

## **Relationships and Responsibilities**


Deuteronomy 1:9-18

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1. The LORD
  - a. His Relationships
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2. Moses
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3. The People
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## Israel

	<b>The LORD</b>	<b>Moses</b>	<b>The People</b>	<b>The Leaders</b>
<b>Relationships</b>	With Moses and with the People	With the LORD with the People	With the LORD, with Moses, with their leaders, with each other	With the LORD with Moses, with the People
<b>Responsibilities</b>	To form, provide, protect, preserve, rule	Receive, dispense, and teach the Law To mediate	Obey commands, choose and submit to leaders, love one another	Lead according to the Law, stay above reproach



# Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Commitment



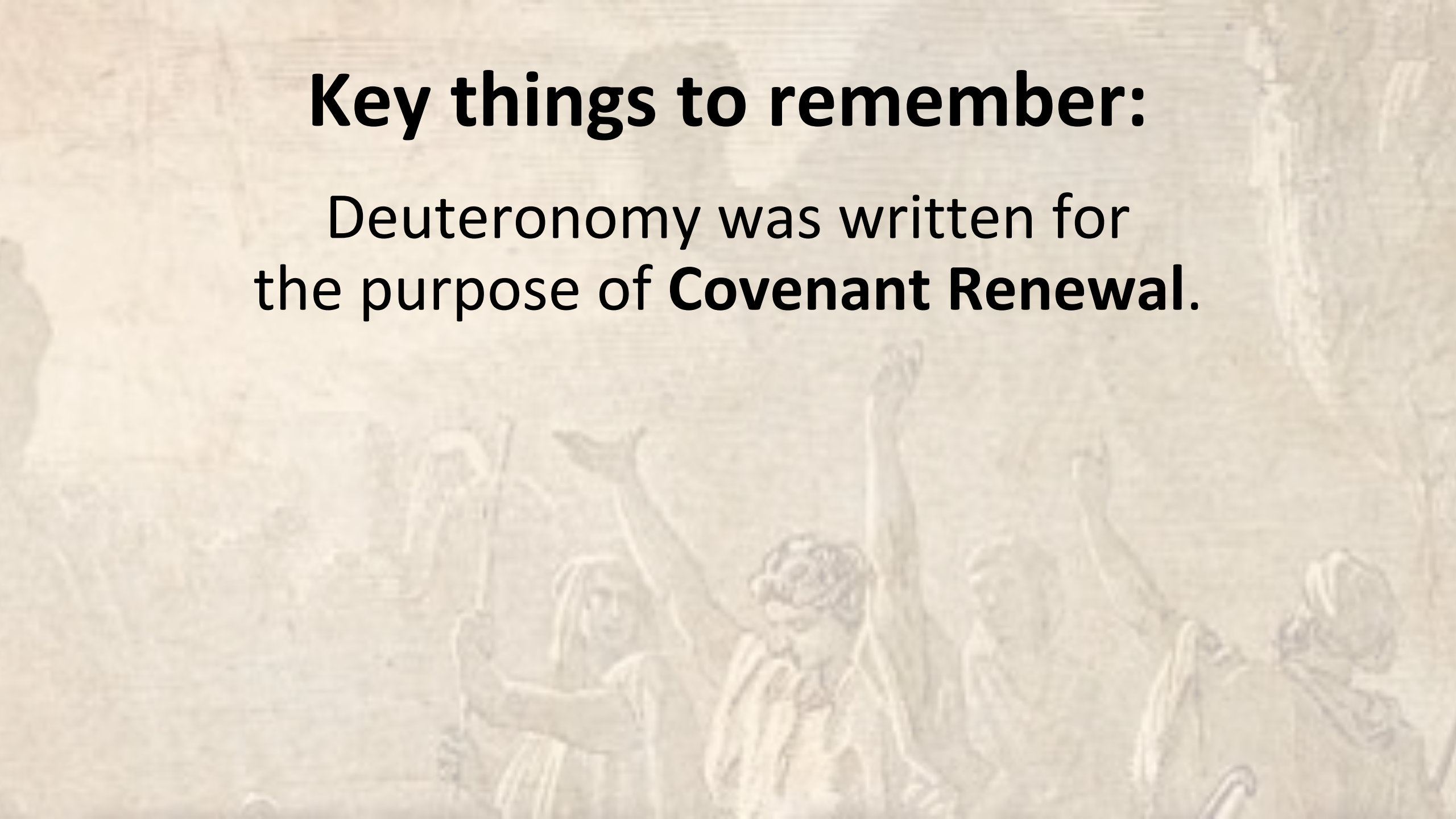


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# Key things to remember:

Deuteronomy was written for the purpose of **Covenant Renewal**.





# Key things to remember:

It is given to teach us...

*How God relates to His people.*

*How His people relate to Him.*

*How His people relate to a sinful world.*

*How His people relate to one another.*

# Deuteronomy 1:9-18

<sup>9</sup> At that time I said to you, “I am not able to bear you by myself.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you!

<sup>12</sup> How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? <sup>13</sup> Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.”

<sup>14</sup> And you answered me, “The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.”



# Deuteronomy 1:9-18

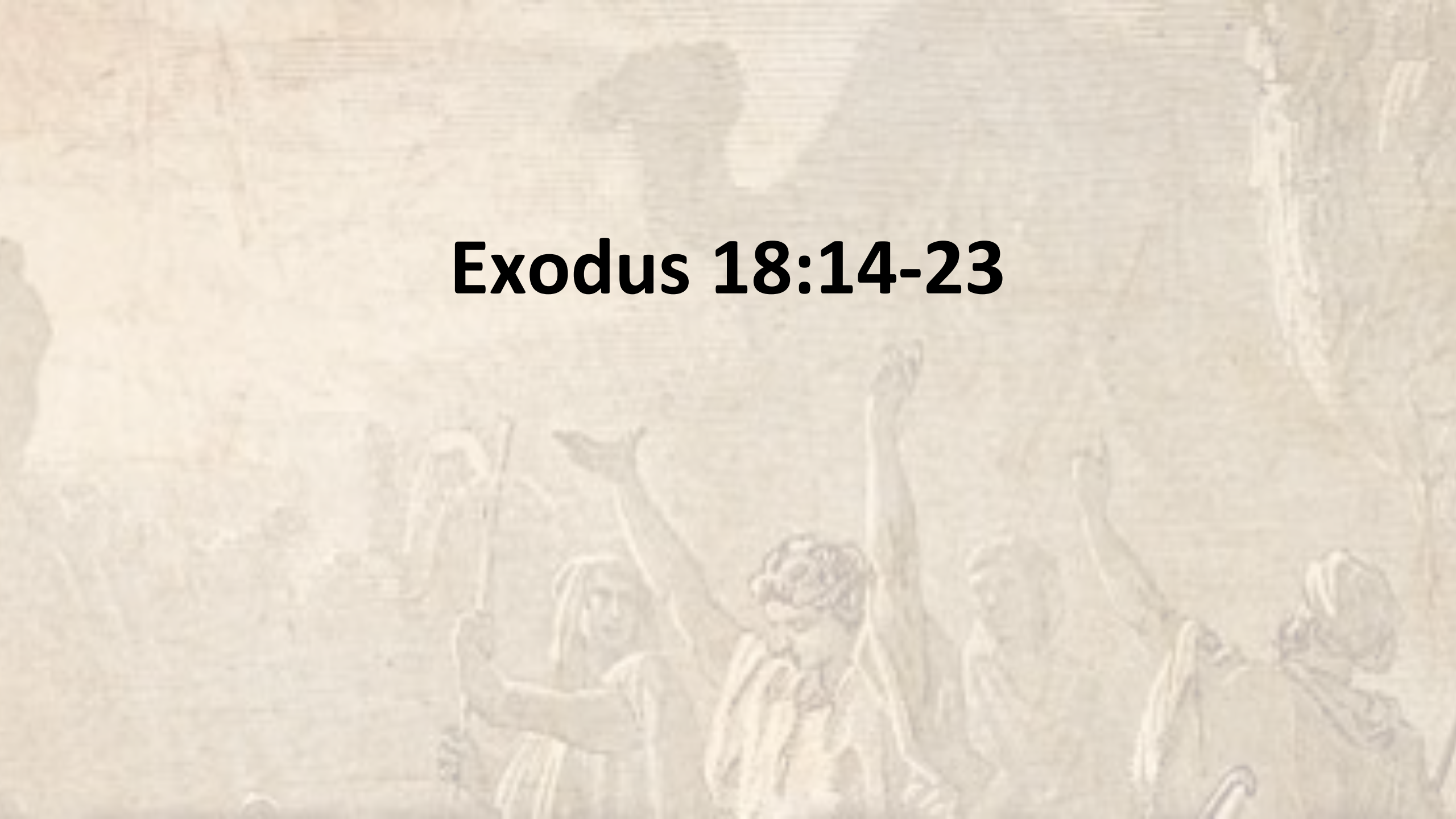
<sup>15</sup> So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.

<sup>16</sup> And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. <sup>17</sup> You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike.

You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.” <sup>18</sup> And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.



# Exodus 18:14-23



# Can we agree on the following?

1. Our hearts and minds are corrupted.

*There are many things we do not understand,  
and even when we do understand them, we don't like them.*

2. Our cultural understanding of love is grossly distorted.

*We have made love **self**-centered. It is about honoring our autonomy  
and independence. It is **self**-determining.*

3. As a result, our culture despises obligation.

***Duty** is a four-letter word. It's not loving to obligate me.*

4. Love is the **bond** that holds a people together.

*Love binds people to one another. Obligation isn't bad; **love produces it.***



# Big Idea

All parties of a covenant union are bound to one another in loving relationship and have responsibilities and duties to one another in love.

# The Parties of the Covenant

The LORD

Moses

The People

Leaders

The Nation



# **Relationships and Responsibilities**

The LORD

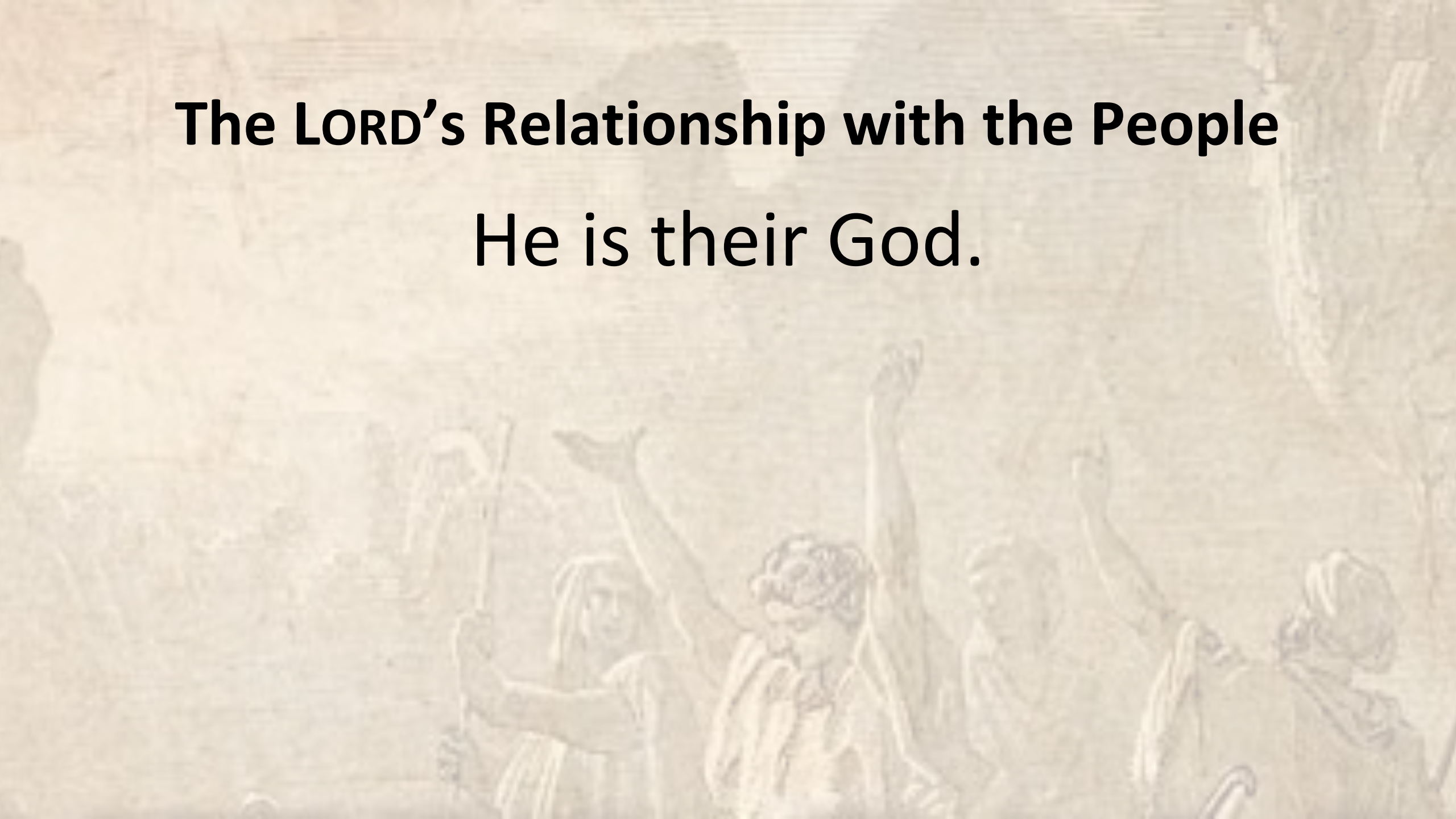


# The LORD

**What is the LORD's relationship  
with the people?**



**The LORD's Relationship with the People**  
**He is their God.**



**Deuteronomy 1:6**

The LORD **our God** said to us in Horeb...

**Deuteronomy 1:10**

The LORD **your God** has multiplied you...

