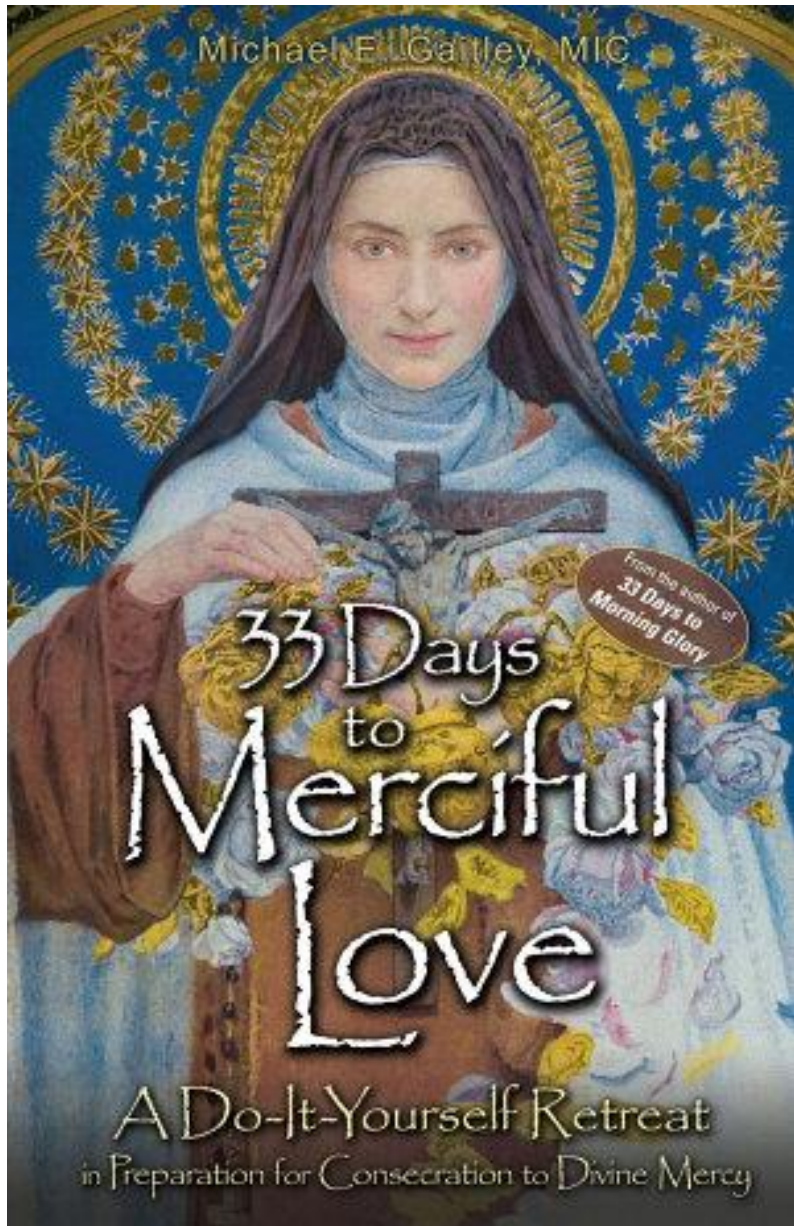


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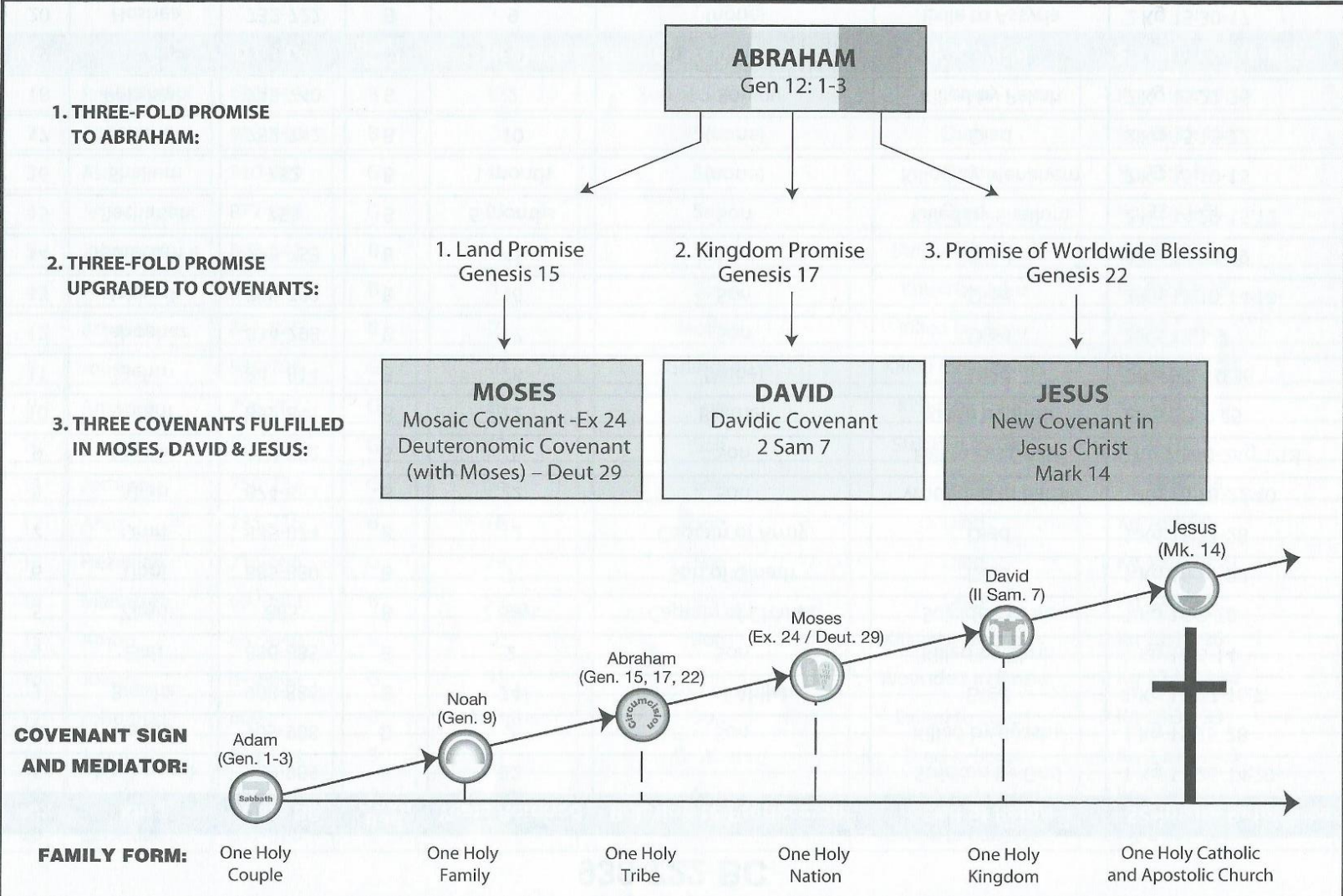
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Introduction to the Prophets (Cont)

- Moses (his brother Aaron and sister Miriam)
 - From the tribe of Levi (not in the line of Judah)
 - Burning bush and the name of God
 - 10 plagues
 - The Passover
 - Crossing the Red Sea
 - Mt Sinai
 - The Law – 10 Commandments - Decalogue vs. Kosher
 - Golden Calf
 - Levitical priesthood
 - Covenant (Ex 24:6)

Covenantal Structure of Salvation History



Introduction to the Prophets (Cont)

