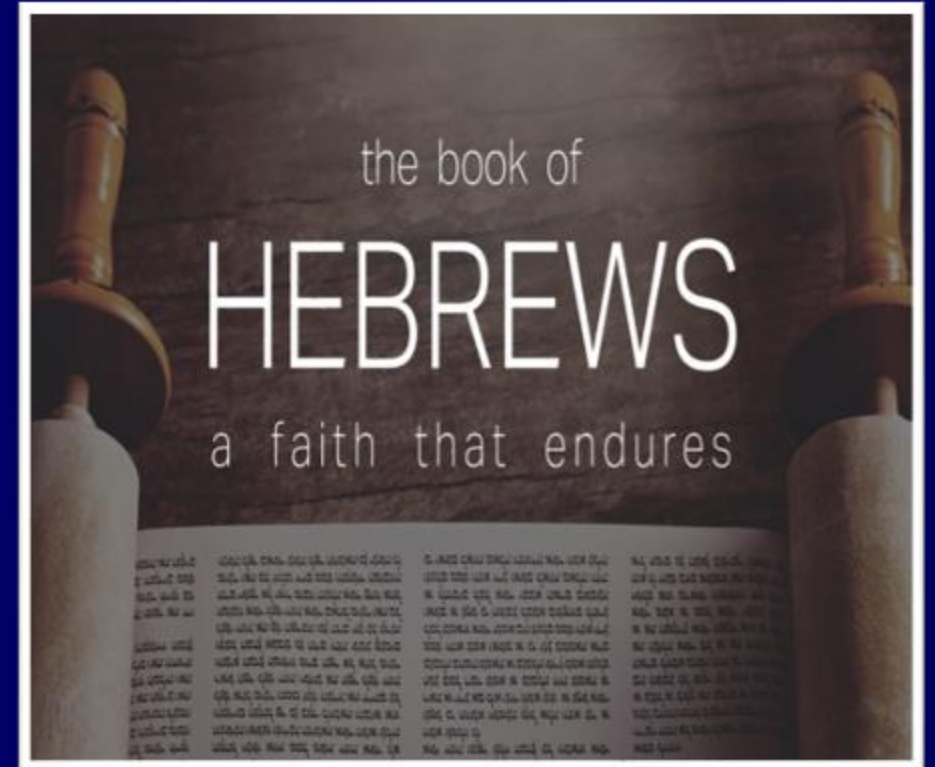


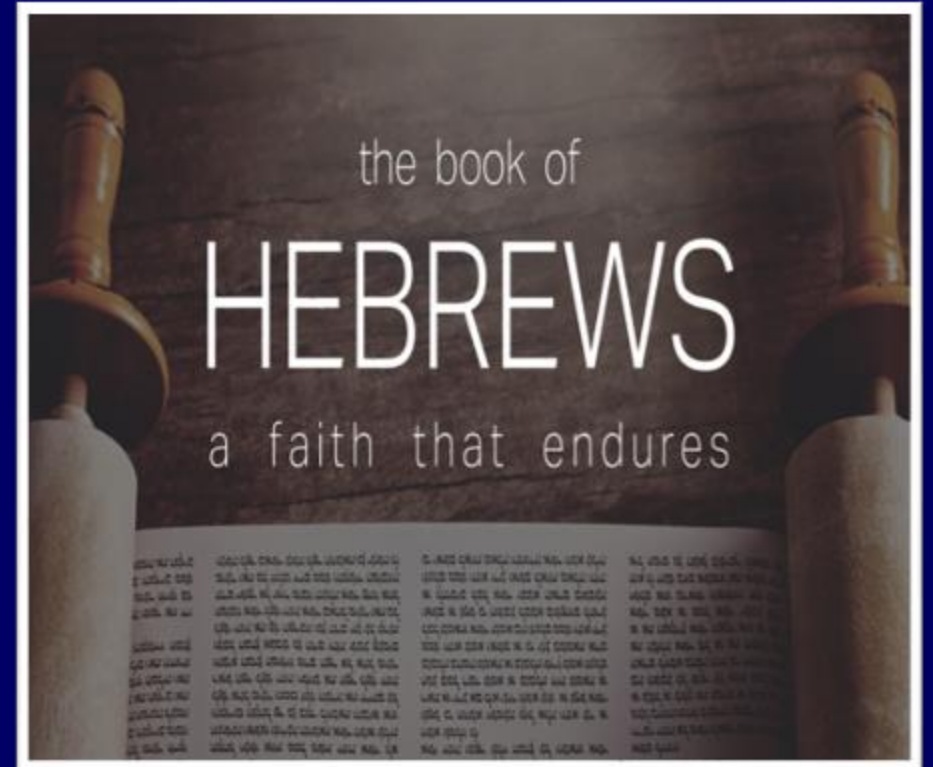
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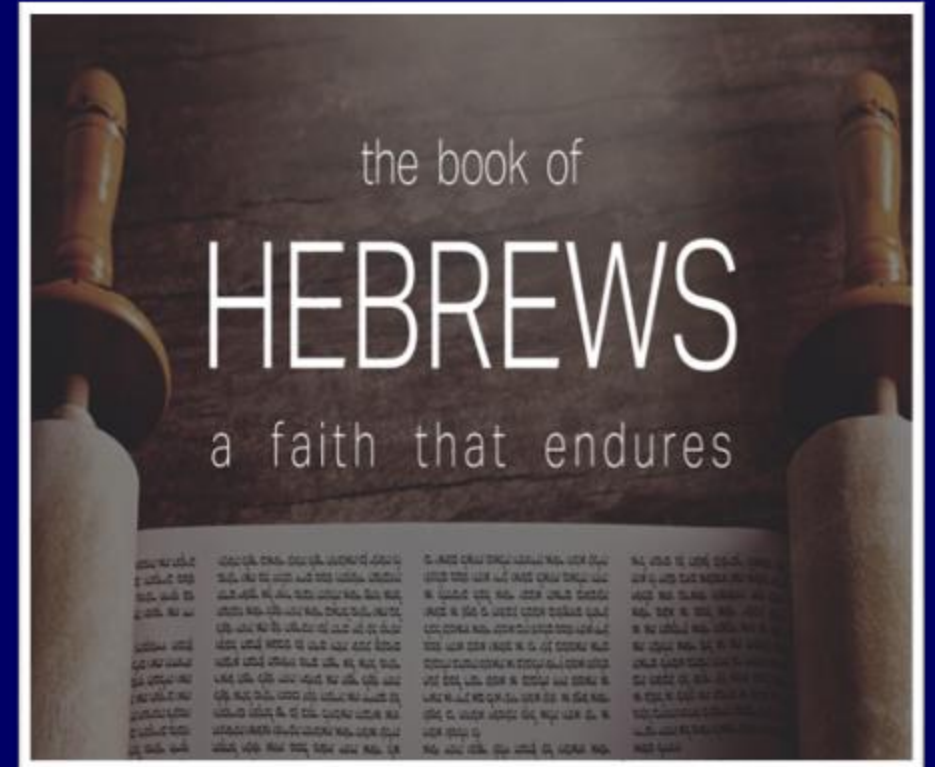
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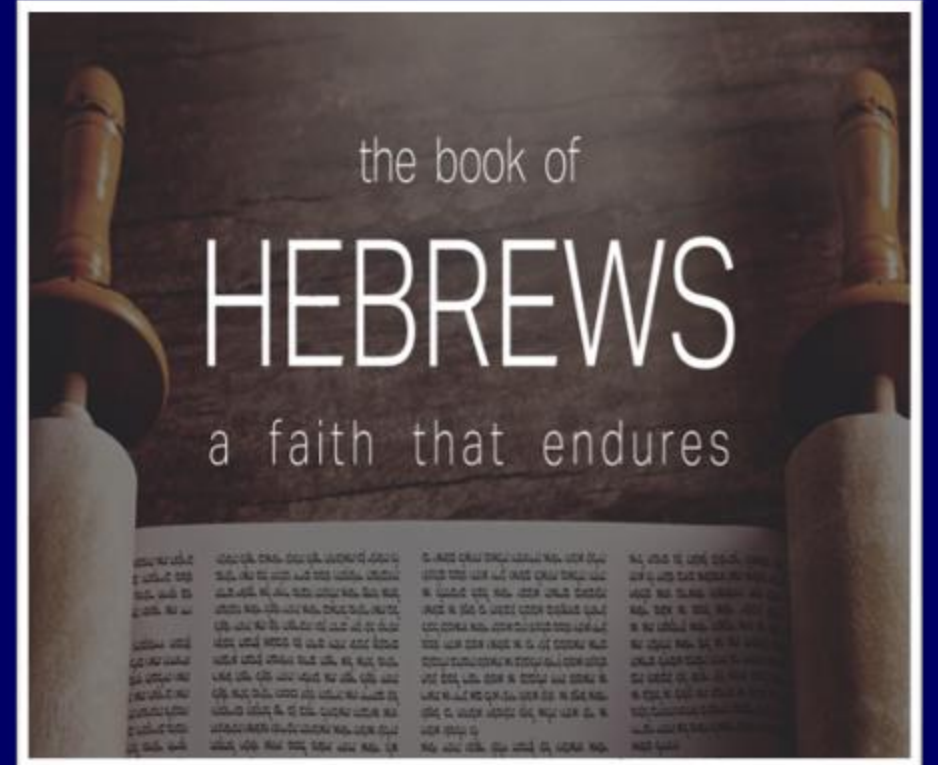
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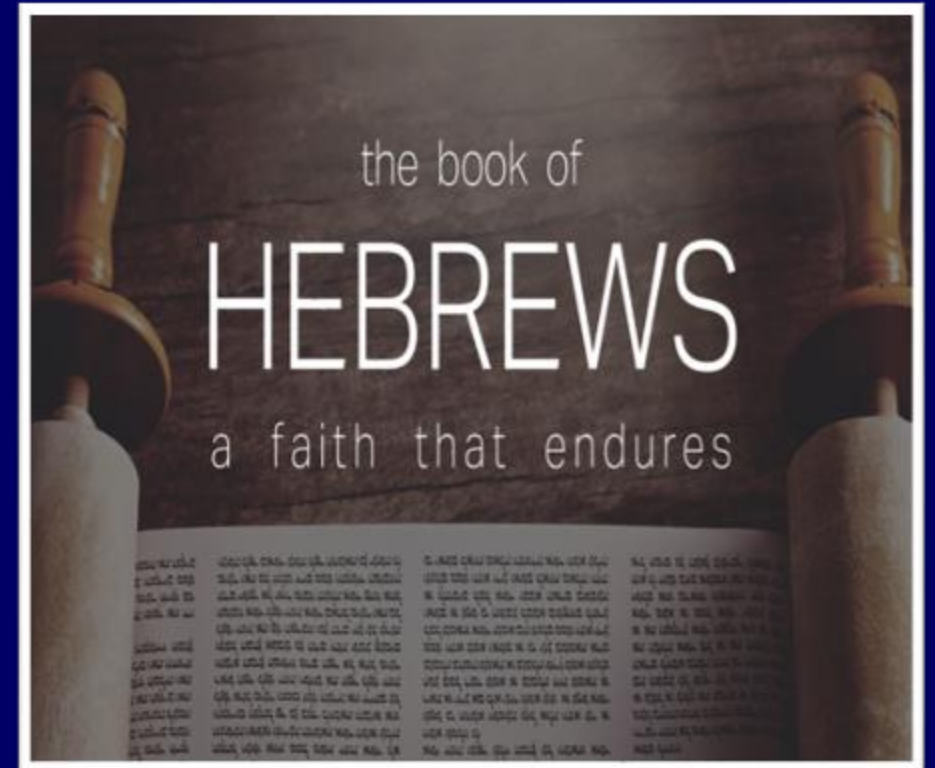
AUDIENCE

