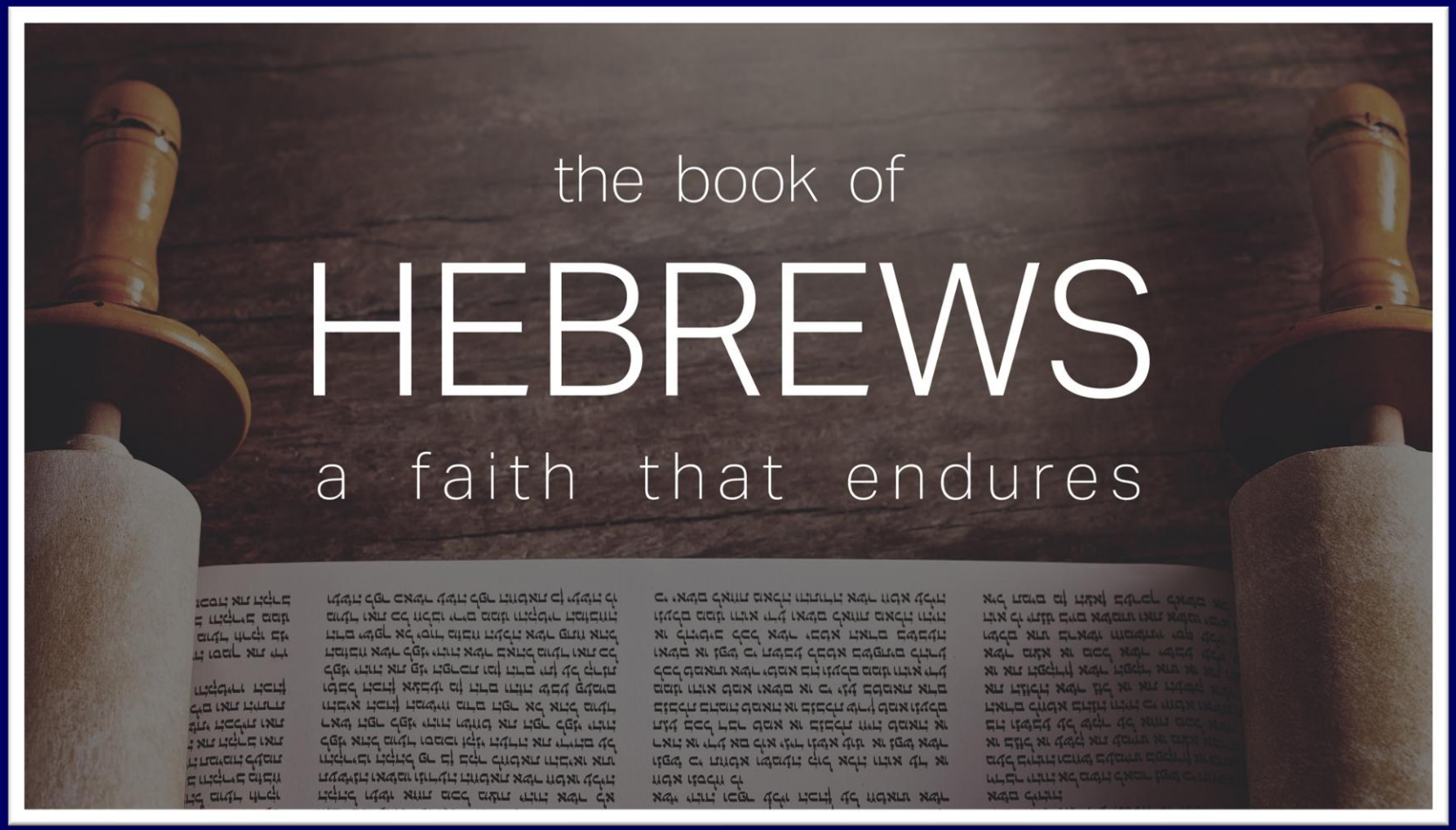
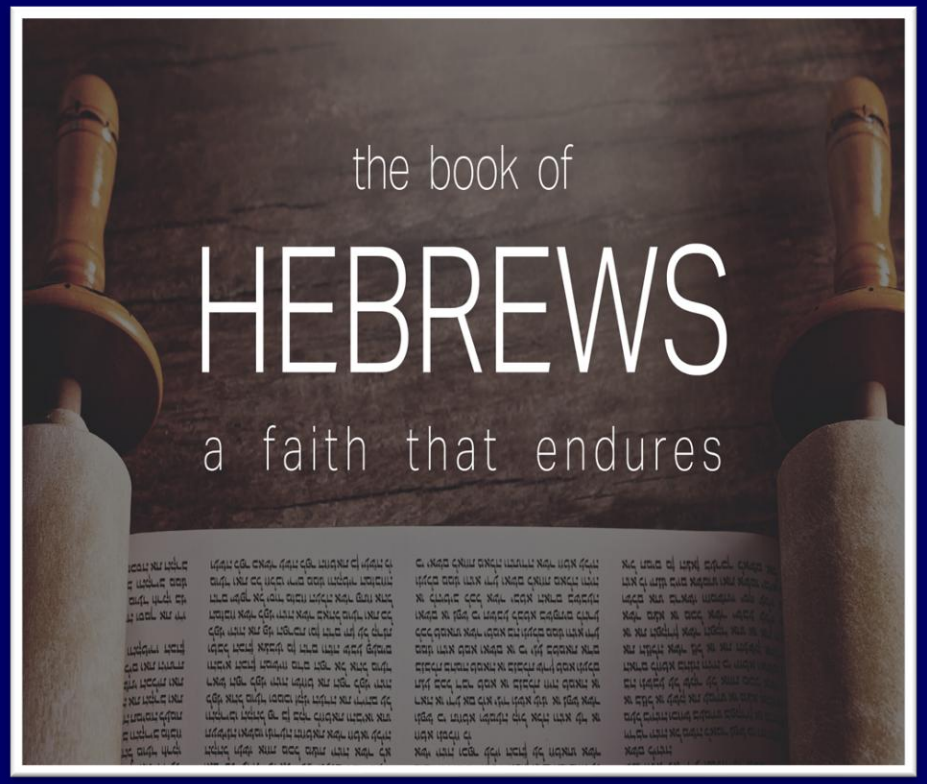




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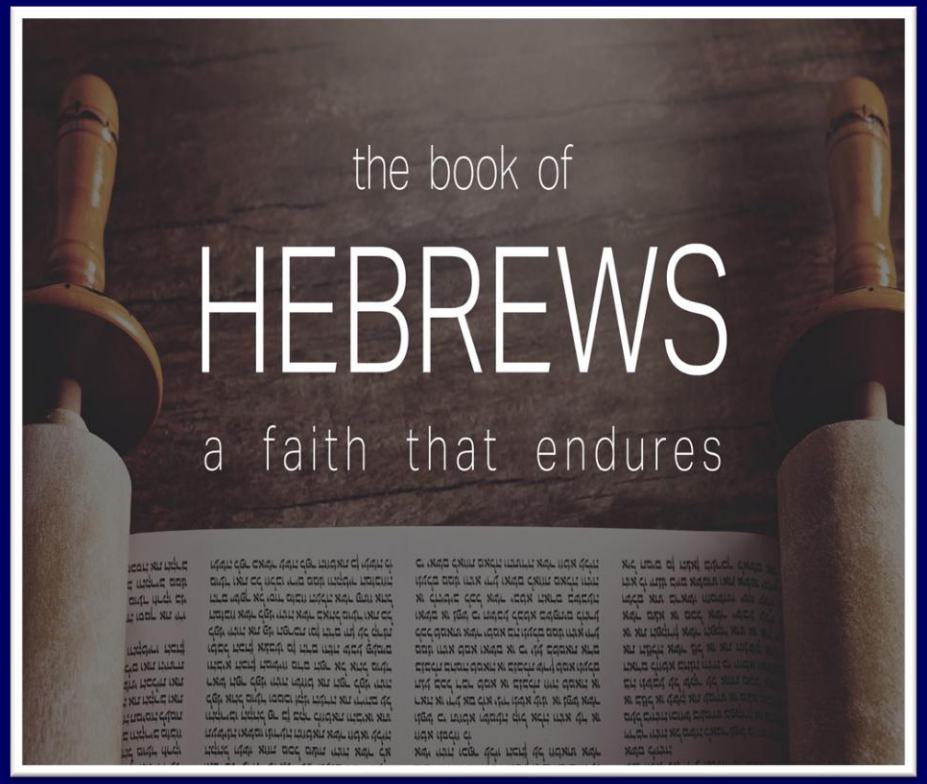
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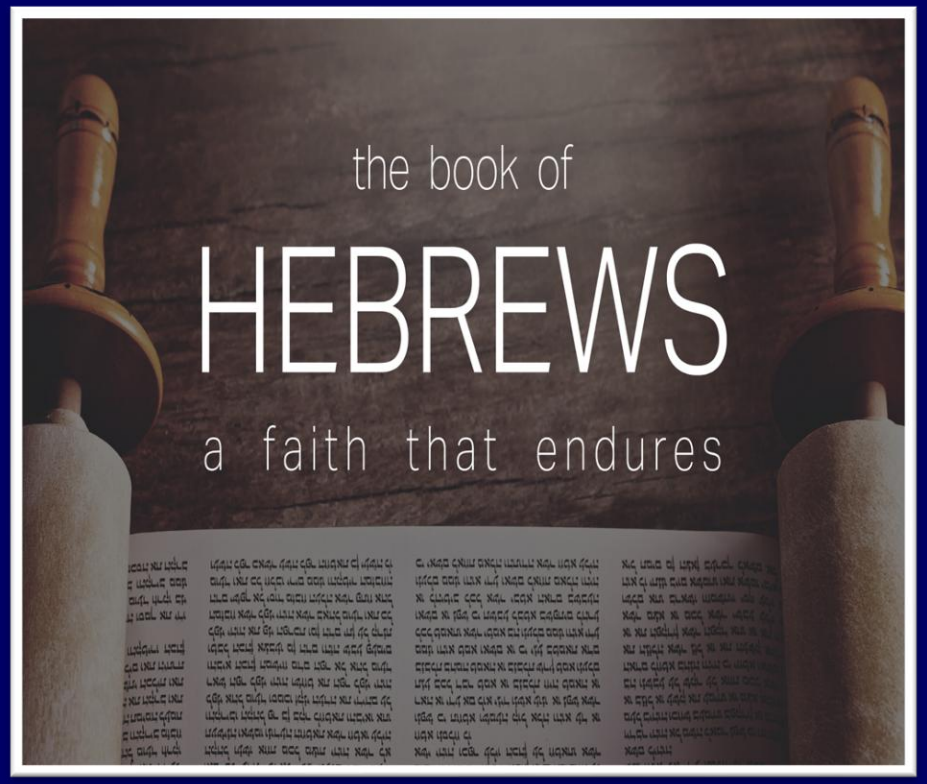
CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO PREVIOUS REVELATION (1:1-2A)

- OT – Indirect, incomplete, temporary
- Christ – Direct, complete, permanent



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- Heir of all things
- Maker of all things
- Brightness of the Father's glory
- Express image of the Father
- Upholds all things
- Made complete purification for sins
- Sat down at the Father's right hand