**Deuteronomy 5:9**

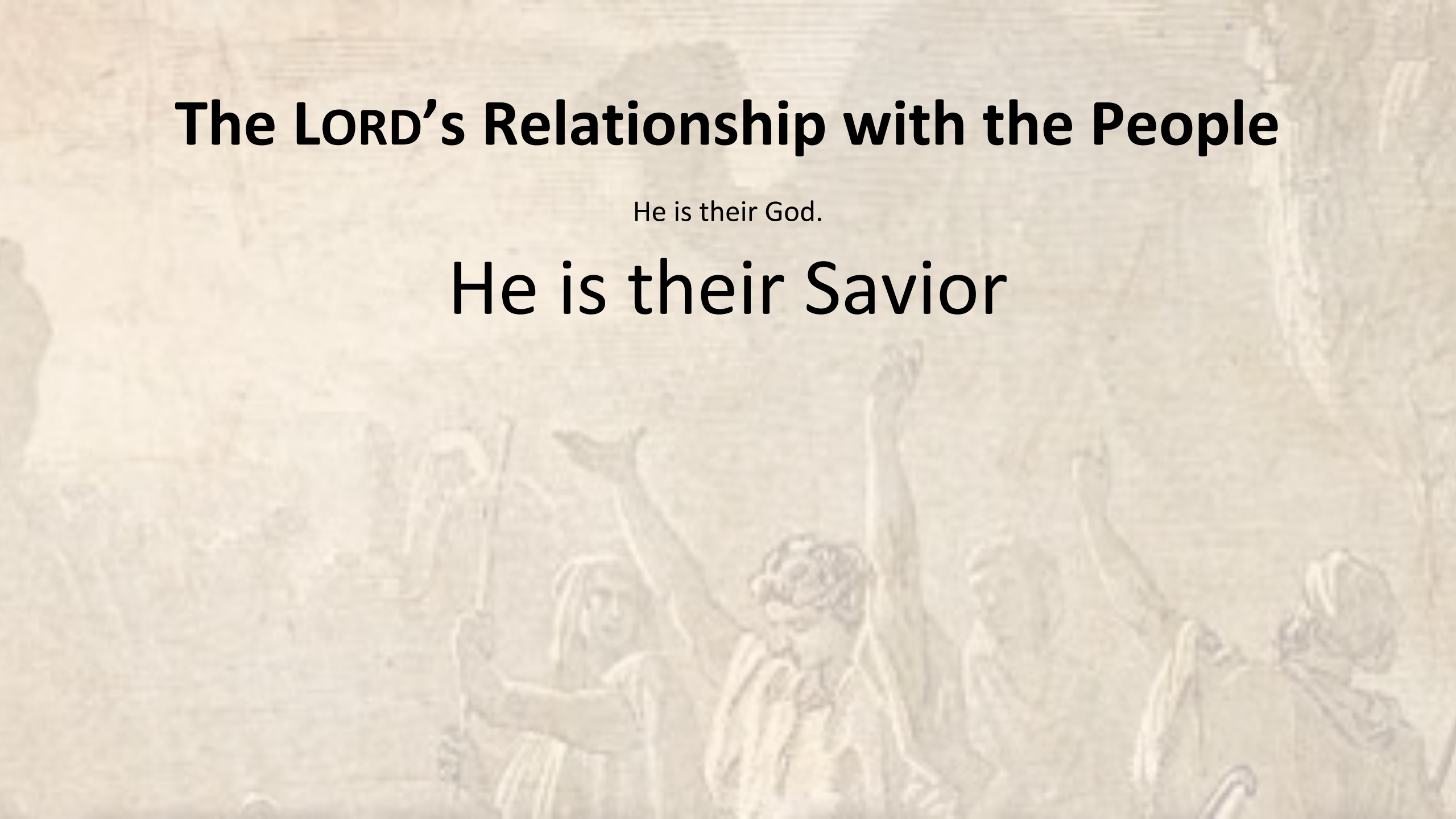
“...for I the LORD **your God** am a jealous God...”

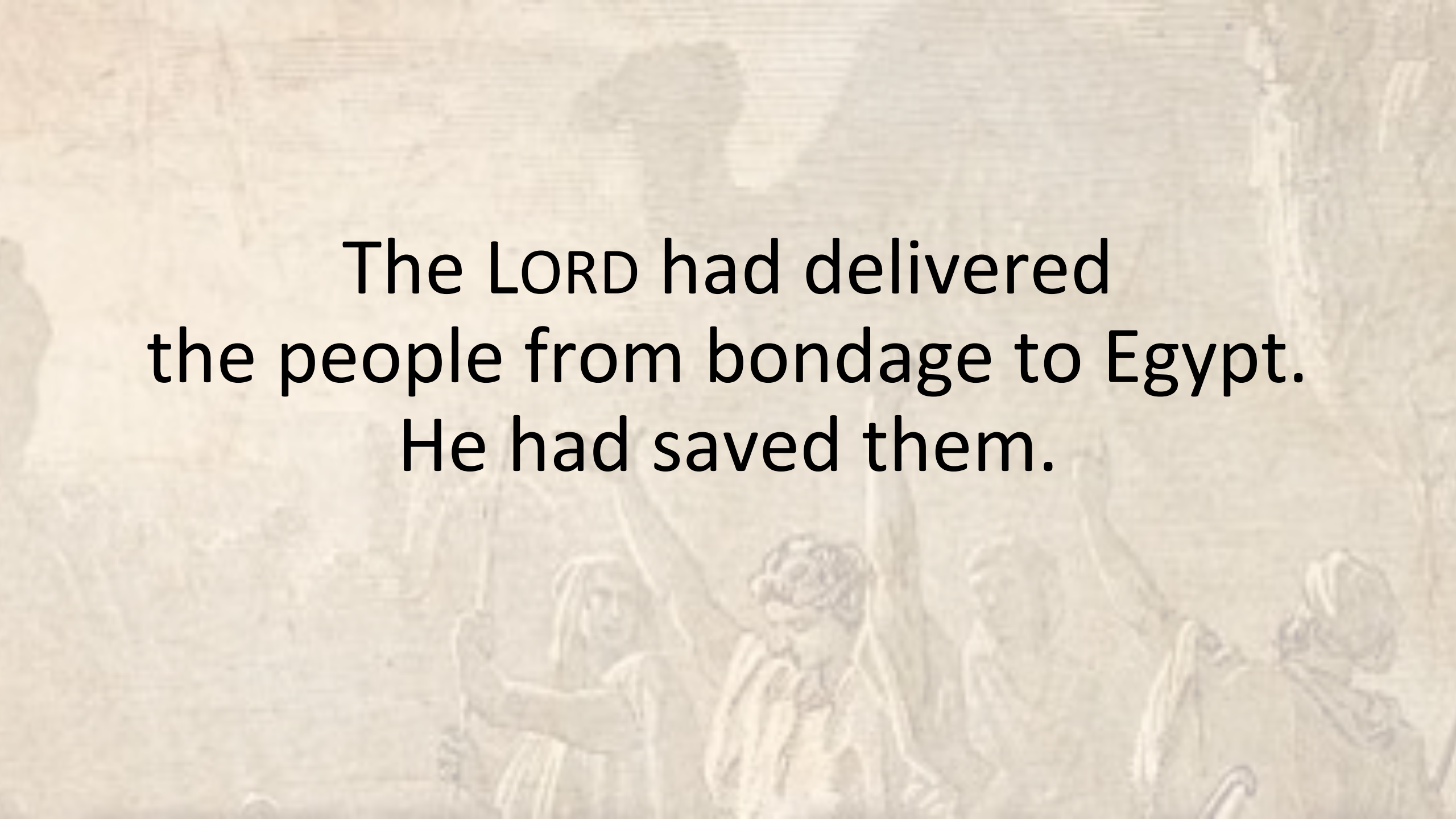


# The LORD's Relationship with the People

He is their God.

## He is their Savior





The LORD had delivered  
the people from bondage to Egypt.  
He had saved them.



**Deuteronomy 33:29**

Happy are you, O Israel!

Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,  
the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph!

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# The LORD

What is the LORD's relationship with the people?

**What is the LORD's responsibility  
to His people?**

# Important Note:

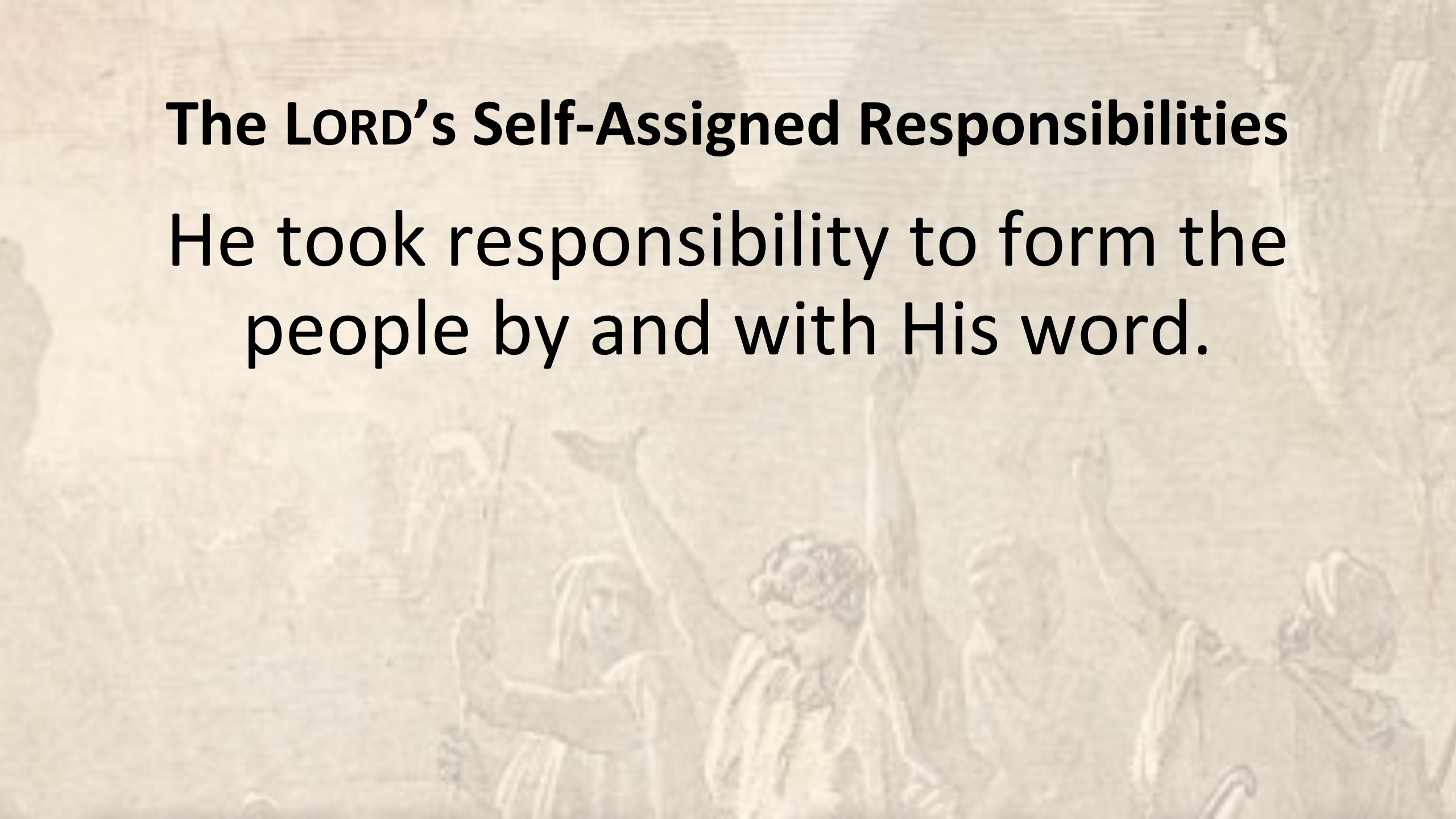
The LORD's responsibilities  
are *self-assigned*.

This is true **only of Him**  
because He alone is autonomous  
and independent.



# **The LORD's Self-Assigned Responsibilities**

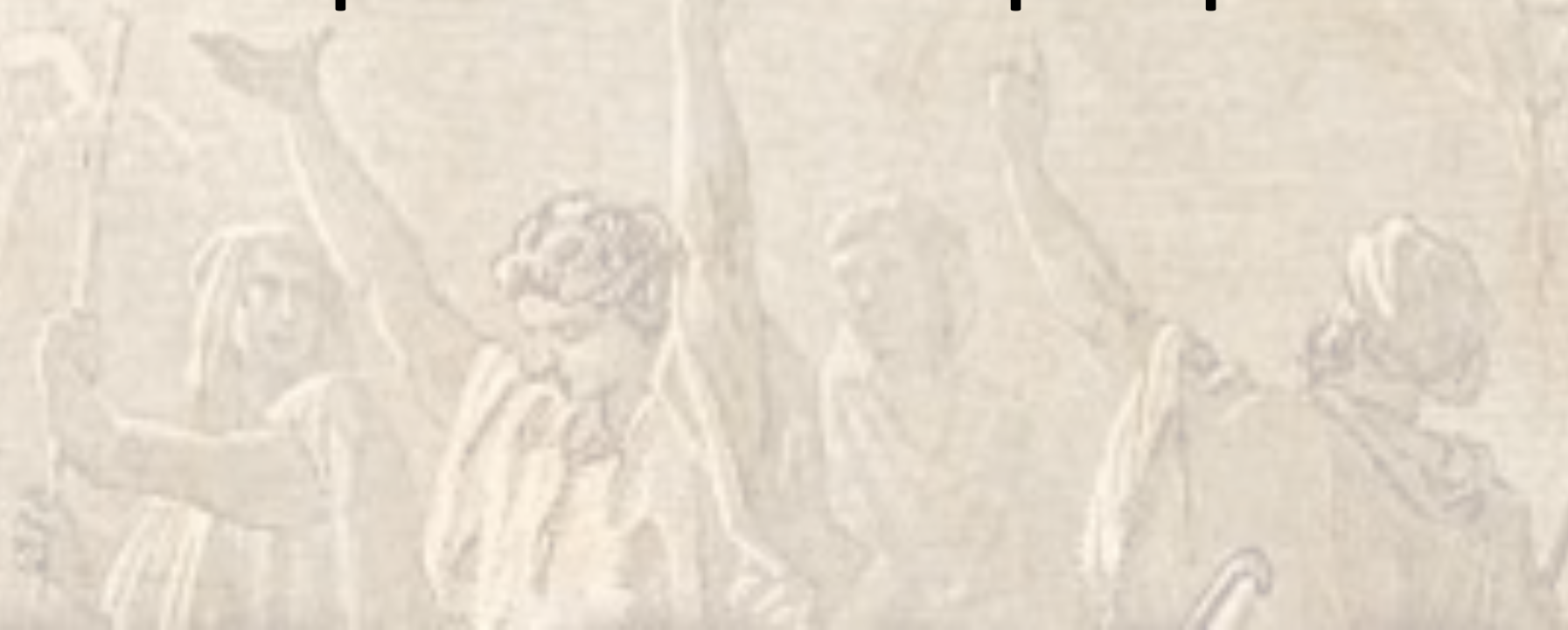
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# The LORD's Self-Assigned Responsibilities

He took responsibility to form the people by and with His word.

He took responsibility to provide, to protect, and to preserve the people.





**Deuteronomy 1:10-11**

“The LORD has multiplied you.  
May the LORD bless you as He promised you.”

### **Exodus 6:7-8**

“Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD.”



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# The LORD's Self-Assigned Responsibilities

He took responsibility to form the people by and with His word.

He took responsibility to provide, to protect, and to preserve the people.

**He took responsibility to rule the  
people as their Sovereign.**

Deuteronomy was given to the people to remind them that they were under the LORD God as their Sovereign King.



# The Parties of the Covenant

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Moses

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# Relationships and Responsibilities

The LORD

Moses

A faint, sepia-toned illustration of a biblical scene, likely the Israelites gathered around Moses. The central figure, Moses, is depicted with a long white beard and hair, wearing a turban and a long robe. He is surrounded by other figures, some of whom appear to be holding up their hands or objects. The background shows a landscape with hills and a sky with clouds. The overall style is that of a classic religious painting or engraving.

