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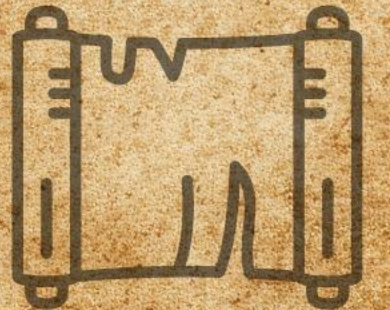
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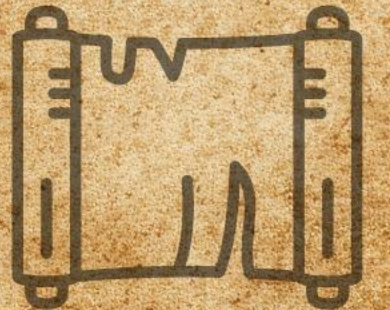
Promise or Performance?

Galatians 3:15-22

Key Question in Galatians:
Where do you go with your guilt?

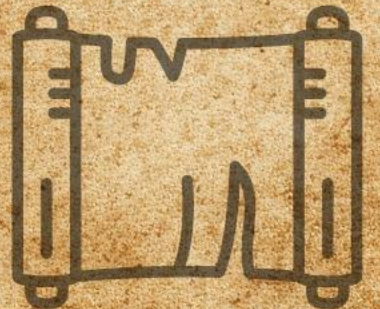


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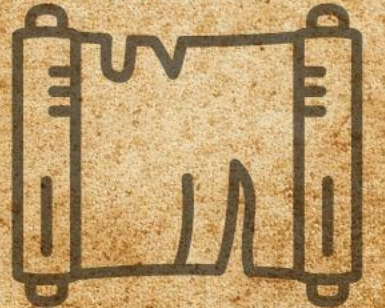
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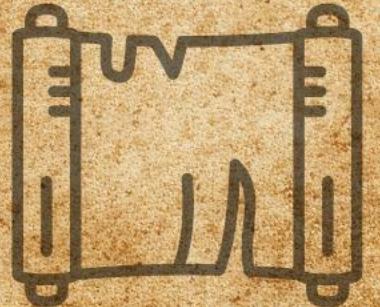


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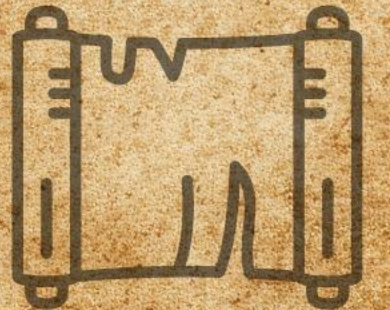
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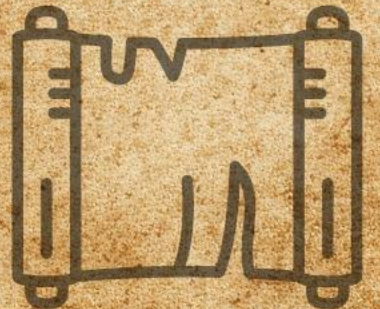


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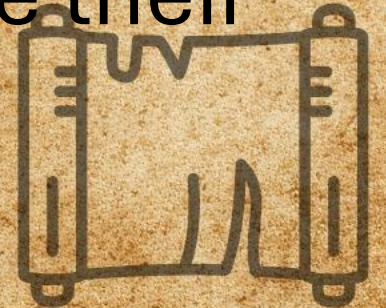
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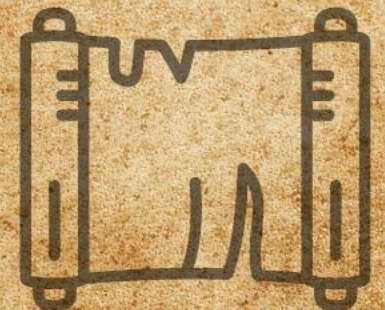


