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**NOAH**

**ABRAHAM**

**MOSES**

**DAVID**

**COVENANT OF GRACE**

**COVENANT OF WORKS**

**NEW  
COVENANT  
REALITIES**

A dramatic landscape painting of a mountain valley. The scene is dominated by dark, rugged mountains and a deep valley. A single, large, gnarled tree stands prominently in the middle ground. In the foreground, a lone figure in a dark, heavy coat stands on a rocky outcrop, looking out over the valley. The lighting is moody, with a soft glow emanating from behind the tree, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is somber and majestic.

# COVENANTS MADE SIMPLE

By Jonty Rhodes

(GOD'S BIG STORY)

Pastor Jonathan Williams

A dramatic landscape painting of a valley with mountains and a lone tree. The scene is rendered in a style reminiscent of 19th-century landscape art, with a focus on natural beauty and atmospheric perspective. The colors are muted, with a palette of greens, browns, and greys, suggesting a somewhat somber or contemplative mood. The lighting is soft, creating a sense of depth and texture in the terrain. The overall composition is balanced, with the lone tree in the center-left and the mountains framing the valley.

# Review:

Week 1: The Covenant of Works

Week 2: Covenant Cursed

Week 3: Covenant Conflict

Week 4: Abraham and The Covenant of Grace

# This Week: Moses and Covenant Obedience

MAPPING A STRANGE COUNTRY – WHY DOES GOD RESCUE?

COVENANT AT SINAI – THE COVENANT OF GRACE IN GREATER DETAIL

WHAT'S THE CONDITION? – NO CHANGE

FRUITFUL GRACE – WHAT IS THE PLACE OF WORKS?

THE PURPOSE OF OBEDIENCE - WHAT IS THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LAW?

A dramatic landscape painting of a mountain valley. The scene is dominated by rugged, dark mountains with intricate textures of rock and shadow. In the center, a lone, gnarled tree stands on a small rise. The foreground shows a rocky path leading towards the valley. In the bottom left corner, a small figure of a person in a dark, heavy coat stands looking out over the landscape. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, browns, and greys, creating a somber and atmospheric mood.

