

Covenants

Part 1 Form and Structure

Luke 1:68-73 ^{ESV}

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to **remember his holy covenant,**⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham . . .

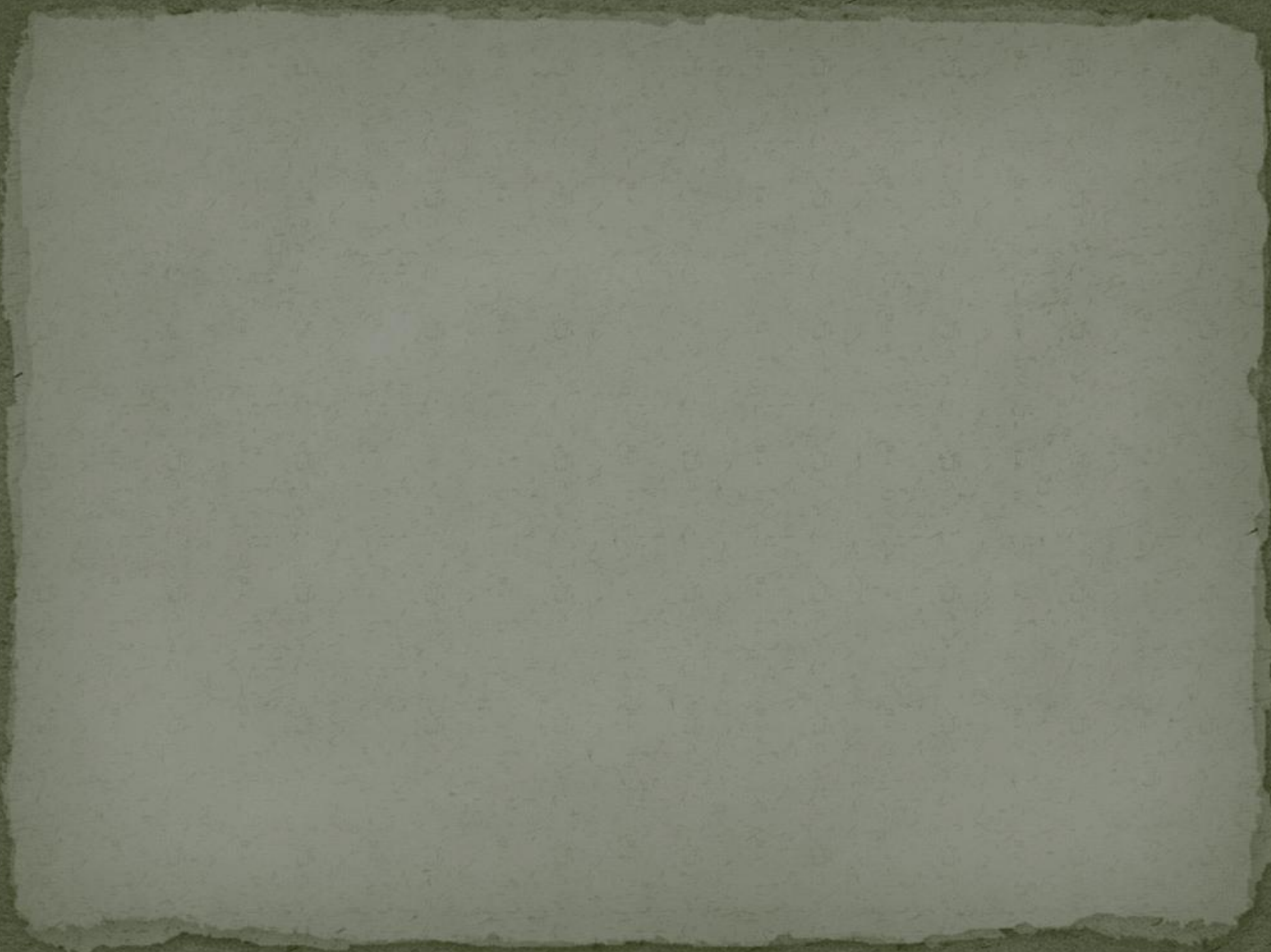


Study Plan -

Definition of Covenant

Next Time -

Compare Various OT Covenants



A biblical covenant is an agreement found in the Bible between God and His people in which God makes specific promises and demands.

