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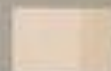
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Do one on the
daughters of
Zelophehad



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The Daughters Who Changed the Law

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The Daughters Who Changed the Law



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2nd) The Context



2nd) The context

3rd) The Application

1st) The Story

The book of “Numbers”

(Chapter 26:28-33 and 27:1-11)

Israel on the edge of promise

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The sons of Joseph according to their clans:
Manasseh and Ephraim. The sons of Manasseh: of
Machir, the clan of the Machirites; and Machir was
the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the clan of the
Gileadites. These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer,
the clan of the Iezerites; of Helek, the clan of the
Helekites; and of Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites;
and of Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites;

and of Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites;
and of Hephher, the clan of the Hephherites.

Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

Meet Zelophehad,
a man of Manasseh



These were those listed by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who listed the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. But among these there was not one of those listed by Moses and Aaron the priest, who had listed the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For the LORD had said of them, "They shall die in the wilderness." Not one of them was left, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

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Five brave sisters

Mahleh – (מַחֵלָה)

Noah – (נֹעָה)

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Numbers 27:1

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וּתִרְצָה:



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Meet Zelophehad, a man of Manasseh



Meet Zelophehad,
aka “Pimple-cheeked”





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וְתַרְצָה:

Numbers 27:2

And they stood before
Moses and before Eleazar
the priest and before the
chiefs and all the
congregation, at the
entrance of the tent of
meeting, saying,

Numbers 27:2

וַתַּעֲמִדְנָה לְפָנַי מִנְּשָׁה
וּלְפָנַי אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן
וּלְפָנַי הַנְּשִׂאִים
וְכָל־הָעֵדָה פָּתַח
אֶהֱל־מוֹעֵד לֵאמֹר:

Numbers 27:3

“Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin. And he had no sons.

Numbers 27:3

אָבִינוֹ יָמָת בַּמִּדְבָּר
וְהוּא לֹא־הָיָה בְּתוֹךְ
הָעֵדָה הַנוֹעֲדִים
עַל־יְהוָה בַּעֲדַת־קֹרַח
כִּי־בַחֲטָאוֹ יָמָת וּבָנִים
לֹא־הָיוּ לוֹ:

Numbers 27:4

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Numbers 27:5-6

Moses brought their case
before the LORD. And the
LORD said to Moses,

Numbers 27:5-6

וַיִּקְרַב מֹשֶׁה
אֶת־מִשְׁפָּטָן לִפְנֵי
יְהוָה: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר:

Numbers 27:7

“The daughters of
Zelophehad are right. You
shall give them
possession of an
inheritance among their
father’s brothers and
transfer the inheritance of
their father to them.

Numbers 27:7

כֵּן בָּנוֹת צֶלְפָּחָד דְּבָרָתְךָ
נָתַן תִּתֶּנָּה לָהֶם אֲחֵזְתָּ
נַחֲלָה בְּתוֹךְ אֶחָי
אֲבֵיהֶם וְהֵעֲבַרְתָּ
אֶת־נַחֲלַת אֲבִיהֶן לָהֶן:

Numbers 27:8

And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

Numbers 27:8

וְאֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל תִּדְבֹּר
לֵאמֹר אִישׁ כִּי־יָמוּת
וּבֵן אֵין לוֹ וְהֶעֱבַרְתֶּם
אֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ לְבָתּוֹ:

Numbers 27:9

And if he has no daughter,
then you shall give his
inheritance to his
brothers.

Numbers 27:9

וְאִם־אֵין לּוֹ בֵּת וְנִתְּנָם
אֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ לְאֶחָיו:

Numbers 27:10

And if he has no brothers,
then you shall give his
inheritance to his father's
brothers.

Numbers 27:10

וְאִם־אֵין־לּוֹ אֲחִים
וְנָתַתֶּם אֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ
לְאָחֵי אָבִיו:

Numbers 27:11

And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. And it shall be for the people of Israel a statute and rule, as the LORD commanded Moses.”

