





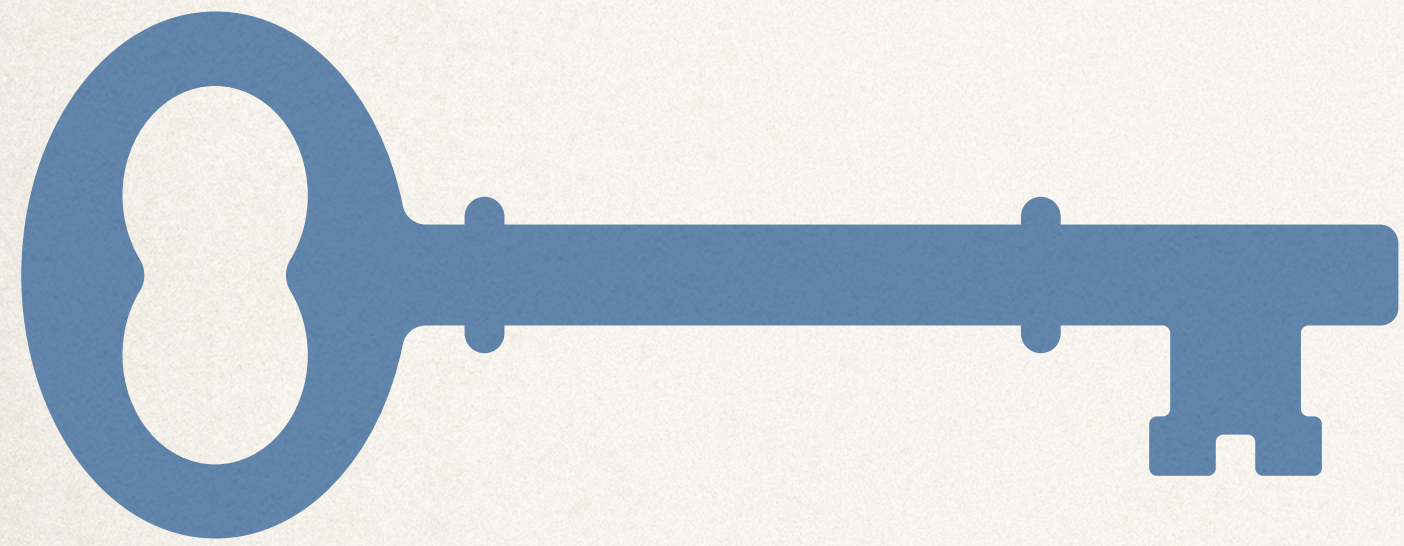


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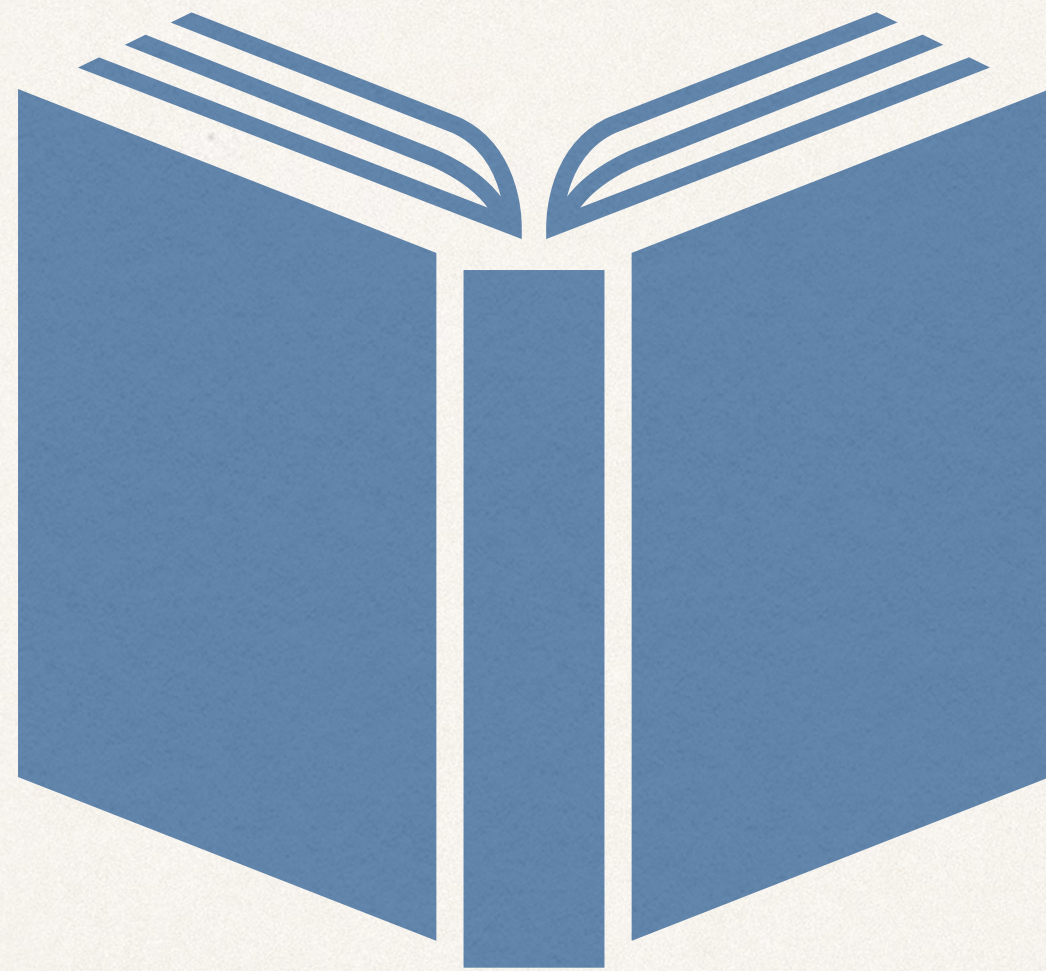
