





# Seeds & Gates

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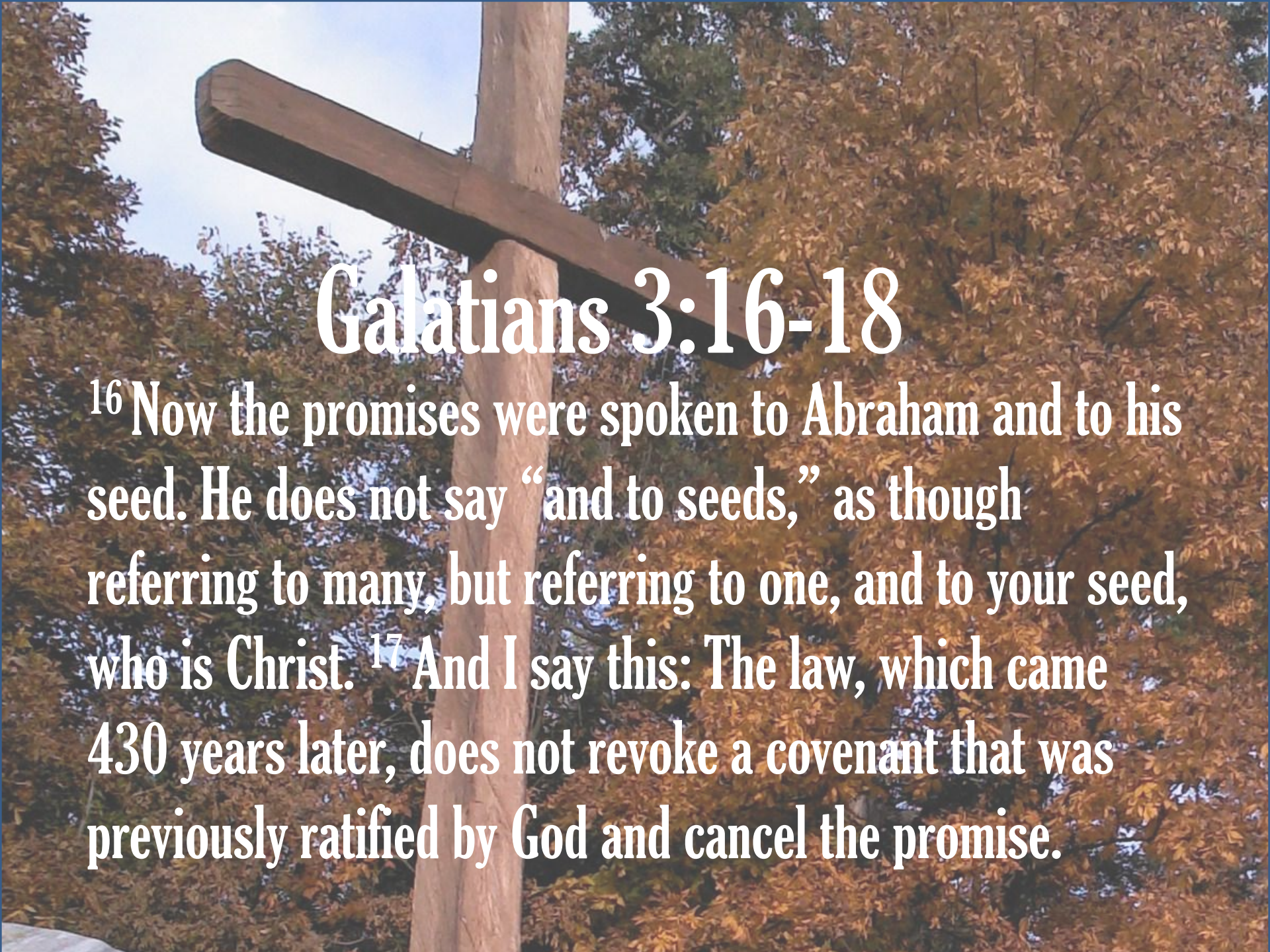
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# Galatians 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say “and to seeds,” as though referring to many, but referring to one, and to your seed, who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> And I say this: The law, which came 430 years later, does not revoke a covenant that was previously ratified by God and cancel the promise.



**A gate or gateway is a point of entry to a space enclosed by walls, or a moderately sized opening in some sort of fence. Gates may prevent or control the entry or exit of individuals, or they may be merely decorative.**



**City gates were traditionally built to provide a point of controlled access to and departure from a walled city for people, vehicles, goods and animals. Depending on their historical context they filled functions relating to defense, security, health, trade, taxation, and representation, and were correspondingly staffed by military or municipal authorities.**



The city gate was also commonly used to display diverse kinds of public information such as announcements, tax and toll schedules, standards of local measures, and legal texts. It could be heavily fortified, ornamented with heraldic shields, sculpture or inscriptions, or used as a location for warning or intimidation, for example by displaying the heads of beheaded criminals or public enemies.



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# John 10:7

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but  
the sheep have not listened to them.

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate;  
whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in  
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<sup>17</sup> This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life so I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father.”

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<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

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# John 14:30

<sup>30</sup> I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. **He has no power over Me.** <sup>31</sup> On the contrary, I am going away so that the world may know that I love the Father. Just as the Father commanded Me, so I do.

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# Galatians 3:28-29

<sup>28</sup> There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ,

**Then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.**



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# Romans 8:35-37

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him who loved us.