- Believers (1:3)
- 2nd generation (2:2-3)
- Jews
- Located in the Land of Israel



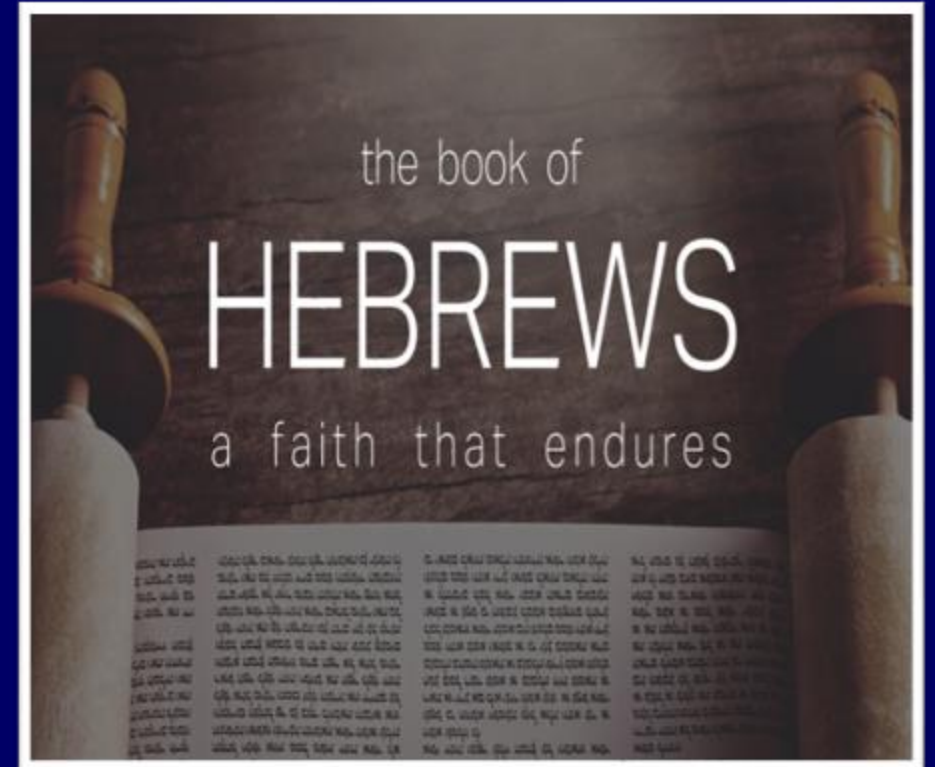
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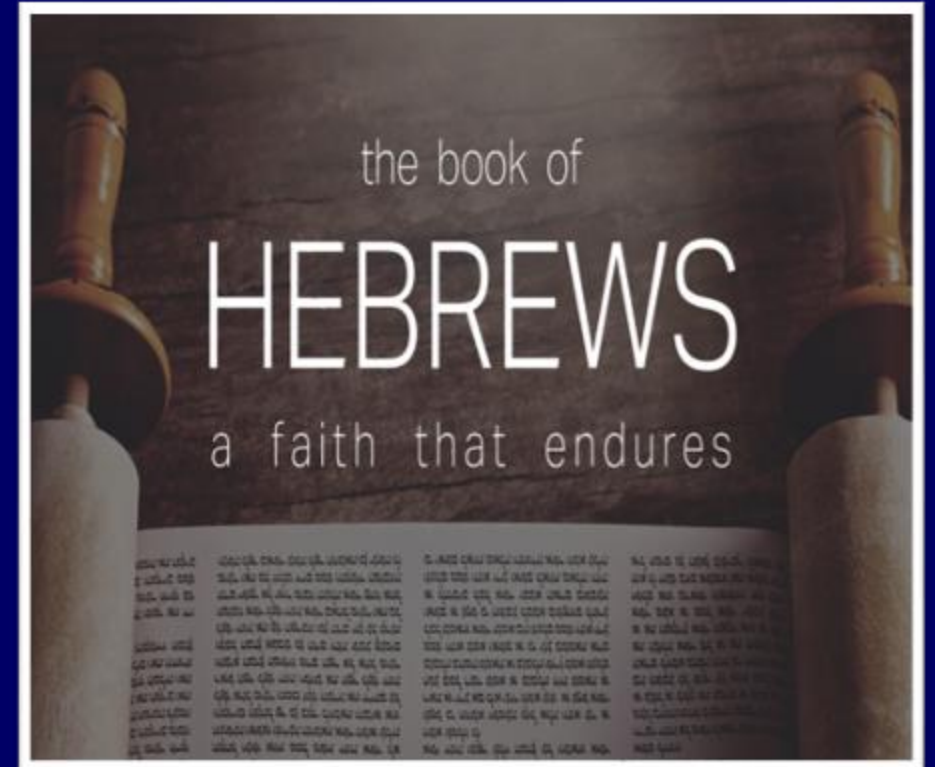
DATE (A.D. 62–64)

- Before
 - ◆ A.D. 95 (Clement of Rome)
 - ◆ A.D. 70 (Heb 8:4, 13; 9:6; 10:1-2; 13:10)
 - ◆ A.D. 64 (Heb 12:4)
- After apostolic generation (2:2-3)



