



**Acts: Turning the world
upside down.**

Power From On High

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A watershed event is a significant occurrence that marks a fundamental, irreversible change and represents the beginning of a new stage or a turning point in a person's life, an organization's development, or the history of a society. It is a pivotal moment from which things will not be the same, acting as a dividing line or a landmark in the progression of an activity or situation.

- *Google's AI*

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Main idea: God's powerful presence is now available for all people through faith in Jesus Christ.

- **2:1-4:** Pentecost in Context
- **2:1-4:** Why Pentecost Matters For Us
- **2:5-13:** What it means for the World.

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Three Main Jewish Festivals - Pilgrimage

Passover: commemorates the substitutionary sacrifice of a spotless lamb to save the Jews from God's judgment on Egypt.

Pentecost: commemorates the giving of the law and the Mosaic covenant with the Jewish nation.

Tabernacle/Booths: commemorates the time God dwelt among his people in the wilderness wandering for 40 years.

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³¹“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
³²not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. ³³“For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord: “I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

³⁴They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember.”

- Jeremiah 31:31-34

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules...

I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God...^{37:24}“My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes.

- *Ezekiel 36:25-27; 37:24*

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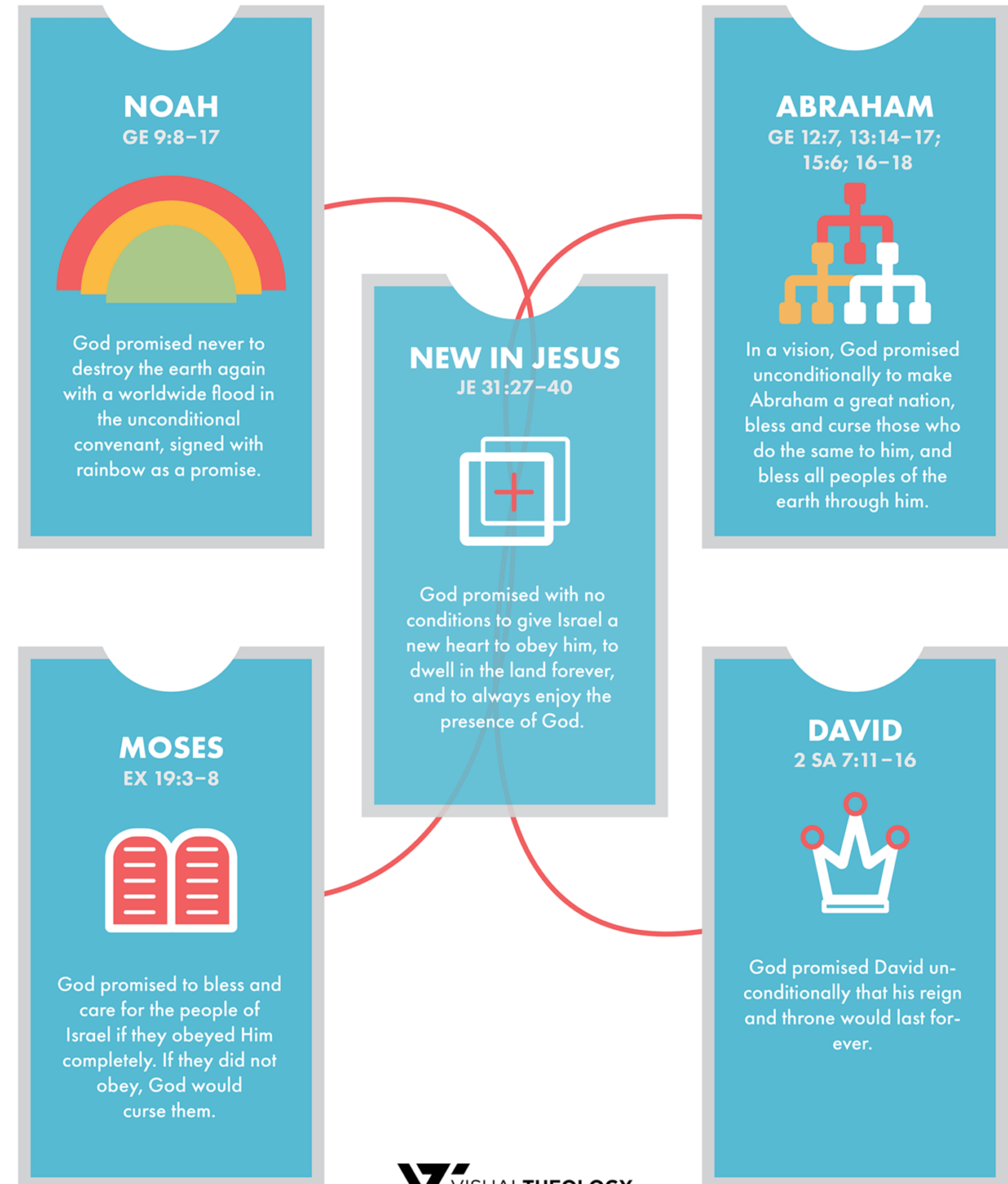


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19b “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the ***new covenant*** in my blood.

- *Luke 22:19b-20*

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¹³Christ redeemed us from the **curse** of the law by becoming a **curse** for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the **blessing** of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

- *Galatians 3:13-14*

What Does Pentecost Mean For Christians?

- God is present in our midst!

“I appreciated the idea from Spurgeon to literally walk with the spirit (“I believe in the Holy Spirit”) and will try and take that into meetings today!”

- *Tom Julian*

¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified...¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,”

- Hebrews 10:12, 14, 18-19

¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- Luke 11:11-13

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⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (or empowered them).

- *Acts 2:4*

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Initial Work & Salvation

Conviction of Sin (John 16:8)—The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, their need for salvation, and the truth of the gospel, leading them to repentance.

Regeneration (Titus 3:5)—He brings about new spiritual life and a new nature in those who believe in Christ.

Indwelling (1 Corinthians 6:19) —After salvation, the Holy Spirit permanently lives inside believers, serving as their helper and the source of spiritual life and assurance.

Work in the Believer's Life

Guidance and Teaching (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)—He illuminates understanding, teaches God's truth, and guides believers in their daily walk with God and understanding His Word.

Transformation and Sanctification (Galatians 5:22-23)—The Holy Spirit transforms believers, making them more like Jesus and producing spiritual fruits of righteousness and an increasing desire to be free from sin.

Empowerment (Acts 1:8)—He gives believers power, wisdom, and boldness to witness to others and to serve effectively within the church.

Work in the Believer's Life (cont)

Comfort and Advocacy (John 14:26)—The Spirit serves as a comforter and advocate, providing strength and support during difficult times. . . interceding on our behalf along with Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts (Galatians 5:22-23)—He sovereignly bestows spiritual gifts on believers for the building up and effective functioning of the Church.

Assurance and Sealing (Ephesians 1:13-14)—The Holy Spirit's presence acts as a seal, guaranteeing the believer's salvation and final redemption.

Work in the Wider World

Creation (Psalm 104:30)—The Holy Spirit is the sustaining presence of God that brought life, beauty, and order to creation.

Restrains evil (2 Thessalonians 2:6–10)—The Spirit actively works to restrain the secret power of lawlessness in the world, which keeps the rise of the Antichrist at bay

Glorifying Christ (John 16:14)—All of the Spirit's work ultimately aims to glorify Jesus Christ by revealing and making Him real to people.

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