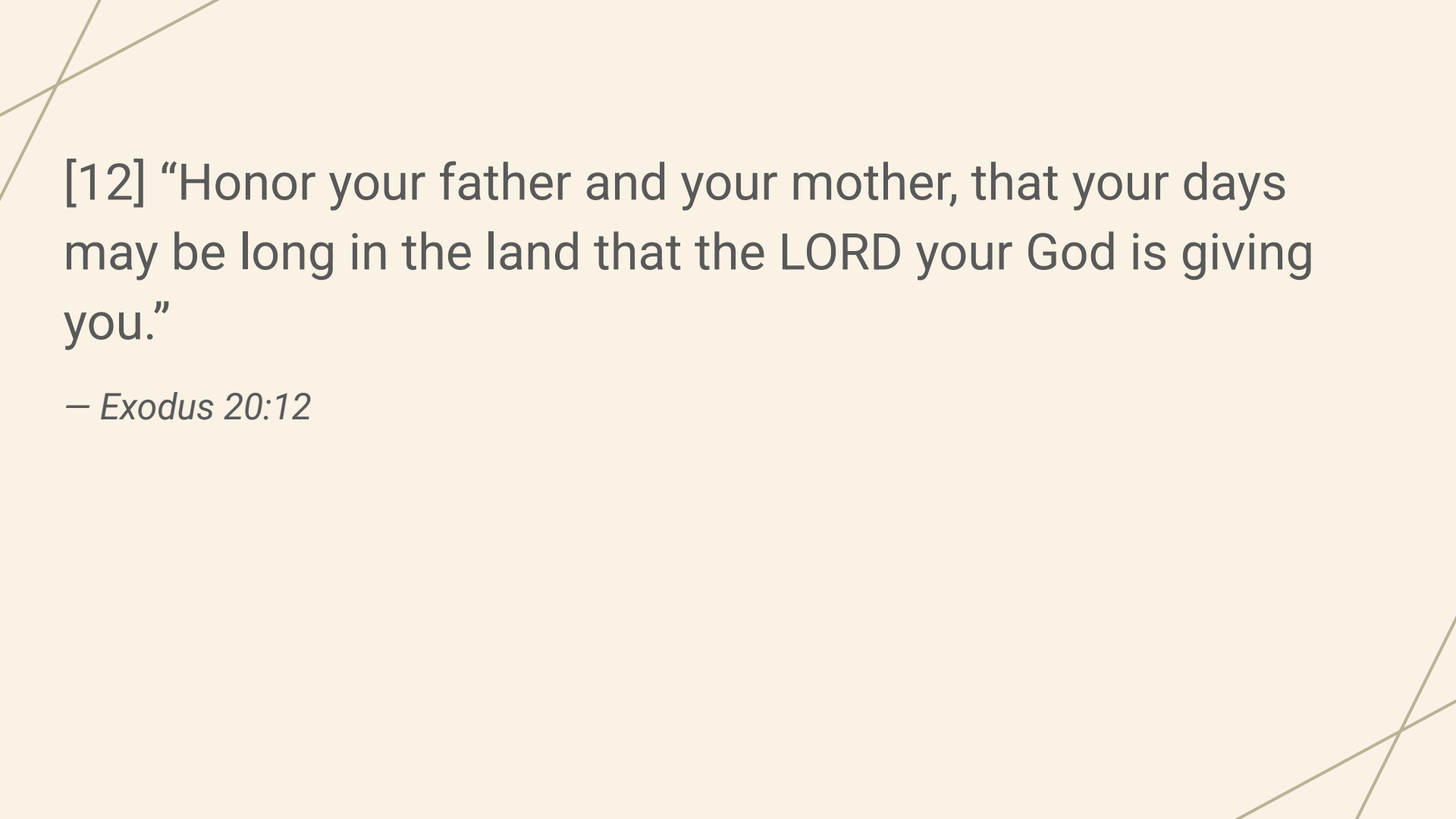


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## Discussion Question

What are some covenants you know of in Scripture? What comes to mind when you hear the word “*covenant*”?