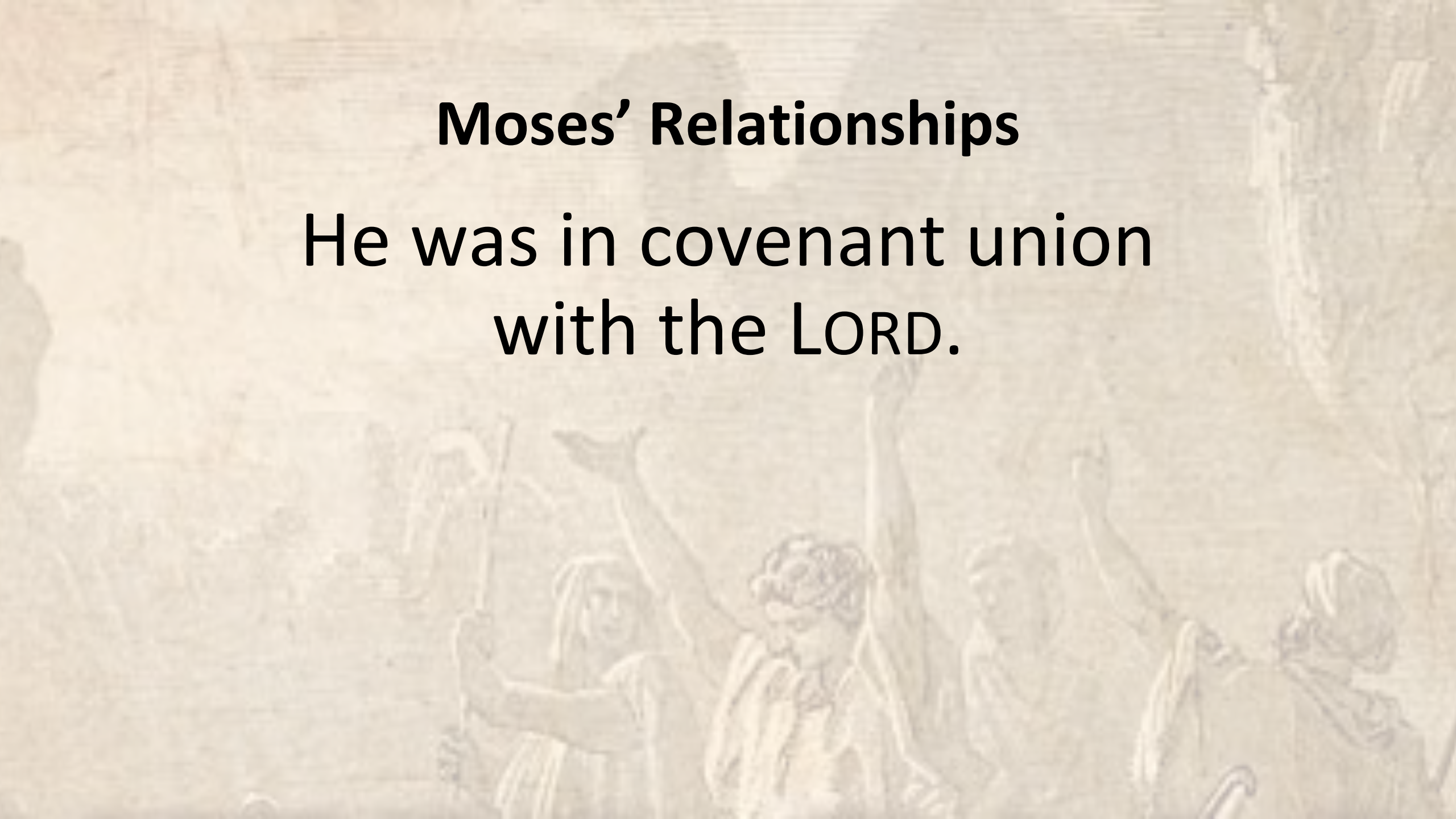
**Moses**

**What were Moses'  
relationships?**



# **Moses' Relationships**

**He was in covenant union  
with the LORD.**



The LORD had called Moses and had spoken to Moses intimately.

**Deuteronomy 34:10**

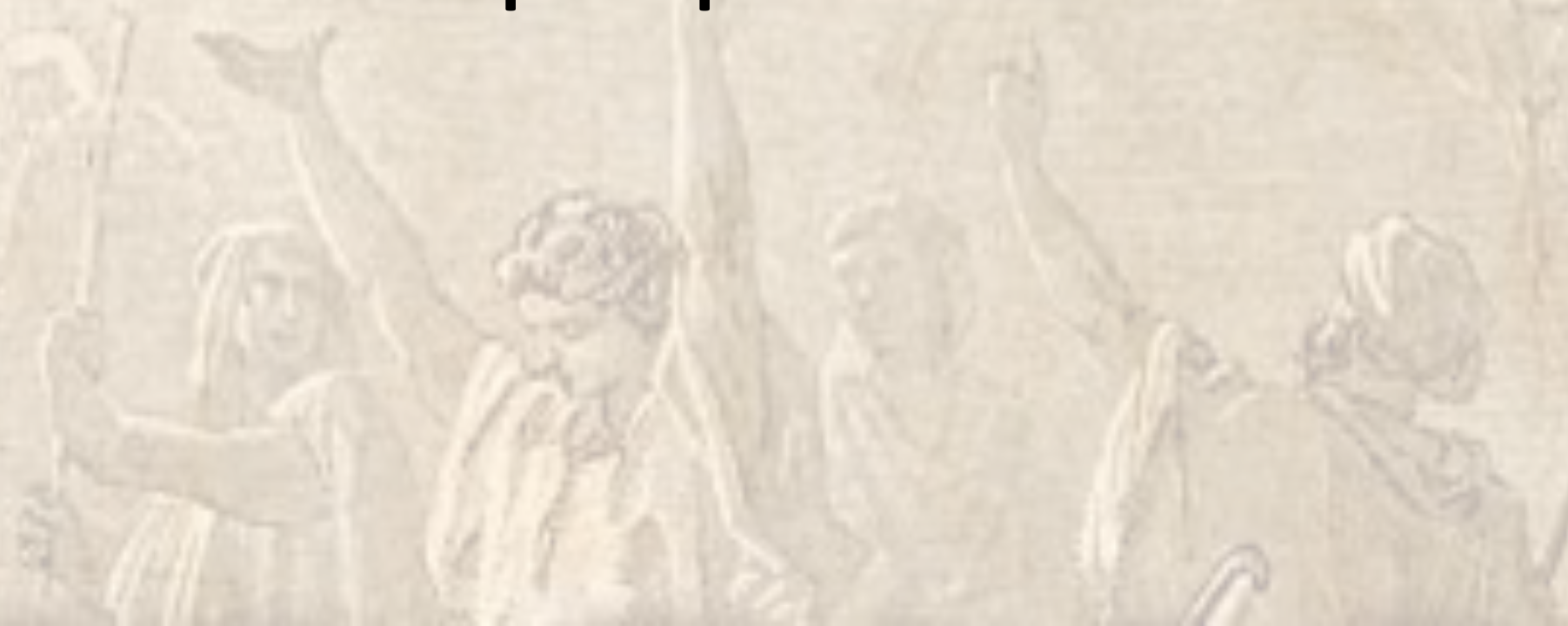
And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, **whom the LORD knew face to face.**



# Moses' Relationships

He was in covenant union with the LORD.

He was in covenant union  
with the people.



He was a member of the nation  
and swore Himself to them.

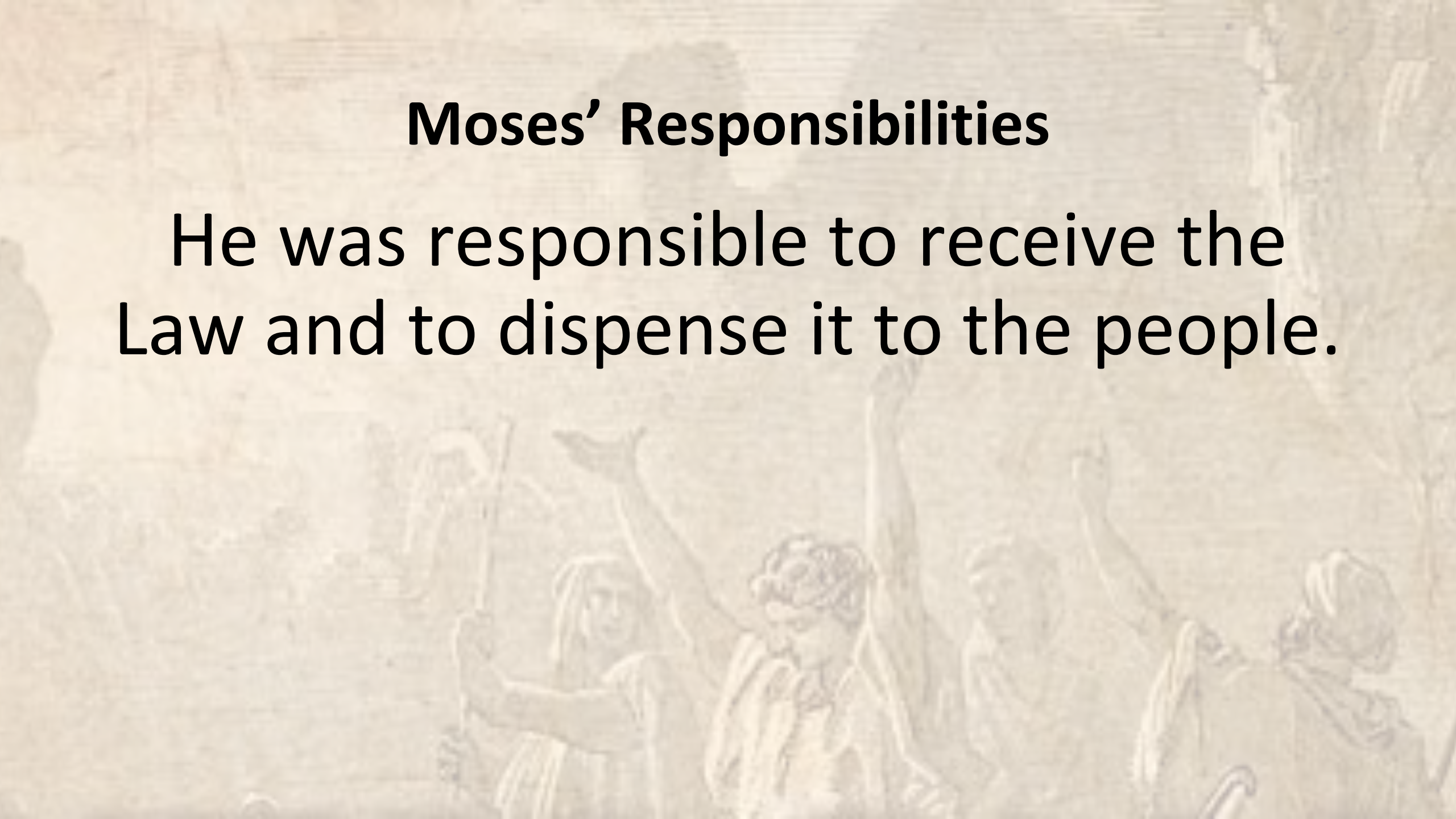
Deuteronomy 29:14-15

It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant,  
but **with whoever is standing here** with us today before the  
LORD our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.



## **Moses' Responsibilities**

He was responsible to receive the Law and to dispense it to the people.



### **Deuteronomy 1:3**

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The People

**The Nation**



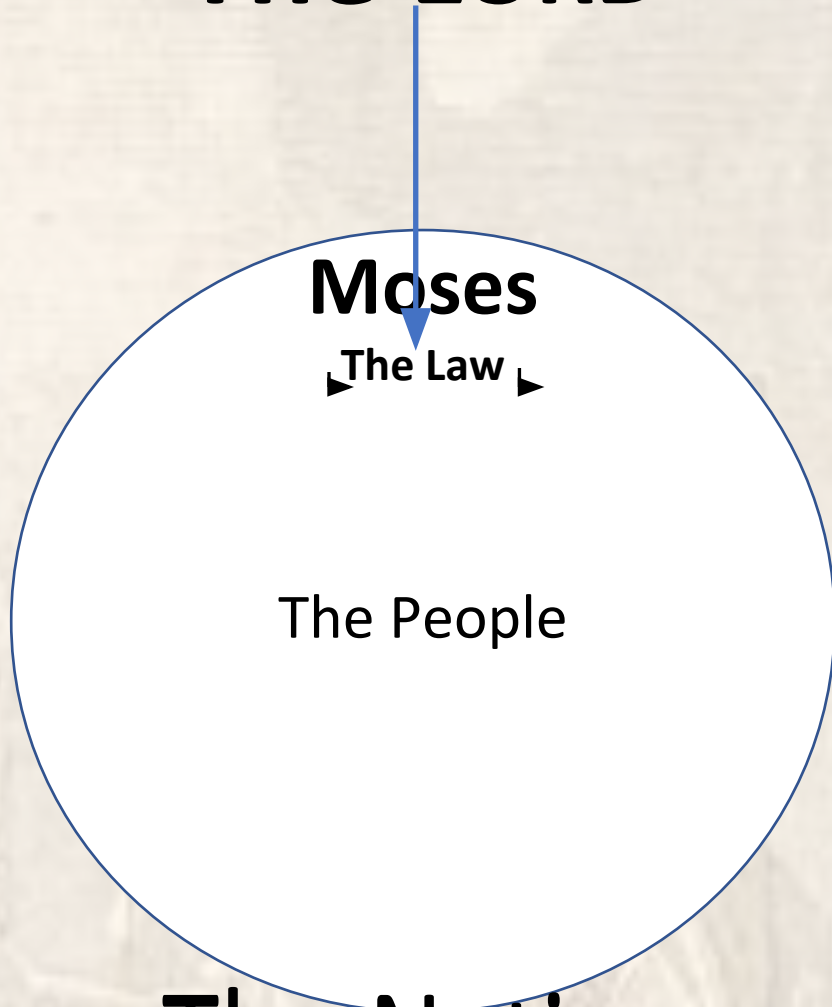
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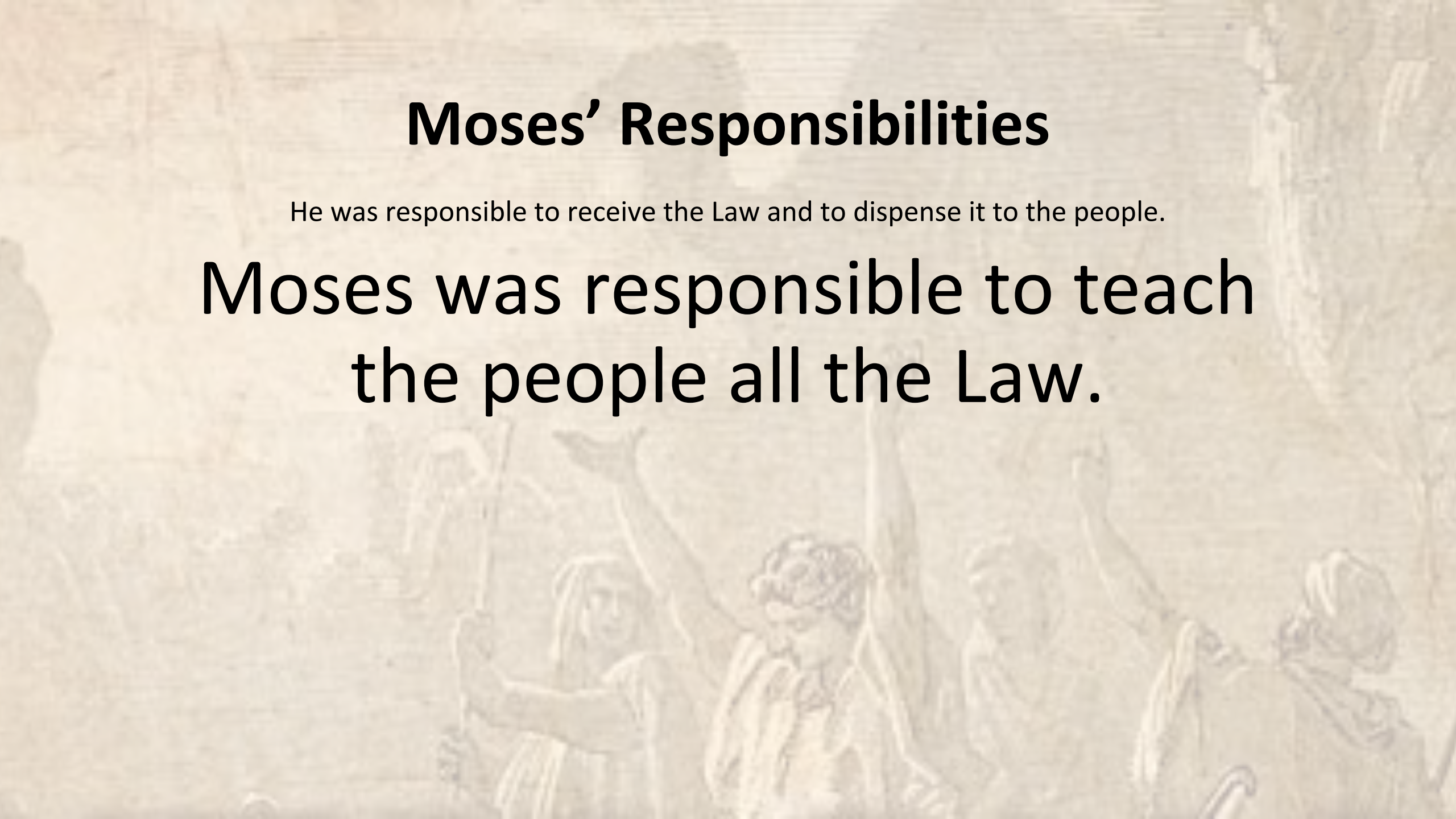
**The Nation**



# Moses' Responsibilities

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**Moses was responsible to teach  
the people all the Law.**



**Deuteronomy 1:5**

Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab,  
Moses undertook **to explain this law**

**Deuteronomy 4:5**

See, **I have taught you** statutes and rules,  
*as the LORD my God commanded me,*  
that you should do them in the land  
that you are entering to take possession of it.



