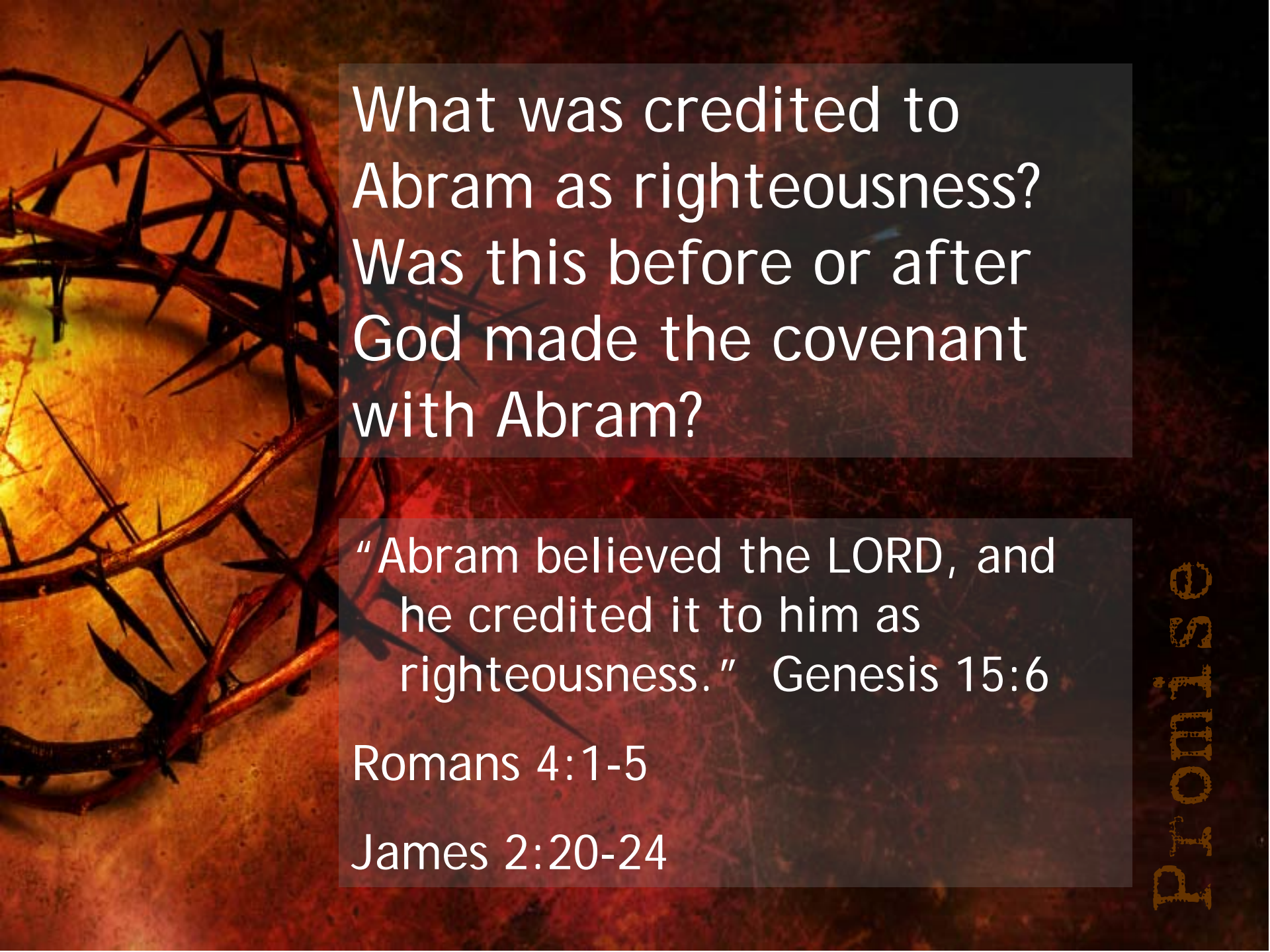


# Genesis 15-18

## Group Questions

- 1) What was credited to Abram as righteousness? Was this before or after God made the covenant with Abram?
- 2) With Adam, the sign of the covenant was the Sabbath. With Noah it was the rainbow. With Abram, it was circumcision. Is this still in effect today? Why or why not?
- 3) How would Abraham be a blessing to all the nations?

