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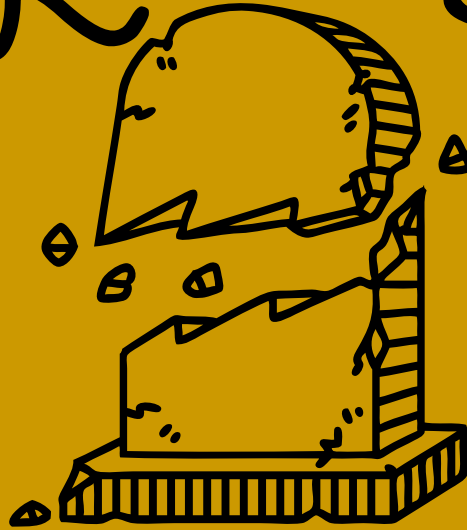
SERMON SERIES

Baptism

1. Are you now trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins and for the fulfillment of all of His promises to you even eternal life?

2. And is it now your intention with God's help to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and obey His teachings?

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THE GOOD NEWS
CHAPTERS 1-3

Cormac
McCarthy

THE
ROAD



This Week's Sermon:
Dose the Math Check Out? Part 1
Romans 4:1-12

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HOW DO WE
LIVE THEN?

CHAPTERS 4-8

Romans 3:27-31

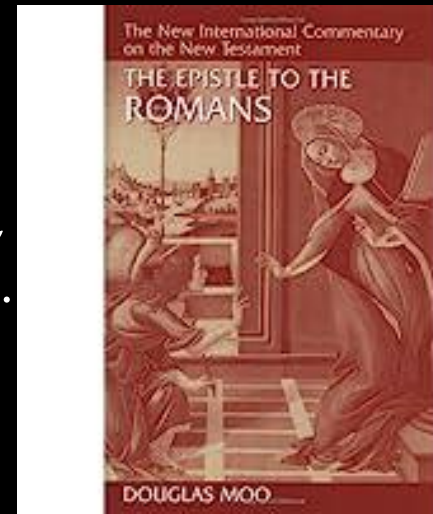
²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one – who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Paul is contrasting two different “laws.” On this view, the word *nomos*, in both its actual occurrences in the verse, has a metaphorical sense: “principle,” or “rule.” Some scholars think, then, that there is no direct allusion to the law of Moses at all here; Paul simply contrasts the “principles” of works and faith. But Paul connects the Mosaic law and “works” too often in Romans (see 2:6–16, 25–27; 3:20) to make it possible to eliminate reference here to the Torah. We take it, then, that *nomos* in Paul’s question, while meant to have a general reference — “what ‘rule’ or ‘system of demands’ excludes boasting?” — would

naturally bring to mind *the* law, the Torah. Paul then adds the contrasting modifiers to make clear his point: no, it is not through the Torah, that law which demands works, through which boasting is excluded; it is through the “rule” of faith, the “ordinance” or “demand” of God for faith as the basis for justification (v. 28).

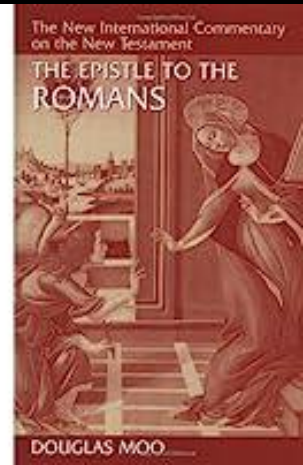
Rather than being entirely metaphorical, then, Paul's use of *nomos* embodies a play on words, in which the characteristic demand of the Mosaic covenant — works — is contrasted with the basic demand of the New Covenant (and of the OT, broadly understood; see chap. 4) — faith.

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Luther's famous addition of *sola* ("alone") to *fide* ("faith") – in which he was preceded by others, including Thomas Aquinas – brings out the true sense intended by Paul. A serious erosion of the full significance of Paul's gospel occurs if we soften this antithesis; no works, whatever their nature or their motivation, can play any part in making a sinner right with God.

