Ecclesiology

Session 9



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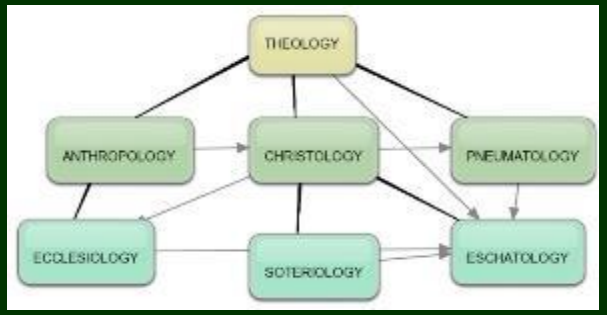
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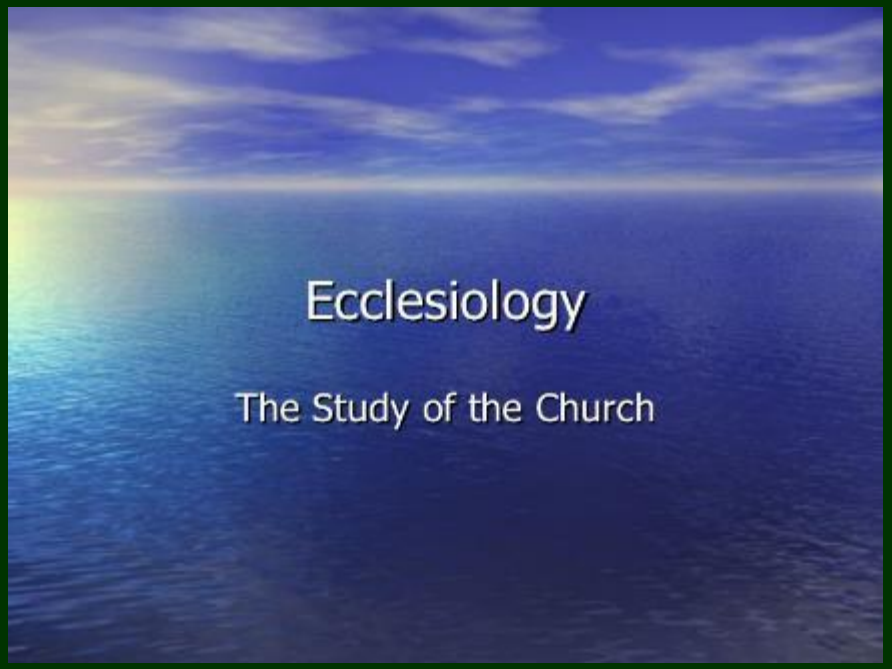


- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end



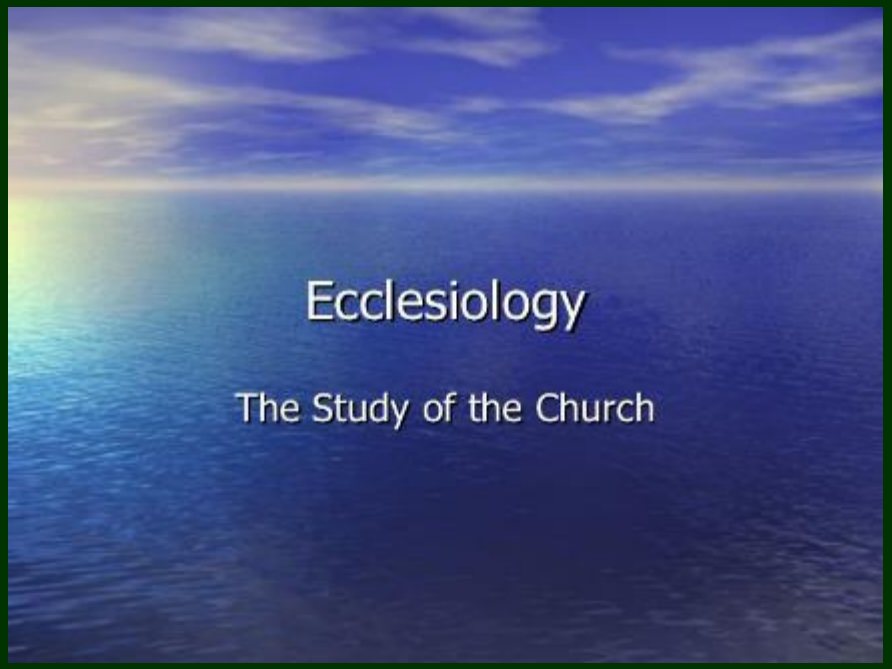
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Definition of Ecclesiology

- Ekklēsía (ἐκκλησία)
- ĕk (ἐκ) / kaleo (καλέω)
- Acts 15:14
- Logos
- 1 Cor 10:32

The Definition of the Church

a. All (both Jew & Gentile) who have trusted in the very Messiah rejected by first-century national Israel (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:19; Eph. 2:14)

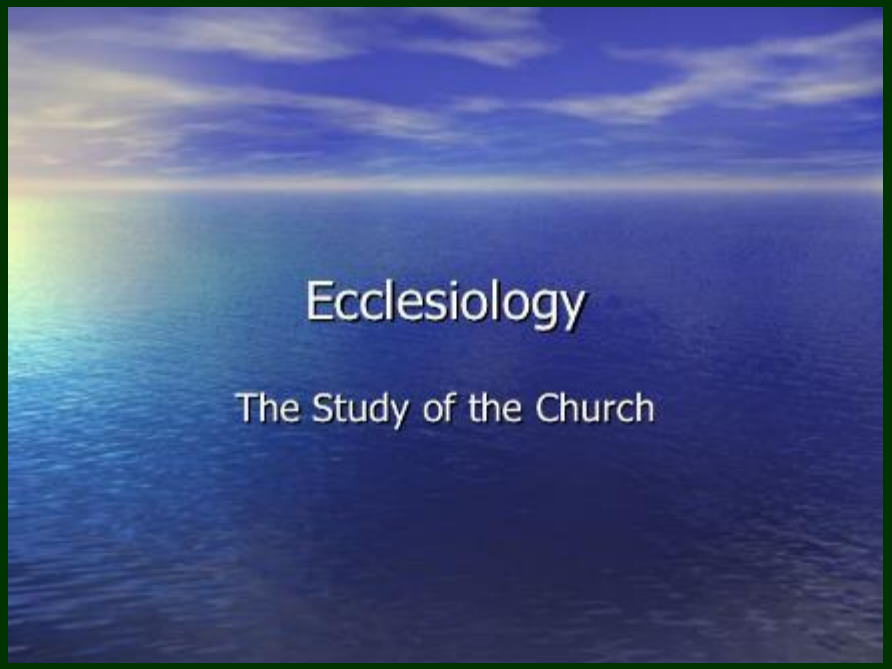
b. Intercalation

c. Does not fulfill Israel's purposes



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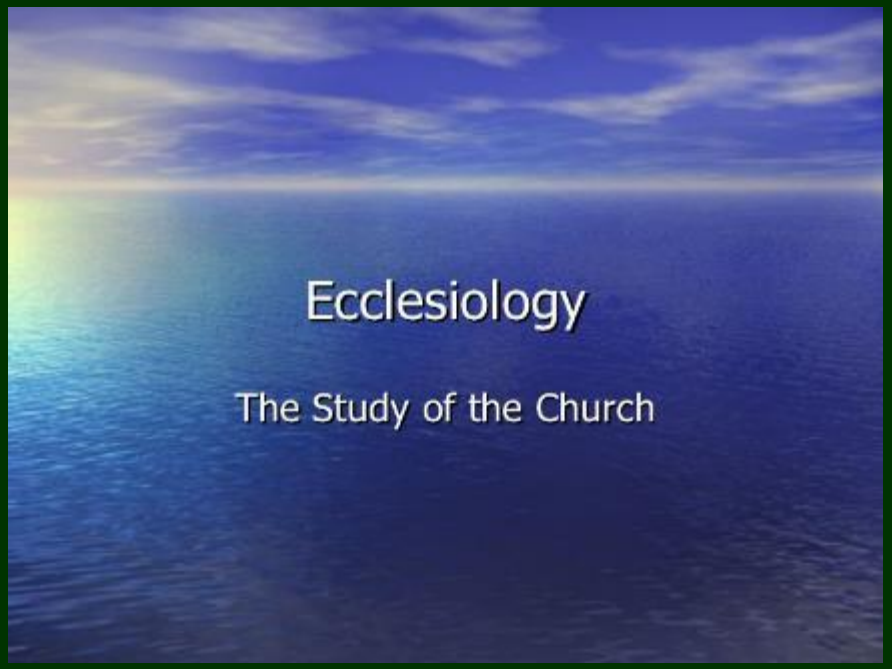


The Universal vs. Local Church

	Universal	Local
Number	One	Many
Members	All believers from Pentecost to the Rapture	Local gathering
Spiritual status	Believers only	Believers and unbelievers
Living or dead	Living and dead	Living only
Assembly	Cannot assemble at one place and time	Can assemble at one place and time
Visibility	Invisible	Visible
NT Material	Minority	Majority
Joining	Faith alone	Unique requirements
Denomination	All believers	Specific denomination