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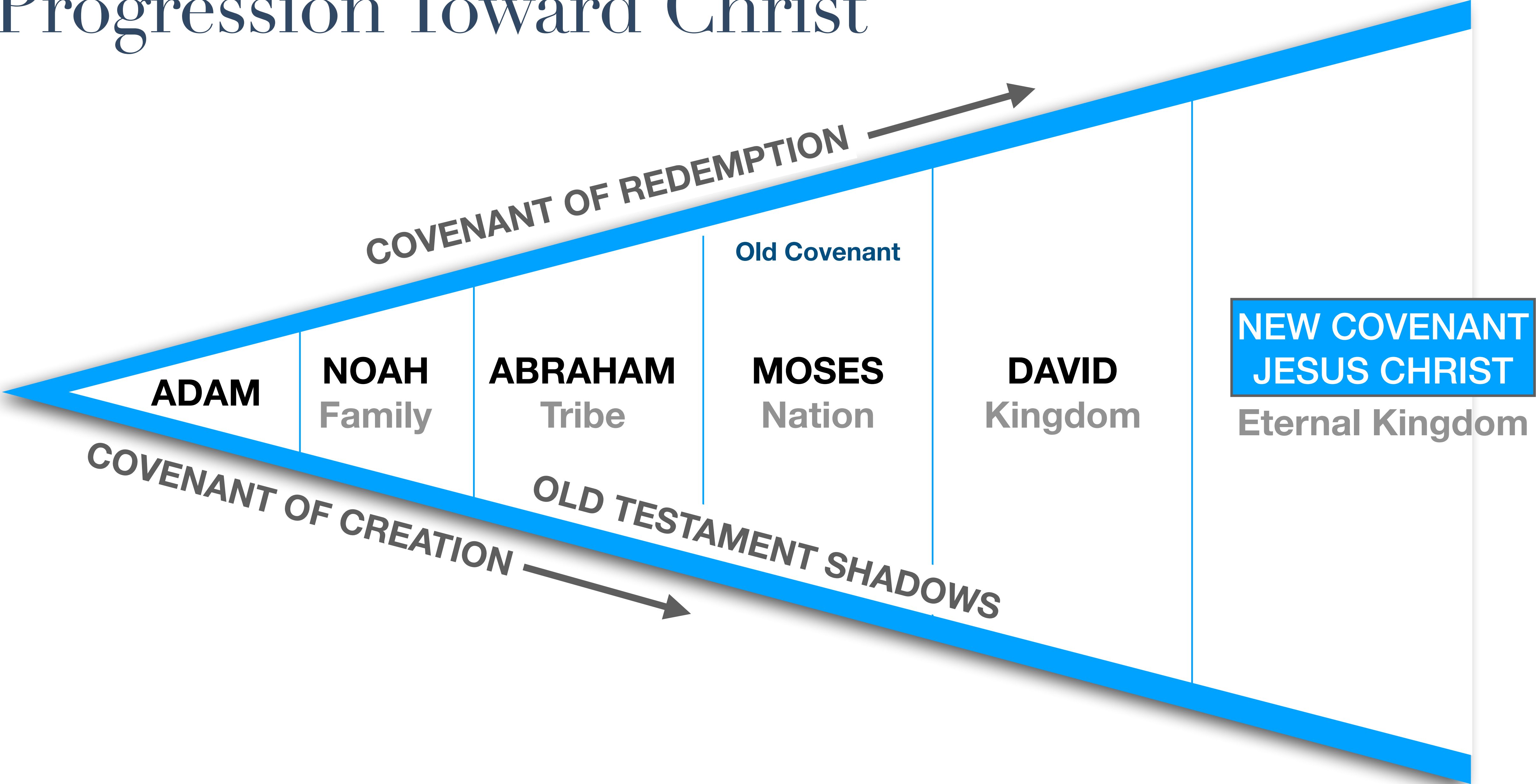
**“These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is the Messiah”**