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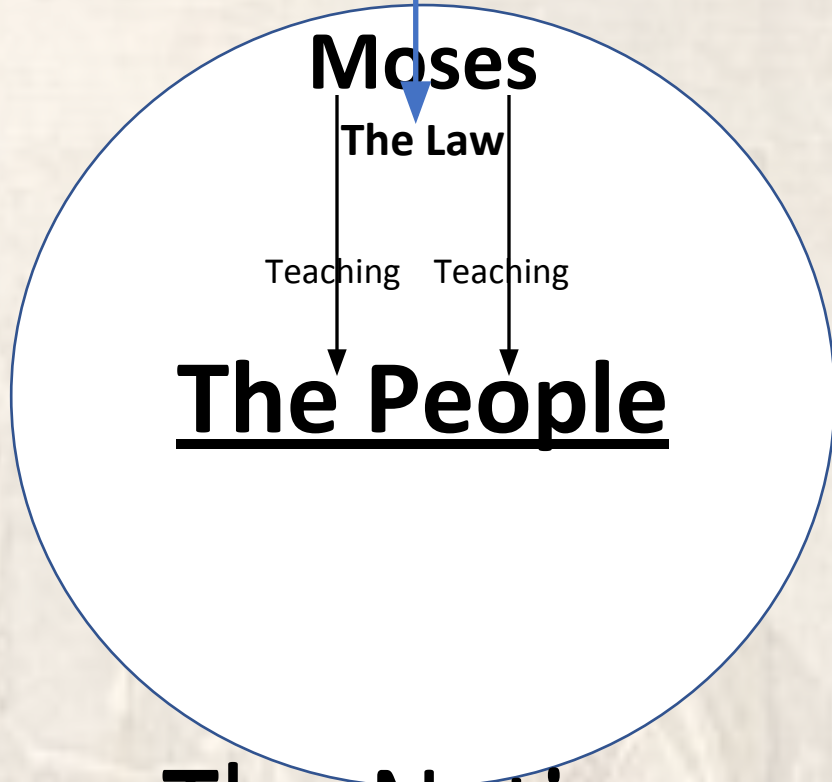
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# Moses' Responsibilities

He was responsible to receive the Law and to dispense it to the people.

Moses was responsible to teach the people all the Law.

**Moses was responsible to mediate  
between the LORD and the people.**

Even in this discourse, Moses stood before the people as God's representative.

**Deuteronomy 5:4-5**

The LORD spoke to you face to face at the mountain from the midst of the fire, while I was standing between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.



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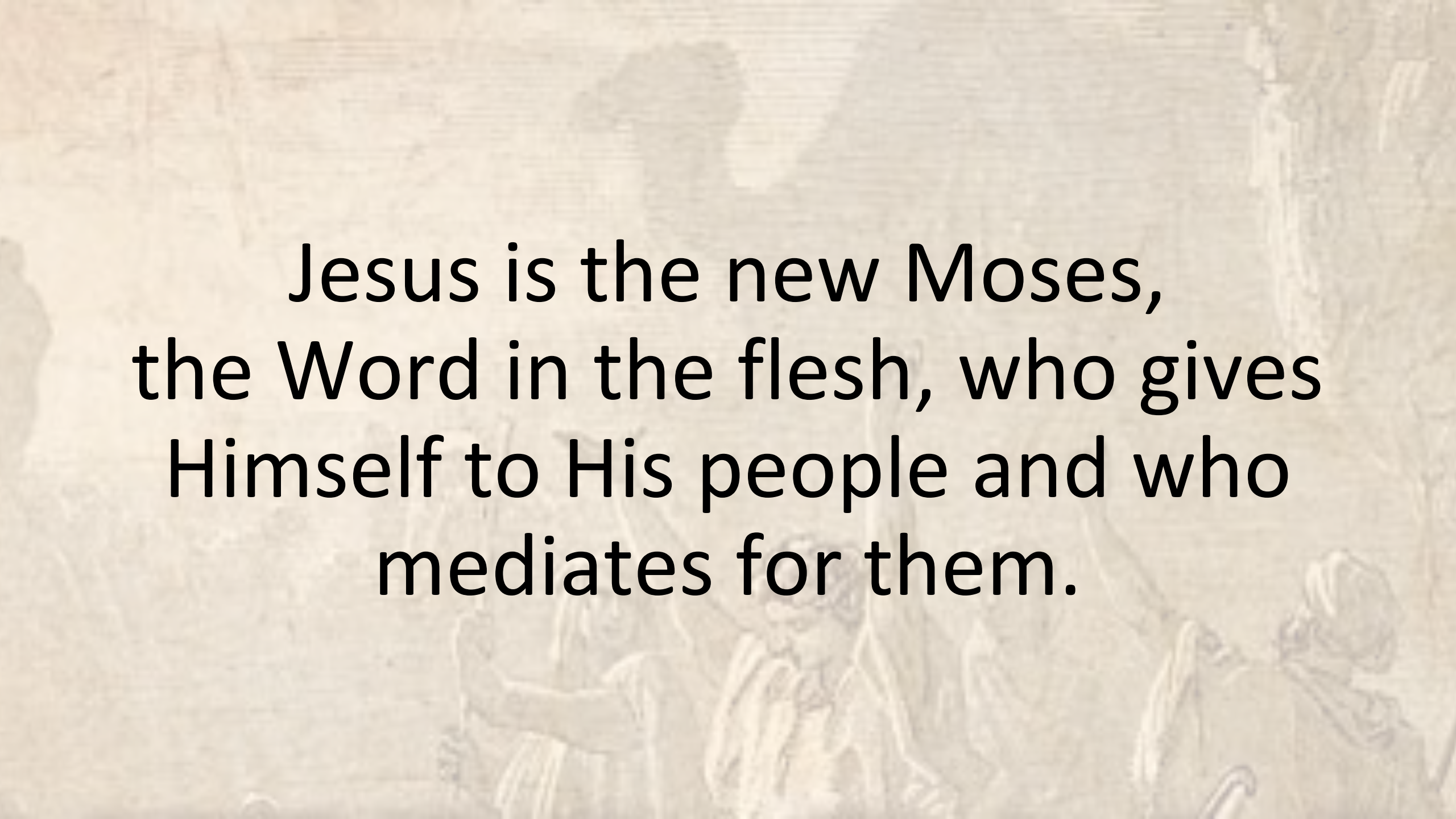
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Jesus is the new Moses,  
the Word in the flesh, who gives  
Himself to His people and who  
mediates for them.

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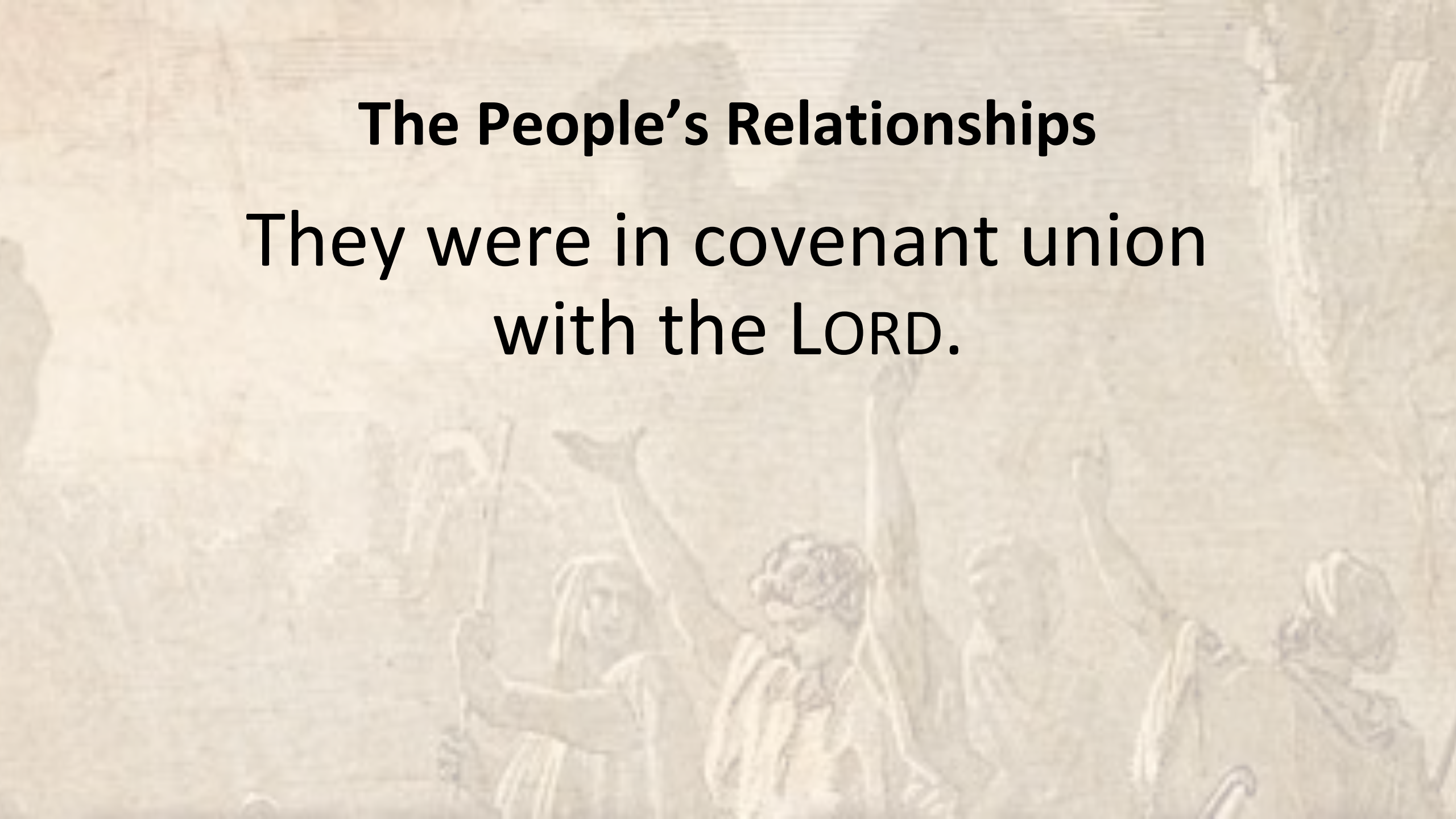
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## The People



# **The People's Relationships**

**They were in covenant union  
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This whole discourse is meant to remind them that they belonged to the LORD.

**Leviticus 26:12**

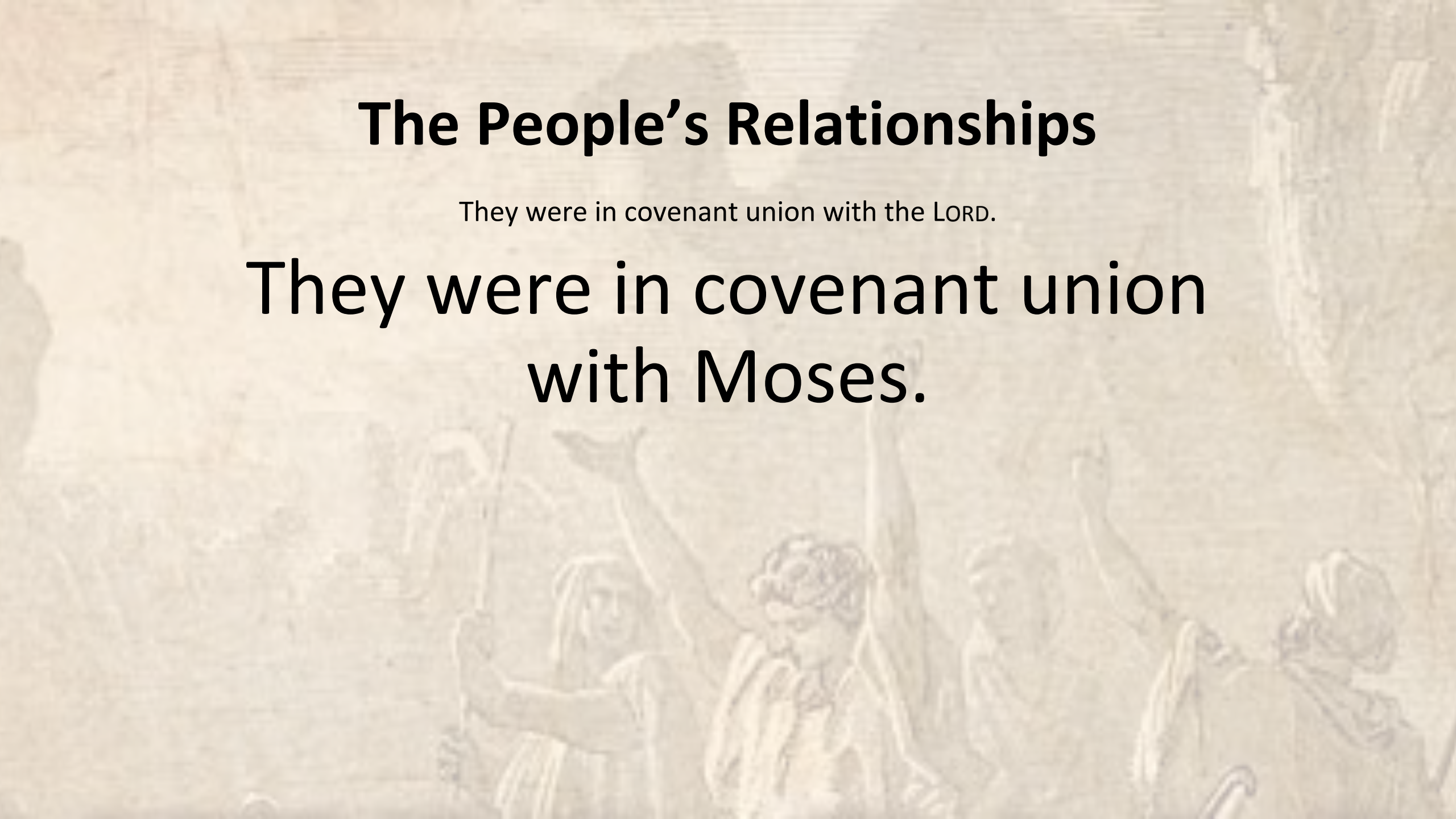
And I will walk among you and will be your God,  
and **you shall be my people.**



# The People's Relationships

They were in covenant union with the LORD.