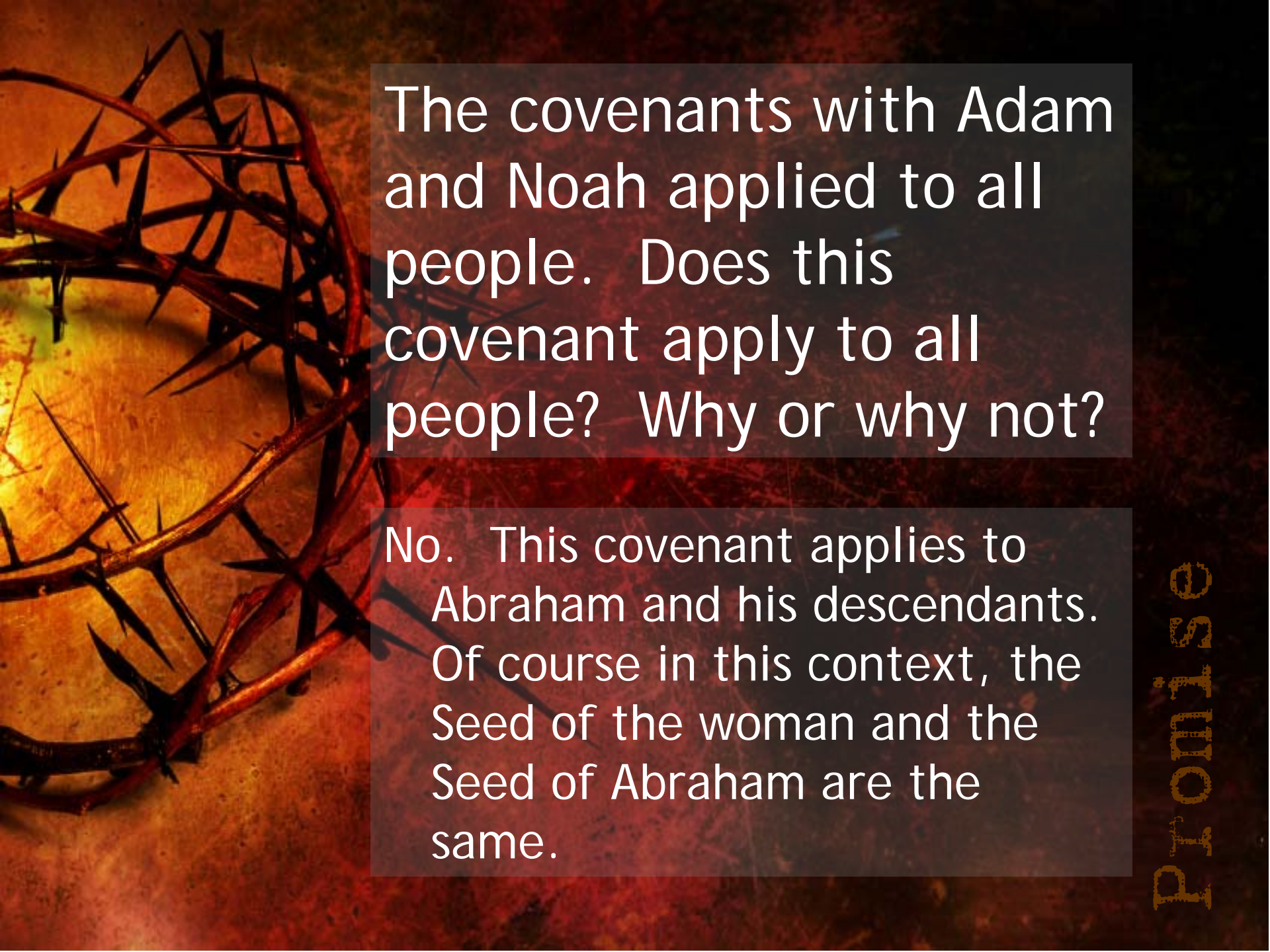
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“Abram believed the LORD, and  
he credited it to him as  
righteousness.” Genesis 15:6

