The Protestant Reformation: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Session 8



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I. Oct 31, 1517

II. 500 years

III. Far reaching impact

IV. Partial restoration

V. Restoration of a hermeneutic

VI. Selectively applied

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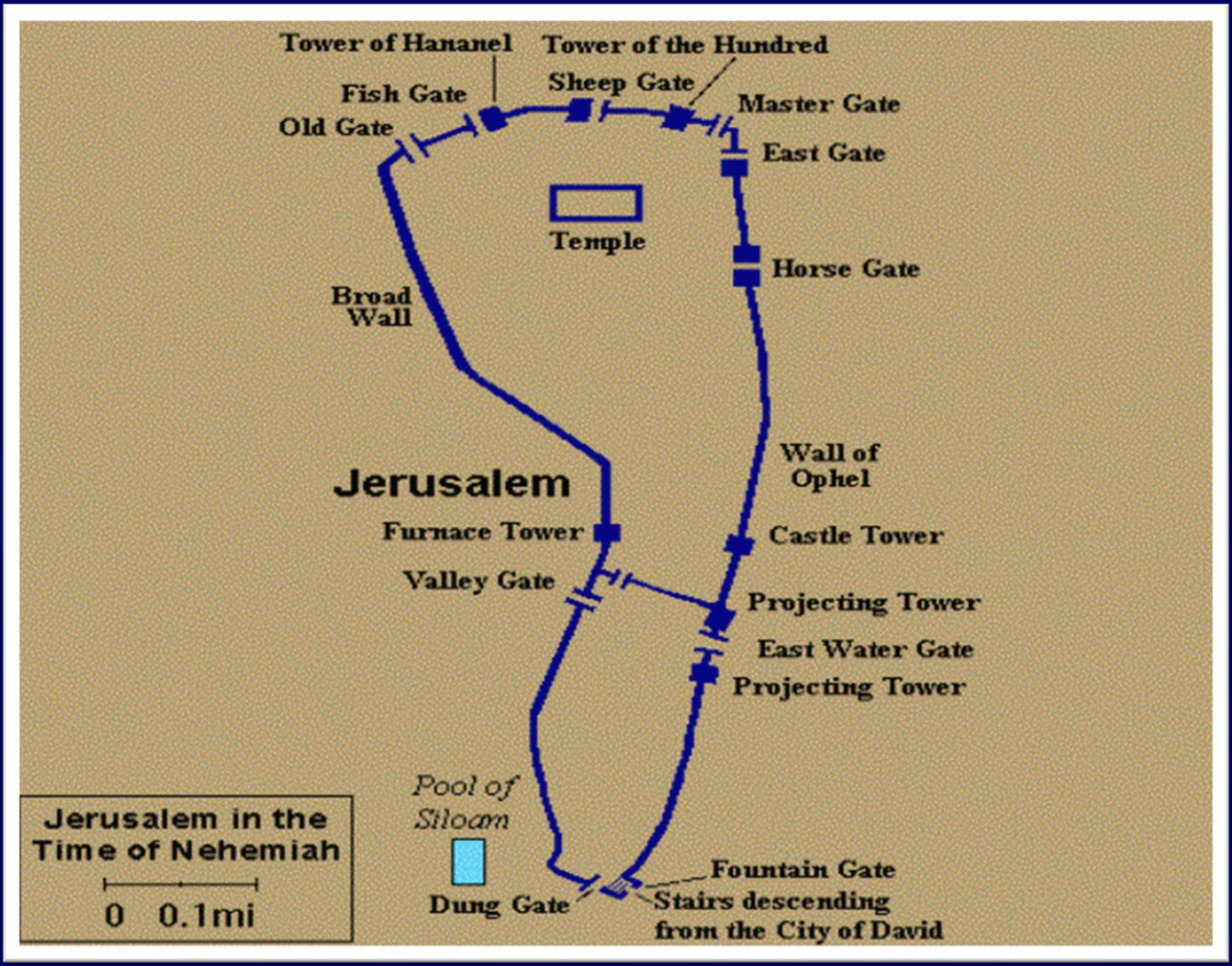

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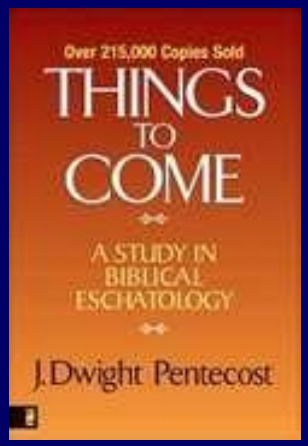
Dangers of Allegorization – Philo



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Gates of Nehemiah 3



Dangers of Allegorization



I. Text is not being interpreted
II. Authority is transferred from text to interpreter
III. There is no way to test the interpreter
IV. No mechanism for controlling the interpreter's imagination



Pentecost, *Things to Come*, pps. 4-5

What Caused the Shift Into Allegorism?

