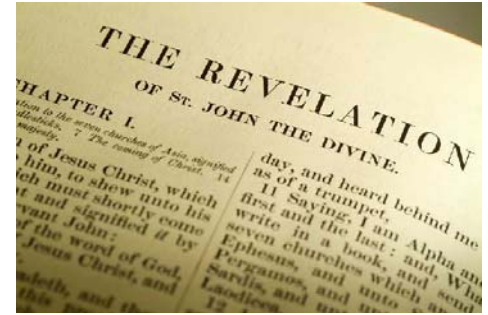


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To here

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# BIBLICAL SURVEY

## Abraham, Archaeology, and History (Part 2)

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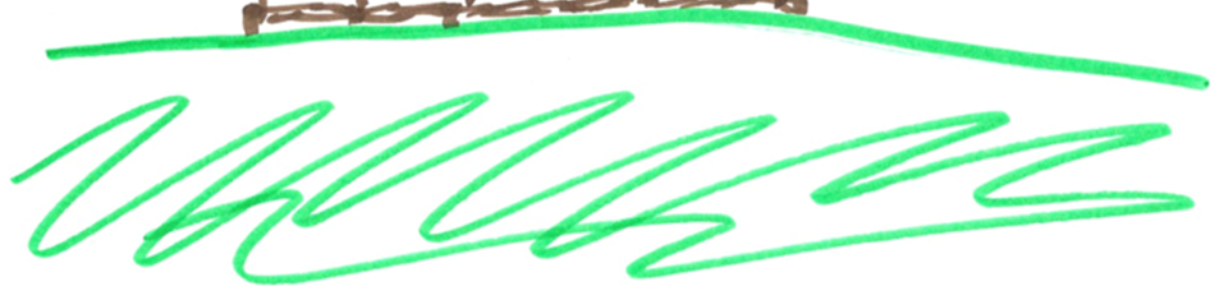


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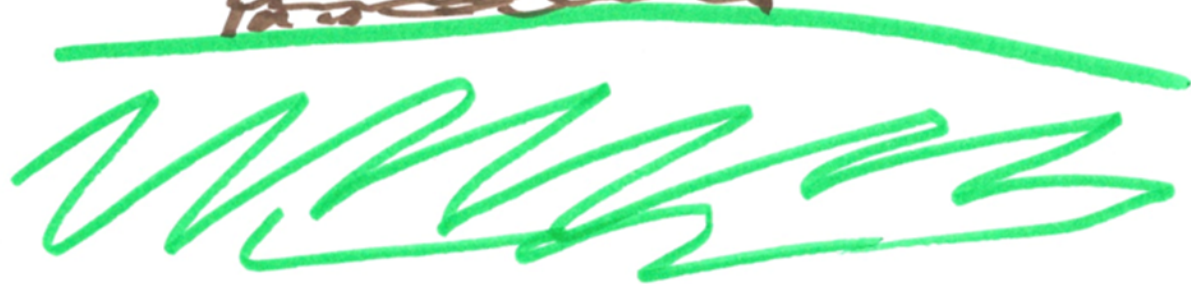


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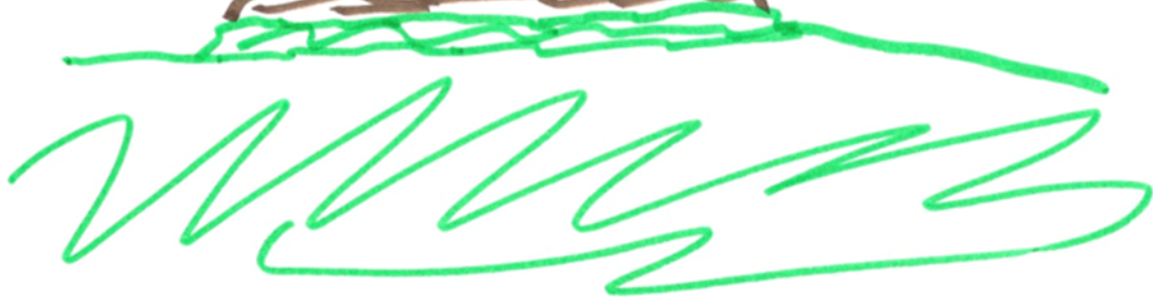












