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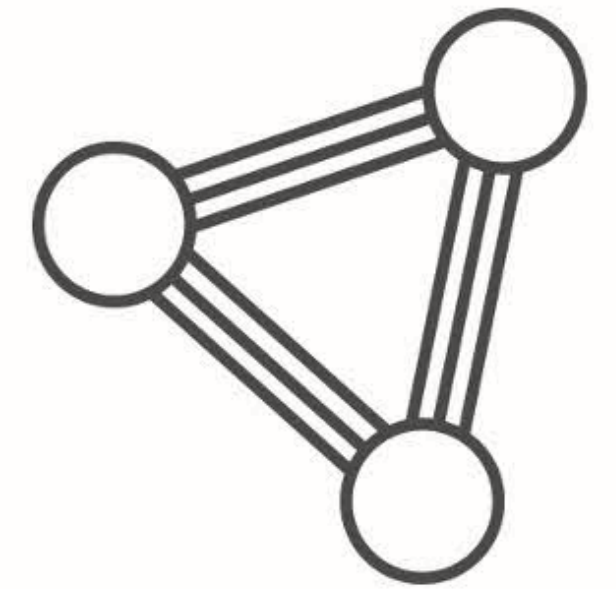
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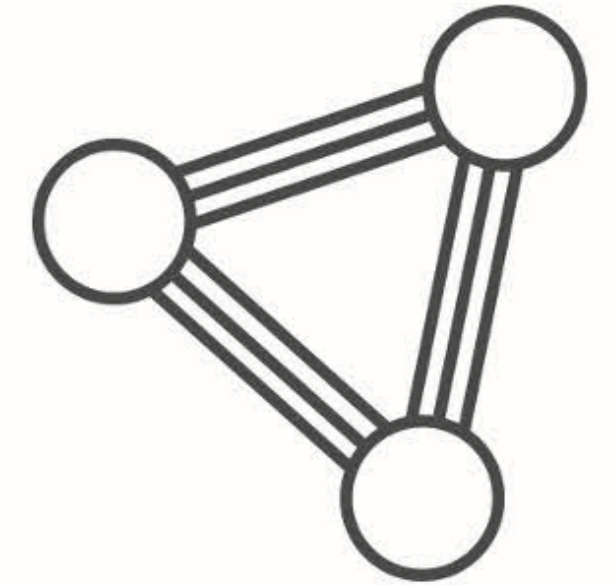


Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom

Lesson 25A The Prophets

- **The Prophets**
- **The Job of the Prophets**
- **The Message of the Prophets**
- **Curses**
- **The Different Parties in the “*Riv*” Lawsuit**

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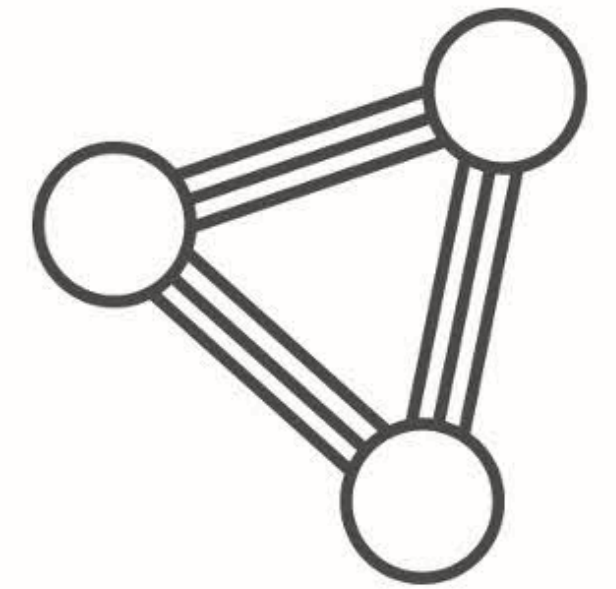


Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom

Lesson 25B The Prophets

- **The Bible's Commentary on the Blessings and Curses**
- **The Eternal Promises of Land, Seed, Blessing**
- **The Unresolved Mystery of the Prophets**
- **Is the Role of the Prophet Active in the Church Today?**

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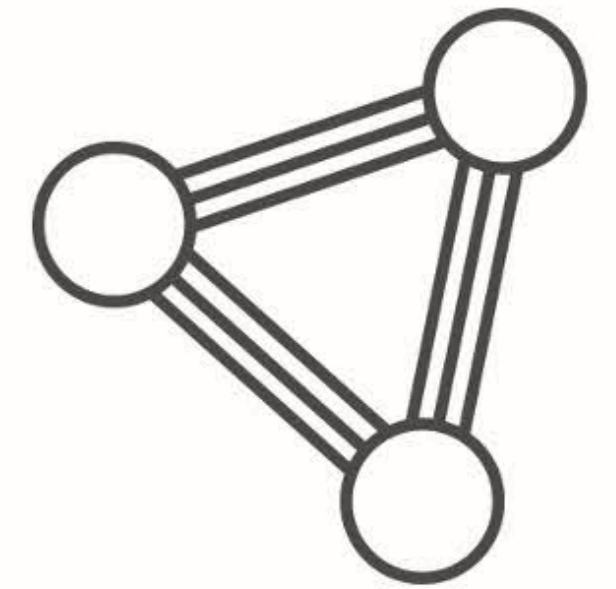


Lesson 26: Sent into Exile

Lesson 26A Exile

- **Transfer of Political Power to Gentiles**
- **Transfer of Political Power from Israel to Gentile Rulers (603 BC)**
- **End of Solomon's Dynasty (598 BC)**
- **Departure of the Shekinah Glory (591 BC)**

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Lesson 26B: Sent into Exile

Lesson 26B Exile

- **The Beginning and Role of Prophetic Literature**
- **How should we Understand Prophetic Literature?**
- **The Rise of the Kingdom of Man: Religion, Philosophy, Globalism**
- **Does God Still Speak to People in Dreams?**

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

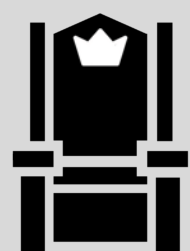


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- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



Conquest and Settlement
in the Promised Land



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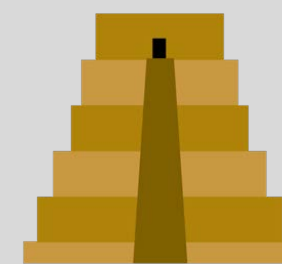
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Kings in Israel:

- Unified kingdom
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Israel and Judah turned against
God: Paganized—unbelievers



Brought in man's ideas



**Made the king and
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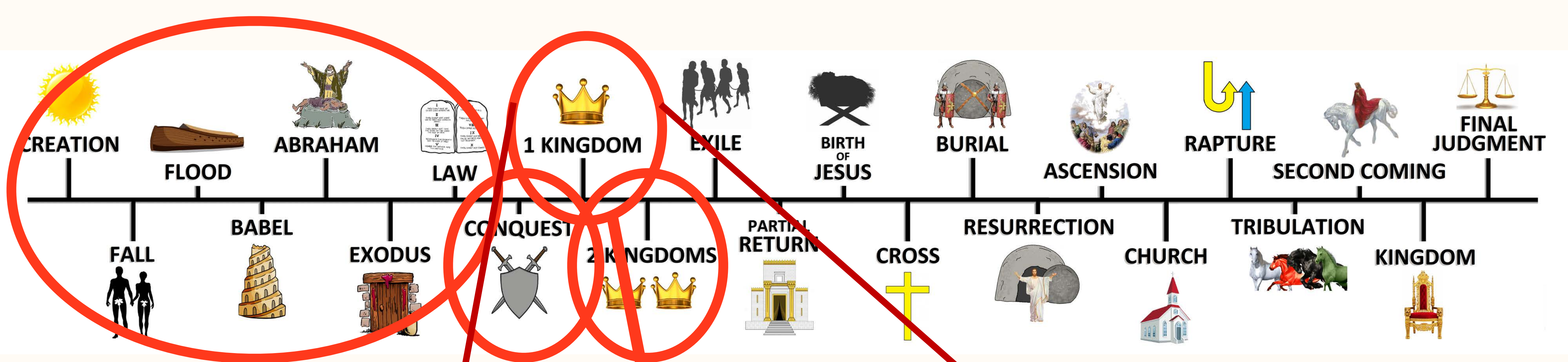


Worshipped idols



Few
believers

Grey shows paganization



Torah
Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings
1-2 Chronicles

Kings
FOR
Israel

King
David

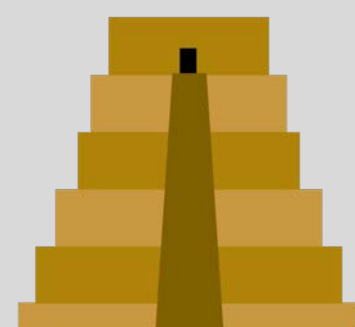
King
Solomon

Kingdom
Divided

Decline of
the Kingdom

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself through
his own ideas



Babel



Egypt



Canaan

**God's restraining hand
on the
pagan kingdom of man**

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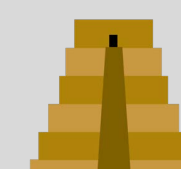
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The nation of Israel was no different from the rebellious pagans.

- **They rebelled against *Yahweh* from the time God first made them into a nation.**
- **They rebelled against His Mosaic Law.**
- **They rebelled when God told them to conquer the Promised Land of Canaan.**
- **They rebelled by asking for a human king instead of honoring *Yahweh* as their king.**
- **They rebelled by ignoring the prophets God sent to warn them of judgment if they didn't repent.**
- **They rebelled even when God sent judgment to discipline them.**

End of Solomon's Dynasty (598 BC)

Southern Kingdom of Judah: One dynasty: David's

David



Solomon



1. Rehoboam



2. Abijah



3. Asa



4. Jehoshaphat



5. Jehoram



6. Ahaziah



7. Athaliah



8. Joash



9. Amaziah



10. Uzziah



11. Jotham



12. Ahaz



13. Hezekiah



14. Manasseh



15. Amon



16. Josiah



17. Jehoahaz



18. Jehoakim



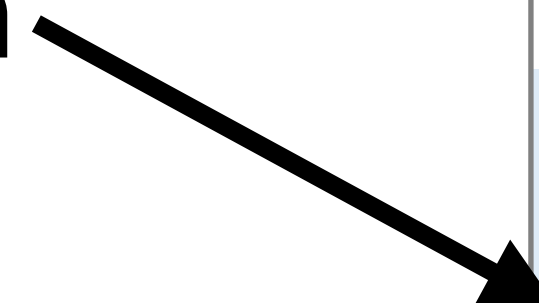
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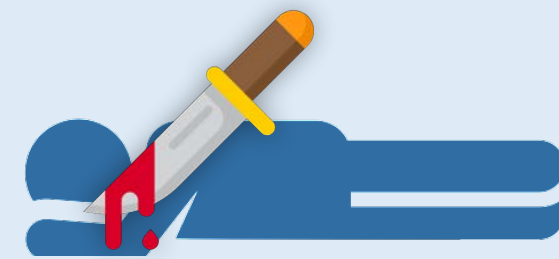
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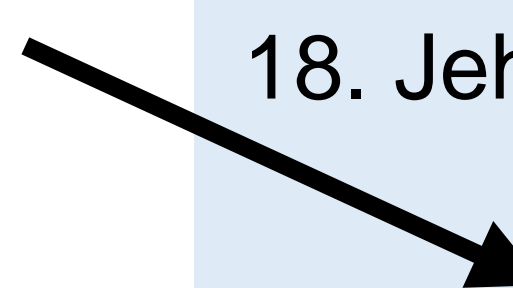
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Jer. 22:24, “ ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

Jer. 22:25, “ ‘and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear—the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans.

Jer. 22:26, “ ‘So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die.

Jer. 22:27, “ ‘But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return.’ ”

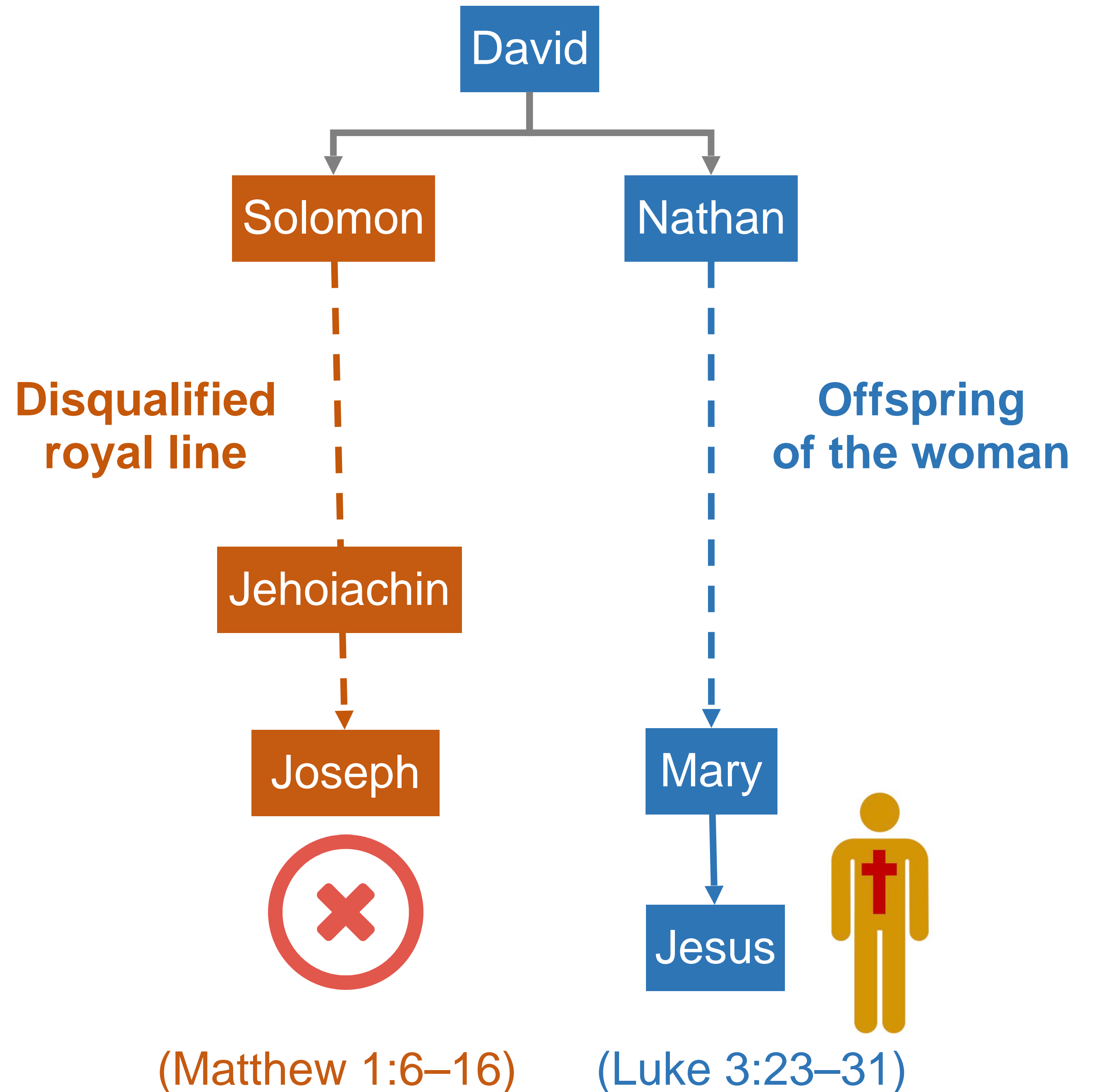
Jer. 22:28, “Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol—a vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land which they do not know?”

Jer. 22:29, “O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!”

Jer. 22:30, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.’ ”

What is the function of Matthew's genealogy?

Matt. 1:11, "Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon." [NKJV]
Joseph could not be the father of the Messiah!



At the end last time ...

Ezekiel was the last person in the Old Testament to see the Shekinah. However, people in the New Testament times did see the “Glory” return temporarily. It was in the form of the promised Saviour, Jesus.

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

However, in the Gospel of John, the episode of the transfiguration was not described. In John’s Gospel, the glory is seen through the words and works of the Lord Jesus.

The best references are from the synoptics at the Mount of Transfiguration.

Matt. 17:1, “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

Matt. 17:2, “and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”

Mark 9:2, “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.”

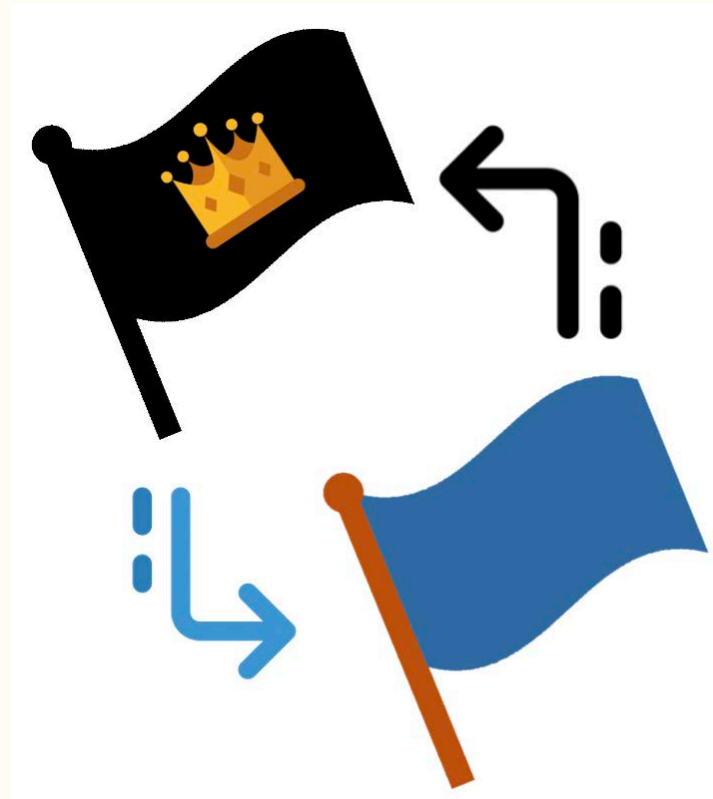
Mark 9:3, “His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.”

Luke 9:29, “As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.”

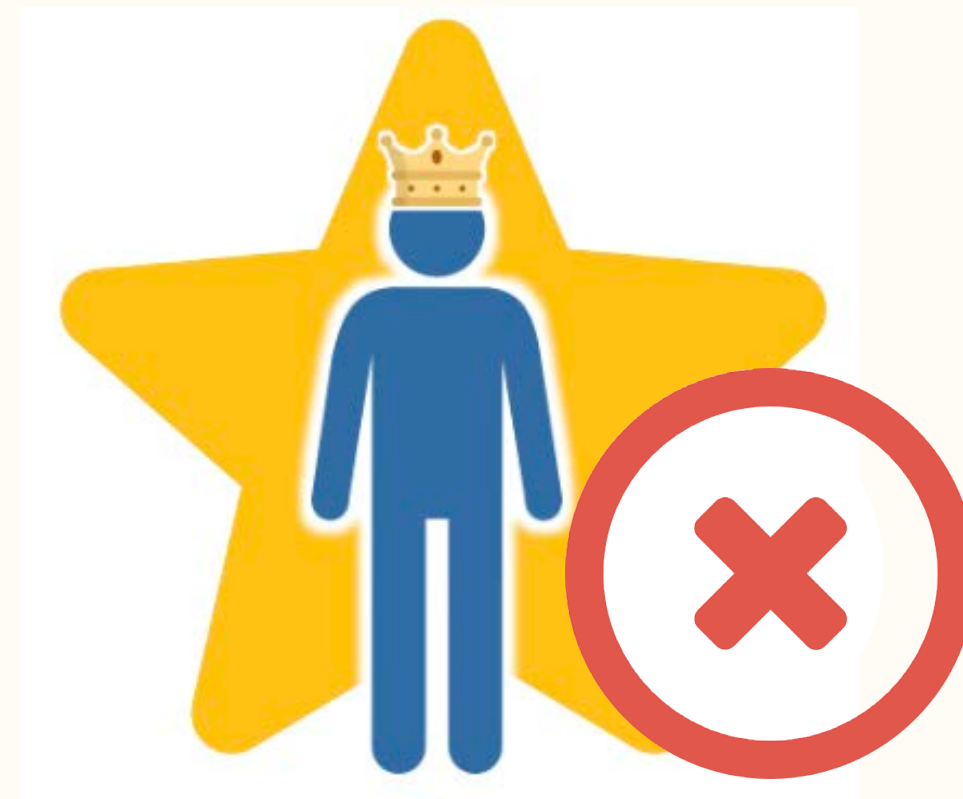
Luke 9:32, “But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.”

Three signs marked the end of the visible theocratic kingdom of God on the earth.

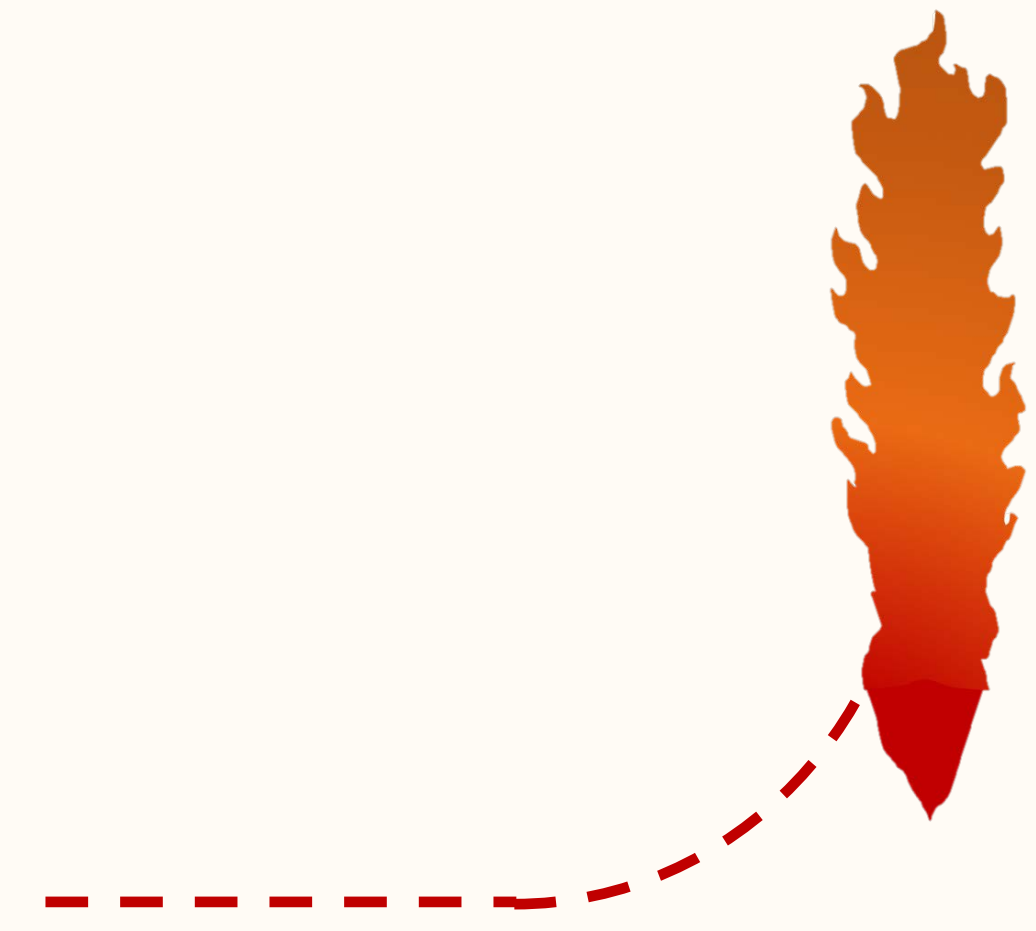
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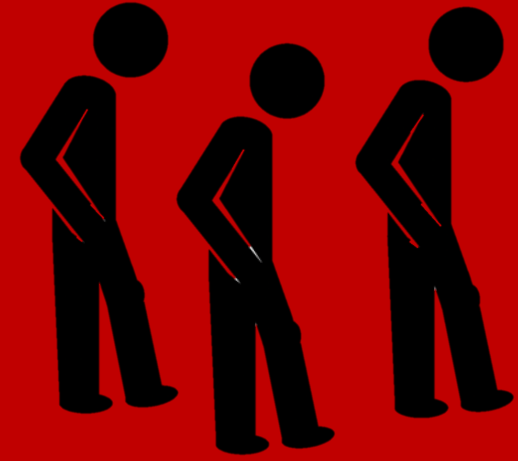
Transfer of political power from Israel to Gentile rulers



End of Solomon's dynasty



Shekinah Glory departed



Exile: Kingdom of God Ended

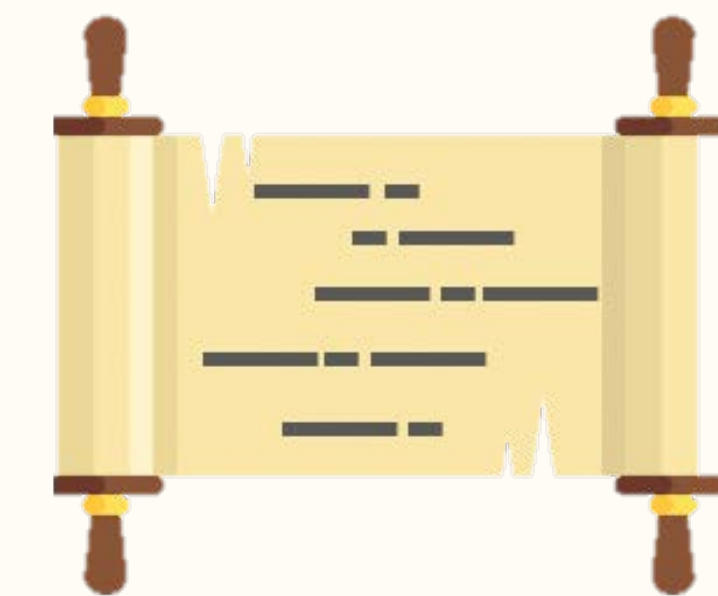
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Prophetic writings: judgment coming, but hope for the future



B

Access to the Old Testament



The prophetic literature is found in these books:

- **Old Testament: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, the minor prophets, and portions of other books**
- **New Testament: Matthew 24–25, portions of some of the epistles, Revelation**

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- 2. At times, God gives an interpreter like an angel to explain the vision (for example, Daniel 9:20–27; Zechariah 1:7–9). The interpretation given is normally about the big picture of what is going to happen rather than all the small details.**

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3. All the events in the visions take place some time in the far future (for example, in Ezekiel 40–48, God gave Ezekiel a vision of the new Temple for Israel during the return of God’s Kingdom, but this Temple has not even been built yet!).

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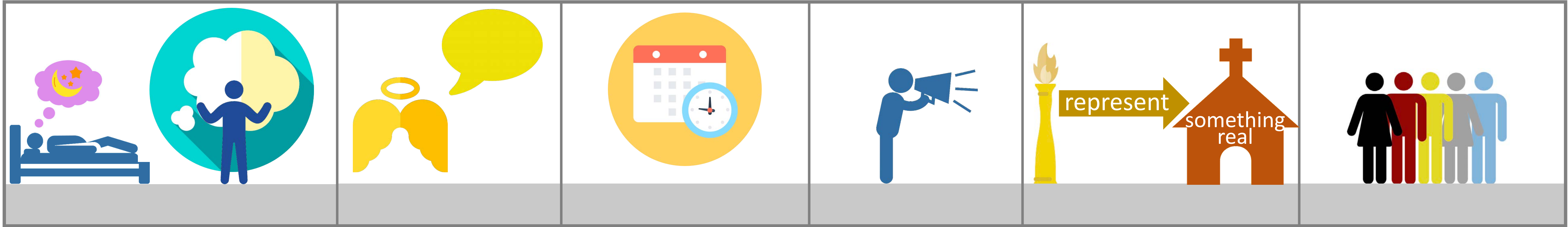
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- 6. The visions and dreams are about upcoming, important events in human history.**



Dreams or
visions

Interpreting
angel

About the
far future

New
information

Symbols and
images

About
human
history

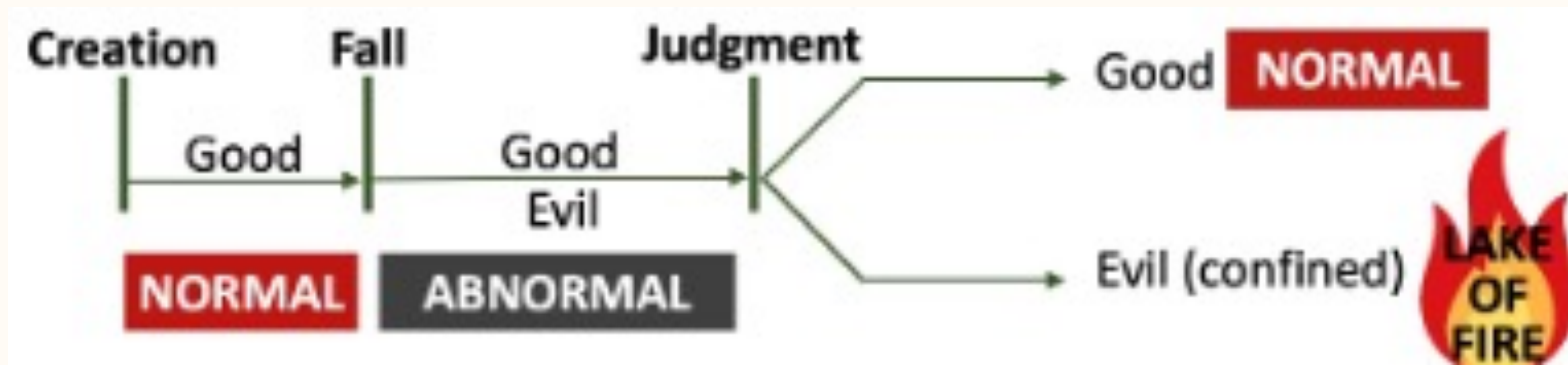
Prophetic literature

Purpose

It is to assure believers. Even though the kingdom of man looks like it is “winning” now, God wants people to know that the Kingdom of God will definitely win in the end:

- Evil, pain, suffering will come to an end
- God will bring final judgment on the world
- God will establish His Kingdom forever.

This is to give believers long-term hope and encouragement especially when they have to live in pagan nations.



Prophetic Literature

Who will it affect?

The message directly affects all mankind and every nation in the world, both believers and unbelievers.

When it will happen?

This is the final judgment of God on the whole world.

Books of the Prophets Purpose

Dual-Track Message of the Prophets

1

Curses



Tell people that they broke the **Mosaic Covenant** and God is sending curses against them.

This is to encourage the people to turn to God again.

2

Promises



Remind people that all of God's **Abrahamic Covenant** promises will come true in the future Kingdom of God.

This is to give them hope in the midst of all their suffering and hard times

Books of the Prophets

Who will it affect?

Only a few are meant for unbelieving nations (for example, the prophet Nahum talks about Nineveh, a Babylonian city).

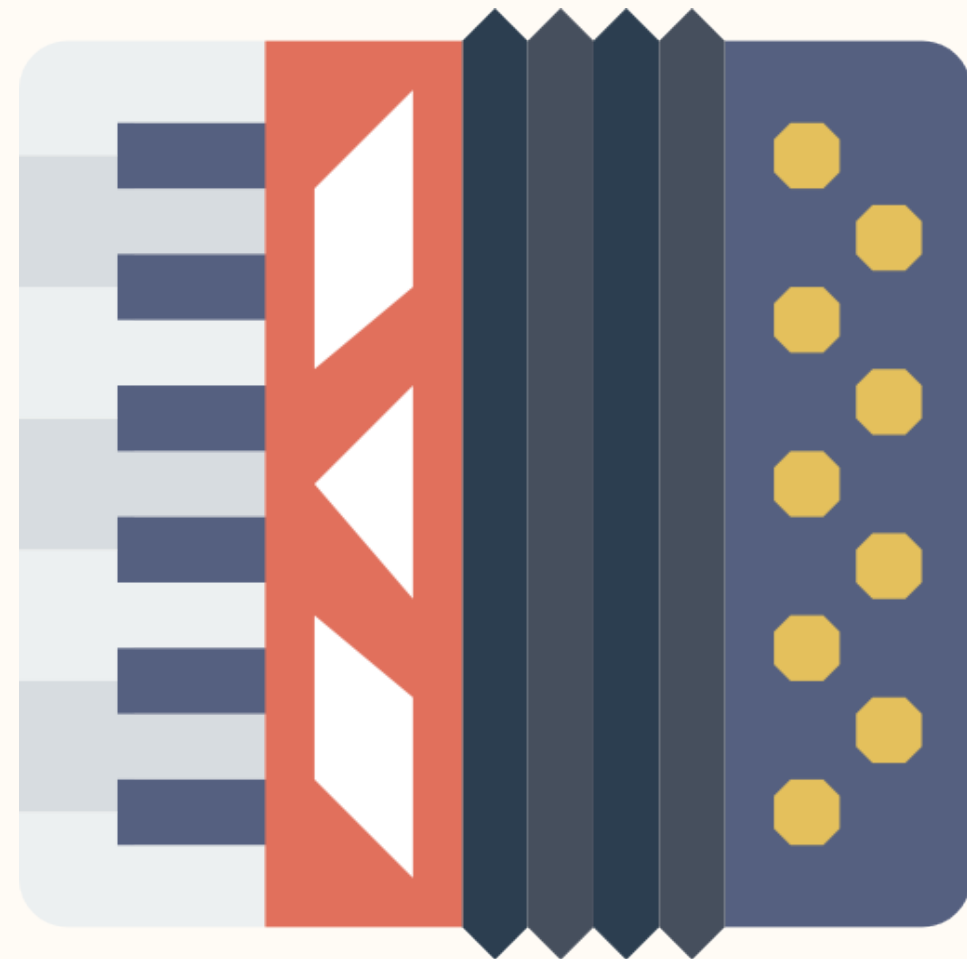
When will it happen?

Some time in Israel's future.

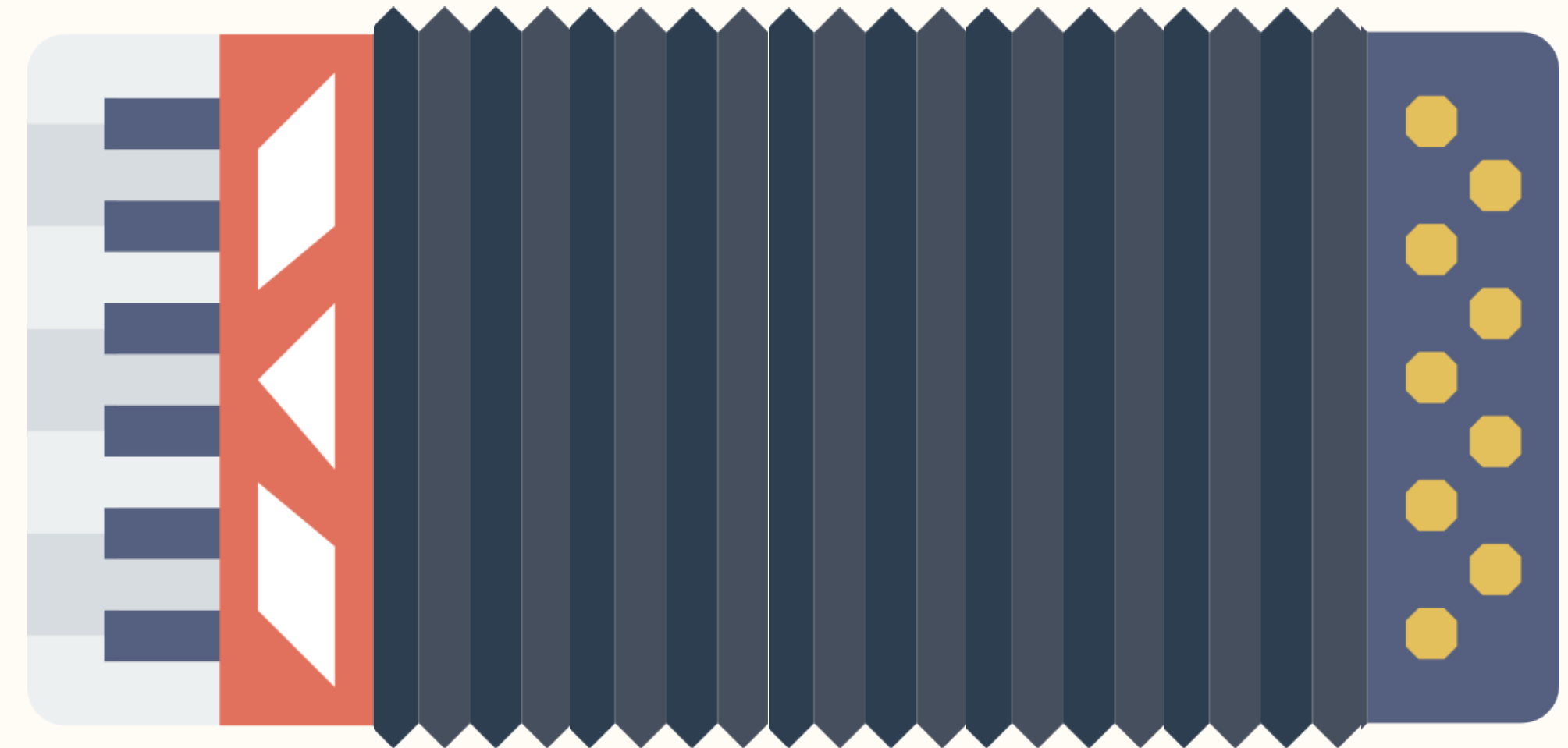
How Should We Understand Prophetic Literature?

1. Understand the accordion effect

Accordion Effect



Events that the Bible talks about may seem like it will happen in the very near future ...



... but they may actually be referring to a very much longer period of time.

Isa. 61:1, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Isa. 61:2, “To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Isa. 61:3, “To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isa. 61:4, “And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.”

Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Luke 4:19, “To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

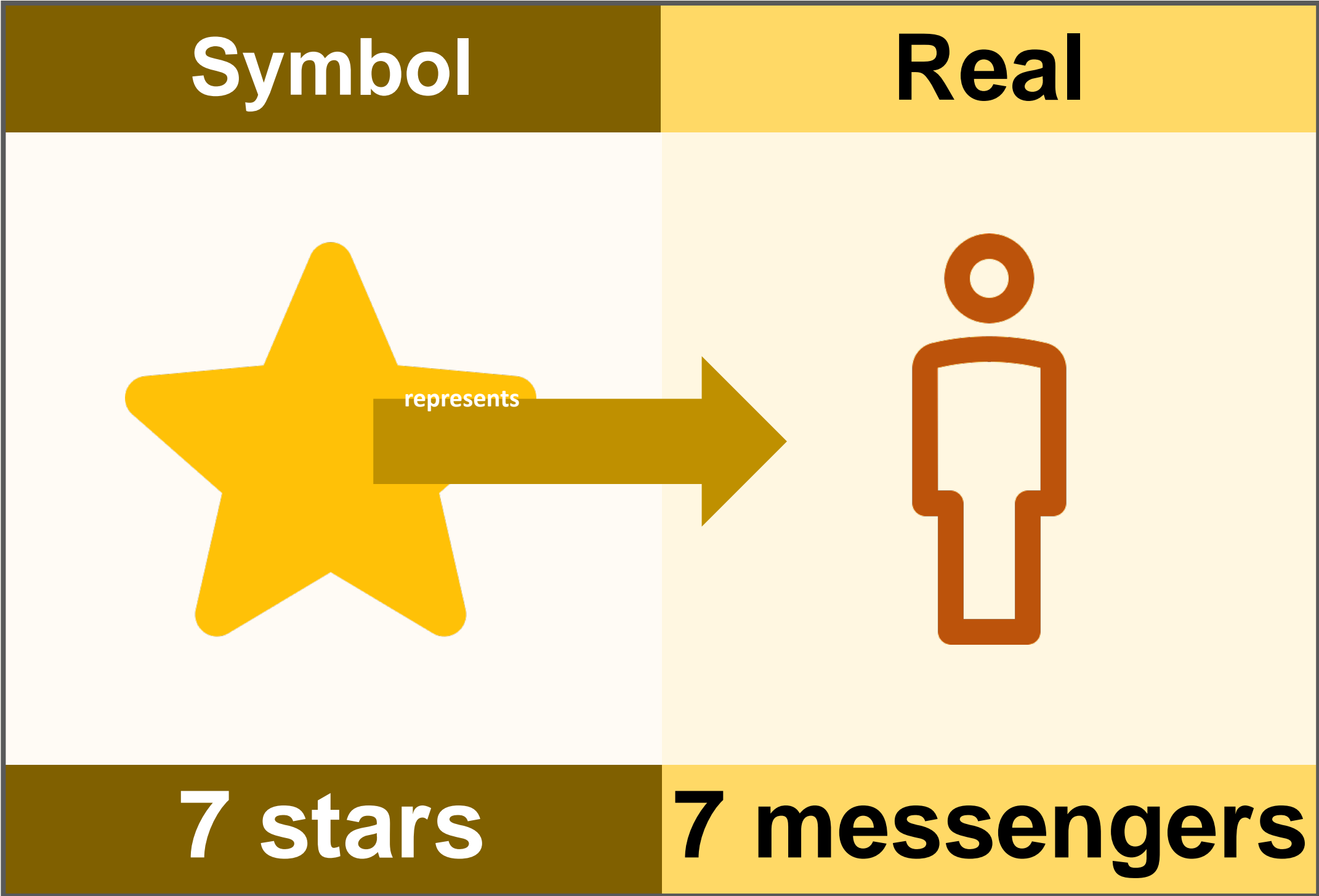
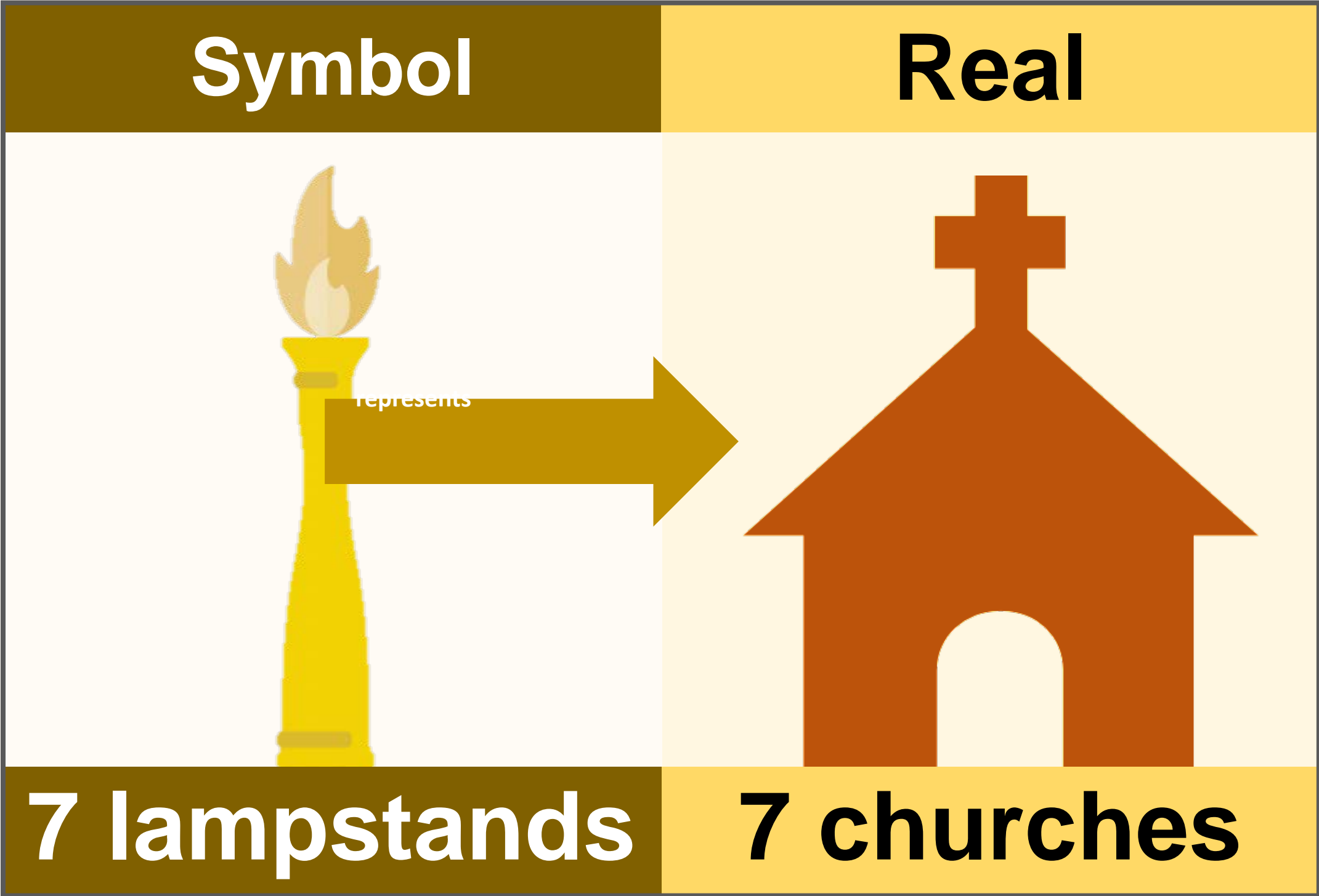
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2. Limit the interpretation



3. Draw on information from the covenants and the Old Testament

If we understand these ...

Abrahamic

Land

Davidic

New



YAHWEH'S UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES

... we will better understand prophetic writings



BECAUSE YAHWEH WILL FULFILL ALL OF THEM

TIME



If we understand these ...

... we will recognize similar descriptions and better understand this.



4. Recognize the consistent use of symbols

Rev. 14:20, “And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”

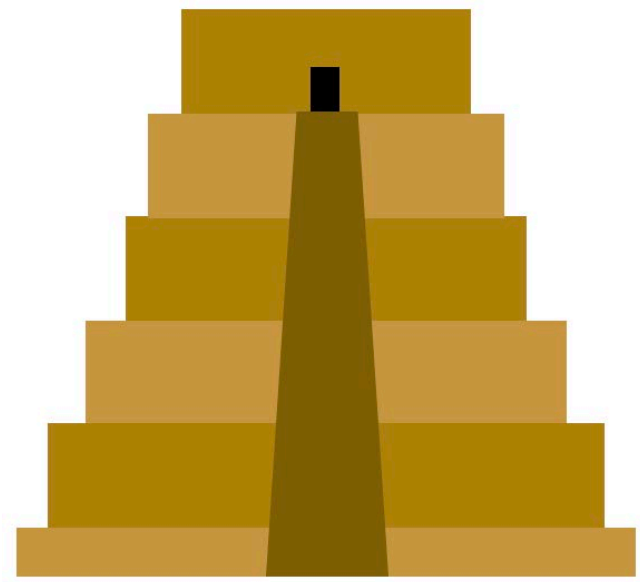
Rev. 19:15, “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”

OLD TESTAMENT
ISAIAH

NEW TESTAMENT
REVELATION



Access to the Old Testament



PAGAN CULTURE



God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture.



GOD'S COUNTERCULTURE

God would teach Abraham and his descendants all about Himself. Abraham's descendants would know God's HISTORY and TRUTH.

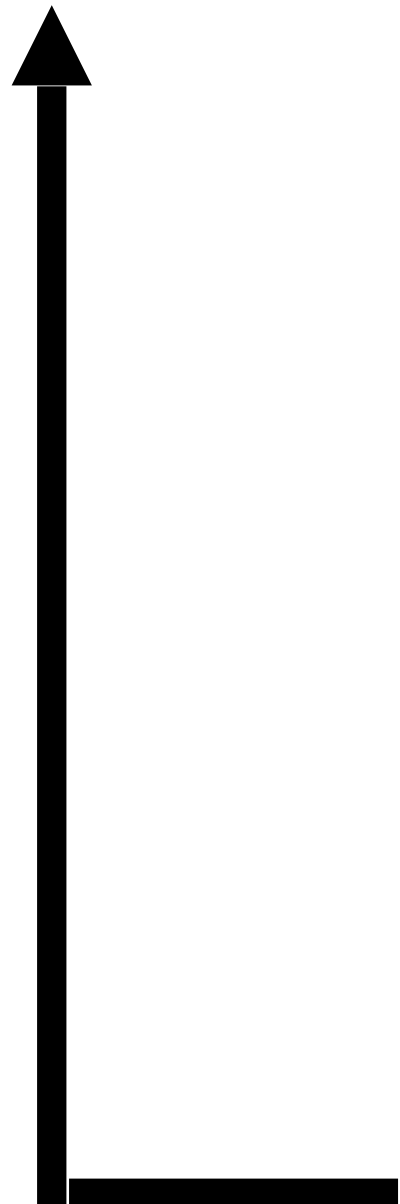
MISSIONARIES

Abraham's descendants would be a BLESSING to the whole world by sharing with them the TRUTH about God so they could be saved from evil and sin.

**GOD'S WORD PRESERVED
—> SCRIPTURES**

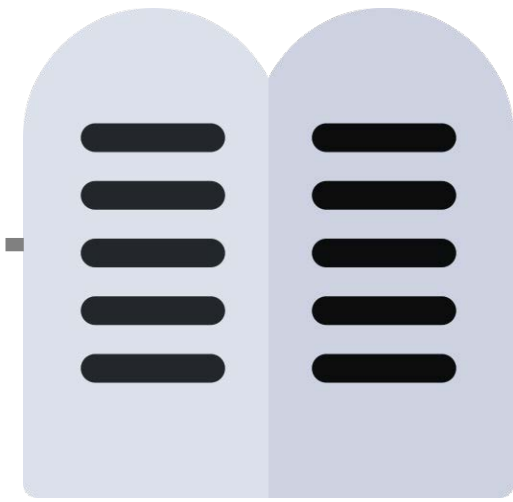


**GOD'S PEOPLE —>
MISSIONARIES**





Other
nations



Israel's laws
are righteous
and fair



Israelites
must be wise
and
intelligent



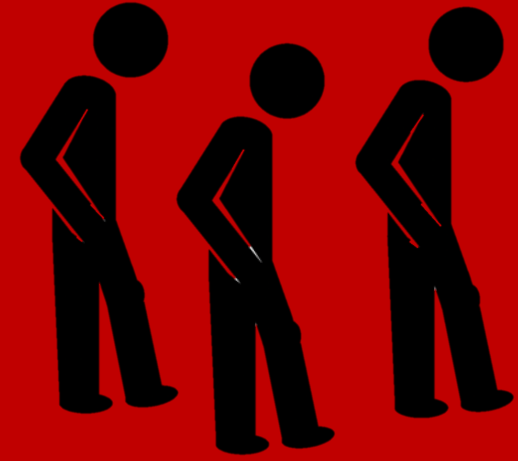
Which
God do
they
worship?



World leaders



World leaders



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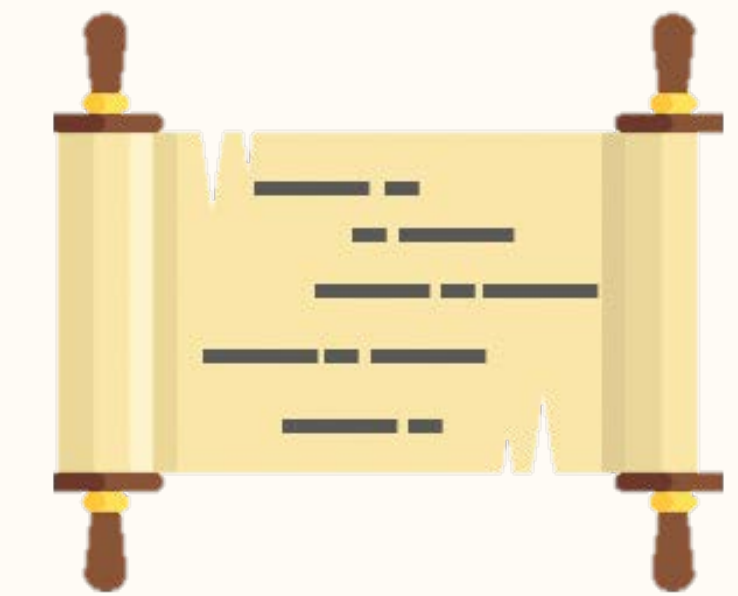
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Access to the Old Testament



Rise of the Kingdom of Man

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Rise of religion and philosophy

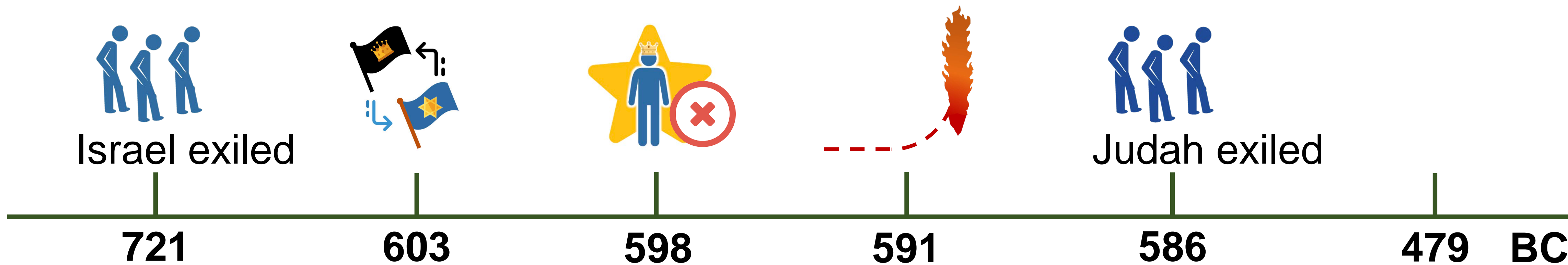


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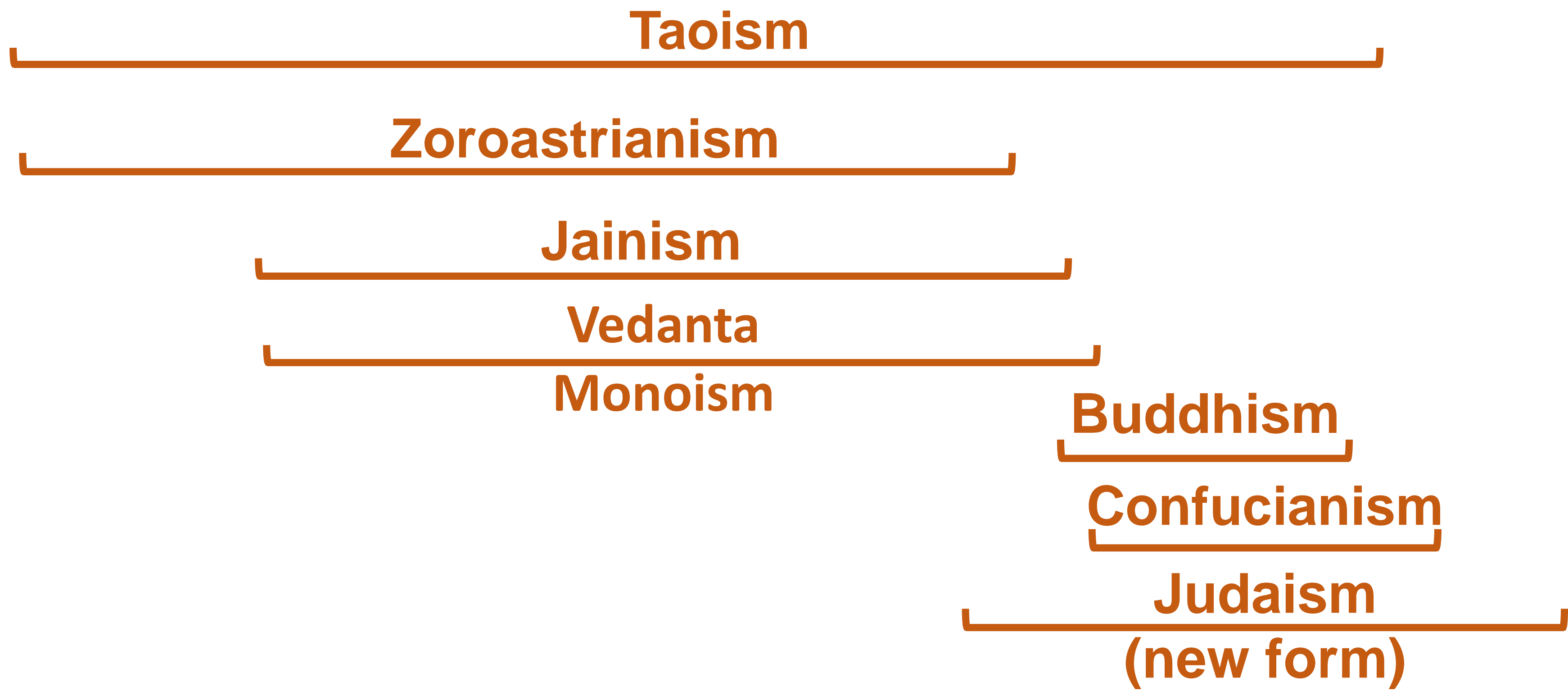
Governments try to rule globally



Rise of Religion and Philosophy



Year (BC)
not to scale



New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

1. Taoism 604–517 BC China (Lao-Tzu)

The ideal state is living in harmony with the Tao, where Tao or god is the creation (continuity of being idea).

New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

2. Zoroastrianism 600–583 BC Persia (Zoroaster)

Focus on doing good because man is saved by good works.

New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

3. Jainism 599–527 BC India (Mahavira Vardhamana)

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New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

**4. Vedanta Monism 599–527 BC India (Hindu reformers
and Upanishads)**

**Man can save himself by attaining the ideal state: when
he gets out of the cycle of rebirth.**

New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

5. Buddhism 560–480 BC India (Gautama, the Buddha)

Man can save himself by attaining the ideal state: when he has no more desire and suffering.

New Religions of the Kingdom of Man

6. Confucianism 551–479 BC China (Confucius)

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During the Exile, there were two transfers of power:

- **Political world: Transfer of political power from Israel to the Gentiles.**



Israel

as political power of the world

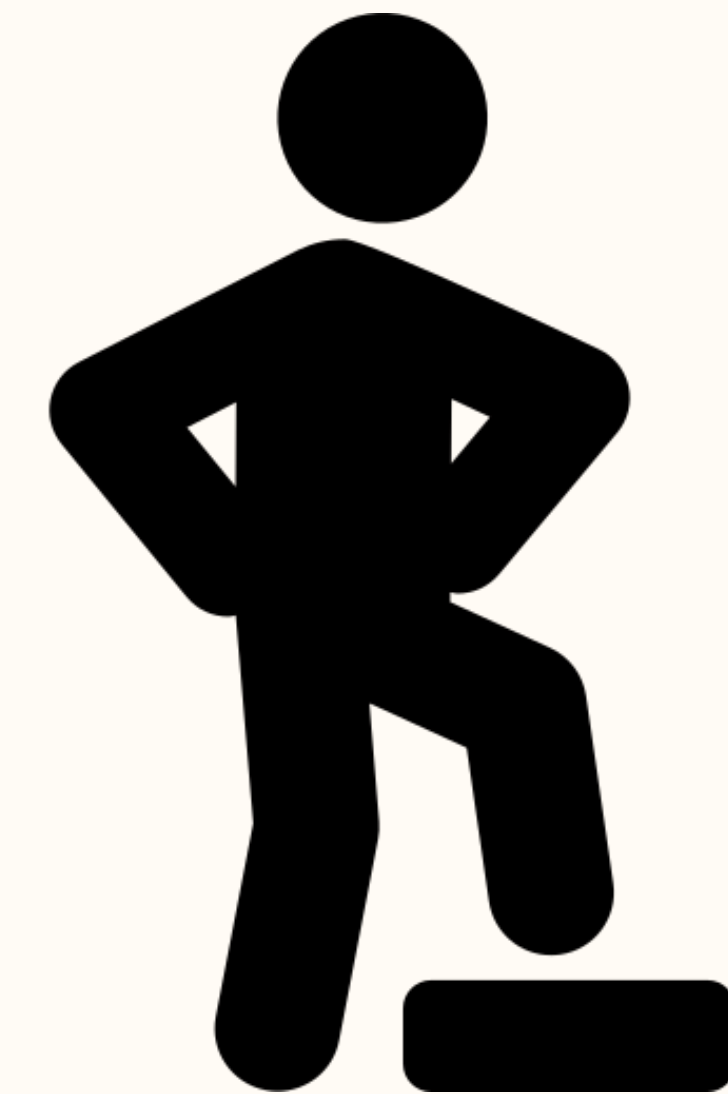


Gentile Kingdoms

as political power of the world

During the Exile, there were two transfers of power:

- **Spiritual world: Transfer of religious focus from “God as savior” to “man as savior”.**



**God or any other god
as “savior”**

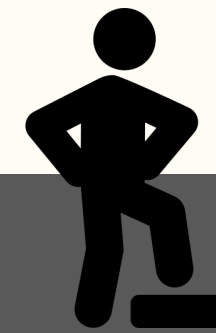
**Mankind
as “savior”**

Philosophy

Sources of Truth

1. YAHWEH

**God's Revelation in Scripture:
Content-filled message given in human language so man can understand.**



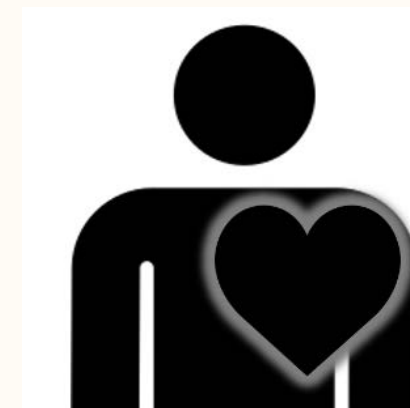
2. Man

Human reason because man's mind is able to discover all truth without any external help (that is, without any god).



3. Man

Man's personal experience and feelings are the ultimate source of truth. This includes scientific study.



Col. 2:8, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”

**Governments try to rule globally [Globalism,
Internationalism]**



HEAD OF GOLD

CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE

LEGS OF IRON

FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

CRUSHING ROCK



HEAD OF GOLD

Kingdom of Babylon

CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

Kingdom of Medes and Persians

BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE

Kingdom of Ancient Greece

LEGS OF IRON

Kingdom of Ancient Rome

FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

Kingdom of Restored Rome

CRUSHING ROCK

Kingdom of God

**Part of the Statue: Head of gold:
The kingdom of Babylon**

**Access to God's Truth:
With God's help, Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's
dream and told him about *Yahweh*.**

**Notes:
King Nebuchadnezzar made himself into a god (Daniel 3–4).**

**Part of the Statue: Chest and arms of silver:
The co-kingdoms of the Medes and
Persians**

**Access to God's Truth:
There were many Persian Jews bearing witness that
Yahweh is God of all, including Daniel and Esther.**

**Notes:
The Medo-Persians made the statutes of human laws equal
to God-given unchangeable commands.
(Daniel 6, Esther 3–8)**

Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(*Yahweh*)



**YAHWEH'S
WISE LAWS**

=



**human
laws**

2nd level
creature (man)



finite,
fallen man

**Part of the Statue: Belly and thighs of bronze:
The empire of Greece:
The co-kingdoms of the Medes
and Persians**

Access to God's Truth:

**There were many Jews living as citizens in Greek cities,
providing access to information on *Yahweh*.**

Notes: See next slide

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The Greeks set up a government system that allowed a Syrian, Antiochus Epiphanes, to reign. He was a very successful politician and convincing speaker, but also the most God-hating, satanic leader of the ancient world. He pushed reconciliation of all parts of society under the idea of “universal values” where everyone’s view is great. But actually he was the one making up the standards. He hated the Jews because they lived by God’s standards, not his. He is also a picture of the Antichrist (Daniel 8).

Part of the Statue: The legs of iron: The Roman Empire

Access to God's Truth:

Jewish families and early Christians were living among the Romans, sharing *Yahweh's* truth. Numerous Jewish communities existed throughout the Iberian peninsula.

Notes:

The Romans worshipped their emperor as a god (Acts 12:20–24).

CHOICE BACK THEN:

Pagan Kingdom of Man
Represented by the visible
pagan nations



Kingdom of God
Represented by the visible nation
of Israel

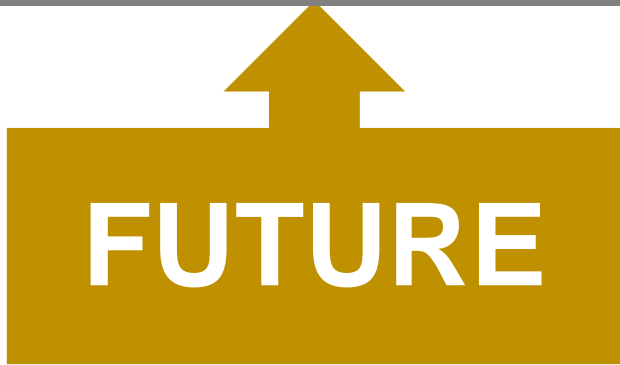


CHOICE NOW:

Kingdom of Man



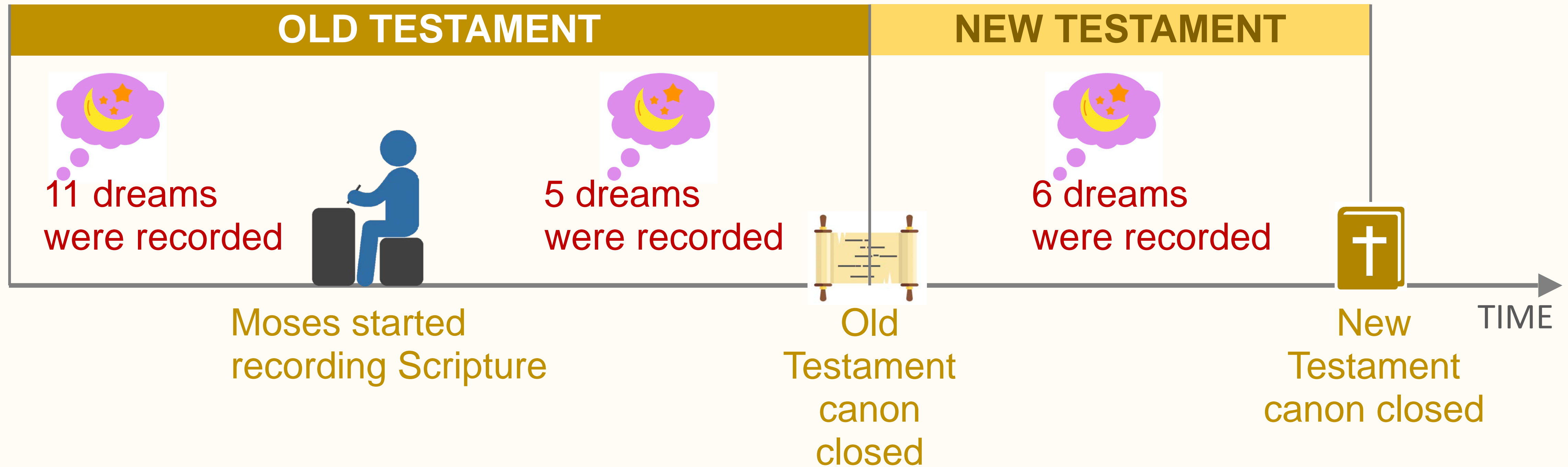
Kingdom of God



Matt. 28:19, “ ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 28:20, “ ‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Does God still speak to people in dreams?



Rev. 22:18, “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Rev. 22:19, “and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”



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**DOES NOT
MATCH**
God's Word

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DISREGARD
the dream: it is not
God's Word



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MATCHES
God's Word

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PRAY for wisdom
and discernment to
know what to do
with it