A. Need for immediate relevance

B. Incorporation of human philosophy into interpretation

C. Gnostic dualism (Gen. 1:31; 1 John 2:22; 4:2-3; Acts 17:32; 1 Cor. 15:12)

D. Decline of the church's Jewish population

E. Constantine’s Edict of Milan (A.D. 313)

F. AD 70 and Hadrian’s (A.D. 117–138)“Palestine”



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III. The Dark Ages (or the Middle Ages)

A. Lasted from the 4th to the 16th centuries
B. Obsolescence of prophetic studies
C. Domination of Augustinian Amillennialism
D. Only one church: Roman Catholicism
E. The Bible is removed from the people
    1. Allegorization
    2. Illiteracy
    3. Mass read in Latin
F. Sale of indulgences
G. Anti-Semitism
H. Church in need of rescue



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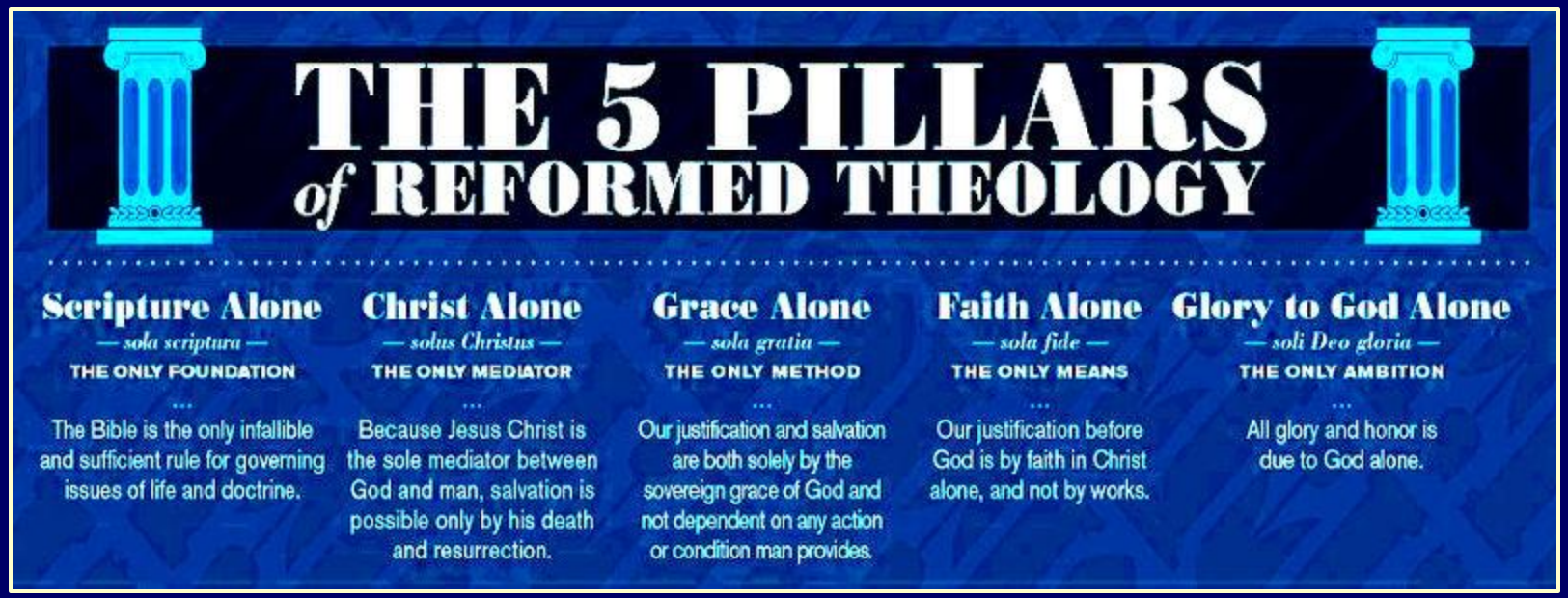