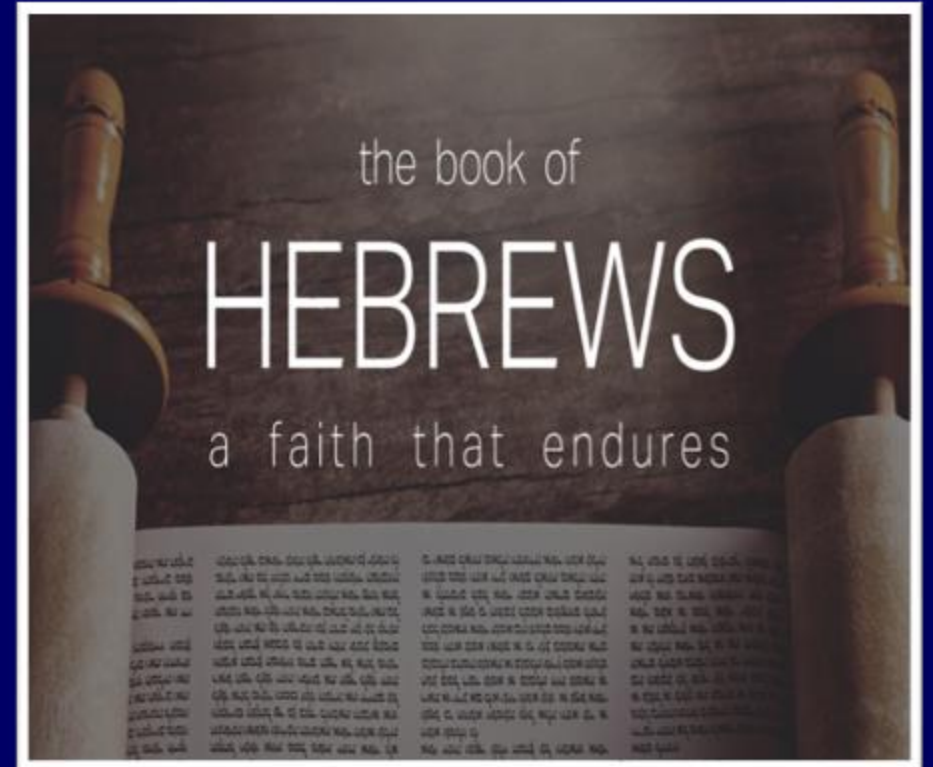
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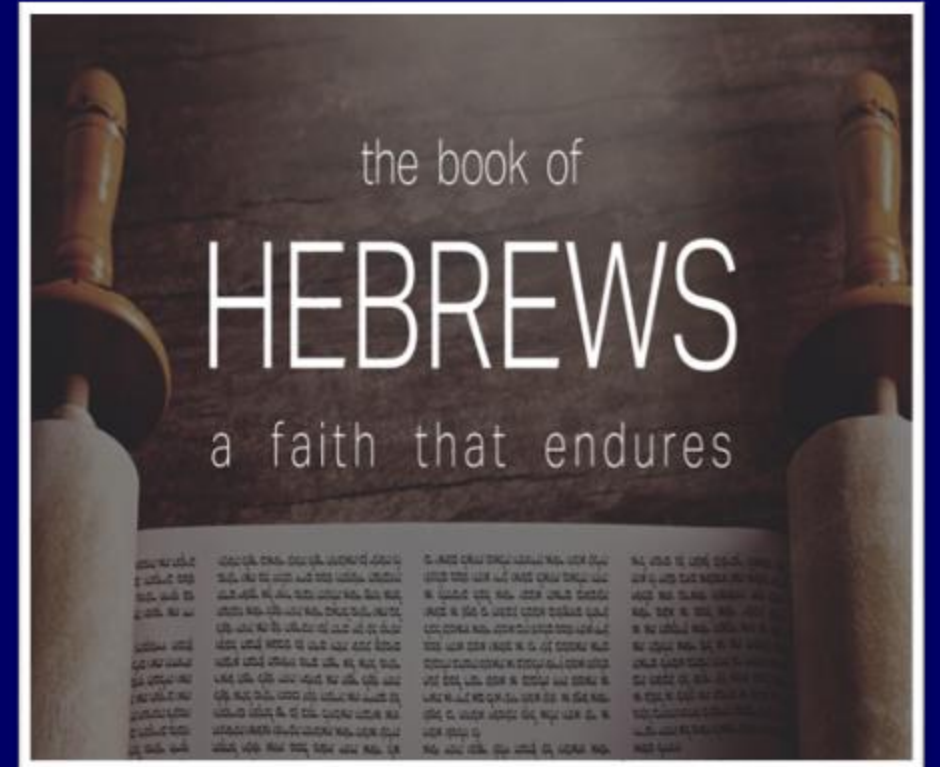
OCCASION

- A.D. 70
- Heb 3:1 (Christian confession)
- Unbelieving Jews placing audience under duress to return to Judaism
- Audience being worn down
- Temple still standing



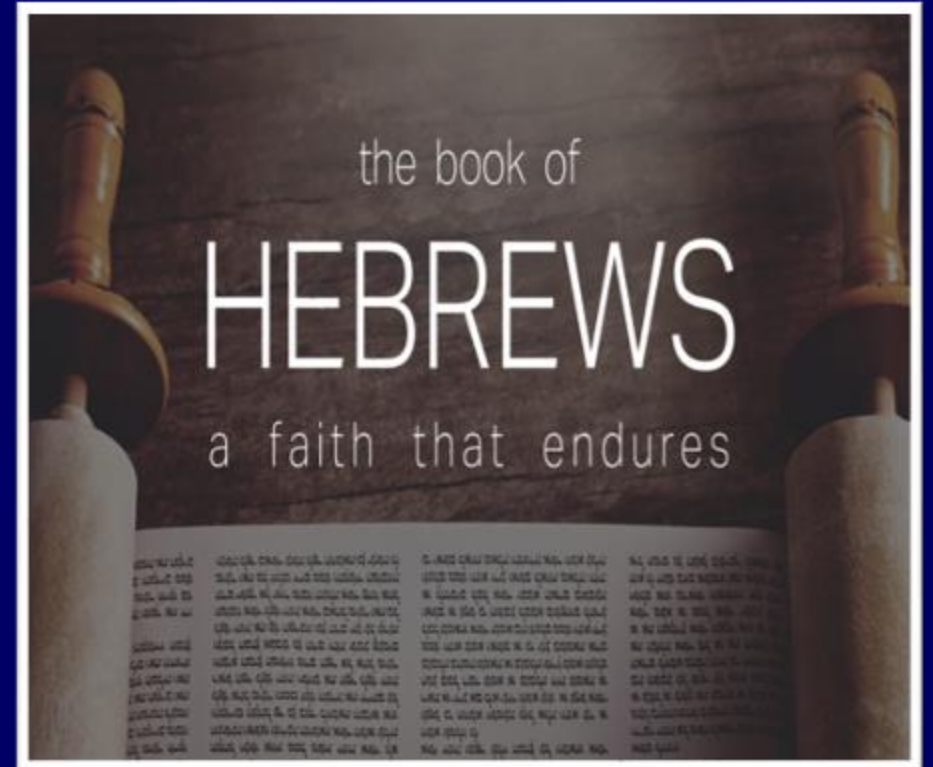
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PURPOSE

- Encouragement/motivation to not lapse back into Judaism
 - ◆ What believers already have in Christ is superior to every vestige of Judaism (Angels, Moses, and the Aaronic priesthood)
 - ◆ Warnings

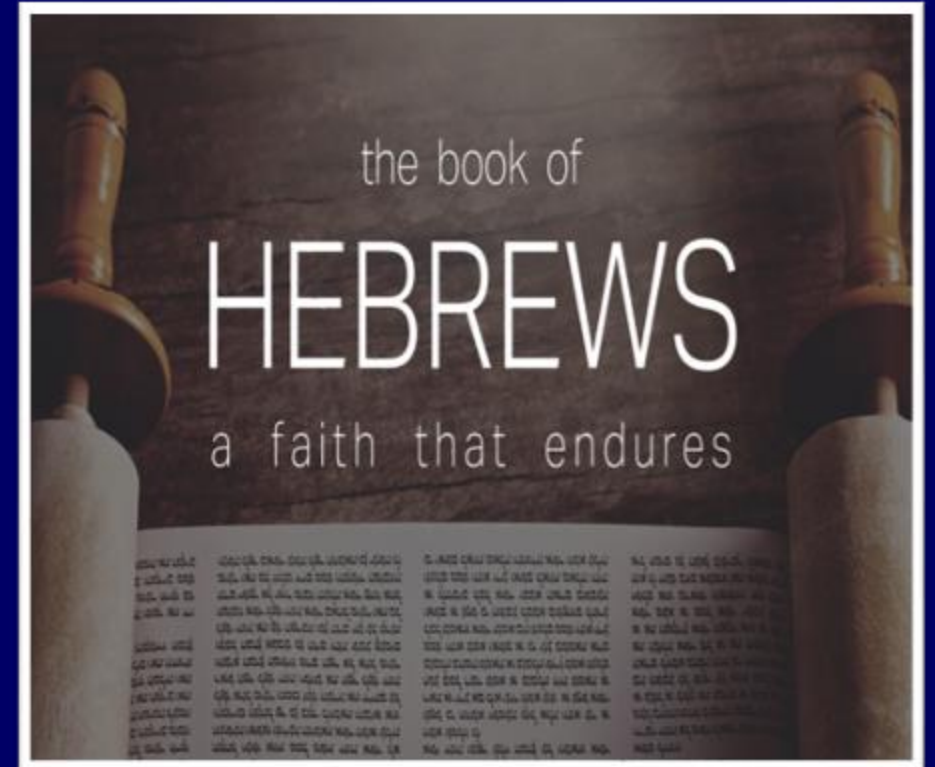


5 WARNINGS

1. 2:1-4 – Warning against drifting
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