[12] “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

– *Exodus 20:12*

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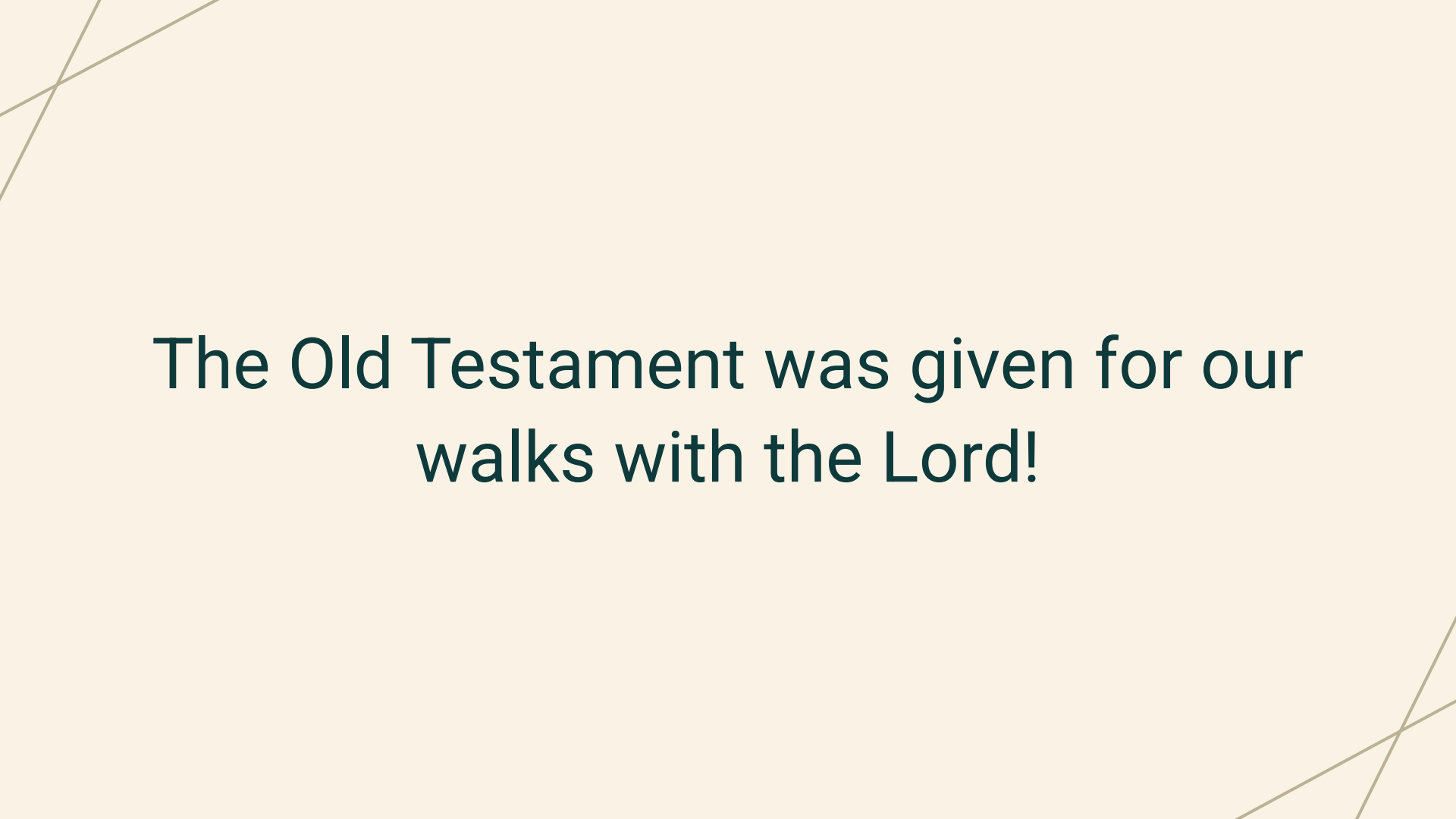
# Two Common Errors When Reading Scripture

[4] For whatever was written in former days was written **for our instruction**, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we **might have hope**.