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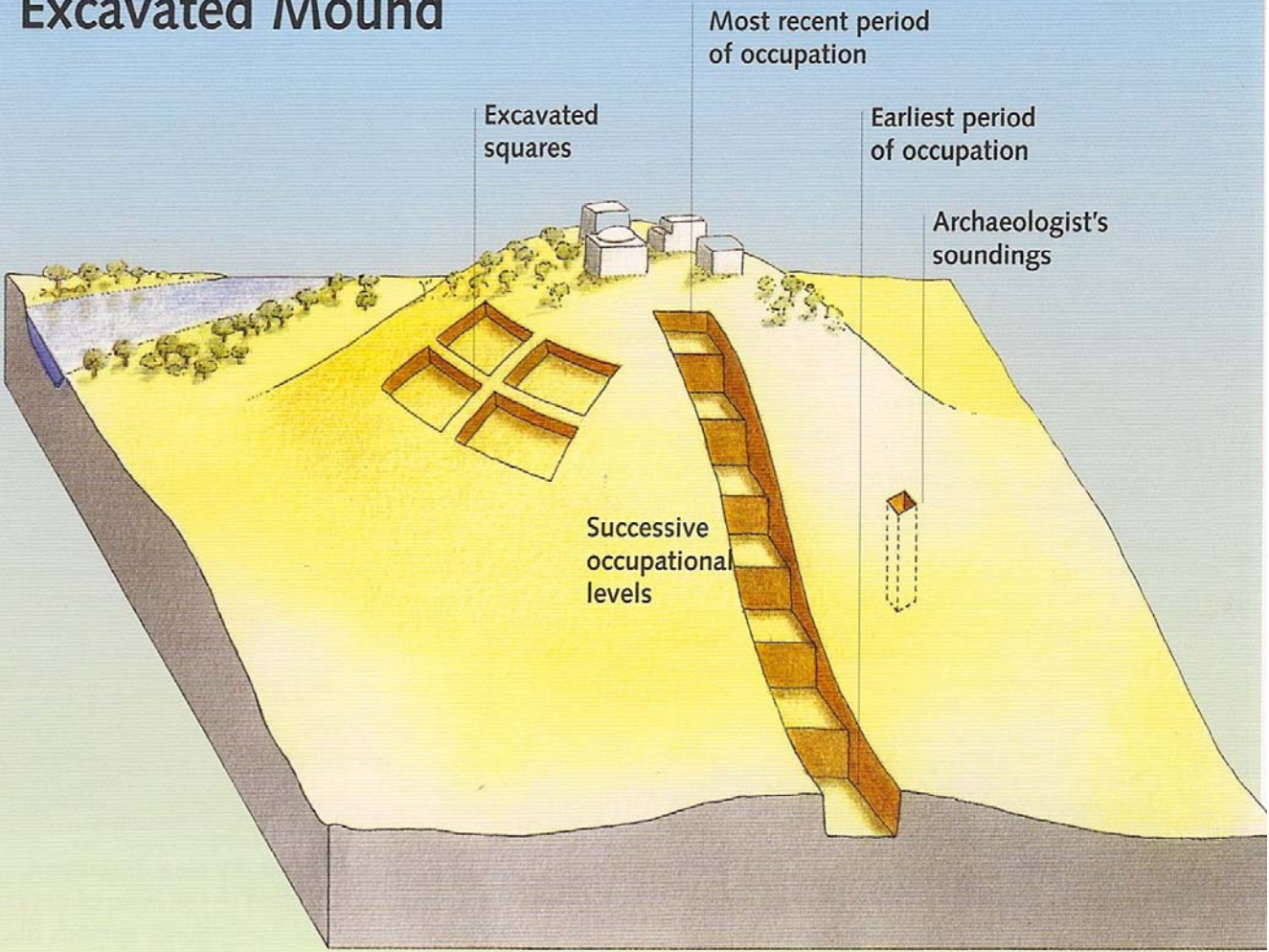
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The hill is called  
a "Tell"



