

LIVING THE NEW COVENANT

- 1 The promise of his rest
- 2 Born of the spirit
- 3 A more excellent ministry**

THE NEW COVENANT

Its:



NATURE, &



CONTENT

The OLD COVENANT

and

THE NEW COVENANT

stand in CONTRAST to one another

The OLD COVENANT

A formal agreement
between
GOD & the nation of Israel

The OLD COVENANT

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Obey	I will make you a HOLY NATION

EXODUS 19:8

The people all responded together, **'We will do everything the LORD has said'**. So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

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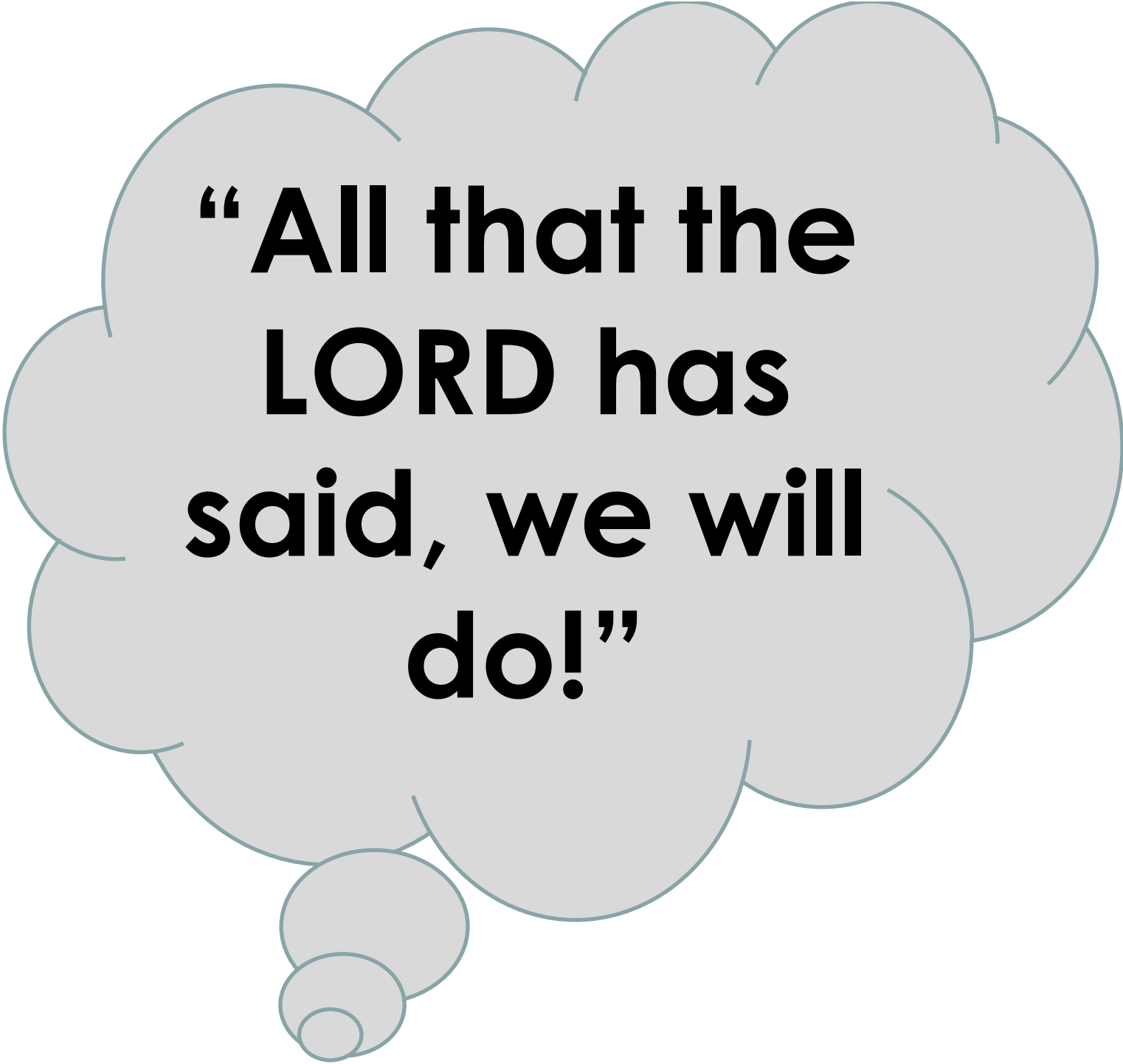
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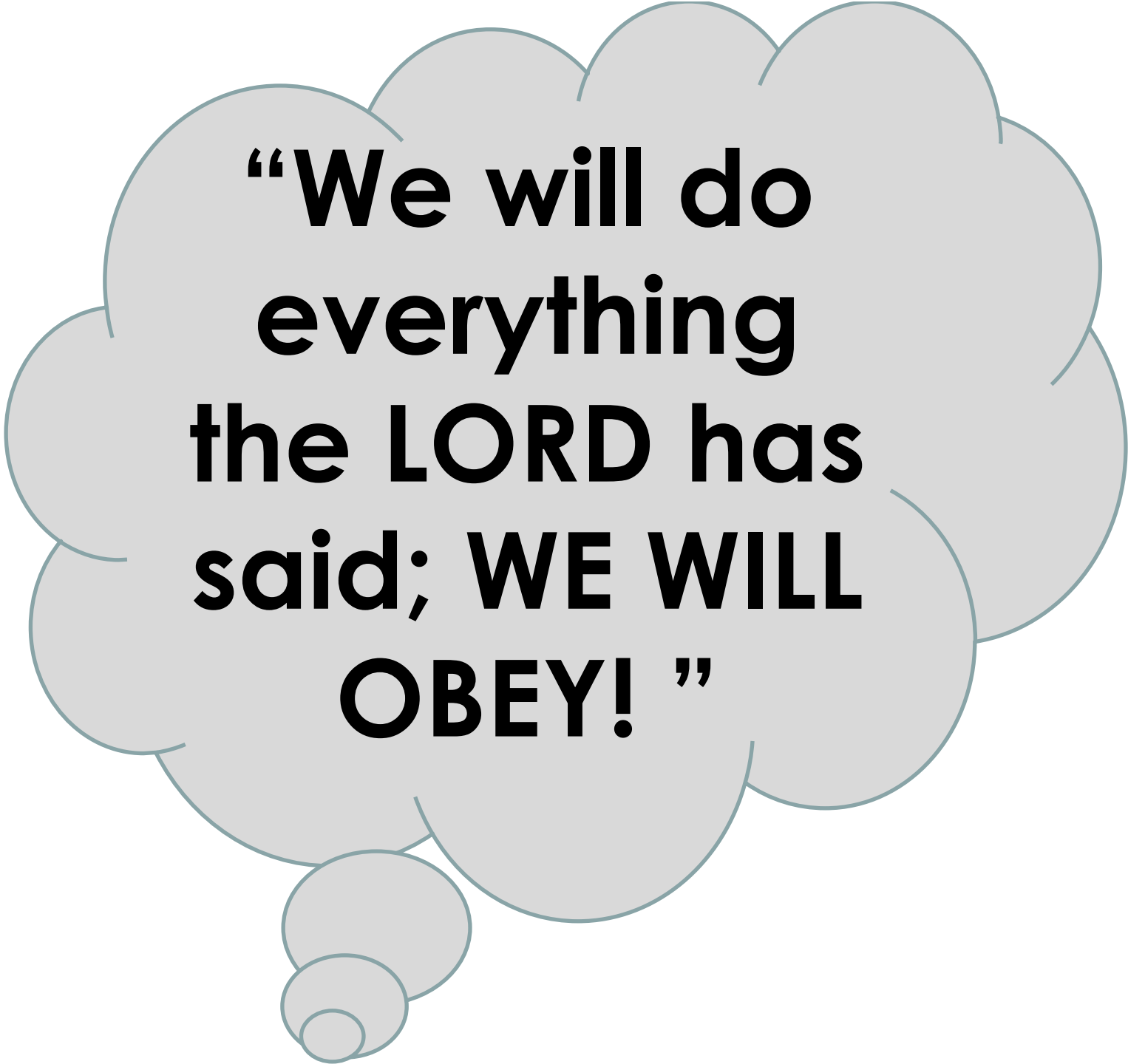
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**“All that the
LORD has
said, we will
do!”**

EXODUS 24:8:

Moses 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”
...