Wikipedia

. . . Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her . . .

Genesis 24:67

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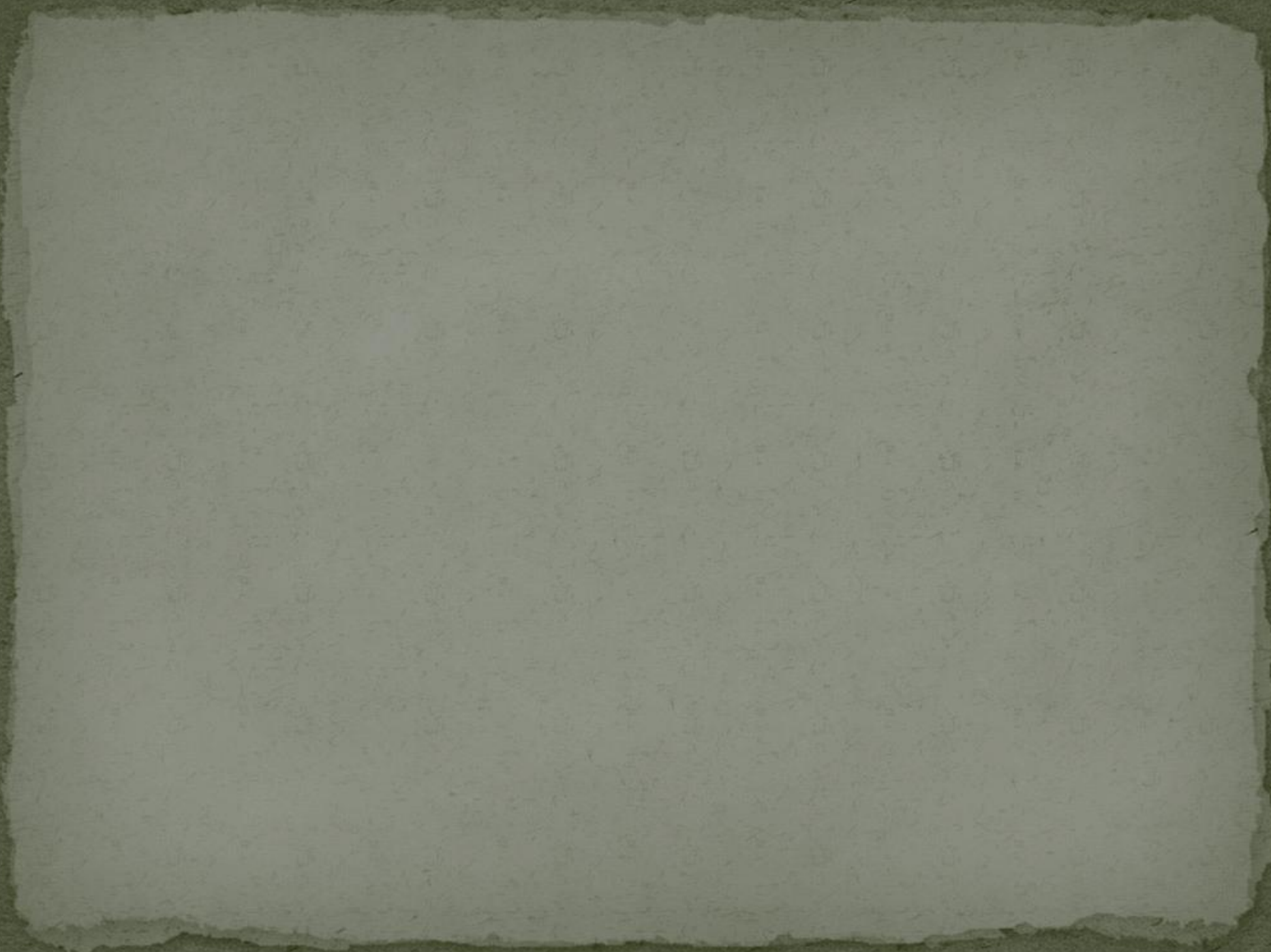
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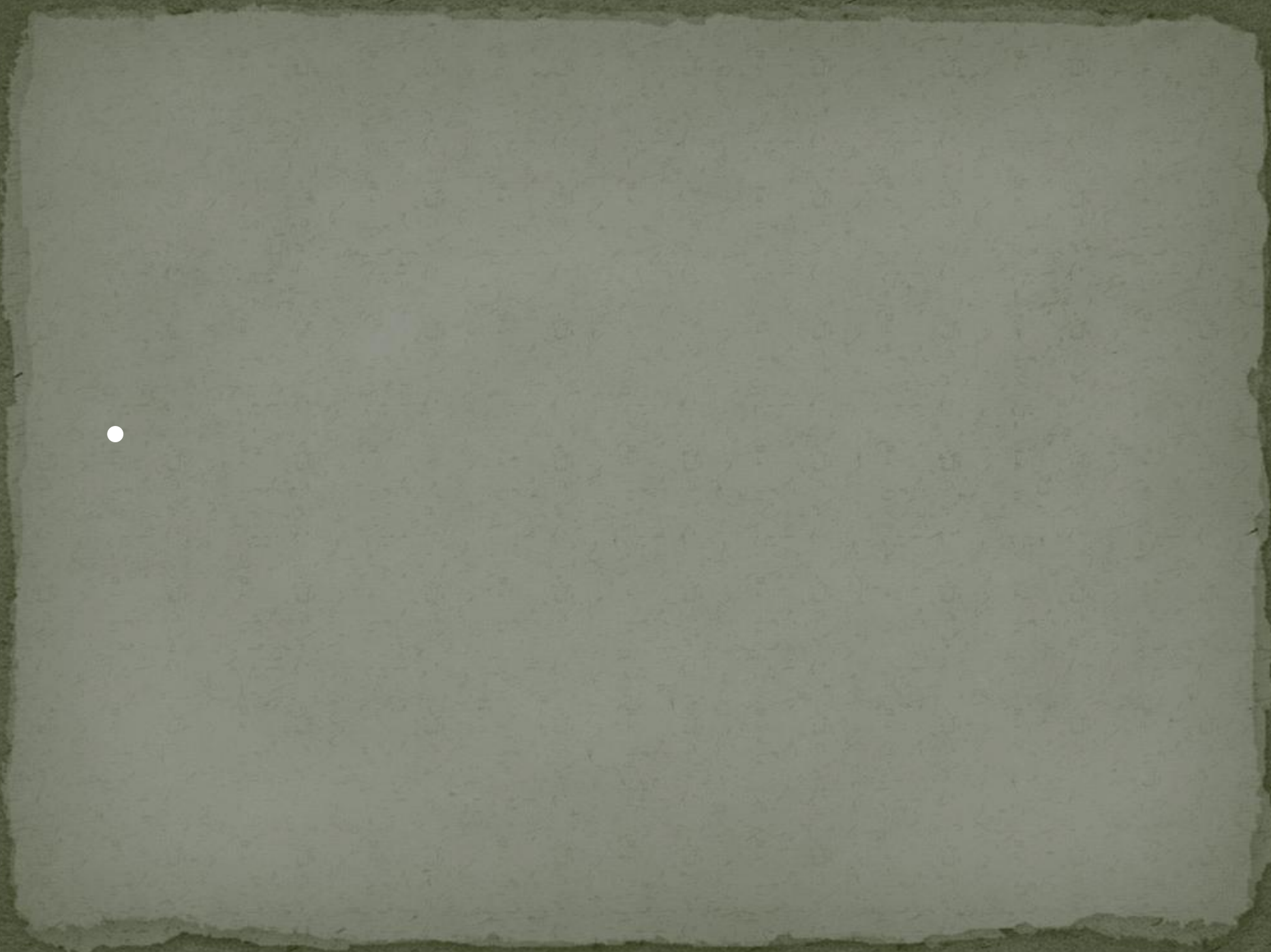
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While the Hebrew word *beriyt* means "covenant" the cultural background of the word is helpful in understanding its full meaning. *Beriyt* comes from the parent root word

