**Q58. What is the Old Covenant?**

The Old Covenant was a temporary covenant made primarily with Israelites and was defined by the Abrahamic Covenant, conditioned by the Mosaic Covenant, and focused by the Davidic Covenant. This covenant offered temporary blessings but did not offer eternal life. Through promises, types, and shadows, it taught about the Messiah, who was to come to fulfill the law, establish the New Covenant, and redeem the elect.

1. **Quick** answer round (don’t spend much time here unless it’s clear the whole group needs clarity. Don’t re-teach the lesson!):
   * Did the Davidic Covenant offer eternal blessings or temporary blessings?
   * Were the core rewards/blessings we highlighted in the Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenant the same or different in the Davidic Covenant?
   * What kind of covenant is the Davidic Covenant, cov of works or cov of grace?
   * What was the Davidic king “particularly tasked” to do? (Answer given in HN.)
2. Read Acts 13:16-23 again. Talk together about the content we have learned more about in our three Old Covenant lessons?
3. ***(Leaders, please don’t skip this question.)*** It is very important to see that God fulfilled the Old Covenant benefits that He was committed to, but ethnic Israel lost their right to any of these things and the Old Covenant was eventually closed up and put away. (Several of the last sections on the HN provide passages to these things.)
   * Do you see that in knowing these biblical truths we are better equipment to not be misled by people (such as politicians/political parties) that try to leverage modern day Israel into being something it is not any longer?
   * How would you now respond to someone who says that the geographic area of the nation of Israel is still the “holy land” or that ethnic Israel as a whole are still “God’s special people”?
4. How was someone saved in David’s time?

(Answer: By being effectually called by God and given saving faith in the promised One who was to come and establish a better, saving covenant—the New Covenant.)

***Spend some time in prayer before you dismiss.***