– *Romans 15:4*

[14] For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through **Christ** is it taken away. [15] Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. [16] But when one turns to the Lord, **the veil is removed**. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we all, with **unveiled face**, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

– 2 Corinthians 3:14-18



The Old Testament was given for our  
walks with the Lord!



What is our relationship to the covenants  
of the Bible?



A covenant is a **formal agreement** or treaty between two parties with **obligations on both sides**.

## Two Camps

1. Covenant Theology: The church has “extended, substituted, or fulfilled” Israel.
2. Dispensational Theology: God still has a future plan for ethnic Israel, distinct from the church.

[31] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with **the house of Israel** and **the house of Judah**, ... [33] For this is the covenant that I will make with **the house of Israel** after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. *And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

— Jeremiah 31:31,33

# Covenant Theology

The church is the **fulfillment of Israel**.

- Ethnic Israel was God's chosen people, but they have been fulfilled in the church.
- Promises made to Israel in the Old Testament are now extended to the church.
- These promises are fulfilled spiritually in the church, not literally in ethnic Israel.

[25] Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. [26] And in this way all Israel will be saved...

— *Romans 11:25-26*

# Dispensational Theology

The church is God's chosen people today, **but God is not finished with ethnic Israel.**

- A distinction remains between the church and national Israel.
- The Lord still has a future plan for ethnic Israel.
- There are still promises written to Israel that have not come to pass.

# The Major Biblical Covenants

1. Noahic Covenant (Genesis 6-9)
2. Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22)
3. Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19-24, Deuteronomy)
4. Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89)
5. New Covenant (Jeremiah 31-34, Isaiah 54, Ezekiel 34-39)

## Today's Focus

- 1. Noahic Covenant (Genesis 6-9)**
- 2. Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19-24, Deuteronomy)**

# 1. Noahic Covenant

[9] ... **Noah was a righteous man**, blameless in his generation. **Noah walked with God**.

[11] Now the earth was **corrupt in God's sight**, and the earth was filled with **violence**. [12] And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for **all flesh** had corrupted their way on the earth.

— *Genesis 6:9, 11-12*

[17] For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. **Everything that is on the earth shall die.**

[18] But **I will establish my covenant with you,** and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

— *Genesis 6:17-18*

[9] “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and **your offspring after you**, [10] and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; *it is for every beast of the earth.*”