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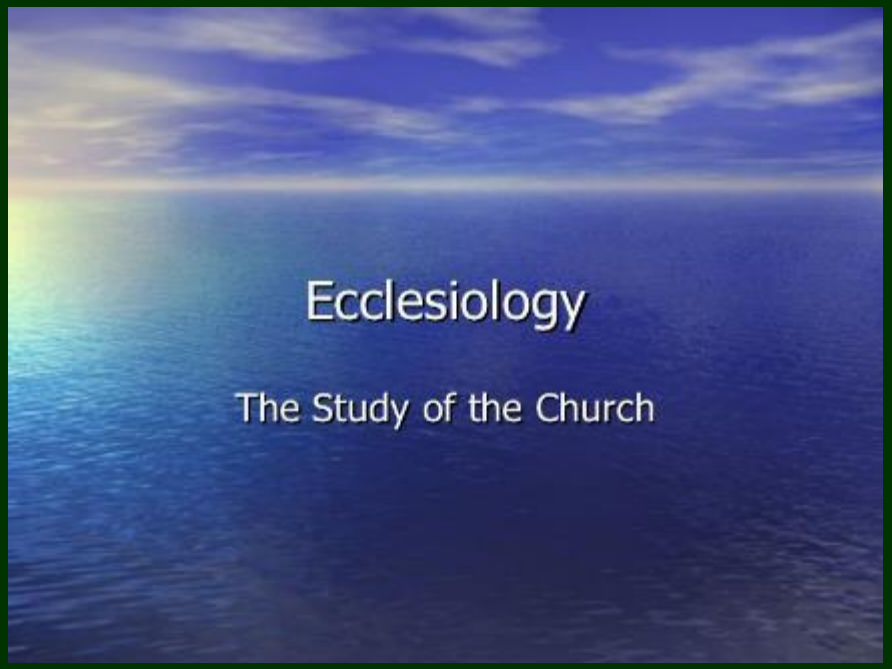


Universal Church Word Pictures

1. Shepherd/sheep – John 10:16; Acts 20:28; Heb 13:20; 1 Pet 5:2-4
2. Head/body – Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:22-23
3. Bride/groom – Eph 5:22-33; 2 Cor 11:2-3
4. Temple – 1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:19-22; Gal 6:10
5. High priest/priesthood – Heb 4:14-15; 1 Pet 2:5-9; Rev 1:6
6. Pillar of truth – 1 Tim 3:15
7. Vine and branches – John 15:1-8

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When Did the Church Begin?



1. Christ referred to the Church in the future tense (Matt. 16:18)
2. Paul referred to the Church as a "mystery" (Eph. 3:4-5, 9)
3. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since Christ became the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23) after His Ascension (Eph. 1:20-22)
4. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26) only came into existence after His Ascension (Eph. 4:7-11)

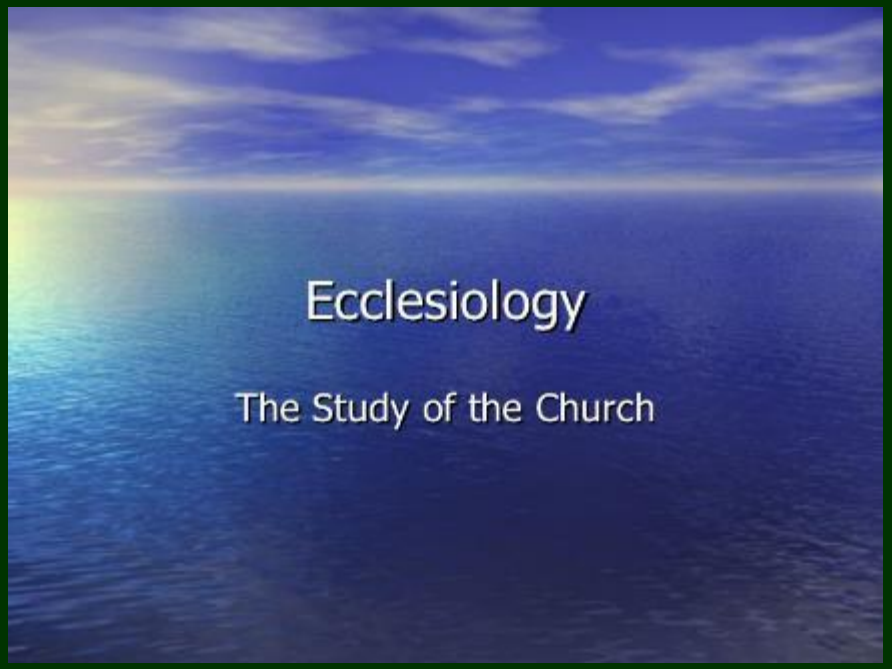
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5. The Church existed before Paul's conversion in Acts 9 (Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; Rom. 16:7)
6. The Baptizing *(joining, uniting, identifying)* ministry of the Holy Spirit began in Acts 2
   a) 1 Cor. 12:13
   b) Acts 1:5
   c) Acts 11:15-16
   d) Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

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2 Cor. 11:2-3
Betrothal Period

“ For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted by from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

