

NEED TO KNOW

All Jews consider themselves as descendants of Abraham. The covenant that he made with God still affects them today.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Covenant

God's **promise** to Abraham

God's requirements of Abraham

How the **covenant** is understood today



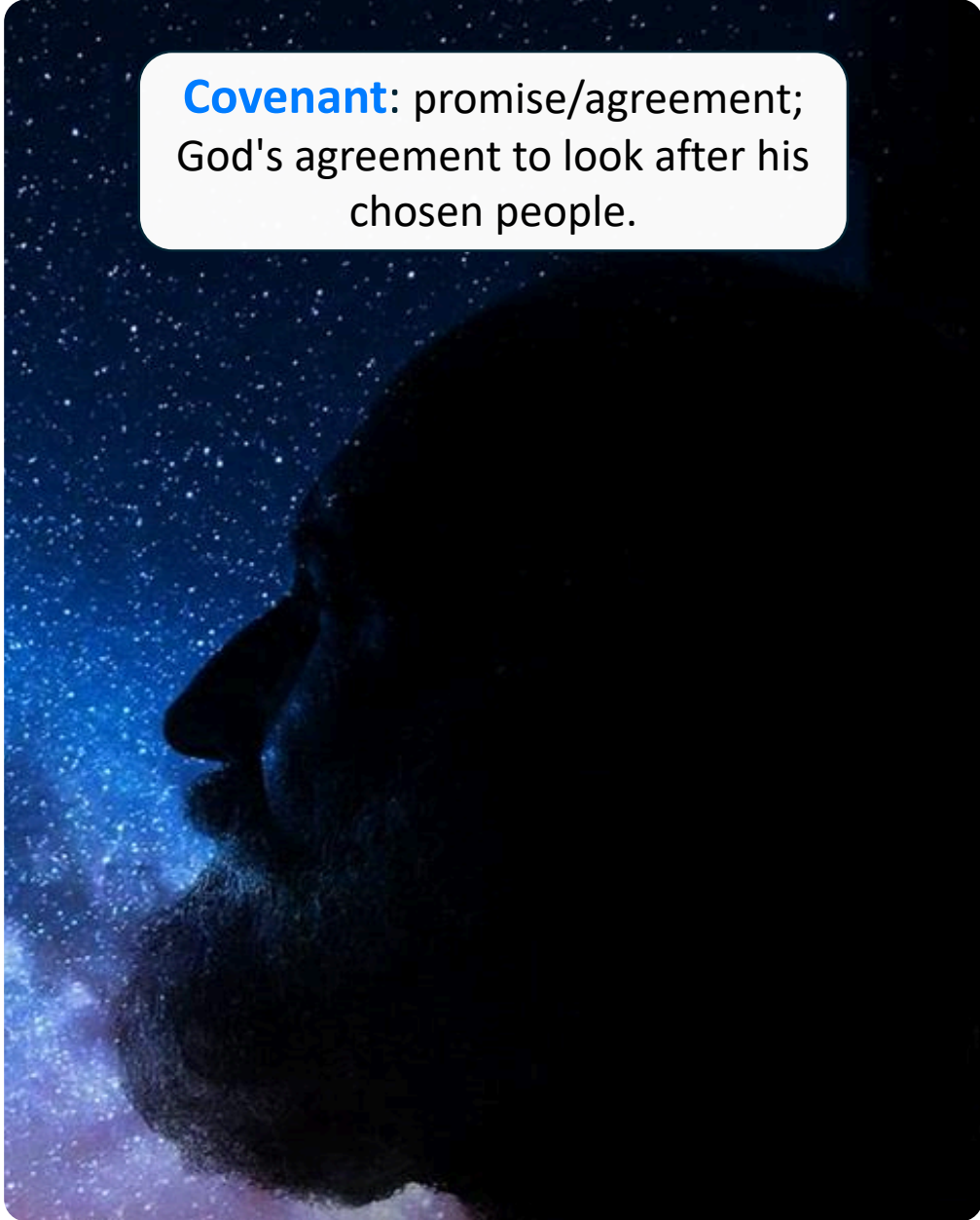
