

## **WHO WERE JEHOVAH'S SECOND WITNESSES?**

As we shared in Article GE-53 (Who Were Jehovah's First Witnesses), God had shed the blood of an innocent animal in the Garden of Eden in order to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21). God was giving them a reality picture of their need for the sacrifice that His Son, Jesus Christ, would give one day in the future. From that day forward, every Patriarch testified about the coming Messiah each time He offered a sacrifice to Jehovah. As the innocent animal was dying, the people of the Old Testament went to God in prayer and asked forgiveness of their sins. While looking forward in faith, they asked that the sacrifice the innocent Son of God would give one day, pay the sin debt they owed God. This was the ministry of the Patriarchs, Jehovah's first publishers of the good news of salvation from the Lake of Fire.

Unfortunately, the Bible tells us that years later all but one of the patriarchs had become unfaithful in their ministry. God informed Noah of His intentions to destroy all of mankind except Noah and his family and start all over again with a group of people who would be faithful to Him (Genesis 6:5-13).

After Noah's flood, God initiated a new publicizing agency with some of the descendants of Abraham who He organized into the Jewish Theocracy.

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