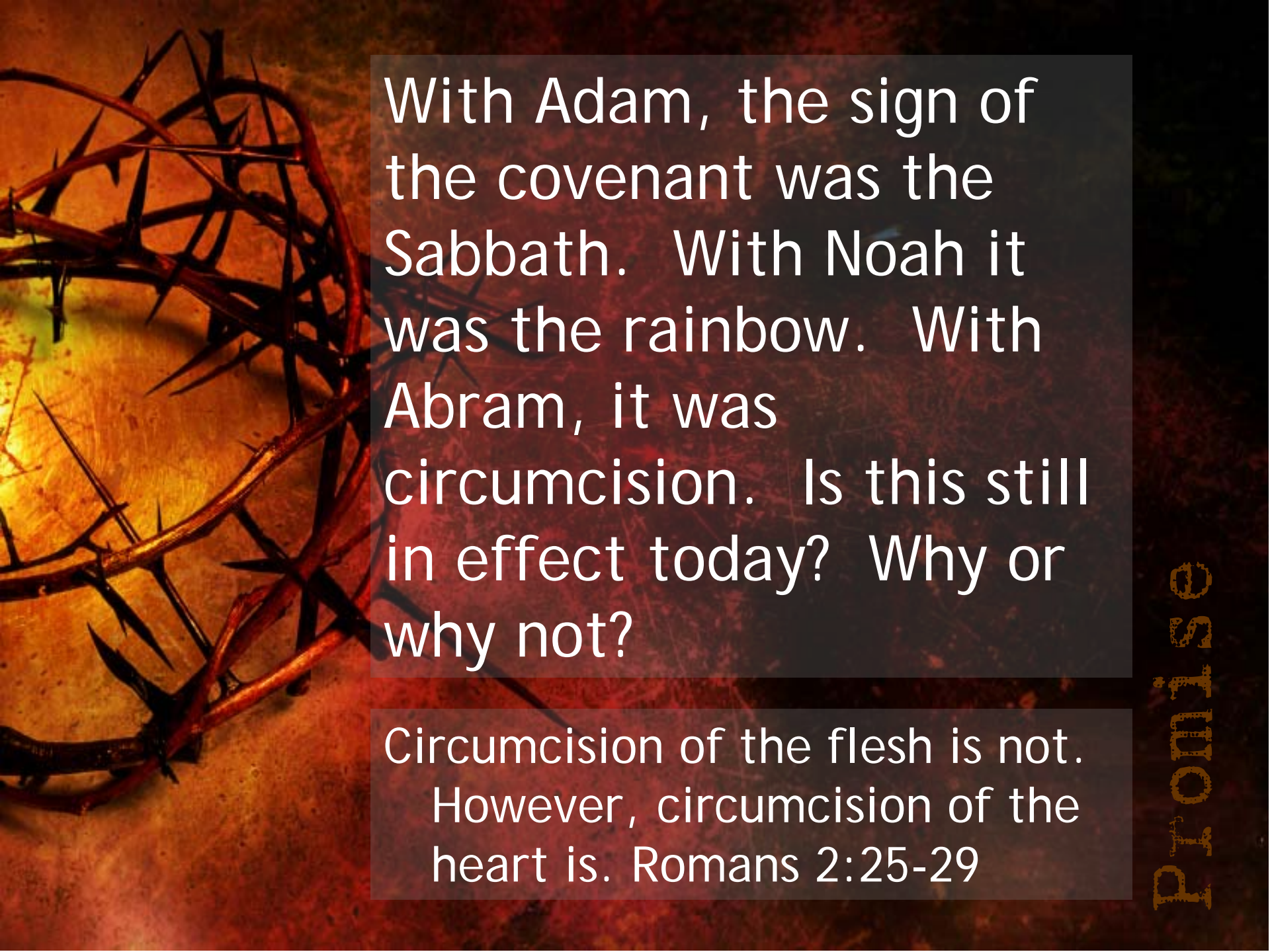
Romans 4:1-5

James 2:20-24

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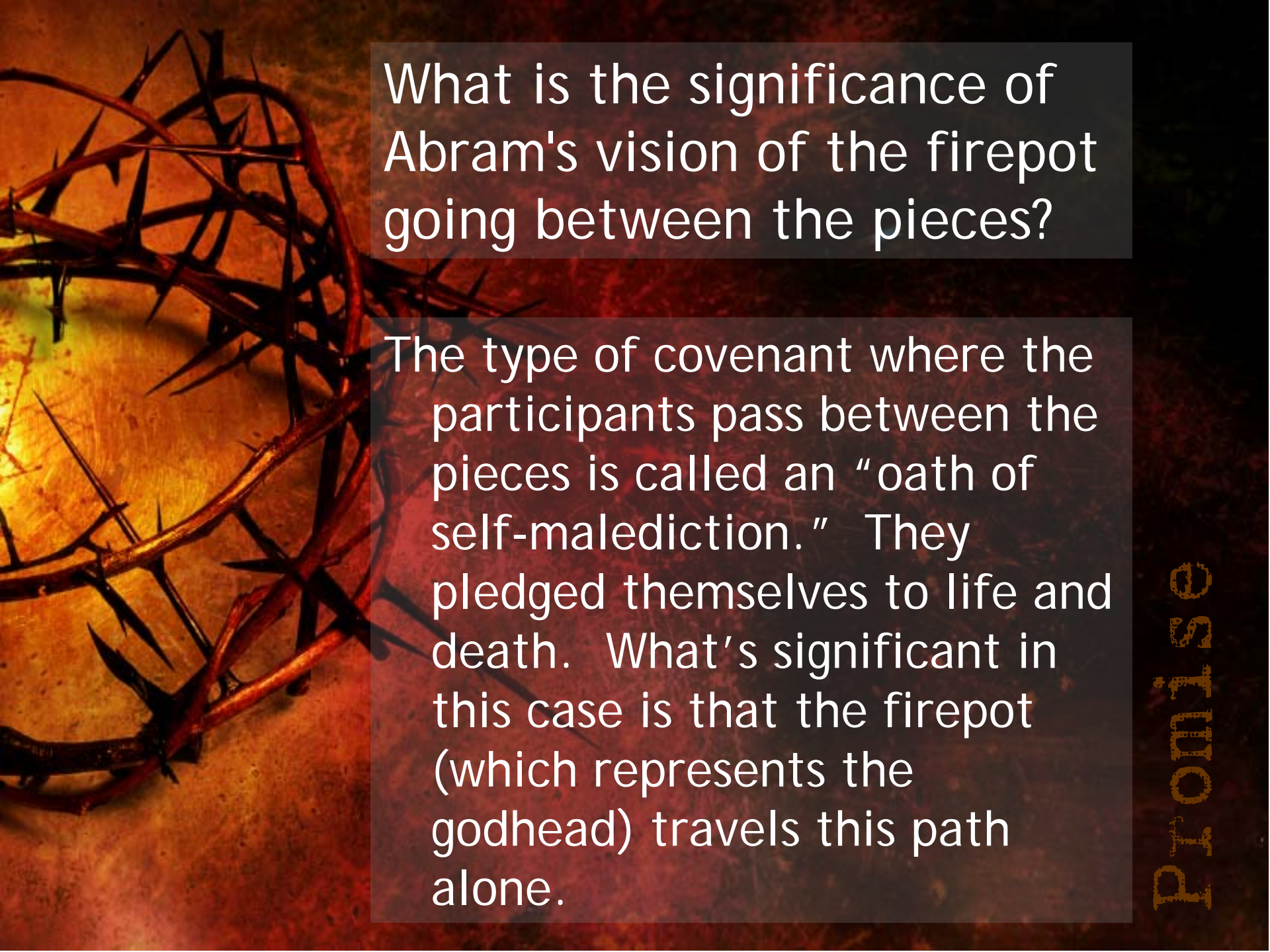
The covenants with Adam and Noah applied to all people. Does this covenant apply to all people? Why or why not?

No. This covenant applies to Abraham and his descendants. Of course in this context, the Seed of the woman and the Seed of Abraham are the same.



