

STAND ON HIS WORD

November 17, 2025



An illustration featuring a woman on the left and a man on the right, both in a thoughtful pose with their hands to their chins. The woman has long dark hair and is wearing a red top. The man has a beard and is wearing a blue t-shirt. In the background, a large, light blue question mark is visible. The entire scene is framed by a thin yellow border.

CAN WE TRUST WHAT GOD SAYS?

(Open Discussion)



RECAP

Last Week: It's that Simple

The Israelites began complaining about the food God had given them

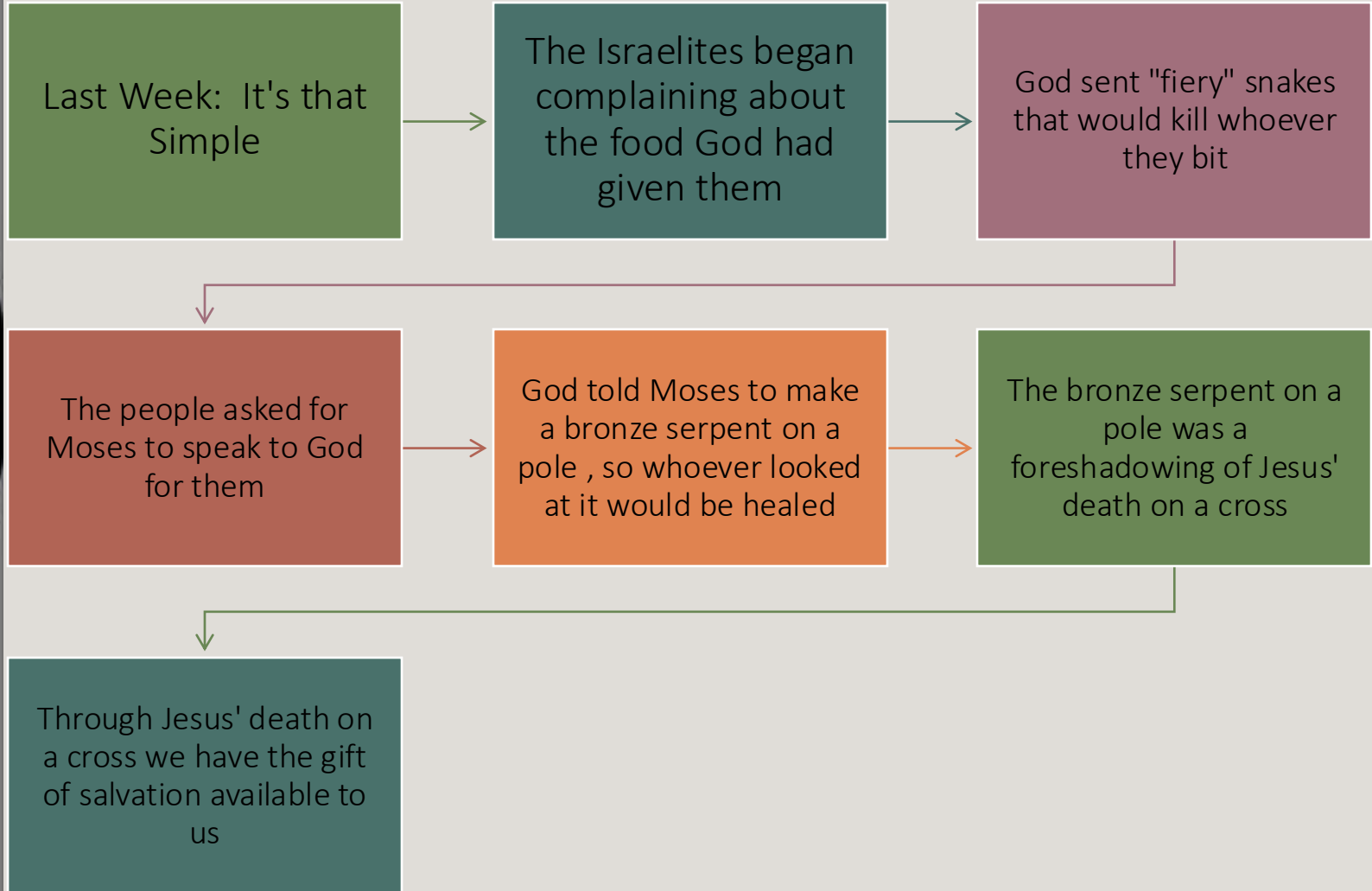
God sent "fiery" snakes that would kill whoever they bit