# Excavated Mound



Digs are now  
regimented  
and  
documented

There are a  
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dating  
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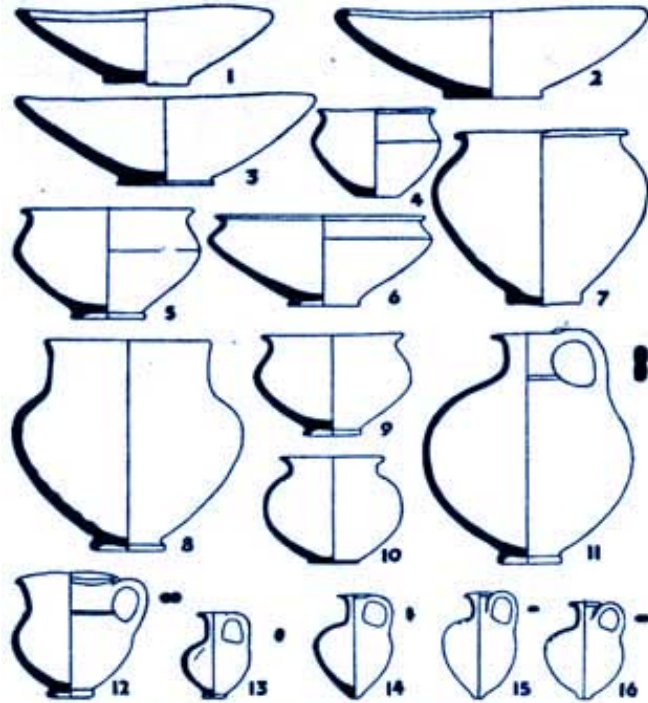


FIG. 38 Pottery of Middle Bronze II phase i at Jericho. 1

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Pottery types



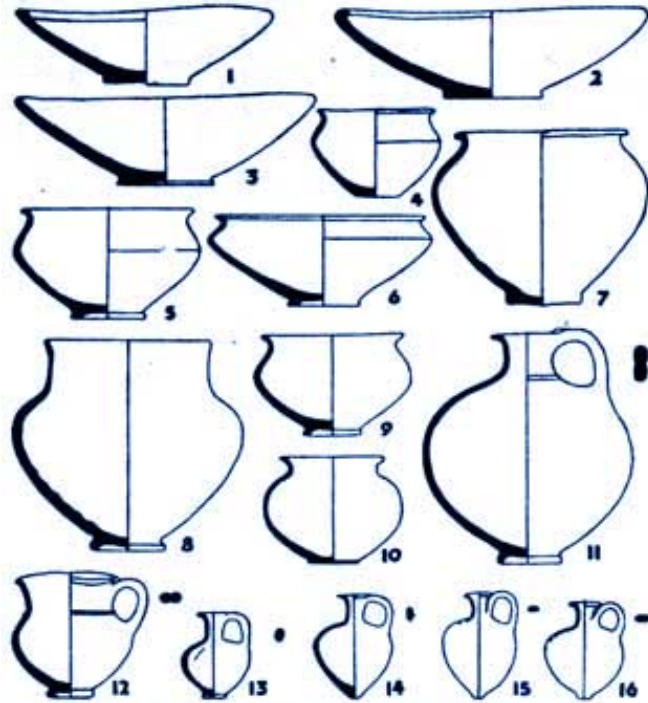
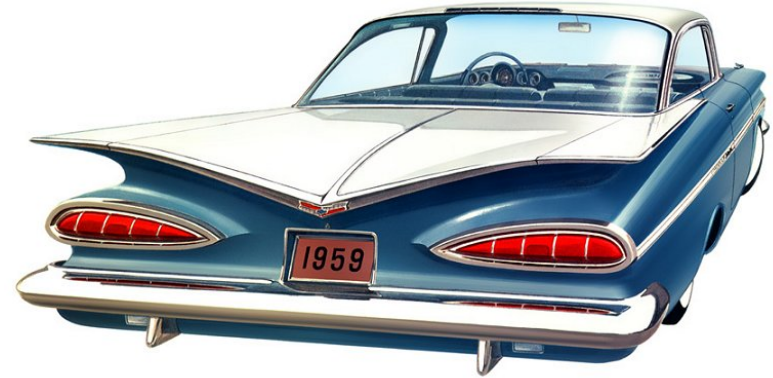