— Genesis 9:9-10

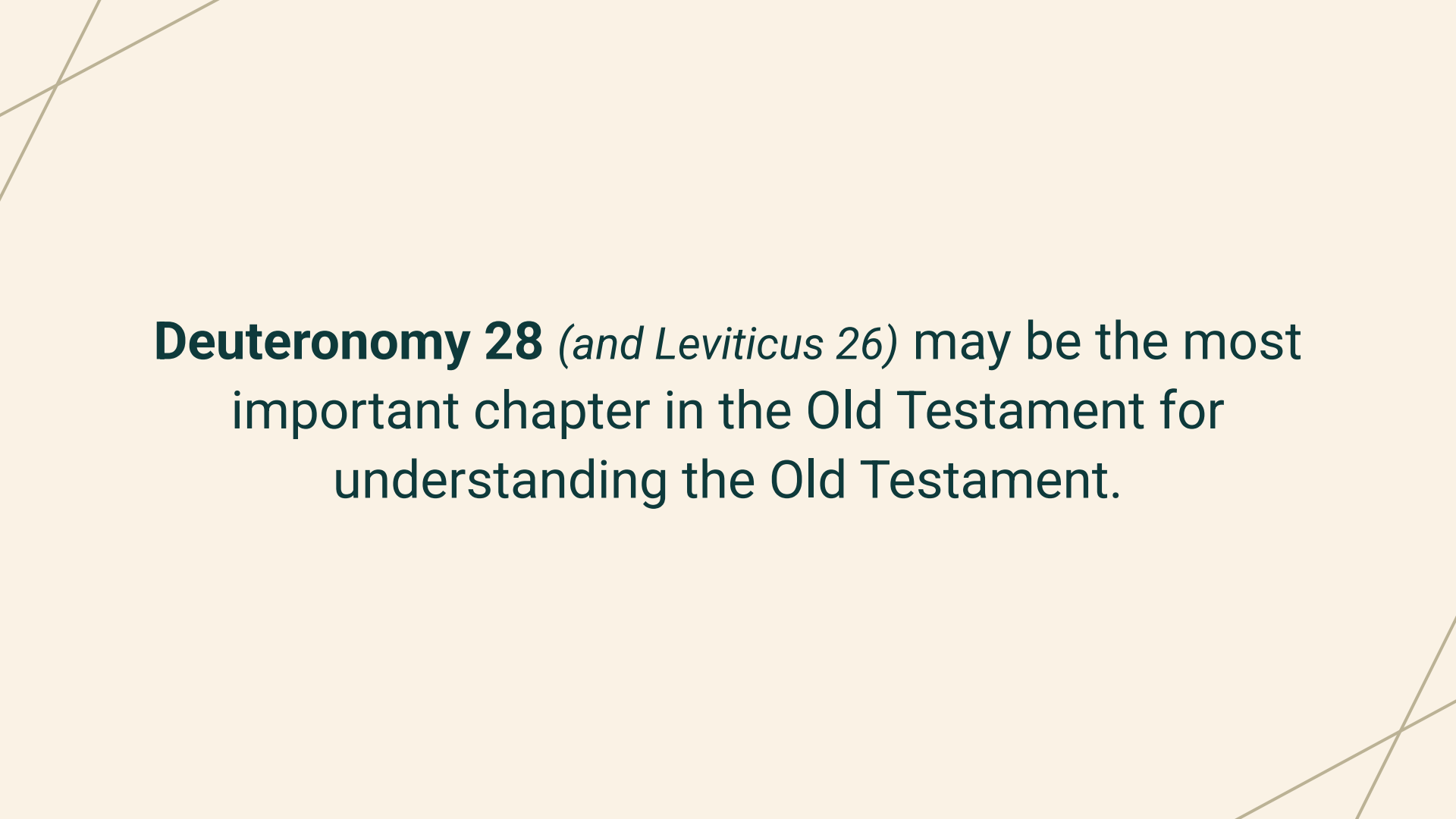
# Three Promises of the Noahic Covenant

1. **Stability of nature** (*Genesis 8:22*)
2. **Mankind's dominion over animals** (*Genesis 9:2*)
3. **God will never destroy the earth by flood again** (*Gen 9:15*)

God is just as **faithful** to His Word today as He was in the days of Noah.

