

An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people walking on a sandy beach. The crowd is dense and forms a long, winding line that curves across the frame. The people are wearing various colorful clothing, and their shadows are cast on the sand. The background shows the vast expanse of the beach and the ocean in the distance.

# NOW WHAT

14 FEBRUARY - 14 MARCH



## vision

to build disciples who represent Jesus to everyone, everywhere with everything

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**OUR IDENTITY**  
**OUR EVERYDAY LIVES**  
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**OUR IMPACT**

Exodus 24:1-8 (NIV)

## The Covenant Confirmed

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<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.”<sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

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He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

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## Genesis 10 (NIV)

### **The Table of Nations**

**10** This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood.

### **The Japhethites**

<sup>2</sup>The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshek and Tiras.

<sup>3</sup>The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

<sup>4</sup>The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites and the Rodanites. <sup>5</sup> (From these the maritime peoples spread out into their territories by their clans within their nations, each with its own language.)



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### **The Hamites**

<sup>6</sup> The sons of Ham: **Cush, Egypt, Put and Canaan.**

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteka.

The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

<sup>8</sup> Cush was the father of Nimrod, who became a mighty warrior on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> The first centers of his kingdom were **Babylon**, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar. <sup>11</sup> From that land he went to **Assyria**, where he built **Nineveh**, Rehoboth Ir, Calah <sup>12</sup> and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah — which is the great city.

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<sup>13</sup> **Egypt** was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, <sup>14</sup> Pathrusites, Kasluhites (from whom the **Philistines** came) and Caphtorites.

<sup>15</sup> **Canaan** was the father of Sidon his firstborn, and of the **Hittites**, <sup>16</sup> **Jebusites**, **Amorites**, Girgashites, <sup>17</sup> Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, <sup>18</sup> Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites.

Later the Canaanite clans scattered <sup>19</sup> and the borders of Canaan reached from Sidon toward Gerar as far as Gaza, and then toward **Sodom**, **Gomorrah**, Admah and Zeboyim, as far as Lasha.

<sup>20</sup> These are the sons of Ham by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

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### **The Semites**

<sup>21</sup> Sons were also born to **Shem**, whose older brother was Japheth; Shem was the ancestor of all the sons of Eber.

<sup>22</sup> The sons of Shem: Elam, Ashur, **Arphaxad**, Lud and Aram.

<sup>23</sup> The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether and Meshek.

<sup>24</sup> Arphaxad was the father of **Shelah**, and Shelah the father of **Eber**.

<sup>25</sup> Two sons were born to Eber: One was named **Peleg**, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.

<sup>26</sup> Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, <sup>27</sup> Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, <sup>28</sup> Obal, Abimael, Sheba, <sup>29</sup> Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. All these were sons of Joktan.

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<sup>30</sup> The region where they lived stretched from Mesha toward Sephar, in the eastern hill country.

<sup>31</sup> These are the sons of Shem by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

<sup>32</sup> **These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.**

## Exodus 19:4-6 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

Treasured Possession

## **'My Peculiar People'**

Valuables or any kind of moveable goods that were not attached to the land such as jewels, livestock or bonds.