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## Pottery types





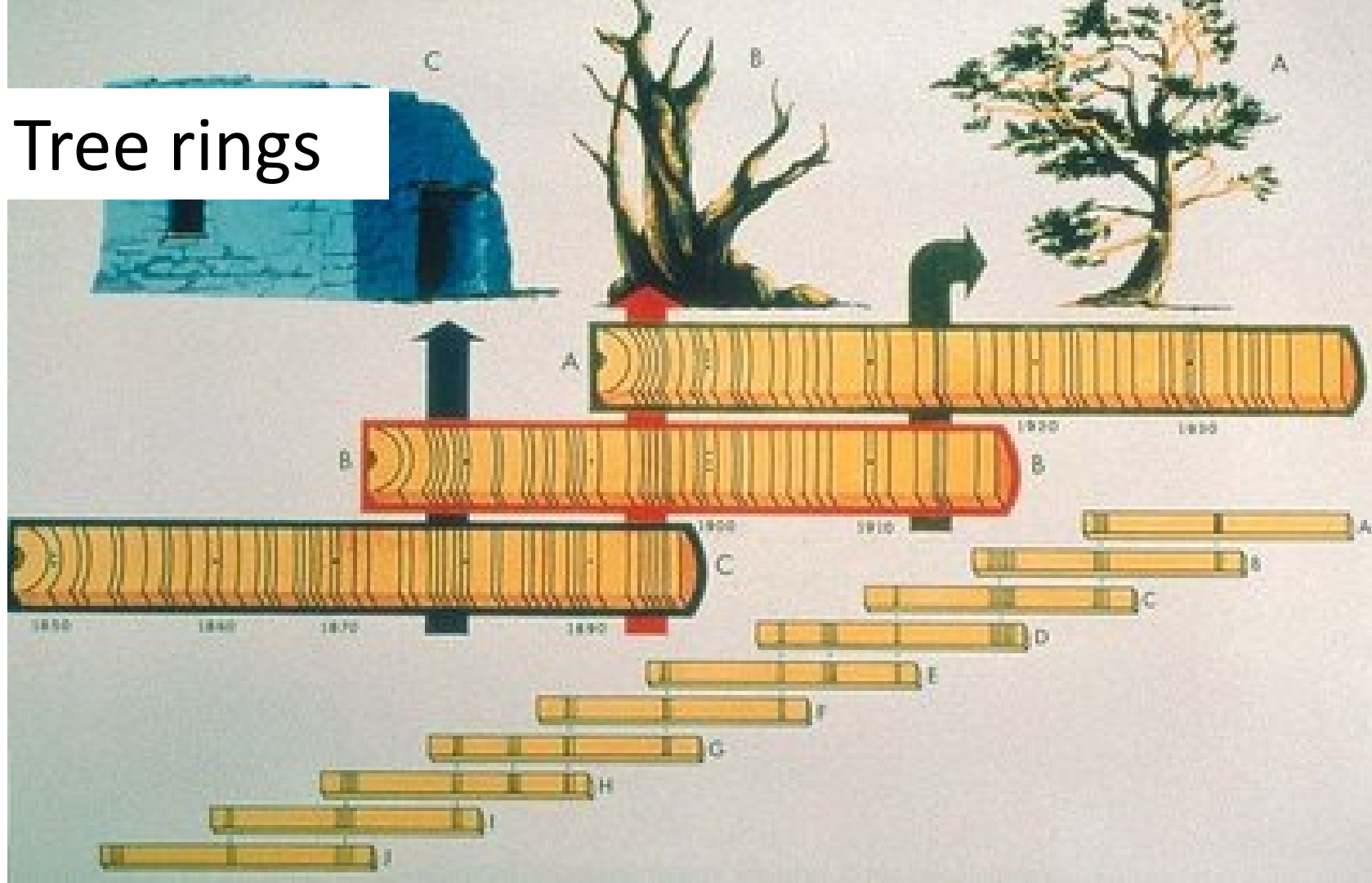
A datable destruction

# Tree rings

first year growth  
rainy season  
dry season  
scar from forest fire



# Tree rings



Radiocarbon dating



Living things  
absorb C-14

Radiocarbon dating



Once dead they  
lose C-14 at a  
known rate



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Burning a small portion or AMS measures C-14

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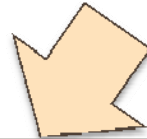
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Lot and encountered  
Melchizedek...