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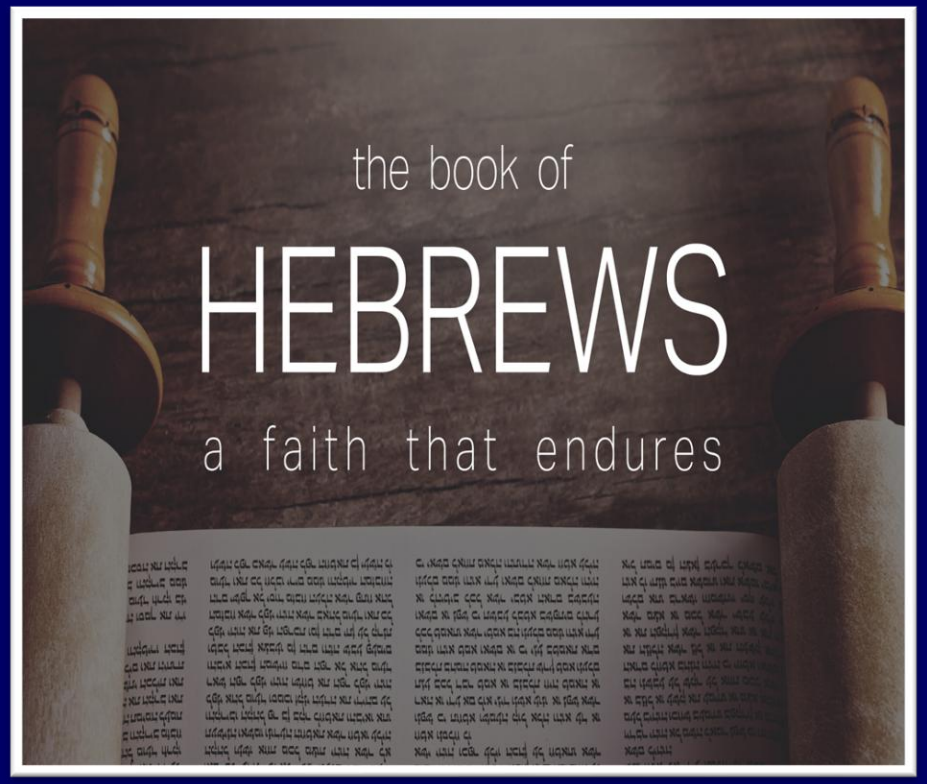
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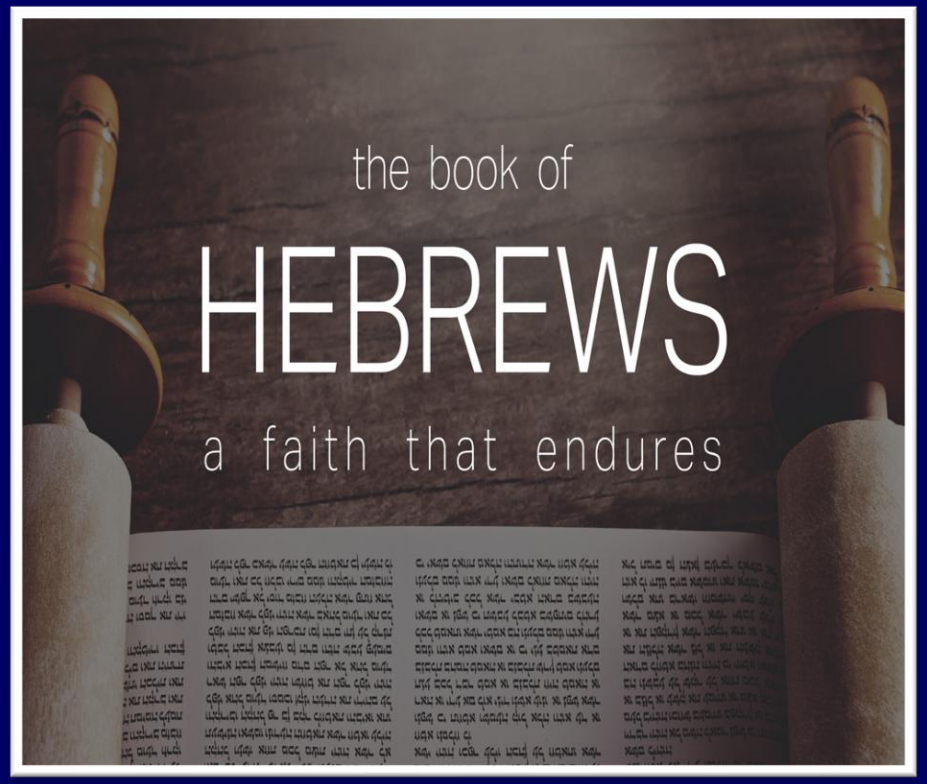
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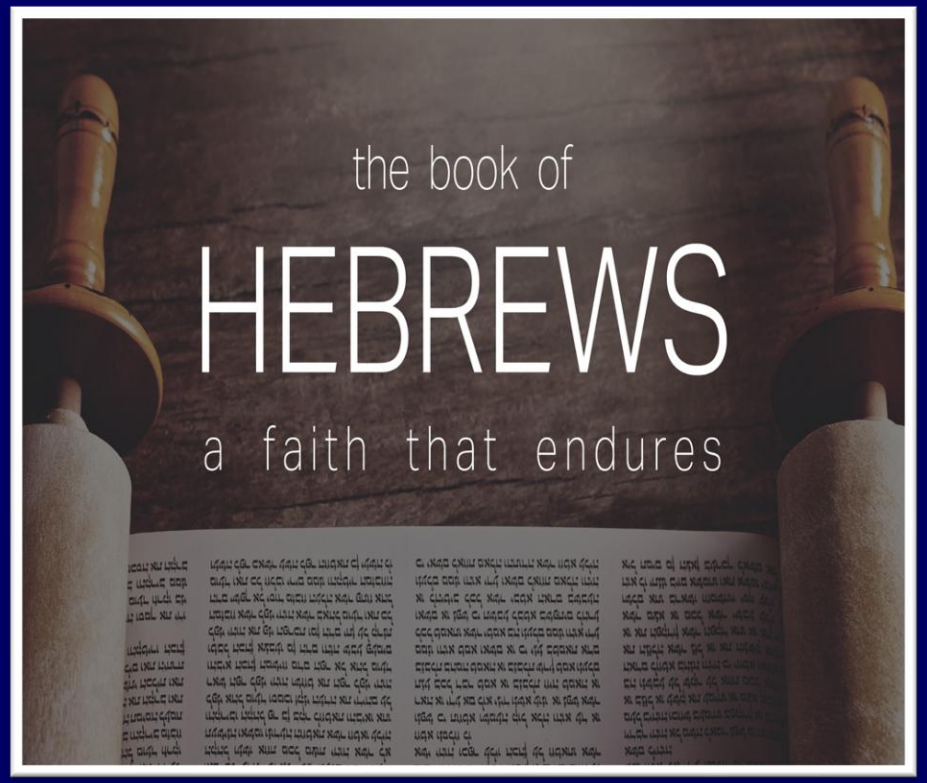
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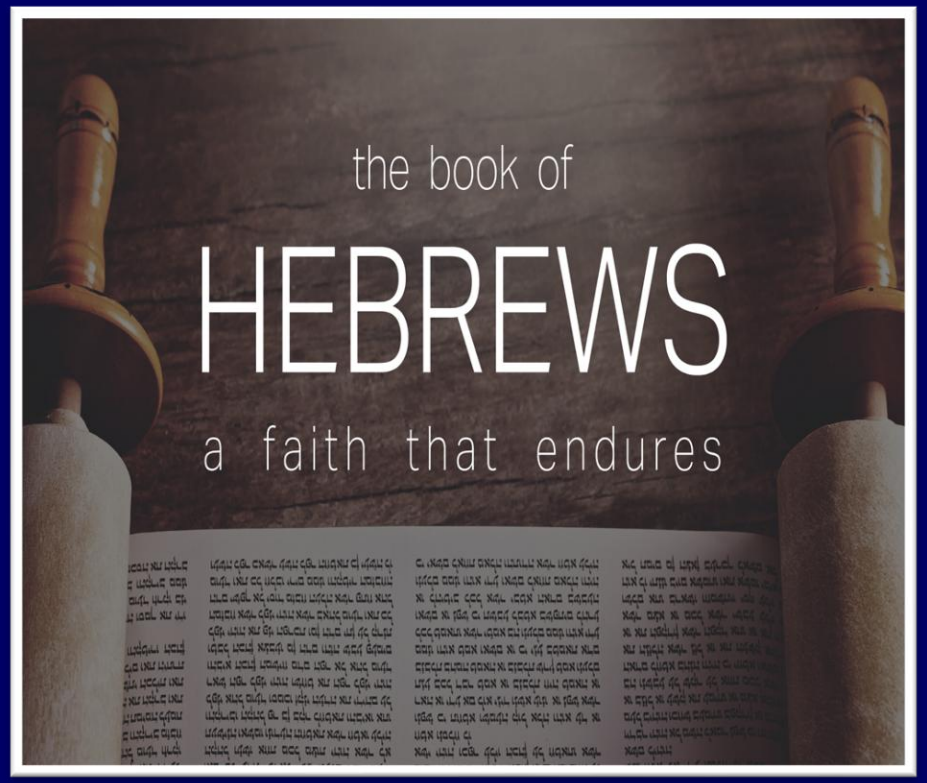


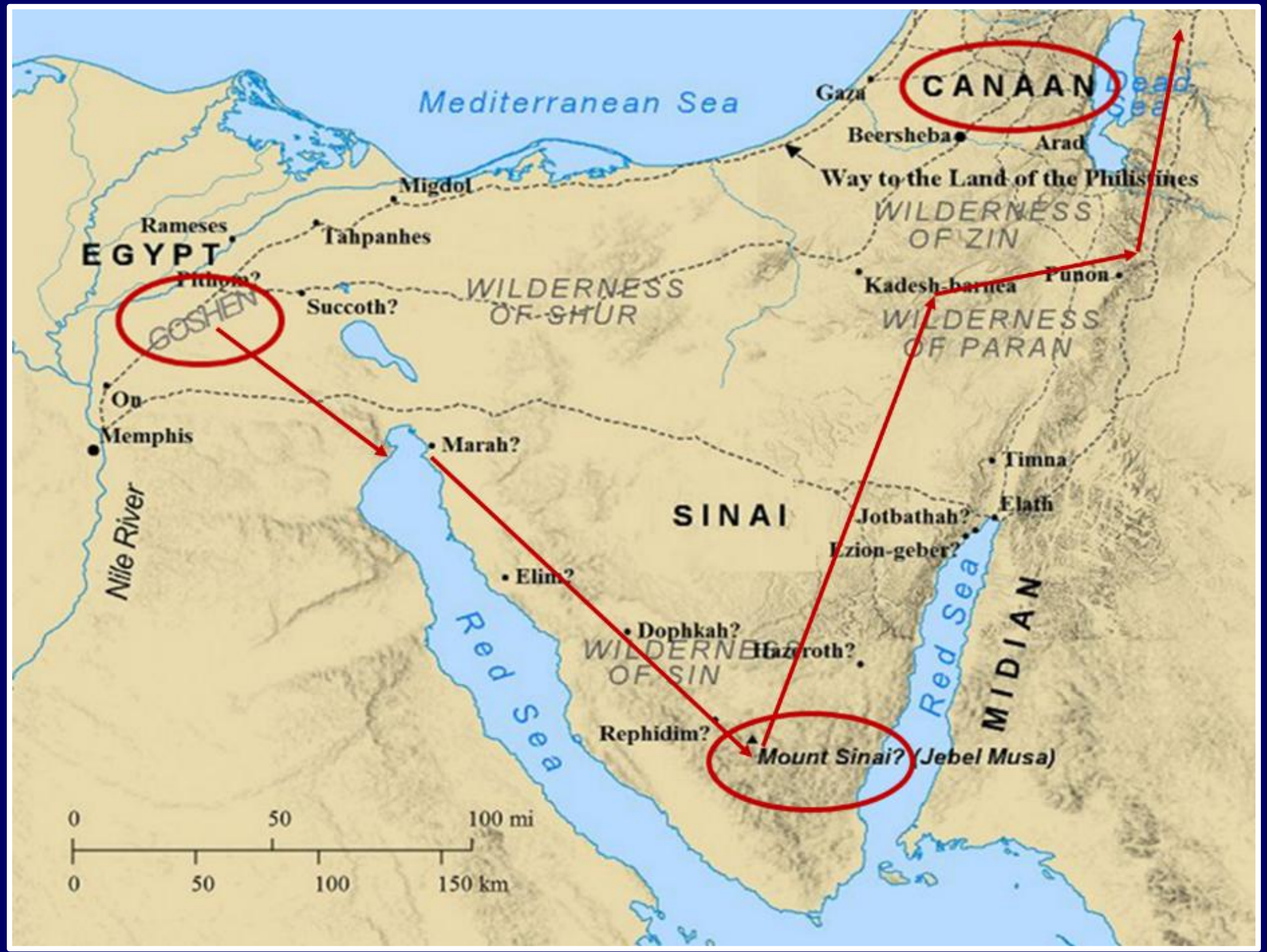
FIVE WARNINGS

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2. 3:7–4:13 – Warning against disobedience
3. 5:10–6:20 – Warning against immaturity
4. 10:26-39 – Warning against despising the truth
5. 12:25-29 – Warning against denying the truth

WARNING AGAINST DRIFTING (2:1-4)

- Parenthesis in argument about angels
- From the lesser to the greater (*a fortiori*)




Mediterranean Sea
Gaza
CANAAN
Dead Sea
Beersheba
Arad
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Rameses
EGYPT
Tahpanhes
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
WILDERNESS OF SHUR
Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
Elath
SINAI
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
WILDERNESS OF SIN
Hazeroth?
MIDIAN
Rephidim?
Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)
0 50 100 mi
0 50 100 150 km

Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- ***Blessings and curses (28)***



Deuteronomy 28:49-50

49 “The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



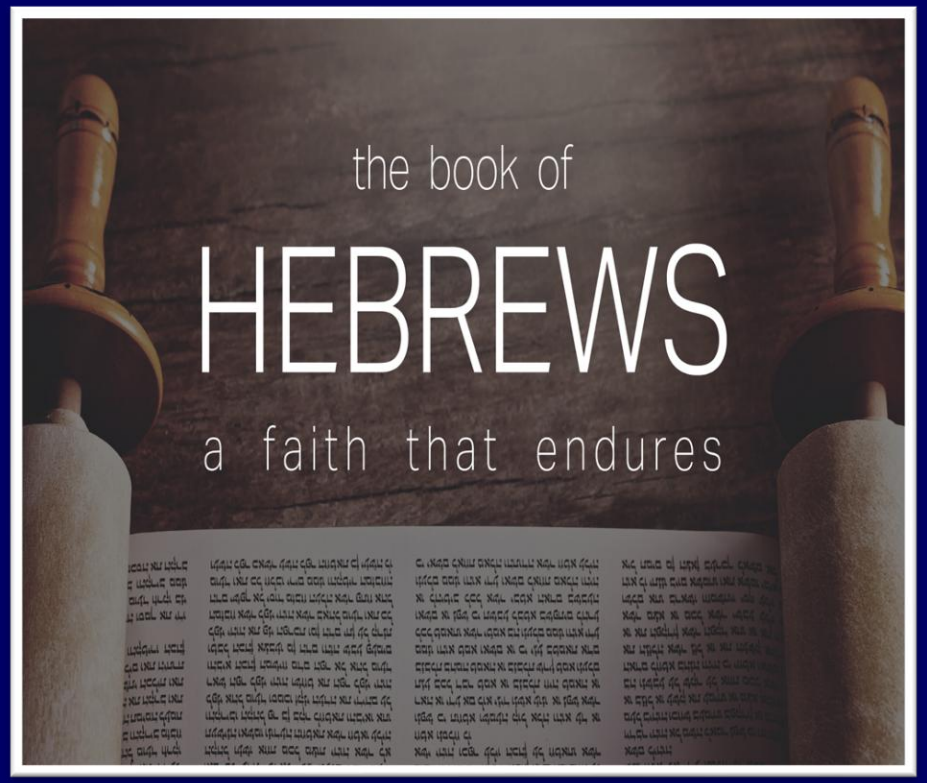
ISRAEL'S JUDGMENTS

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
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- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



4 VIEWS ON WARNING PASSAGES

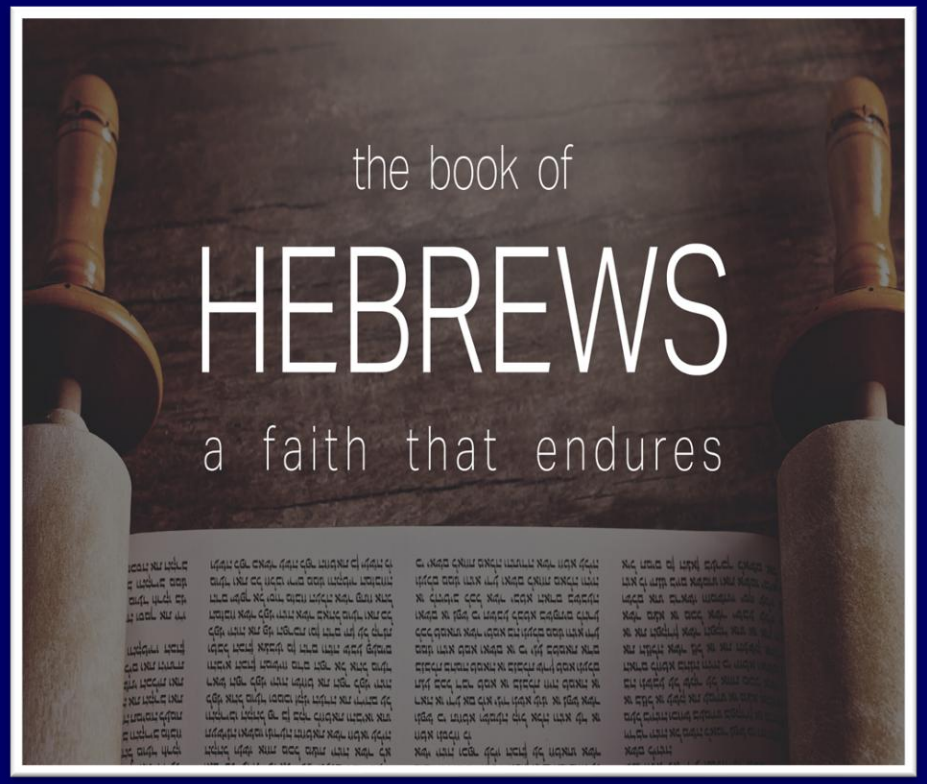
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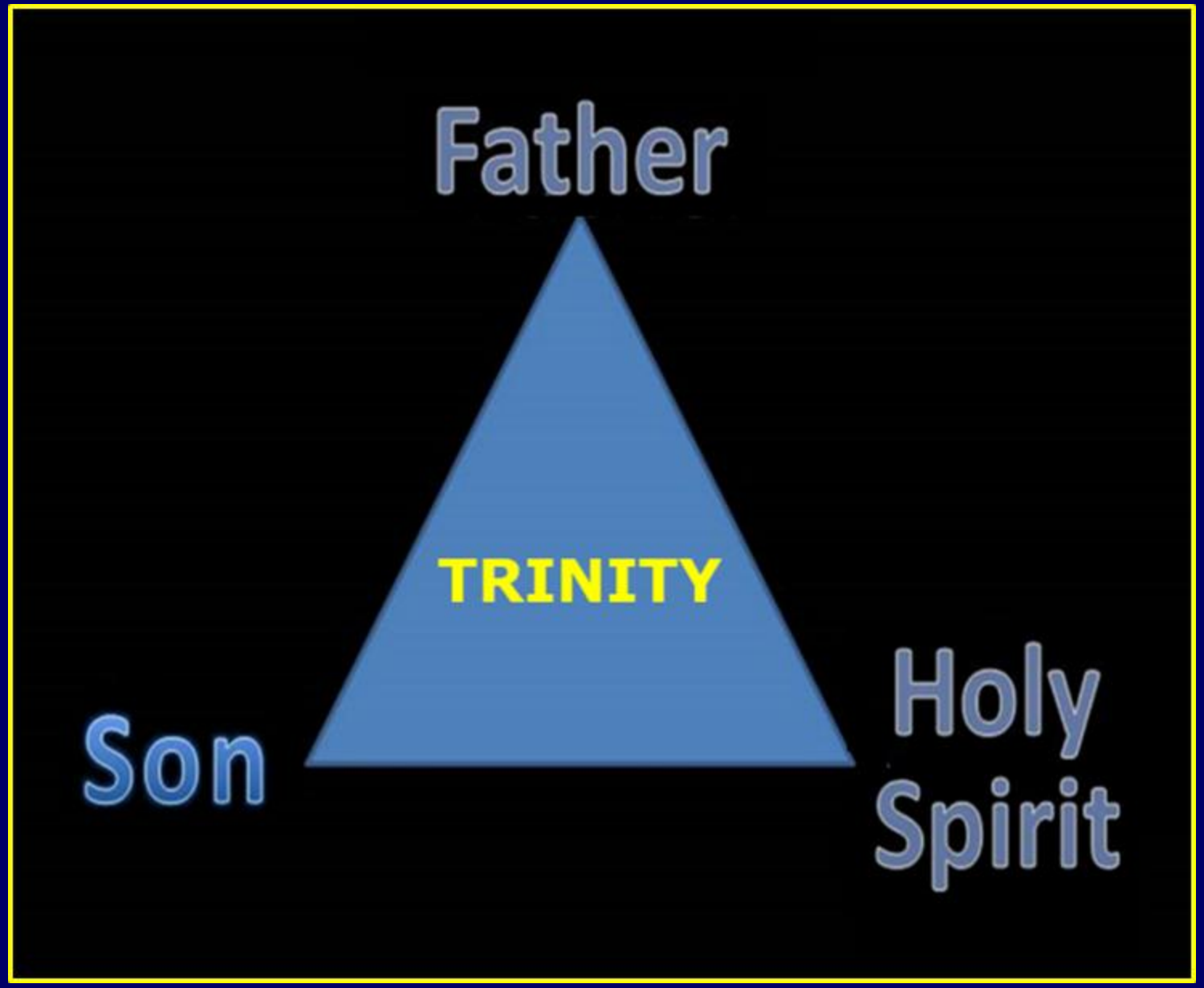


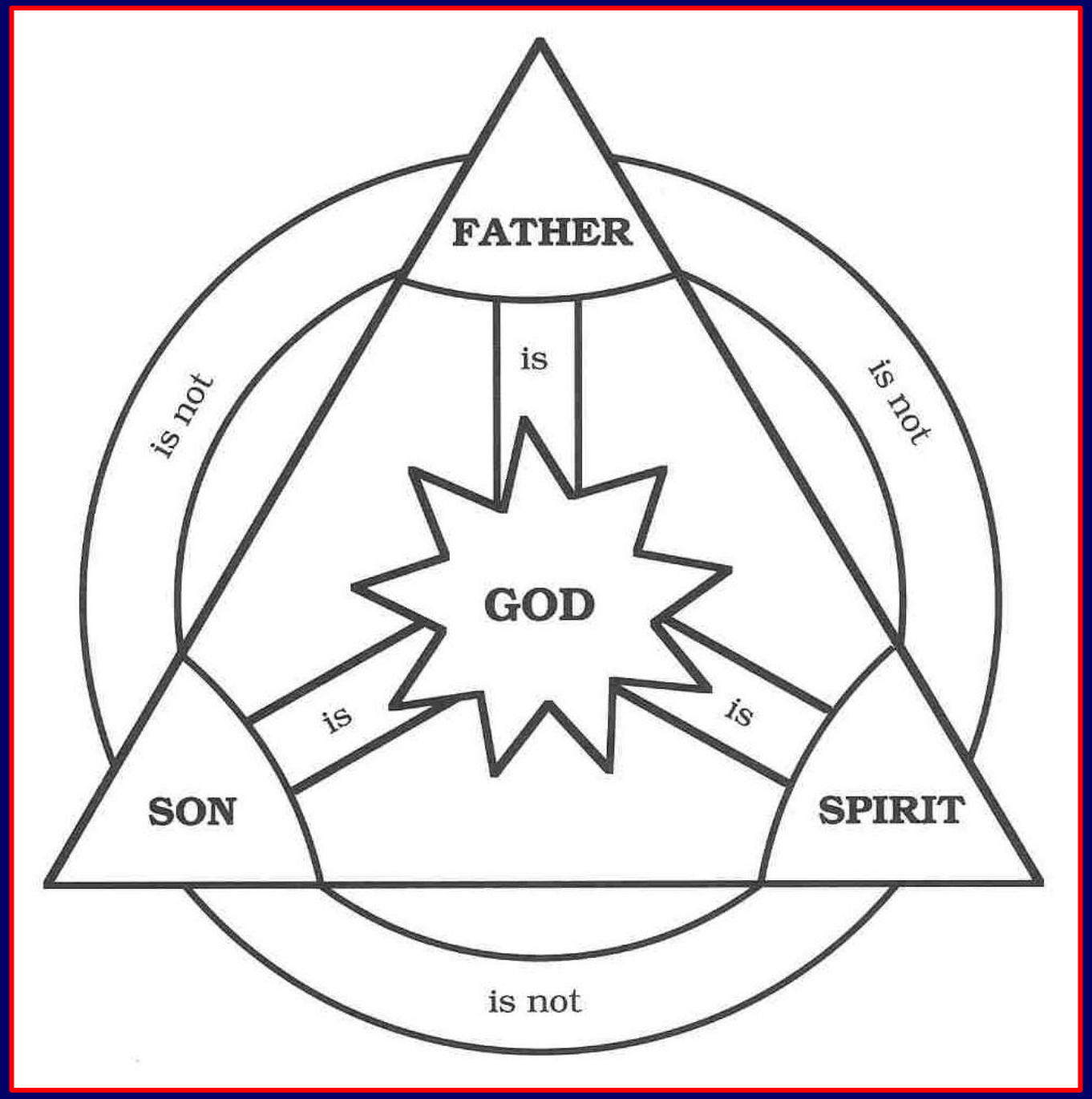
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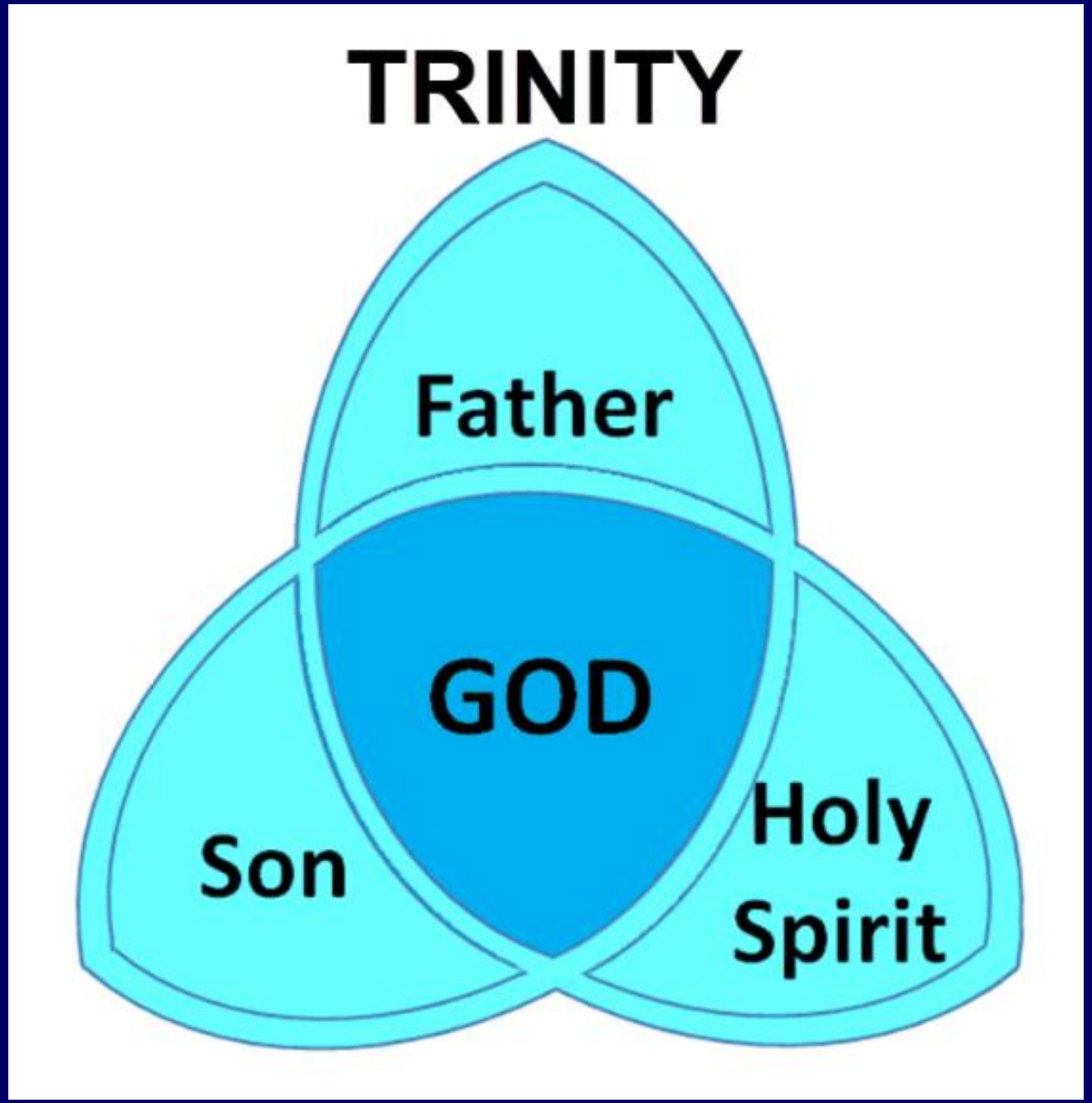
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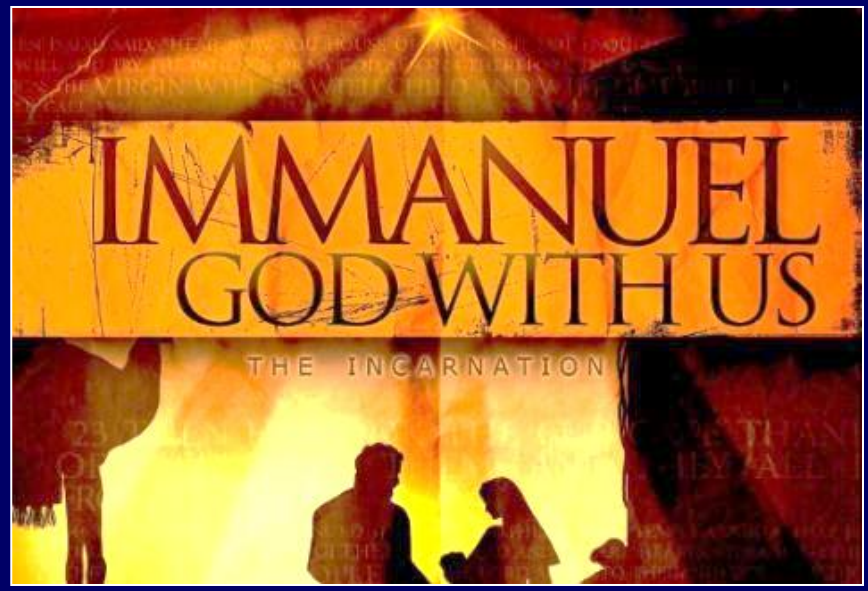

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An Important Doctrine

- Incarnation
- Hypostatic Union
- 100% God
- 100 % Man
- Unique God-Man



John 1:14

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the **only begotten** [***monogenēs***] from the Father, full of grace and truth."



John 1:18

"No one has seen God at any time; the **only begotten** [***monogenēs***] God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained [ex*ēgeomai*] *Him*."





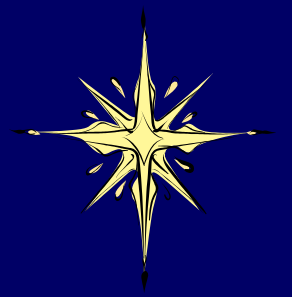
Dr. John Walvoord

Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

"The act of ***kenosis*** **[*emptying*]** as stated in Philippians 2:5-8 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations."

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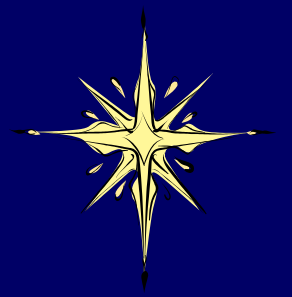


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Genesis 1:26-28

[26] Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let **them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth**.” [27] God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. [28] God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and **subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth**.”



Theocratic Administrator



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To Reverse Man's Sinful Condition

- Adam's disobedience affected all
- Christ's obedience blessed all
- Christ is the last Adam
  - Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45



The Two Most Influential Men in World History

	ADAM	JESUS
Single action	Disobedience	Obedience
Tree	Knowledge	Cross
Universal impact	Curse	Blessing
Birth	Physical	Spiritual
Adam	First	Last

Romans 8:19-23

19 “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans** and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan** within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of **our body**.”





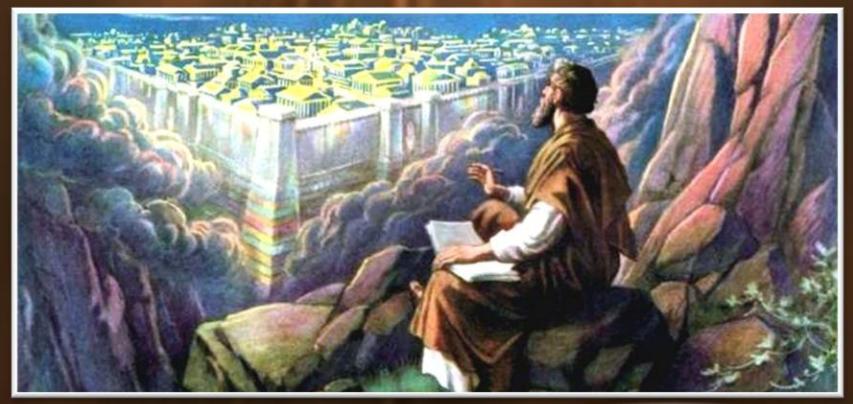
Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

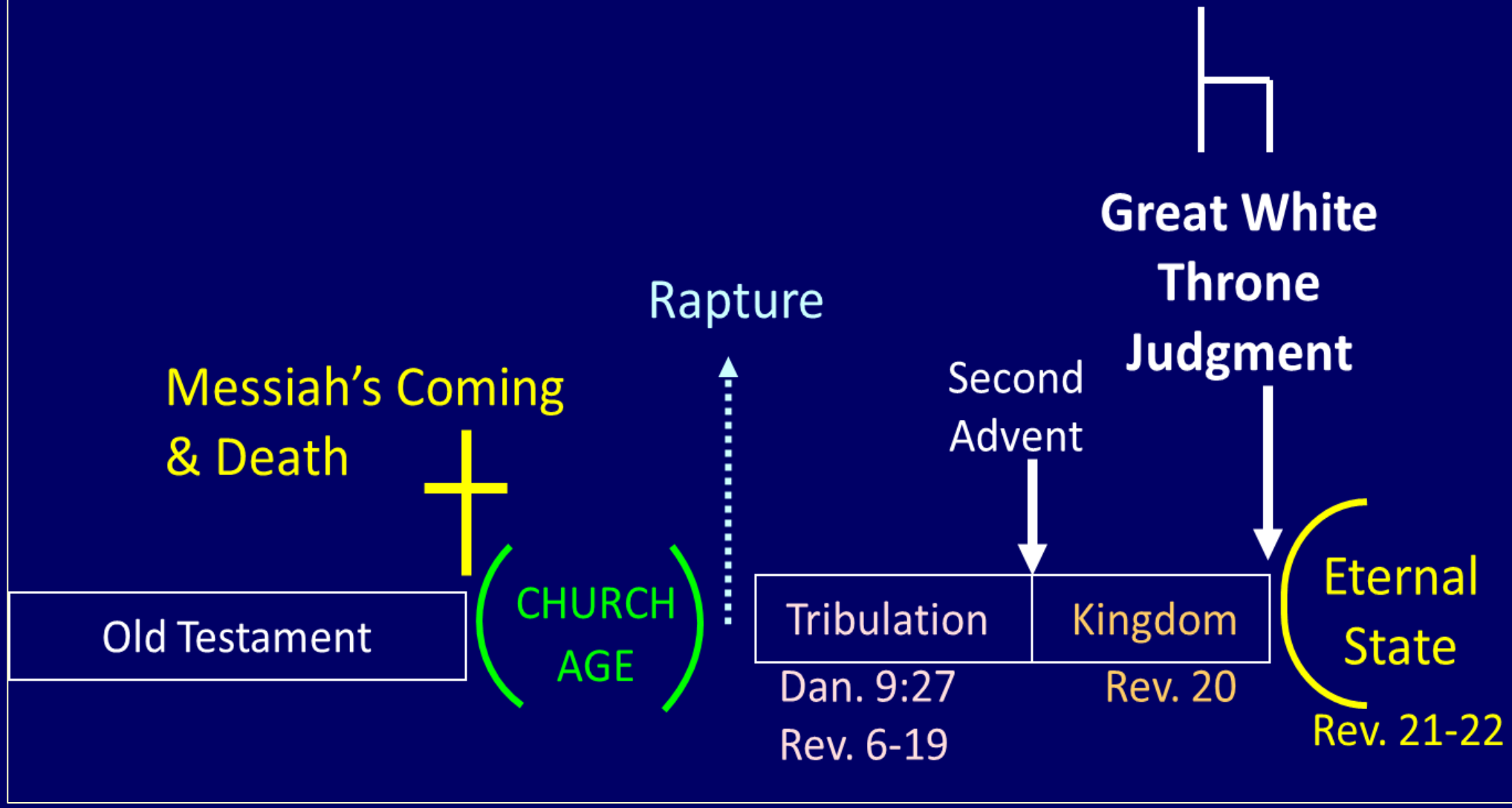
- **Sores**: 6th plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1st bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood**: 1st plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3rd bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness**: 9th plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5th bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Frogs**: 2nd plague (Ex 7:25–8:15), 6th bowl (Rev 16:13)
- **Hail**: 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

Revelation 11:15

15 “Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ**; and He will reign forever and ever.’”

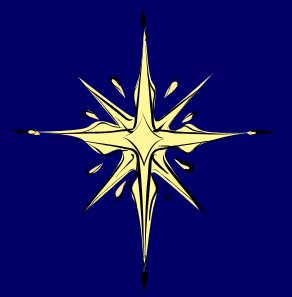


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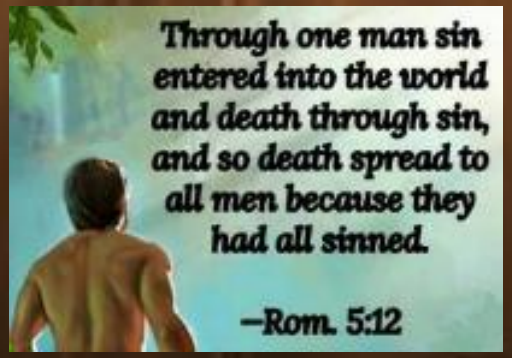
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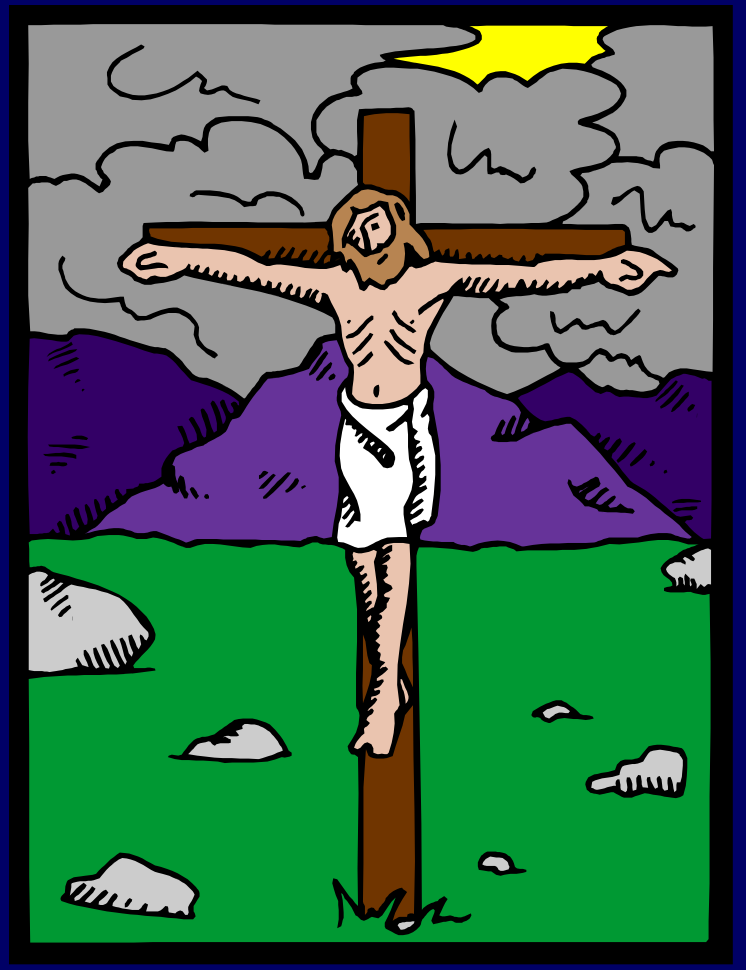
Genesis 2:16-17

“16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely **die (*muwth*)**.’”



To Pay the Penalty for Man's Sin

- Gen. 2:17
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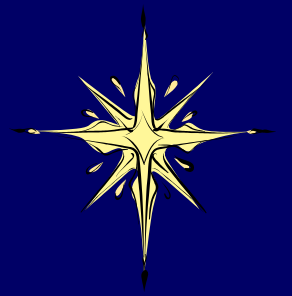
Jay Adams

Competent to Counsel, 70.

“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died." [emphasis mine]

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"Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and **if a son, then an heir** through God."



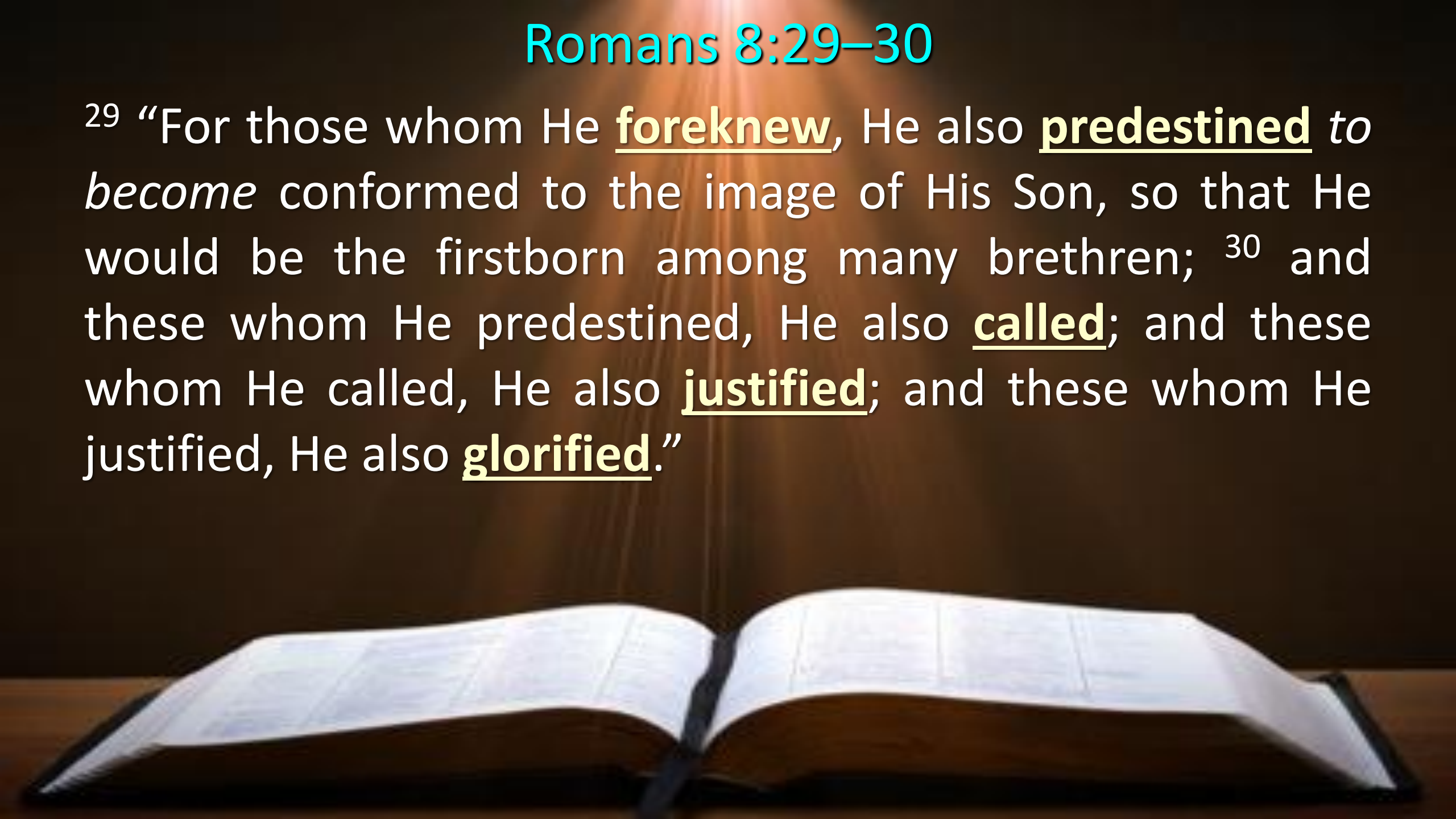
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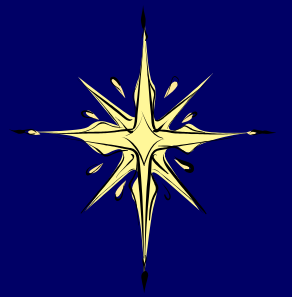
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Hebrews 2:14

“Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might **render powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, **the devil**.”



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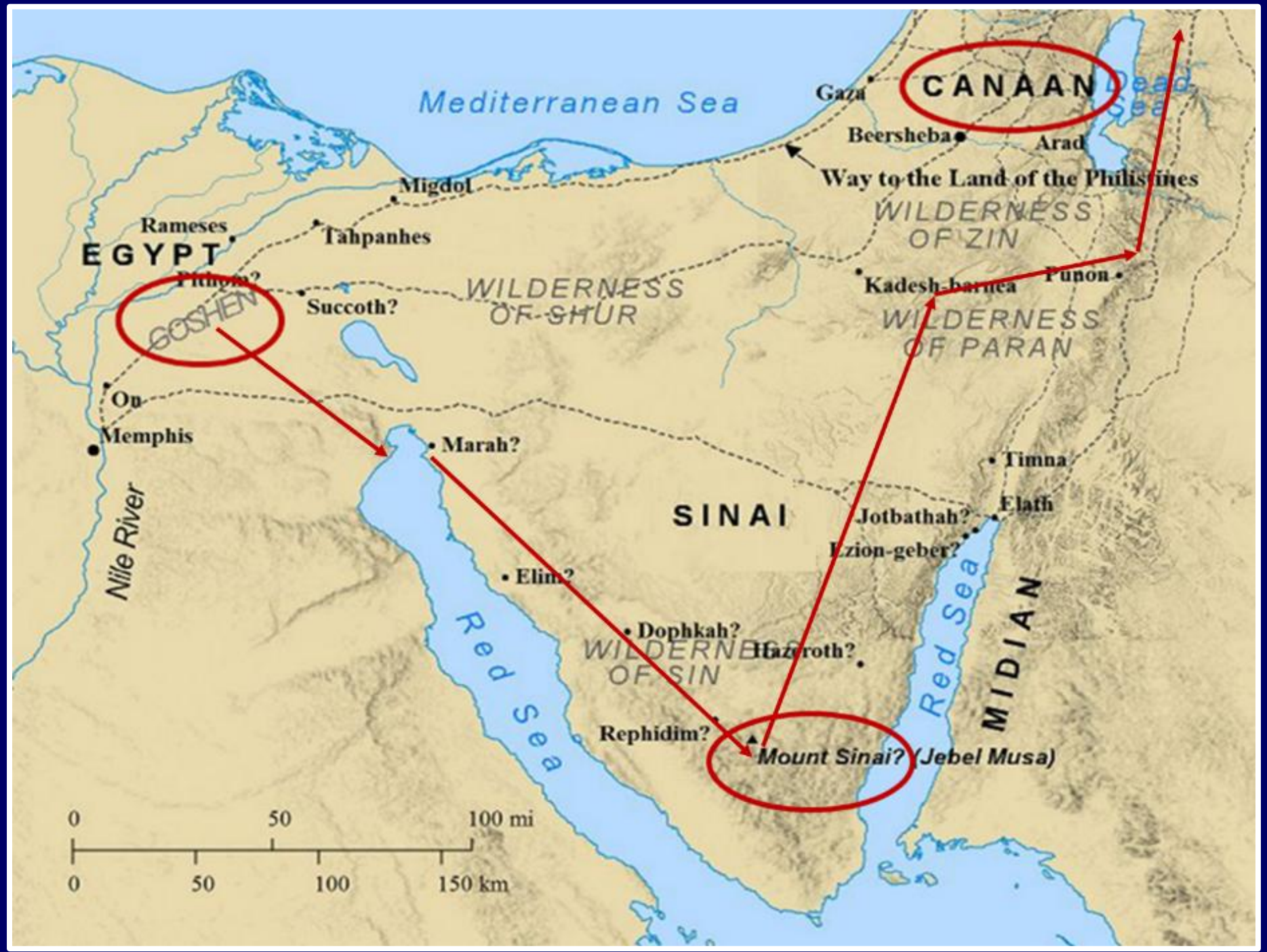




God's Role in Redemption (Rev 5)

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Mediterranean Sea
Gaza
CANAAN
Dead Sea
Beersheba
Arad
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
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Tahpanhes
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
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Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
Elath
SINAI
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
WILDERNESS OF SIN
Hazeroth?
MIDIAN
Rephidim?
Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)
0 50 100 mi
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Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

- **Sores**: 6th plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1st bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood**: 1st plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3rd bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness**: 9th plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5th bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Frogs**: 2nd plague (Ex 7:25–8:15), 6th bowl (Rev 16:13)
- **Hail**: 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

John 16:33

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but **take courage**; I have **overcome** [***nikaō;* perfect tense**] the world.”



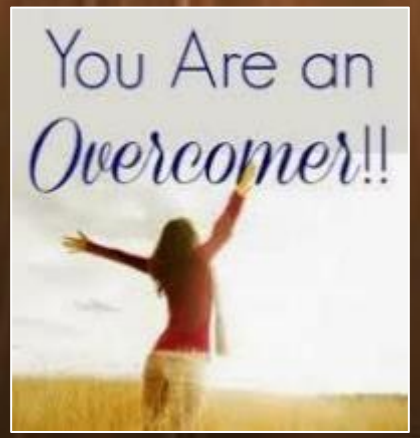
1 John 4:4

"You are from God, little children, and have **overcome** [***nikaō;* perfect tense]** them; because **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world**."



1 John 5:4-5

“4 For whatever is **born of God overcomes** the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who **overcomes** the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?”



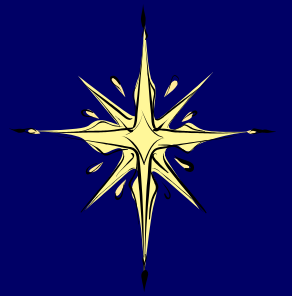
Romans 8:37

"But in all these things we **<u>overwhelmingly conquer</u>** **[*hypernikaō* , present tense]** through Him who loved us."



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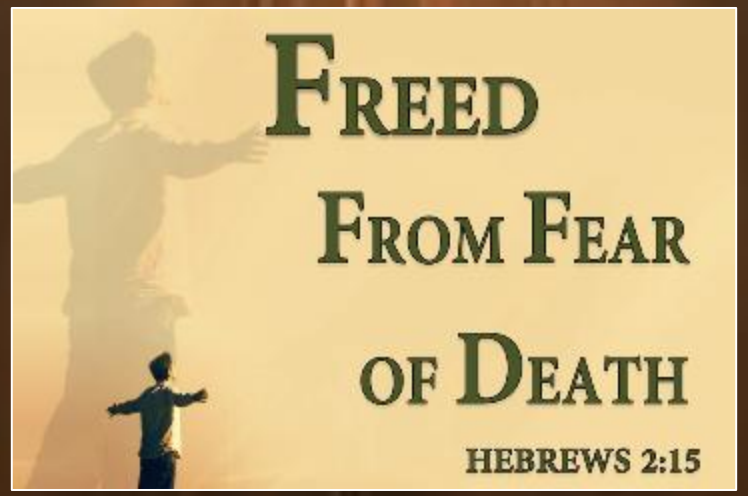


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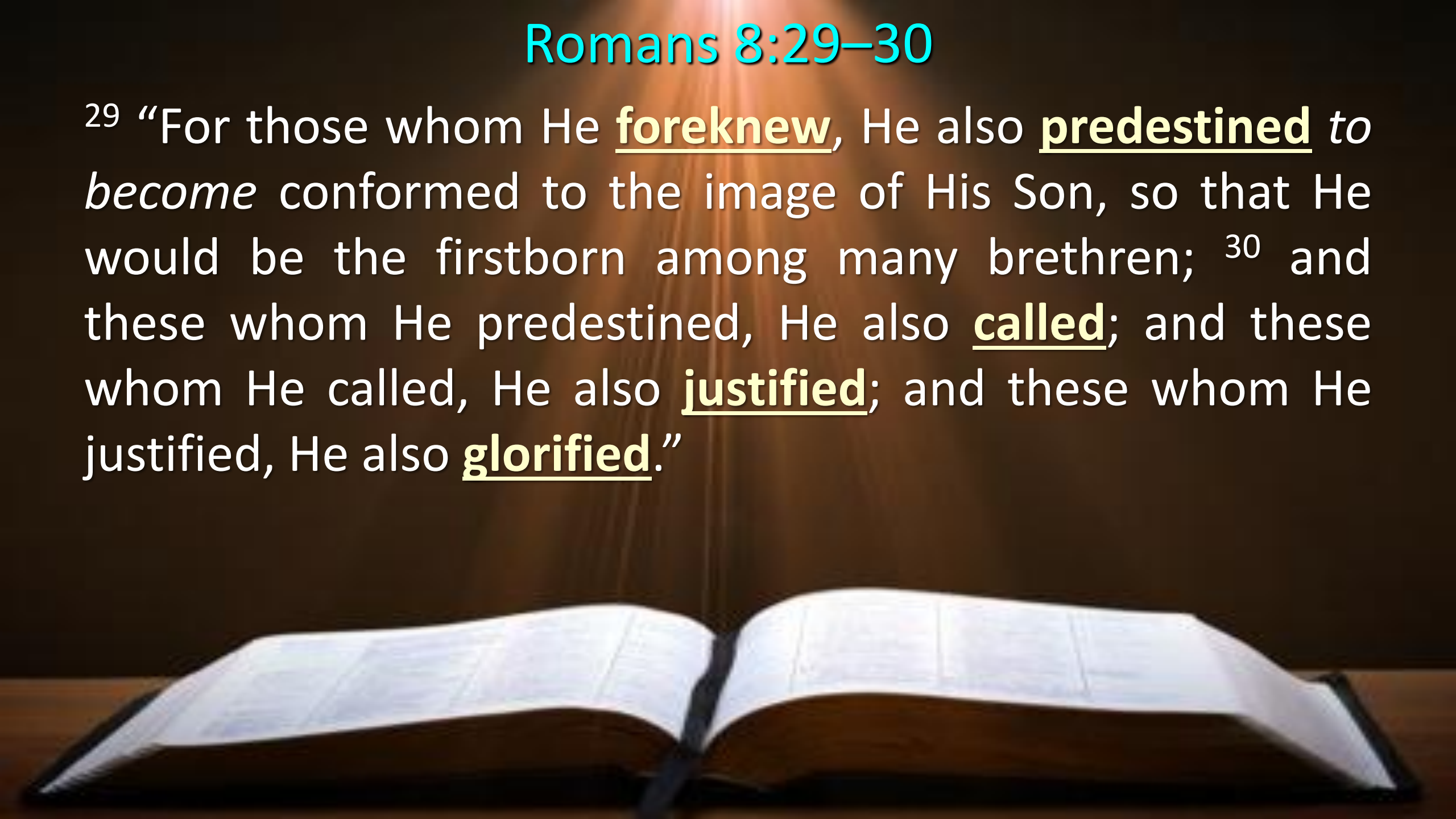
Hebrews 2:15

"and release those who through **fear of death** were all their **lifetime** subject to **bondage**."



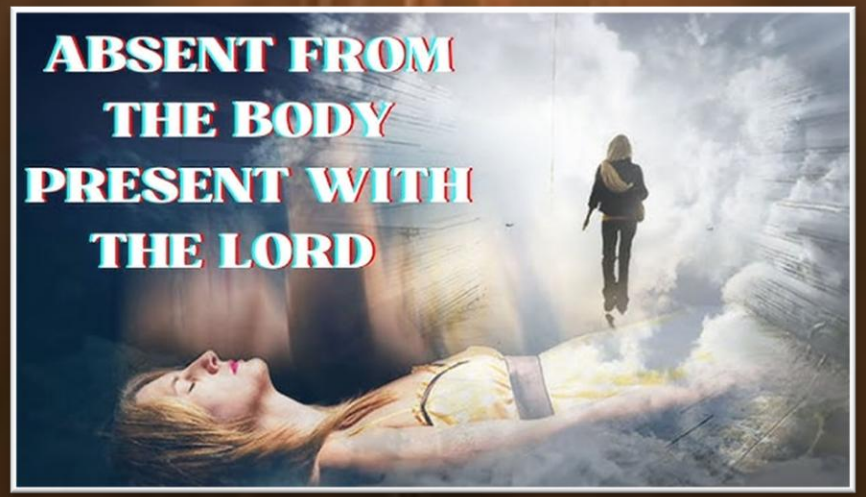
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29 “For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**.”



