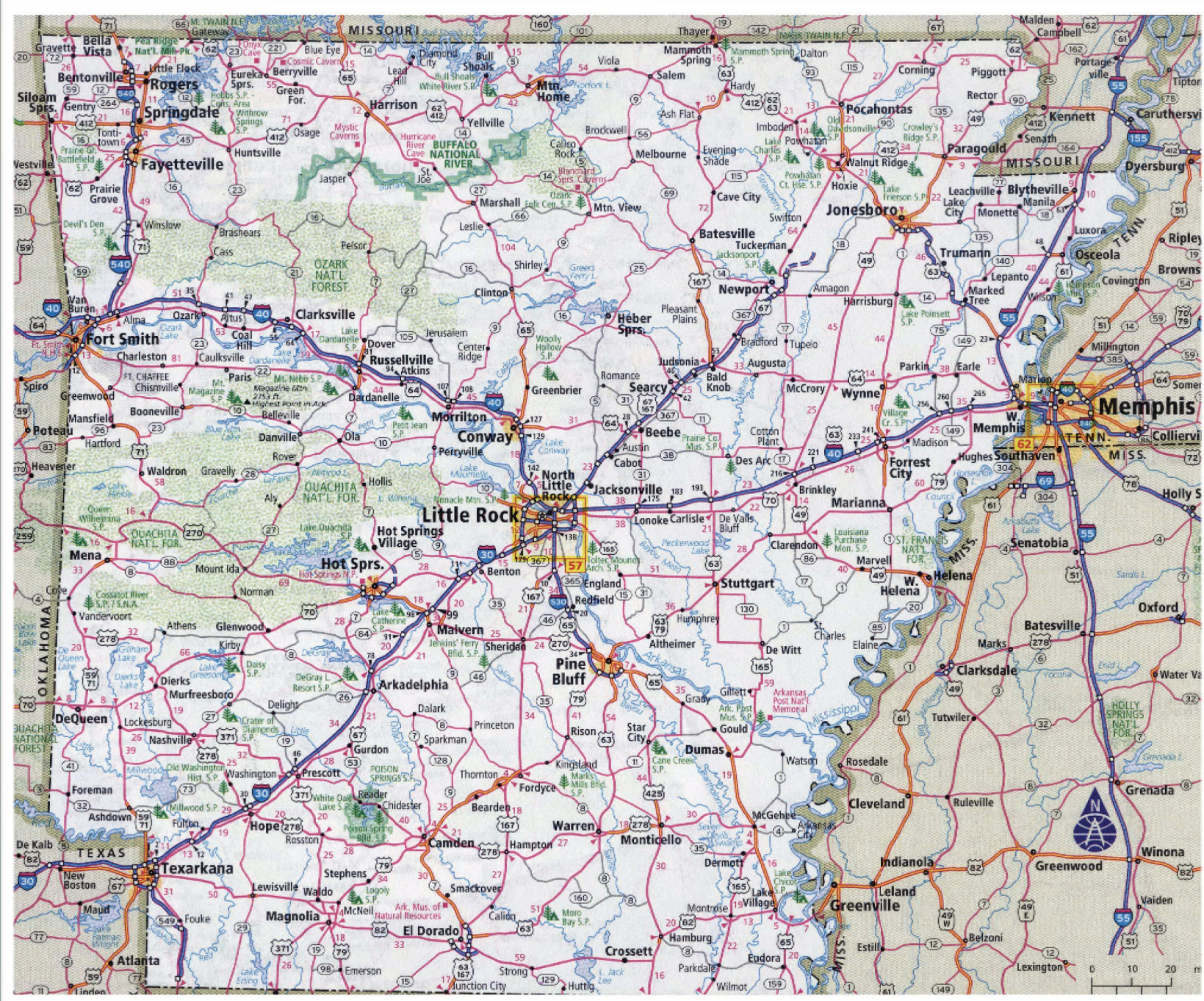


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The Superiority of the Promise

- ❖ Covenant between God and Abraham was “duly” established 400 years before the law was even given!

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Inferiority of the Law

❖ It was added

- To make a bad situation better (looking back)
- To make a bad situation worse (looking forward)

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Inferiority of the Law

- ❖ It was added
- ❖ It was temporary
- ❖ It was given by angels
- ❖ It was mediated

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Why Have the Law?

- ❖ To show us that the law fails “in us”! (21)
- ❖ To hold us prisoner until the pardon comes! (22 & 23)
- ❖ To “drive” us to Christ (24)



Matthew 19

¹⁶ Just then someone came up and asked him, “Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” he said to him. “There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

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Matthew 19

¹⁸ “Which ones?” he asked him. Jesus answered: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; ¹⁹ honor your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as yourself.

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²⁰ “I have kept all these,” the young man told him. “What do I still lack?” ²¹ “If you want to be perfect,” Jesus said to him, “go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard that, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.



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Has faith
“really” come?



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