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## **2. Mosaic Covenant**



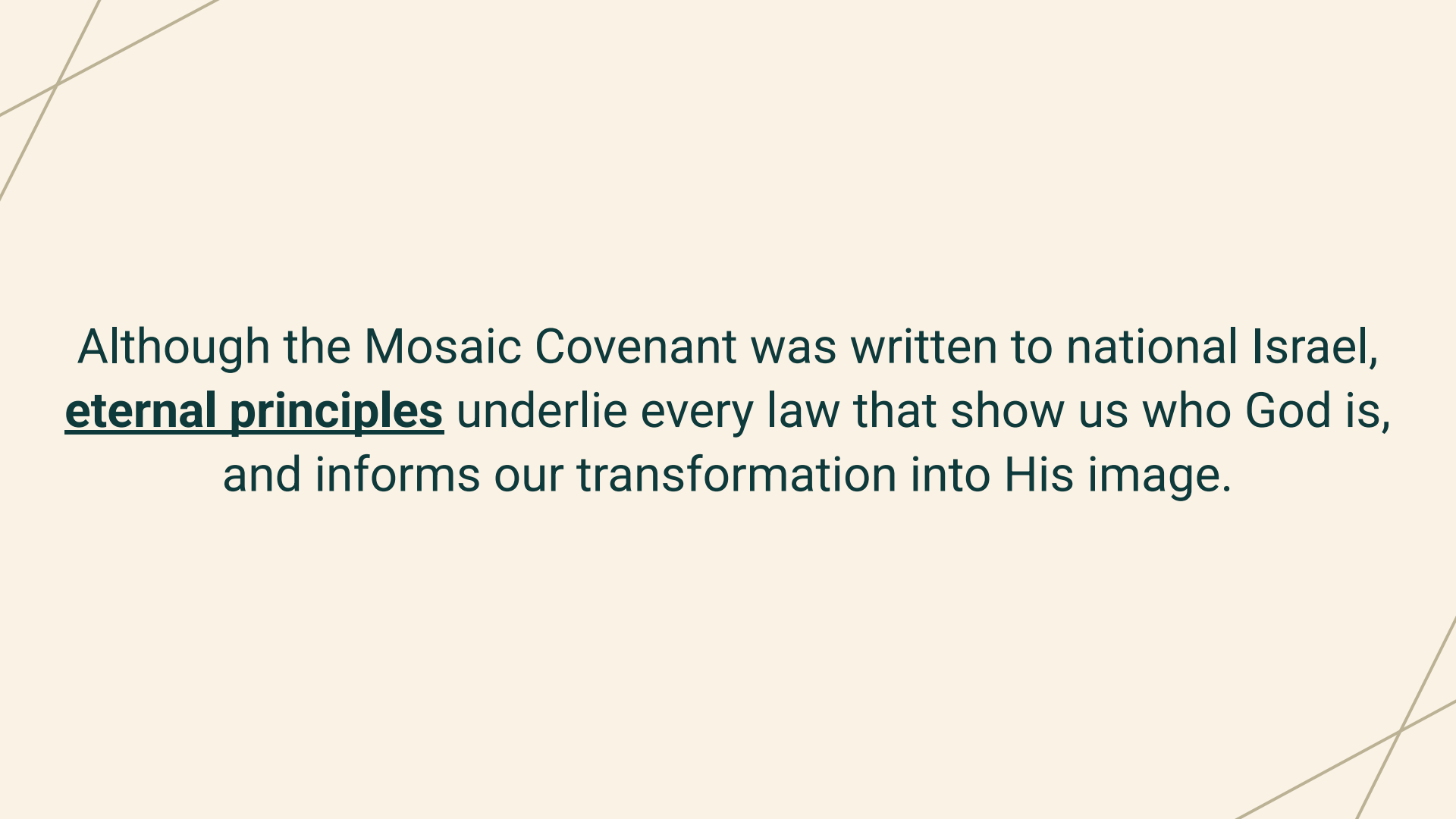
**Deuteronomy 28** (*and Leviticus 26*) may be the most important chapter in the Old Testament for understanding the Old Testament.

[16] “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you **in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**”

[33] ... you shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, ... that you may live long **in the land that you shall possess.**