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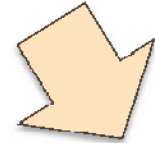
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Descendents



Covenants



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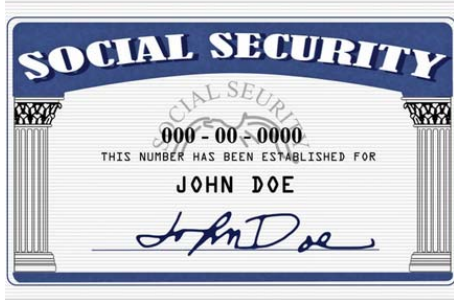
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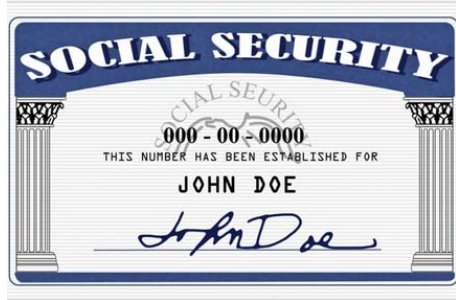


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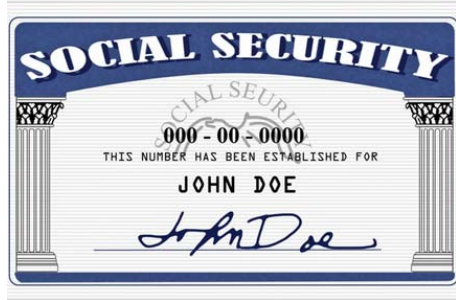




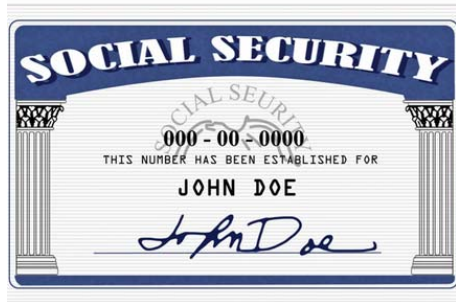
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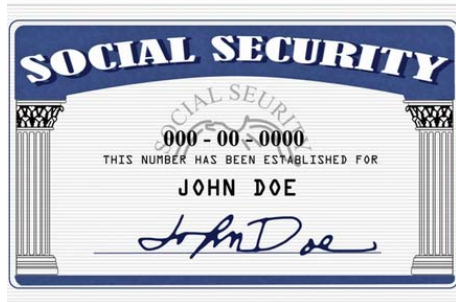
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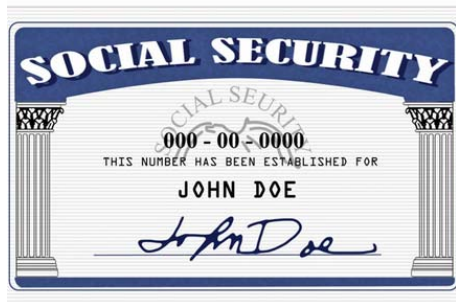


