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Promises & Covenants - the OLD & the NEW

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MANIFESTO
PAKATAN HARAPAN

10 PROMISES IN 100 DAYS



ABOLISHMENT
of Goods and Services Tax (GST)



REINTRODUCE
Fuel Subsidies



ELIMINATE
Debts on FELDA settlers



STANDARDIZED
monthly minimum wages across the country



EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND (EPF)
scheme for housewives



EASE BURDEN
of PTPTN loan borrowers



ROYAL COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY
to look into scandal-ridden institutions



SKIM PEDULI SIHAT
for B40 class with RM500 worth of assistance for healthcare



SABAH AND SARAWAK
rights restored as per Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63)



REVIEW
on Mega Projects that were awarded to foreign countries

5 Pillars
10 Promises In 100 Days
60 Promises In 5 Years
5 Special Pledges

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FULLFILLING OUR HOPES

THE HARAPAN TRACKER

10 promises in 100 days

Monitoring Pakatan Harapan's manifesto pledges

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PROMISES FULFILLED

5

PARTIALLY FULFILLED

3

IN PROGRESS

1

DAY REMAINING



■ Fulfilled ■ Partially Fulfilled ■ In progress

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Promises & Covenants – the Old & the New...



Epilogues...

2 Samuel 21:1-14

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¹ During the reign of David, there was a famine for three successive years;

➤ **Most probably caused by a severe drought**

➤ **One year**

↳ **Two years**

↳ **THREE Years ?? Deut 28:12 & 23-24**

↳ **Must have prayed**

↳ **But the urgency !!**

^{1b} so David sought the face of the Lord.

2 Sam 21:1-14

1b The Lord said, "It is on account of Saul and his blood-stained house; it is because he put the Gibeonites to death."