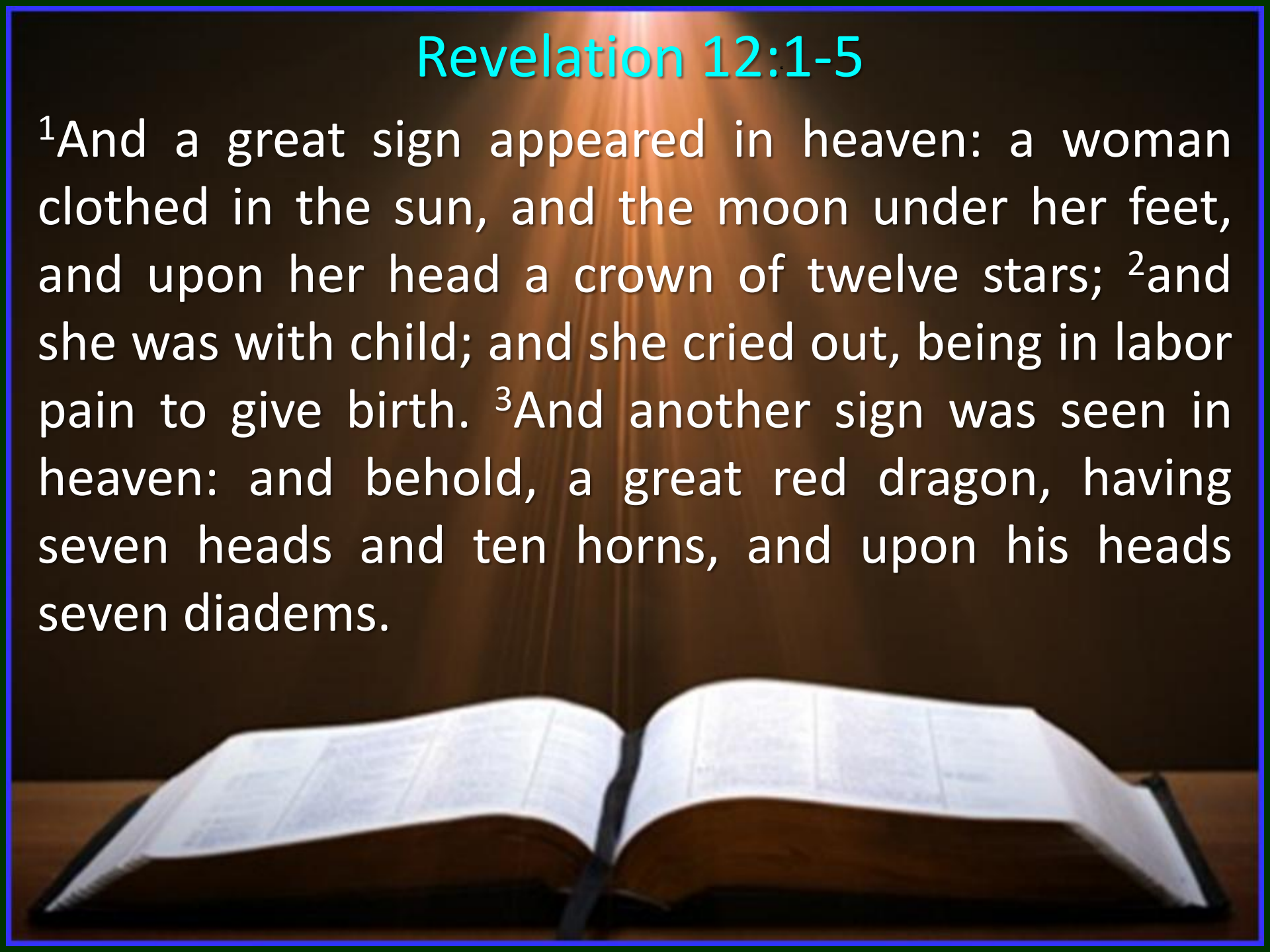


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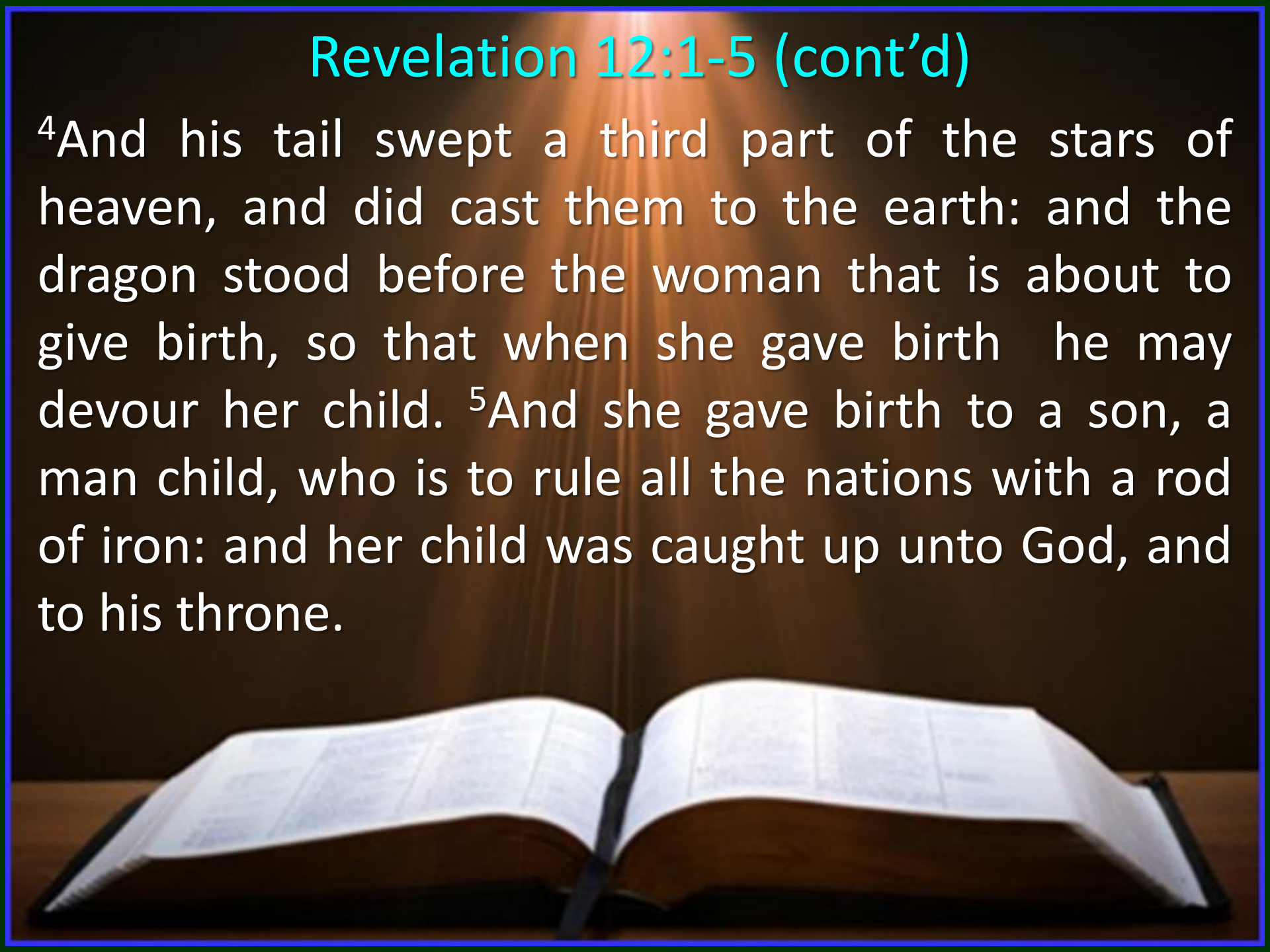
Revelation 12:1-5

[1]And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; [2]and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. [3]And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.



Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

4And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. 5And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



Revelation: 12 Symbols

- Son = Messiah (Rev 12:5; Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9)
- Dragon = Satan (Rev 12:3, 9)
- Woman = Israel (Rev 12:1; Gen 37:9-10)

Genesis 37:9

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



Genesis 37:10

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”



Genesis 37:9-10



Sun = Jacob

Moon = Leah

11 Stars=Joseph's brothers

12th Star = Joseph

12 Stars=Israel's twelve tribes

Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build** [***oikodomeō***] **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

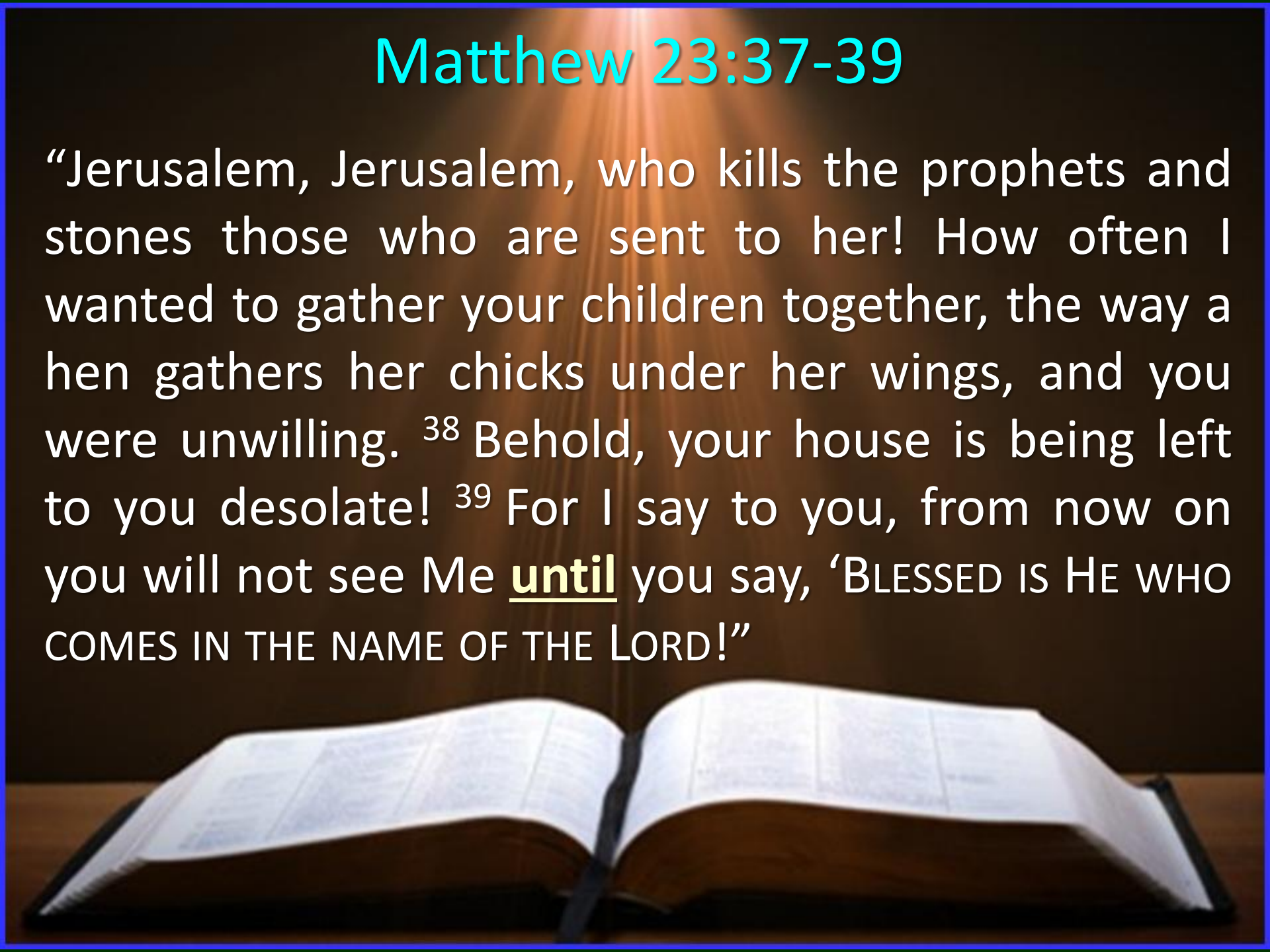


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Matthew 23:37-39

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me **until** you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!”



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Taurus Mts.
Amanus Mts.
Charchemish
Hurrians
Assyria
Subartu
Mersin
Yamhad
Haran
Nineveh
Alalakh
Aleppo
Habur River
Calah
Turukku
Zagros Mts.
Ammuru
Paddan Aram
Tigris River
Assur
Diyala River
Imar
Ebla
Yaminum
Nuzi
Ugarit
Tepra
Guti
Hamath
Qatna
Mari
Der
Cyprus
Euphrates River
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Dur-Kurigalzu
Yamutbal
Byblos
Akkad
Orontes R.
Sidon
Damascus
Babylon
Nippur
Elam
Tyre
Sumer
Lagash
GREAT SEA
Astoreth
Hazor
Ur
Shechem
Arabian Desert
Jerusalem
Amman
Ashdod
Hebron
Gaza
King's Highway
Eastern Desert
ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY
Beersheba
R. Egypt
Succoth
Desert Shur
Beer-lahai-roi
Paran
Egypt
On (Heliopolis)
Ezion-geber
Noph (Memphis)
Gulf of Aqaba
Nile River
Red Sea
Abraham's Journey
(To Egypt)
Jacob's Flight
Eliezer Brings Rebekah to Isaac
Approximate Location
200.0 mile
100.0 mile
50.0 mile
327.0 km.
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Abrahamic Covenant

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Genesis
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LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**