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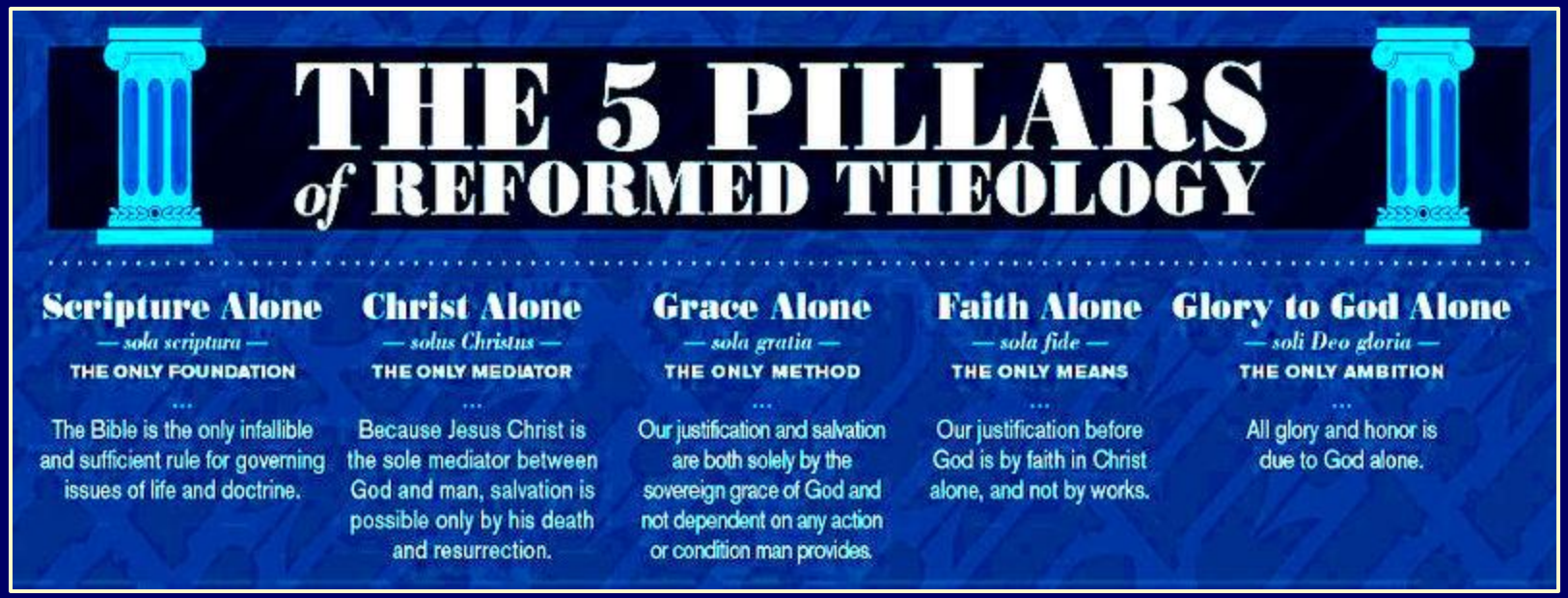


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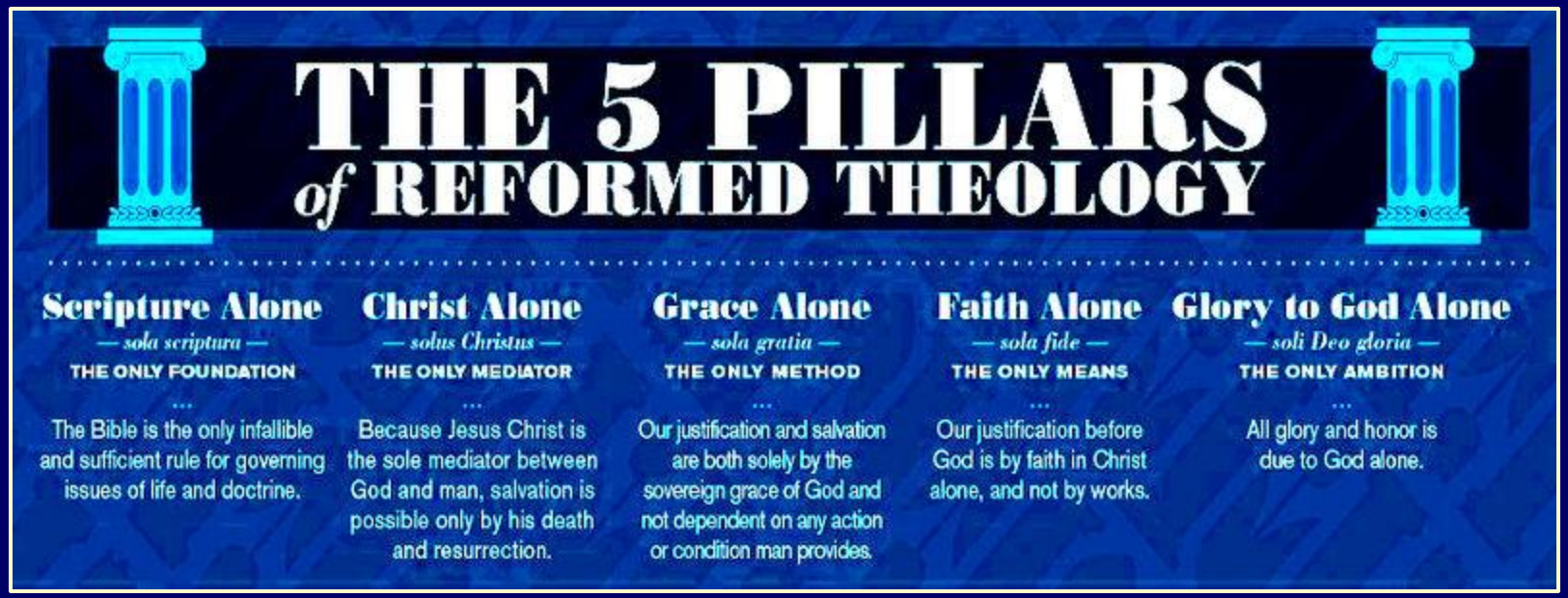