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- Genesis 17:4, 6-8

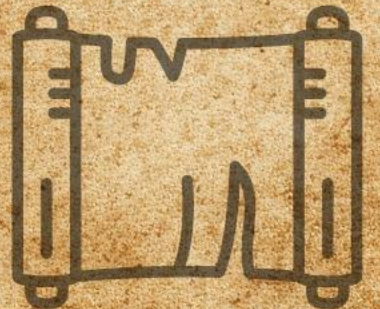


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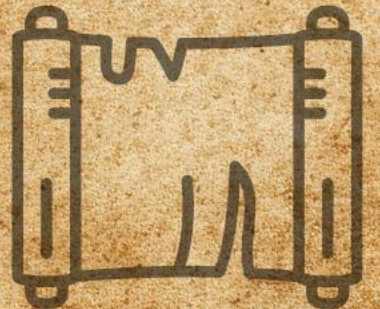
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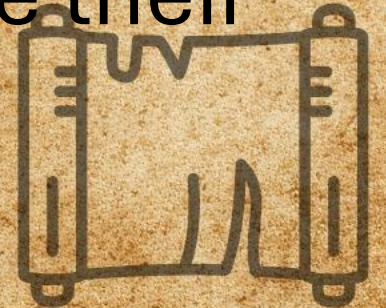
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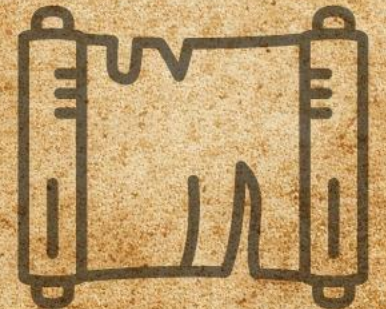
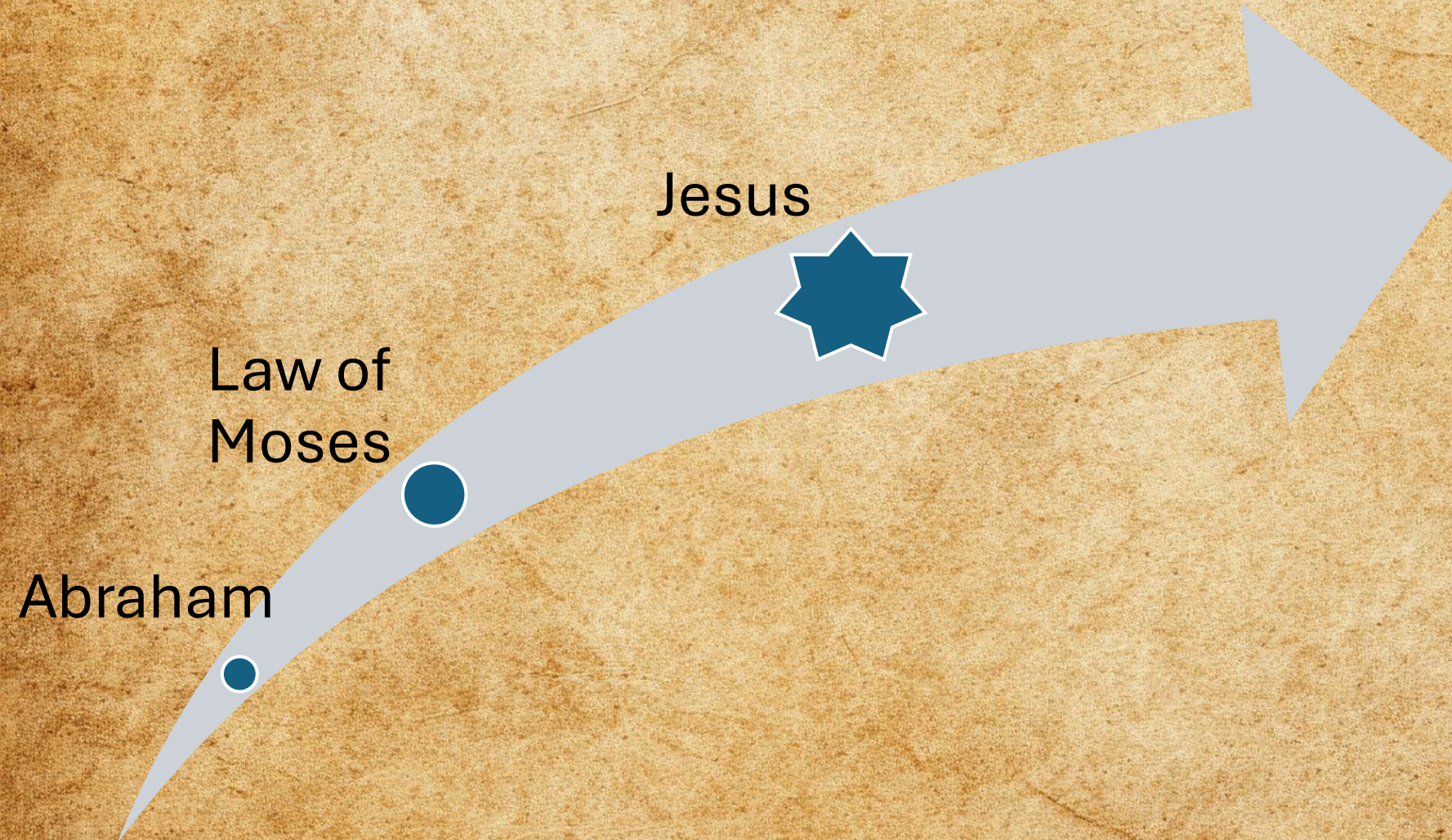


