



# Love and Loyalty





# Covenant

*['kə-və-nənt]*

A promise, agreement, or contract between two parties.

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## Disputes 1-3: Doubts, Corrupt Worship, Idolatry

### Dispute 1 (Mal 1:2-5)



God declares His enduring love for Israel; **they doubt** and ask "How have you loved us?" God reminds them He chose Jacob over Esau, exposing their mistrust.

### Dispute 2 (Mal 1:6-2:9)

God accuses Israel's priests and people of despising Him by offering **blemished sacrifices**; they object, "How have we despised you?" God highlights their corrupt worship.



### Dispute 3 (Mal 2:10-16)



God charges Israelite men with **idolatry and betrayal of their wives**; Israel denies wrongdoing. God condemns marriage to foreign idols and rampant divorce as covenant unfaithfulness.

## Disputes 4-6: Accusations, Neglect, Grumbling

### Dispute 4 (Mal 2:17-3:5)

The people accuse God of neglect, asking "Where is the God of Justice?" God responds that a Messenger will come to prepare His return and purify the people by fire.



### Dispute 5 (Mal 3:6-12)

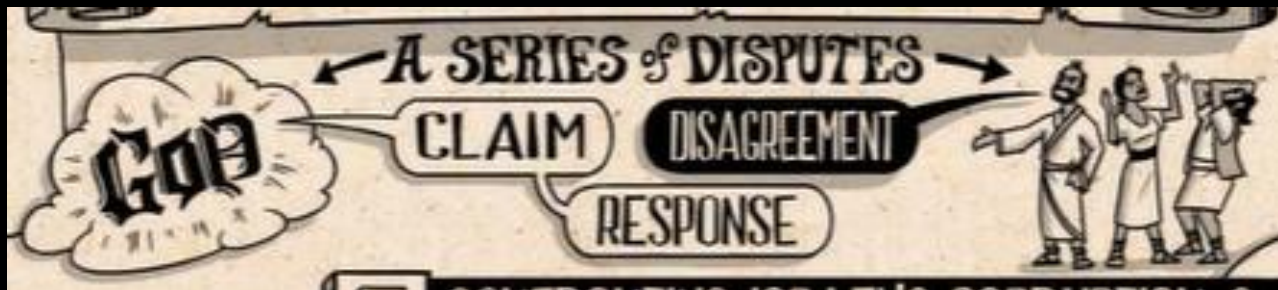


God calls the people to come back to Him; they ask "How?" He rebukes their neglect of the **tithe** to the temple and promises to pour out blessings if they faithfully give.

### Dispute 6 (Mal 3:13-18)

The people **grumble** that it's worthless to serve God because the wicked prosper. God highlights the faithful remnant, decrees a "book of remembrance" for them, and vows to judge the arrogant.





POVERTY

1-2 EXPOSING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION

1:2-5 DISPUTE #1

I STILL LOVE YOU... (1:2)

HOW HAVE YOU SHOWN US LOVE?

I CHOSE JACOB'S FAMILY TO CARRY MY COVENANT PROMISES...

...BUT NOT ESAU'S FAMILY.

JACOB & ISRAEL

ESAU & EDOM

SEE GENESIS 25-27 & MALACHI

# PEOPLE PLACE PRESENCE BLESSING

I WILL MAKE YOU  
VERY FRUITFUL;  
I WILL MAKE  
NATIONS OF YOU,  
AND KINGS WILL  
COME FROM YOU.  
// GENESIS 17:6

THE WHOLE LAND  
OF CANAAN,  
WHERE YOU NOW  
ARE AN ALIEN, I  
WILL GIVE AS AN  
EVERLASTING  
POSSESSION TO  
YOU AND YOUR  
DESCENDANTS  
AFTER YOU...  
// GENESIS 17:8

I WILL ESTABLISH MY  
COVENANT AS AN  
EVERLASTING COVENANT  
BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND  
YOUR DESCENDANTS  
AFTER YOU FOR THE  
GENERATIONS TO COME, TO  
BE YOUR GOD AND THE GOD  
OF YOUR DESCENDANTS  
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// GENESIS 17:7