Numbers 27:11

וְאִם־אֵין אֲחִים לְאָבִיו
וְנָתַתֶּם אֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ
לְשֹׂארוֹ הַקָּרֵב אֵלָיו
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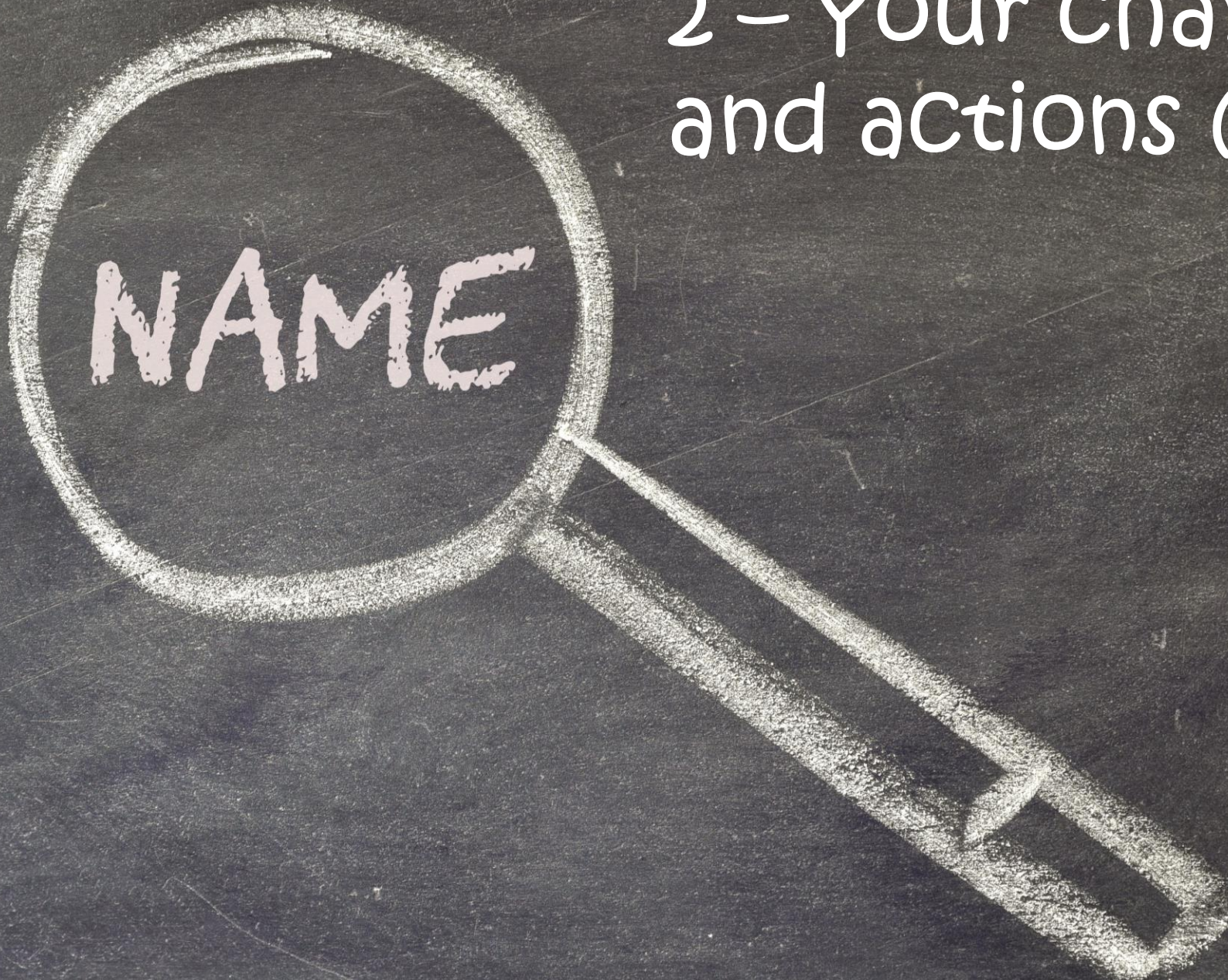
