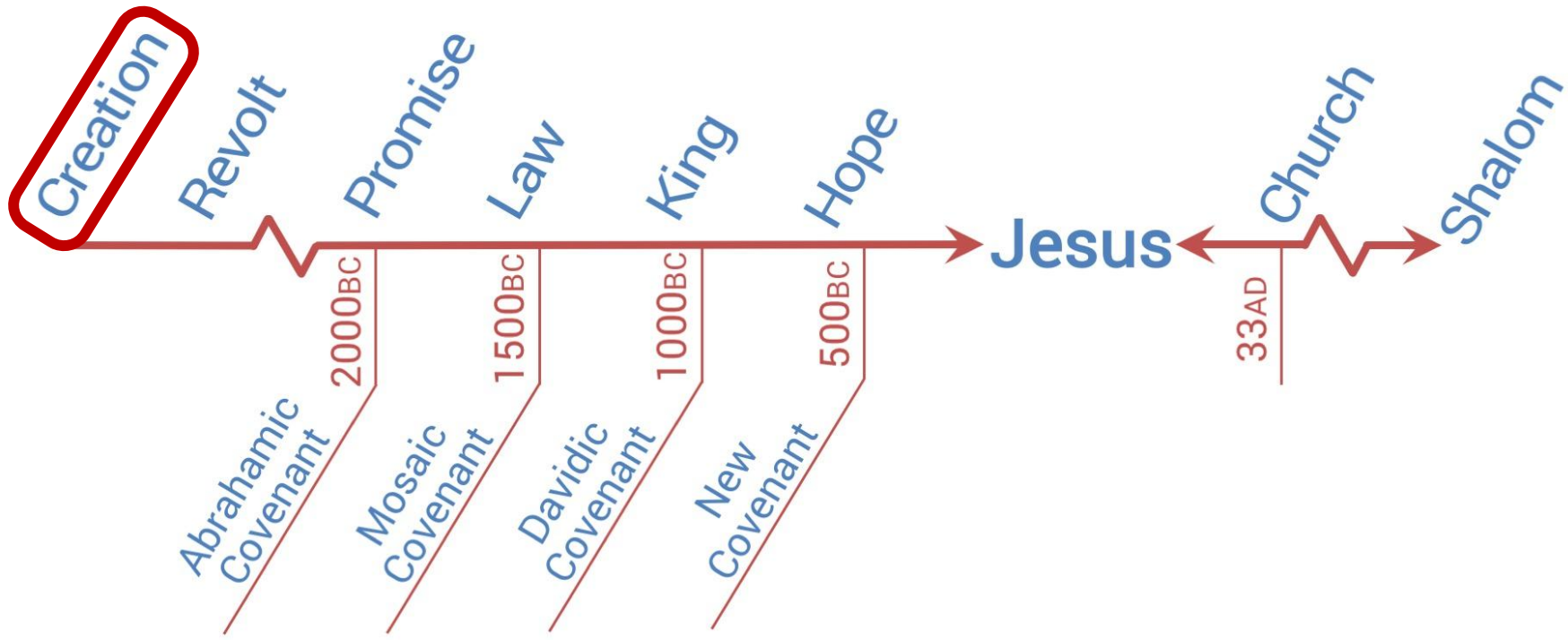


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The Bible in Nine Words – Part 1





Genesis 1 is not primarily about
HOW or WHEN but WHO and WHY



Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can
RELATE to God



JOHN 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.



Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can
RELATE to God
REFLECT God's character



1 PETER 1:15

like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior



Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can

RELATE to God

REFLECT God's character

RADIATE God's glory



PSALM 8:4-5

What is man that You take thought of him,
and the son of man that You care for him?
Yet You have made him a little lower than
God, and You crown him with glory and
majesty!



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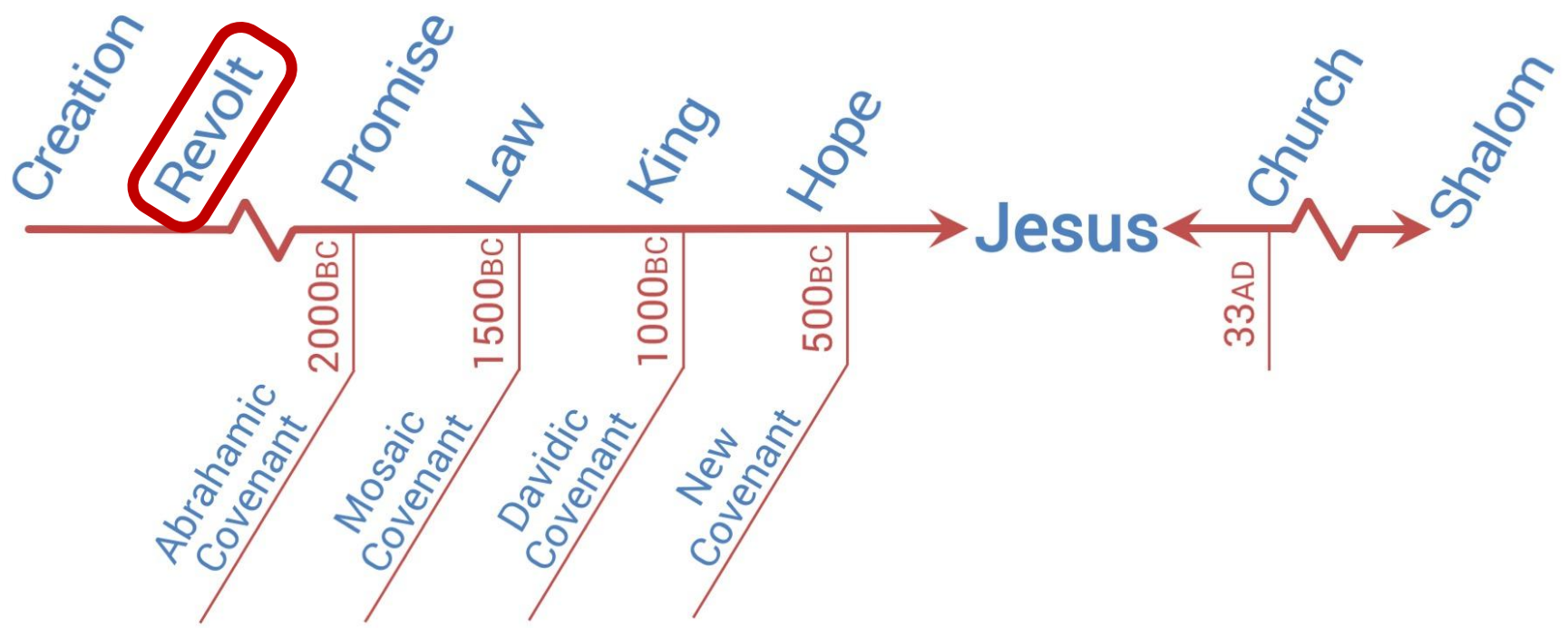
and the result: we can RULE God's world



BIG IDEA OF THE BIBLE

God is **GLORIFYING** Himself
by establishing His **KINGDOM** on earth
through **HUMANITY.**





Sin brings DEATH in all its forms:

v7: SHAME

Death of LABOR

v8-10: FEAR

Death of RELATIONSHIPS

v11-13: BLAME

Death of our BODIES

Death of our SPIRITS



EPHESIANS 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience...



