

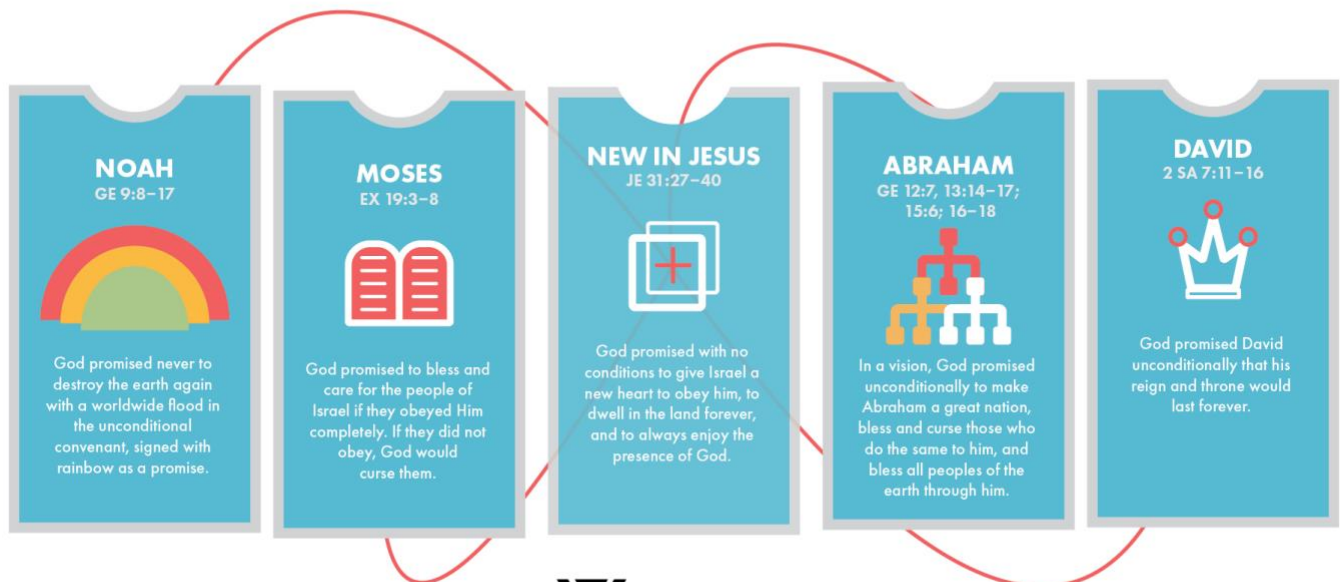
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God created the world and a garden to dwell with His people.

Genesis 2:8 "8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed."

God relates to His chosen people through covenants. (Jer 31:31-34/Page 784)

BIBLICAL COVENANTS



God's chosen people Rebel and God sends them into Captivity.

I Chronicles 9:1

... Judah was taken into exile in Babylon because of their breach of faith.

After the allotted time of punishment ends, God's chosen people comeback to Jerusalem. (*Jer 25:10-14 Page 776*)

Three People/ Three Projects:

- Zerubbabel rebuilds the Temple.
- Ezra restores the Law.
- Nehemiah rebuilds the wall.

Three Story Arcs:

- Hope and Despair
- Yet and Not Yet
- Renewal and Regression

Only Christ can bring true renewal.