**“We will do
everything
the LORD has
said; WE WILL
OBEY! ”**

2 CHRON 36:16

But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.

THE OLD COVENANT



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Could **not provide** for the **permanent removal of sins**

HEB 9:9

... the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper.

HEB 9:9-10

Under the old system of which we've been speaking, all the gifts and sacrifices **never really got to the heart of the matter; they couldn't assuage the conscience of the people**; they were limited to matters of ritual. **It was all essentially a temporary arrangement** until a complete overhaul could be made.

ROM 7:12

... the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

HEB 9:9-10

... the old system of (the law and everything associated with it) ... **was all essentially a temporary arrangement until a complete overhaul could be made** (NIV ... *“until the time of the new order”*)

GAL 3:24

... the law was our schoolmaster to
bring us unto Christ (AV)

... the law was put in charge to bring us
to Christ (NIV)

HEB 9:11

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made

...

HEB 9:13-14

“The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more then will the blood of Christ ... cleanse our CONSCIENCES from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

HEB 10:20

... Since we have confidence to enter
the Most Holy Place by the blood of
Jesus, by A NEW AND LIVING WAY
opened for us through the curtain,
that is, his body ...

THE NEW COVENANT

- Its Terms -



JEREMIAH 31:31-34

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JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

quoted again in full in



HEBREWS 8: 7-13

HEB 8:8

‘The time is coming’, declares the LORD, ‘when **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel AND with the house of Judah**’.

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HEB 8:10

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... **I WILL put my laws in their minds**

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and **write them on their hearts** ...

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**I WILL be their God and THEY WILL
be my people ...**

HEB 8:10-12

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... I WILL put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.

I WILL be their God and THEY WILL
be my people ...

¹² **I WILL forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no
more.**



**Are we
living the
NEW
COVENANT?**

2 COR 3: 2-3

You yourselves show in your lives that you are ... a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

