

# **The Path to Happiness**

## **Divine Principle Lecture Series**

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### **Lecture 30**

#### **Moses and Jesus 4: The Second National Course to Restore Canaan (The Tabernacle)**

##### **SLIDE 1**

Welcome back to the path to happiness. I'm your host, Dr. Tyler Hendricks. We're looking at the course to restore a nation, led by Moses. It is a testimony to the living God,

→ who works through our faith, unity and love, centered on the person that God chooses for the age we are in.

→ But who is the Moses of this age?

→ And what is the nation God wants to build?

##### **SLIDE 2**

Let's continue our summary, as we look at what turned

→ a short trip along the Mediterranean coast into

→ forty years of wandering in the Sinai wilderness.

##### **SLIDE 3**

After defeating the Amalekites, Moses and the Israelites arrived at the wilderness of Sinai. (Ex 19:1)

##### **SLIDE 4**

Moses took 70 elders to Mount Sinai, and went forward on his own to meet God.

→ God called Moses to fast for 40 days, and

→ gave him the Ten Commandments inscribed on two tablets of stone.

→ However, the Israelites at the base of the mountain weren't patient and faithful. They gave up on Moses, and made and worshiped a golden calf.

→ Moses, when he returned and witnessed this, threw down the stone tablets with fury. (Ex 32:19)

##### **SLIDE 5**

So God commanded Moses to fast another forty days, and then

→ gave the Ten Commandments a second time to Moses.

→ The Israelites now followed Moses and

→ built the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle. In this session, I will talk about the providence of the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle. And, just to remind us, we are in the second course to restore the nation through the foundation of substance.

##### **SLIDE 6**

What did the two tablets of stone signify? They were God's Word. God made two tablets—He certainly could have put it all on one—but

→ He wanted to symbolize man and woman, Adam and Eve,

→ and also symbolize Jesus and his would-be Bride,

→ who were to come as male and female, the living substance of the Word.

#### **SLIDE 7**

What of the Tabernacle? It was the house of God, and was the image of Jesus.

→ The Tabernacle was divided into two parts: the most holy place and the holy place. The most holy place symbolized the spirit of Jesus and

→ the holy space symbolized the body of Jesus. They also symbolized the spirit world and the physical world.

#### **SLIDE 8**

In Matthew 27:51, when Jesus was crucified,

→ the veil between the holy place and the most holy place was torn in two, from top to bottom.

→ This meant that the gate was opened between spirit and flesh, or between heaven and earth.

#### **SLIDE 9**

The Ark of the Covenant was enshrined in the most holy place. It represented the cosmos and was a miniature Tabernacle. The mercy seat, covered with angel wings, was placed on top of the Ark.

→ Inside the Ark, there were the two tablets of stone inscribed with the Ten Commandments—the covenant,

→ a jar containing manna, and

→ Aaron's staff that budded leaves.

#### **SLIDE 10**

For what purpose did God give the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant? It was to set up an unchanging object of faith.

→ The Israelites building the Tabernacle signified that the Messiah had come in a symbolic sense.

#### **SLIDE 11**

If the Israelites had entered Canaan in the first national course,

→ Moses' family would have served in the role of the Tabernacle,

→ Moses himself would have played the role of the tablets of stone and the Ark of the Covenant, and

→ the law of his family would have become the heavenly law.

#### **SLIDE 12**

The tablets of stone symbolized Jesus and his would-be Bride.

→ The nation would have built the Temple, which would have represented Jesus in image until

→ Jesus, the living Temple, came to the world.

#### **SLIDE 13**

Now, since the Tabernacle symbolized the Messiah, there had to be a foundation to receive it. The Israelites actually took three attempts to make

→ the foundation for the Tabernacle.

→ The first foundation for the Tabernacle was lost when the Israelites worshipped the golden calf. They couldn't be patient at the lack of results when Moses was fasting for forty days, and so they worshiped the idol of the golden calf. Moses got furious and he melted the calf and then ground it to powder. He scattered it in the water and made the Israelites drink it. (Ex 32:18-29)

#### **SLIDE 14**

For the second foundation for the Tabernacle, Moses obtained the Ten Commandments after fasting for forty days again. It was completed by the first day of the first month of the second year after they left Egypt. In fact, until they entered Canaan, built the Temple, and received the Messiah, they were supposed to keep the same faith.

