

# **Through the Bible in Seven Sundays**

**Strategic Overview of Time Past,  
Part 1**

# Time Past, But Now, Ages to Come

- Ephesians 2:11-12 (1251)—speaks of a time that Paul calls “time past.”
- Ephesians 2:13—speaks of a time that Paul calls “but now.”
- Ephesians 2:7—speaks of a time that Paul called the “ages to come.”
- According to the Apostle Paul the Bible can be divided into the way God worked in the past, the way He is working in the present, and the way He will work in the future.

# Characteristics of Time Past

God

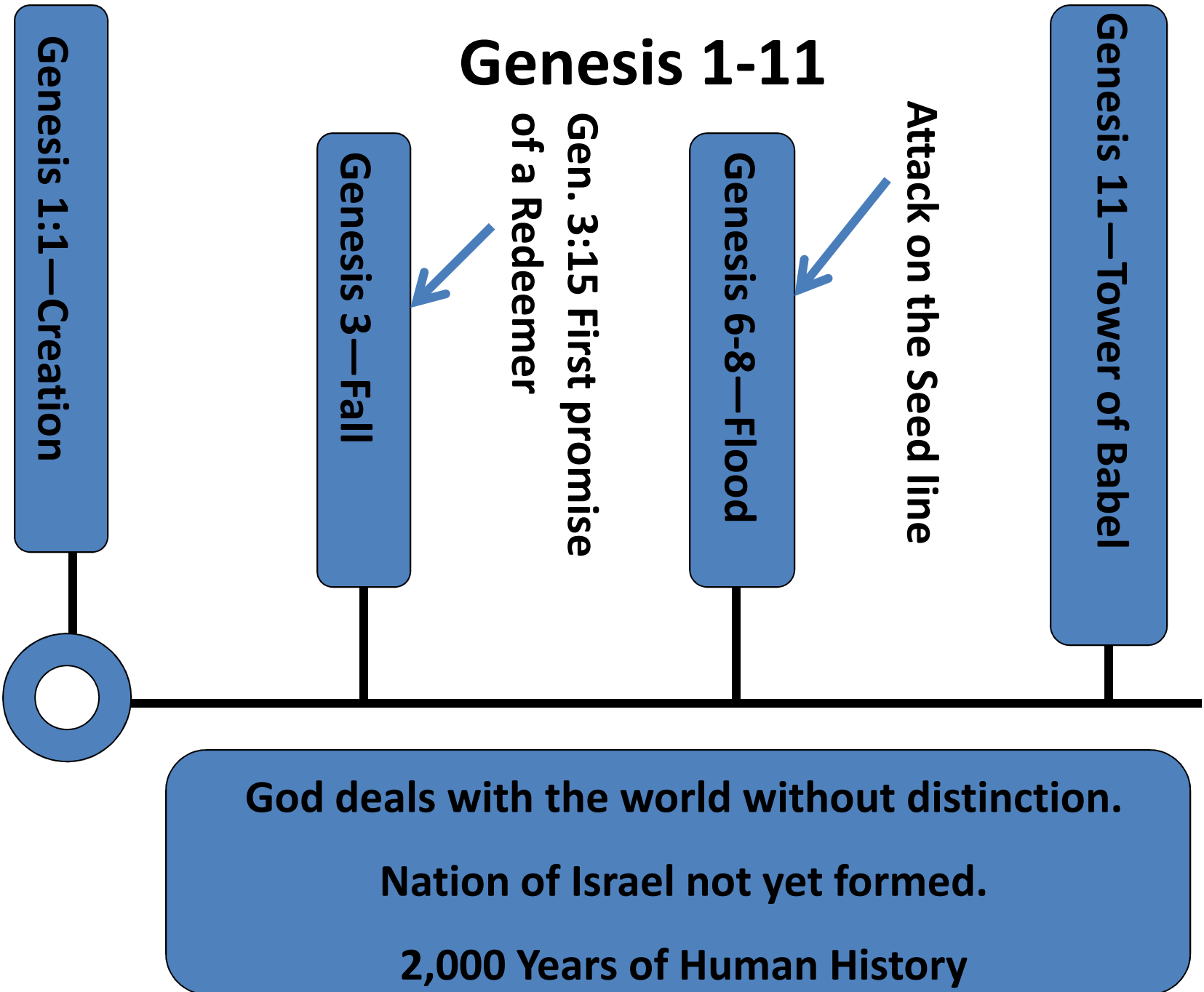
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**Jewish Nation of Israel**

