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God's Word in History

Among those who “ search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him” (*Acts 17:27*), God reveals himself to Abraham, calling him to become the father of all believers, he grants him the promise of offspring and land. God confirms this promise by giving Abraham a son, Isaac, and to him - Jacob. And so, appearing to Moses in the burning bush in order to call him to lead his people out of Egypt, the house of slavery, the God-Who-Is reveals himself as “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, in the God of Jacob” (Ex 3:15), “the God of our ancestors”(Dt 26:7). By leading the Israelites across the Red Sea, by giving them his commandments on Mount Sinai, and by leading them into the Promised Land, God shows that he not only enters into the history of his people; he also calls them to the fullness of life in him: “And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people” (Lv 26:12). To David, who wished to build a house for God, a temple, God promises that he himself will build him a “house”. He will bring forth from his loins an offspring, the Christ, and his kingdom shall have no end (see 2 Sm 7:11-16). The church sees this promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ:” and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end (Lk 1:32-33) (#26)