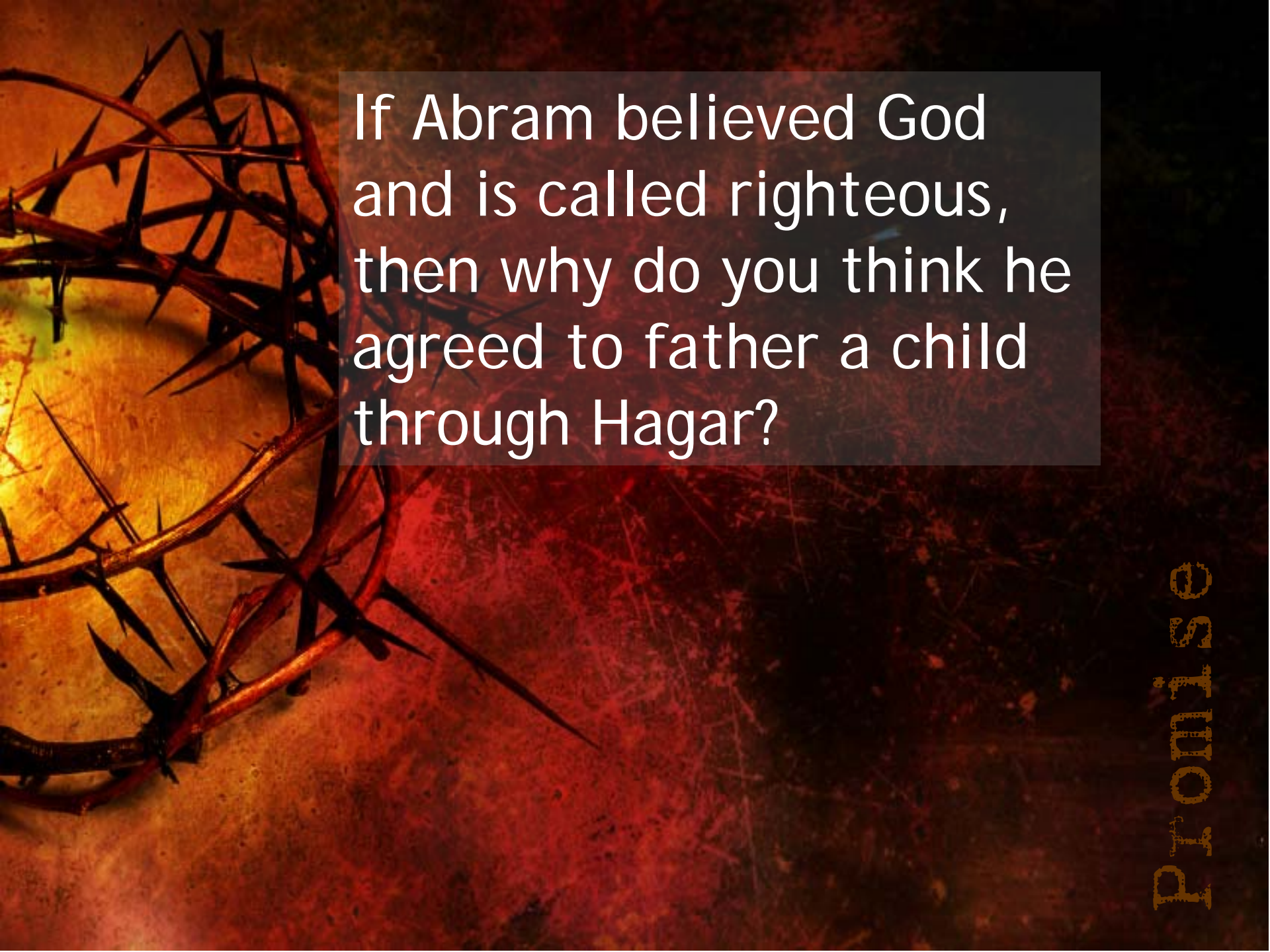
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Circumcision of the flesh is not. However, circumcision of the heart is. Romans 2:25-29