**Colossians 2:14–19**

## OT Covenant Symbols



# Progression Toward Christ





# Exodus 24:2-8

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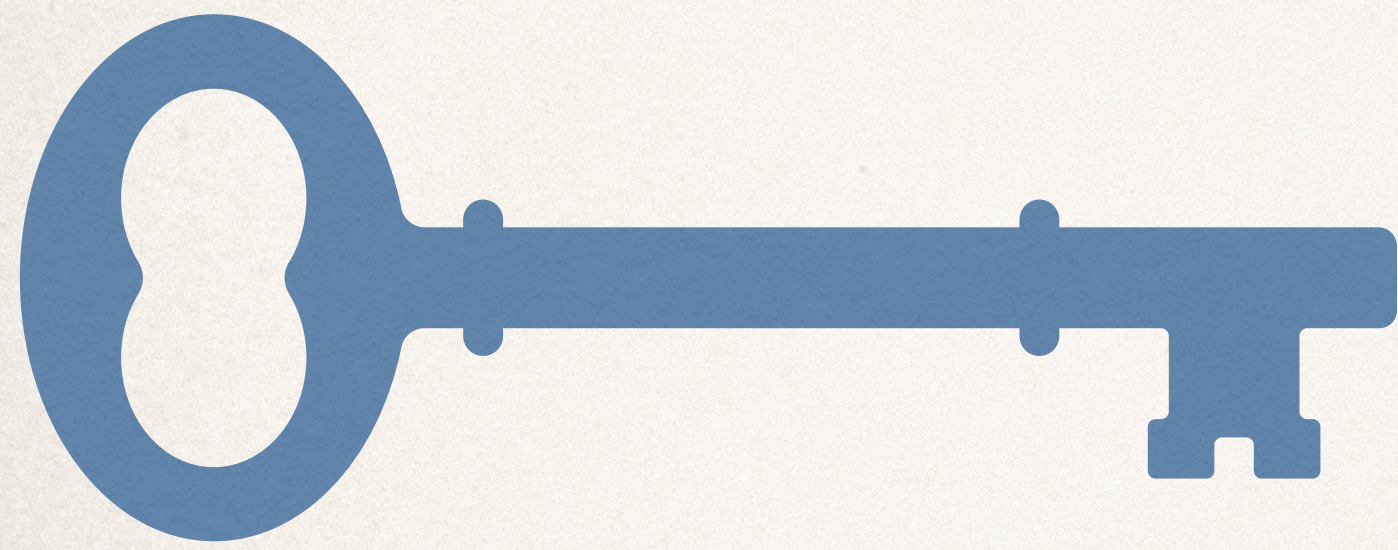
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Then Moses went down to the people and repeated all the instructions and regulations the Lord had given him. All the people answered with one voice, **“We will do everything the Lord has commanded.”**



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# Exodus 24:7-8

He then took the covenant scroll and read it aloud to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded. **We will obey.**” Then Moses took the blood from the basins and **splattered it over the people,** declaring, “Look, this blood confirms the covenant the Lord has made with you in giving you these instructions.”