— Deuteronomy 5:16, 33

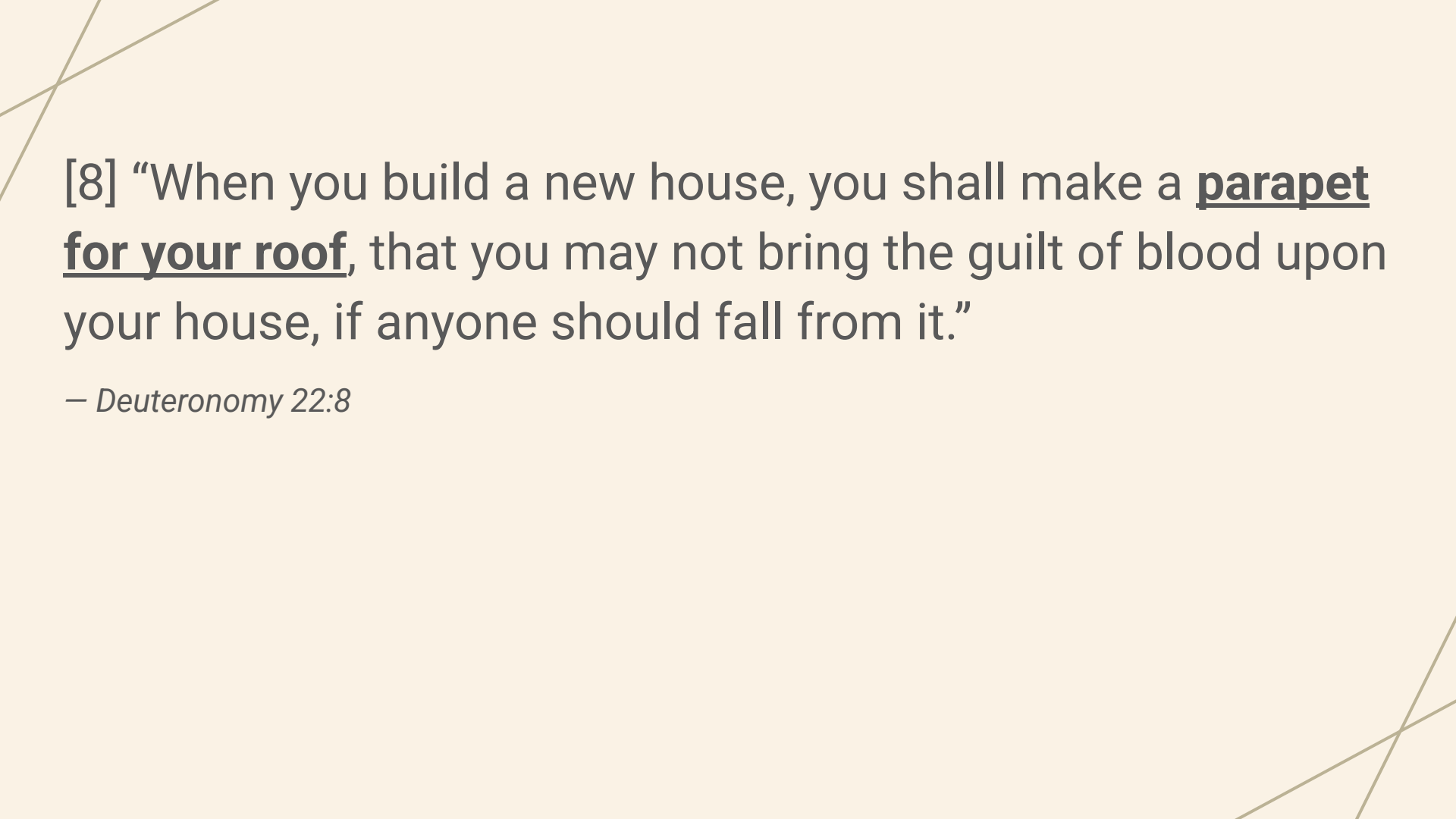
The Old Covenant was a promise made by God to the nation of Israel, specifically targeted at their inhabitation of the Promised Land.



Although the Mosaic Covenant was written to national Israel, **eternal principles** underlie every law that show us who God is, and informs our transformation into His image.