The word *beriyt* is literally the animal that is slaughtered for the covenant ceremony. The phrase "make a covenant" is found thirteen times in the Hebrew Bible. In the Hebrew text this phrase is "karat *beriyt*

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The Ancient Near Eastern Treaties and the Old Testament

J.A. Thompson

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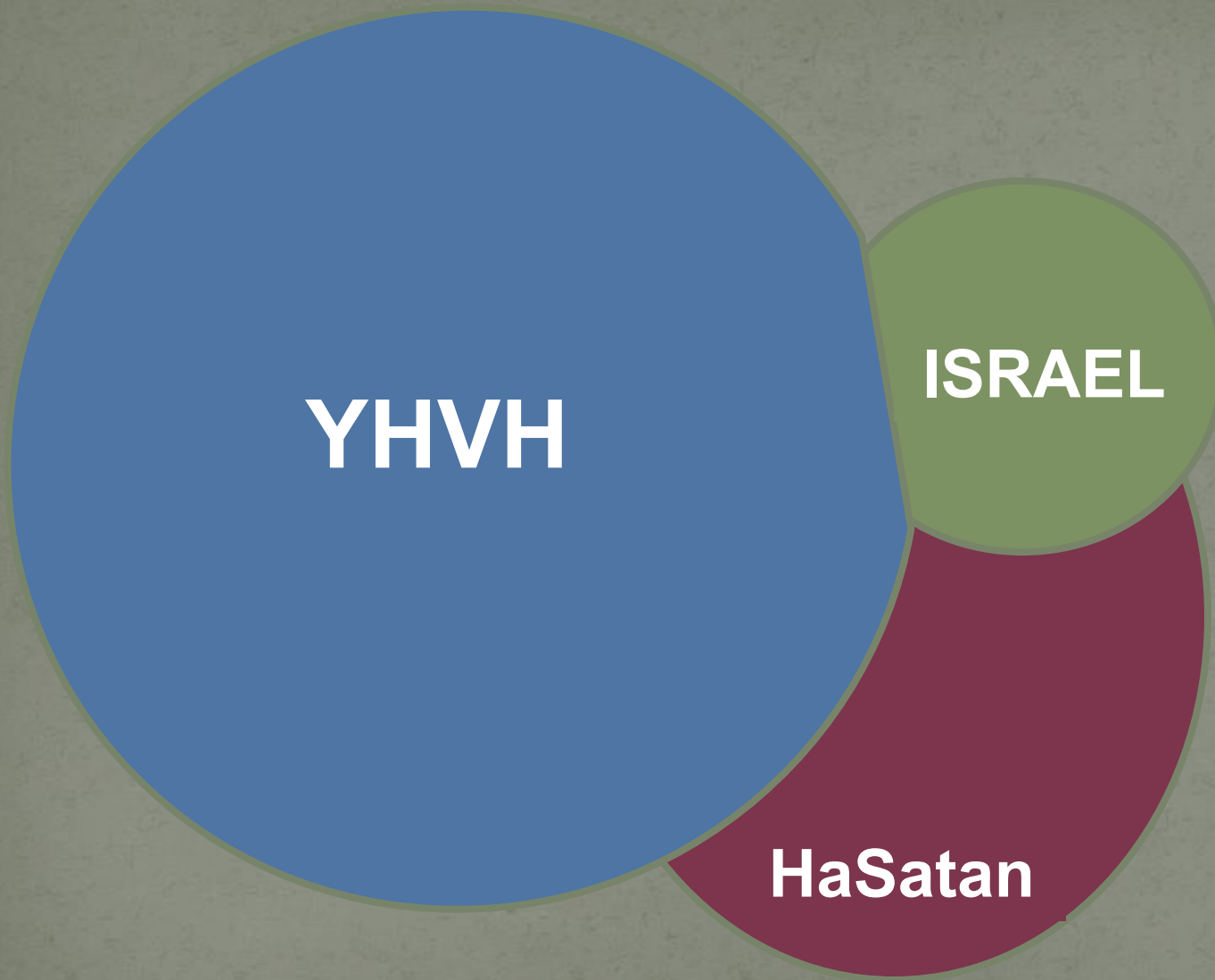
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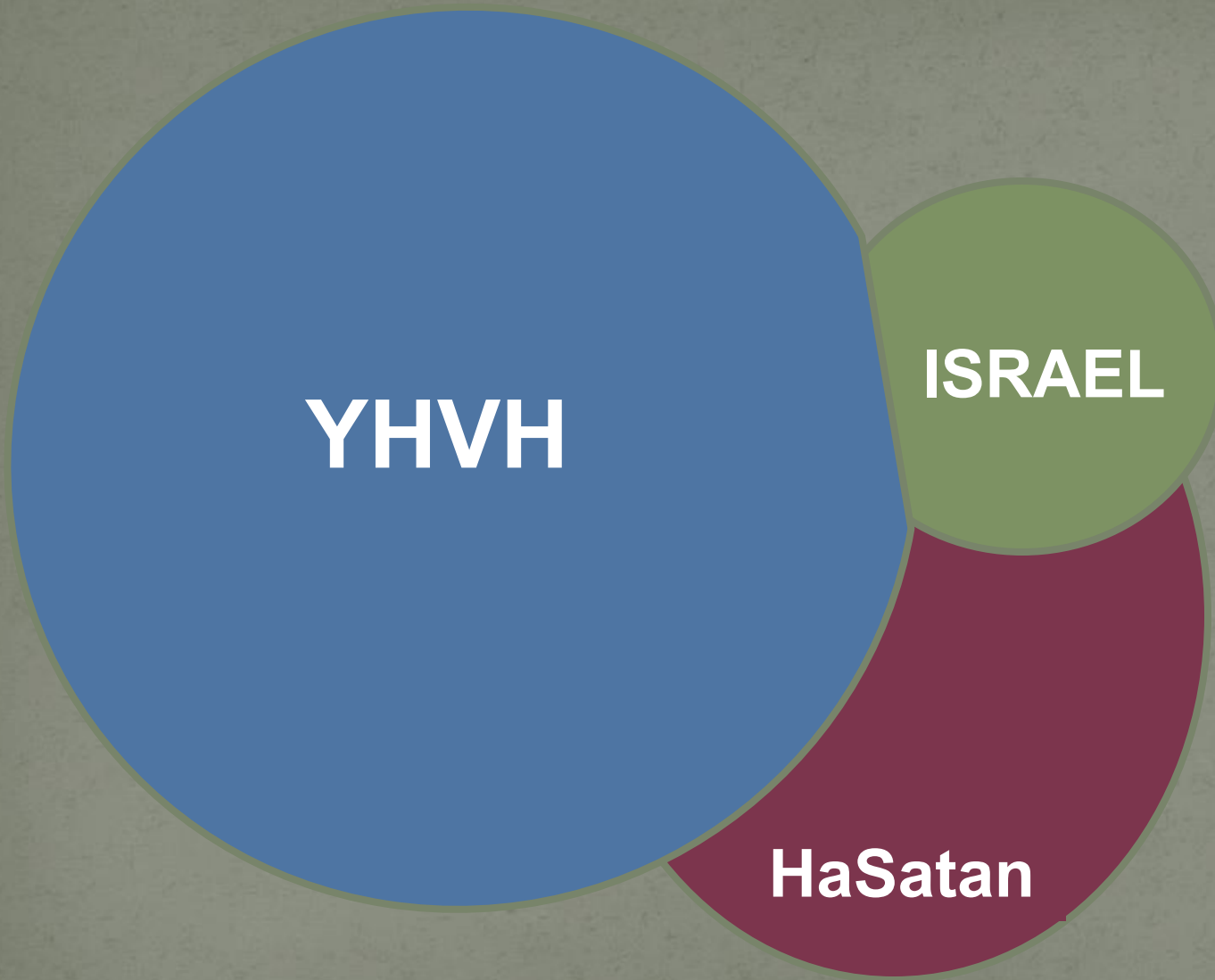
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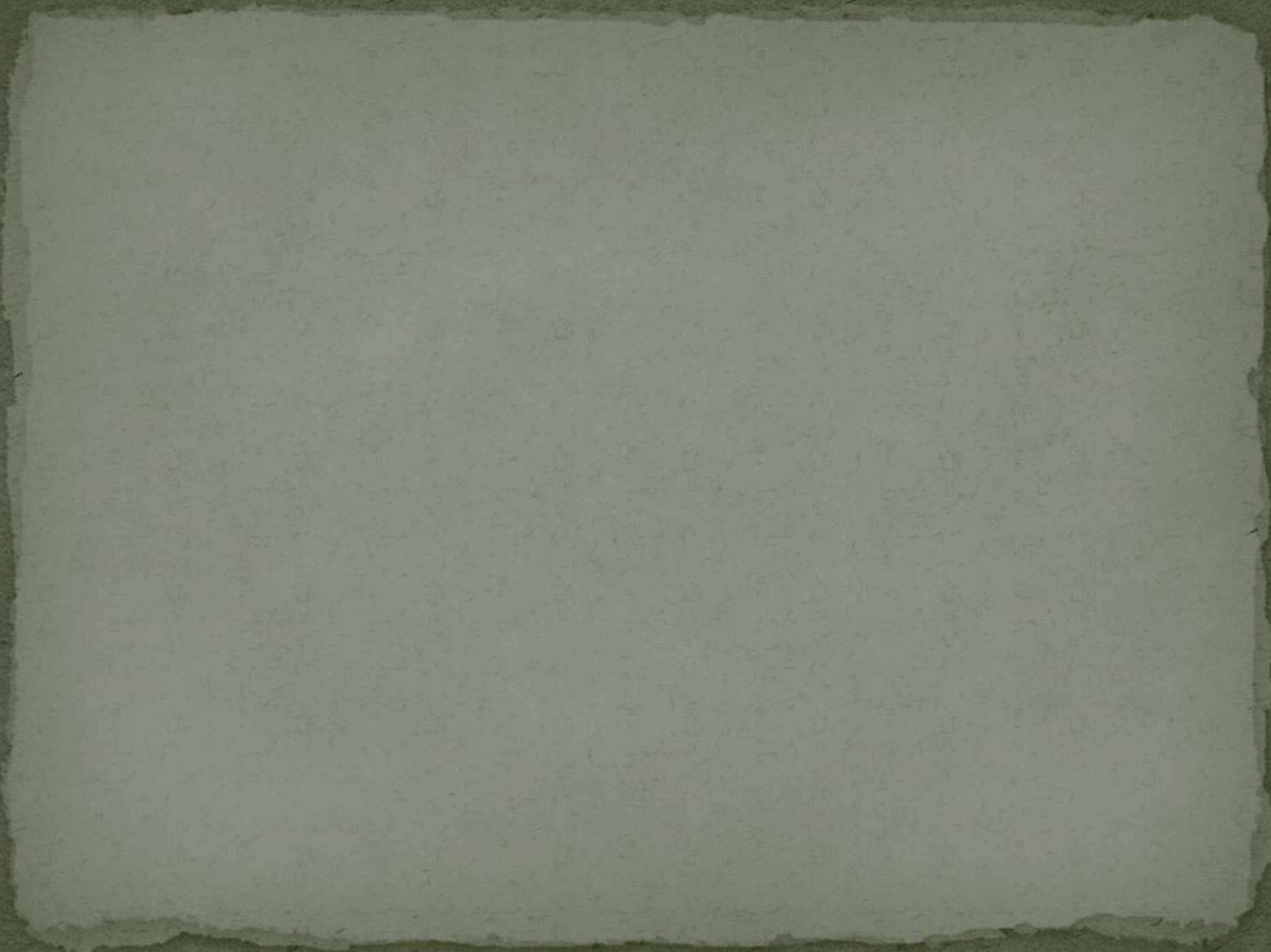


Parity Covenant

. . . a covenant is a treaty, an oath, but most importantly, a bond of love.

" For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ "but **because the LORD loves you**, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers . . .

NKJ Deuteronomy 7:6-8



Review -

✧ Hebrew word for covenant -

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You