The people asked for Moses to speak to God for them

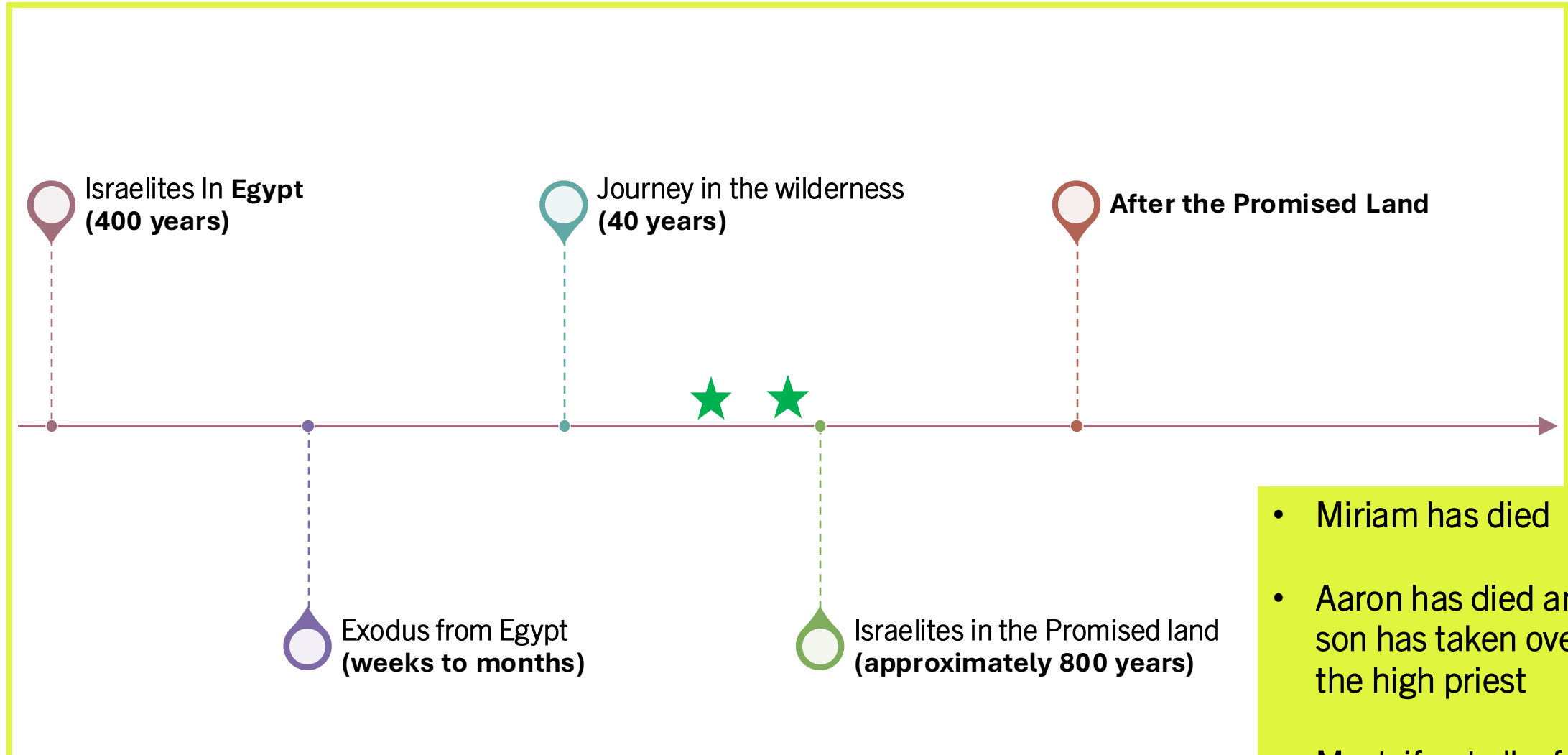
God told Moses to make a bronze serpent on a pole , so whoever looked at it would be healed