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Gospel = X

Does X = faith in the OT/always

1. Is Gospel Faith Evidenced in Father Abraham?

Romans 4:1-12

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Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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Genesis 15:5-6

⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

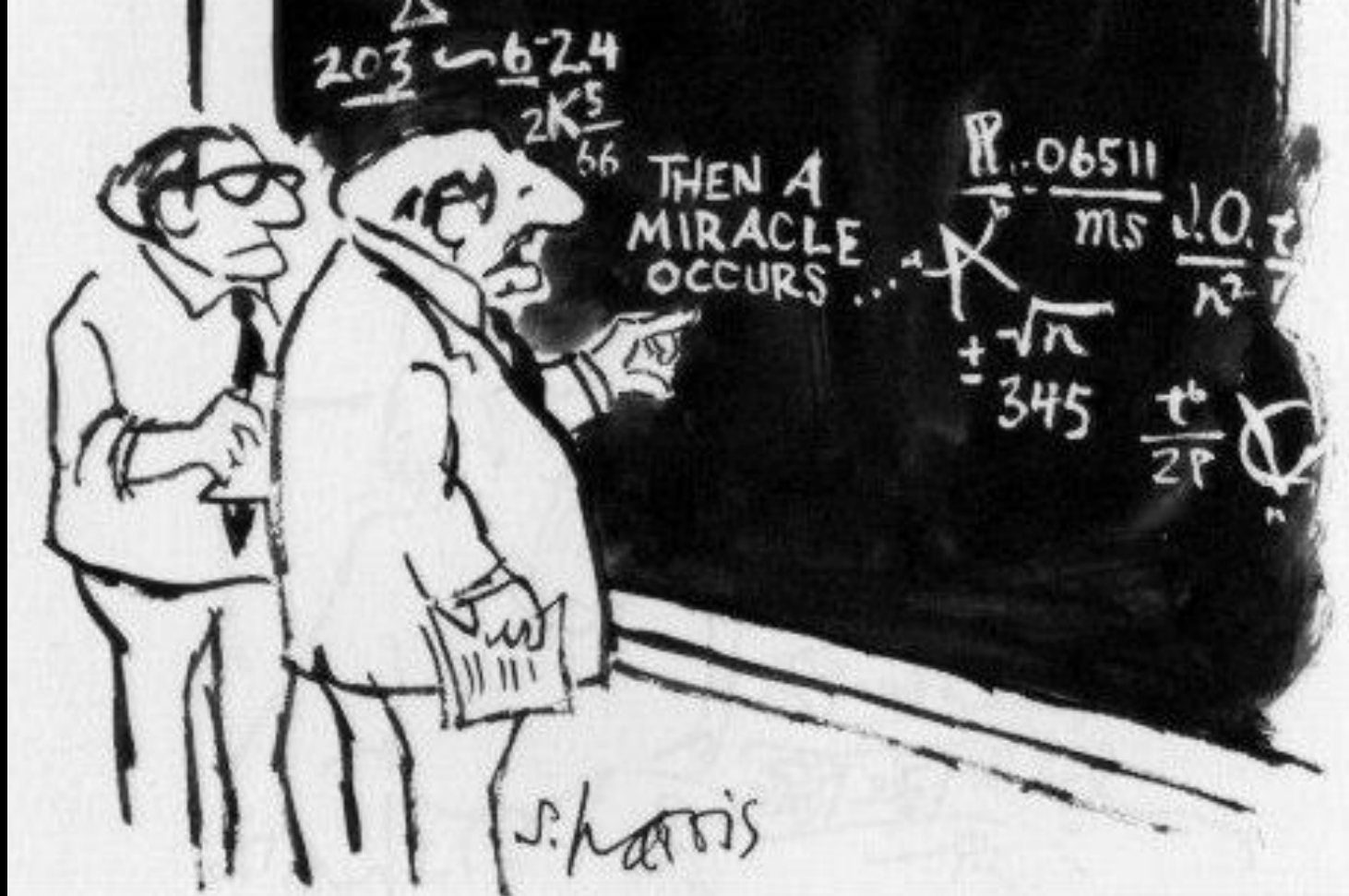
⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not
count his sin.”