#### **SLIDE 15**

→ On the way, they were supposed to honor the Tabernacle more than they valued their own lives. During the third month after the Exodus, they arrived at the Sinai wilderness and stayed for a year, giving to God, receiving the commandments, building the Tabernacle, and learning the rites and regulations. On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, they took a census and then set out from the Sinai wilderness, arrayed in formation around the Tabernacle and led by the pillar of cloud. (Num 10:11-12)

→ But before long, they asked for better food and began to complain that there was nothing to eat but manna. “We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!” they said in Numbers 11.

→ They were missing the life of slavery in Egypt and lamenting their lives in the wilderness.

→ Therefore, the Israelites failed in the second foundation for the Tabernacle.

#### **SLIDE 16**

The third foundation for the Tabernacle related to a mission to spy out the land of Canaan. In Kadesh-Barnea, on the edge of Canaan, God had Moses choose a leader from each of the twelve tribes of Israel and send them to spy out the land of Canaan.

→ When they returned from forty-day mission to spy, ten of the twelve presented faithless reports. “The people who dwell in the land are men of great stature. We seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers.” (Num 13:32-33) Wailing and blaming Moses, they called for another leader who would take them back to Egypt.

→ The two dissenting voices, Joshua and Caleb, insisted, “The land is the land of milk and honey. The Lord is with us. Do not fear them. We can easily take over the land.” (Num 14:8-9)

#### **SLIDE 17**

The faithless Israelites attempted to stone Joshua and Caleb.

→ At that moment, the glory of the Lord appeared and chastised the people.

→ Numbers 14:31 and following says, “In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 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. . . . But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquity, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.”

→ Due to the Israelites’ faithlessness, the first, second, and third providence of restoration centered on the Tabernacle failed. It resulted in miserable wandering in the wilderness for forty years, instead of a twenty-one month journey to Canaan. Moreover, this also brought the failure of the second national course to restore Canaan.

#### **SLIDE 18**

God’s providence was prolonged to a third national course.

→ Sounds endless, doesn’t it? Sounds a long way from the ideal of marriage and family, of living for others, and God’s principle of creation, doesn’t it?

→ But so too does my life and your life probably seem just as far from the ideal of marriage and family, of three generations united as one family under God.

→ Through the course of Moses, we are seeing how God never gives up, but always finds a way to create a foundation to receive the living Messiah. So let’s continue our study knowing that Moses’ course and Jesus’ course are, in many ways, not so different from our own. . . and that even as we persevere in our own wilderness course, God is with us as He was with them. Thanks for listening; see you next time.