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Abraham's belief about God	God's promise to Abraham	God's requirement of Abraham
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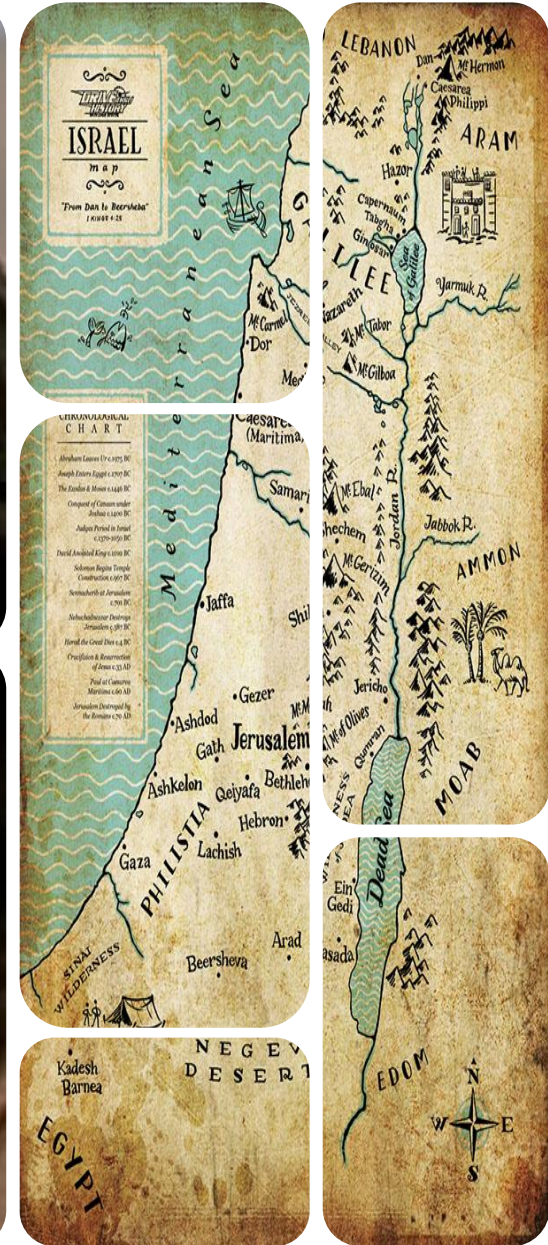
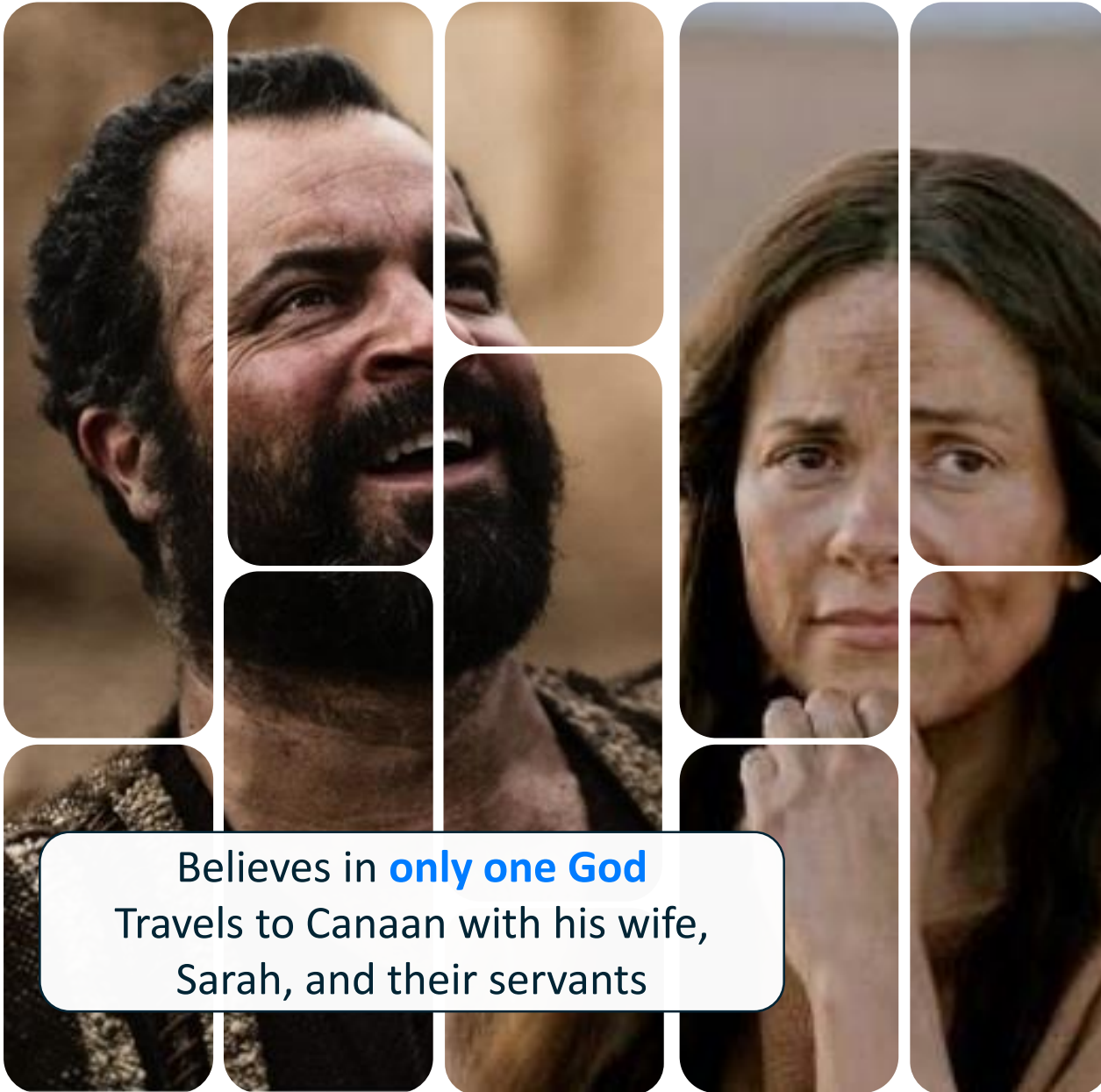
Judaism
Beliefs and Teachings