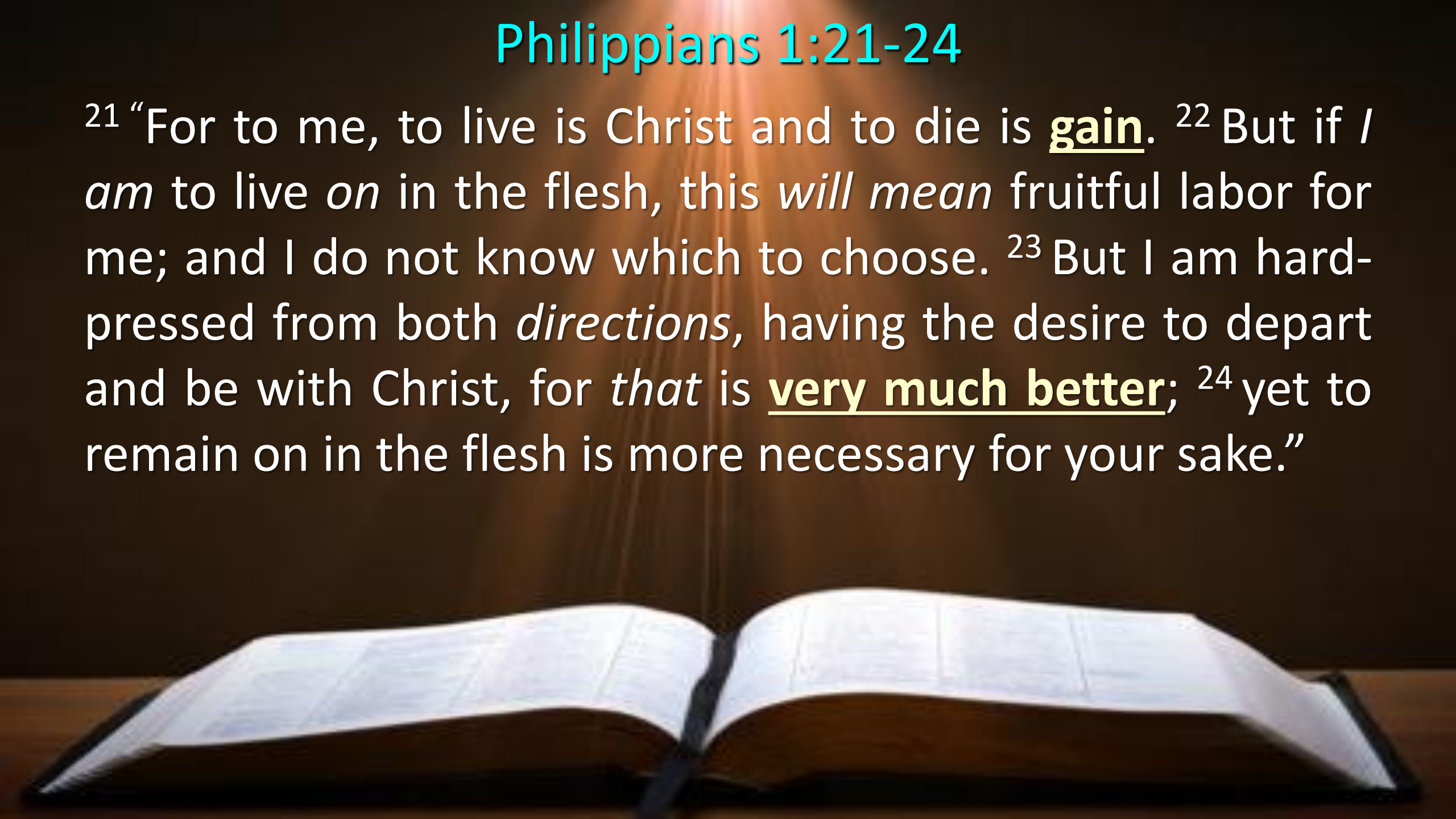
2 Corinthians 5:8

"we are of **good courage**, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord."



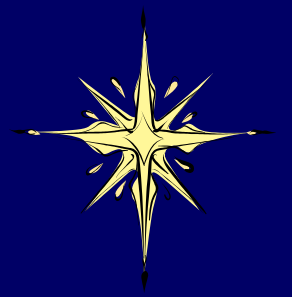
Philippians 1:21-24

21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is **gain**. 22 But if *I*
am to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for
me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-
pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart
and be with Christ, for *that* is **very much better**; 24 yet to
remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.”



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32 “For *He is* not a man as I am that I may answer Him,
That we may go to court together. 33 There is no umpire
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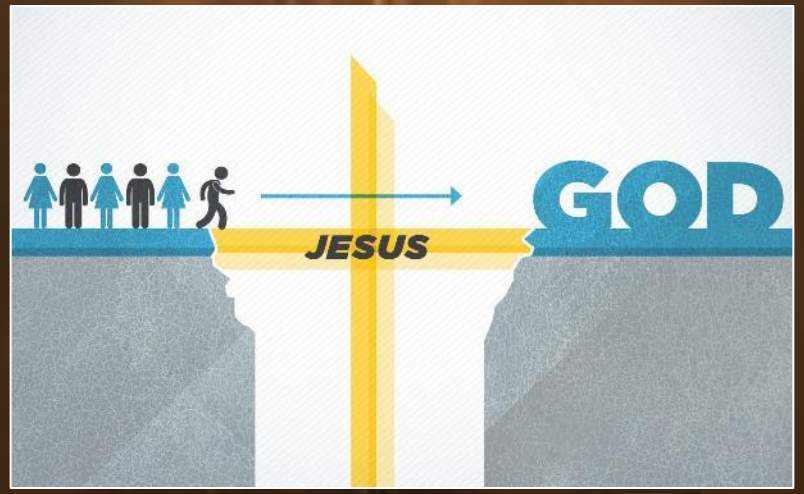
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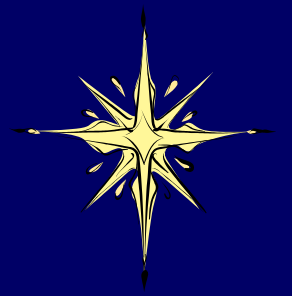
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"For there is one God, *and* **one mediator** also between **God and men**, *the* man Christ Jesus."



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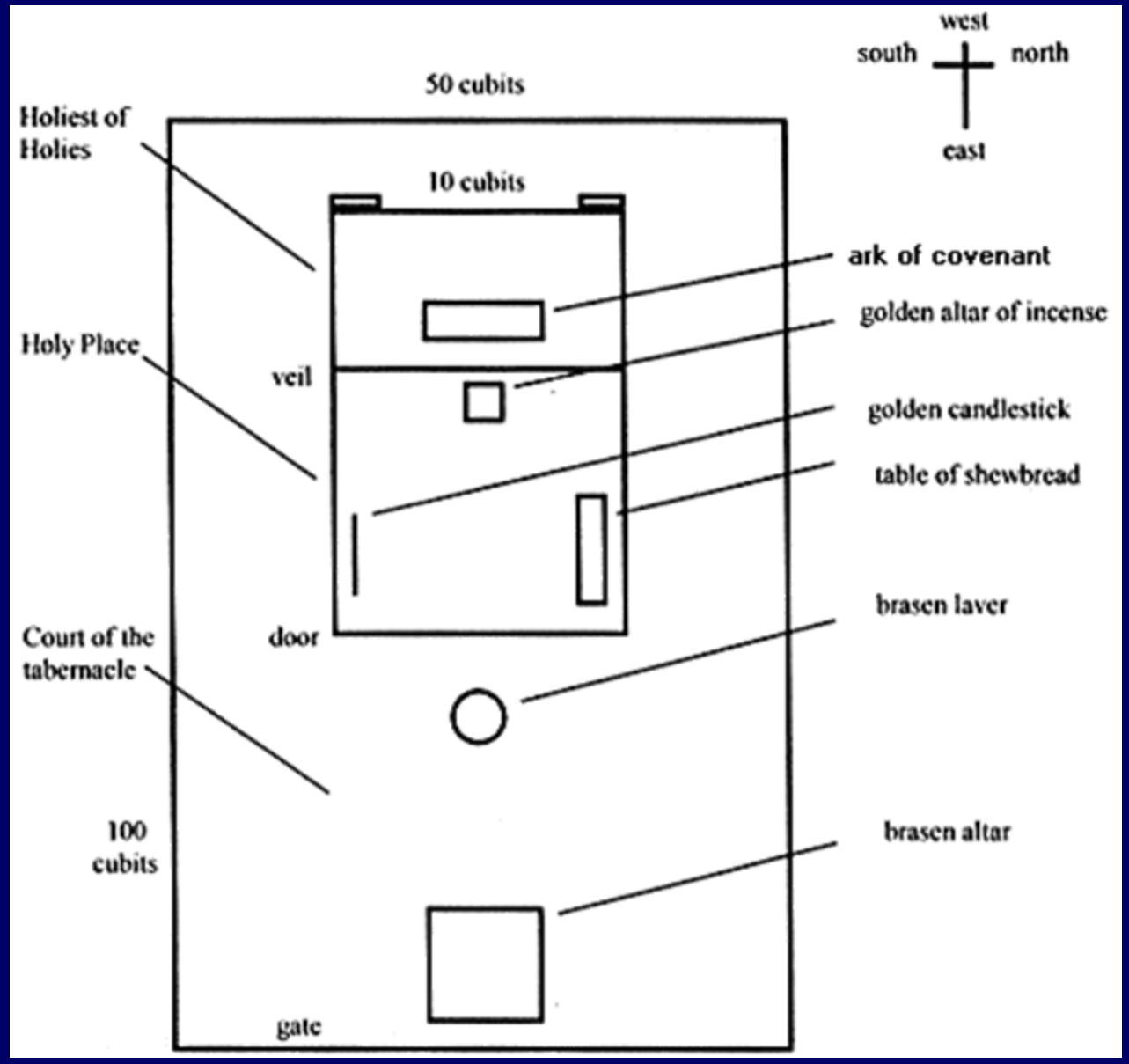
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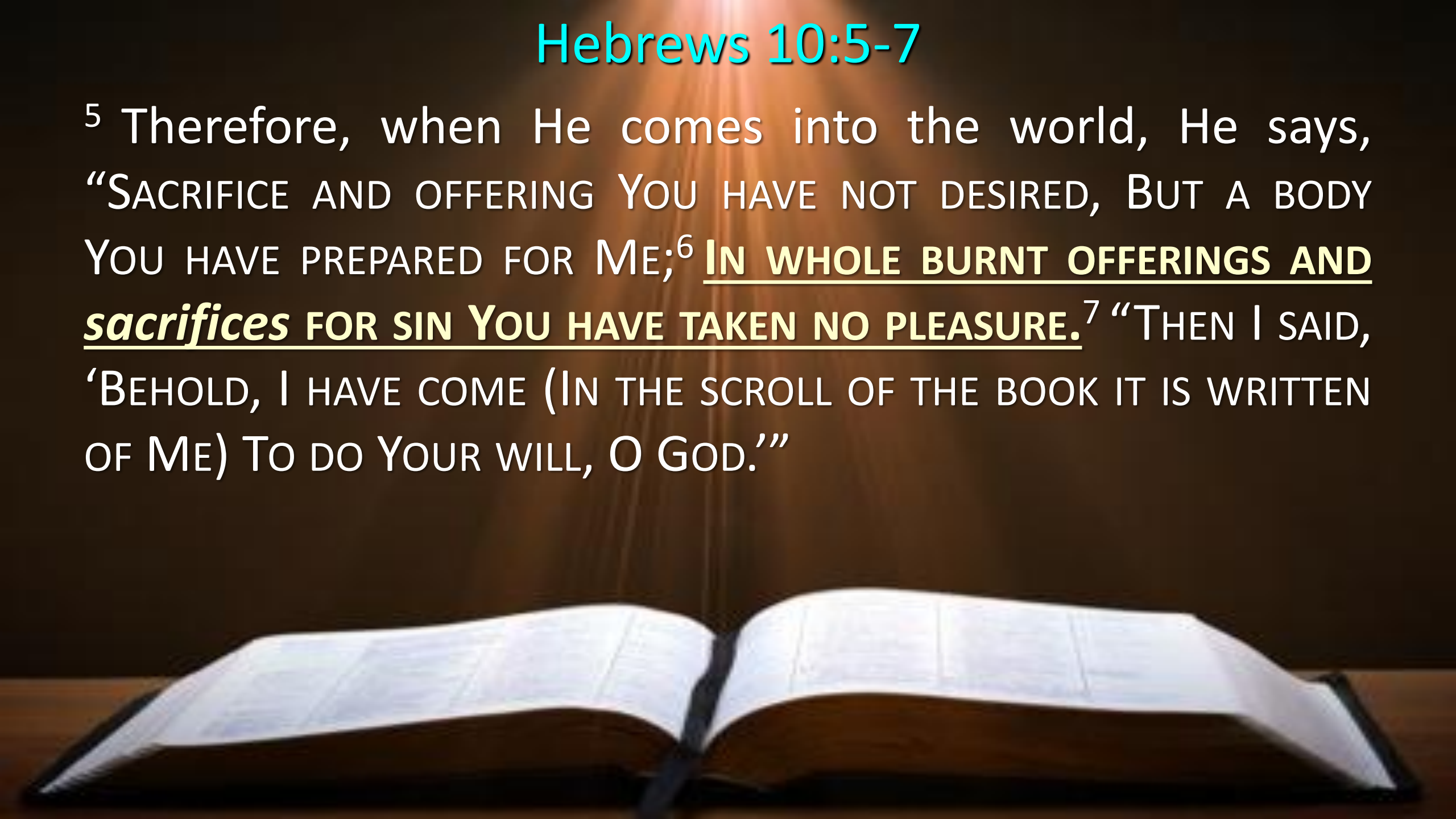