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Moses had been appointed their representative, and they were bound to Him.

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# The People's Relationships

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They were in covenant union with Moses.

**They were in covenant union  
with each other.**

**Deuteronomy 1:3**

And it came about in the fortieth year...that Moses spoke  
to **the children of Israel.**

**Deuteronomy 1:16**

“...hear the cases between **your brothers.**”



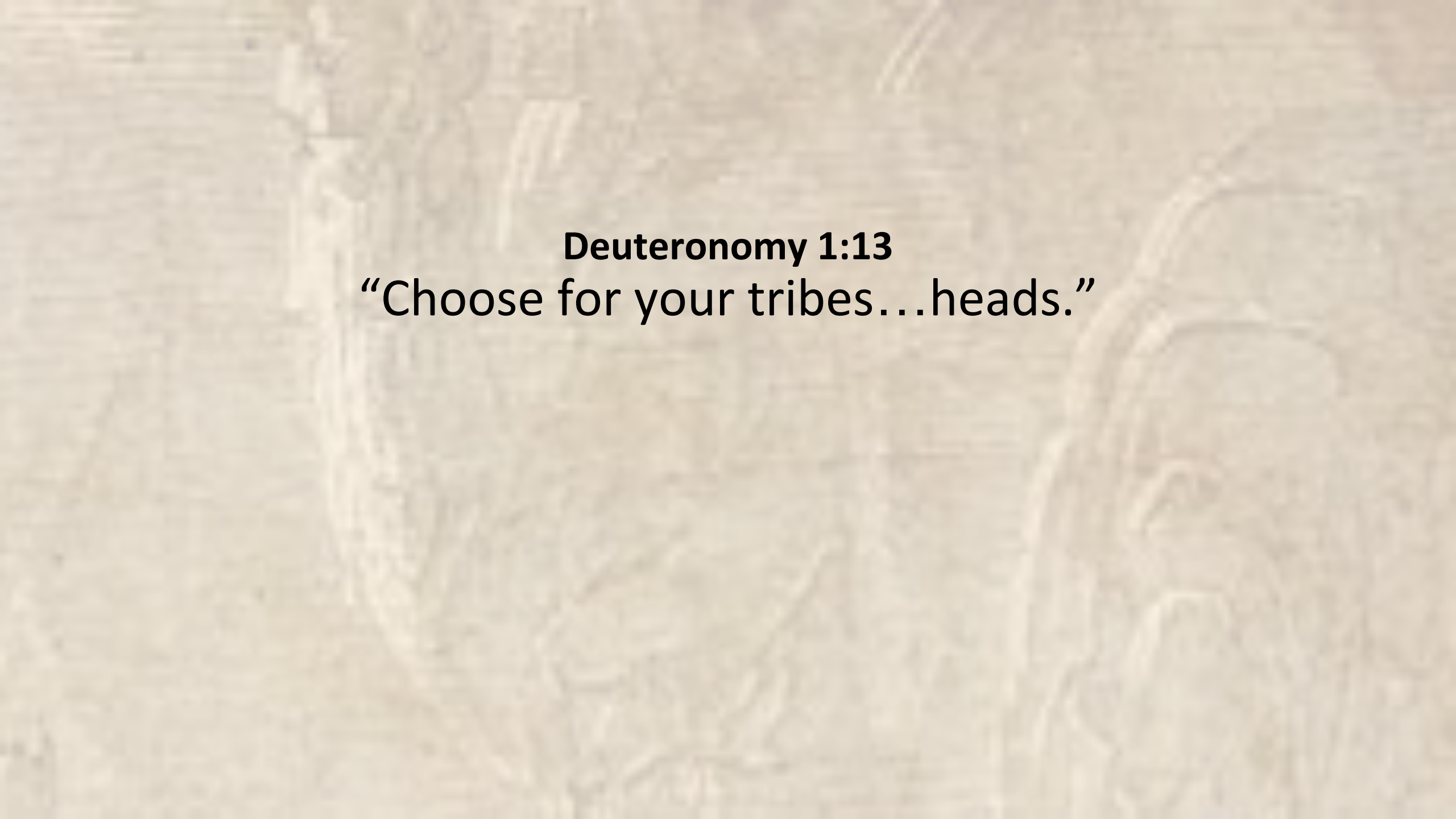
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**Deuteronomy 1:13**  
“Choose for your tribes...heads.”



**Deuteronomy 16:18**

**You shall appoint** judges and officers in all your towns.

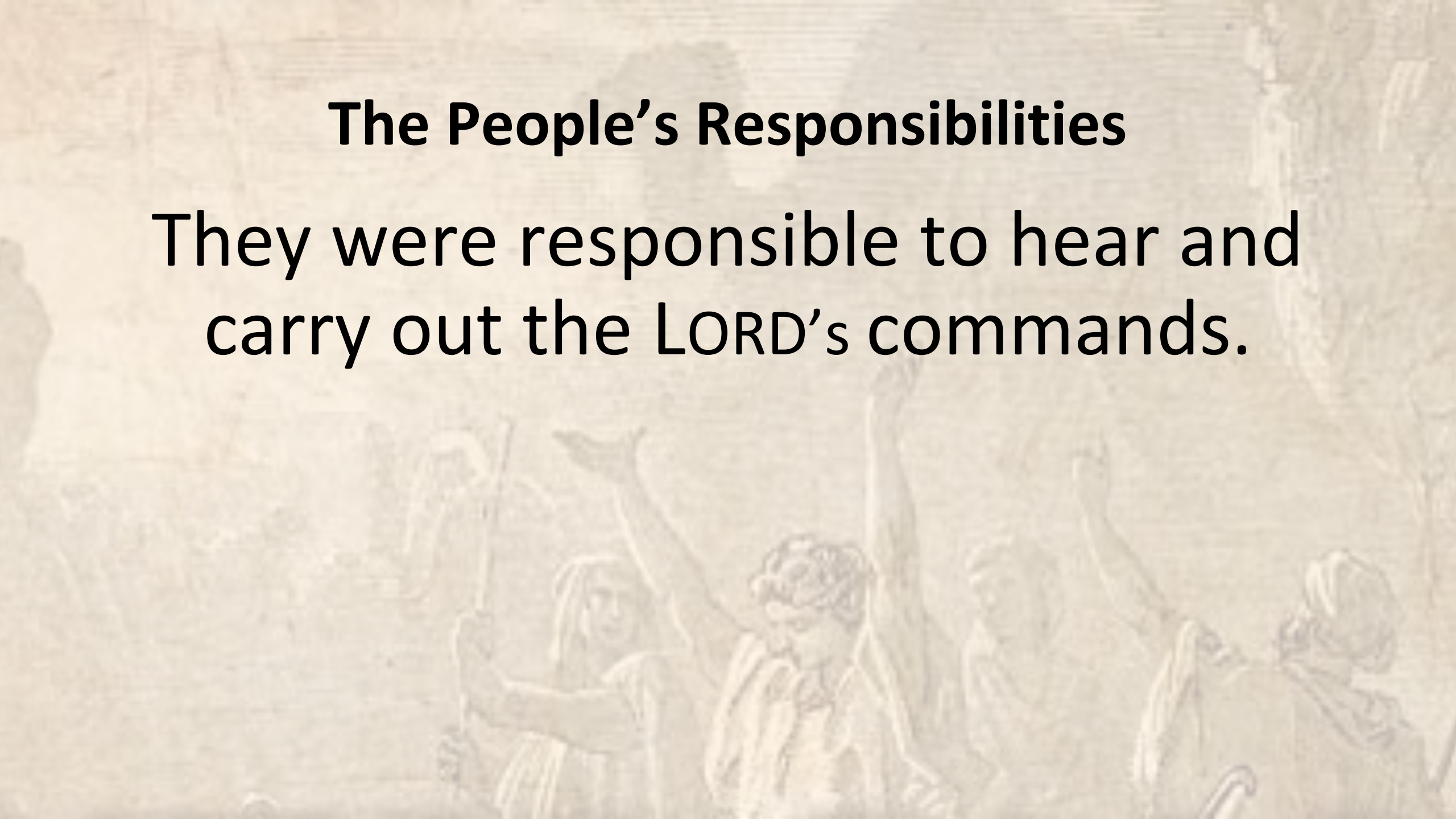
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## **The People's Responsibilities**

**They were responsible to hear and carry out the LORD's commands.**



**Deuteronomy 1:18**

And I commanded you at that time  
all the things that **you should do.**

**Deuteronomy 12:28**

Be careful to **obey all these words** that I command you,  
that it may go well with you and with your children  
after you forever.



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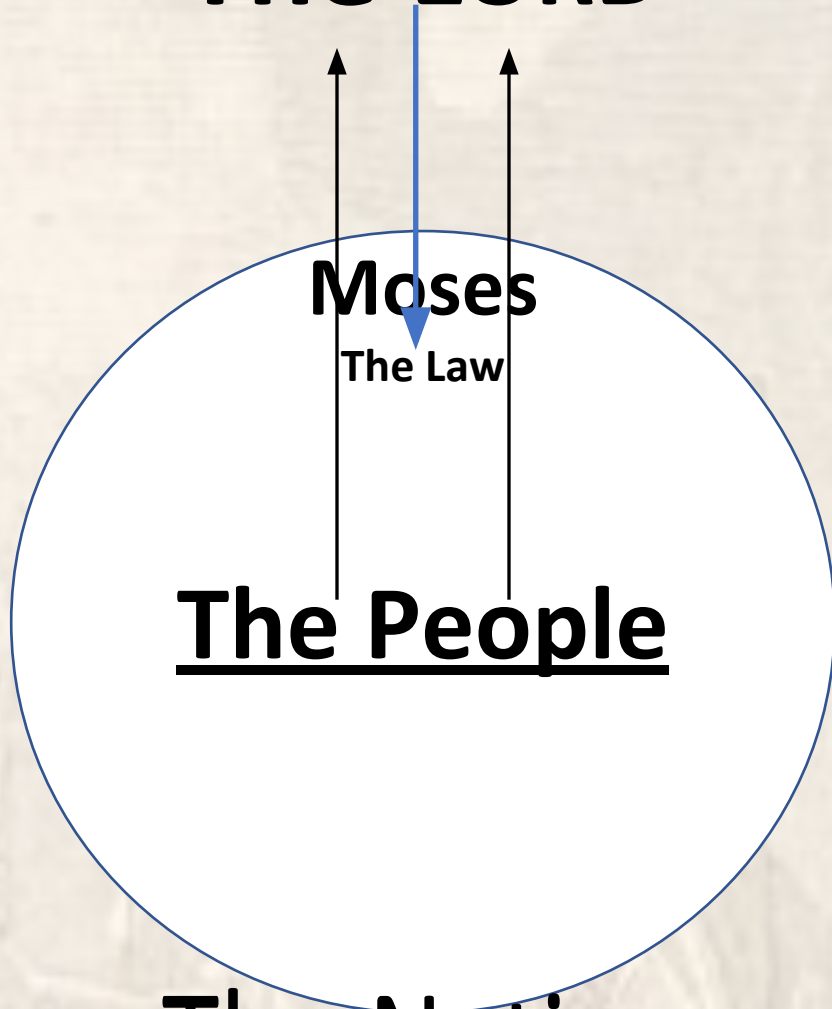
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In this sense, the people (the members of the community) had governing authority.

**They** chose their leaders.

**They** decided to send spies.

**They** determined not to go up.

The LORD held **them** responsible.

# The People's Responsibilities

They were responsible to hear and gladly obey the word of the LORD.

They were responsible to choose  
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**Choose** for your tribes **wise, understanding,** and **experienced** men, and I will appoint them as your heads.

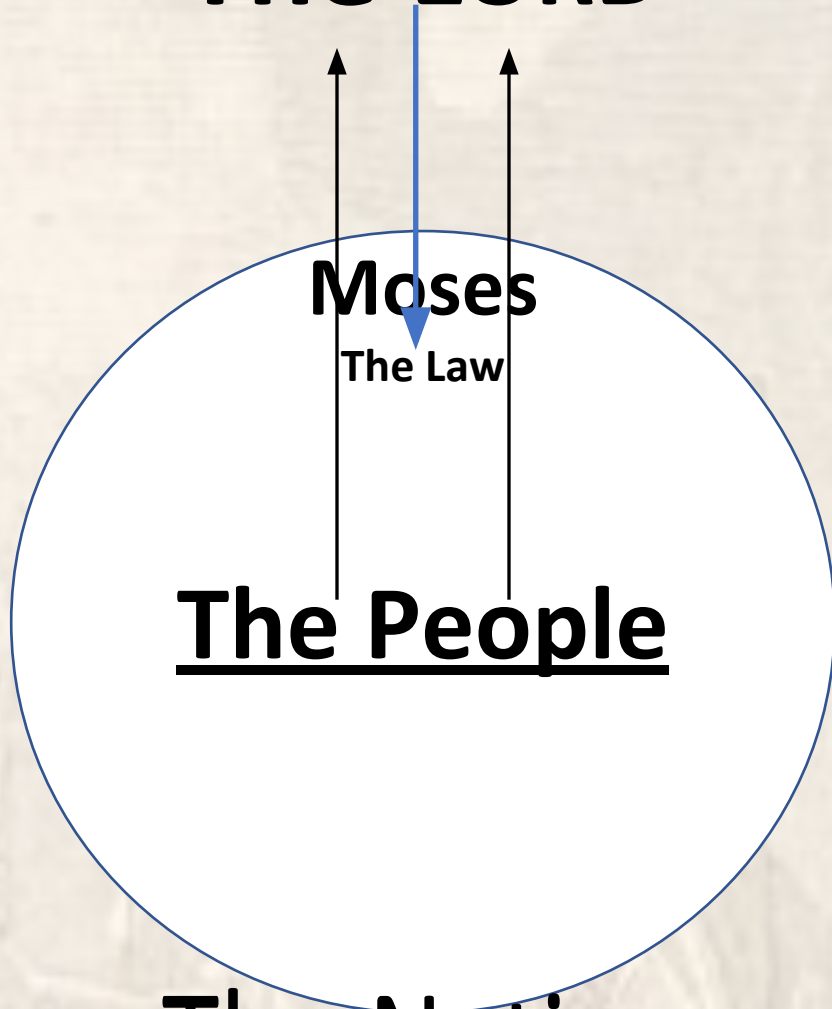
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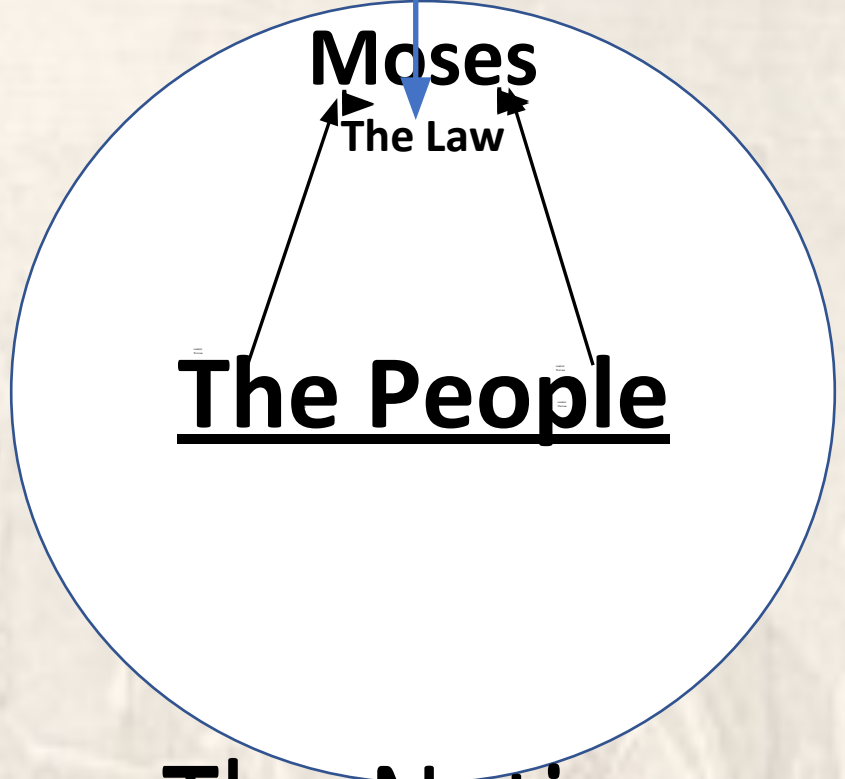
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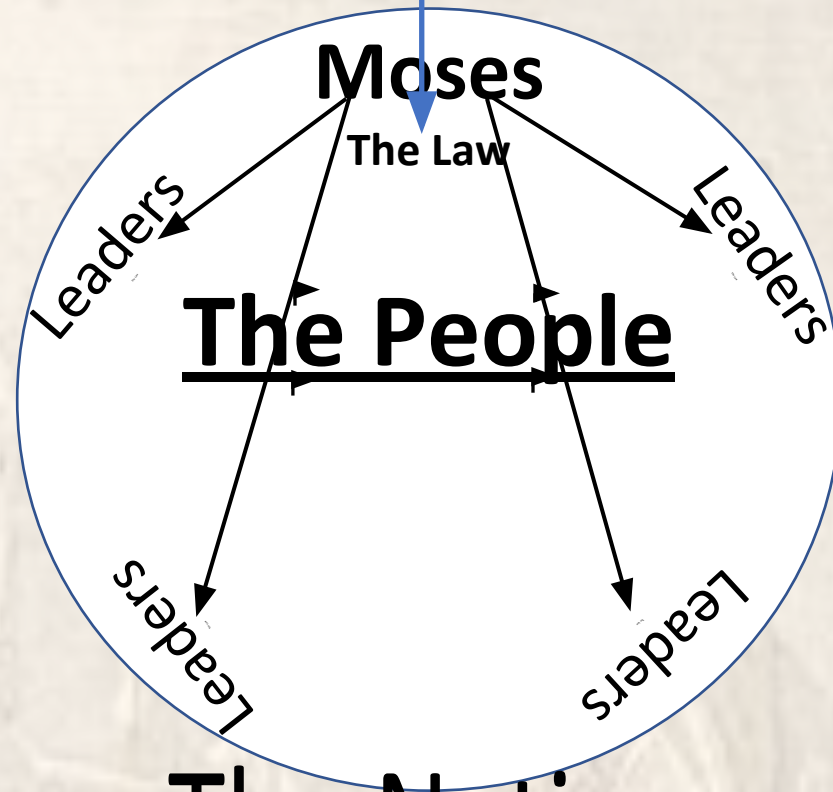