The bronze serpent on a pole was a foreshadowing of Jesus' death on a cross

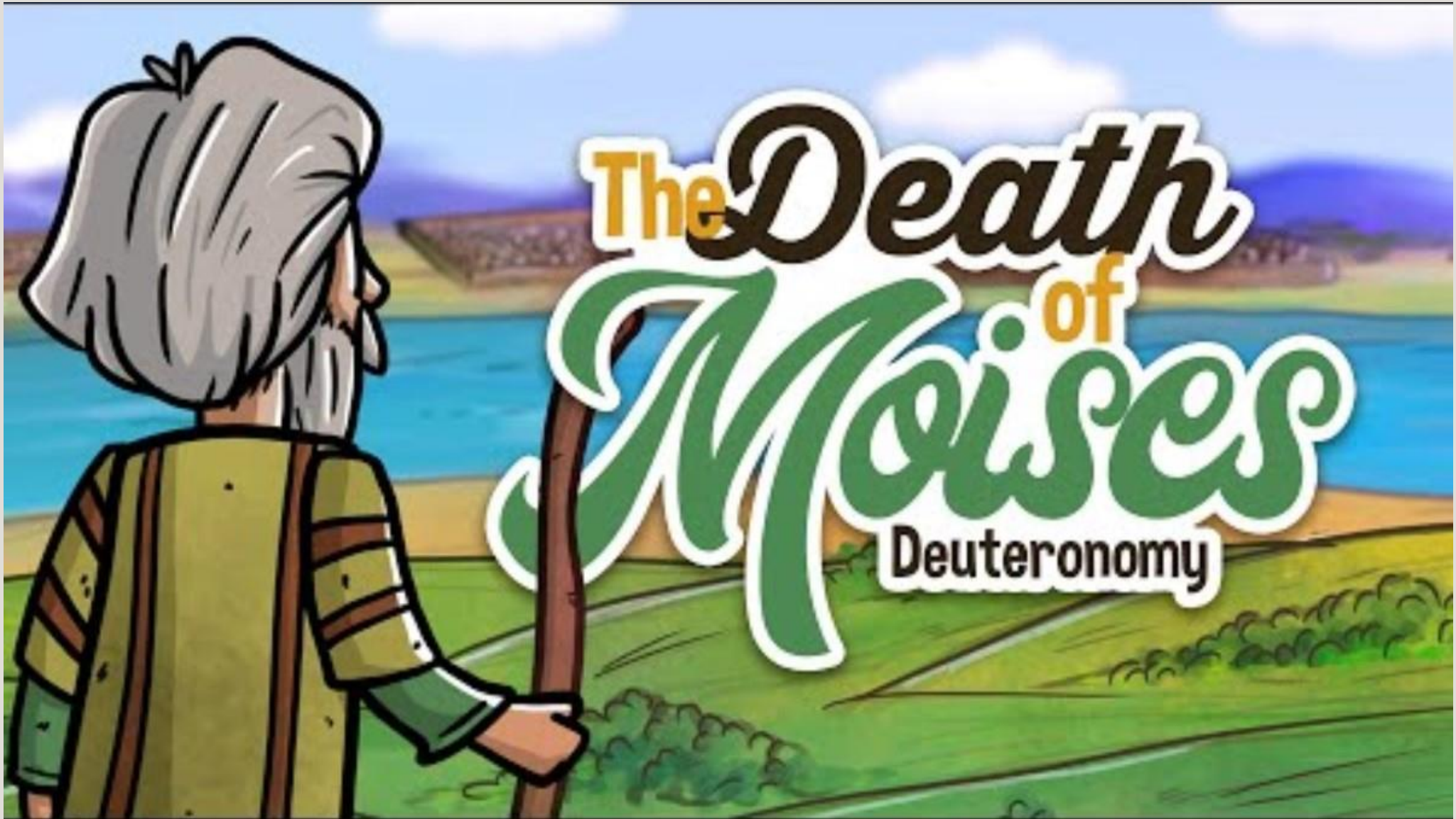
Through Jesus' death on a cross we have the gift of salvation available to us