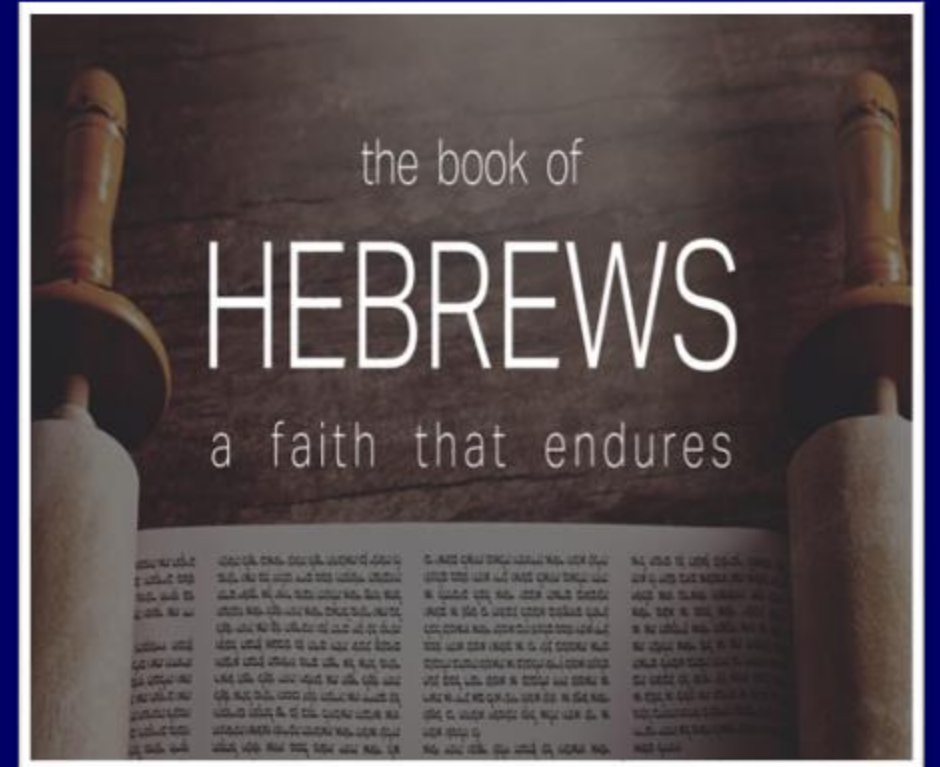
4 VIEWS ON WARNING PASSAGES

- Hypothetical
- Arminianism
- Calvinism/Reformed
- Loss of blessings



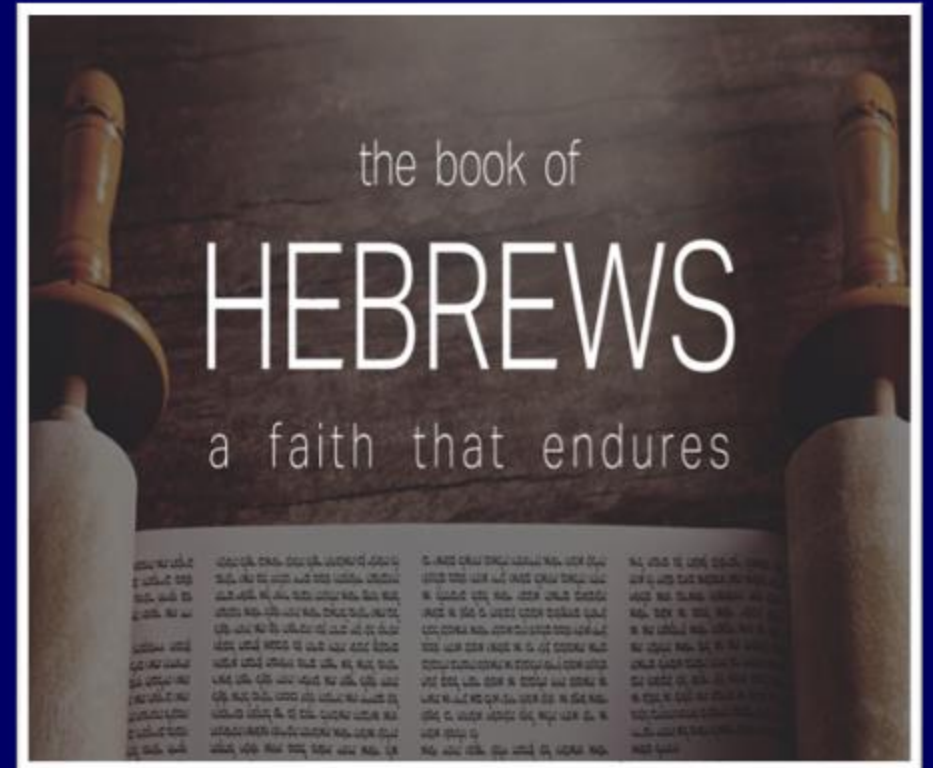
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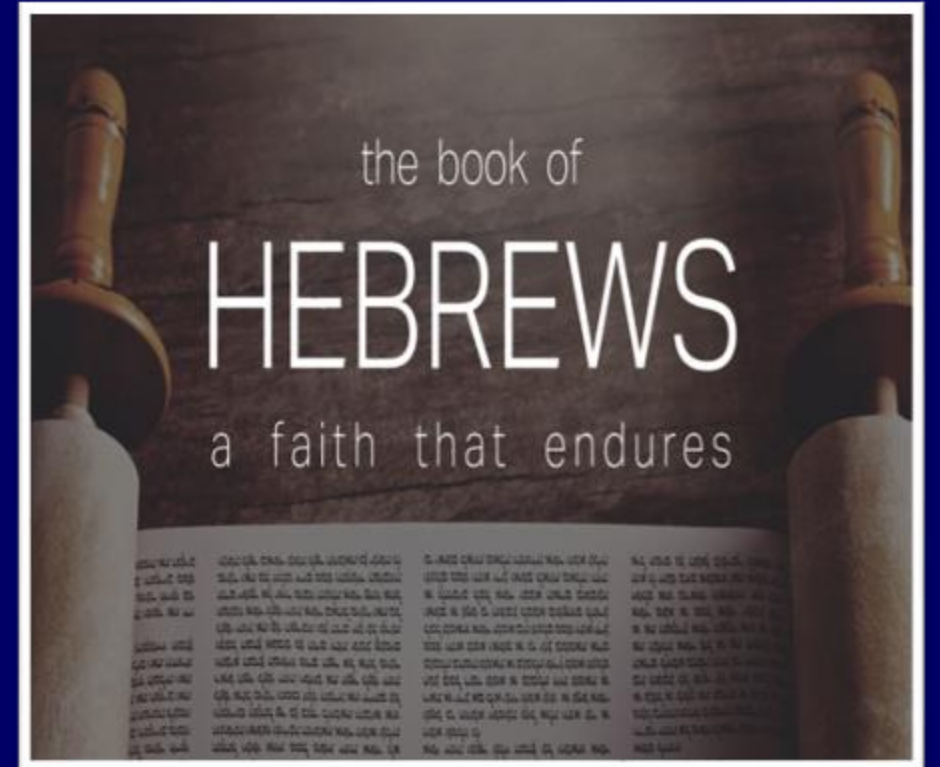
MESSAGE

- The superiority of the full revelation of Christ in comparison to OT Judaism is shown through Christ's superiority to every major vestige of Judaism, and the author wrote Hebrews so that his audience would not lapse back into Judaism.



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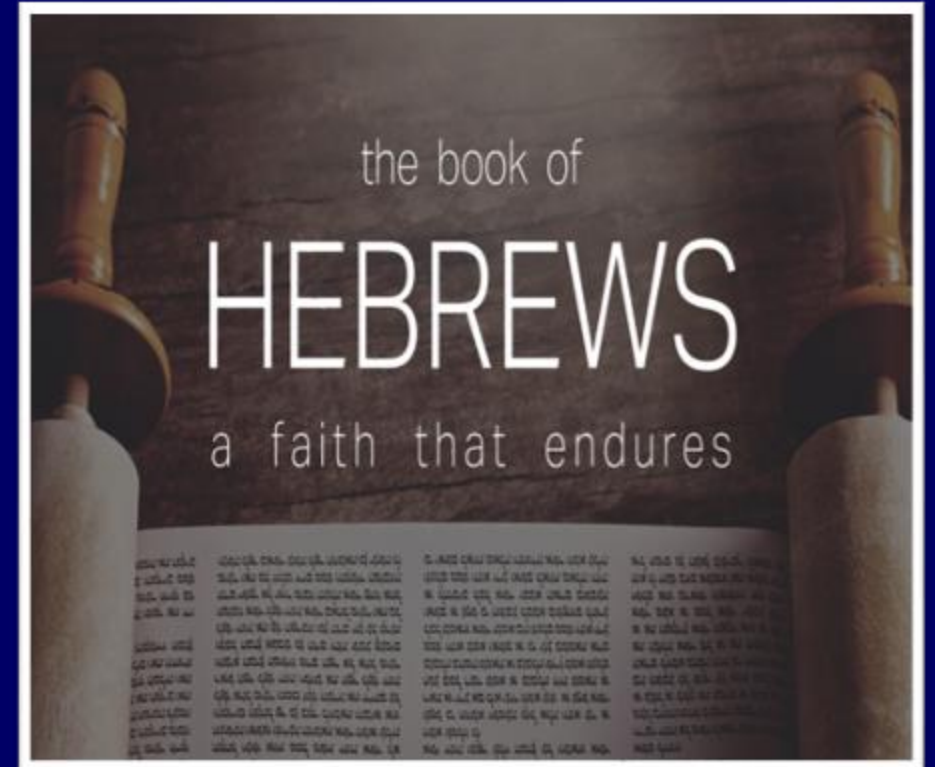
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- OT – Indirect, incomplete, temporary
- Christ – Direct, complete, permanent