Covenant: promise/agreement;
God's agreement to look after his
chosen people.

Abraham

Judaism Beliefs and Teachings



Believes in **only one God**
Travels to Canaan with his wife,
Sarah, and their servants

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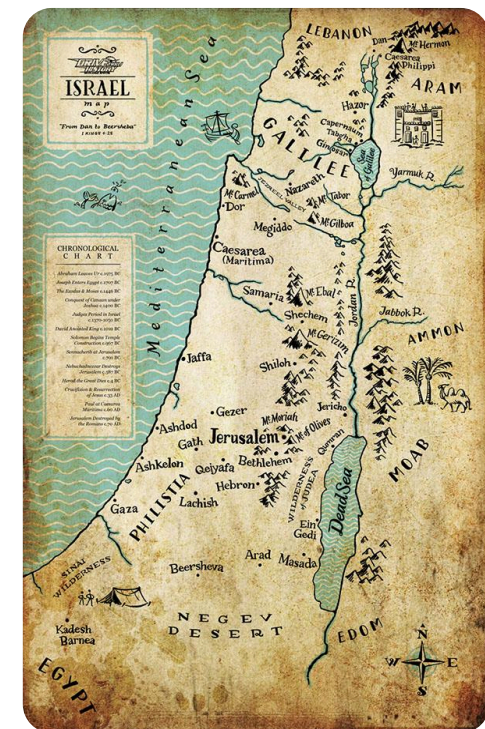
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A physical sign to seal each agreement

- Circumcision for all males

Returning to the Promise Land today



Returning to the Promise Land today