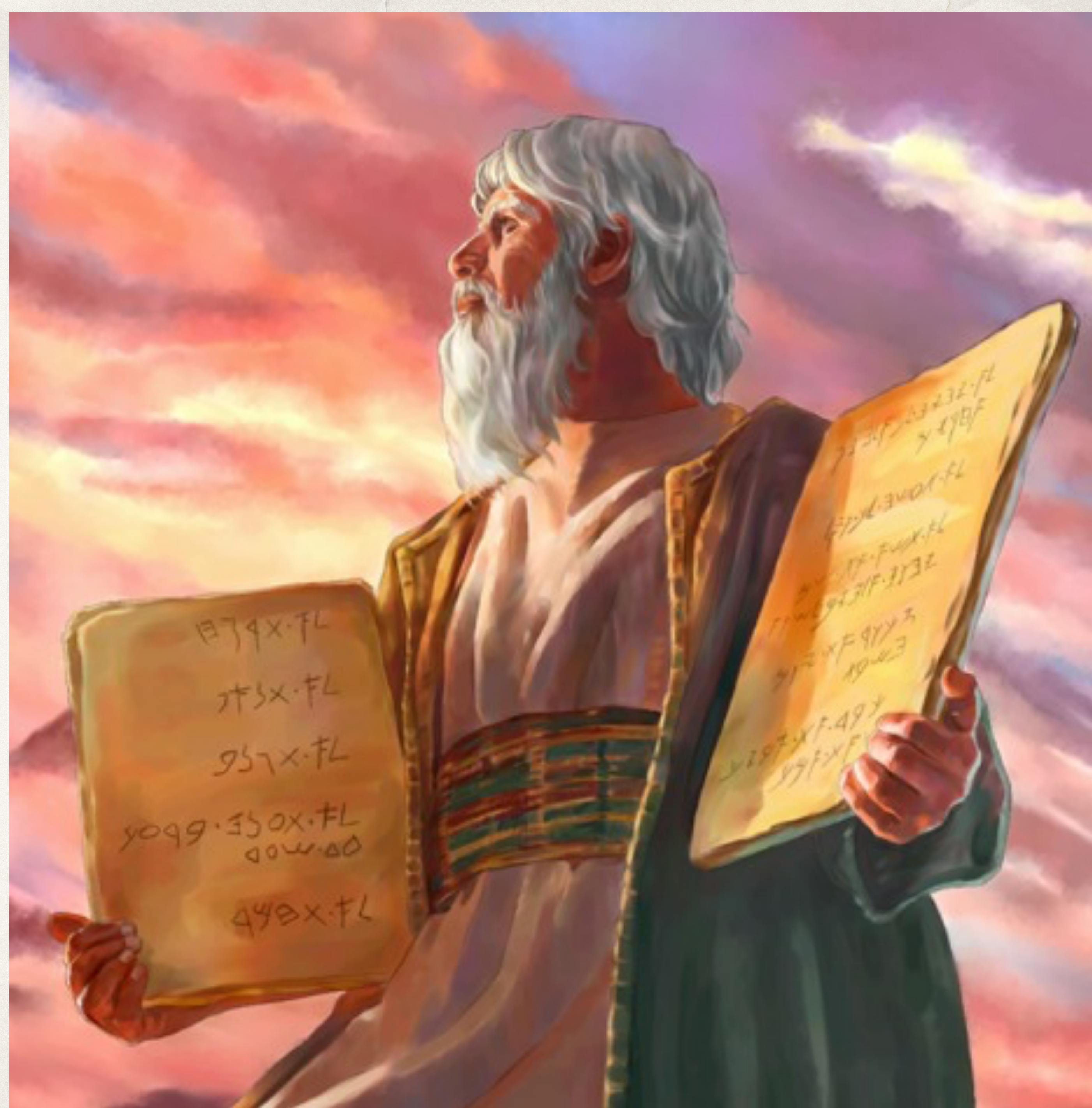


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