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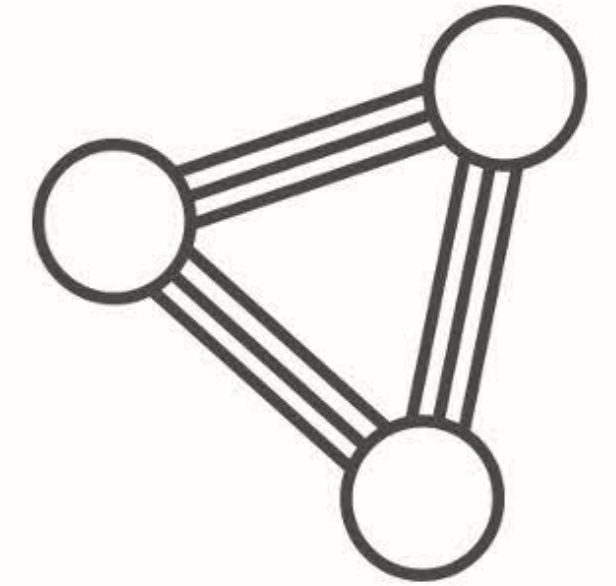
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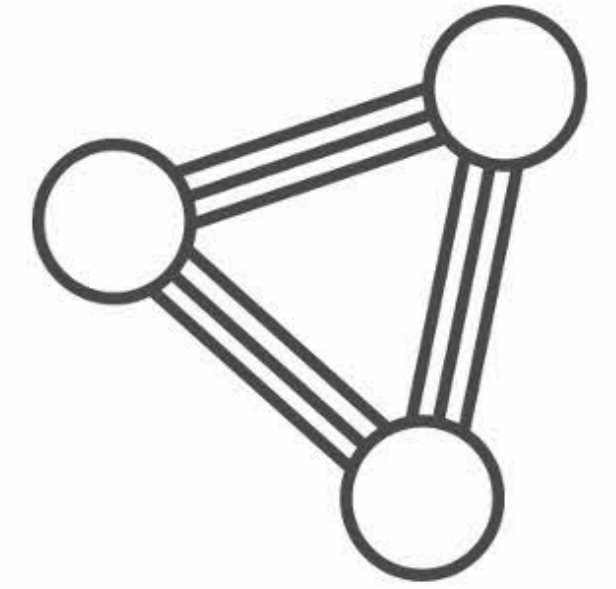


Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom

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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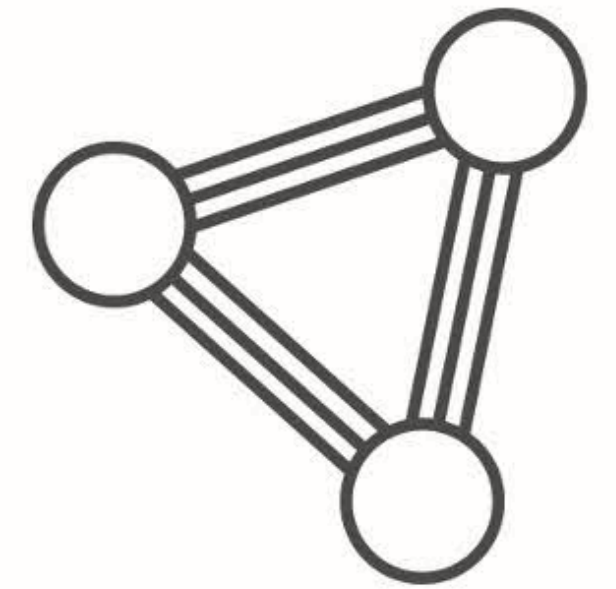


Lesson 26: Sent into Exile

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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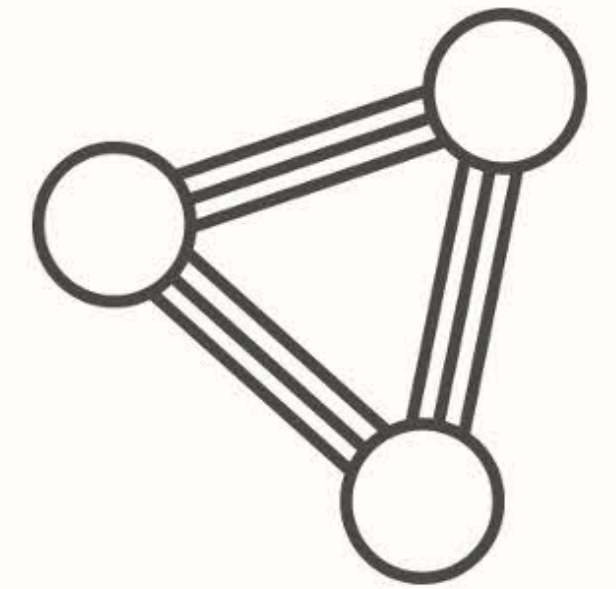


Lesson 26B: Sent into Exile

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?**

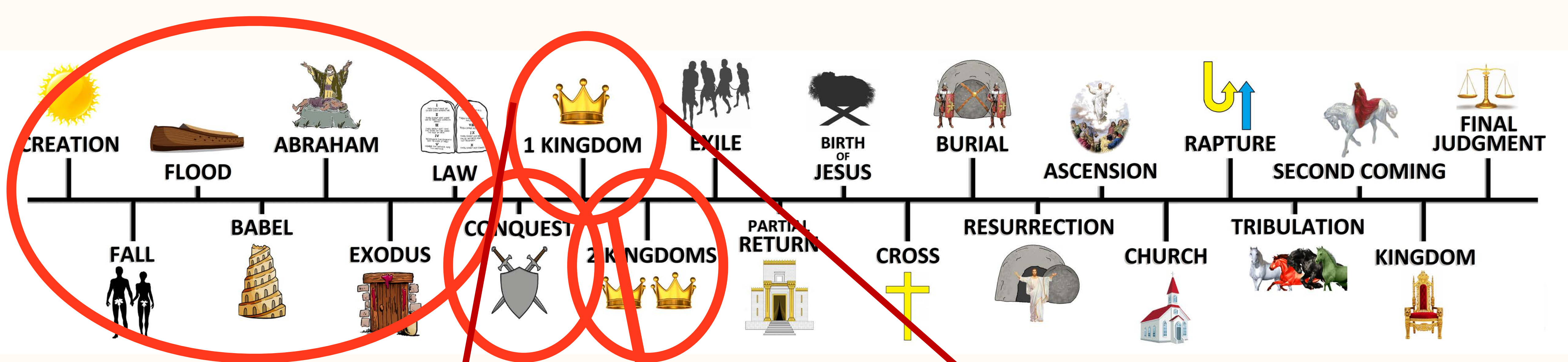
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Lesson 27: Living as Believers in a Pagan Culture

Lesson 27B

- The Book of Daniel is a “Wisdom” Book**
- Life for Exiles in a Pagan Culture**
- How to Face Conflicts with Hostile Pagan Governments**



Torah
Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1–2 Samuel
1–2 Kings
1–2 Chronicles

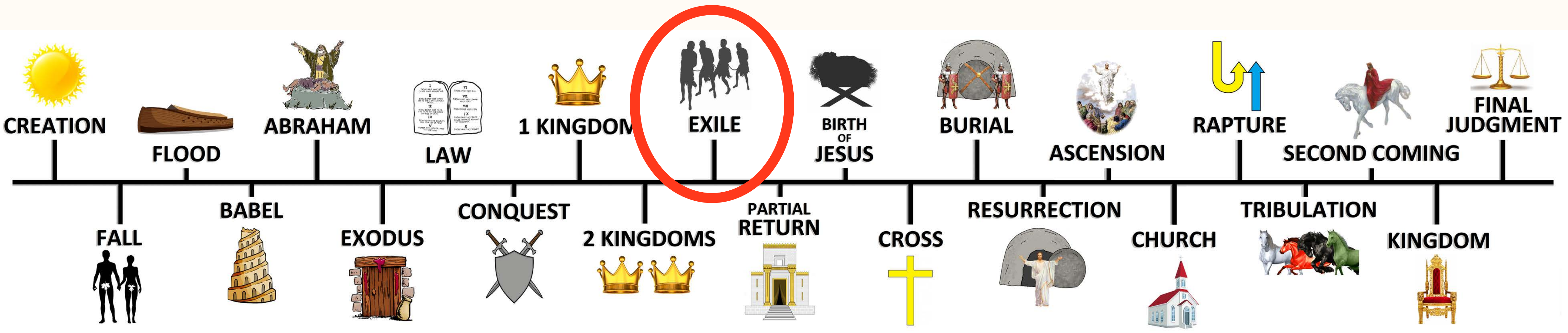
Kings
FOR
Israel

King
David

King
Solomon

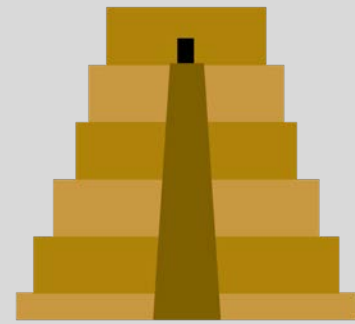
Kingdom
Divided

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

Rise of the Kingdom of Man

Kingdom of God Based on GRACE God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

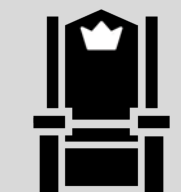


God built Israel:

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



Conquest and Settlement in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

- Unified kingdom
- Divided kingdom

Israel and Judah turned against God: Paganized—unbelievers

Few believers

Grey shows paganization



Exile: Kingdom of God Ended

Creator-creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(*Yahweh*)

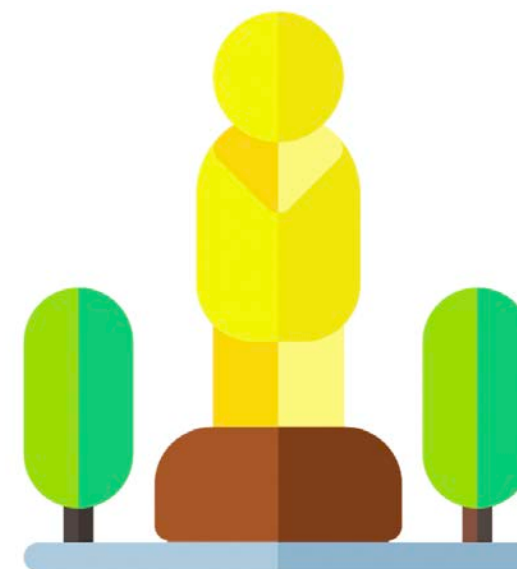
INFINITE SOVEREIGN *YAHWEH*

2nd level
creature



finite, fallen
Nebuchadnezzar

NOT 1st level or 2nd level
Lifeless



Nebuchadnezzar's
government-
sponsored idol

1



Disobedience is legitimate when we are prevented from worshipping *Yahweh*.

2



Lean on God and His Word to guide our words and actions.

3



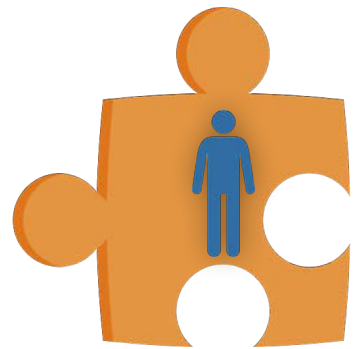
When disobeying, the most powerful witness to God is an act of trust followed by clear explanation of the motive.

4



In disobeying the government, show respect and submit to the required punishment.

5



Know the sovereignty of God and know the believer's role within the pagan kingdom of man.

6



Maintain integrity and continue to pray.

7



Pray for the pagan city.

Principle 1: Disobedience is legitimate when we are prevented from worshipping *Yahweh*.

Principle 2: Lean on God and His Word to guide our words and actions.

Dan. 3:17, “ ‘If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

Dan. 3:18, “ ‘But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.’ ”

Principle 3: When the choice is to disobey, the most powerful witness to God is an act of trust followed by clear explanation of the motive.

Principle 4: In disobeying the government, show respect and submit to the required punishment.

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Dan. 3:9, “They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, ‘O king, live forever!’ ”

Dan. 6:21, “Then Daniel said to the king, ‘O king, live forever!’ ”

Heb. 11:33, “who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,”

Principle 5: Know the sovereignty of God and know the believer's role within the pagan kingdom of man.

Dan. 6:23, “Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.”

Dan. 6:24, “And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.”

Deut. 24:16, “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

Principle 6: Maintain integrity and continue to pray.

Dan. 6:10, “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.”

Principle 7: Pray for the pagan city.