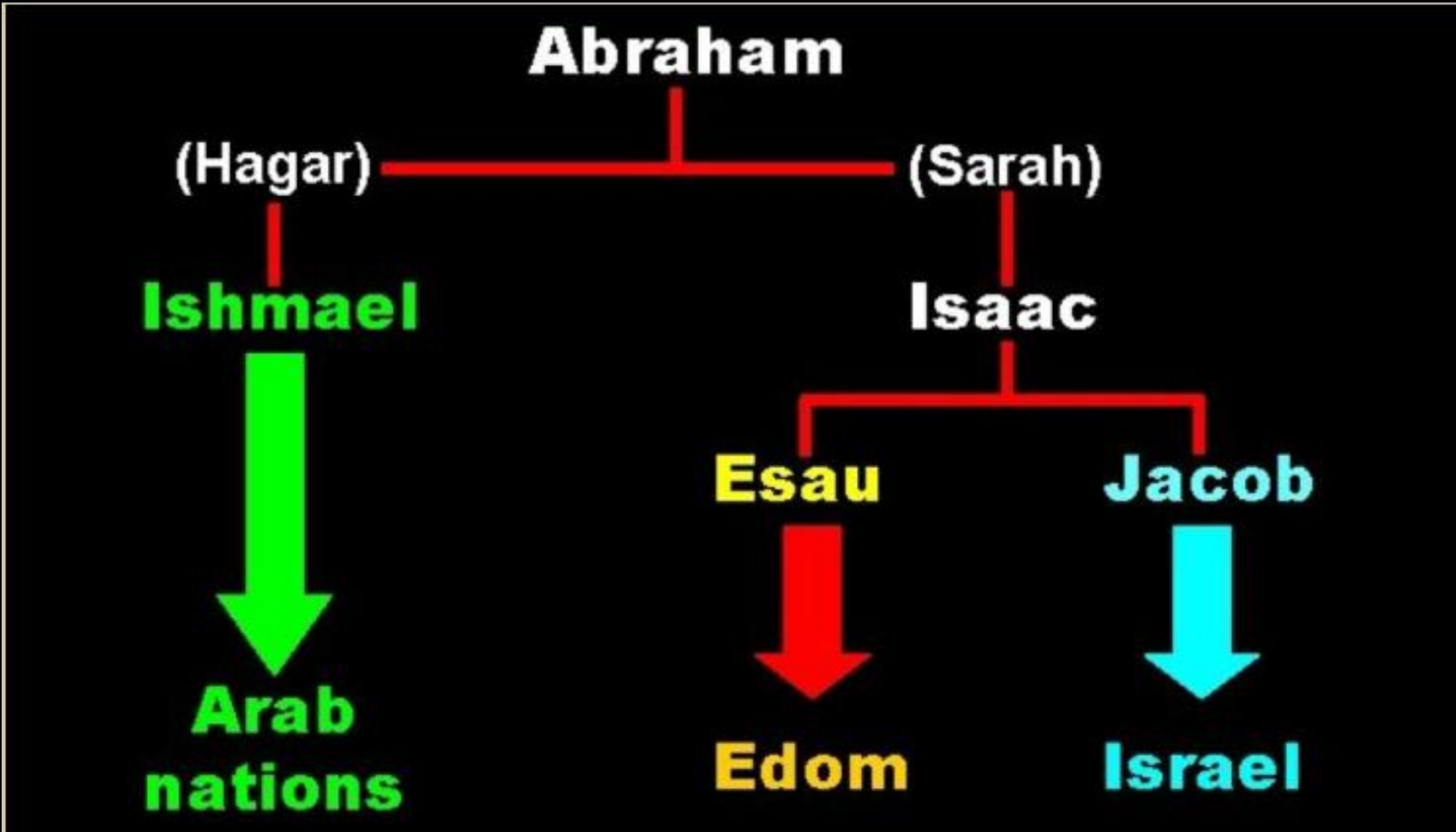
I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A  
GREAT NATION AND I WILL  
BLESS YOU; I WILL MAKE  
YOUR NAME GREAT, AND  
YOU WILL BE A BLESSING  
I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO  
BLESS YOU, AND WHO-  
EVER CURSES YOU I WILL  
CURSE; AND ALL PEOPLES  
ON EARTH WILL BE  
BLESSED THROUGH YOU.  
// GENESIS 12:2-3

# GODS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

CHRIST CHURCH  
HUNTINGDON



<https://abrahamiccovenant.wordpress.com/gods-redemptive-plan-in-the-abrahamic-covenant/>



<https://ifiwalkedwithjesus.com/1-chronicles-128-54-abram-to-jacob/>

**23** The LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you will be separated;  
one people will be stronger than the other,  
and the older will serve the younger.”



# Romans 9

<sup>10</sup> Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup> Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup> **not by works but by him who calls** – she was told, 'The older will serve the younger.'<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written: 'Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.'<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> **It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.**

# Romans 8

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[k]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Ephesians 3

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen