

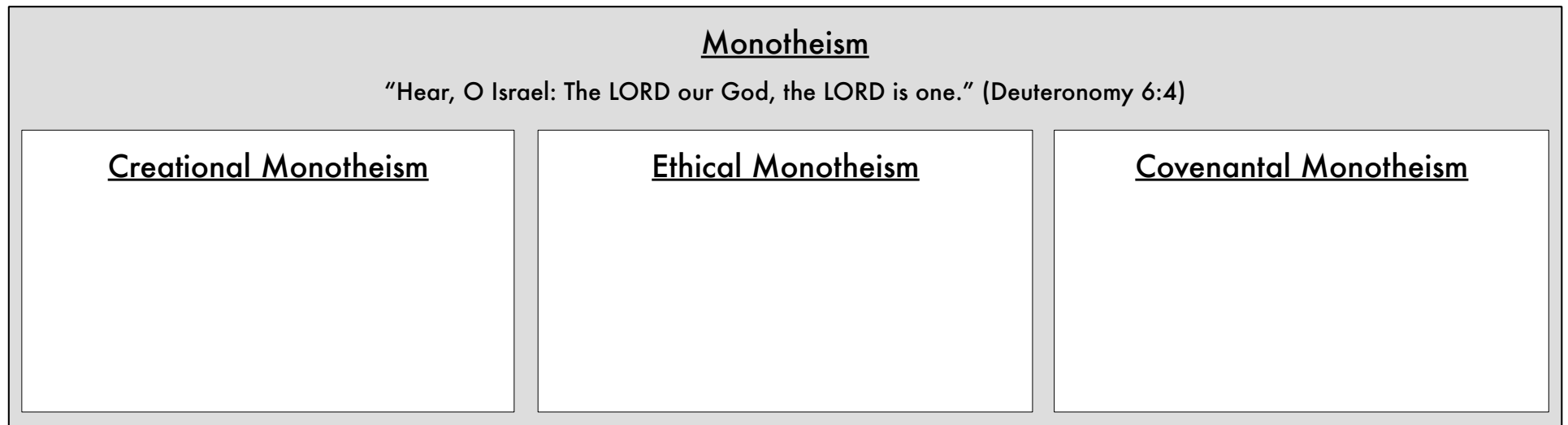
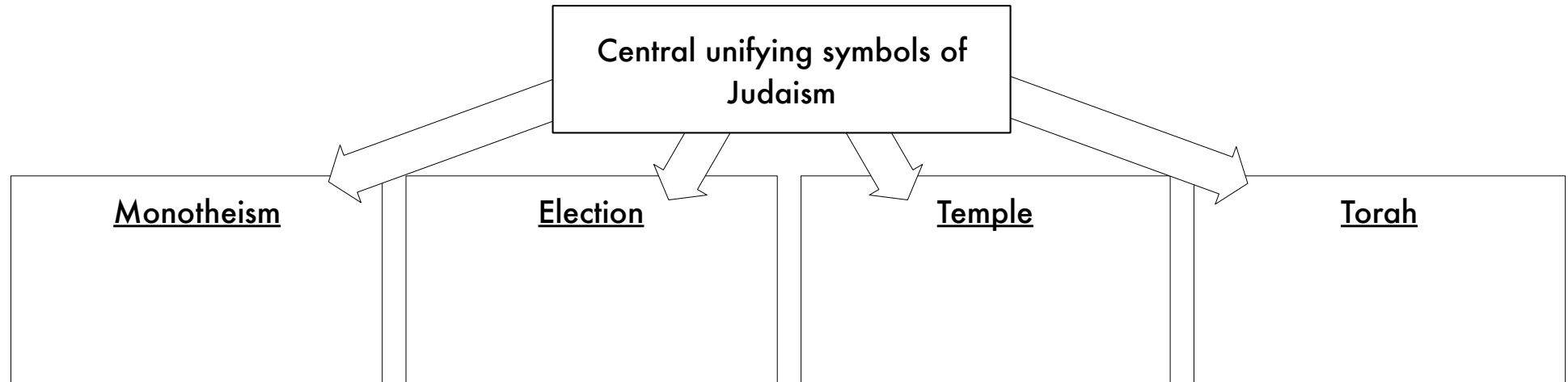
Session 7: Symbols: Monotheism and Election

What were the central unifying symbols of Judaism and how did Jesus affirm, challenge, or redefine them?

This session will look in particular at what Jesus had to say about Monotheism (what God is like) and Election (who are God's people).

Symbols: Monotheism

What were the central unifying symbols of Judaism? And how did they understand monotheism?



Symbols: Monotheism

What did people expect to happen when YHWH returned to Zion? How did Jesus embody those expectations?

Group 1	Group 2
<p>Isaiah 4:2-6</p> <p>Isaiah 24:23</p> <p>Isaiah 25:9-10</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:3-6, 10</p> <p>Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-11</p> <p>Isaiah 52:7-15</p>
Group 3	Group 4
<p>Zech 2:4-12</p> <p>Zech 8:2-3</p> <p>Zech 14:1-5, 6, 16</p>	<p>Mal 3:1-4</p> <p>Psalm 96:12-13</p> <p>Psalm 98:8-9</p>

Symbols: Monotheism

What does John's gospel teach us about intra-trinitarian relationships?

Passage	Comments
1:1-3, 14, 18	Word was God, was with God, came from God. Word creates. Son has glory
1:32-33	The Father told John that the Spirit would rest on the Son
2:16	The Son saw the Temple as the house of his Father
3:16-18, 31-36	Father sent Son from above to save the world. Father loves Son and gives the Spirit
5:17-27, 36-44	Son sees the Father working. Father loves the Son. Life and judgment are given to the Son and if you dishonour the Son you dishonour the Father
6:27-29, 32-40, 43-46	The Son has the Father's seal of approval. The Father gives His Son as the bread of life. The Son is the only person who has seen the Father.
7:37-39	The Son gives the Spirit
8:14-19, 27-29	If you know the Son, you know the Father
12:23-33	Father honours those who serve the Son. Son asks the Father to glorify His name.
14:1-31	Son shows Father. Father lives in the Son. Son asks the Father to send the Spirit
15:9-11, 15-17, 26-16:16	Father loves Son. We remain in their love. Son sends Spirit from Father. Spirit goes from Father and testifies about Son. What belongs to the Father belongs to Son.
17:1-5	Father glorifies Son and Son glorifies Father. The glory predates creation
20:19-23	Father sent Son and Son sends us with the Spirit

How does Jesus expand our understanding of:

Creational Monotheism

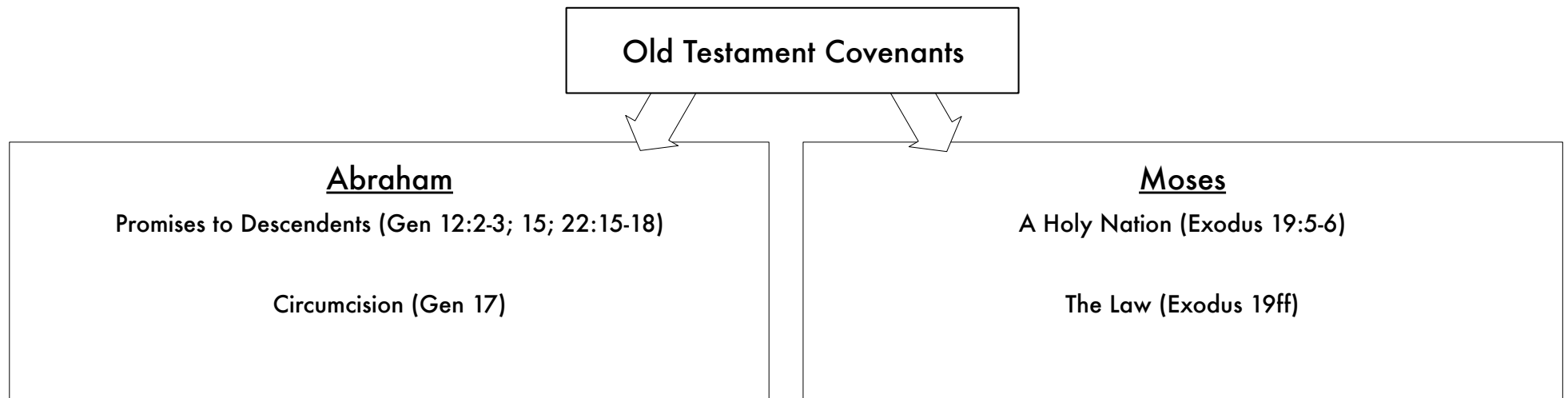
Ethical Monotheism

Covenantal Monotheism

Symbols: Election

What is election and how does it function in the Old Testament?

“Israel’s self-understanding as a people uniquely chosen by the God YHWH for himself was part of the very core of Israel’s worldview and national identity.” (Christopher J.H. Wright, *The Mission of God*)



‘It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realise it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.
(Hosea 11:3-4)

‘But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.’
(1 Peter 2:9-10)

Symbols: Election

How do these verse challenge the notion of what it means to be in the people of God?

Group 1: Matthew 3:5-12	Group 2: Matthew 8:5-13
Group 3: Mark 3:13-21	Group 4: Mark 7:24-30