⁹ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for
the uncircumcised?

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3. Showing His Work Through New Math



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

Start of 430 years (Exo. 12:40; Gal. 3:17)

ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

LEVI

JOSEPH

Gen. 46:8, 11

KOHATH

AMRAM

Terah dies
Abraham leaves Haran
(Gen. 12)

Israel enters Egypt

Family of Levi
Exo. 6:16, 18, 20

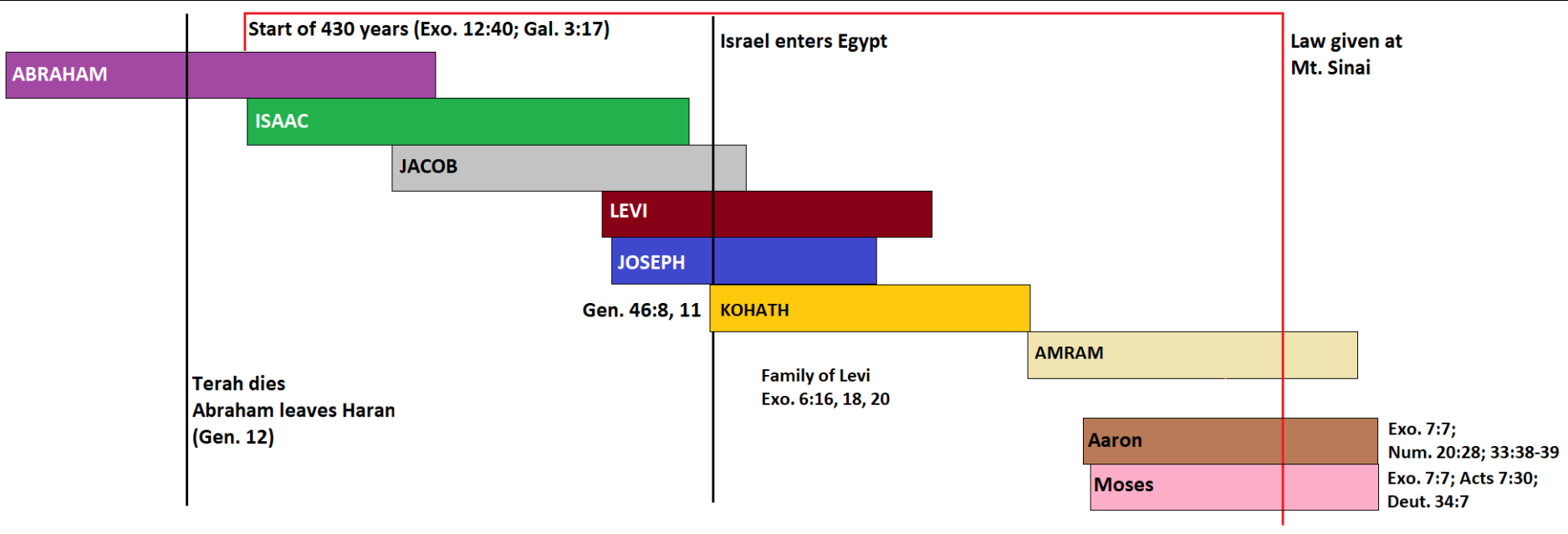
Law given at
Mt. Sinai

Aaron

Exo. 7:7;
Num. 20:28; 33:38-39

Moses

Exo. 7:7; Acts 7:30;
Deut. 34:7



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For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised.



- 1. Is Gospel Faith Evidenced in Father Abraham?**
- 2. Showing His Work Further through King David**
- 3. Showing His Work Through New Math**
- 4. Therefore, The Gospel is by Faith Alone - Always**

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The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Gospel Application

Faith Alone

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