Faith



Unity

Love

The Moses of this age  
The nation God wants to build



# Session 30

# Moses and Jesus 4





**The Israelites arrived in the wilderness of  
Sinai. Ex 19:1**

# First Providence for the Tabernacle

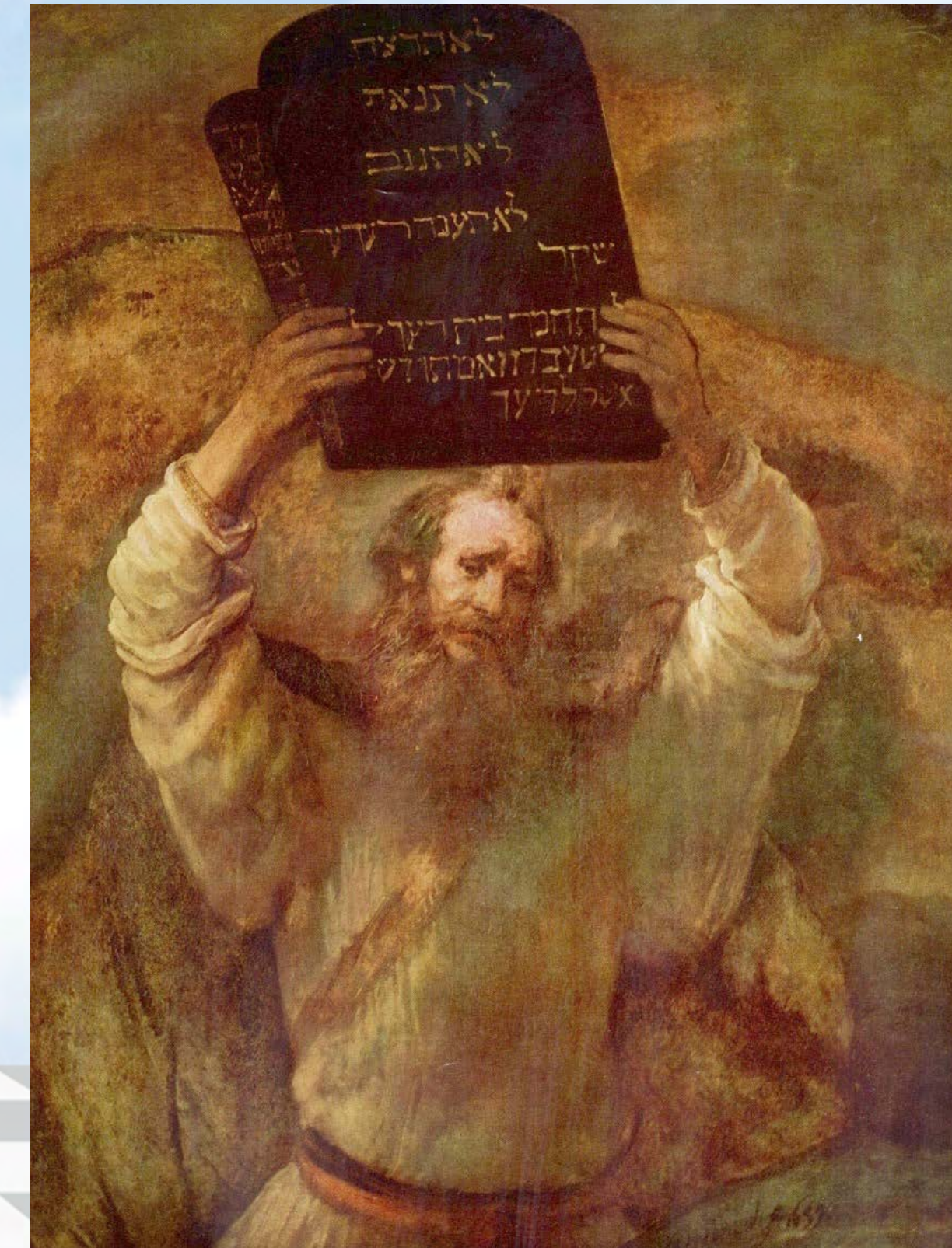


40-day fast

Ten Commandments

Worshiped a golden calf

Broke the tablets



## Second Providence for the Tabernacle



Second 40-day fast

Ten Commandments

Honored Moses

Built the Tabernacle





# The Tablets of Stone



1. Symbolic restoration of Adam and Eve, man and woman
2. Symbol of Jesus and the Holy Spirit
3. Male and female are the living substance of the Word

# The Tabernacle



Most Holy Place

Spirit of Jesus

Spirit World

Holy Place

Body of Jesus

Physical World



The gate was  
opened between  
heaven and earth

The veil between the holy place and  
the most holy place was torn in two



The Ark of the Covenant in the most holy place

Two tablets of stone inscribed with the Ten Commandments

Manna, golden urn

Aaron's staff that budded

## An unchanging object of faith



The Tabernacle  
was a **SYMBOL** of  
the Messiah.

If the first course had  
succeeded



Moses' Family =  
Tabernacle

Moses = Tablets of  
Stone and Ark

Moses' family = Bearer  
of the Heavenly Law

# Jesus and his bride: The living Temple

Tablets = Symbol

Temple = Image

Jesus and bride = substance



# The first foundation

God

Foundation  
of Faith

Foundation of  
Substance

40-day  
Fast

Moses

The  
Israelites

Faithlessness (Golden Calf)  
Anger (broken tablets)