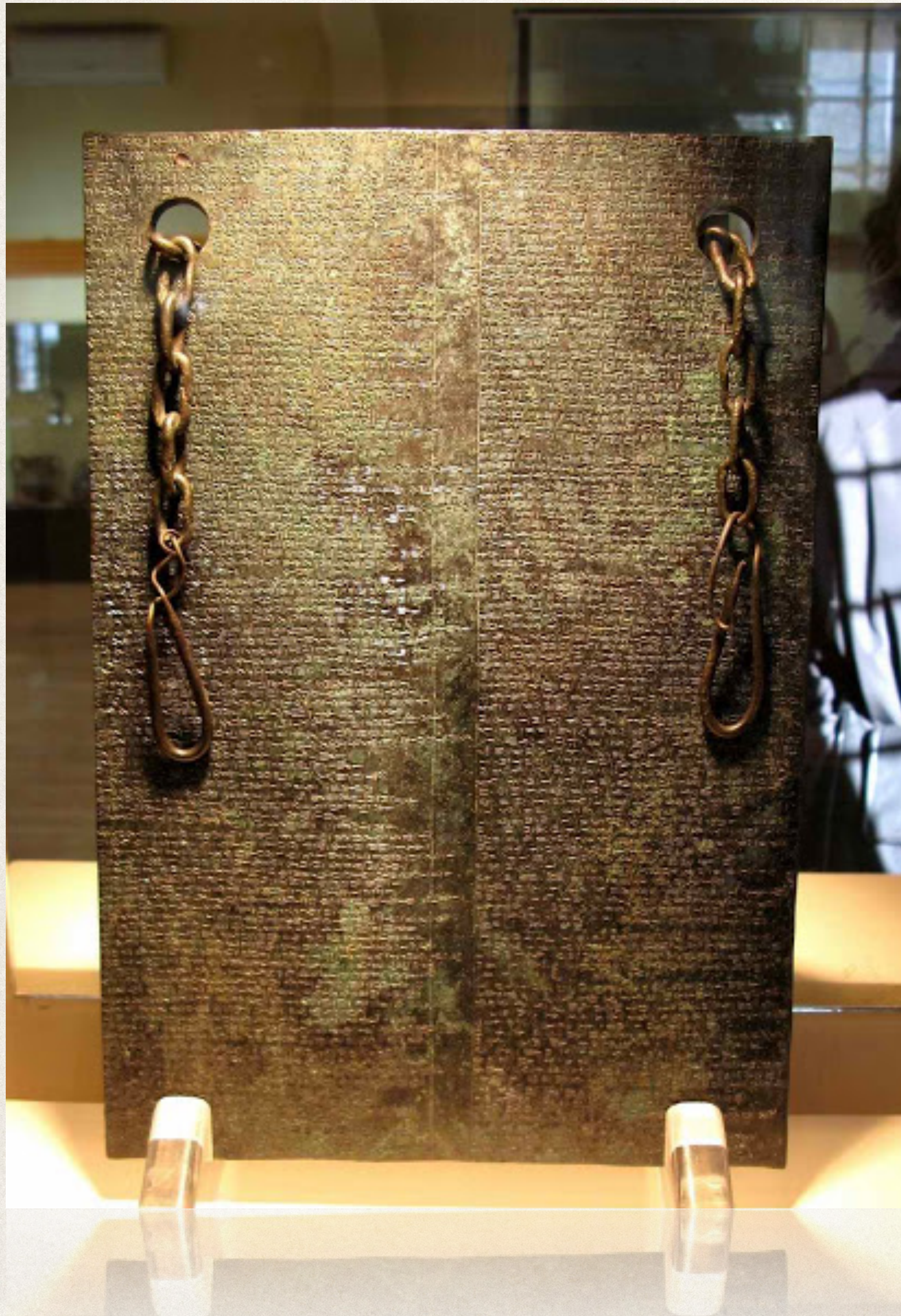