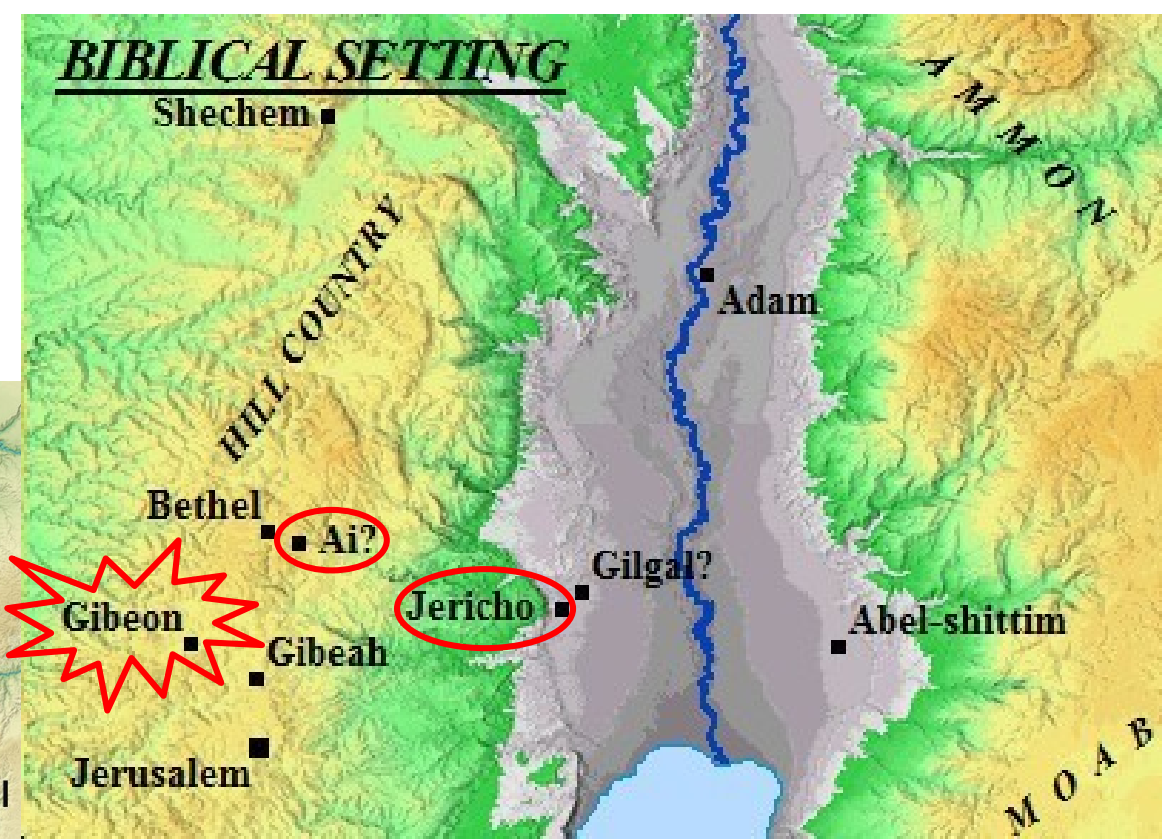
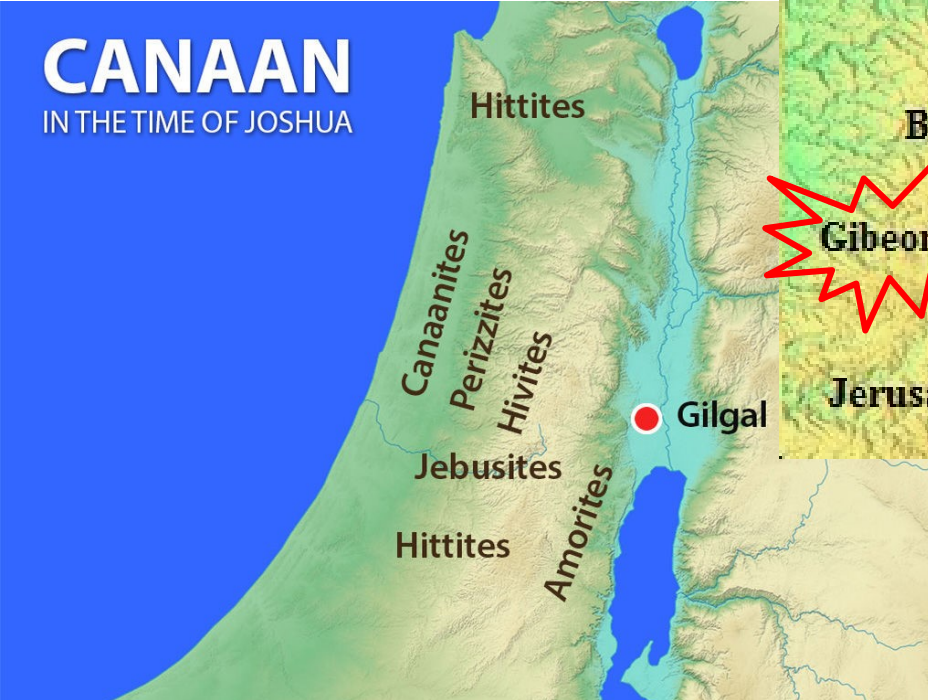
- **What ???**
- **Saul is dead 10, 20 or even 30 years...**
- **The Gibeonites – Who are they ??**

The Gibeonites

Joshua 9...

CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA



Josh 9:12-13



v14 The men of Israel sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the Lord .

Josh 9:15 Then Joshua made a treaty of peace** with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.

***** Covenant***



CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA

Gibeon, Chephirah,
Beeroth and Kiriath-
yearim are cities of
the Hivites



Josh 9:16-21

16 Three days after

....

***19 "We have given
them our oath by
the Lord , the God
of Israel, and we
cannot touch them
now.***

Josh 9:21

***21 "Let them live,
but let them be
woodcutters and
water carriers
for the entire
community."
So the leaders'
promise to them
was kept.***



CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA

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Joshua 10



Joshua 10:13



2 Sam 21:1-14

² The king summoned the Gibeonites and spoke to them.

(Now the Gibeonites were not a part of Israel but were survivors of the Amorites; the Israelites had sworn to [spare] them, but Saul in his zeal for Israel and Judah had tried to annihilate* them.)

****NLT : ...had tried to wipe them out.***

2 Sam 21:1-14

From Joshua to Saul :

- *About 400 yrs...*

Joshua with the Gibeonites ...