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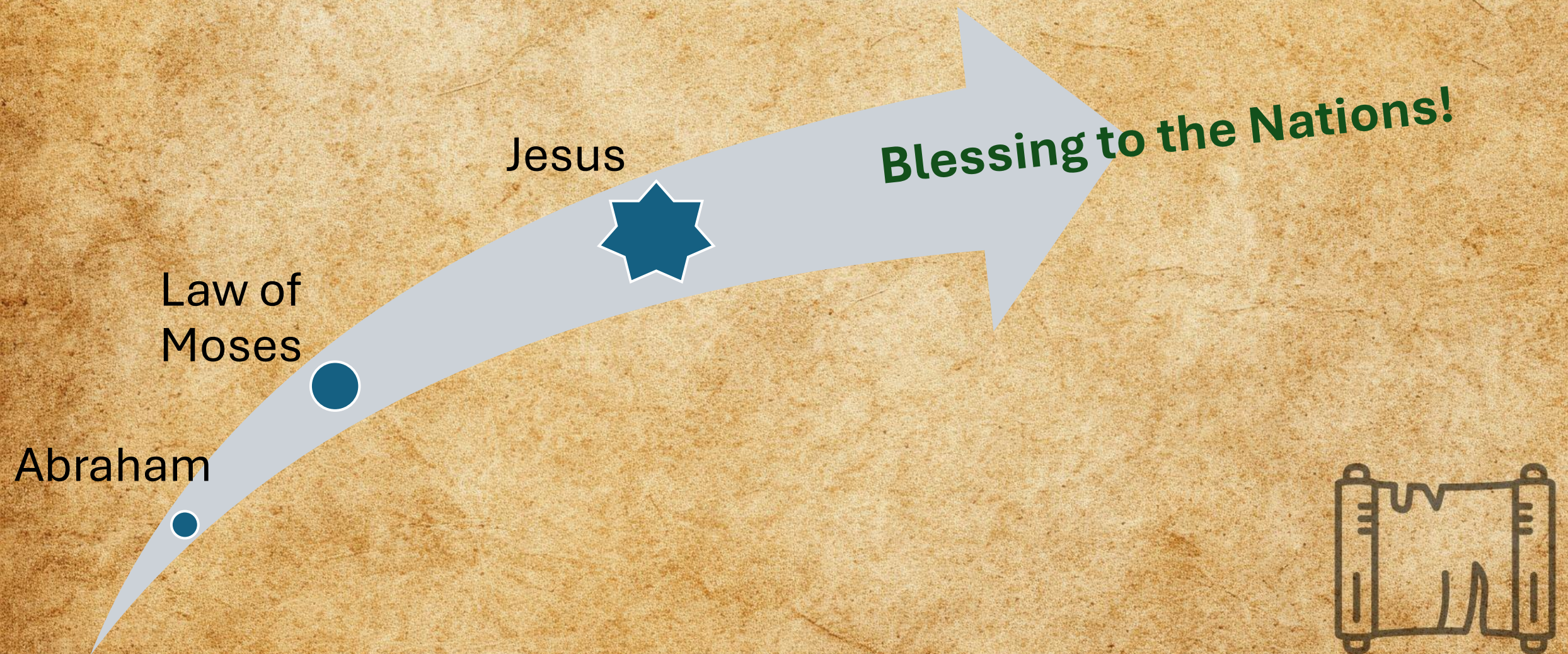
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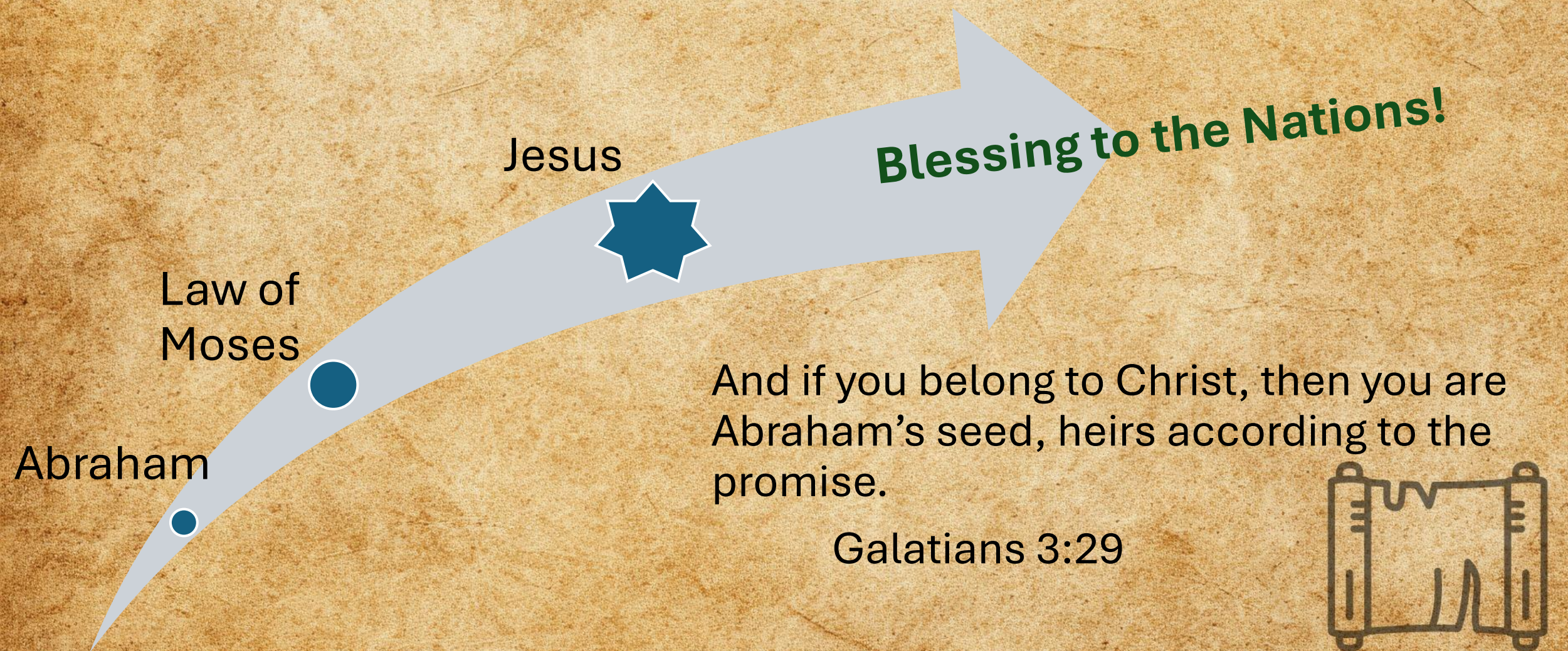
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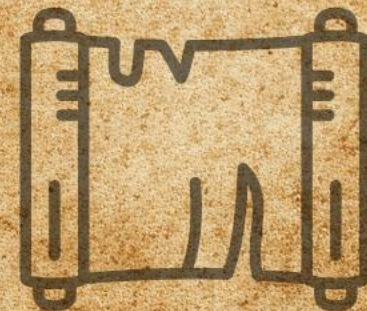
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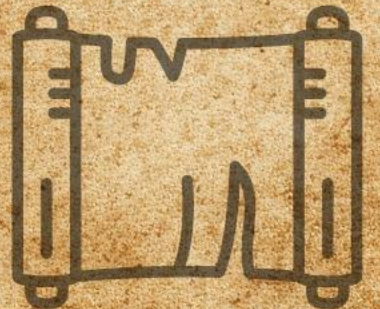