- Wandering in the Desert (40 years)
 - The Shekinah (Glory Cloud)
 - End of a generation and death of Moses
- Conquest of Promised Land and Judges
 - Joshua leads Israel into the *Promised Land*
 - The failure of all the tribes to conquer their respective lands led to a cycle of sin: **Sin, Servitude, Supplication, Salvation, Silence**
- This resulted in God providing 12 Judges
 - Eventually the people demanded that they live under a human king like all the nations around them
 - Up to this point God was the King of the people of Israel

Introduction to the Prophets (Cont)

- **Royal Kingdom**

- Saul

- **David** and the Kingdom

- Shepherd

- Goliath

- Death of Saul and Jonathan

- Jerusalem and the Tent of Meeting

- Promise of a dynasty (2n Sam 7)

Introduction to the Prophets (Cont)

- Bathsheba
- Prophecy of Nathan
- Absalom's defection
- Numbering of Israel and the plague
- **Solomon** and the Temple

The Sons of David

Six sons born to David in *Hebron*

<i>Son</i>	<i>Wife/Mother</i>
Amnon <i>Rapes Tamar and is later killed by Absalom</i>	Ahinoam the Jezreelitess
Daniel	Abigail the Carmelitess
Absalom <i>Kills Amnon for raping his sister Tamar. He later rebels against David and names himself king</i>	Maacah daughter of king of Ceshur
Adonijah <i>Makes himself king before the death of David, but the plan was reversed by Bathsheba & Solomon</i>	Haggith
Shephatiah	Abital
Ithream	Eglah

- **The first four sons born to David in Jerusalem**

- Shime
- Shobah
- Nathan
- **Solomon** Bathsheba wife of Uriah the Hittite
- (David's successor and the most powerful king Israel ever had)

- David had nine other sons born in Jerusalem whose mother's names were not mentioned in Scripture
- He also had other sons from his concubines who were not named in Scripture

Introduction to the Prophets

- Prophet
 - In Hebrew *Nabi*: a spokesman, speaker, prophet
 - In Greek *Prophétés*: an interpreter or forth-teller of the divine will
- What is a prophet?
 - Someone who is the mouthpiece, spokesman for God
 - One who tells you what God has said
 - One who gives God's perspective on a situation
 - He is **not a fortune teller!**
- Upon receipt of His message the people (the king, the society, the people in general) who hear it must decide what they are going to do with what the prophet said

Introduction to the Prophets

- A summary of the prophetic message of the prophet Isaiah is:
 - *“Thus says the Lord, you are all in sin (present tense) and if you do not repent He is going to kill you all!”*
- A few occurrences of the work prophets in the Old Testament
 - **Gn 20: 4-7 the identification of Abraham to be a prophet**
 - Abraham is the first one to be **called a prophet** in Salvation History
 - There were others who were prophets before him to include Noah, but Abraham was the first spokesman or mouthpiece for God, an intercessor between God and a people and between a people and God (we will see this again in Moses)

Introduction to the Prophets

- **Ex 4:14-16 - the call of Moses to be a prophet**
- God calls Moses to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt
- Notice the focus on speaking and the prophetic relationship
- God is God, and Moses is going to be His prophet
- God tells Moses what he wants the people to hear
- Moses will deliver this information to Aaron who will then pass it on to the people (It appears that Moses had some sort of speech impediment)

Introduction to the Prophets

- **Ex 15:20** –Mariam, the sister of Moses, is identified as a prophetess
- This is all in the past tense as she speaks of something that has already occurred from God's perspective
- It is about what Yahweh the Hebrew God had accomplished
- There were other prophetess in the Old Testament to include: *Miriam, Deborah* and *Holda* and *Anna* in the New Testament
- A prophetess is different than a priestess

Introduction to the Prophets

- **2nd Sam 12:1-14** - Nathan prophesies to King David
- The sin of David with Bathsheba and Uriah, the Hittite
- Nathan as a spokesman for God says to David:
“Behold you are the man”

Transition

- We will now continue looking at historical setting for the prophets as found in 1st Kings