EPHESIANS 2:1-3

...among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



GENESIS 3:15

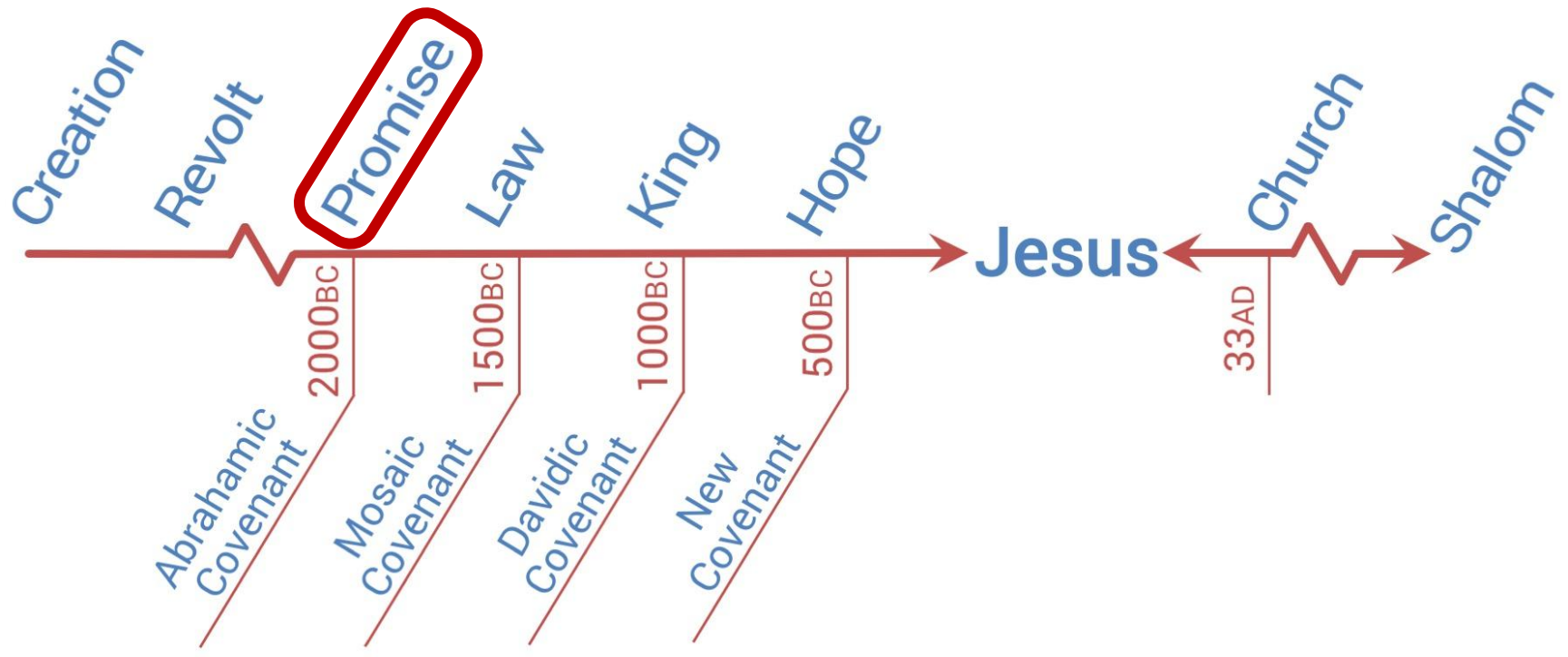
...and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”



Yet there is HOPE...

v15 is the first promise of the GOSPEL







GREECE

ASIA MINOR

ASSYRIA

MEDIA

SYRIA

CHALDEA

PROMISED LAND

MOAB

EDOM

ARABIA

EGYPT

LIBYA

MACEDONIA

Philippi

ATHENS

Corinth

PATMOS

Ephesus

Antioch
(of Pisidia)

Tarsus

Antioch
(of Syria)

Haran

NINEVEH

Damascus

Sidon

Tyre

Caesarea

JERUSALEM

Kadesh

MEMPHIS

Mt. Sinai

BABYLON

Shushan

Ur

ARARAT MTS.

Garden
of Eden?