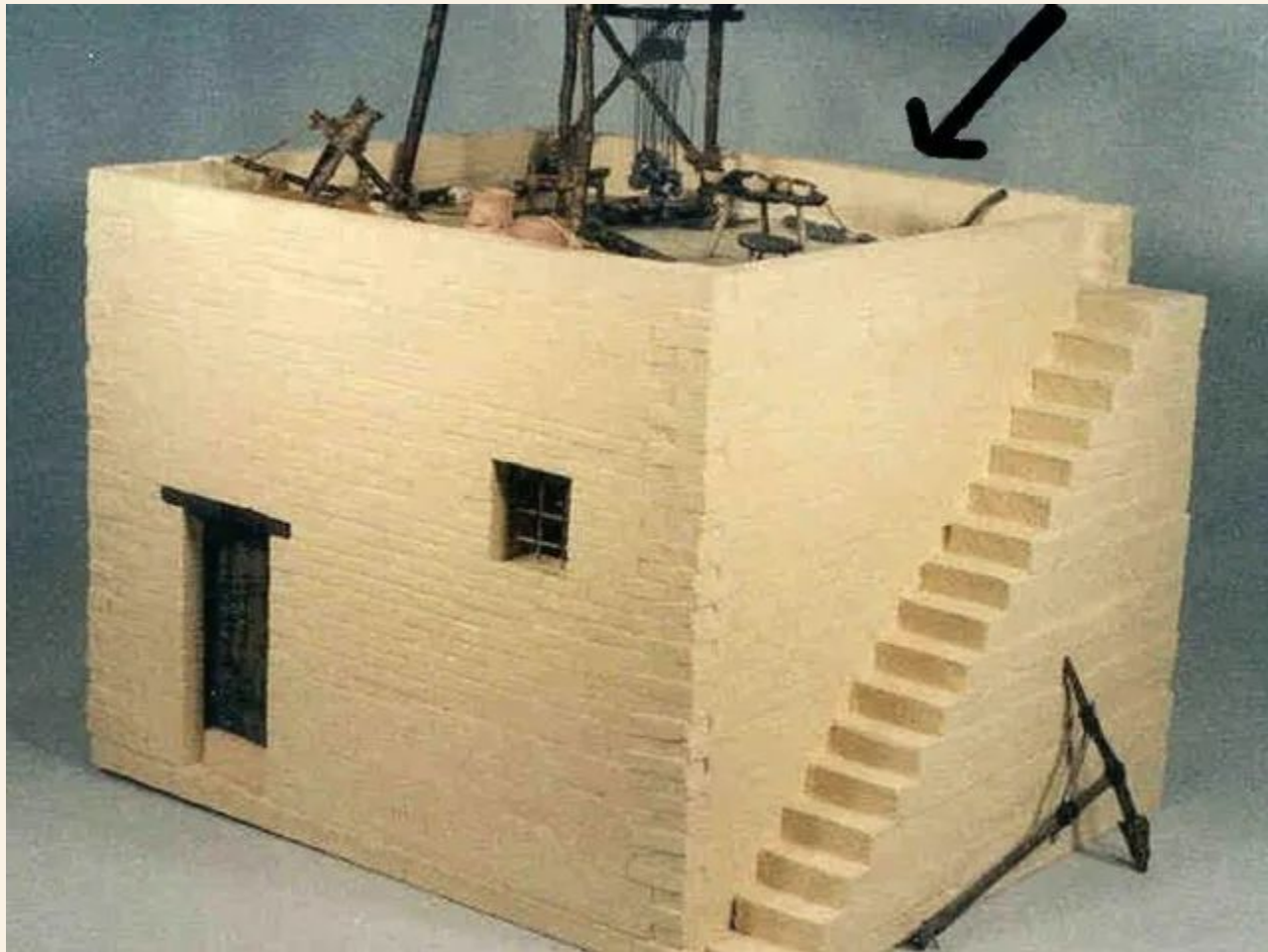
[17] “You shall not **murder**.” – *Deuteronomy 5:17*

[21] “You have heard that it was said... ‘You shall not murder’... [22] But I say to you that **everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment**; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” – *Matthew 5:21-22*



[8] “When you build a new house, you shall make a **parapet** **for your roof**, that you may not bring the guilt of blood upon your house, if anyone should fall from it.”

– *Deuteronomy 22:8*



## Process for Application

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- 3. How does it apply to me as a Christian today?**

## Discussion Questions

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*Follow the process above and pull out applications for the following verses:*

**Deuteronomy 5:18, Deuteronomy 22:5, Joshua 1:7-8**

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