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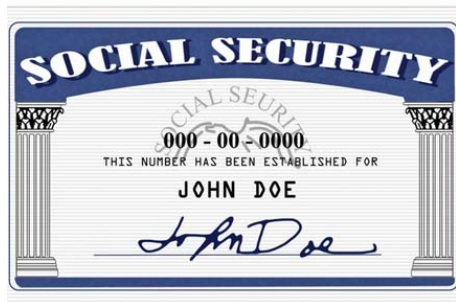


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(Goose Egg)

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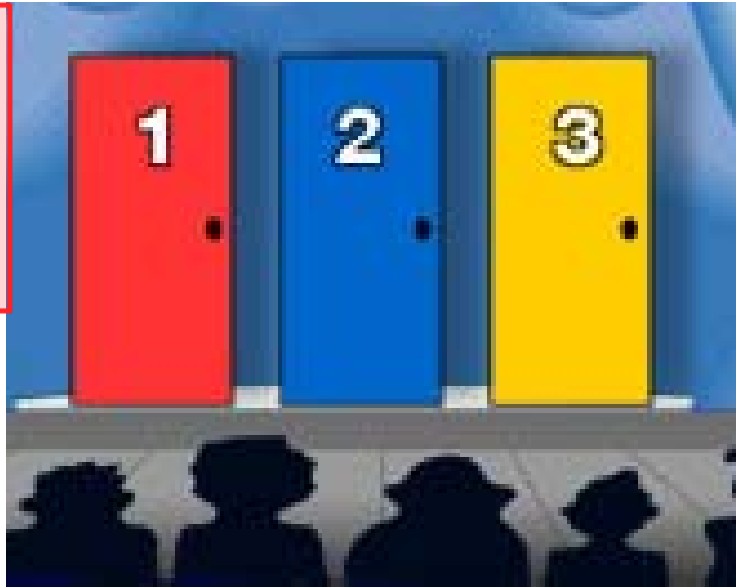
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Abraham's Options

“Eliezer of  
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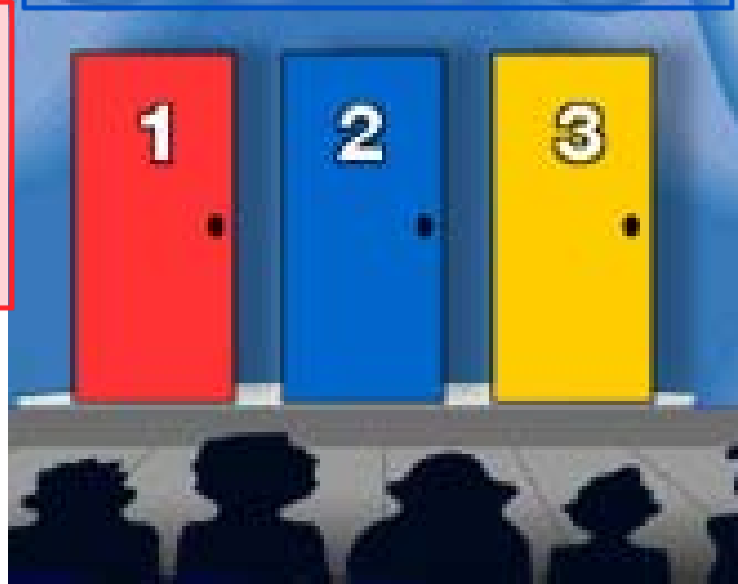