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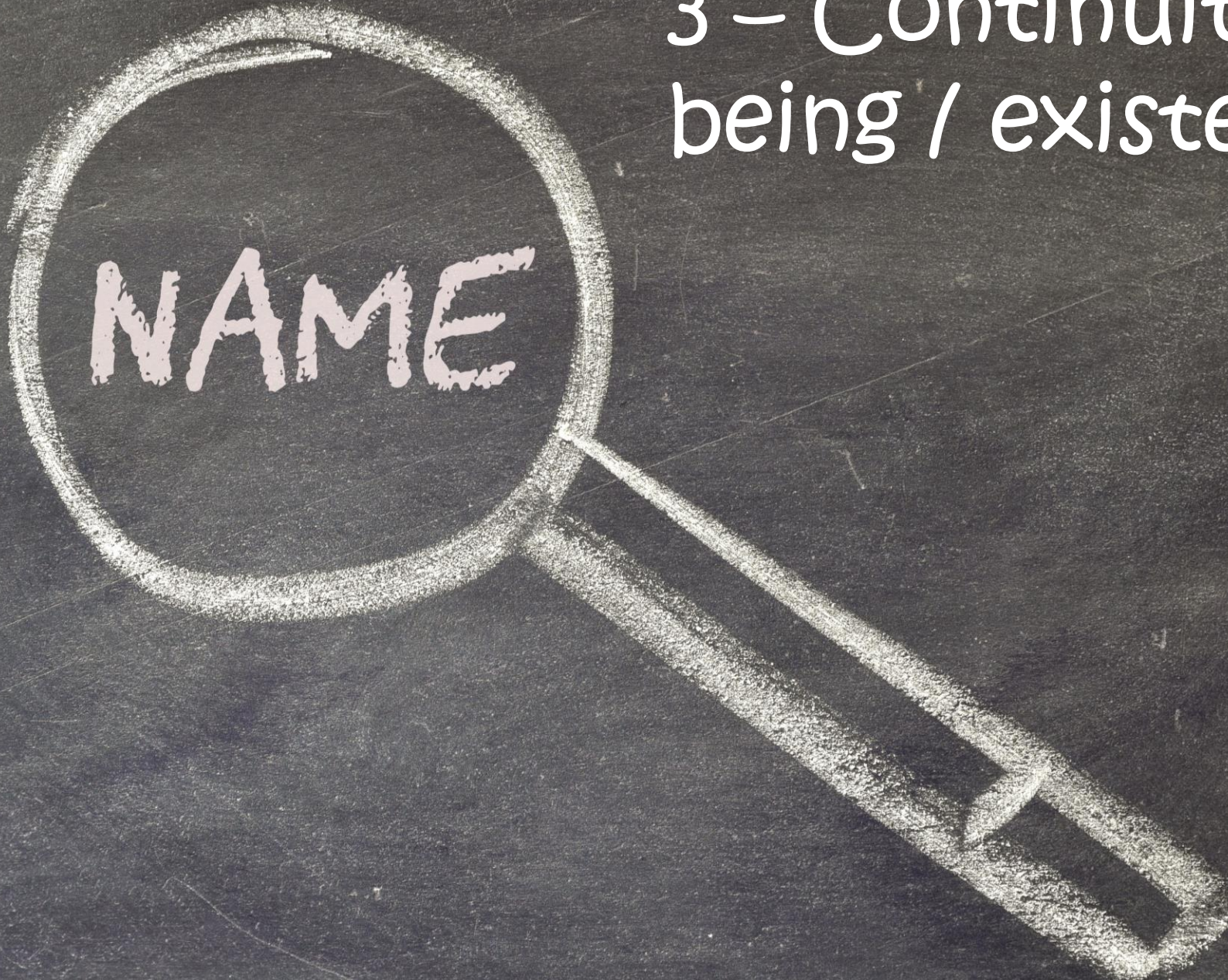
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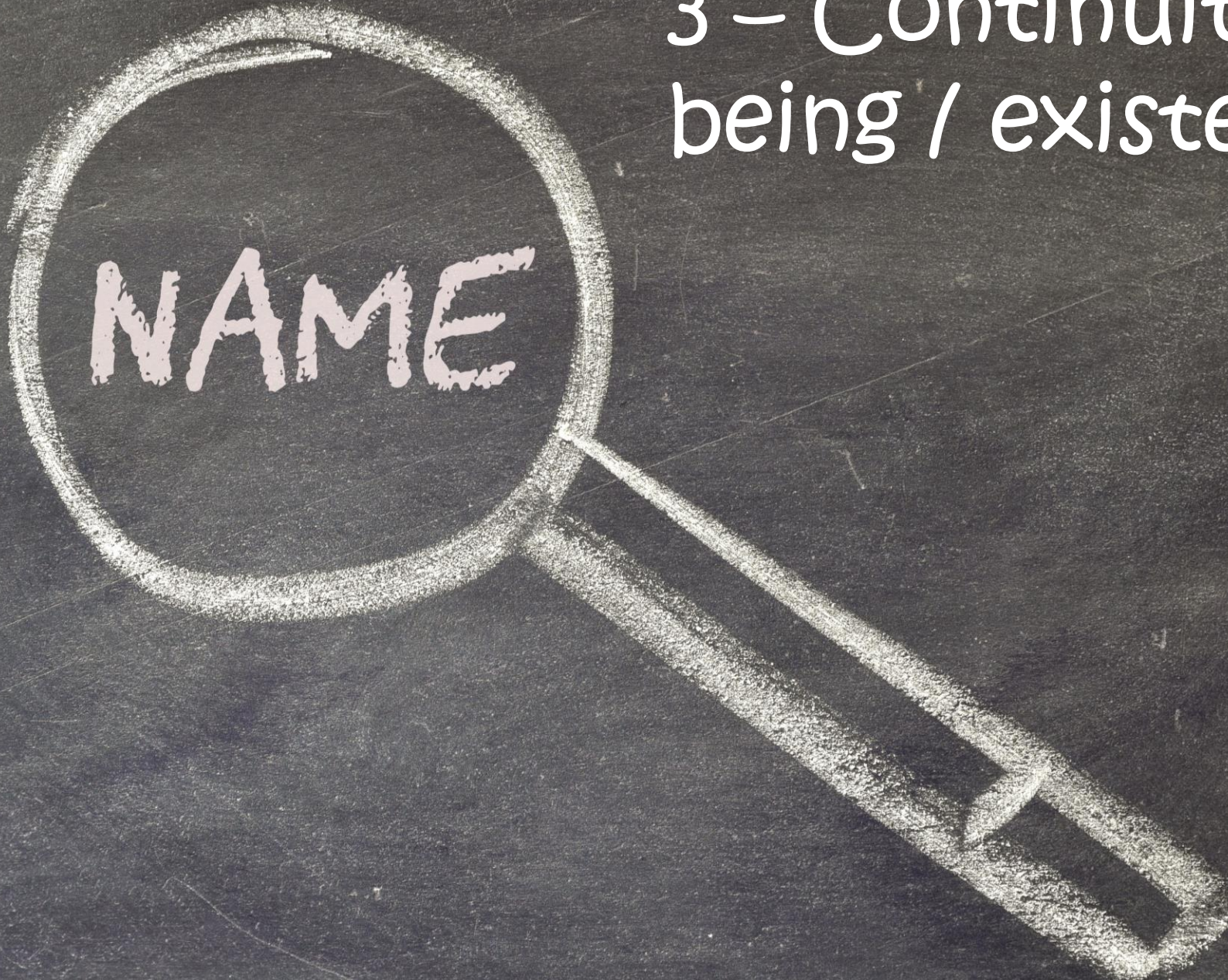
3 – Continuity of being / existence



Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a **name** for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” (Gen. 11:4)

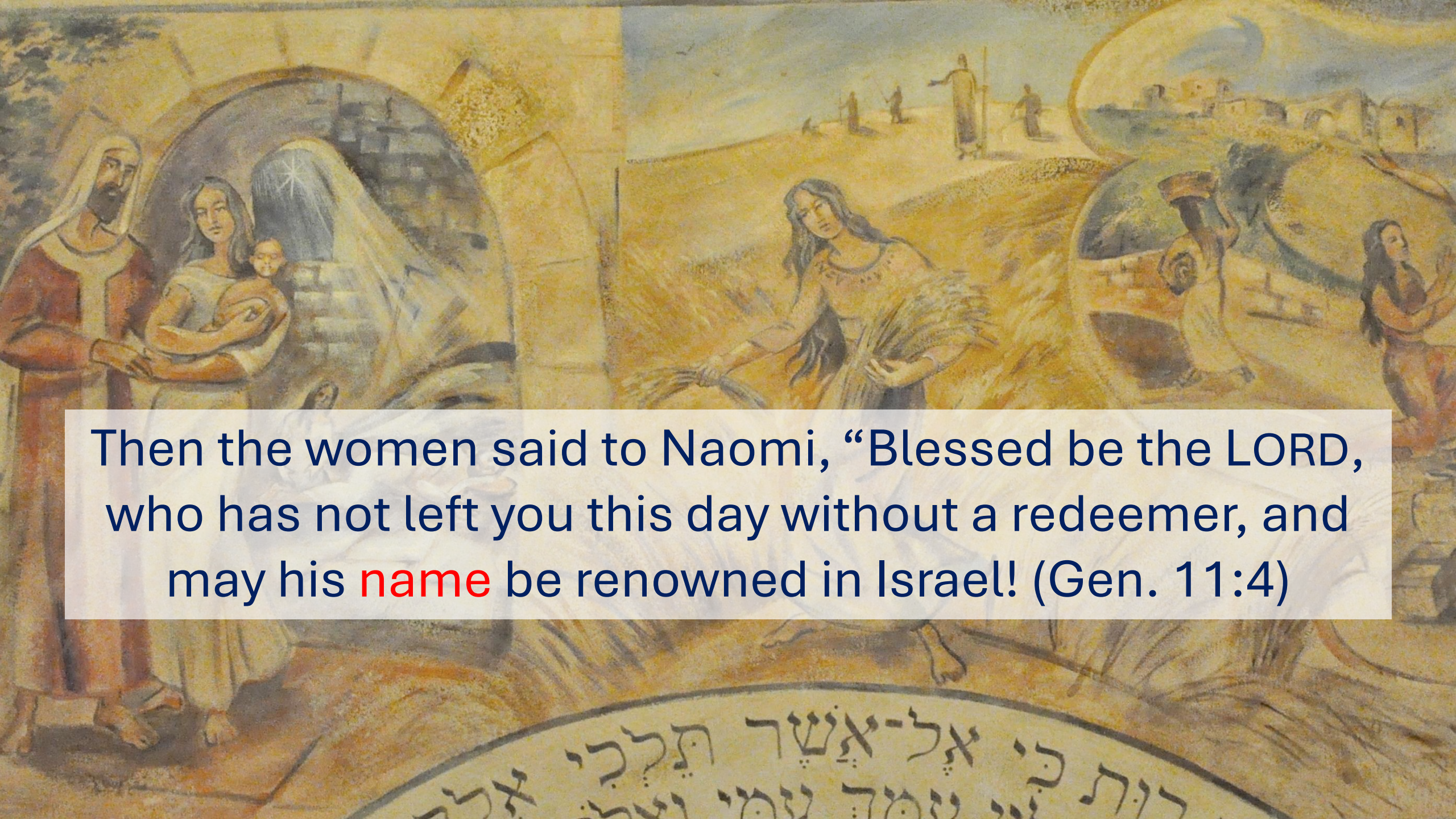


3 – Continuity of being / existence



4 – Community memory / placement





Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his **name** be renowned in Israel! (Gen. 11:4)

רוֹת כִּי אֶל-אֲשֶׁר תִּלְכִּי
עִמָּךְ עַמִּי וְעַל

5 – Spiritual: Place in God's covenant



NAME

“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by **name**, you are mine.’”

(Is. 43:1)



5 – Spiritual:
Place in God's covenant

“And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their **name** perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.”

(Is. 43:1)



5 – Spiritual:
Place in God's covenant
“cut-off” = severe punishment

“And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose **name** shall be found written in the book.” (Dn. 12:1)



5 – Spiritual:

Place in God's covenant

If your name is maintained, your place is too

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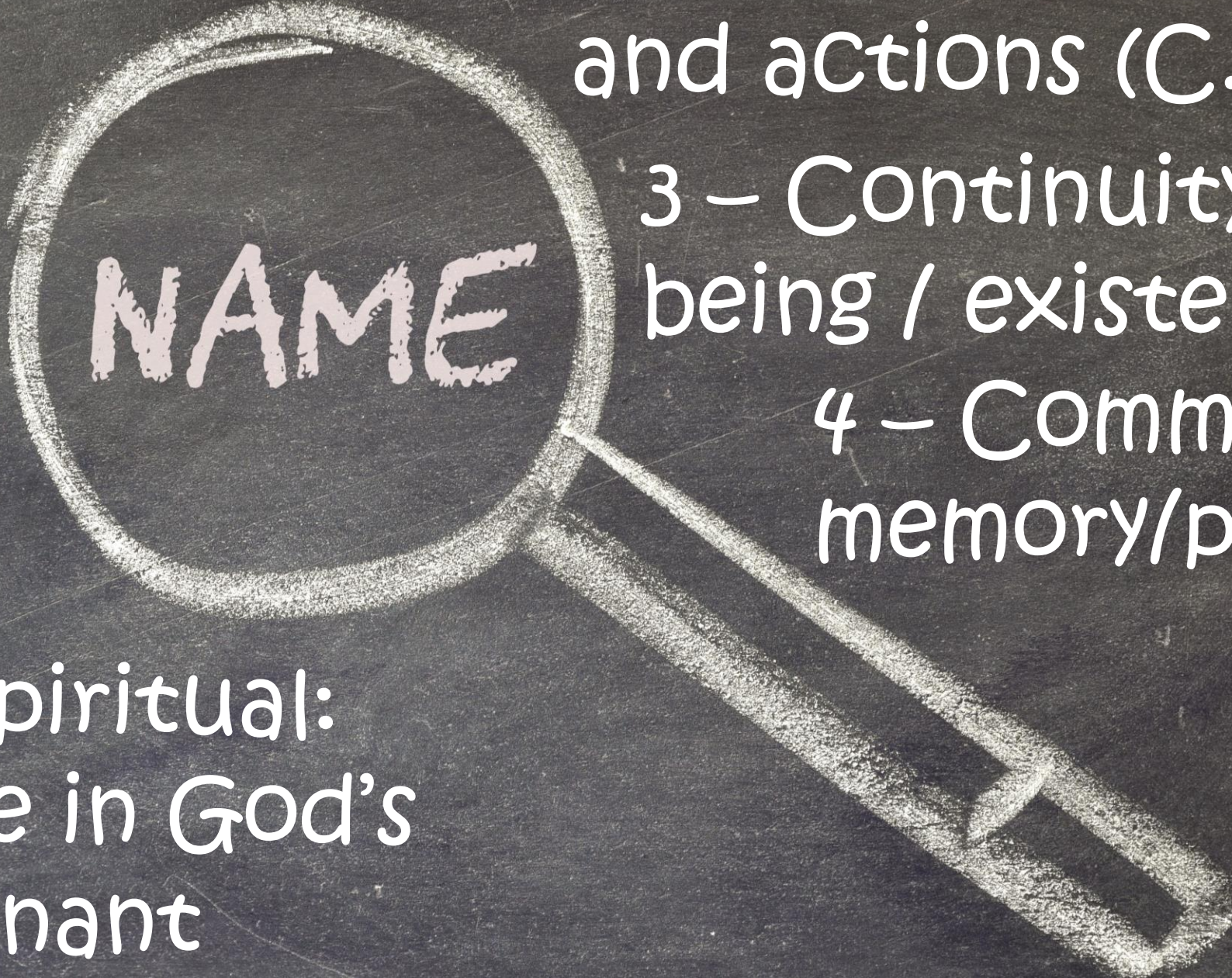
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Their argument isn't just about inheritance, but about maintaining their father's existence, keeping his place in the covenant, and ensuring his continued presence

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“On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,
'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to
the great river, the river Euphrates.’” (Gn. 15:18)



God's fulfillment of Abrahamic promise

“I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.” (Ex. 6:8)



God's fulfillment of Abrahamic promise

“The land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. To a large tribe you shall give a large inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a small inheritance; every tribe shall be given its inheritance according to its numbers.” (Nm. 26:53-54)



It is a divine inheritance

“The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me.”
(Lev. 25:23)



The land ties the people to God

“But Naboth said to Ahab, 'The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.’”
(1 Kgs. 21:3)