ROADMAP THROUGH THE WILDERNESS



- Miriam has died
- Aaron has died and his son has taken over as the high priest
- Most, if not all, of the older generation of Israelites has died



REMINDER 1

When God spoke to Abraham He promised him these things:

- God would make Abraham into a **great nation** (Genesis 12:2)
- God would **make his name great** and he would be a blessing (Genesis 12:2)
- God would **bless those that bless Abraham and curse those that curse him** (Genesis 12:3)
- Abraham would be blessed and would be a blessing to all the people of the world (Genesis 12:3)
- God would give Abraham a **specific land** for his descendants (Genesis 12:7)



REMINDER 2

When God called Moses:

1. **Deliverance from the Egyptians:** I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. (Exodus 6: 6)
2. **Freedom and Miracles:** I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. (Exodus 6:6)
3. **A Covenant Relationship:** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. (Exodus 6:7)
4. **A Land for the Israelites:** And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. (Exodus 6: 8)

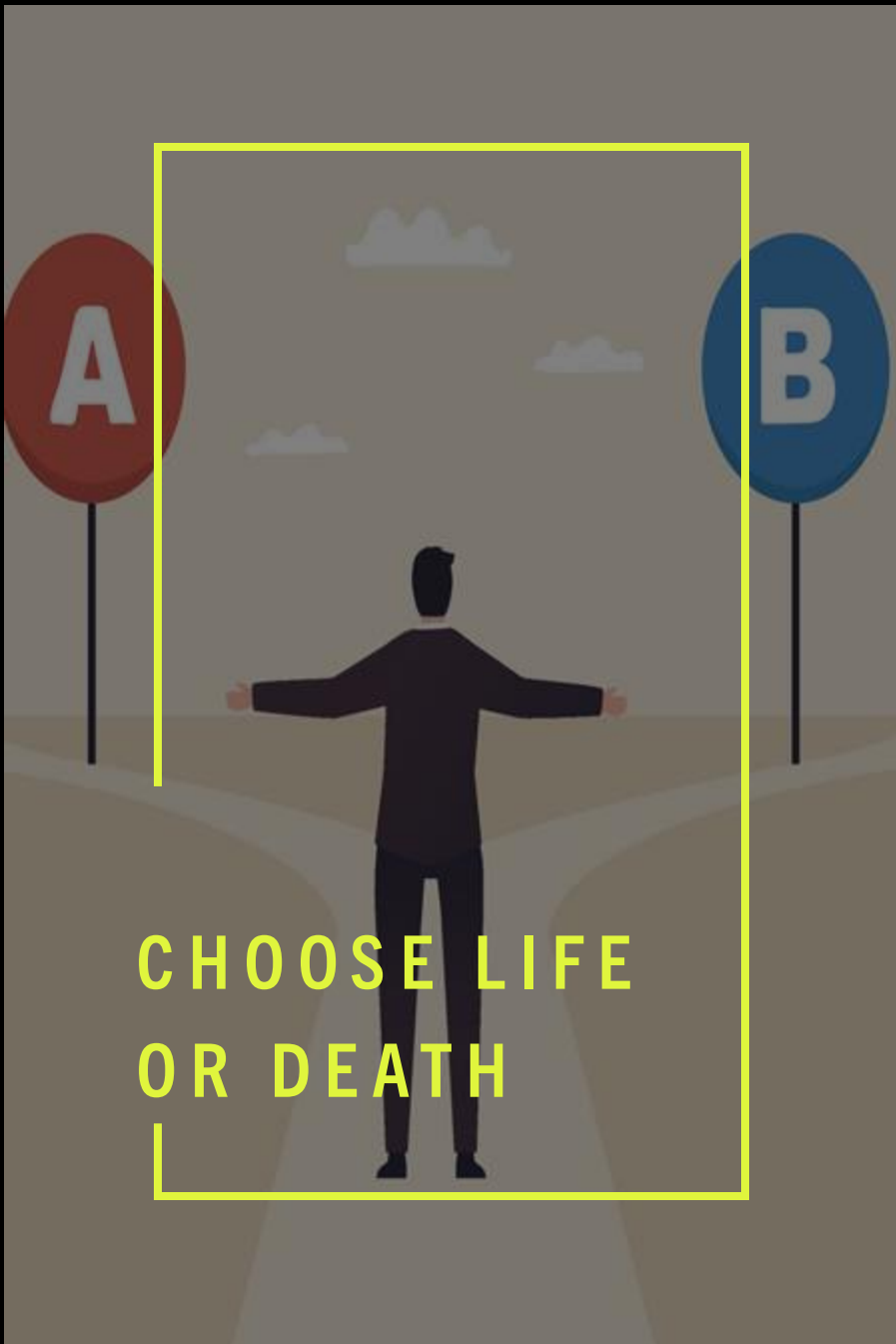


REMINDER 3

When the Israelites rebelled:

1. **Wandering for 40 years:** For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land...They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die. (Numbers 14: 34-35)
2. **An inheritance in the land for Joshua and Caleb:** Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. (Numbers 14: 30)
3. **Moses and Aaron would not enter the Promised Land:** God said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you didn’t trust me, didn’t treat me with holy reverence in front of the People of Israel, you two aren’t going to lead this company into the land that I am giving them. (Numbers 20: 12)





God gave the Israelites a promise of life or death