# Exodus 19:5-6

Now **if you will obey me and keep my covenant,**  
*[THEN]* you will be my own special treasure  
from among all the peoples on earth; for all the  
earth belongs to me. And you will be my  
kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the  
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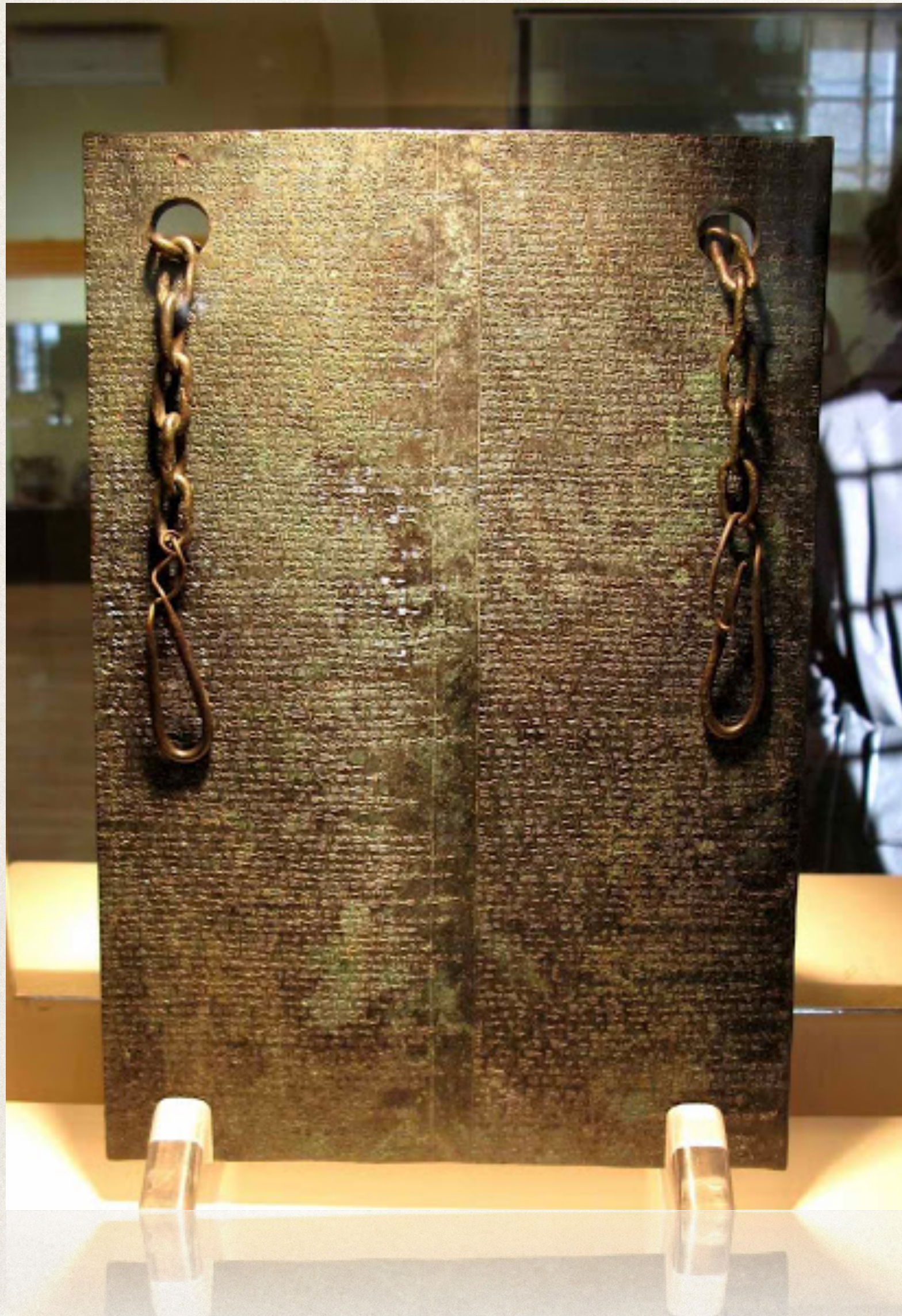
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**Bronze tablet 1235 B.C. Treaty between Tudhaliya IV and Kurunta of Tarhuntassa**



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## Preamble

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

- it is established that God is the suzerain or lord of the agreement

## Historical Prologue

Deuteronomy 1:9-4:49

- this the reciting of all that God (the suzerain) has done for the people (the vassal)

## Stipulations

Deuteronomy 5:1-26:19

- this is the review of all the laws in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

## Sanctions

Deuteronomy 27:1-30:20

- this outline the blessings and curses of violating and fulfilling this agreement