The land ties the people to God



Land: Economic Reality

Land = Food, collateral, employment



Land: Economic Reality

Land = Social Structure



Land: Economic Reality

Land = Family legacy

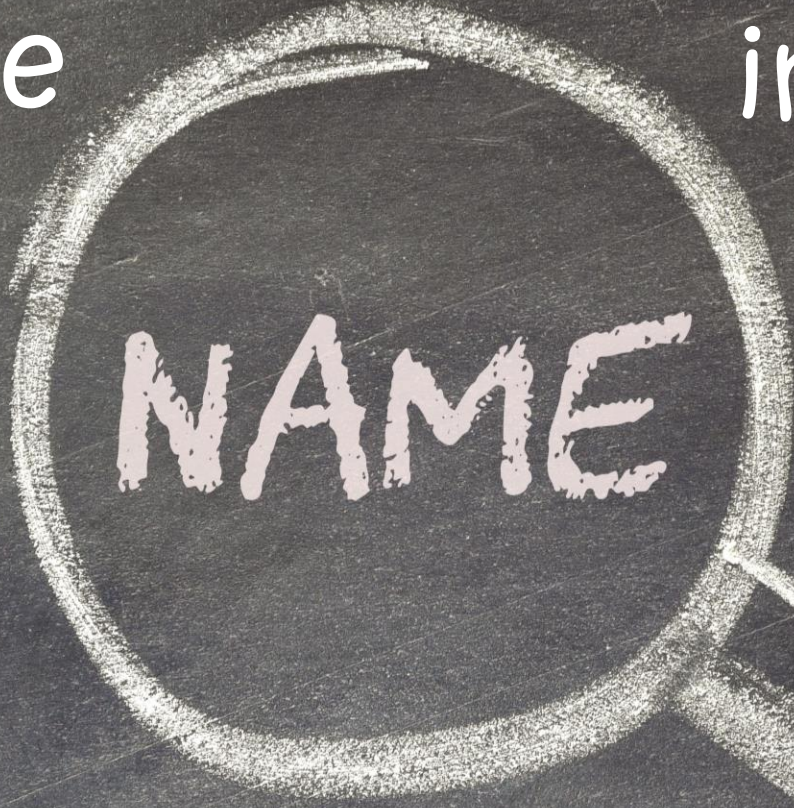


Land: Economic Reality

Land = Cultural identity

1 – God's
promise

2 – A divine
inheritance



3 – A tie to God

4 – Economic
sustenance

5 – Social fabric,
legacy, and identity

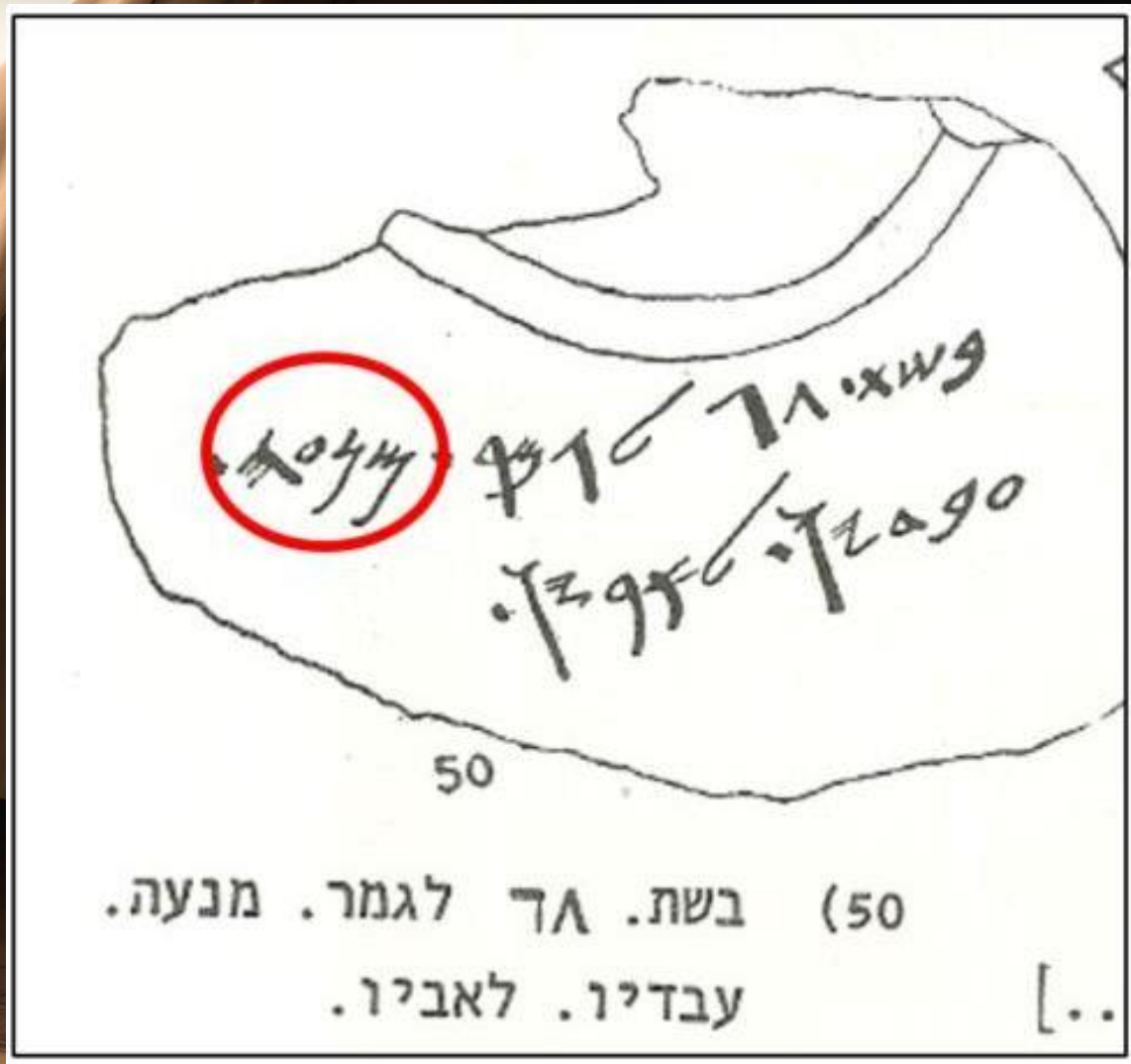
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(1867-1942)