- Nigh unto God
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**Gentile Nations**

- aliens from the common wealth of Israel
- strangers from the covenants of promise.
- without hope and without God in the world.



# Genesis 12 The Abrahamic Covenant

## Key Points

- Gen. 13:14-18
  - Literal Seed
  - Literal Land
  - Forever
- Gen. 15:9-11
  - Covenant confirmed though the shedding of blood
- Genesis 17:9-19
  - Circumcision is a sign of the covenant establishes the basis of the T.P. distinction
- Gen. 28:12-17
  - Covenant confirmed with Isaac.

**Unconditional  
And  
Eternal**

Land



Nation/Seed

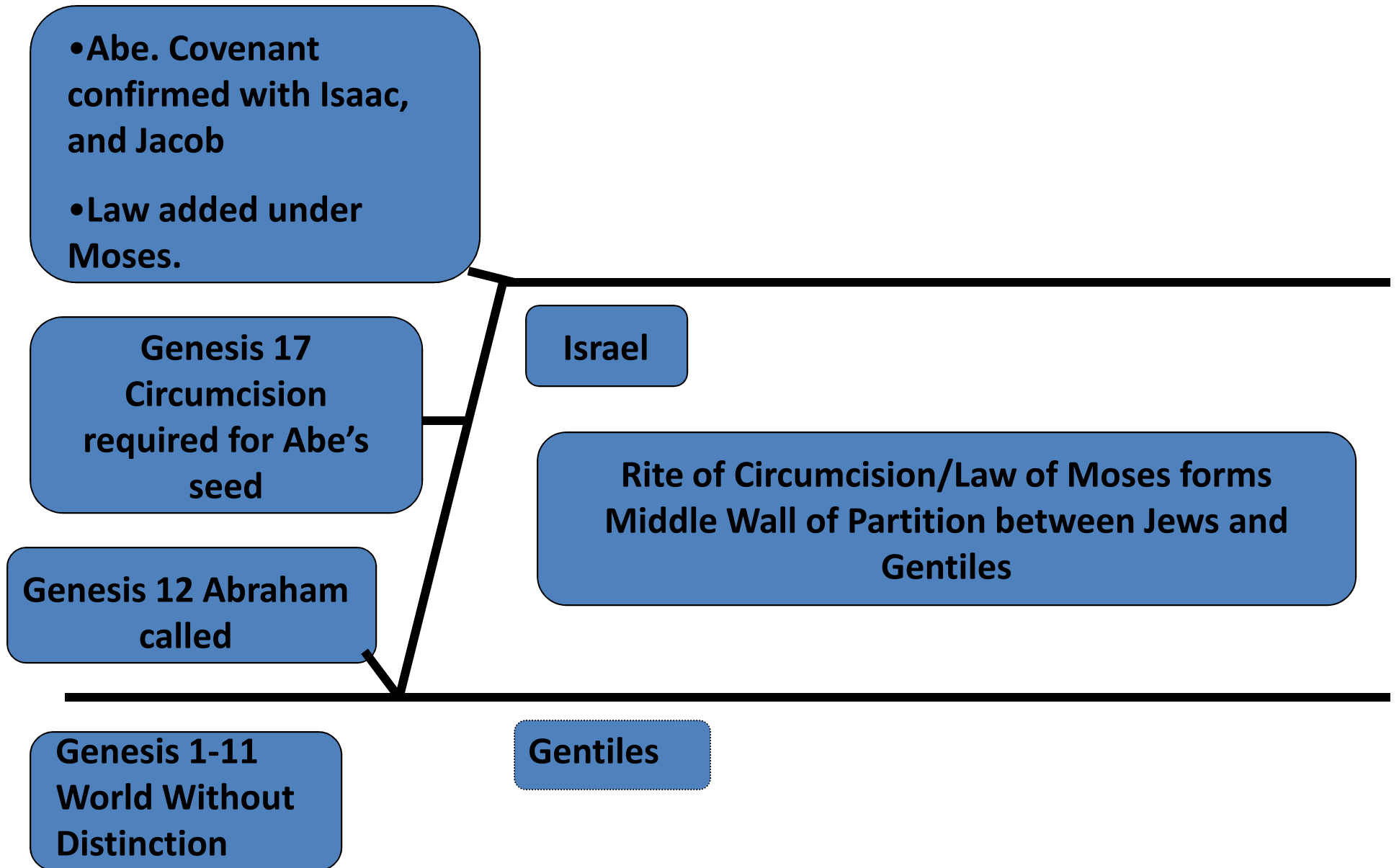


Blessing

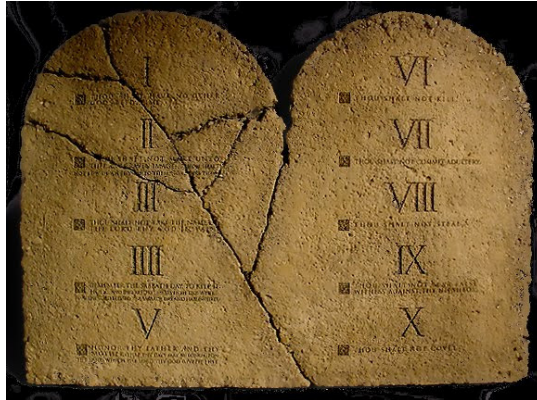


**Genesis 12: 1-3  
A Foundational Covenant**

# Genesis 12—The Time of Moses



# The Mosaic Covenant



## Key Points

- Ex. 19:3-8
  - Israel entered into a contractual relationship with God based upon her ability to perform
- Deut. 28
  - If/Then principle
- Duet. 4:5-9
  - Israel in her land keeping the Law was to serve as a testimony to the gentiles
- Rom. 3:19-20
  - Manifest Sin

**Gal. 3:13-20 The Law was added to the Promise 430 years later  
Conditional and Temporary**

Land



Nation/Seed



Blessing



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# 5 Cycles of Punishment