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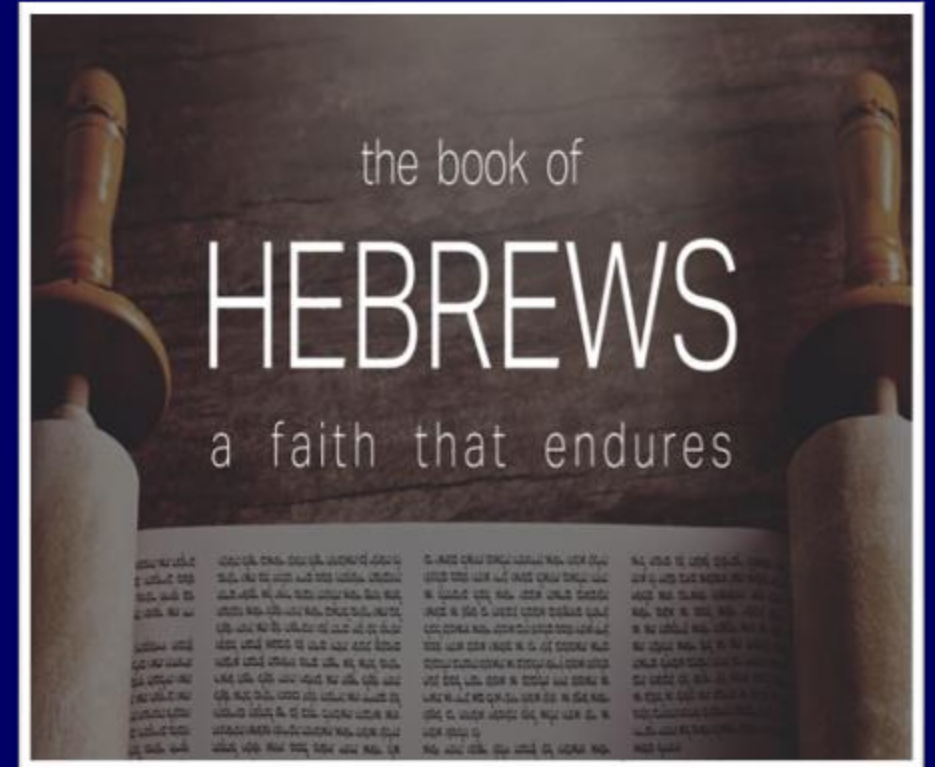
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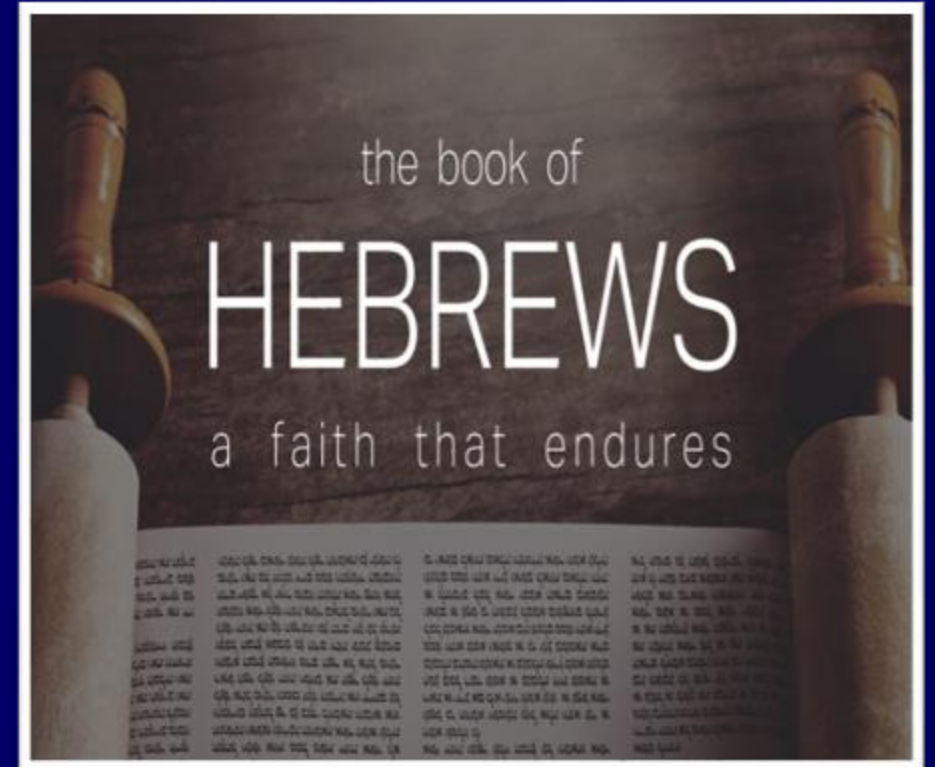
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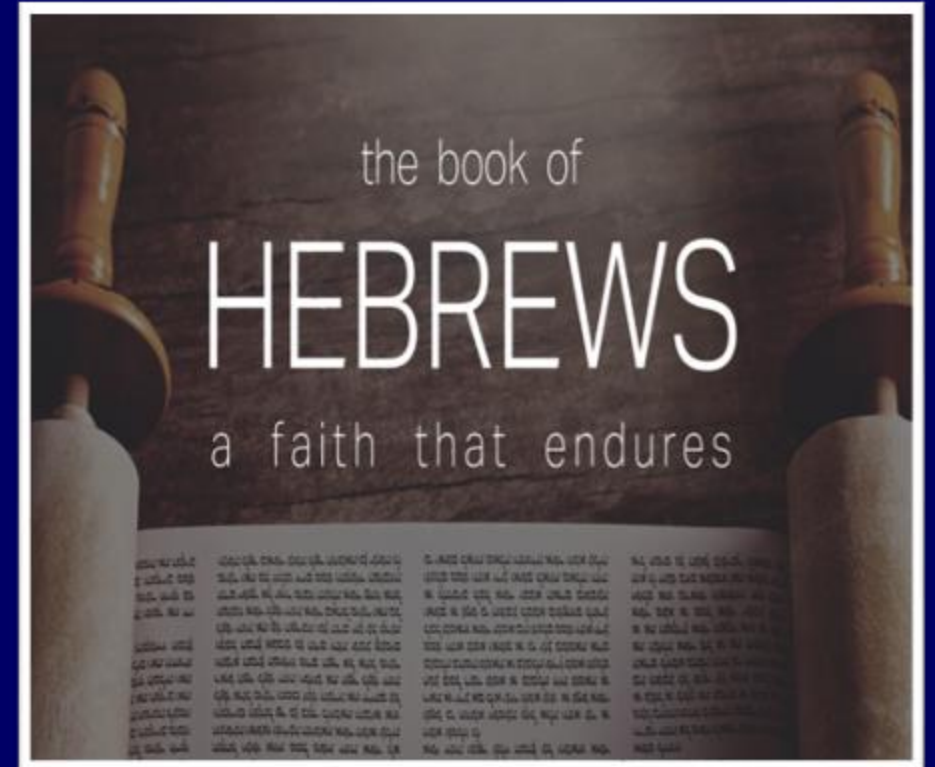
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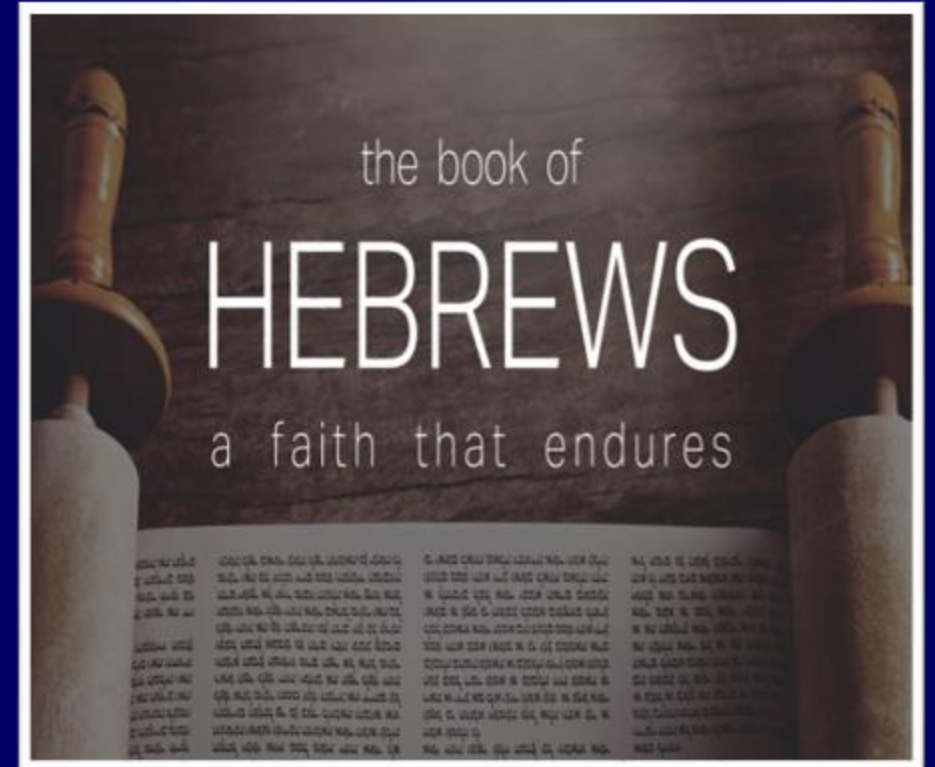
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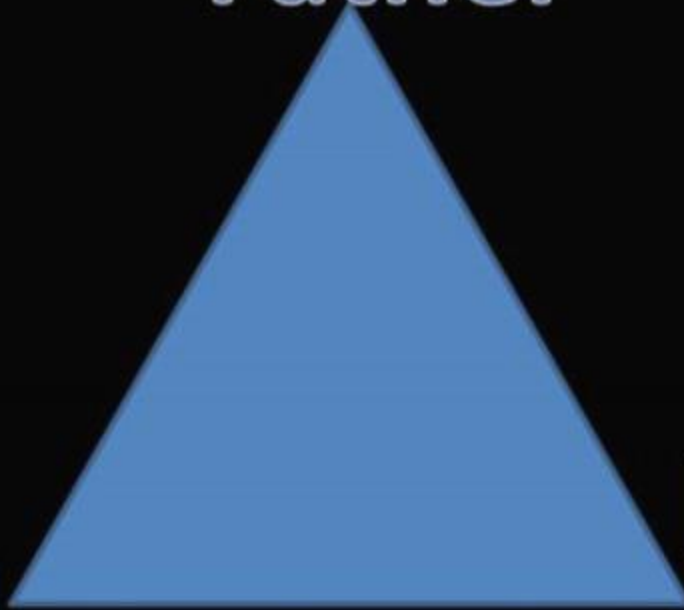