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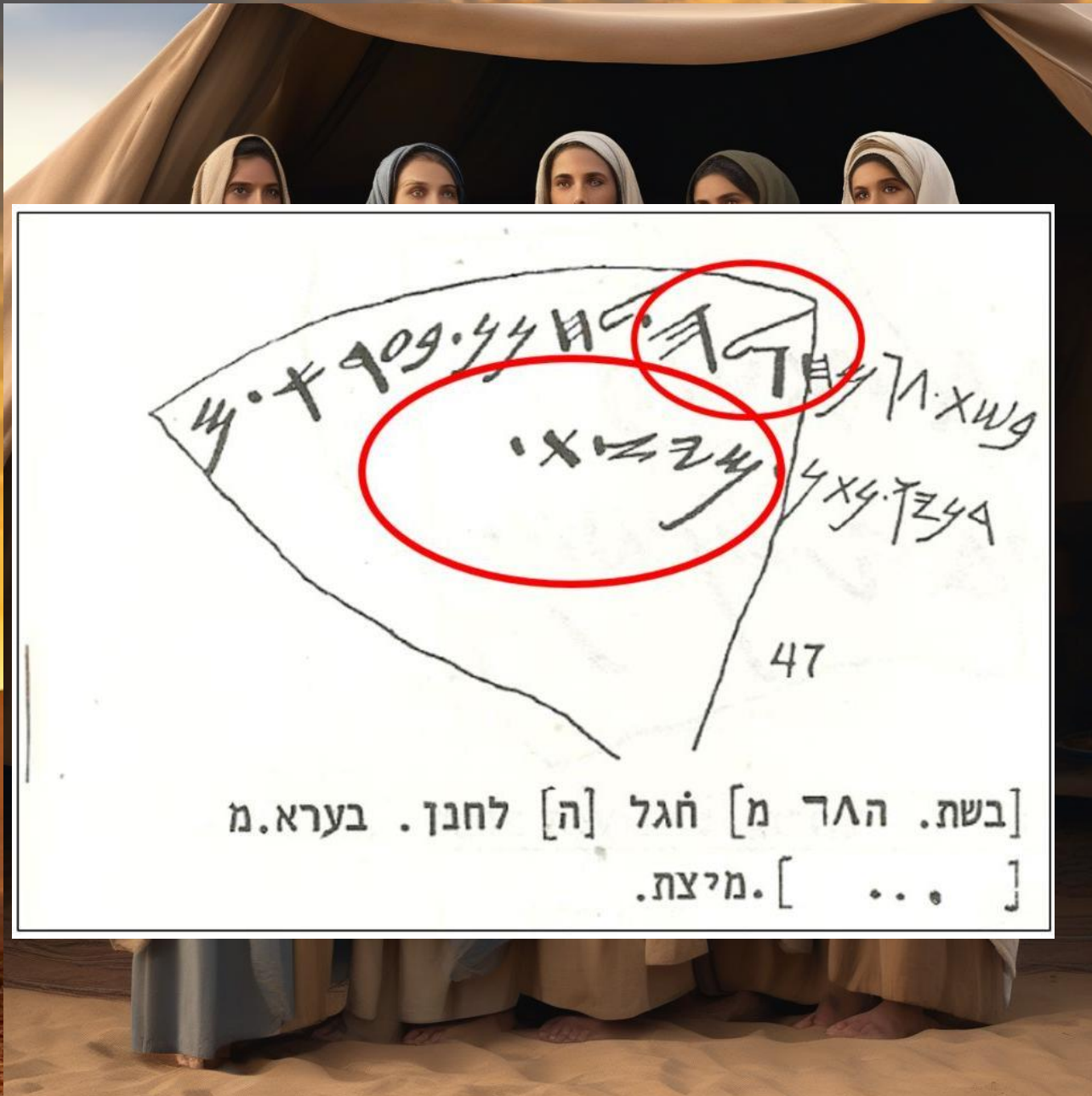
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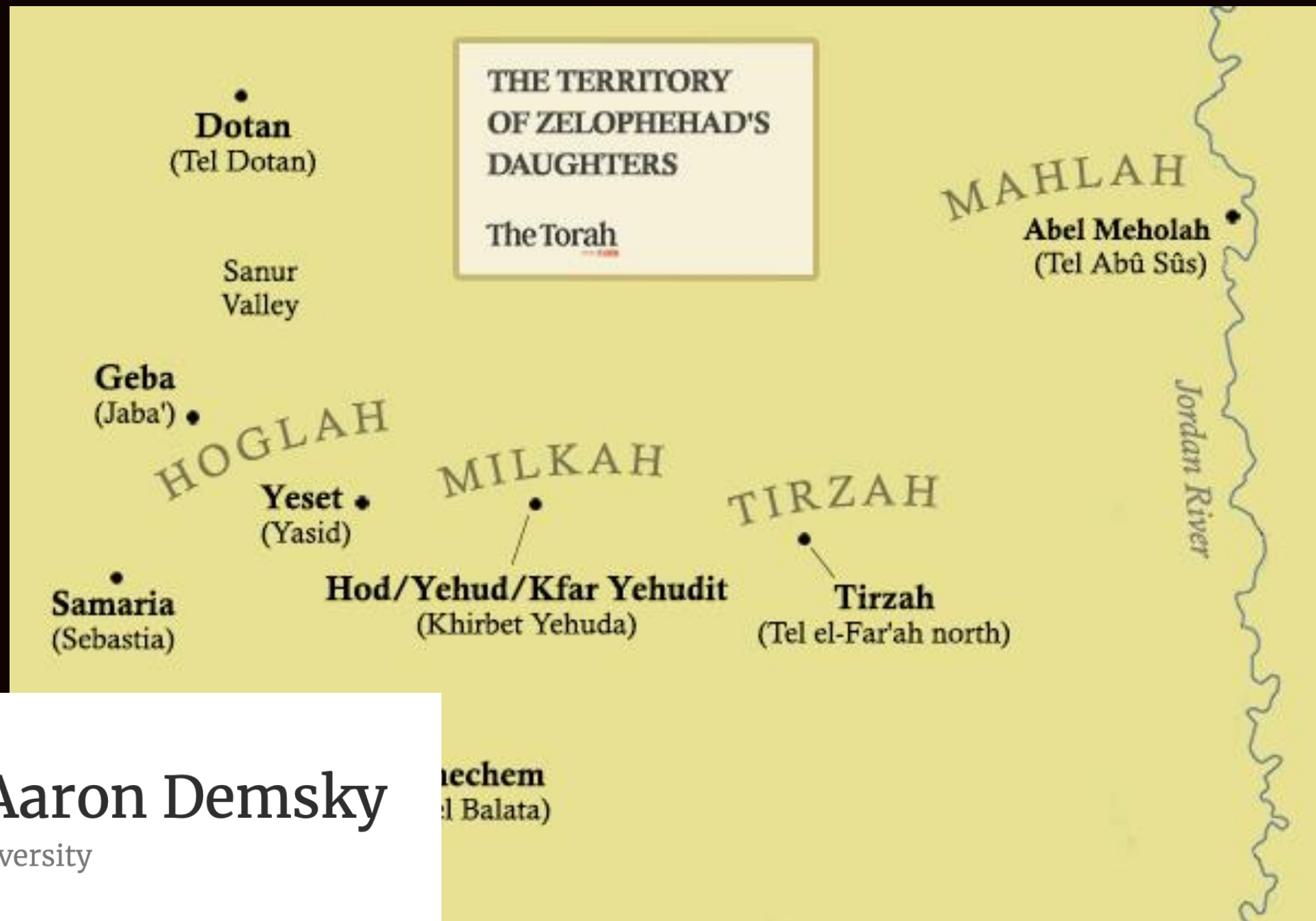
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