LUKE 22:20

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

GOD'S WILL(S) in the NEW COVENANT

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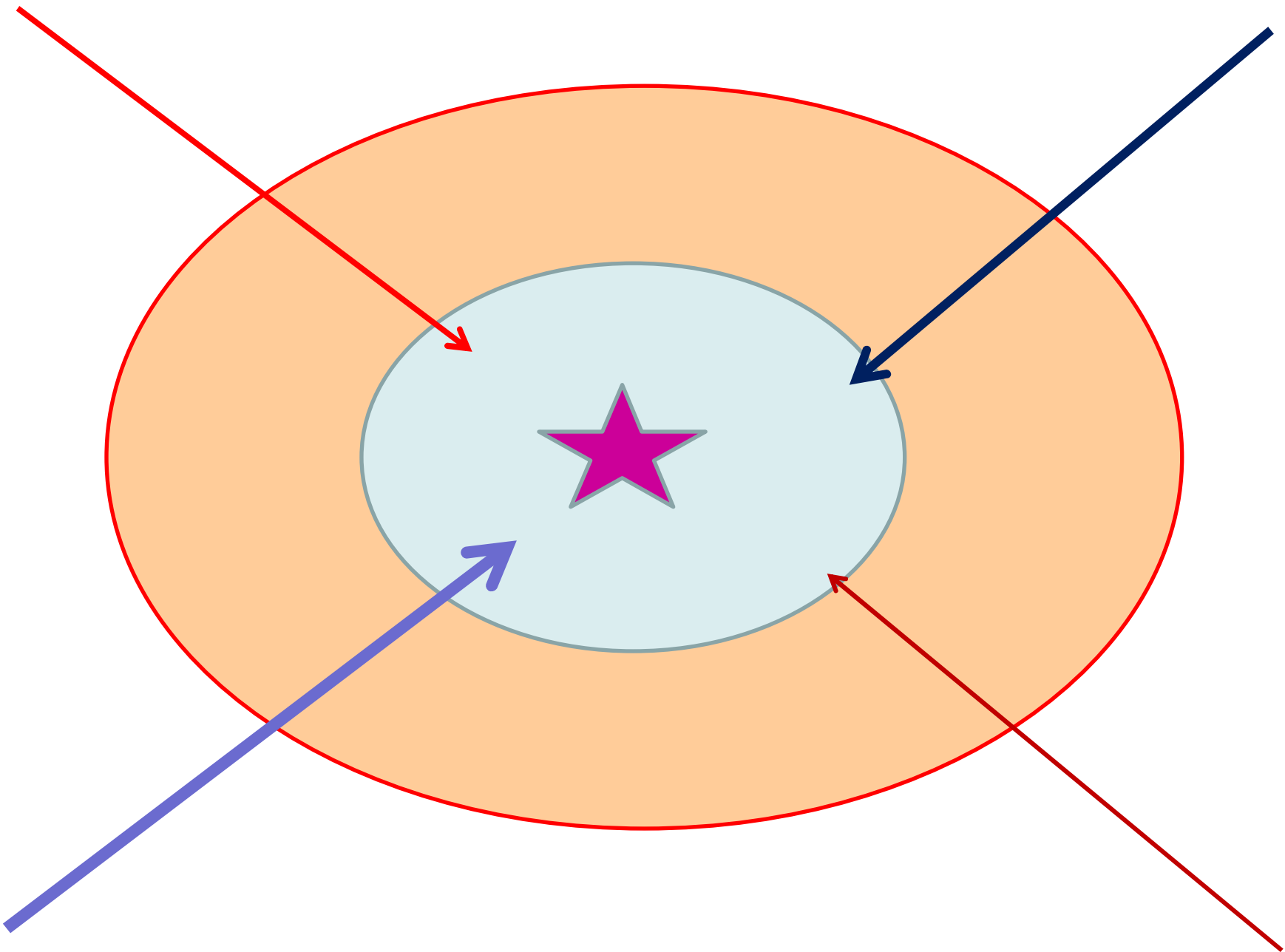
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