- **Lev. 26 contains 5 cycles of punishment Israel would endure for failing to keep the law. In a sense these cycles tell the history of the O.T. in advance.**
  - 1) Physical illnesses and afflictions; enemy raids and defeat in battle. (Lev. 26:14-17)**
  - 2) Internal government problems; cursing of the land and its environment. (Lev. 26:18-20)**
  - 3) Increased severity of land judgments, including affliction from wild beasts. (Lev. 26:21-22)**
  - 4) Greater oppression by enemies, including occupation of the their land with lengthy and persistent sieges. (Lev. 26:23-26)**
  - 5) National destruction and captivity, with removal from the land and captivity to the nations. (Lev. 26:27-32)**
- **Notice that Israel's ability to keep the land promised to Abe. is now conditioned upon her ability to keep the law.**



# The Palestinian Covenant

## Key Points

- Deut. 30:1-5—after the 40 years of wondering in the wilderness. (Read Deut. 29)
- Nation demonstrated a failure to do what God said.
- God makes an additional covenant to ensure Israel gets the land despite her inability to keep the law.
- Deut. 30:1-5—missing the word “IF” Unconditional Cov.
- Deut. 30:6—God is going to do for them what they could not do for themselves.

Palestinian Covenant



Land

Nation/Seed

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**Deut. 29:1—beside**