- *A treaty of peace*
- *ratified /sworn an oath by the LORD*

 *Not just a promise*

 *Not just a vow / oath / pledge ...*

 ***BUT A COVENANT***

2 Sam 21:1-14

A COVENANT

- Solemn agreement ...
- God is a party to it ...
- Binding & to be honored ..

and it was until King Saul

? Misplaced zeal ...

↪ Bloodguilt / Bloody

↪ Annihilate...Wipe them out ...

↪ ? Genocide...? Ethnic cleansing...



2 Sam 21:1-14

Our God is a Covenantal God...

- ↪ **He MAKES ...**
- ↪ **He REMEMBERS ...**
- ↪ **He KEEPS His Covenants**

This is very, very important...

Even after 400+ years

Long after the person responsible is dead...



*Judges 2:1
"I will never break my
covenant with you"*

2 Sam 21:1-14

³ David asked the Gibeonites,

"What shall I do for you?

***How shall I make amends so that you
will bless the Lord 's inheritance?"***

2 Sam 21:1-14

4 The Gibeonites answered him, "We have no right to demand silver or gold** from Saul or his family, nor do we have the right to put anyone in Israel to death."

***** Numbers 35:31***

"Do not accept a ransom for the life of a murderer, who deserves to die. He must surely be put to death."

2 Sam 21:1-14

- 4b "What do you want me to do for you?" David asked.*
- 5 They answered the king, "As for the man who destroyed us and plotted against us so that we have been decimated and have no place anywhere in Israel,*
- 6 let seven of his male descendants be given to us to be killed and exposed before the Lord at Gibeah of Saul — the Lord's chosen one."*
- So the king said, "I will give them to you."*

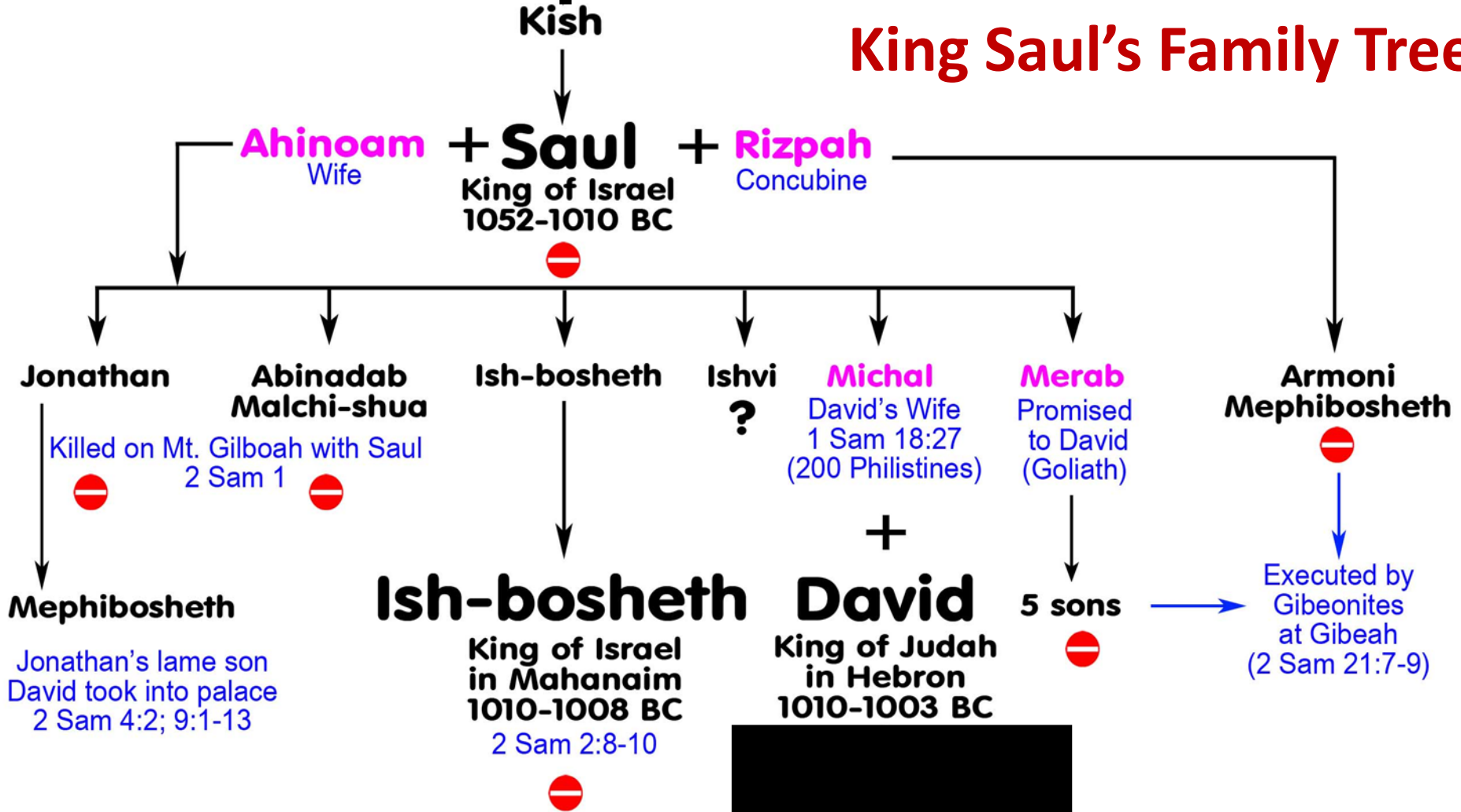
2 Sam 21:1-14

7 The king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the oath** before the Lord between David and Jonathan son of Saul.

8 But the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Aiah's daughter Rizpah, whom she had borne to Saul, together with the five sons of Saul's daughter Merab, whom she had borne to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

**** 1 Sam 20:16-17**

King Saul's Family Tree



2 Sam 21:1-14

⁹ He handed them over to the Gibeonites, who killed and exposed them on a hill before the Lord . All seven of them fell together; they were put to death during the first days of the harvest, just as the barley harvest was beginning.



***Q: Is it Fair ?
Q: Is it Right ?
Q: Is it Just ?***

The Old

**Law of Retribution / Retaliation
or *lex talionis*...**

Ex 21:23-25 (also Lev 24:19-21)

But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Q: Is this a 'just law' ?

What was the situation before



The Old

Before

➤ Revenge....

Vs

➤ Retribution / Retaliat

ENEMY
HATRED
REVENGE
ANGER PAIN
REGRETS BITTERNESS
CONFLICT



The OLD...

Numbers 35:33 :

*So you shall not pollute the land where you are;
FOR BLOOD DEFILES THE LAND,
and no atonement can be made for the land,
for the blood that is shed on it,
except by the blood of him who shed it.*

- Unpunished murders defiles a land
- One day God will require that blood ...
- A time will come when God will not answer their prayers...




the OLD ...

Deut 24:16

Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their fathers; each is to die for his own sin.

 **2 Kings 14:6**

 **Jer 31:29-30**

 **Eze 18:20**

Deut 5:9 (2nd C)

.... for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,...

the OLD...

2 Sam 21:1

***“... Saul and his blood-stained / bloodguilt /
bloodthirsty / bloody house...”***

**Seems to imply that Saul's family was somehow
involved in the Gibeonites murders....**

Bottom-Line : Gen 18:25

“... Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

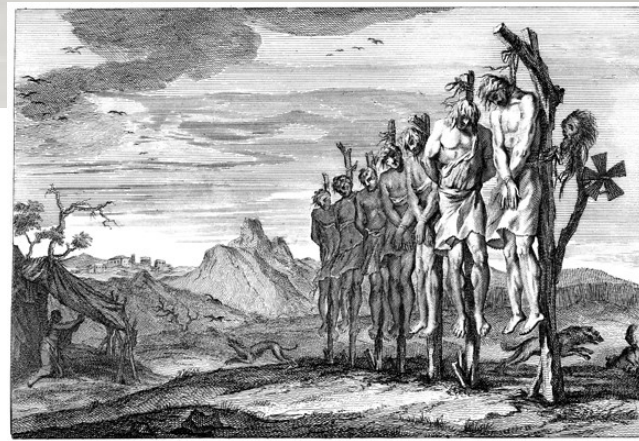
**Jer 9:24 ...kindness, justice and righteousness on
earth,**

2 Sam 21:1-14

- At Gibeah*, all 7 were killed
- “exposed” on a hill
- before the Lord...