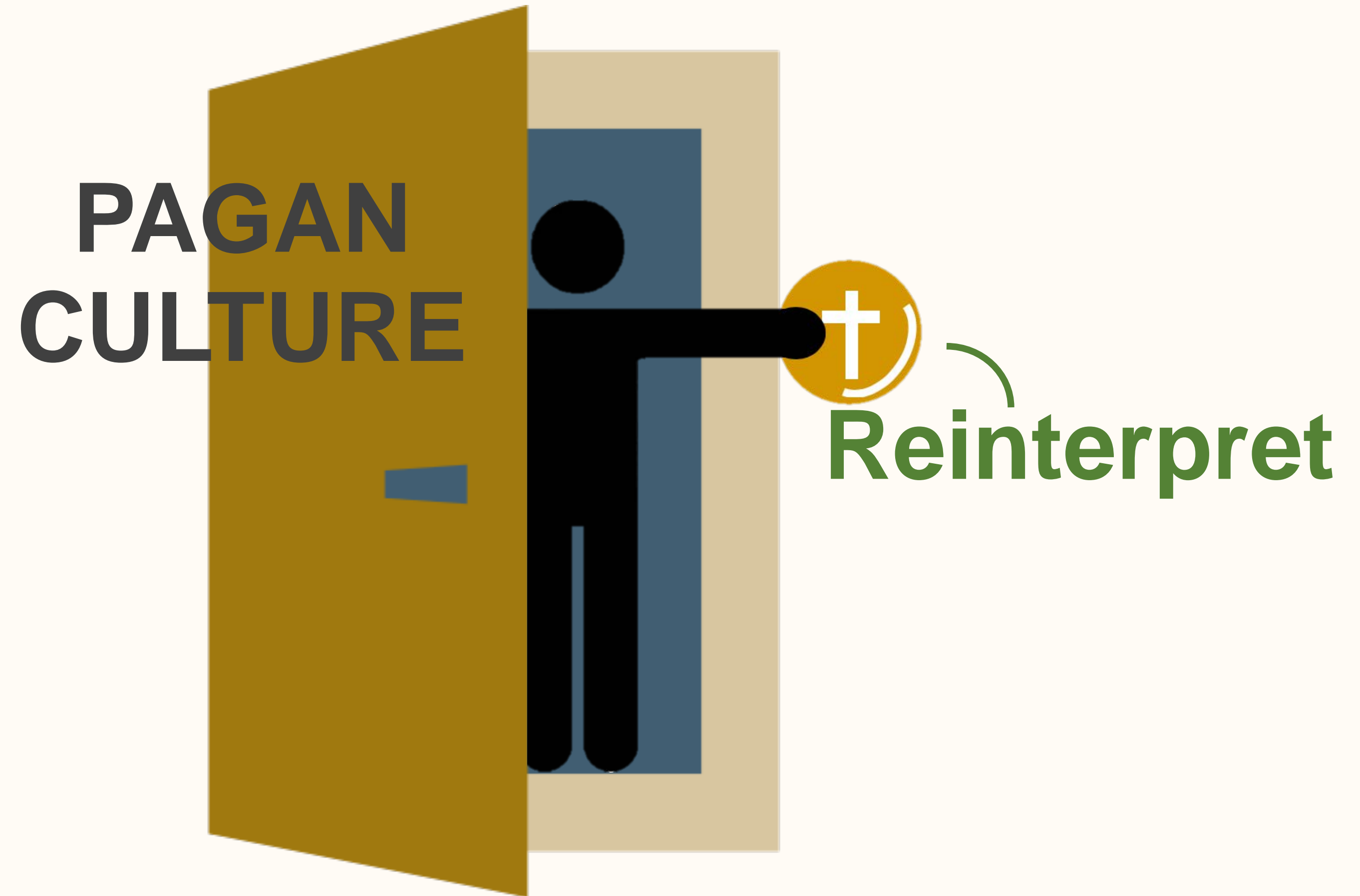
Jer. 29:7, “And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”

Choices that believers have living in the pagan kingdom of man.

1. Give in: some believers fully accept the value system of the pagan society and give up on godly values.



2. **Accommodate:** when there is disagreement between what the world says and what the Bible says, some believers choose to reinterpret Scripture. They take on the “buffet” approach to the Bible: they take what they can “fit” into the world’s beliefs and they leave out, ignore, or reinterpret the obvious conflicts.





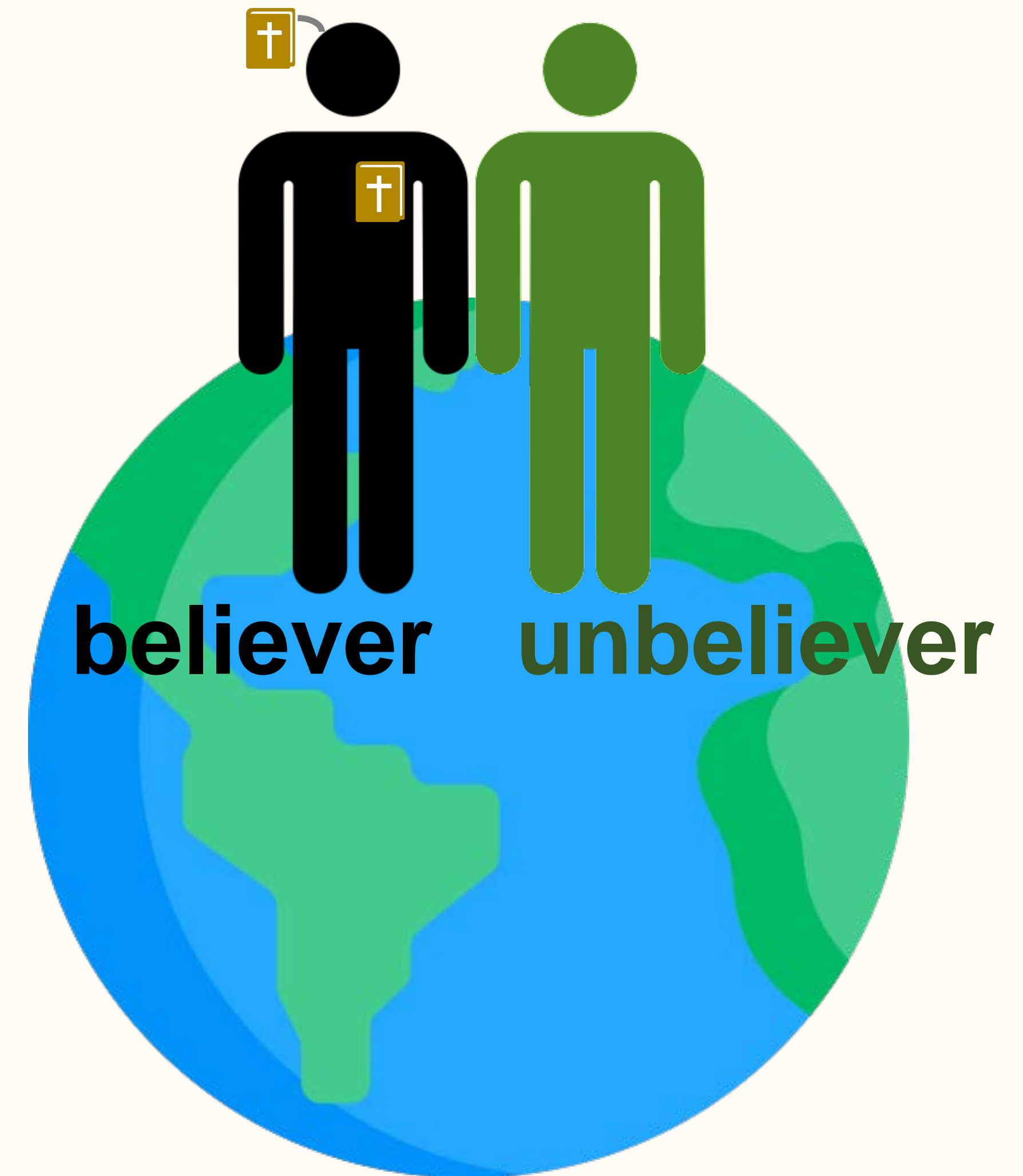
- 3. Physical separation: some believers choose to separate themselves physically by living a hermit or monastery-like life. Others try to freeze time and culture to a past period that they deem better than the current (for example, the Amish). This physical separation does not get rid of the problem of sin and evil because sin still lives in their own hearts. Also, this destroys any opportunity to share the gospel with the pagan world.**



4. Real separation of the mind and heart:

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be pressed into the mold of the world’s values, but change the way you think to God’s way; in order to demonstrate that God’s will is good and acceptable and sufficient.” [~RD]

Real separation of the mind and heart



First, God does not want us to copy or imitate the behavior, values, and customs of the pagan world.

Second, God wants to change our thinking.

Successful mental separation also includes focusing on the future that God told us about in the prophetic literature.



HEAD OF GOLD

Babylonian Empire

CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

Medo-Persian Empire

BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE

Greek Empire

LEGS OF IRON

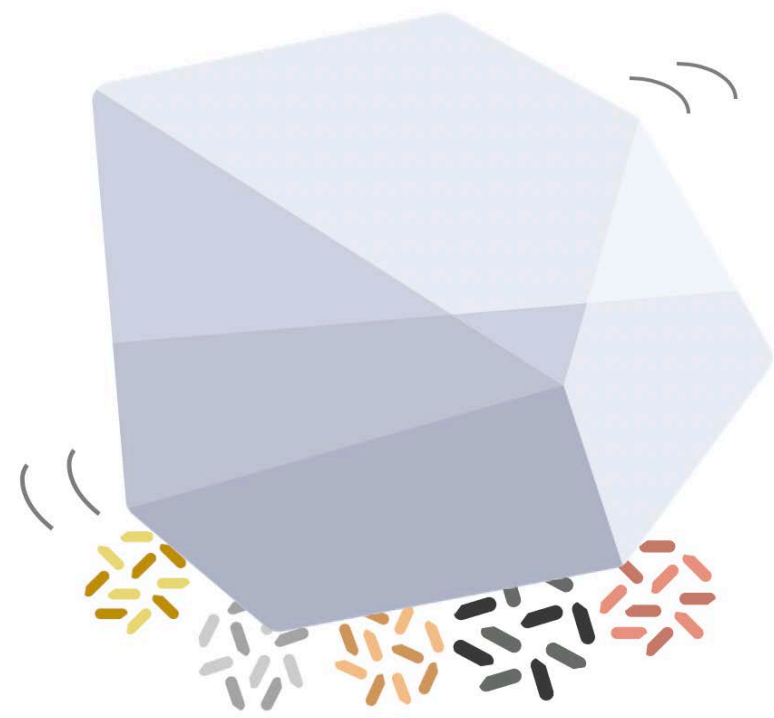
Roman Empire

FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

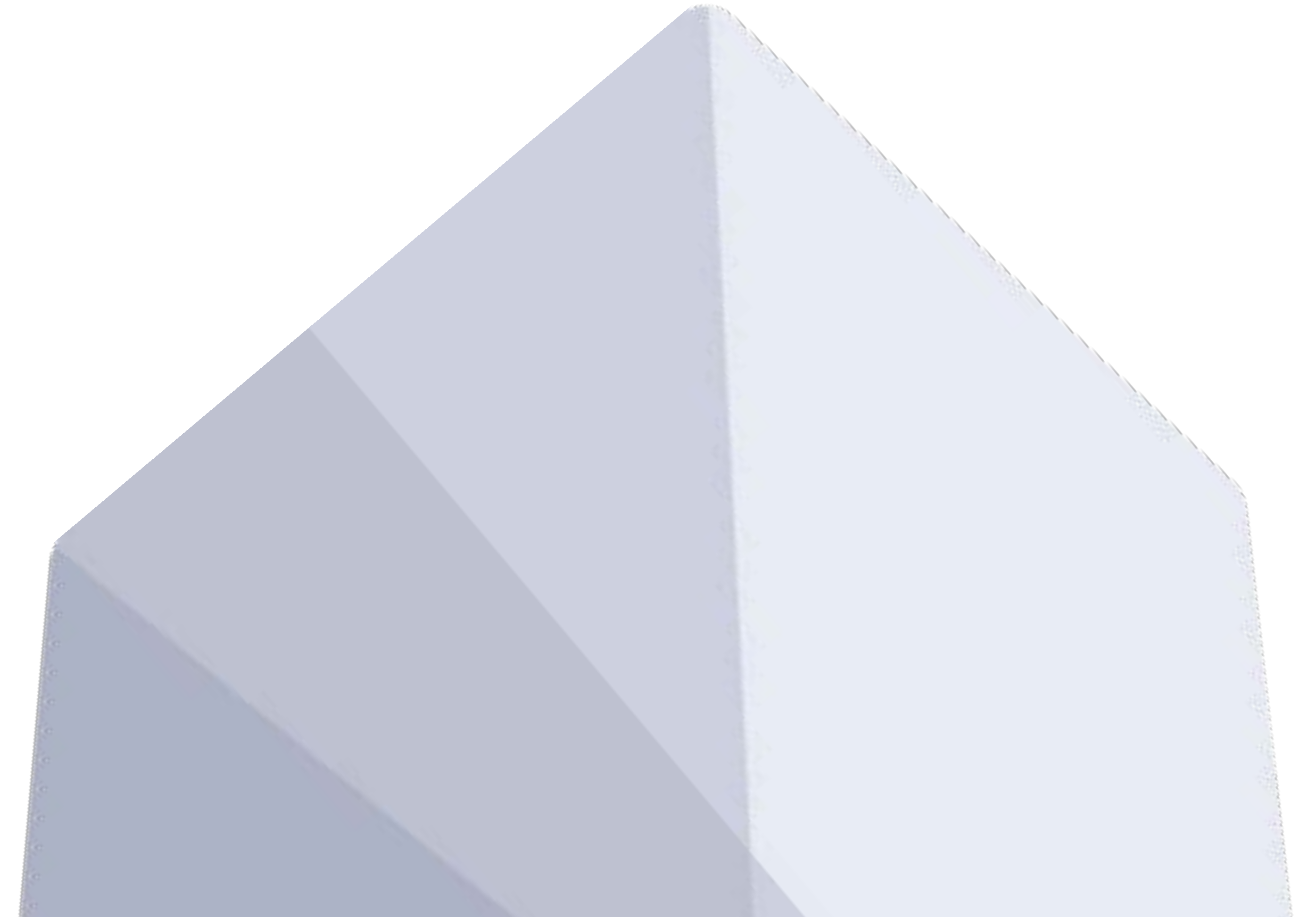
Revived Roman Empire

CRUSHING ROCK

Kingdom of God



CRUSHING ROCK



GREAT MOUNTAIN

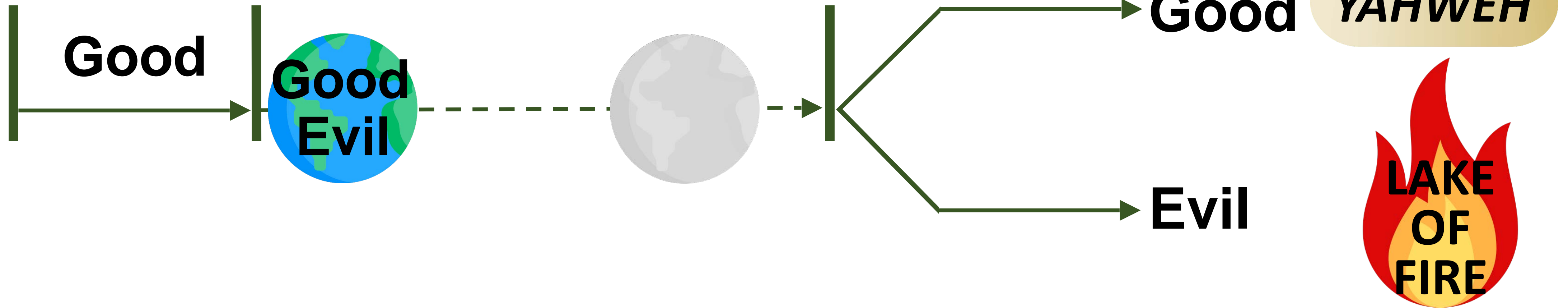
1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

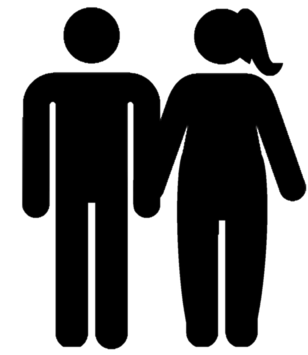
1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Creation

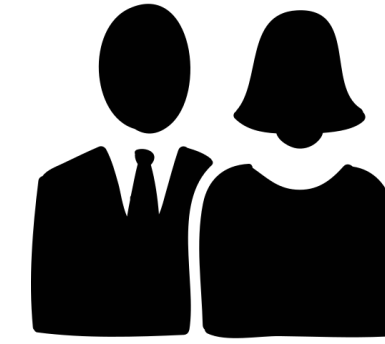
Fall

Judgment



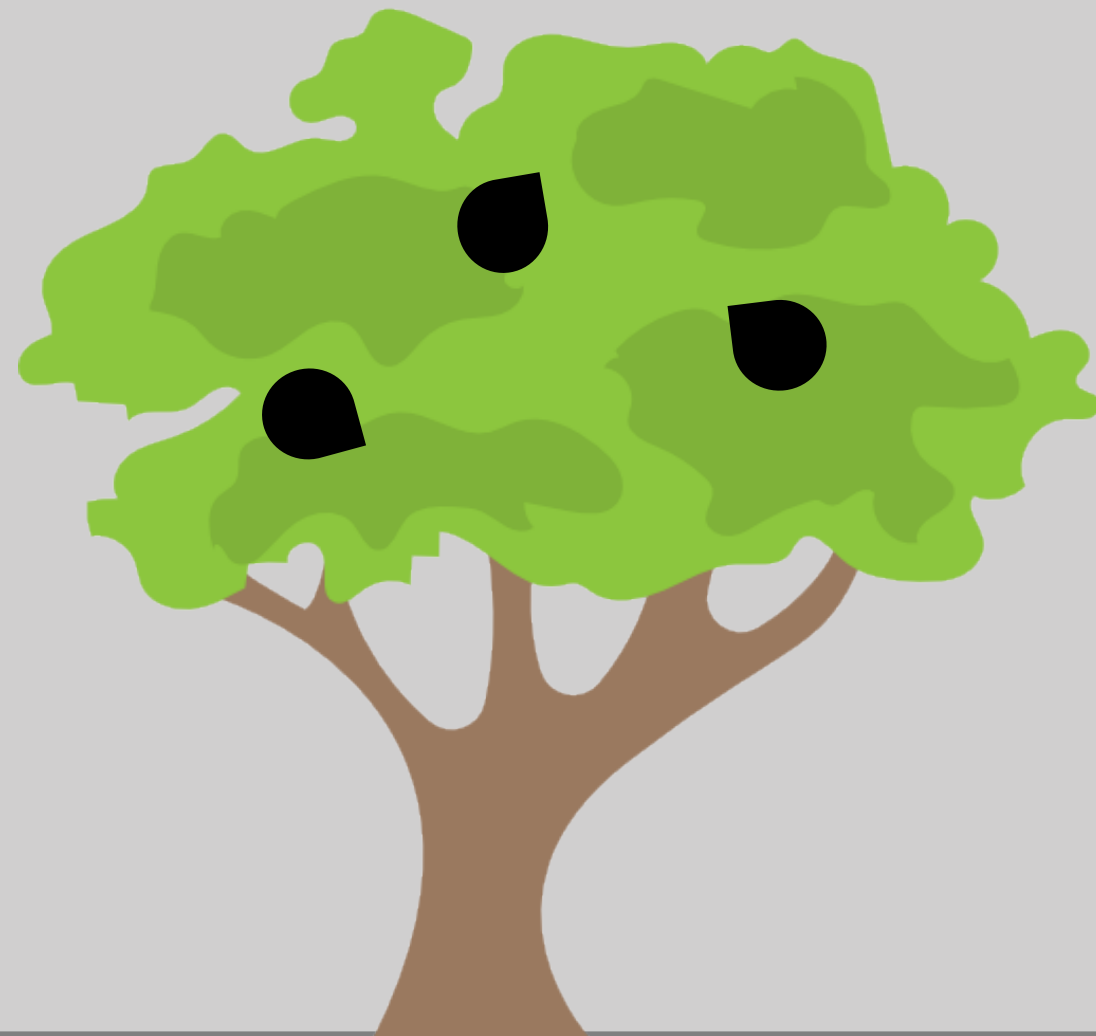


Adam and Eve had real choice



People today have real choice

Choice #1
Reject God



Choice #2
Submit to God



Choice #1
Reject God

**Pagan Kingdom
of Man**

Based on **WORKS**:
Man would save himself
through his own ideas

Choice #2
Submit to God

Kingdom of God

Based on **GRACE**:
God would save man

Box Question:

Should our children be shielded from all unchristian influences because it will destroy their faith?

Four Approaches

- **Don't train their children in God's Word.**
- **Train their children in God's Word alone.**
- **Shield them from the pagan world but with no Bible training.**
- **Train them in God's Word and shield them from the pagan world.**

Matt. 28:18, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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.”

Train them in God's Word and train them to understand the ways of the pagan world.

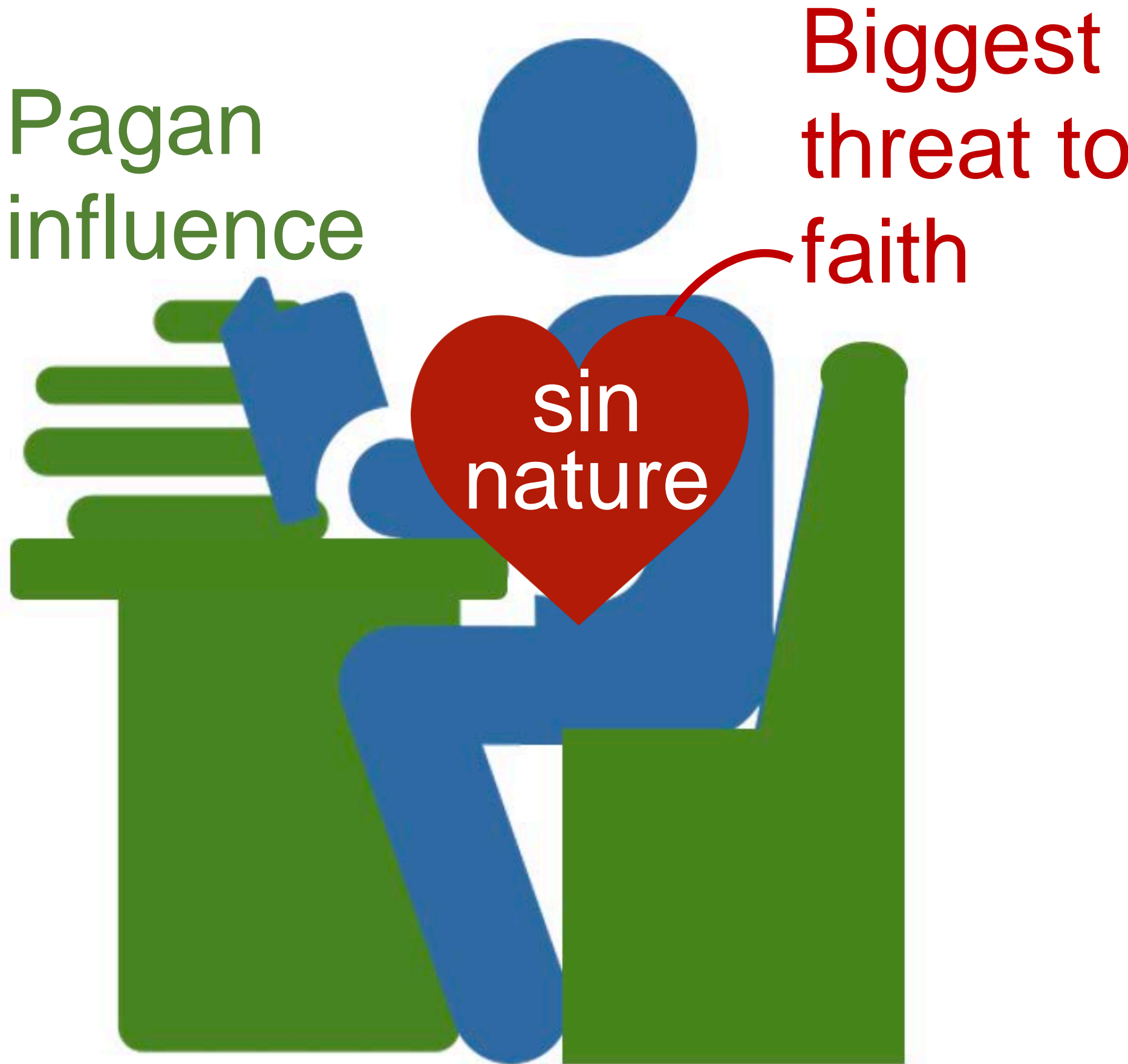
Three Examples:

- **Daniel**
- **Joseph**
- **Moses**

Training in the Word of God in their early years:

It is the lack of Scripture training that ruins their faith.

Pagan
influence



Biggest
threat to
faith