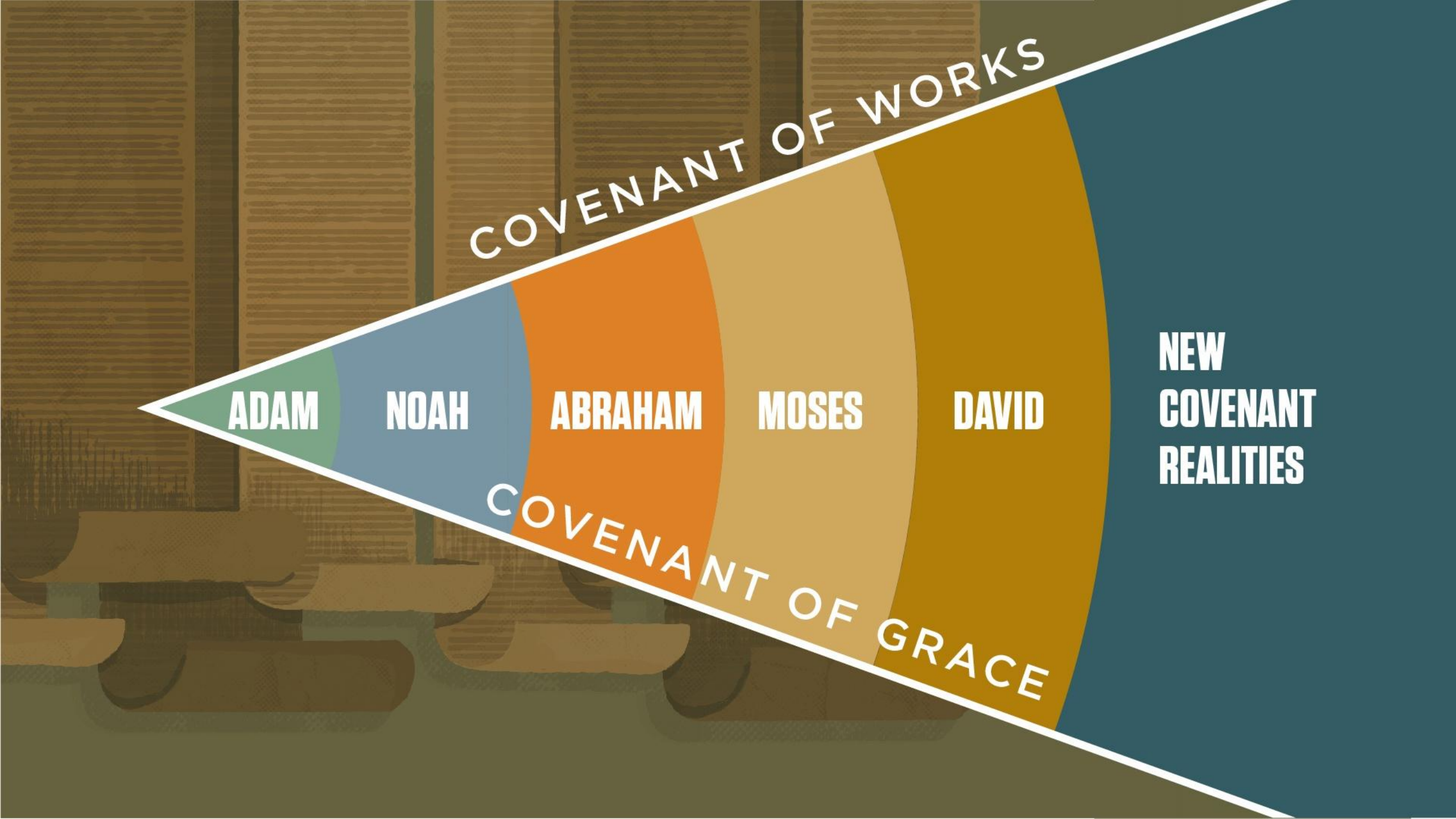
# MAPPING A STRANGE COUNTRY



**COVENANT AT SINAI**

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- The Parties: God and His people, Exodus 20:1-3, Deuteronomy 4:13
- The Blessings: *Paradise, People, Presence*, Lev. 26, Deut 28, Ex 23.
- The Curses: A reversal of the blessings – *Few People, Failure of the Land, Exile from His Presence* (sort of) Deut. 28, Lev 26



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A dark, atmospheric landscape painting. In the center, a large, gnarled tree with a dense canopy of dark leaves stands on a rocky outcrop. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a distant horizon. In the foreground, a small, dark figure is visible on the left, looking towards the tree. The overall mood is somber and mysterious. The text "WHAT IS THE CONDITION?" is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

WHAT IS THE CONDITION?

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- With all the emphasis on obedience is this a return to the Covenant of Works?
- NO! This is one more installment or expansion of the ongoing Covenant of Grace.
- How do we know that the Mosaic Covenant belongs in the Covenant of Grace?
  - The Promises of the Covenant are the same as the Abrahamic Covenant (Covenant of Grace) – paradise, people, presence.
  - There is also a provision of forgiveness that points to Christ – The Day of atonement Lev 16, 16:22.
- The Mosaic Covenant is Gracious – Trust God's provision of forgiveness.
- FAITH IS THE CONDITION – No change since Abraham (Remember faith is a gift of God).

# FRUITFUL GRACE

- What about all the verses that seem to suggest it is through obedience that Israel keeps the covenant?
- Isn't all this talk of obedience proof that the OT is all about Law and the NT all about Grace?
- Consider these verses – Matthew 12:37, James 2:21, Romans 2:6-7
- True Faith is accompanied by obedience. Our actions don't make us justified. Our actions/obedience is the evidence that we are justified.
- Remember: God did not save the Israelites based upon their obedience. His rescue came first and the rules followed as a way of living out their new life of freedom in God's service. It is exactly the same patten as the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 17:1).