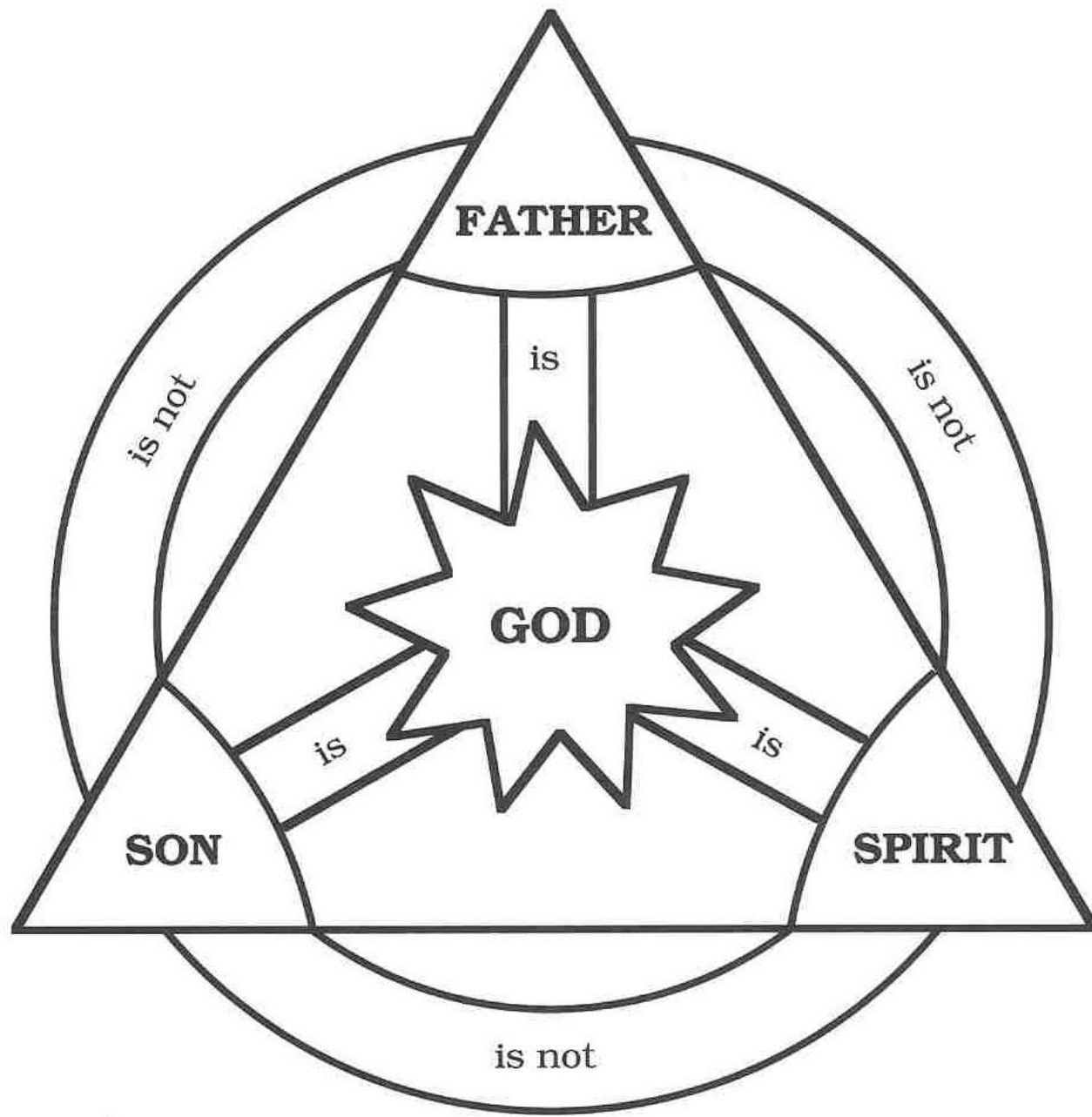
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Son

Holy
Spirit





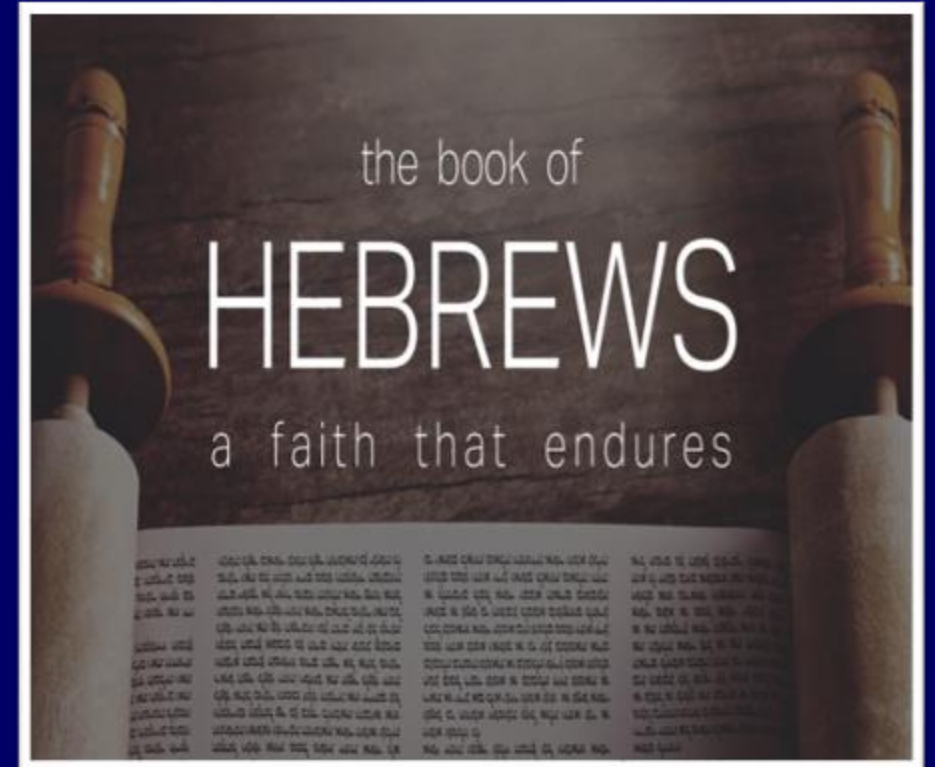
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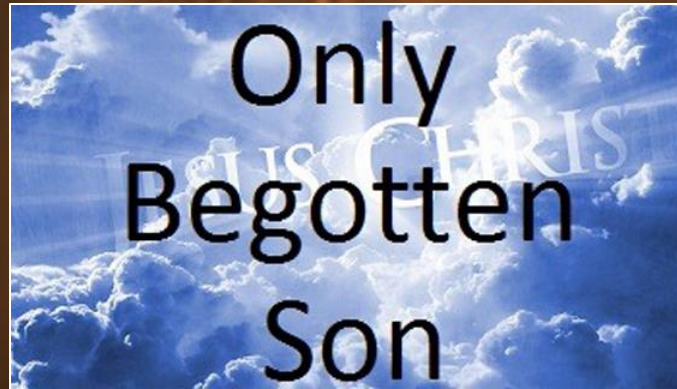
John 1:14

“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

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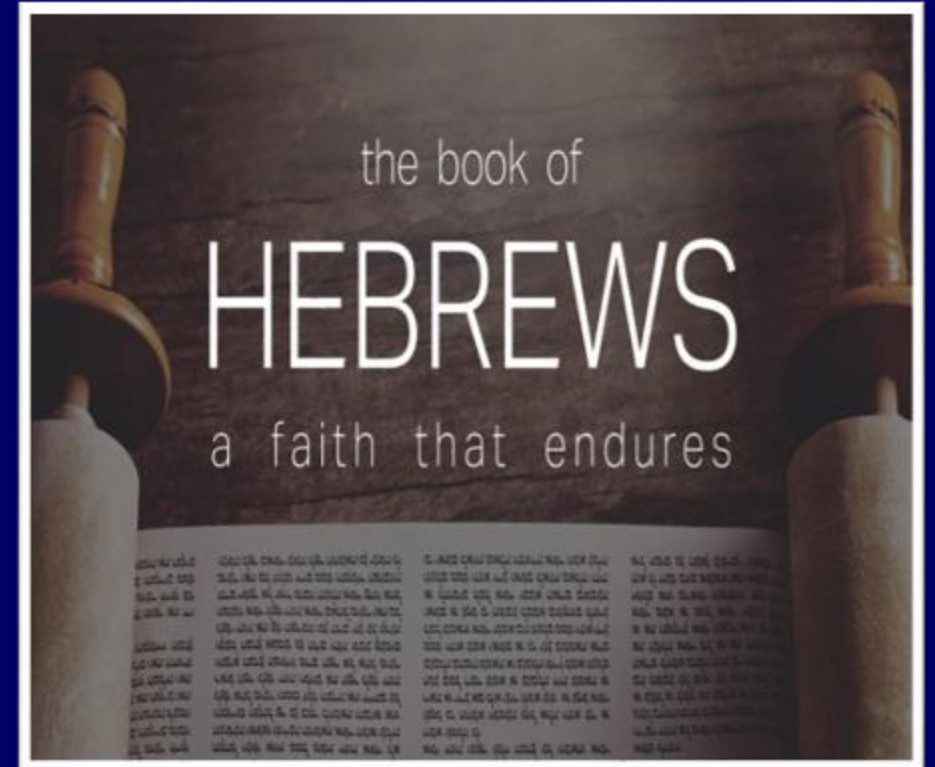
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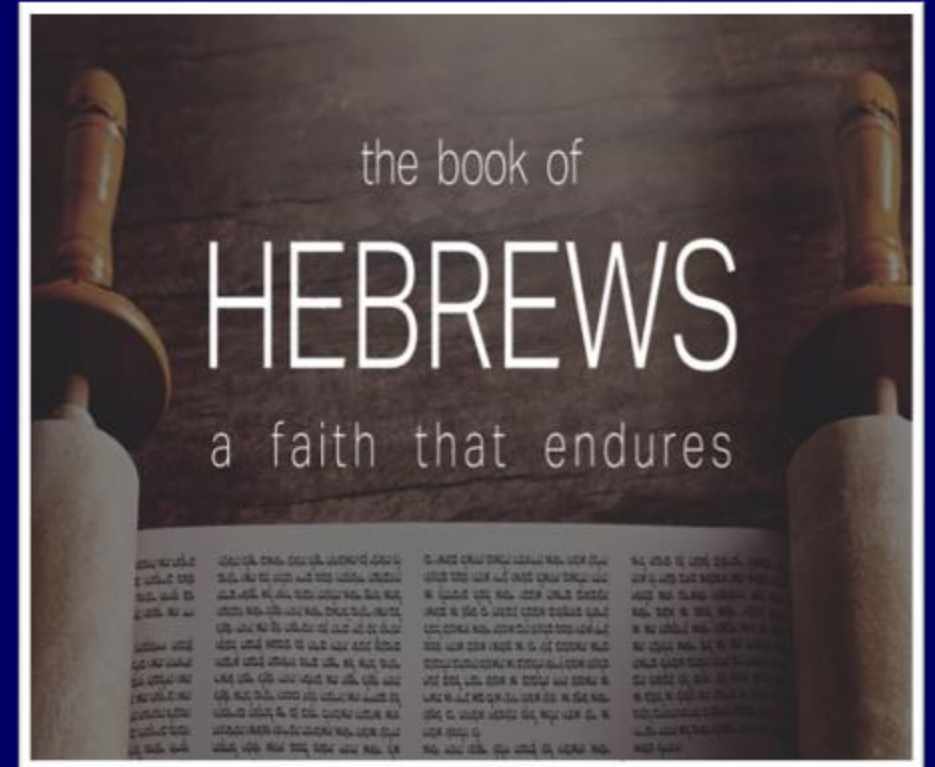
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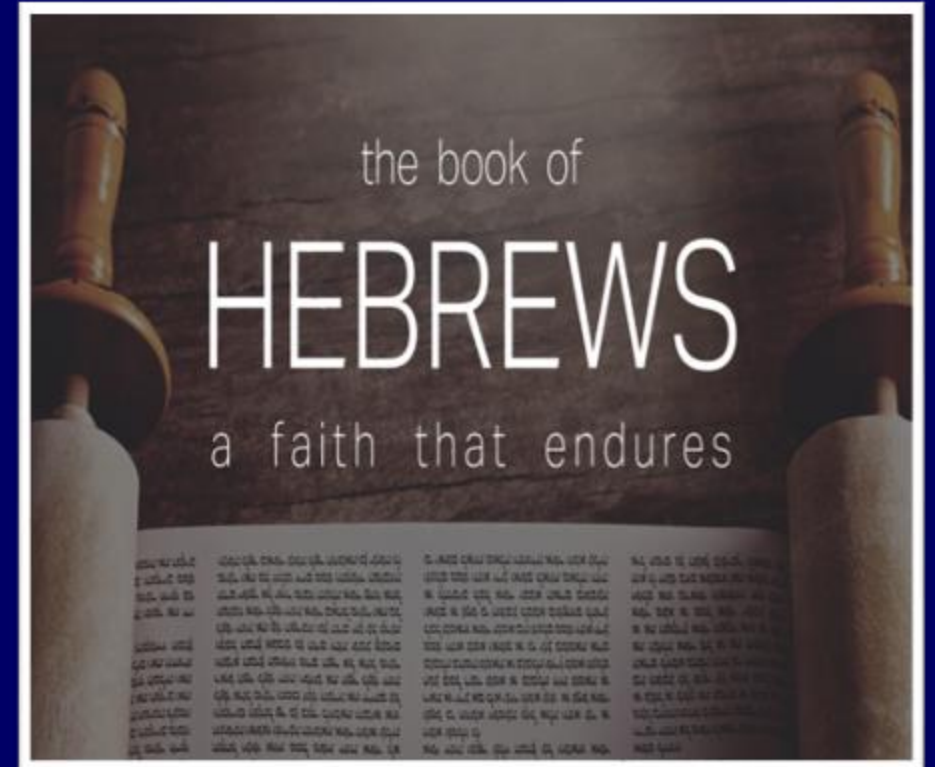
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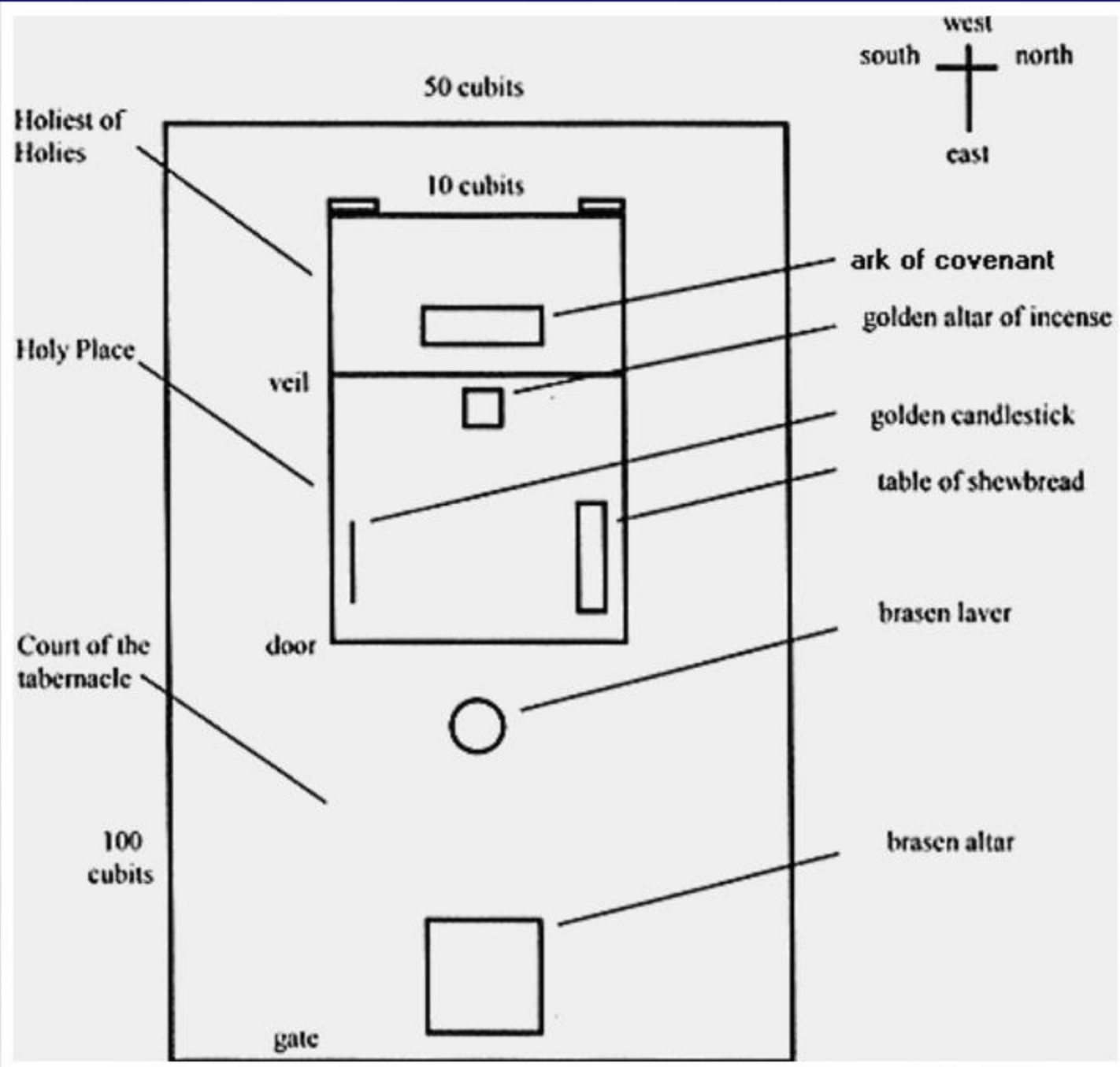
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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



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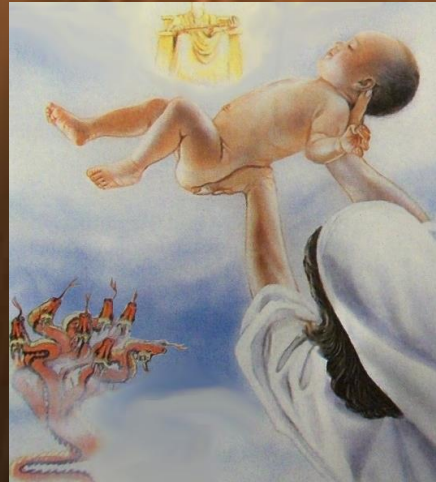
PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMERS

“He who overcomes, I will grant [future tense of *didōmi*] to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down [aorist tense of *kathizō*] with My Father on His throne.”