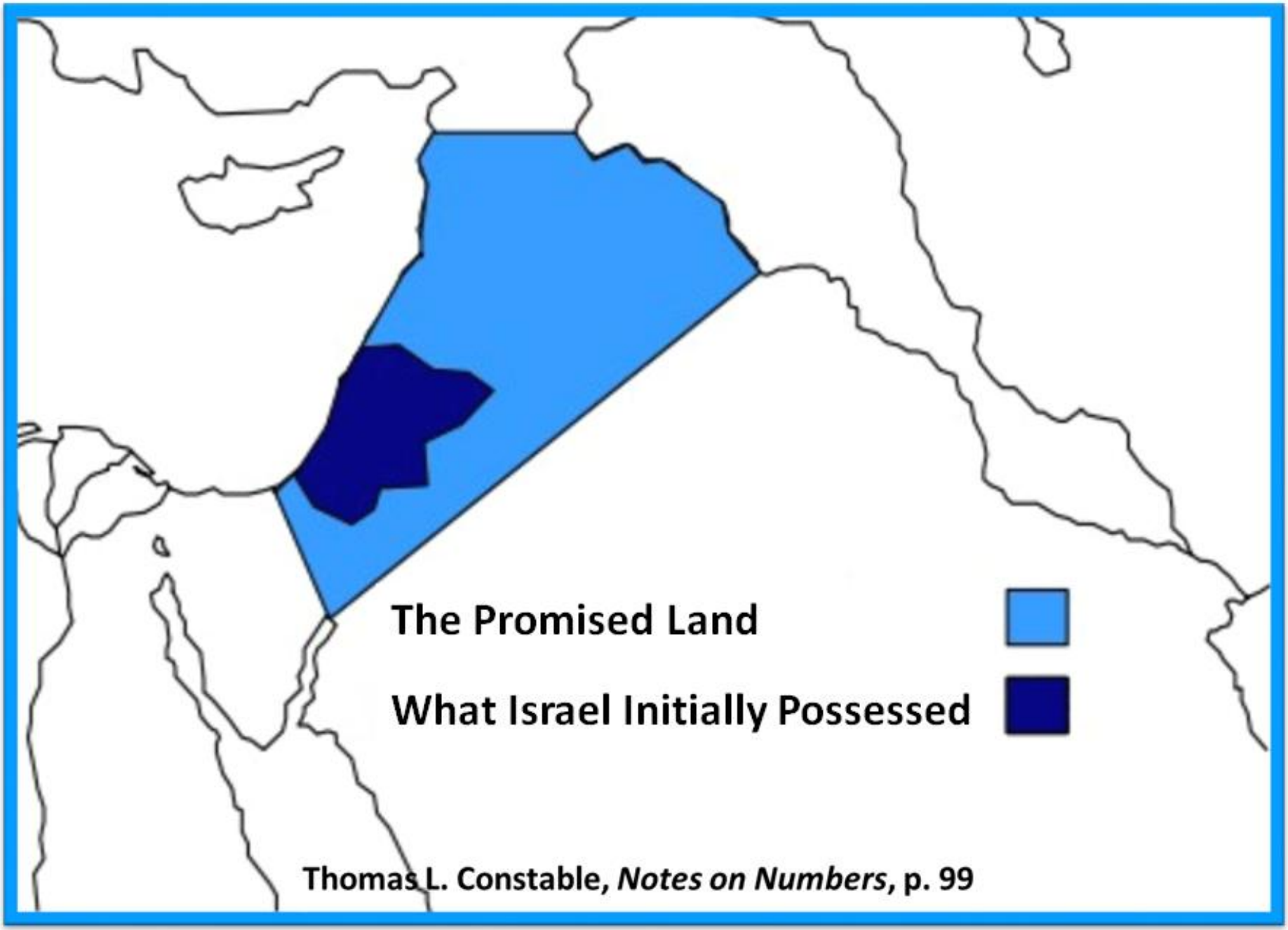




Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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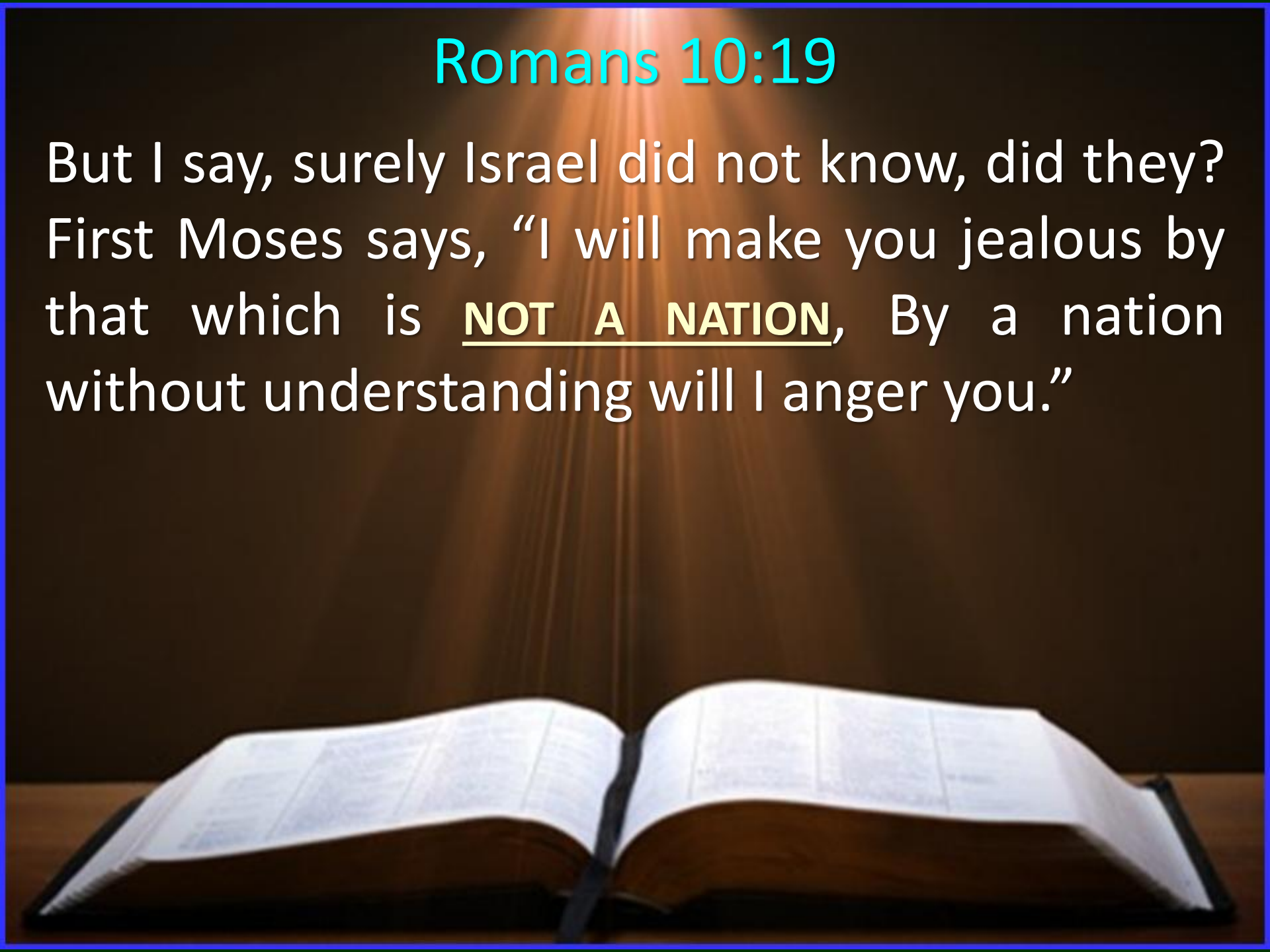
Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers*, p. 99



