

A Short Introduction to the Old Testament

Part three



"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life and it is they that bear witness about me..."

John 5:39

The Old Testament
is telling a story





ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Genesis 1 and 2



While God is the king, he created man as a king,
vice regent and mediator over the creation.

Michael Vlach

A Foundational Promise!

God is going to
defeat Satan through
a seed of the woman.

Genesis 3:15

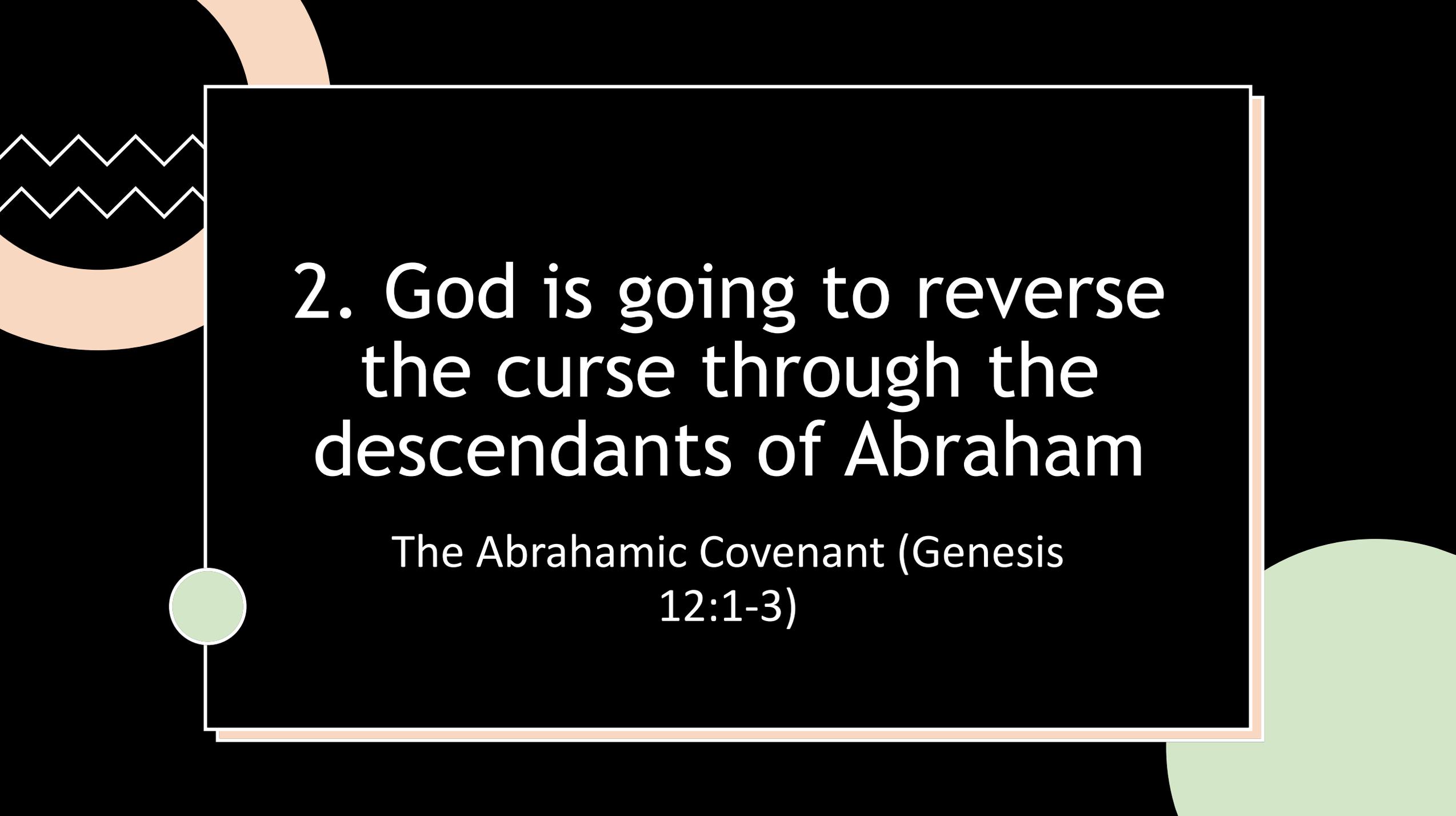


The Old Testament
tells the story
about how God's
doing that
and establishing
His kingdom

Through something
we call covenants.

1. God is going to preserve the world

The Noahic Covenant (Genesis 6-9)



2. God is going to reverse the curse through the descendants of Abraham

The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis
12:1-3)



"If you look at the content of the blessings in Genesis 12:1-3 you will see it matches with the content of the curses in Genesis 3:14-19."



James Hamilton

And that's why so much of
the Old Testament is
about

Israel

God is going to use
Israel to save the world

But how?

"You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among the peoples, for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Exodus 19:4-6

If Israel obeyed they would experience blessing, the Promised Land would become a Garden of Eden like place and they would show the world what it looks like to live with God as king.

The Mosaic Covenant



Israel was called to fulfill the role of Adam by living as a kingdom of priests, to serve as God's son and representative and thus display to this poor, fallen world what it means to be truly human.

Stephen Wellum

But they didn't!

If this whole nation
can't do it, how is God
going to rescue us?