Ark of the Covenant



Hebrews 10:5-7

5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,
"Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body
You have prepared for Me;6 **In whole burnt offerings and**
***sacrifices* for sin You have taken no pleasure.**7 "Then I said,
'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written
of Me) To do Your will, O God.'"



John 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!” [*tetelestai*]** And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.



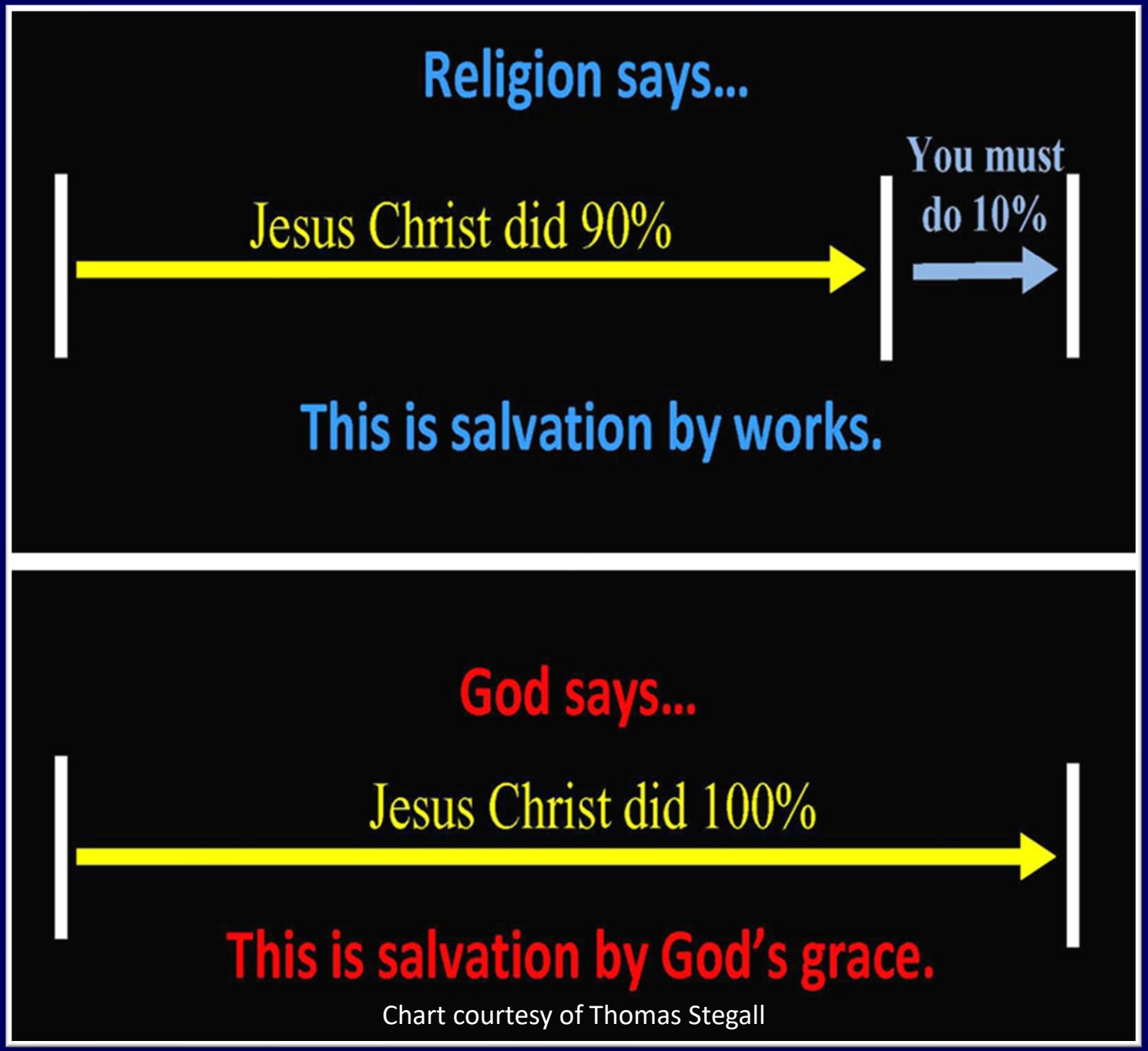
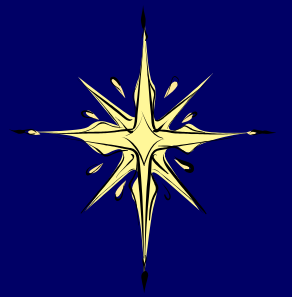


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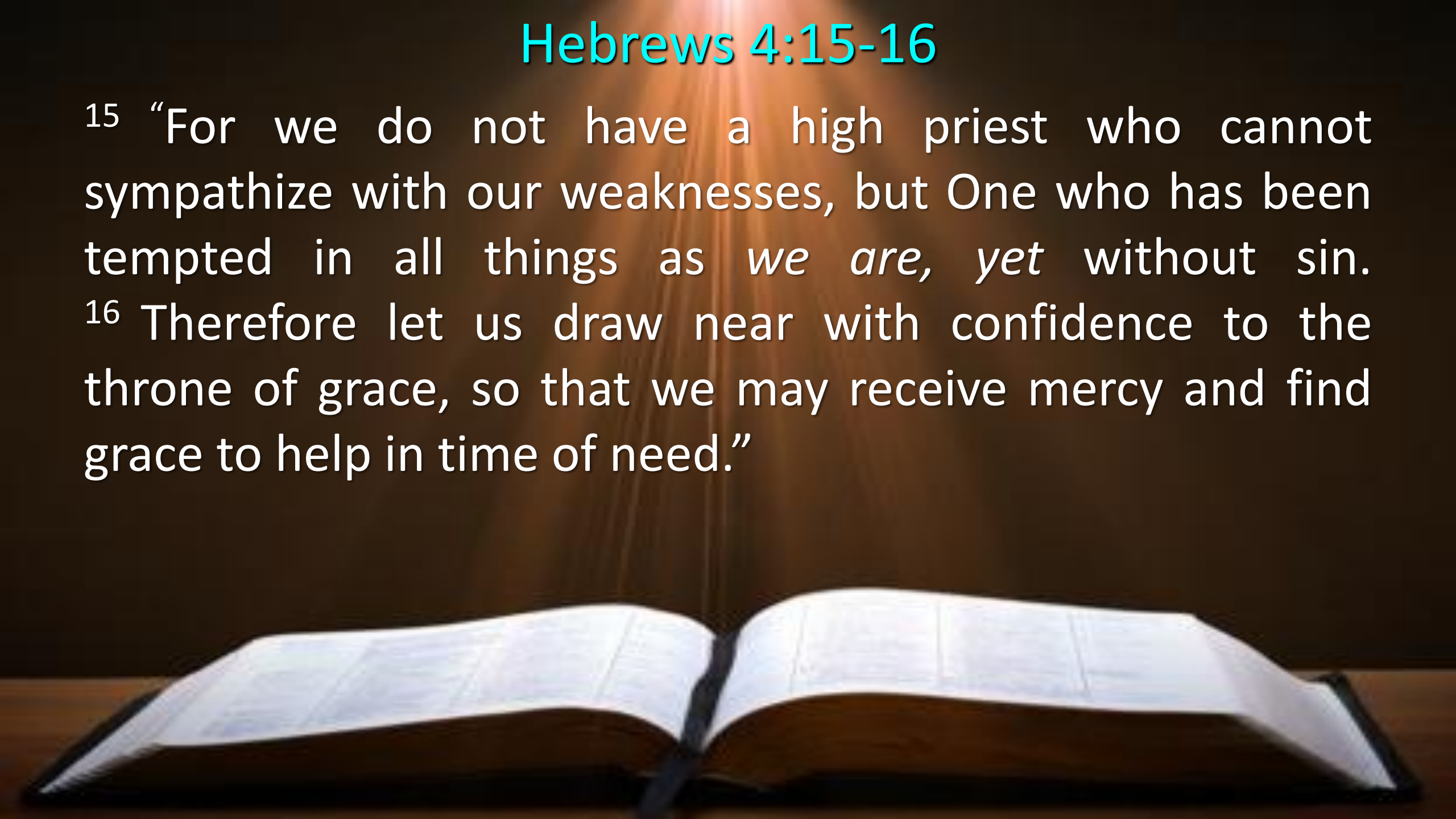
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Christ's Human Experiences

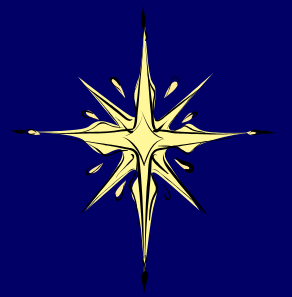
- Labor (Mark 6:3)
- Distress (Luke 22:44)
- Being troubled (John 12:27)
- Thirst (John 19:28)
- Hunger (Matt 4:2)
- Fatigue (John 4:6)
- Sadness (John 11:35)
- Lack of understanding (Matt 24:36)
- Temptation (Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15)



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