Abraham's Options



Hagar – substitute  
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Wait on the  
LORD  
(Gen. 17:15-21)

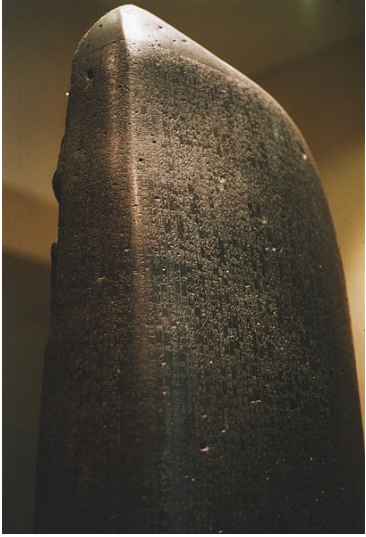


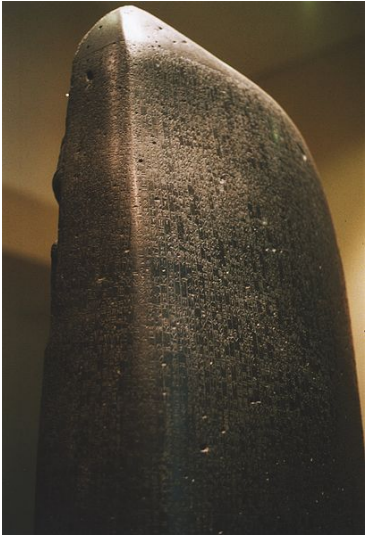
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# Code of Hammurabi (1790 BC)

282 laws on an 8' rock



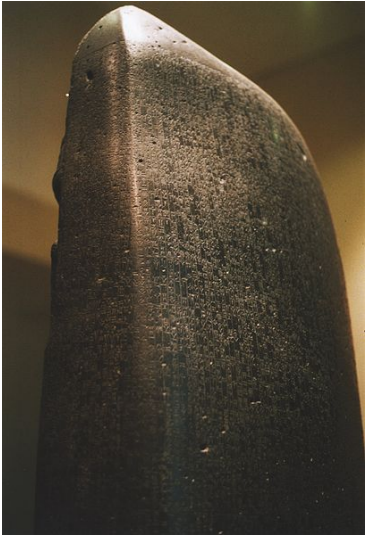


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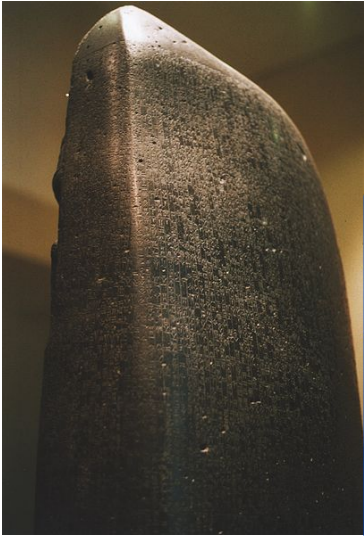


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Law 185: “If a man take in his name  
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## Hagar – substitute wife

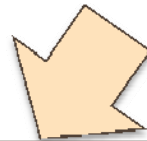
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Law 146: “If a man take a wife and she give a maid servant to her husband, and that maid servant bear children and afterwards would take rank with her mistress; because she has borne children, her mistress may not sell her for money, but she may reduce her to bondage and count her among the maid servants.”

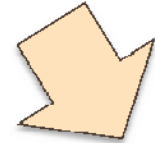




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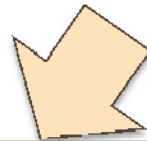
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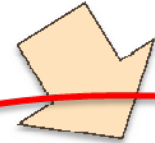
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Covenants

# Covenants

# Covenants

1 With Abimelek  
(King of Gerar)

# Covenants

1 With Abimelek  
(King of Gerar)

2 With God

Covenants

(That which bound 2 parties together)

1 With Abimelek  
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Covenants

(That which bound 2 parties together)

1 With Abimelek  
(King of Gerar)

Also called a “treaty”

2 With God



Why do we  
care?