Deut 21:22-23

- 22 If a man guilty of a capital offense is put to death and his body is hung on a tree,***
- 23 you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse....***



2 Sam 21:1-14

⁹ they were put to death during the first days of the harvest, just as the barley harvest was beginning.

¹⁰ Rizpah daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it out for herself on a rock. From the beginning of the harvest till the rain poured down from the heavens on the bodies, she did not let the birds of the air touch them by day or the wild animals by night.

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- *first days of the harvest, just as the barley harvest was beginning....*
- *till the rain poured down from the heavens...*

Calendar in Israel			
Gregorian Calendar	Jewish Calendar	Farming Year	Special Days
March - April	Month 1: Nisan (Early name: Abib)	Latter rains Barley harvest Flax harvest	1. Nisan 14: Passover (Ex. 12:1-11; Lev. 23:5) 2. Nisan 15:21: Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:6-9) 3. Nisan 21: Firstfruits (Lev. 23:9-14)
March - April		BARLEY HARVEST	
April - May	Month 2: Iyyar (Early name: Ziv)	Dry season begins	
May - June	Month 3: Sivan	Early figs Vine tending	4. Sivan 6 (50 days after Firstfruits): Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-22)
June - July	Month 4: Tammuz	Wheat harvest First-ripening	
July - August	Month 5: Ab	Grape harvest	
August - September	Month 6: Elul	Dates and summer figs	
September - October	Month 7: Tishri (Early name: Ethanim)	Early rains	5. Tishri 1: Trumpets (Lev. 23:23-25) 6. Tishri 10: Day of Atonement (Lev. 16; 23:26-32) 7. Tishri 15-21: Tabernacles (Lev. 23:33-35)
Sept - Oct		Early Rain	

6 months

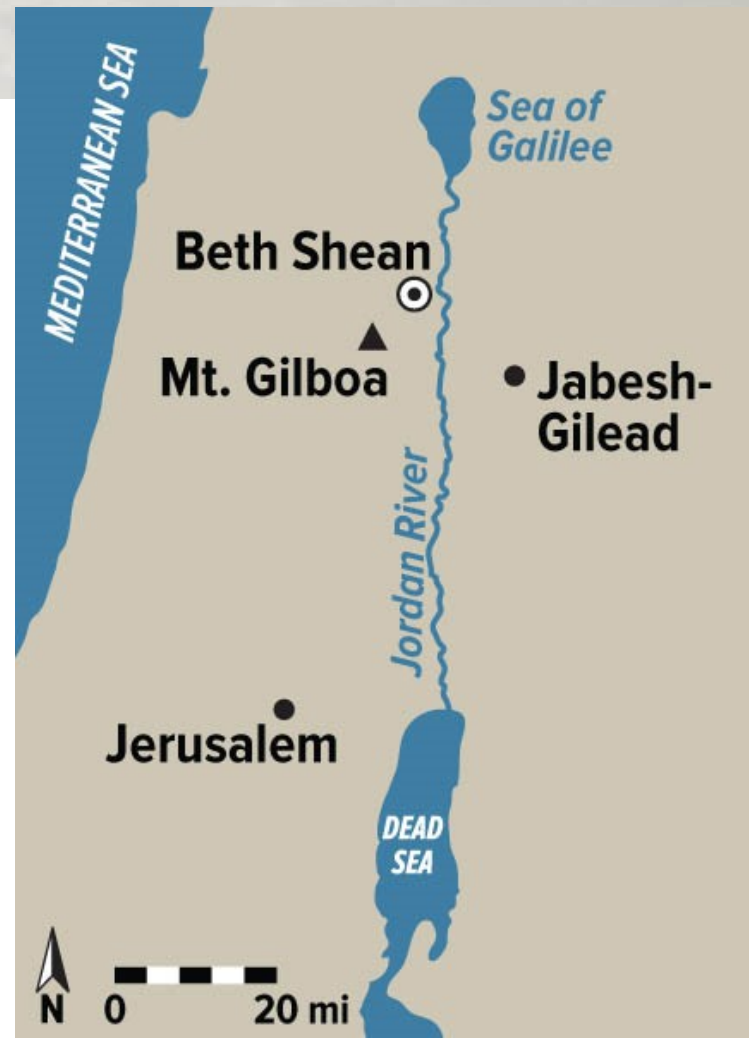
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11 When David was told what Aiah's daughter Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done,
12 he went and took the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan from the citizens of Jabesh Gilead. (They had taken them secretly from the public square at Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them after they struck Saul down on Gilboa.)