- Follow Him and Choose **LIFE**
 - **Blessings** from Obedience
- Disobey him and Choose **DEATH**
 - **Curses** from disobedience

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 18 : Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. I am commanding you to be loyal to the LORD, to live the way he has told you, and to obey his laws and teachings. ... If you obey him, you will live and become successful and powerful.

On the other hand, you might choose to disobey the LORD and reject him. So I'm warning you that if you bow down and worship other gods, you won't have long to live

NO BARGAINING

GOD DOES

WHAT HE SAYS

1. God keeps His word
2. You can't bargain your way through God
 - Not the Israelites
 - Not Moses or Aaron
3. God knew the people would rebel in the land but he still gave it to them (The Song of Moses – Deuteronomy 31 – 32)
4. God promised a rescue if they turned back to Him

DOES GOD SPEAK TO US IN TODAY'S DAY AND AGE?

(Open Discussion)



YES



God's Word is living and active and it speaks to us

God speaks through other ways (dreams, visions, other people) but the ultimate authority lies in His word

ANSWER: YES

GOD DOES WHAT HE SAYS IN OUR LIVES

- We know what God says about us and for us through His word
 - The Bible has instructions that give blessings and curses for our own lives
- God does not give us empty words
- Take it seriously
 - It still applies to us today
 - It brings us closer to God
 - It helps us grow in our faith



**MORE THAN JUST
WORDS**

**HOW CAN
WE
EXPERIENCE
GOD'S
WORD IN
OUR LIFE**

Learn

Learn to read it and study it – Go beyond the checklist and learn different study methods or use commentaries

Apply

Apply it in your life – Don't let it become dead words

Be Open

Be open to blessings and convictions – The Bible will read you if you let it

Keep Seeking

Don't stop – Seek His word without ceasing