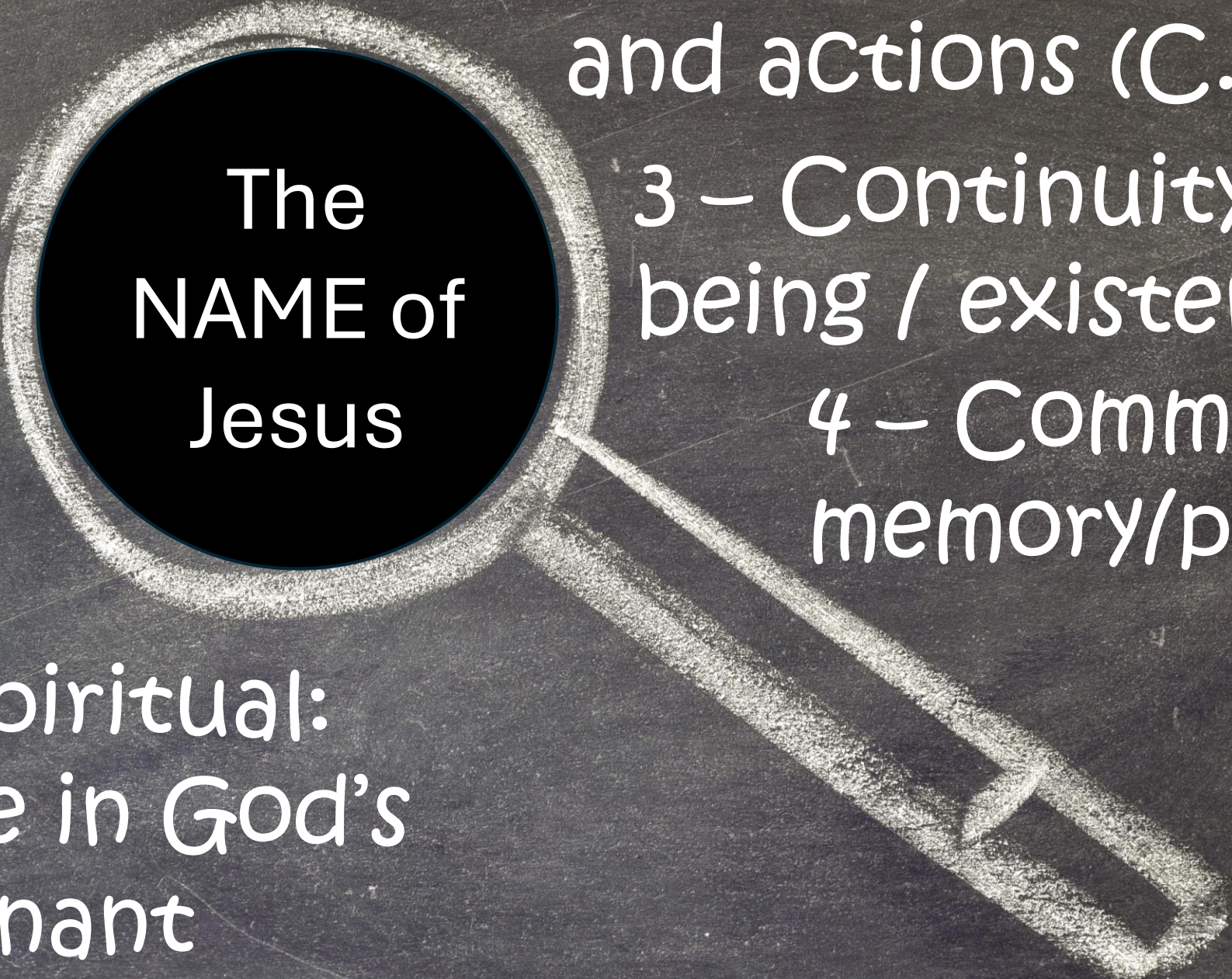
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INHERITANCE

Ephesians 1:18 (ESV) "Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints"

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