2 Sam 21:1-14

- 13 David brought the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan from there, and the bones of those who had been killed and exposed were gathered up.***
- 14 They buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the tomb of Saul's father Kish, at Zela in Benjamin, and did everything the king commanded....***



Lesson 1

REMEMBER GOD at all times...

esp Times of Difficulty, Distress, Doubt or
Desperation –

↪ Take Time to ASK GOD...

↪ Make Time to ASK GOD...

In Times Of Blessings – PRAISE GOD

All Other Times – SEEK GOD

**** PRAYER – 2-Way Conversation....**

Lesson 2

GOD REMEMBERS

Our God is a Covenantal God ...

- **Not just a promise, a vow...**
- **But a COVENANT ...**

God Makes Covenants ...

Remembers His Covenants...

Keeps His Covenants ...

IF a Covenant is Broken-

 **GOD WILL JUDGE**

 **in His Time...**

 **in His Way...**

5 COVENANTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

NOAHIC GENESIS 9:11

"I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth"

ABRAHAMIC GEN 12:1-3

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing ... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

MOSAIC EXODUS 19:5-6

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

DAVIDIC 2 SAMUEL 7:12-17

"... your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

NEW JEREMIAH 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ..."

Lesson 2

The Old...

- ↪ The Law ...
- ↪ Total Obedience...
- ↪ The Sacrifices ...
again & again...
- ↪ Law of Retribution...

The New...

Jer 31:31-34, Heb 8:8-12

- ↪ The Way of the Cross...
- ↪ Christ's Sacrifice
once for all ...
becoming a curse for us
- ↪ The Way of Love
John 13:34-35

Application:

**Q: What COVENANTS have you made....
where God is an interested party ?**

**❖ When you 1st accepted Christ
Inviting Him into your life ...
To be Saviour, Lord & Master !!!**

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Q: Will you endeavour so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ?

A: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.



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where God is an interested party ?**

❖ **Christian Marriage Vows
is a Covenant**

Not a Contract ...

***“for better, for worse, for richer, for
poorer, in sickness and in health, to
love and to cherish, till death do us
part according to God’s Holy
Ordinance...”***

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**❖ Holy Communion is a
Reminder of God's Covenant ...**

Heb 9:22...

***“In fact, the law requires that nearly
everything be cleansed with blood,
and without the shedding of blood
there is no forgiveness.”***

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Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

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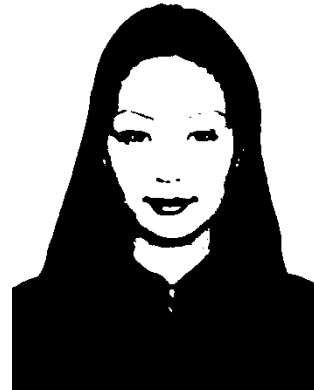
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14b After that,...

God answered prayer in behalf of the land.

ESV: God responded to the plea for the land....

- ❖ **So many innocent blood spilled or missing ...**
- Lives 'lost' & no one held responsible ...**



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❖ There is a famine upon our land

Not a physical famine but

a famine of the Word ...

As God's people we need to pray

**Pray for the 'latter rain' of the Holy Spirit to
come ...**

Paraphrase of 2 Chr 6:26-31

“When the heavens are shut up because we have sinned against You and there is natural calamities in our land, corruption, unrighteousness, injustice, exploitation of the weak, the poor, the foreigners in our midst, if there are enemies instigating racial and religious conflict, and we pray to You and confess Your name, and turn from our sin when You afflict us;

Paraphrase of 2 Chr 6:26-31

*then hear in heaven and forgive
the sin of Your people, indeed,
teach us the good way in which we should walk.
And send healing on this land which You have
given to Your people for an inheritance,
that we may fear You and walk in Your ways
as long as we live in the land
which You have given to us”*