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### **Deuteronomy 1:16-17**

And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him.<sup>17</sup> You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike.

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**They were responsible to care  
for one another.**

**Deuteronomy 1:16**

“...hear the cases between **your brothers.**”



### Deuteronomy 15:7-8

If among you, **one of your brothers** should become poor...  
you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against  
your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him  
and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

# Relationships and Responsibilities

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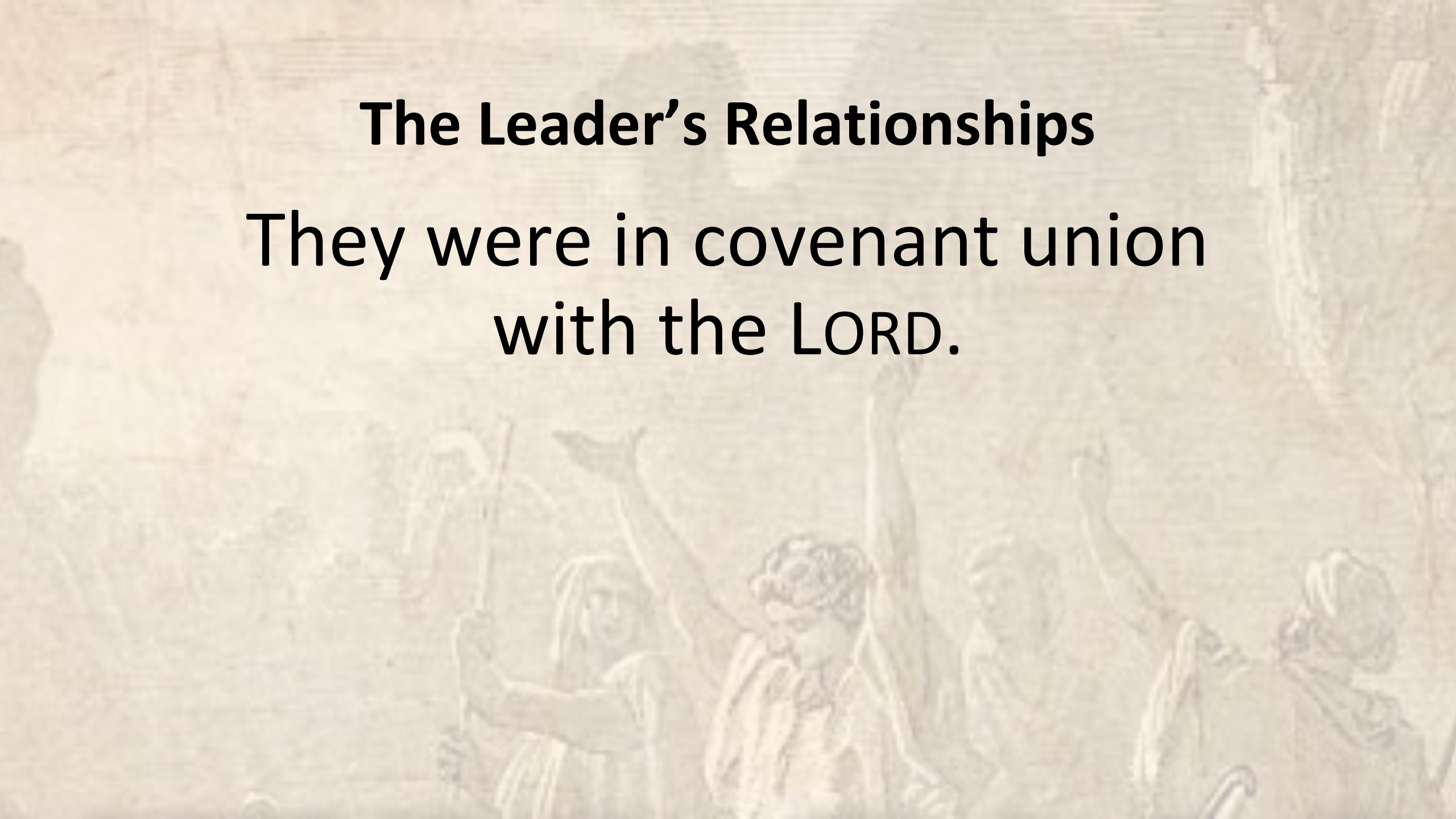
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## The Leaders



# **The Leader's Relationships**

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# Their Allegiance

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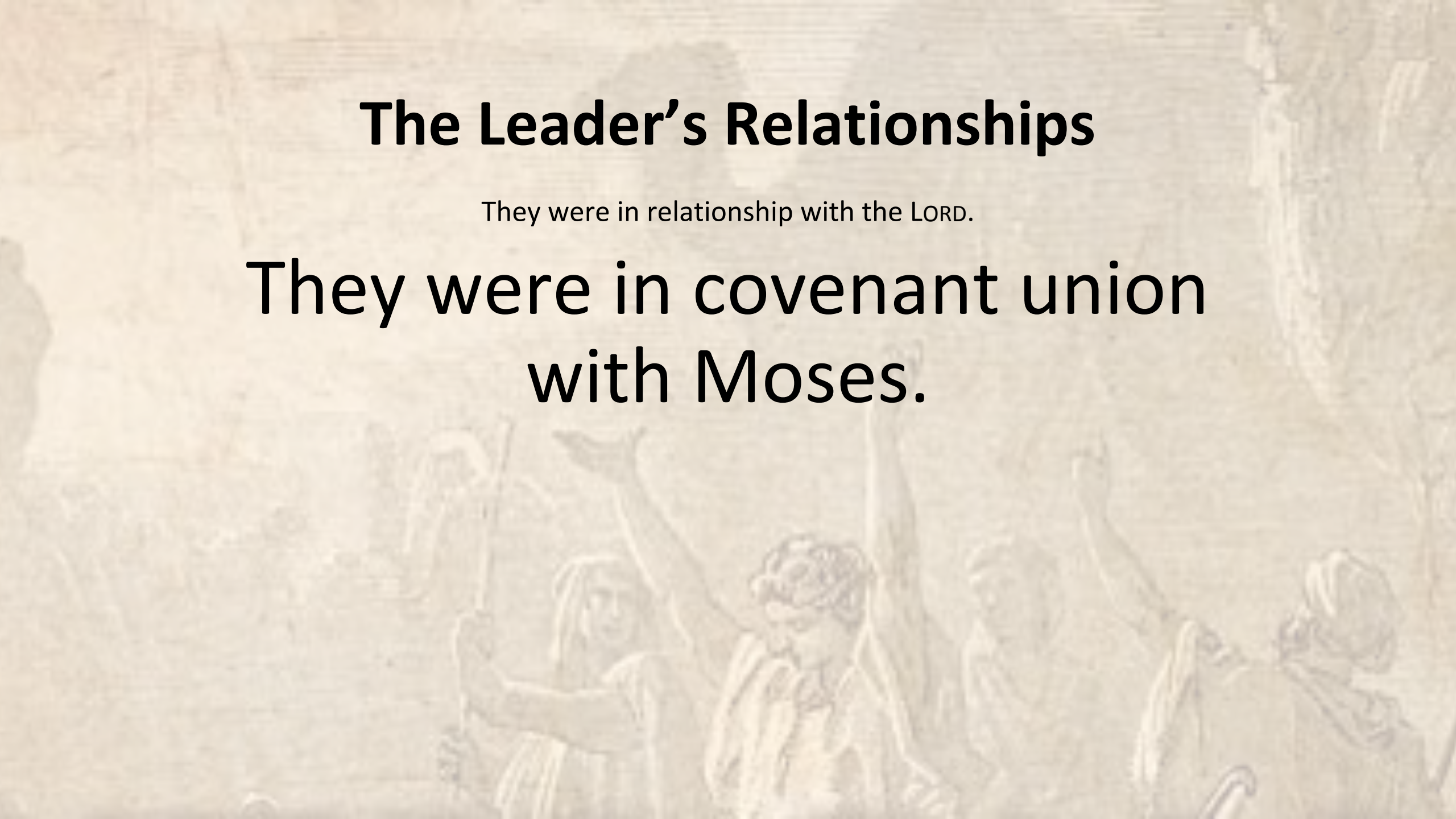
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# The Leader's Relationships

They were in relationship with the LORD.

They were in covenant union  
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Moses was their brother and the one  
who appointed and charged them.