Divided Kingdom

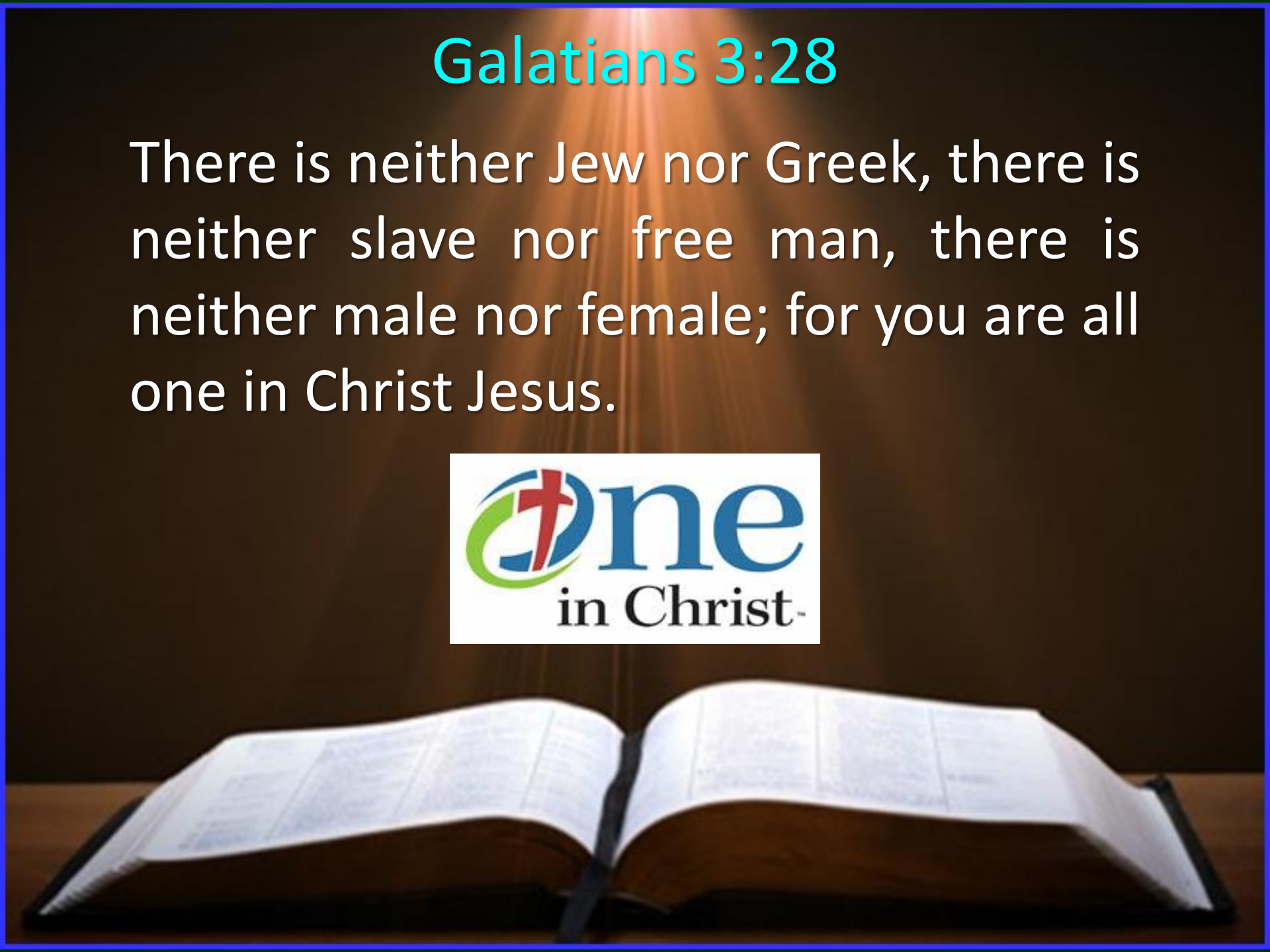
Romans 10:19

But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous by that which is **NOT A NATION**, By a nation without understanding will I anger you.”



Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



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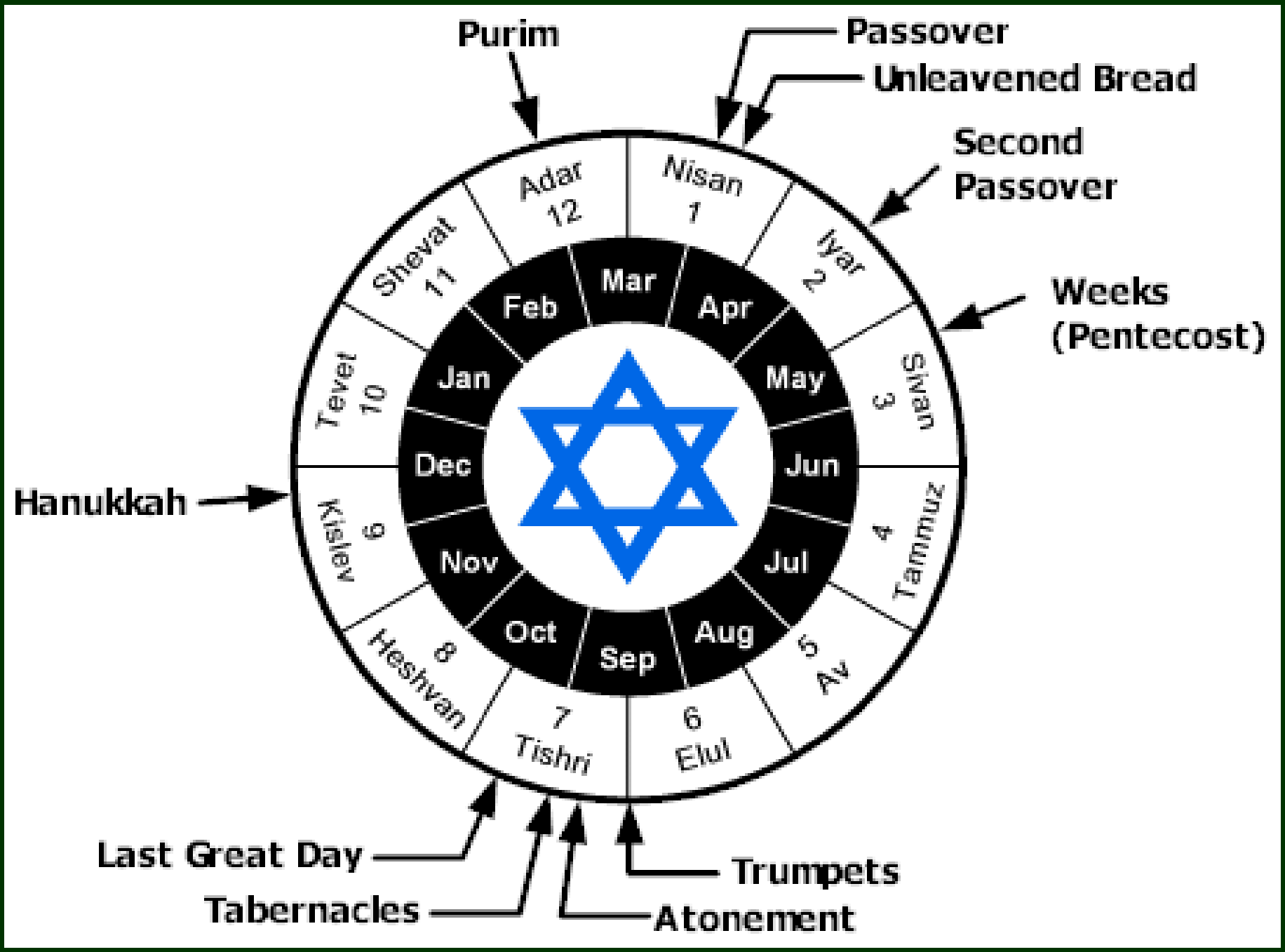
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Levitical Feasts (23)

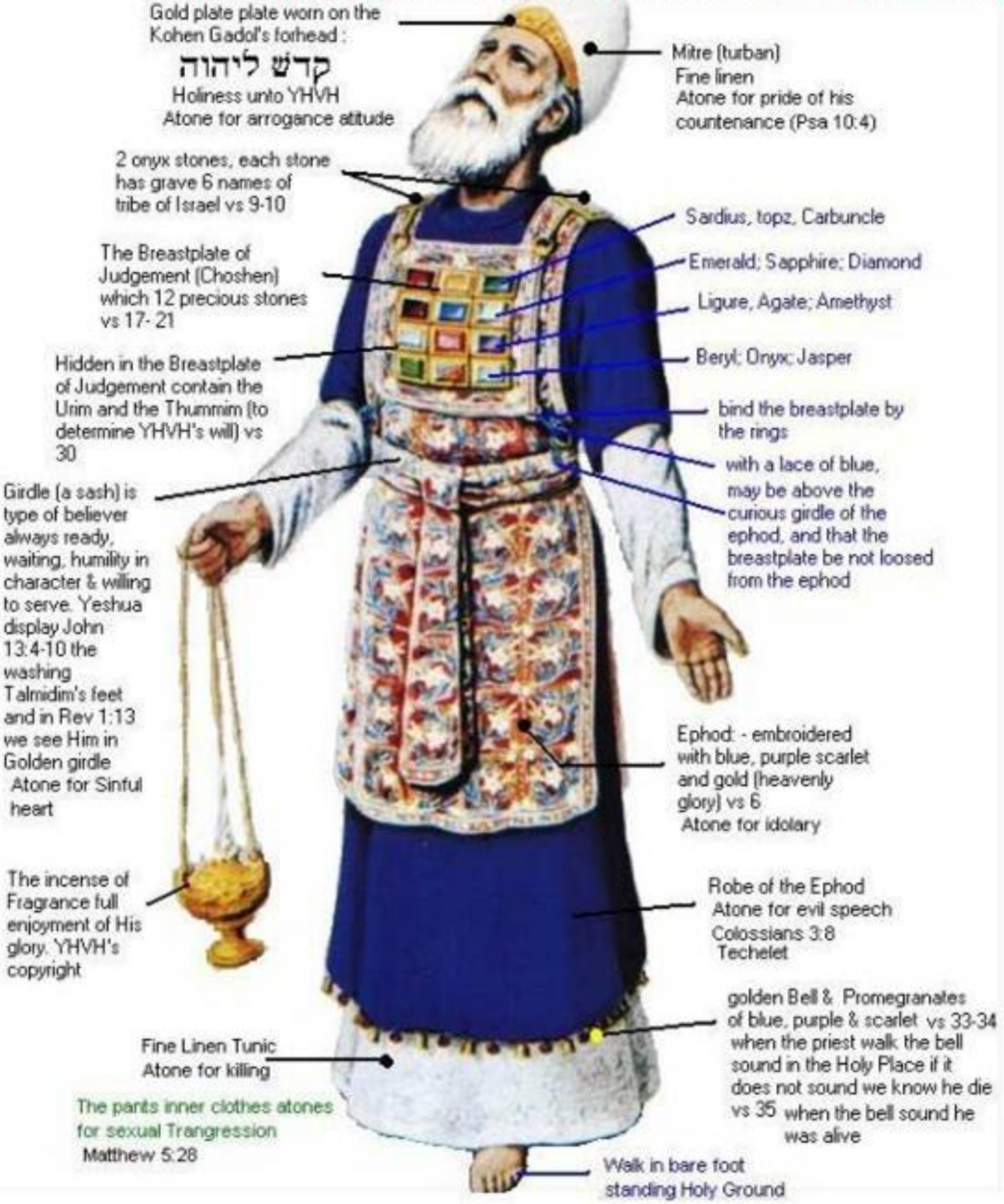
Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech 14:16-18


Purim
Passover
Unleavened Bread
Second Passover
Weeks (Pentecost)
Hanukkah
Last Great Day
Tabernacles
Atonement
Trumpets
Adar 12
Nisan 1
Iyar 2
Sivan 3
Tammuz 4
Av 5
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The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4:42



Revelation 1:6

"and He [God] has made **us** [Church] *to be* **a kingdom, priests** to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."