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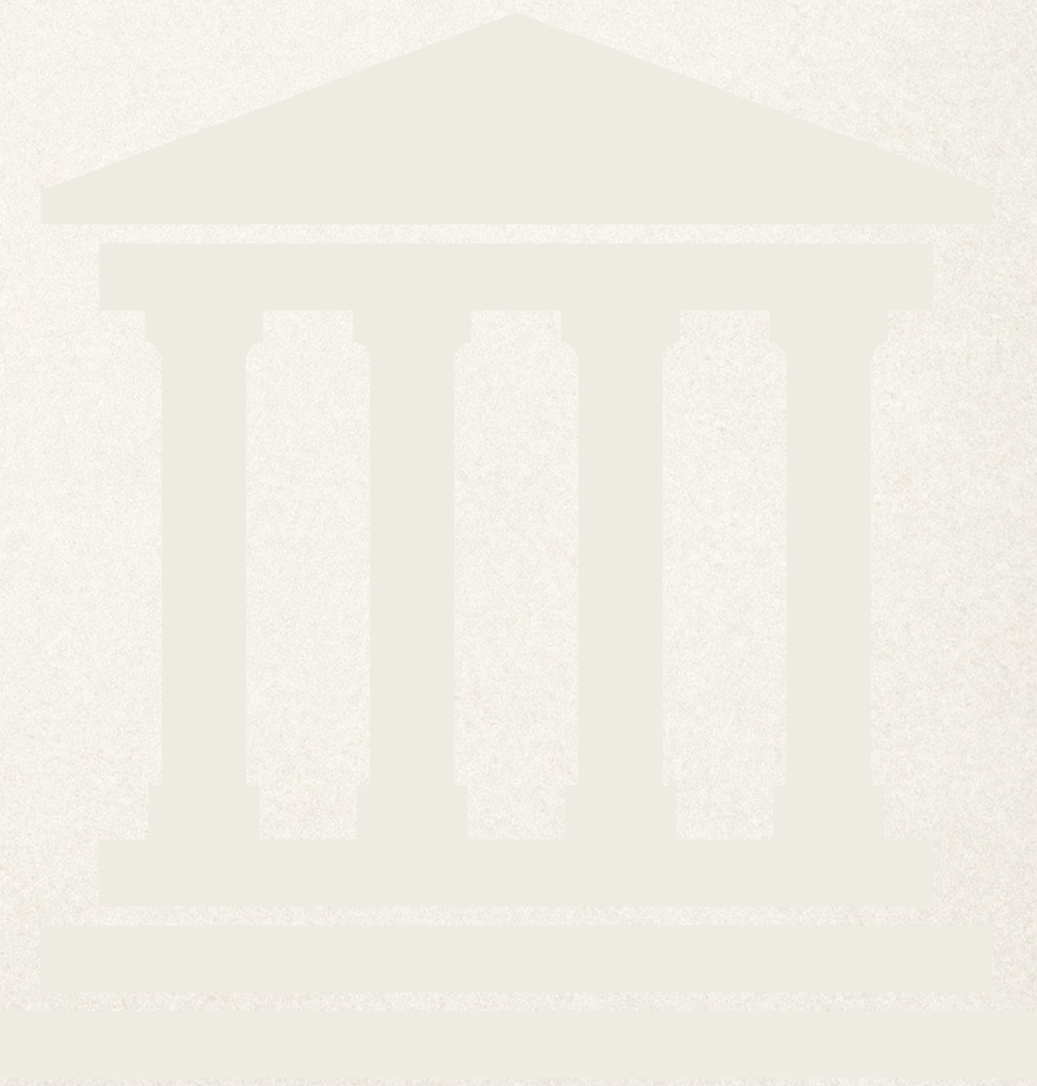
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As Jesus words clearly point out “**You skillfully sidestep God’s law in order to hold on to your own tradition.**” - Mark 7:9





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- To prepare the world/us for Jesus





# Deuteronomy 26:16-19

“The Lord your God is commanding you this day to follow these statutes and ordinances. You must be careful to follow them with all your heart and all your soul. Today you have affirmed that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in His ways, keep His statutes, commands, and ordinances, and obey Him. And today the Lord has affirmed that you are His special people as He promised you, that you are to keep all His commands, that He will elevate you to praise, fame, and glory above all the nations He has made, and that you will be a holy people to the Lord your God as He promised.”



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## Exodus 19:6

Now if you will listen to Me and carefully keep My covenant, you will be My own possession out of all the peoples, although all the earth is Mine, and you will be My kingdom of priests and My holy nation.' These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites."

## 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.





Begins Sunday April 1



**How do I make the gospel too  
much about me?**

**What have I learned from the  
covenants that can help me  
change this?**