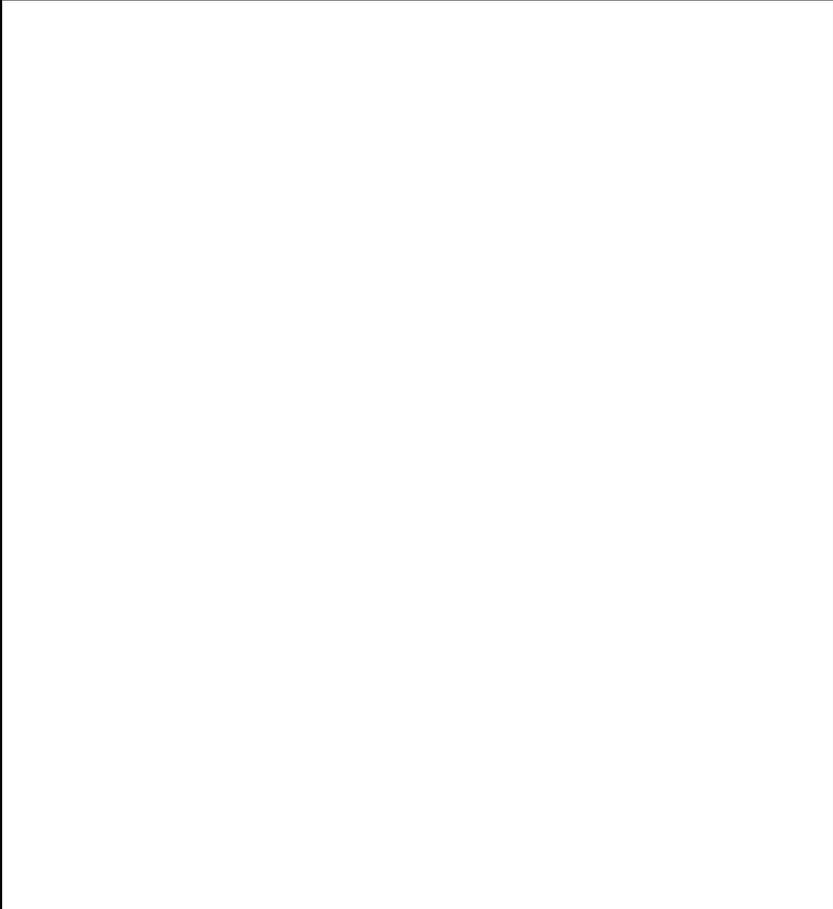
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The promise of a forever king!

1. **The King** - 2 Samuel 7:16 “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”



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Exodus 6:7

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Romans 3:14-15a - "For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts."

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Revelation 21:3 - "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place (or tabernacle) of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.'"

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1 Corinthians 13:12 - "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I been fully known."

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The New Covenant fulfilled! Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) □
12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations.

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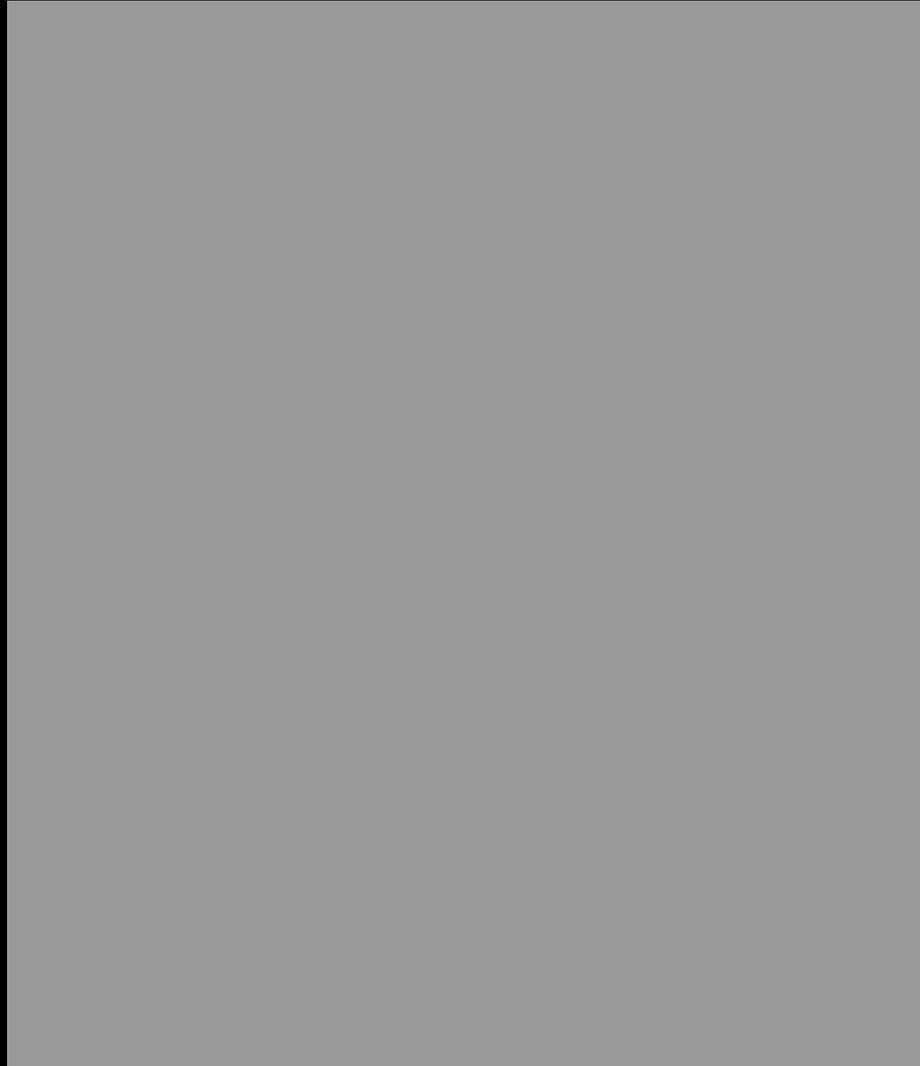
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The New Covenant fulfilled! Ephesians 2:11-22

His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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