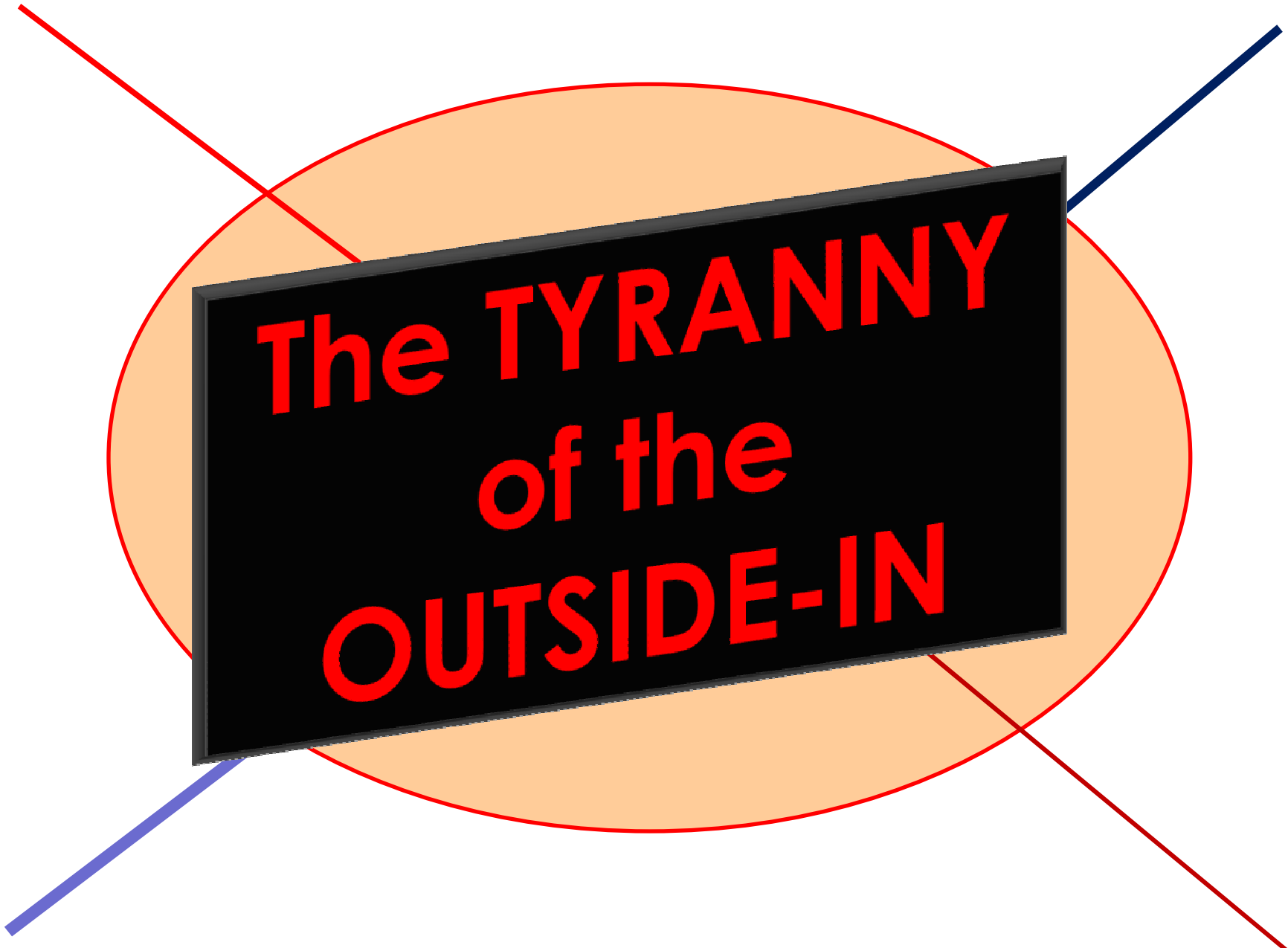
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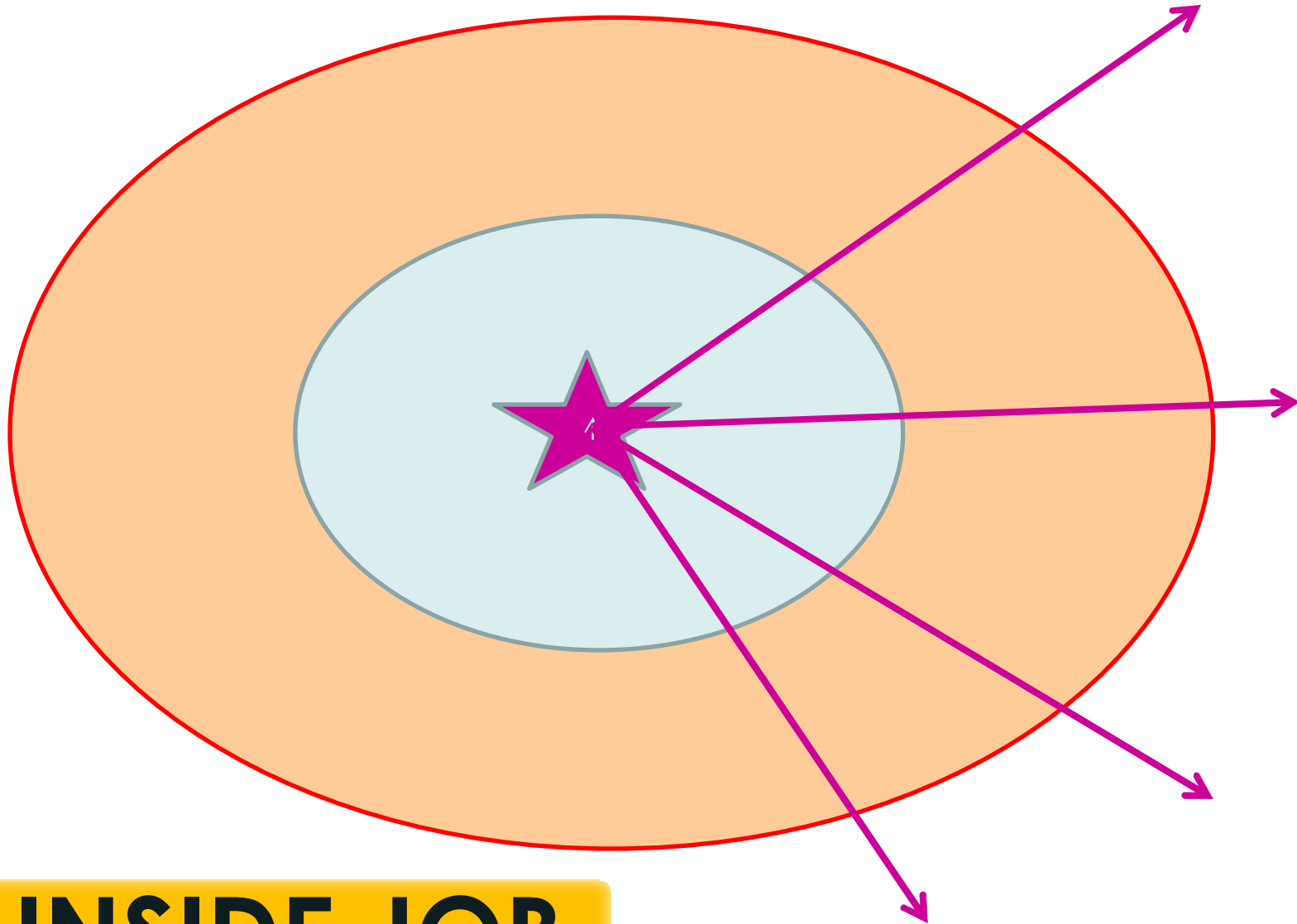
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**The TYRANNY
of the
OUTSIDE-IN**