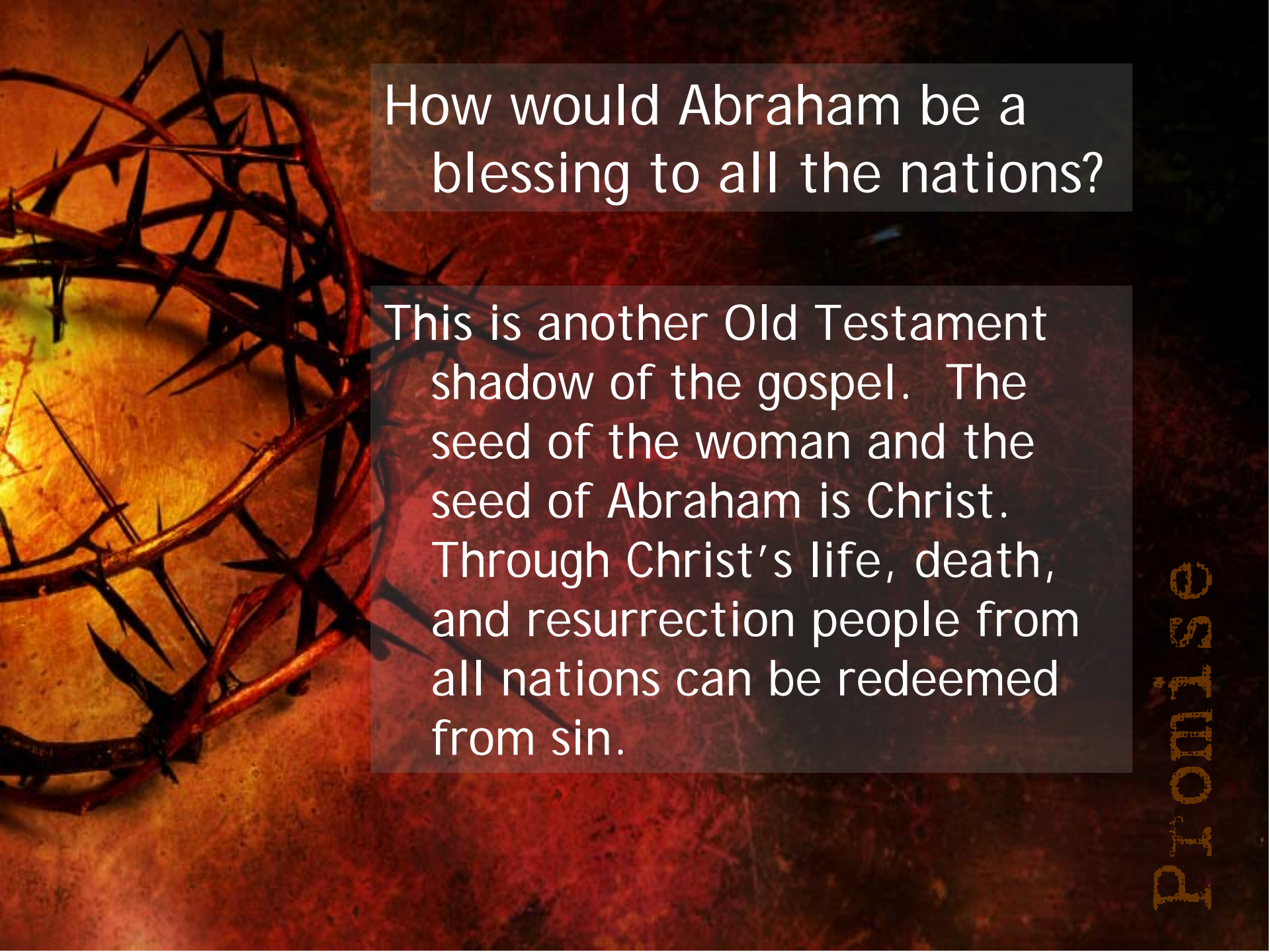
What is the significance of Abram's vision of the firepot going between the pieces?

The type of covenant where the participants pass between the pieces is called an "oath of self-malediction." They pledged themselves to life and death. What's significant in this case is that the firepot (which represents the godhead) travels this path alone.