# THE PURPOSE OF OBEDIENCE

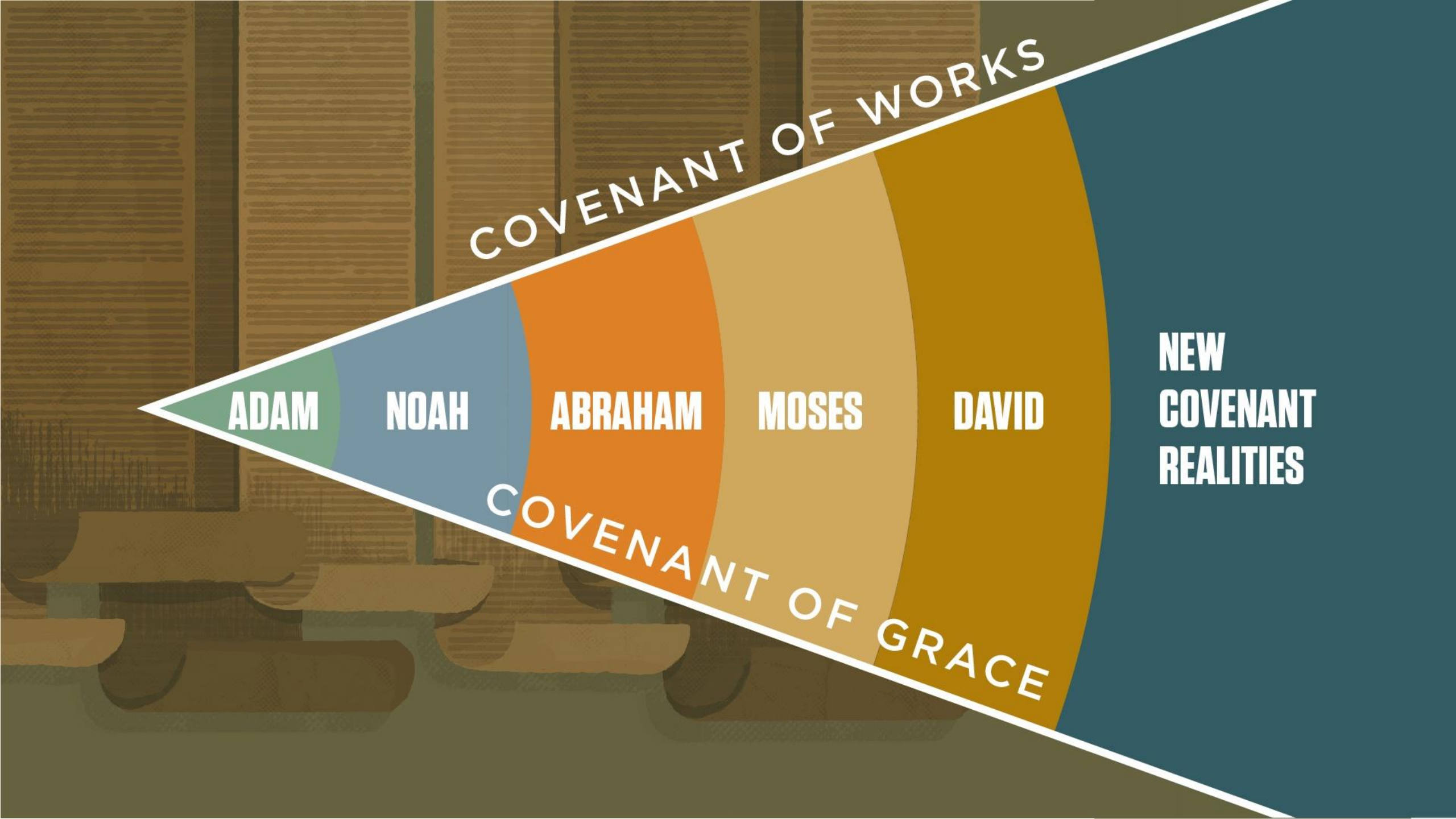
- Why all the focus on obedience then?
  - Obedience honors God
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  - Obedience blesses the world
- Obedience Honors God – Genesis 17:1
- Obedience brings great joy to us – Psalm 19:8, 1 John 5:3
- Obedience blesses the World – Exodus 19:5-6
- HOLINESS IS MISSION MINDED!

# REVIEW

- MAPPING A STRANGE STORY – WHY DOES GOD COME TO THE RESCUE?
- COVENANT AT SINAI – THE COVENANT OF GRACE IN GREATER DETAIL
- WHAT’S THE CONDITION? – NO CHANGE
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- THE PURPOSE OF OBEDIENCE - THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S LAW?

NEXT WEEK: COVENANTS MADE SIMPLE  
CH 6, *David And The Covenant King*, Pages 81-93





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