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AN INSIDE JOB

JOHN 14:18-20

I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Before long the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my father and you are in me and I am in you.

PHIL 1:6

... being confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.

EPH 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

COL 1:27

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the hope of glory.

HEB 13:5-6

God has said, **‘Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you’**. So we say with confidence, **‘The LORD is my helper. I will not be afraid ...’**

HEB 13:20

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will and may he work in us whatever is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ ...

JOHN 10:10

I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly (*NIV “have it to the full”*).

THE NEW COVENANT

HOW DO WE:



ENTER INTO IT?



EMBRACE IT?



LIVE IT?

THE NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 31:31-34:

Note:



The CONTEXT in which it is
promised

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JEREMIAH 31:31-34:

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The CONTEXT in which it is promised



The STATE OF MIND of those to whom it is promised

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JEREMIAH 31:31-34:

CONTEXT:



THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

JEREMIAH 30:5-7

Cries of fear are heard – terror, not peace. Ask and see. Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labour, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be **a time of trouble for Jacob**, but **he will be saved out of it.**

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Compare:

with:

JER 30-31

GEN 30-33

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(national)
trouble**

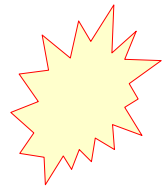
**Time of Jacob's
(personal)
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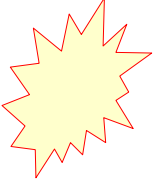
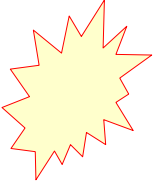



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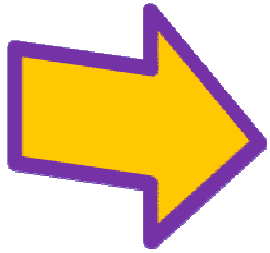
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-  admit our true wretchedness in the self-help routines of the flesh
-  **make the decision to come home
(prodigal son)**

ROM 10:3

Since **they did not know the righteousness that comes from God** and **sought to establish their own**, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

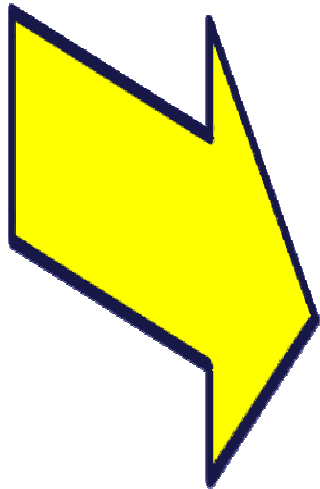
**Jacob's return from exile
pre-figures
the return of the prodigal son
... and this time
even the older brother
greeted him with open arms!**

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IF (you) ... **THEN** (I God)

THE NEW COVENANT



I (GOD) WILL!

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