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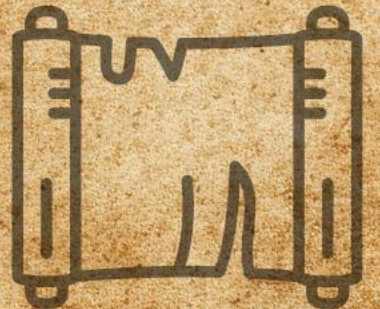
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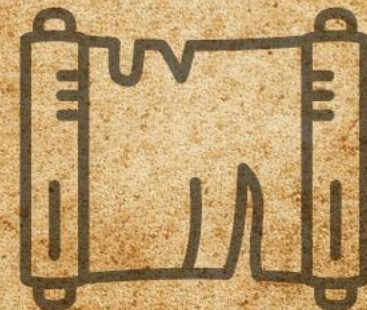
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“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, **through the law we become conscious of our sin.**”

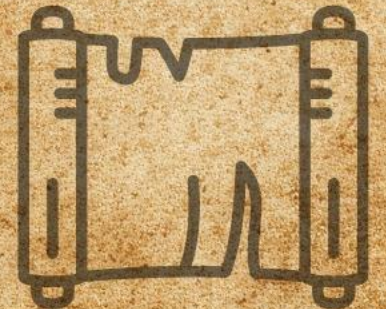
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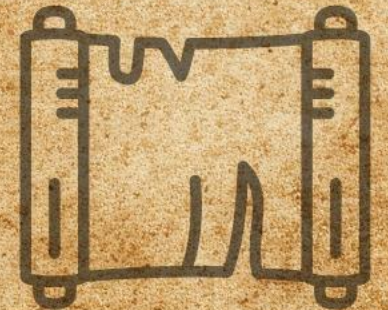
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⁷ What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! But I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, **Do not covet.** ⁸ And sin, **seizing an opportunity** through the commandment, **produced in me coveting of every kind.** For apart from the law sin is dead.

- Romans 7:7-8

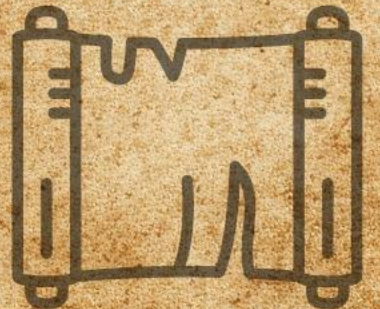


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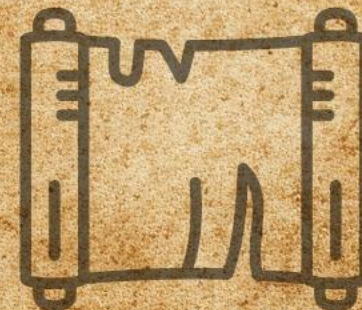
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“...so that the promise might be given on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ...”

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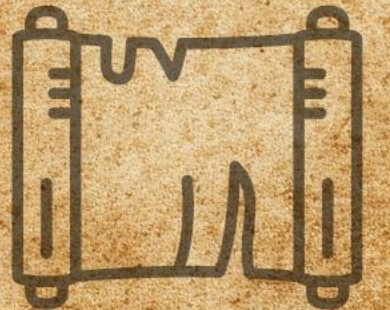


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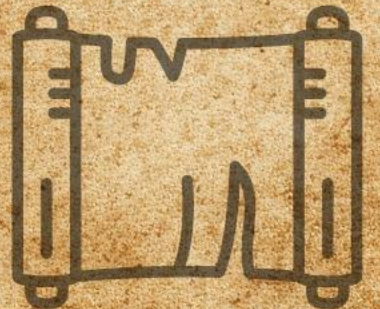
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Prayer of Examen