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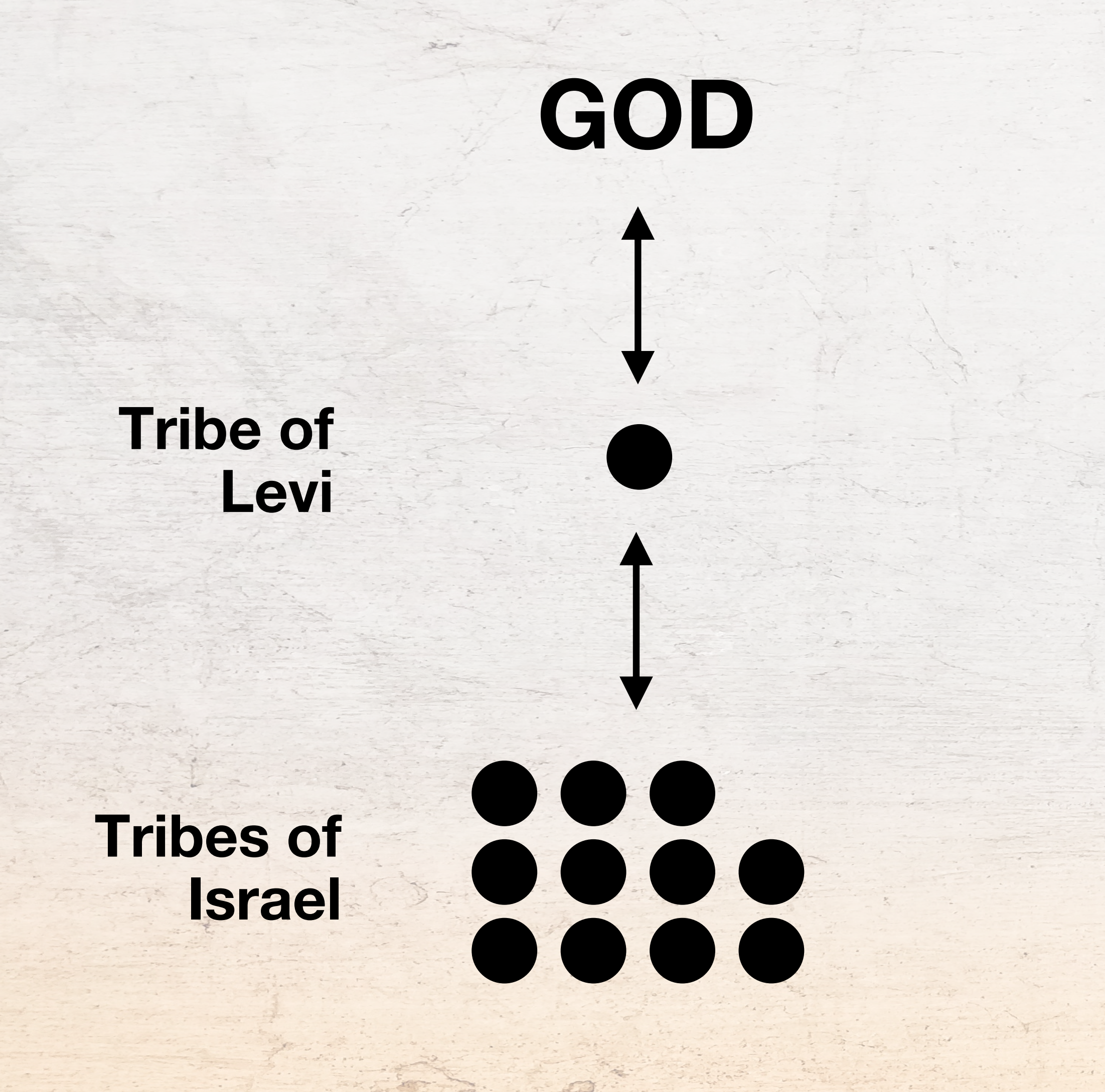
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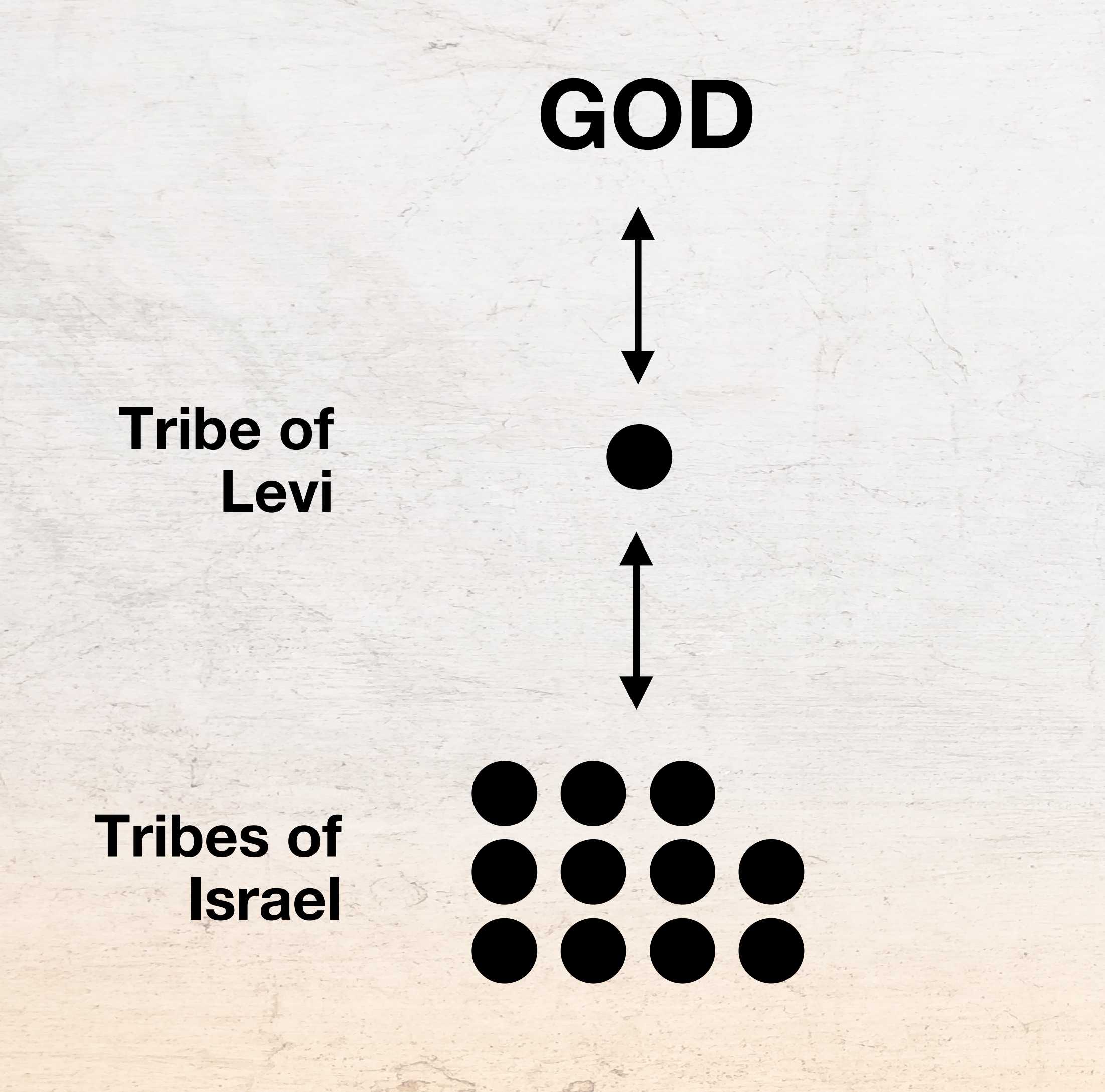
# Treasured Possession

We are supposed to be portable, mobile messengers of the gospel, taking it to all of humanity

# Kingdom of Priests



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God's people, as a whole, are to be His Kingdom representatives; mediating His word and His ways to the nations.

# 1 Peter (NIV)

**1:22** Love one another deeply, from the heart

**2:1** Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind

**2:12** Live such good lives among the pagans that ...they may see your good deeds and glorify God

**2:17-18** Show proper respect to everyone... submit yourselves to your masters

**3:1** Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands

**3:7** Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect

**3:8-9** Be compassionate and humble... repay evil with blessing

**3:11** Seek peace and pursue it

**4:9-10** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling...Use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

# Holy Nation

To live holistically, bringing Heavenly Kingdom Culture to the here and now

## Genesis 28:14 (NIV)

**14** Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

# Our Impact

The reason we have been named a royal priesthood, a holy nation, his special, moveable possession, is so that we might be missionaries and witnesses who bring Jesus and His kingdom to the world.



Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

## **The Great Multitude in White Robes**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Revelation 21:9-11 (NIV)

## **The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb**

<sup>9</sup> One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

## Revelation 22:1-2 (NIV)

### Eden Restored

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