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ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

A. Solomon's pre exilic temple (966 BC, Kings and Chronicles)

B. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)

C. Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)

D. Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)

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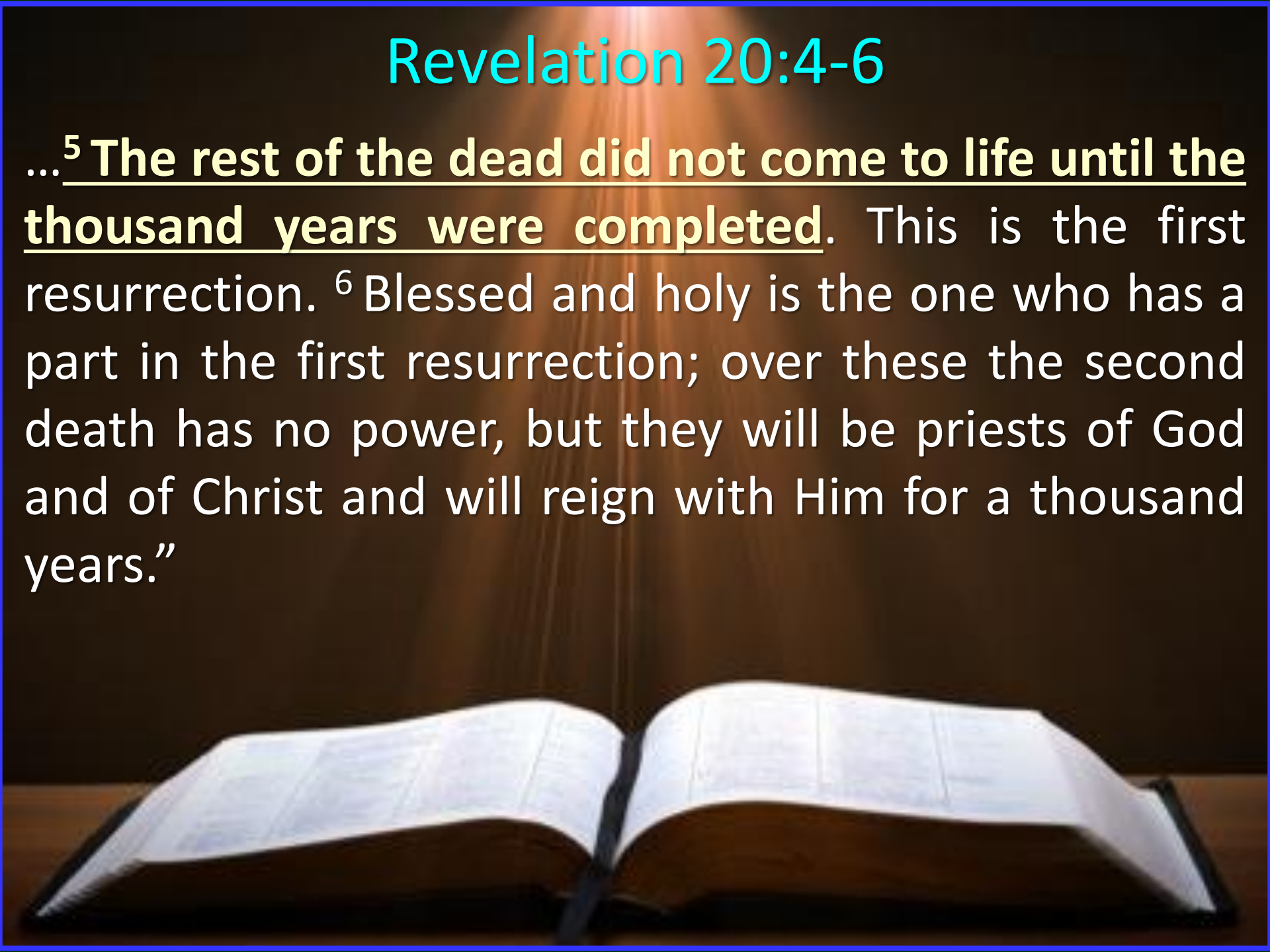
Revelation 20:4-6

“[4] Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and **they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [5] The…**

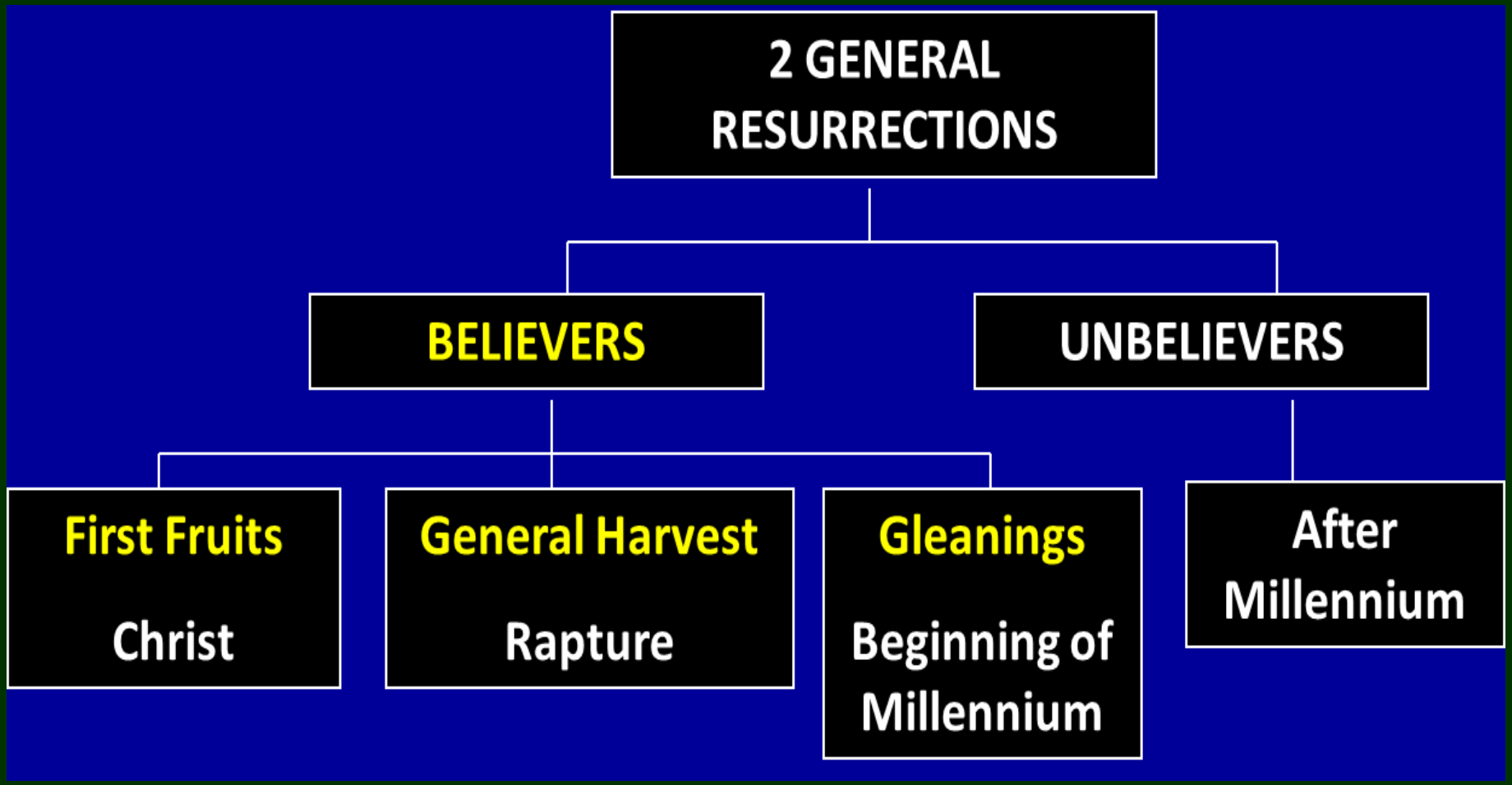


Revelation 20:4-6

…[5] **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed**. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”