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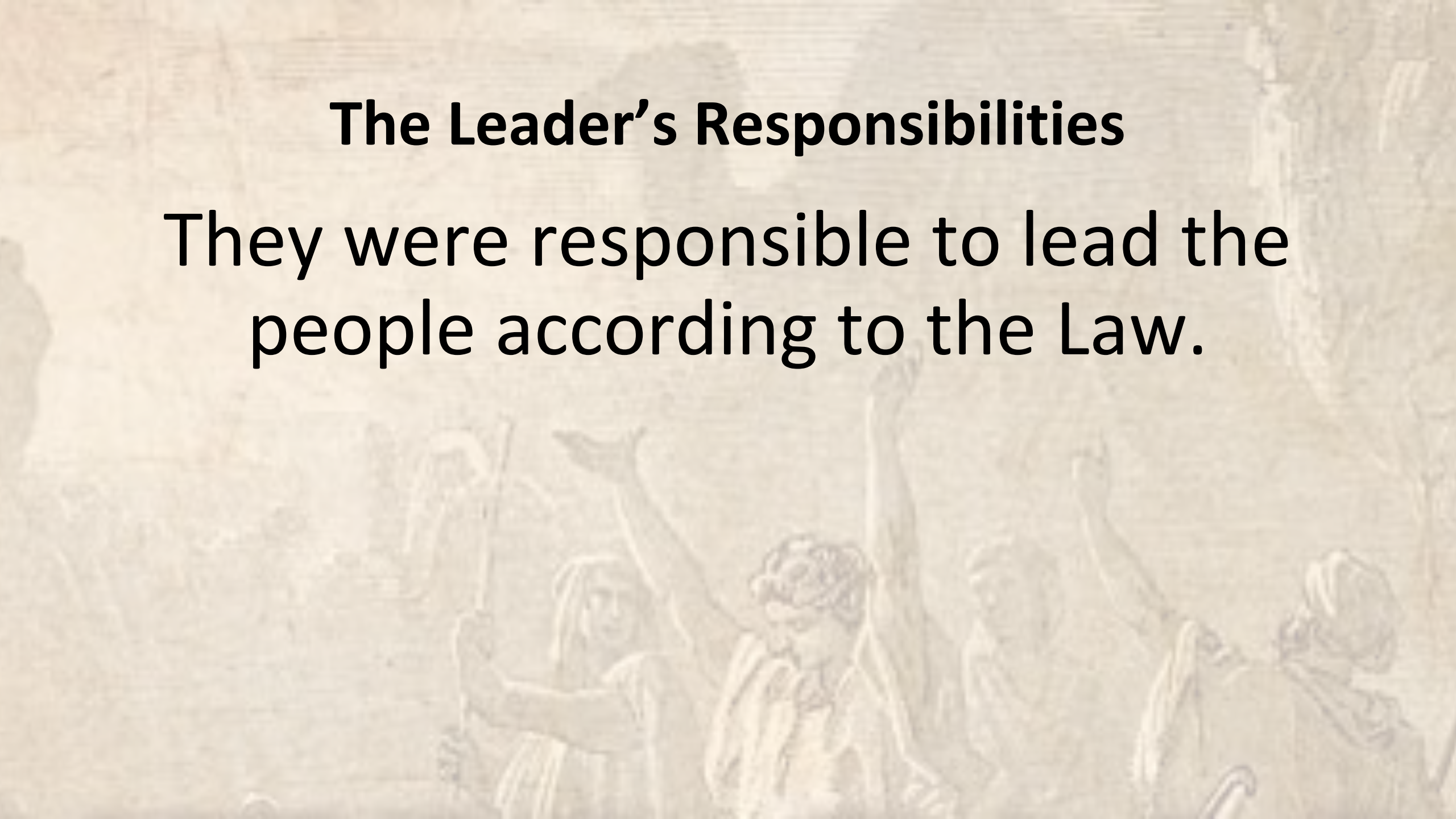
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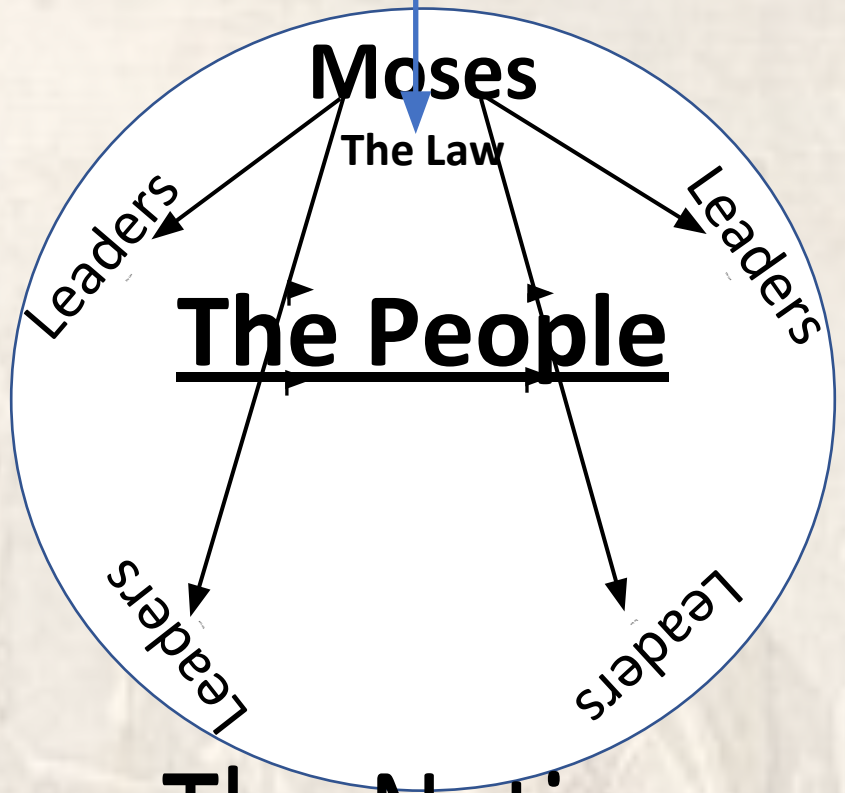
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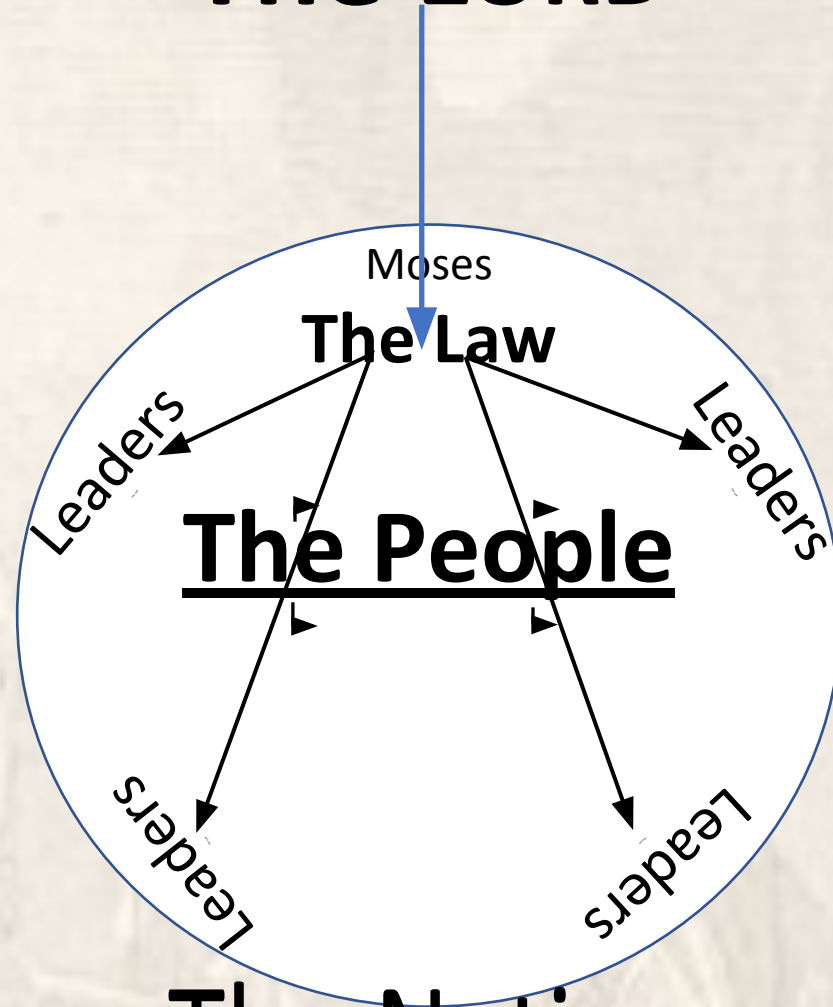
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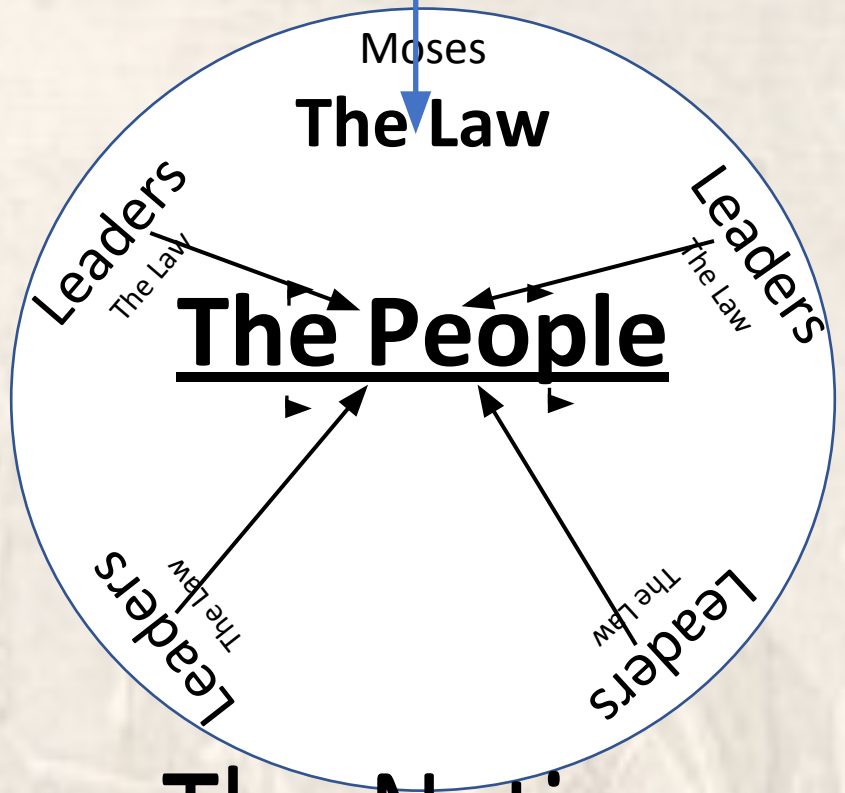
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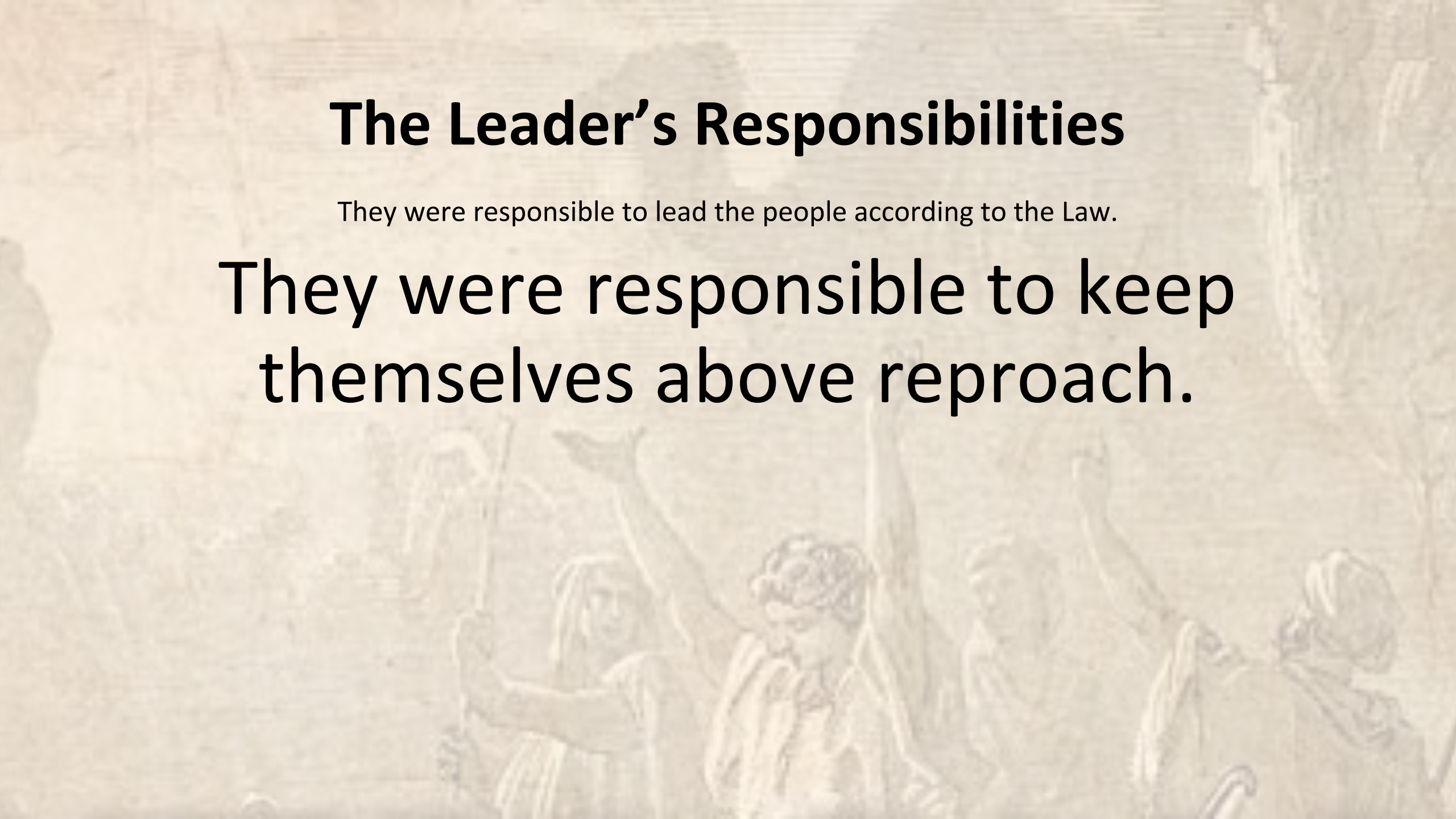




# The Leader's Responsibilities

They were responsible to lead the people according to the Law.

**They were responsible to keep themselves above reproach.**



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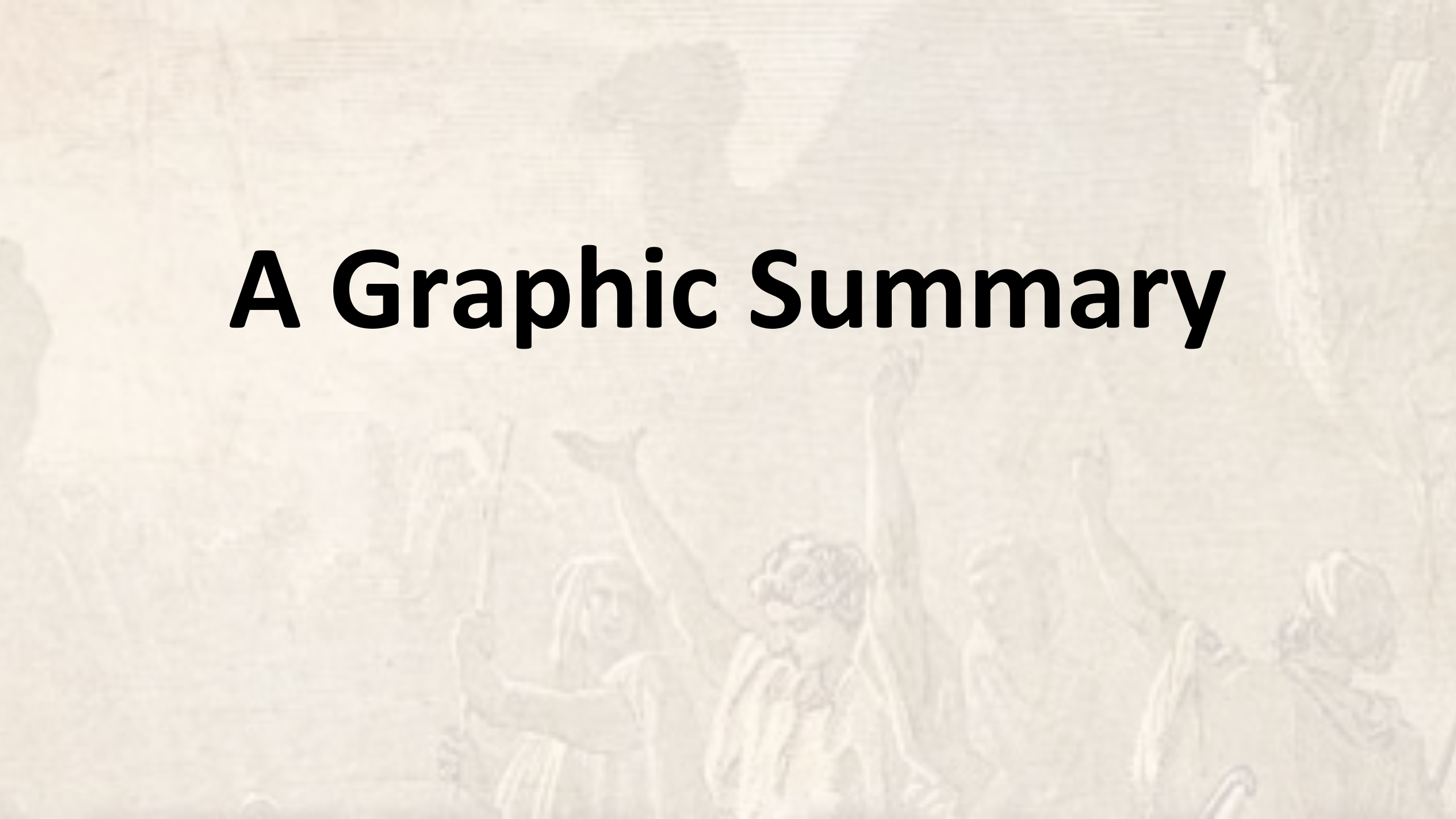
You shall not be intimidated by anyone,  
for the judgment is God's."

**Deuteronomy 16:19**

You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial,  
and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes  
of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.



# A Graphic Summary

The background of the slide features a faded, sepia-toned illustration of a group of people. In the foreground, several individuals are depicted with their arms raised, suggesting a scene of protest, celebration, or a public gathering. The figures are rendered in a sketchy, etched style. The overall tone is historical and evocative.