Mediterranean Sea
(Great Sea)

Nile River

Red

Euphrates
River

Tigris
River

Persian Gulf

0 mi 500

0 km 500

Abraham's two problems:

he is an IDOLATER

and he is CHILDLESS



Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham:

LAND





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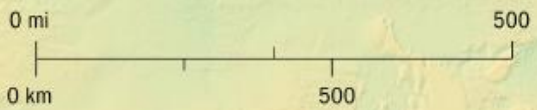
CRETE

RHODES

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea (Great Sea)

Persian Gulf



Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham:

LAND

SEED

BLESSING



Salvation has always been by
FAITH ALONE



CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

The command is an OPPORTUNITY for Abraham to show how much he's grown



CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

The story of Abraham is not just about God's
PROMISE

It's also about His PROCESS of transforming
Abraham into His likeness



CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

Principle: God's gifts are always designed to help us GROW



CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

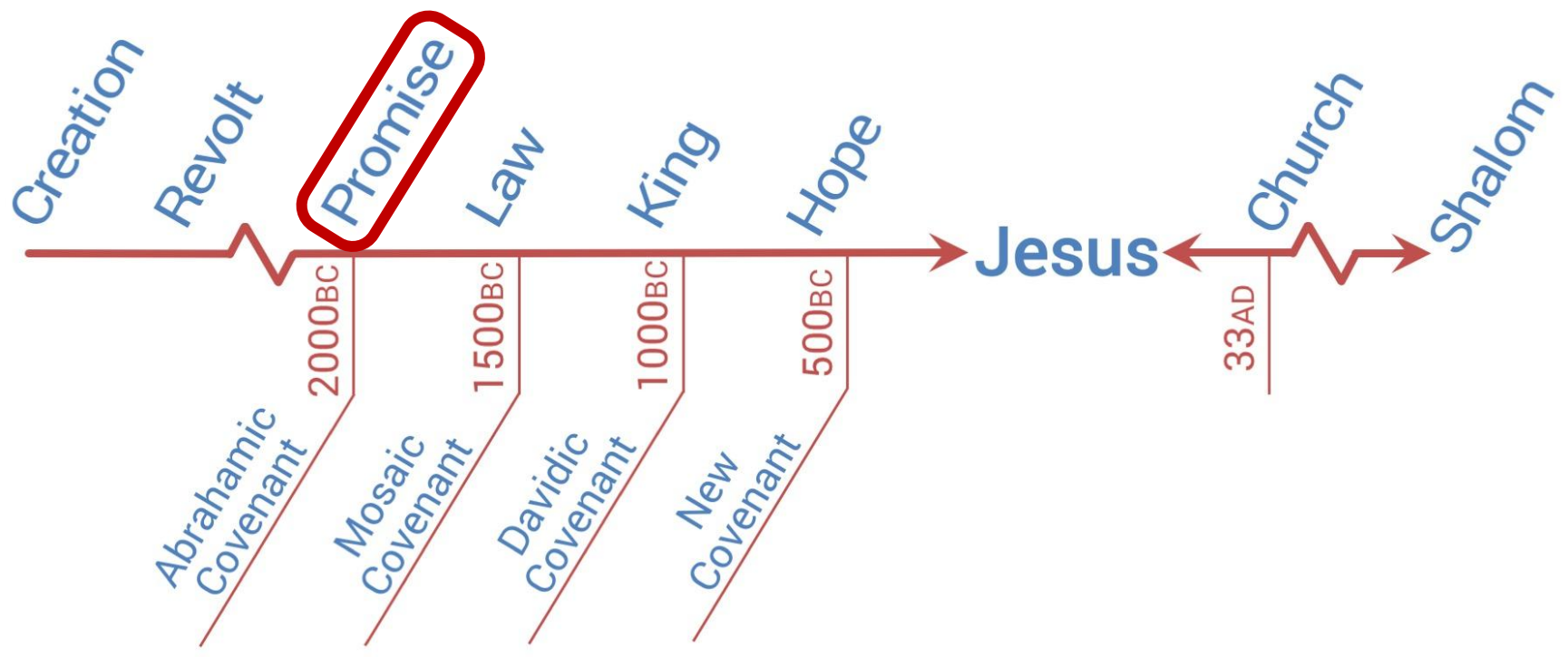
Because he obeyed...

God seals the covenant with an OATH
making it IRREVOCABLE



Ironically, Abraham's son is SPARED
while God's Son is NOT





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