God's Resurrection Program

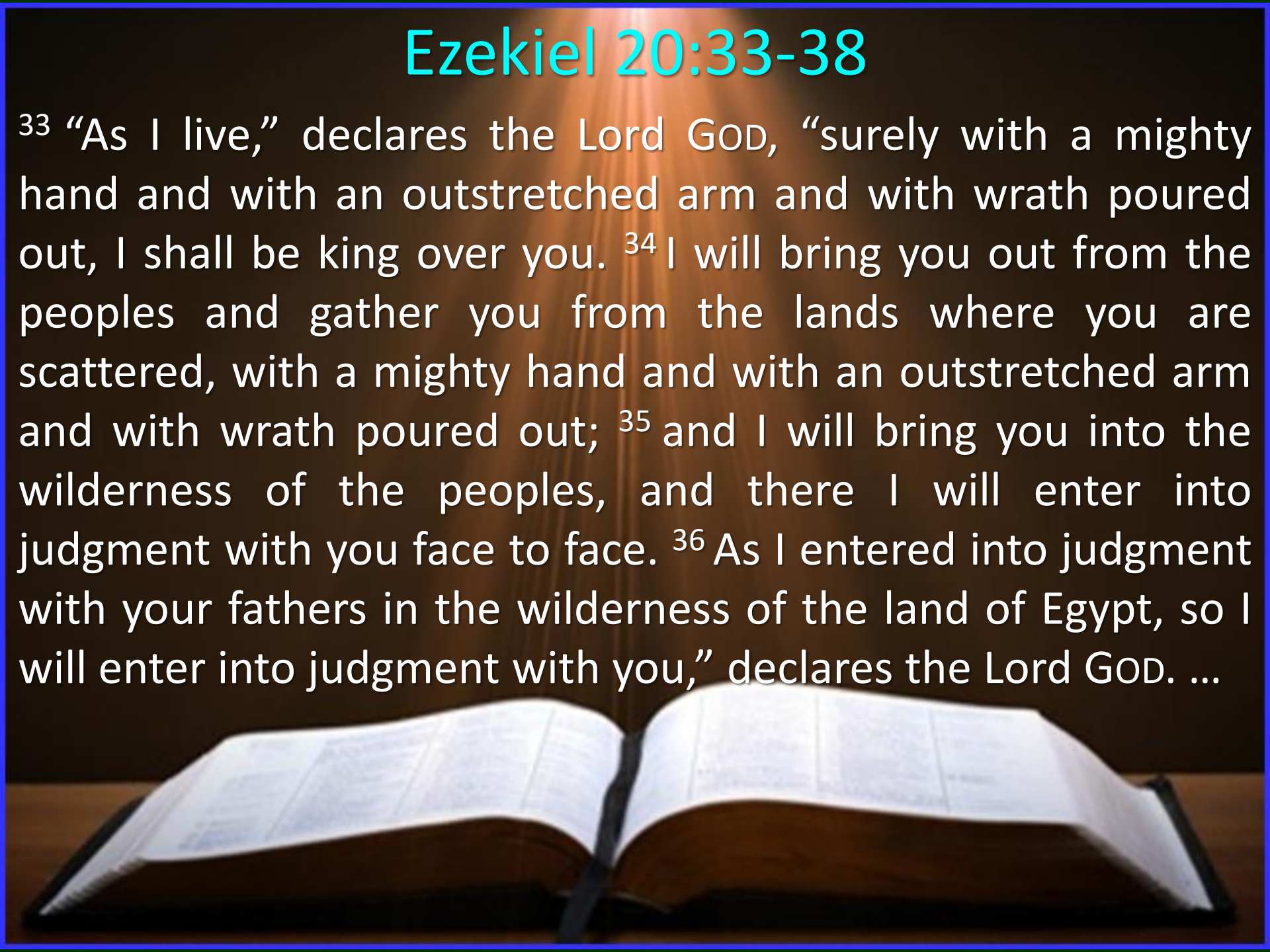


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Ezekiel 20:33-38

33 “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty
hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured
out, I shall be king over you. 34 I will bring you out from the
peoples and gather you from the lands where you are
scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm
and with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into the
wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into
judgment with you face to face. 36 As I entered into judgment
with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I
will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord GOD. …



Ezekiel 20:33-38

…[37] “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; [38] **and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me**; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.



1 Corinthians 4:5

"Therefore do not go on passing **judgment** before the time, *but wait* until **the Lord comes who will both** bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."

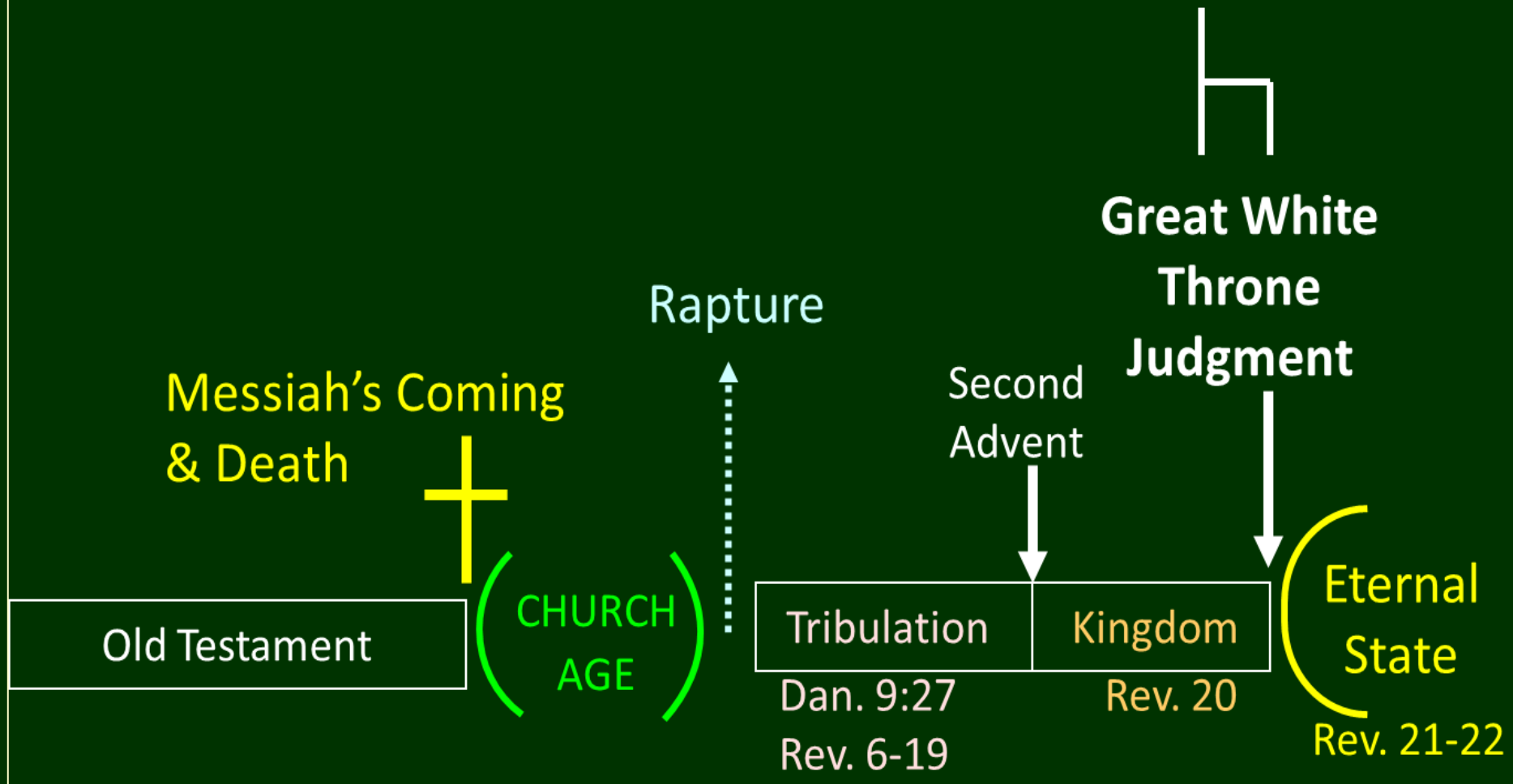


1 Thessalonians 4:17

"Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the **clouds** to meet the Lord in the **air**, and so we shall always be with the Lord."