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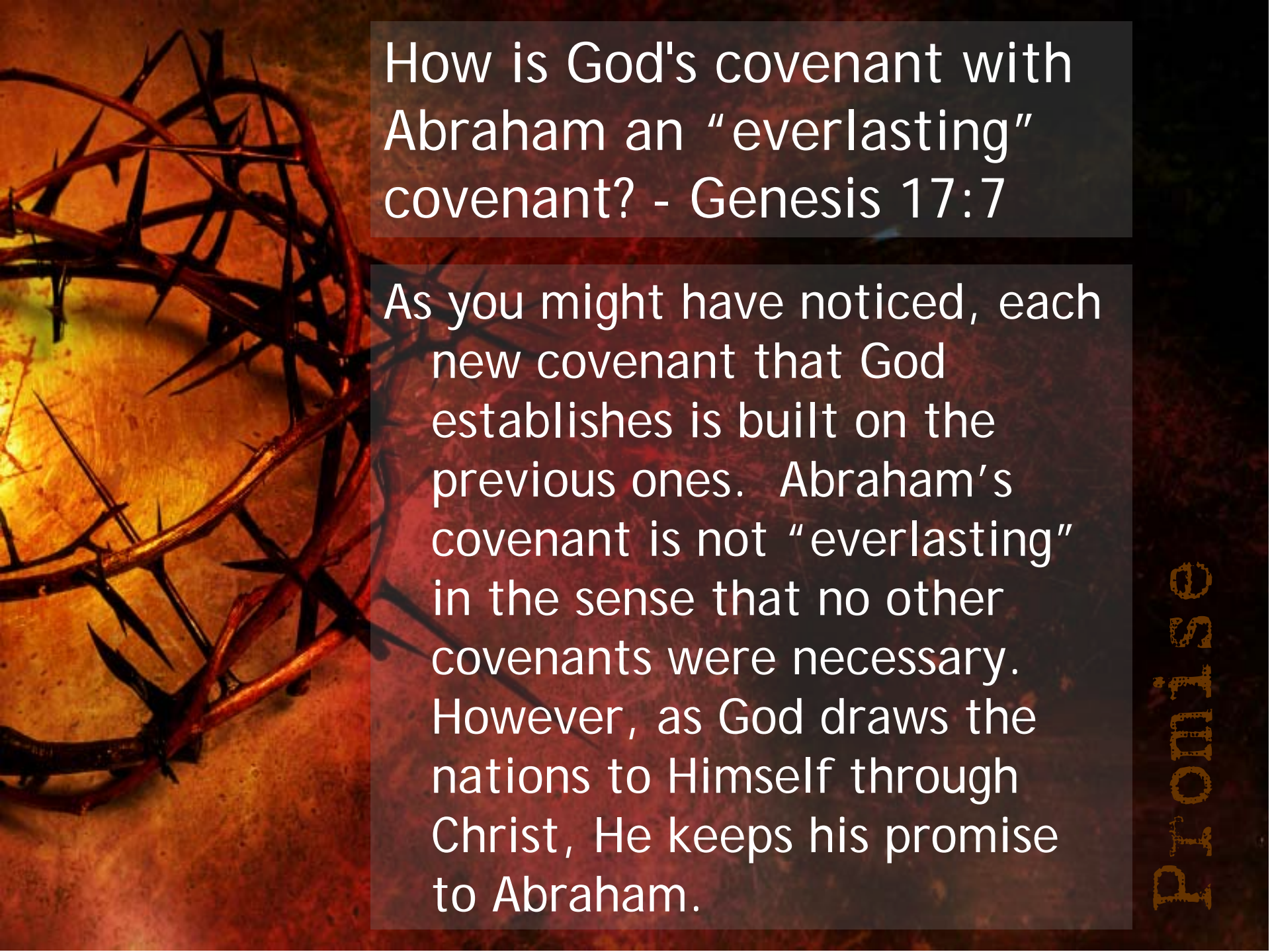
If Abram believed God  
and is called righteous,  
then why do you think he  
agreed to father a child  
through Hagar?