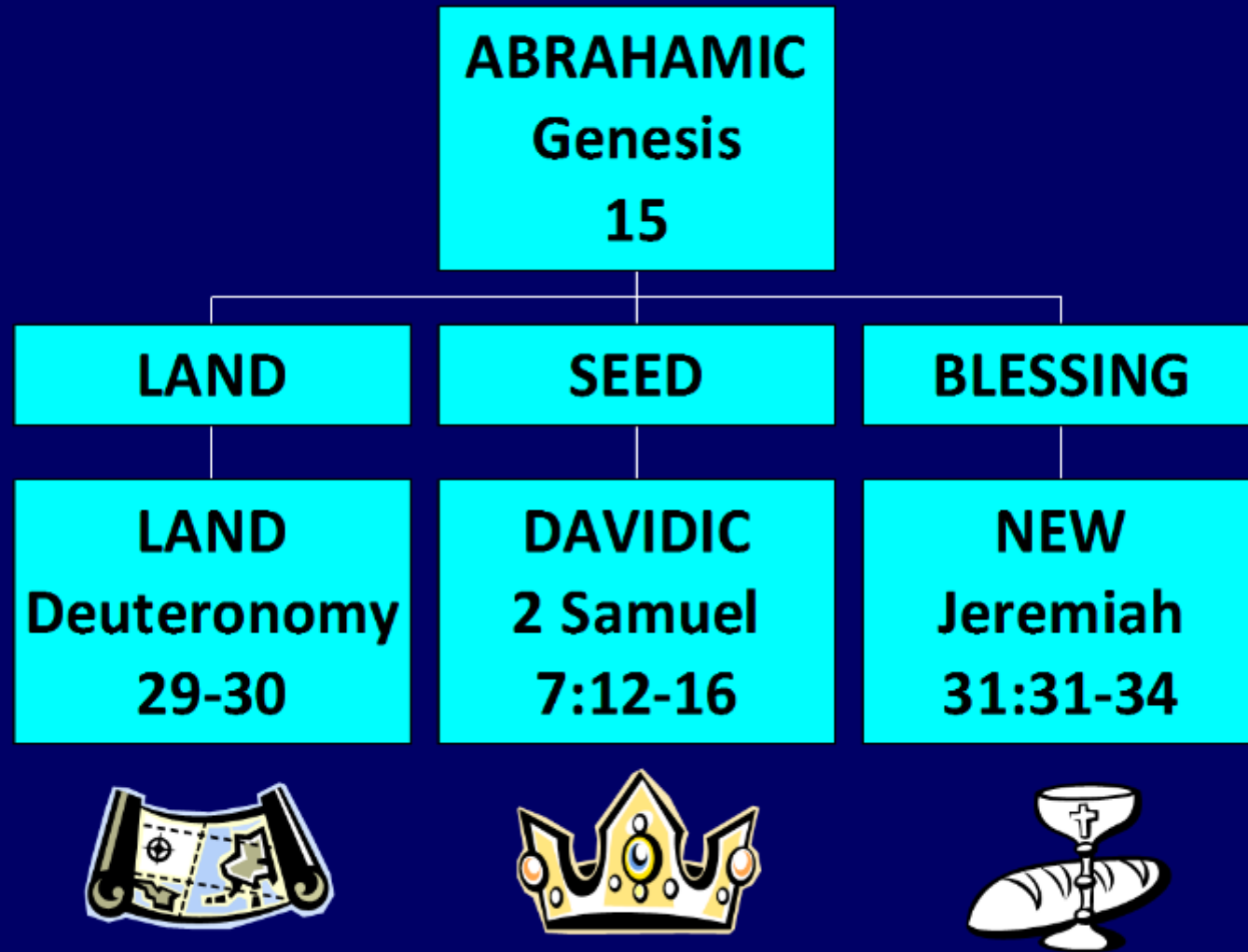


Revelation 12:5

“And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”

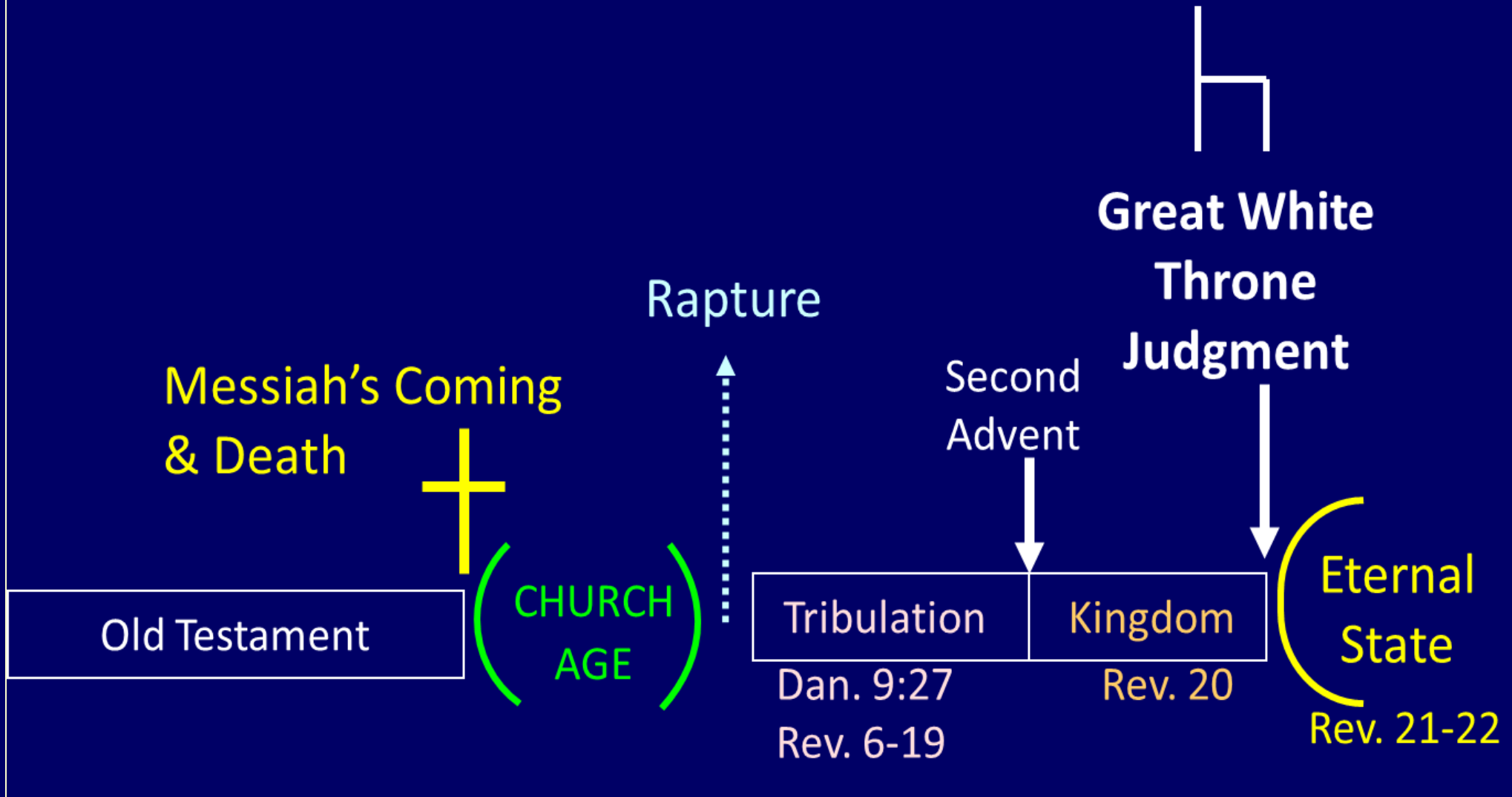


Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

Prophecy Panorama





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STRAW MAN FALLACY





Lewis Sperry Chafer

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“The present ministry of Christ in heaven, known as His session, is far-reaching both in consequence and import. It too, has not been treated even with a passing consideration by Covenant theologians, doubtless due to their inability—because of being confronted with their one covenant theory—to introduce features and ministries which indicate a new divine purpose in the Church and by so much tend to disrupt the unity of a supposed immutable purpose and covenant of God’s. Since, as will be seen, certain vital ministries of Christ in heaven provide completely for the believer’s security, the present session of Christ has been eschewed by Arminians in a manner equally unpardonable. This neglect accounts very well . . .



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CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY ACTIVITIES IN HIS PRESENT SESSION

1. Sustains creation (Col. 1:16-17)	7. Keeps the Saints (John 10:27-29; 1 Pet. 1:5)
2. Head over the Church (Eph. 1:22-23)	8. Intercedes for the Saints (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25)
3. Groom of the Church (Eph. 5:22-33)	9. Advocate for the Saints (Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1)
4. Building the Church (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41; 4:4)	10. Restores broken fellowship (1 John 1:9)
5. Bestowal of Spiritual Gifts (Eph. 4:7-12)	11. Disciplines His children (Heb. 12:5-13)
6. Melchizedekian High Priestly role (Heb. 6:20)	12. Indwells His people (John 14:23)

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