# The second foundation

God

Foundation  
of Faith

Foundation of  
Substance

40-day  
Fast

Moses

The  
Israelites

# The second foundation

God

Foundation  
of Faith

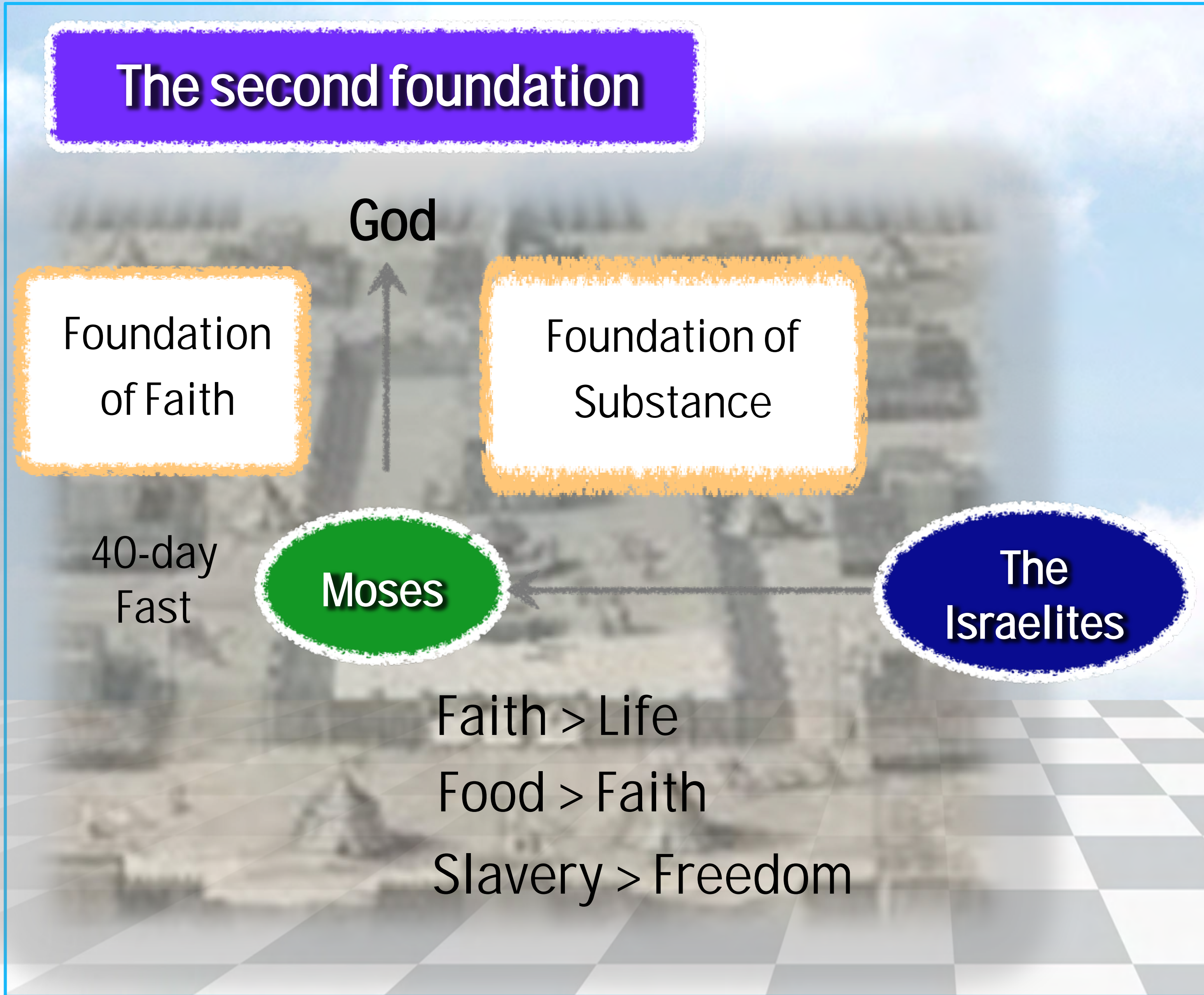
Foundation of  
Substance

40-day  
Fast

Moses

The  
Israelites

Faith > Life  
Food > Faith  
Slavery > Freedom



# The third foundation

God

Foundation  
of Faith

Foundation of  
Substance

Faithful  
devotion

Moses

The  
Israelites

12 spies 40-day mission

10 spies = fear and blame

2 spies = faith and courage

# The third foundation

God

Foundation  
of Faith

Foundation of  
Substance

Faithful  
devotion

Moses

The  
Israelites

Faithless attack Joshua & Caleb  
Glory of God protected them  
40 years wandering



# The third national course