Promises



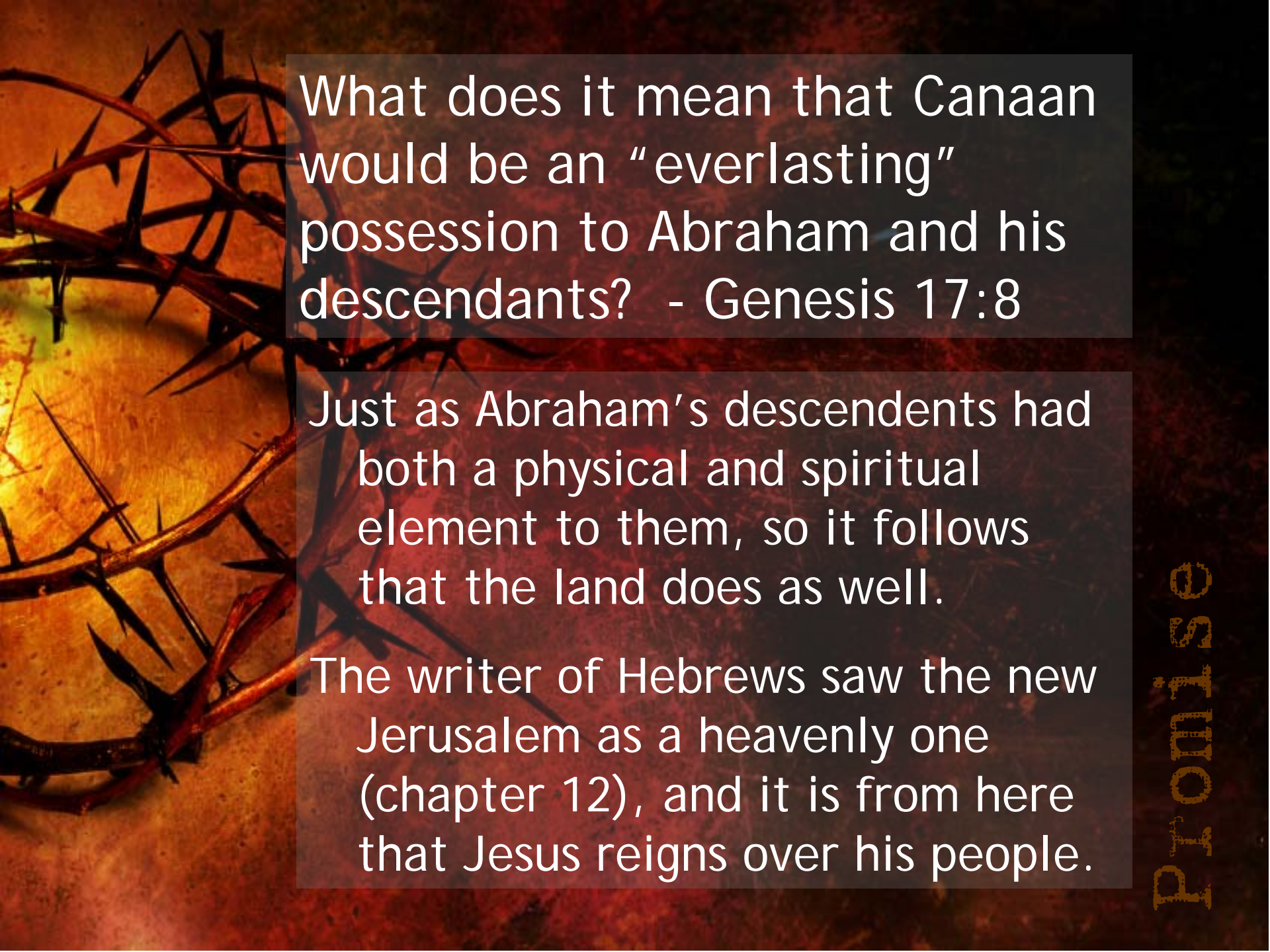
How would Abraham be a blessing to all the nations?

This is another Old Testament shadow of the gospel. The seed of the woman and the seed of Abraham is Christ. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection people from all nations can be redeemed from sin.



How is God's covenant with Abraham an “everlasting” covenant? - Genesis 17:7

As you might have noticed, each new covenant that God establishes is built on the previous ones. Abraham's covenant is not “everlasting” in the sense that no other covenants were necessary. However, as God draws the nations to Himself through Christ, He keeps his promise to Abraham.

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What does it mean that Canaan would be an “everlasting” possession to Abraham and his descendants? - Genesis 17:8

Just as Abraham’s descendants had both a physical and spiritual element to them, so it follows that the land does as well.

The writer of Hebrews saw the new Jerusalem as a heavenly one (chapter 12), and it is from here that Jesus reigns over his people.

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The Mosaic Covenant, or  
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Scriptures to focus on:

- Exodus 19-24

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