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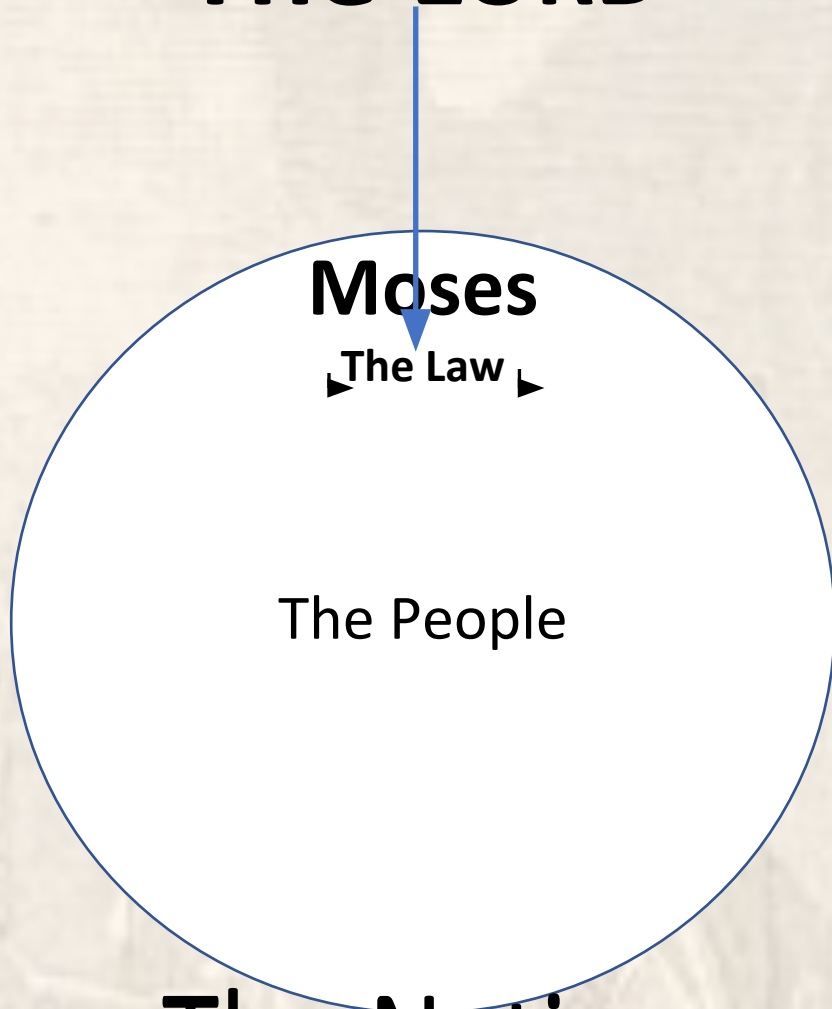
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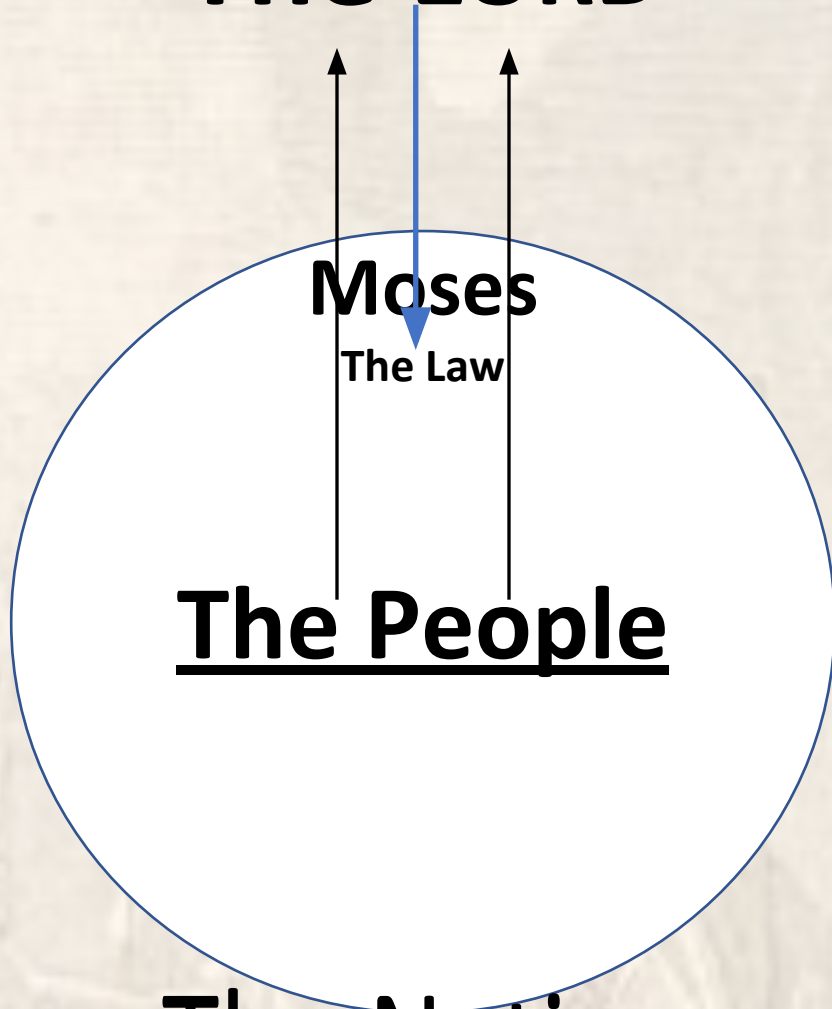
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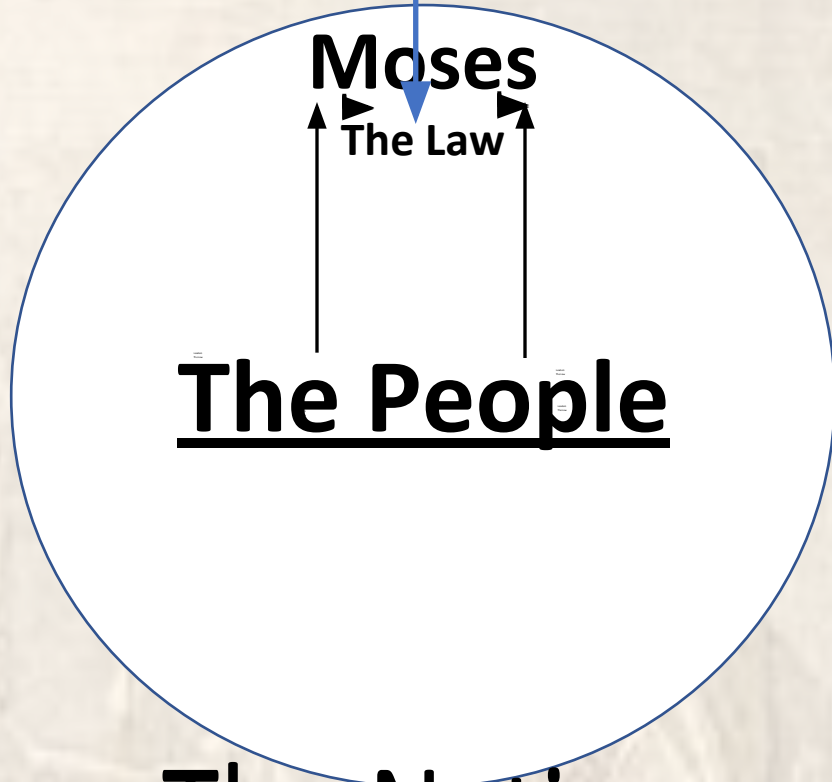
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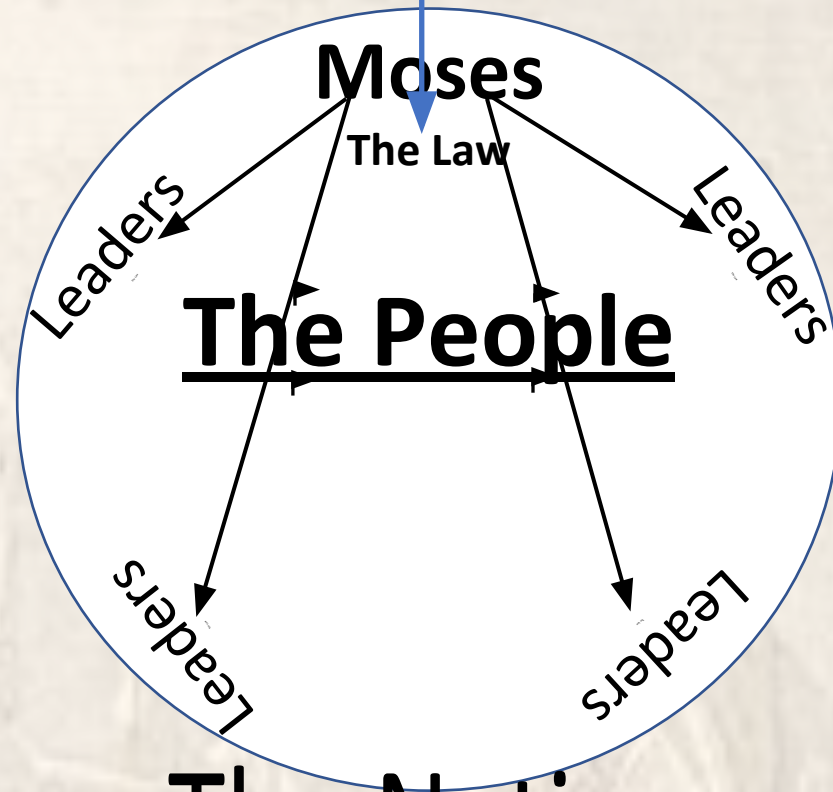
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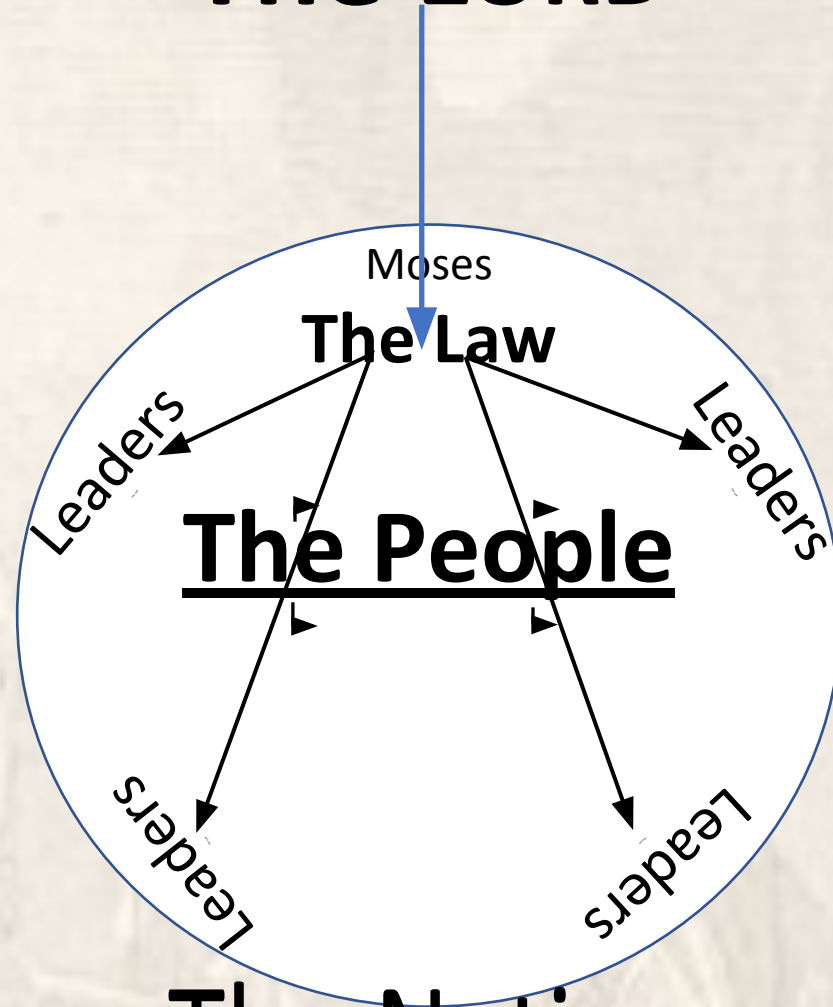
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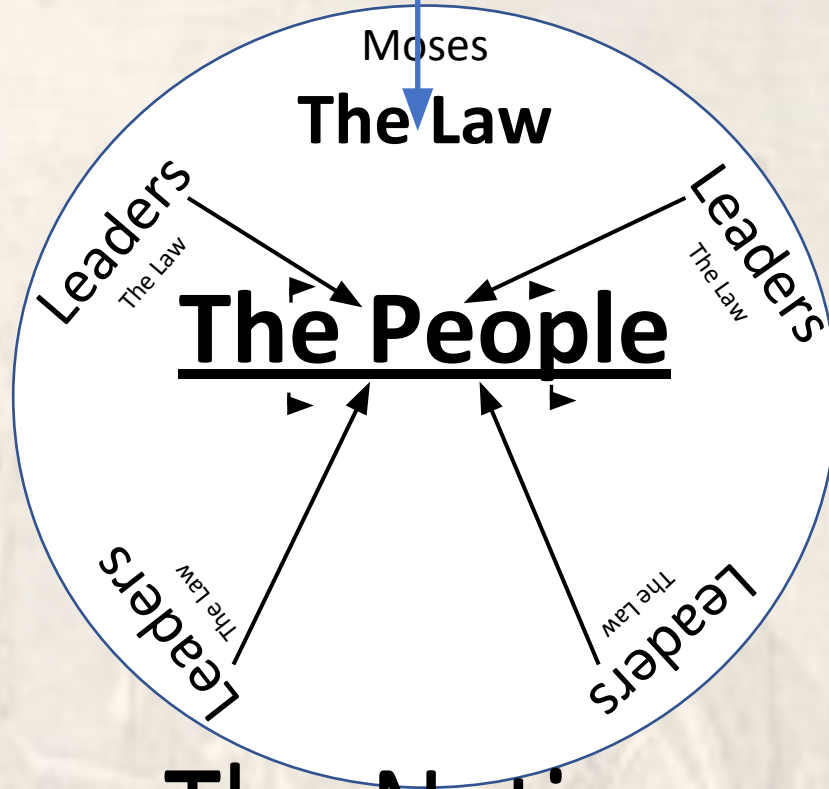
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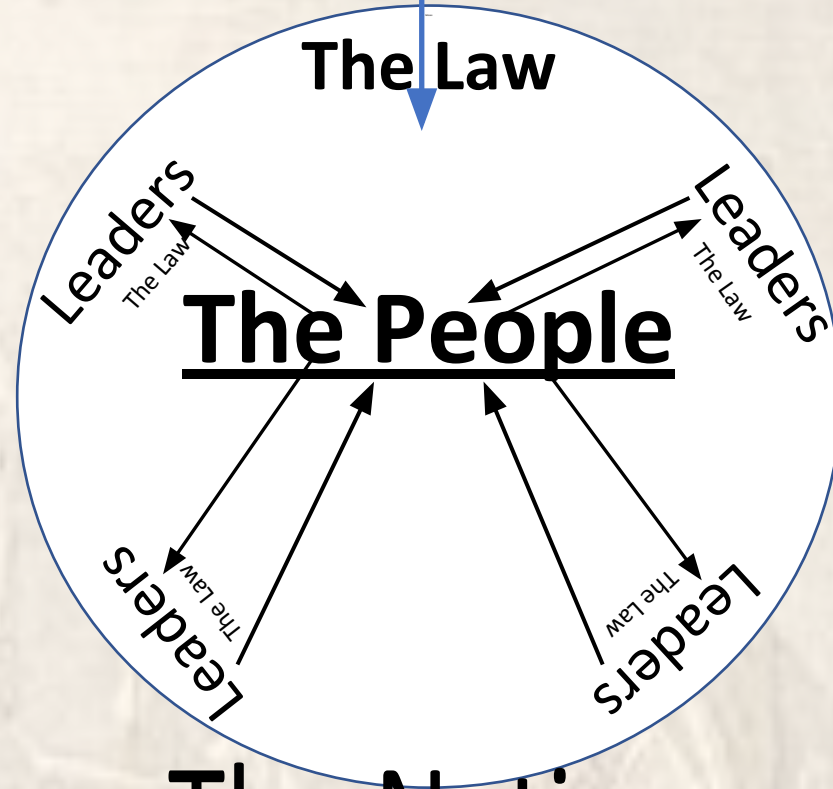
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# Concluding Questions:

What is your relationship with God?

What is your relationship with His church?

Do you believe that God intends for you to unite yourself to other believers?

Do you believe you have responsibilities and duties to your covenant community in Christ?