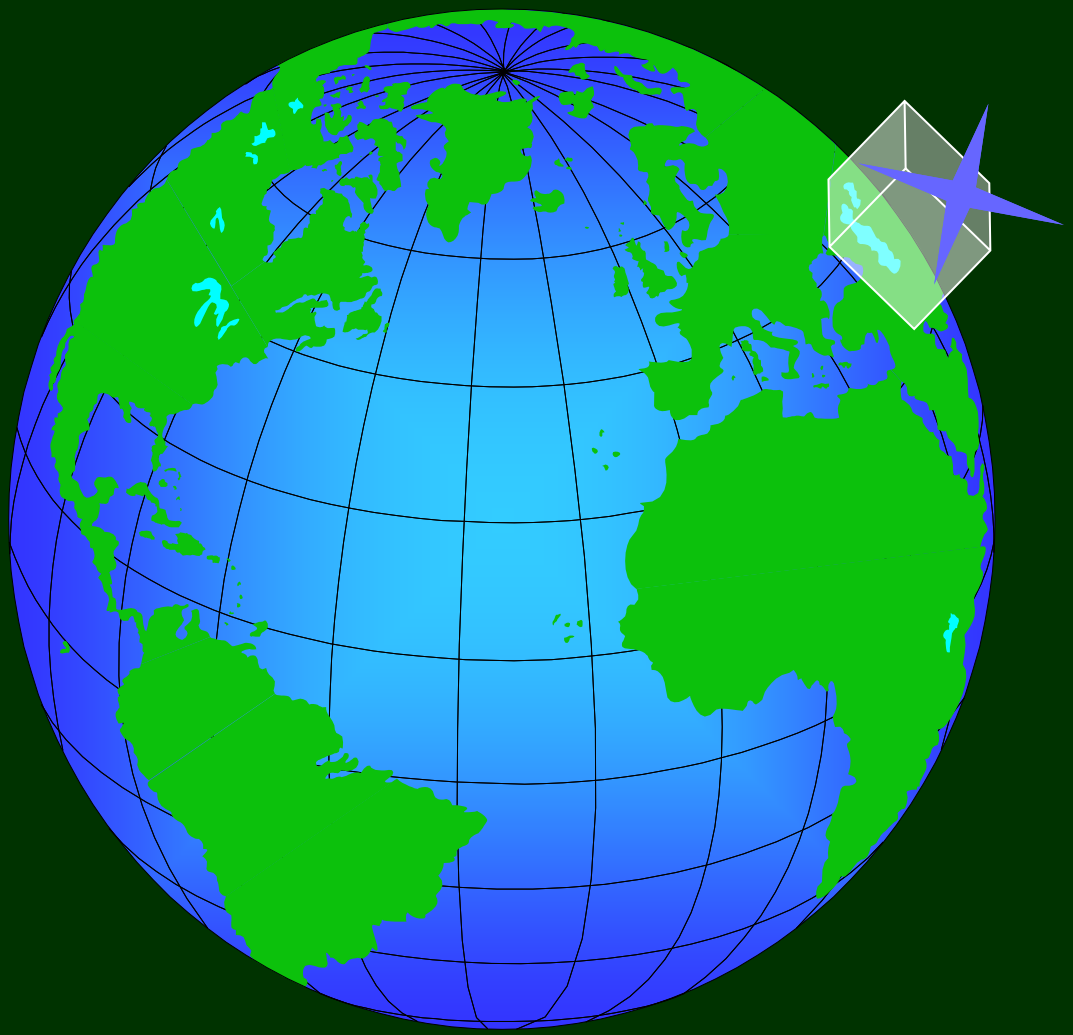
Prophecy Panorama



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Jerusalem Descending

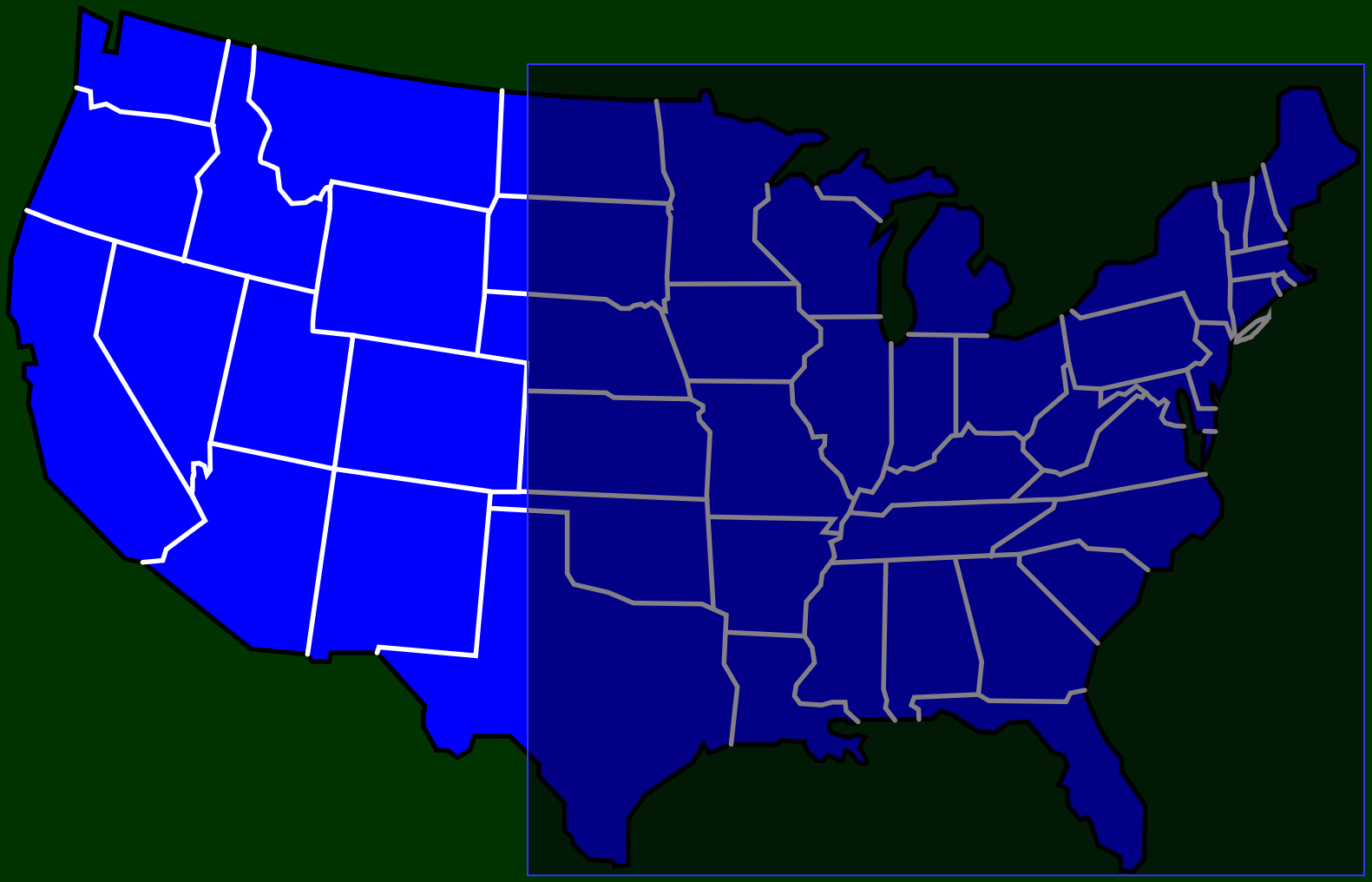


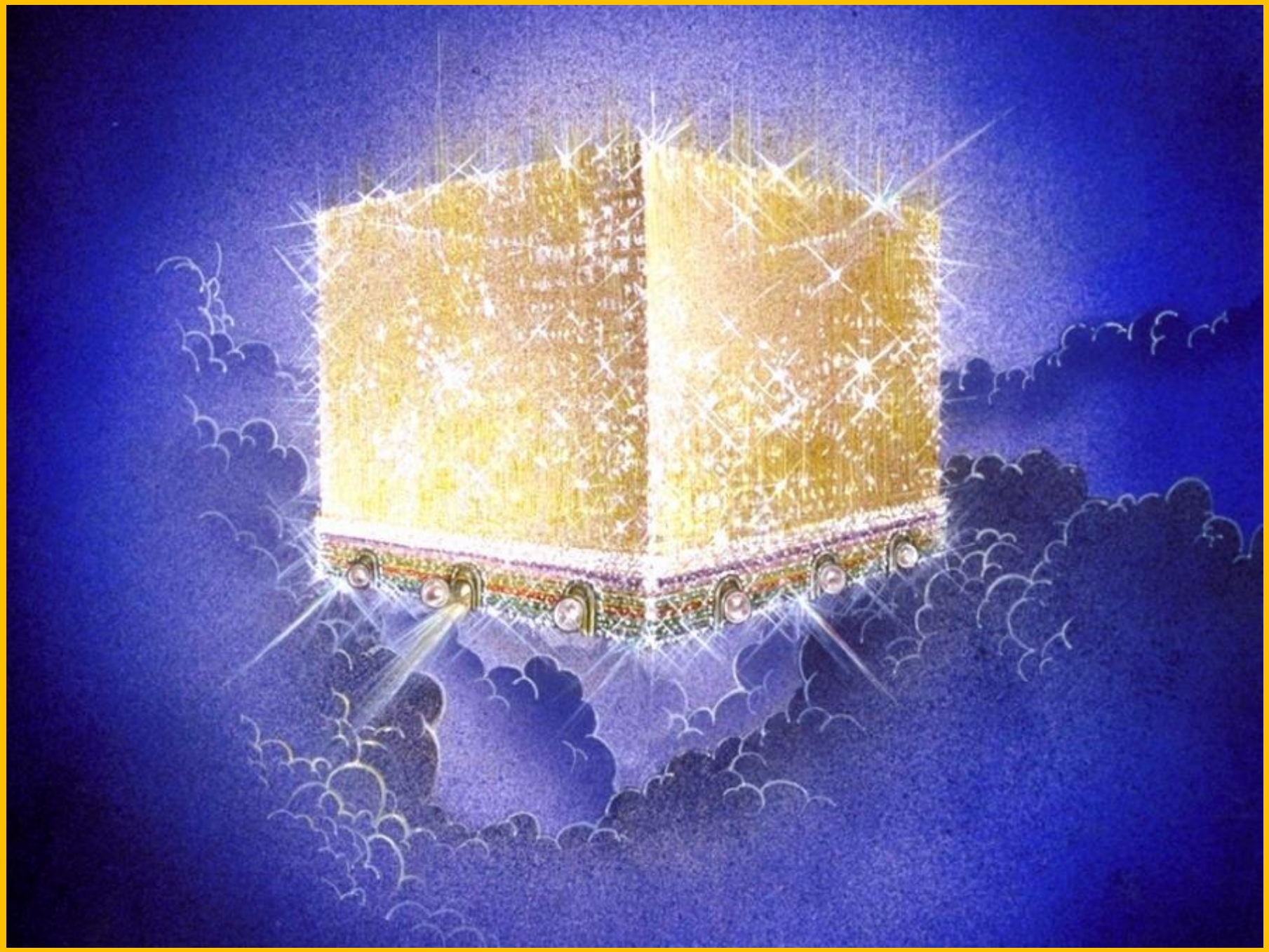
Revelation 21:16-17

16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be [*1500 miles*] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, **by** man's measurement, which the angel was using.



The New Jerusalem






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Ephesians 2:20

"having been **built on the foundation** of the **apostles** and **prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*."



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