Why do we  
care?



Why do we  
care?

It is popular among scholars to  
believe Abraham was “fictional”



# Covenants

1 With Abimelek  
(King of Gerar)

2 With God

Recent Archaeological evidence indicates these treaties were unique to the time of the patriarchs











# Library tablets of King Zimri-Lim





# Library tablets of King Zimri-Lim

An archaeological excavation site showing the remains of a large library. The site is filled with massive, rectangular stone blocks and walls, some of which are still standing while others are partially buried or broken. A person is visible in the distance, standing on a raised platform, providing a sense of scale to the massive size of the ruins. The background shows a clear blue sky and a flat, open landscape.

1800-  
1759 BC

# Treaty Formula

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## 1. Witnesses

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“Swear to me *by God*”

“*Swear* to me by God”



# Treaty Formula

1. Witnesses

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2. Oath

“*Swear* to me by God”

3. Stipulations

“*You will not...*”

4. Ceremony

# Treaty Formula

1. Witnesses “Swear to me *by God*”
2. Oath “*Swear* to me by God”
3. Stipulations “*You will not...*”
4. Ceremony Sheep and oxen exchange

Personal  
Religious  
Covenant

# Personal Religious Covenant

1. Promise from deity to human

# Personal Religious Covenant

1. Promise from deity to human
2. Confirming sign

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Covenant – Gen 15

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Smoking fire pot/torch

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Covenant – Gen 17

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Father of nations

# Personal Religious Covenant

## Covenant – Gen 17

1. Promise from deity to human
2. Confirming sign

Father of nations

Name change

Personal  
Religious  
Covenant

Covenant – Gen 17

1. Promise from deity to human
2. Confirming sign

# Personal Religious Covenant

## Covenant – Gen 17

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Kings will descend

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Circumcision



Points for home

**“The word of the Lord came to Abram”**  
(Gen. 15:1)



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(Gen. 15:1)

**Listen for God**



Points for home

**“My covenant is with you, and you shall be...” (Gen. 13:8)**



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**“My covenant is with you, and you shall be...” (Gen. 13:8)**

**“God don’t make promises that he don’t keep” – Bob Dylan**



## Points for home

**“Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant” (Jer. 31:31)**

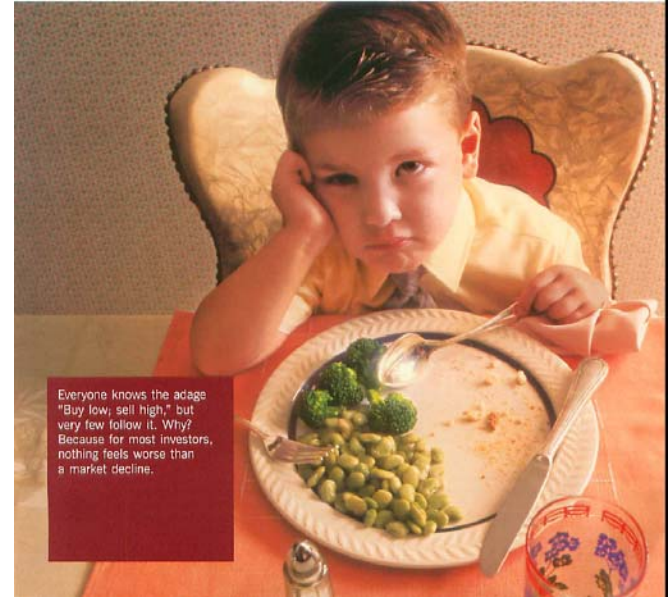


Points for home

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**Embrace God and trust him**

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