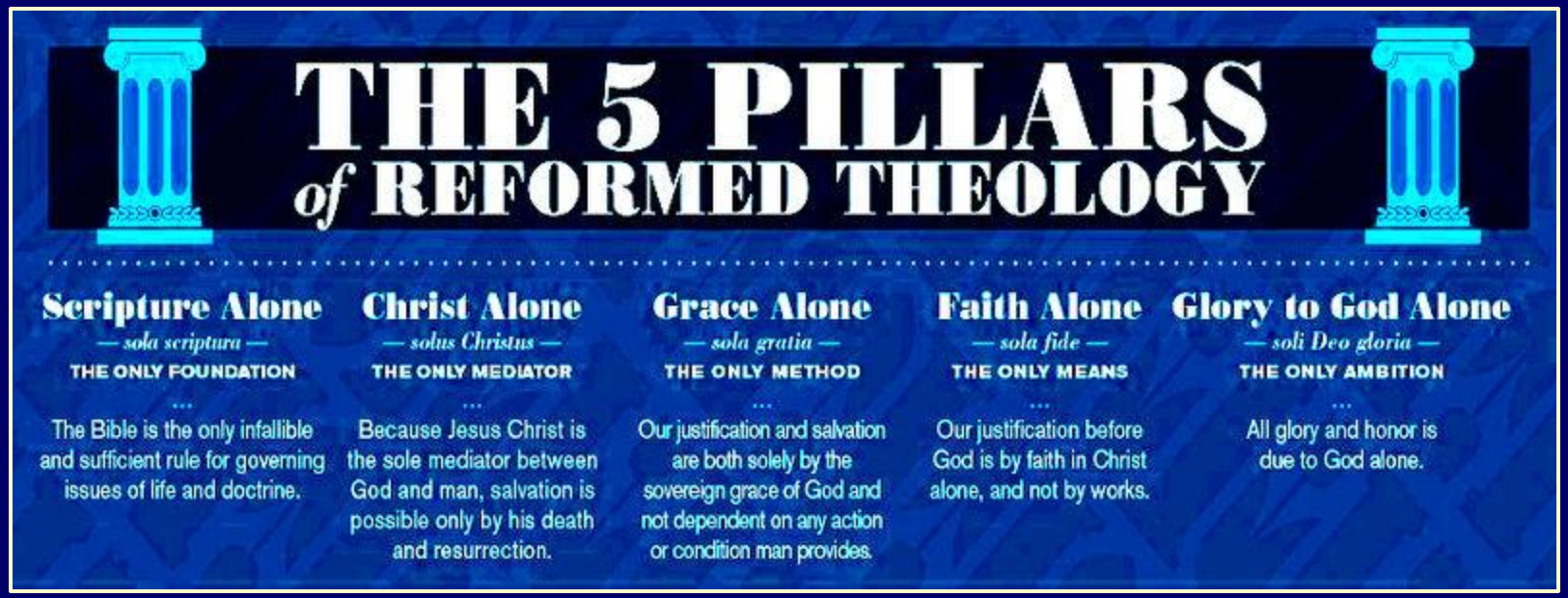
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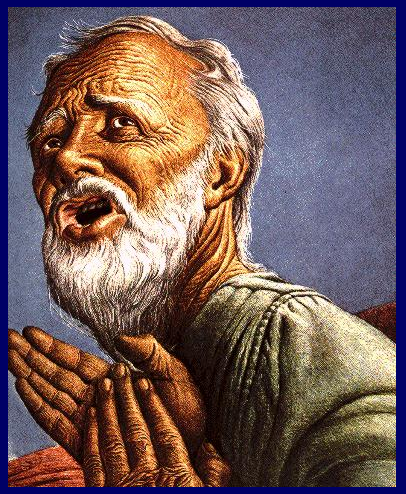
Belief – God's One Condition for Justification

Gen 15:6

Then he **believed** in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

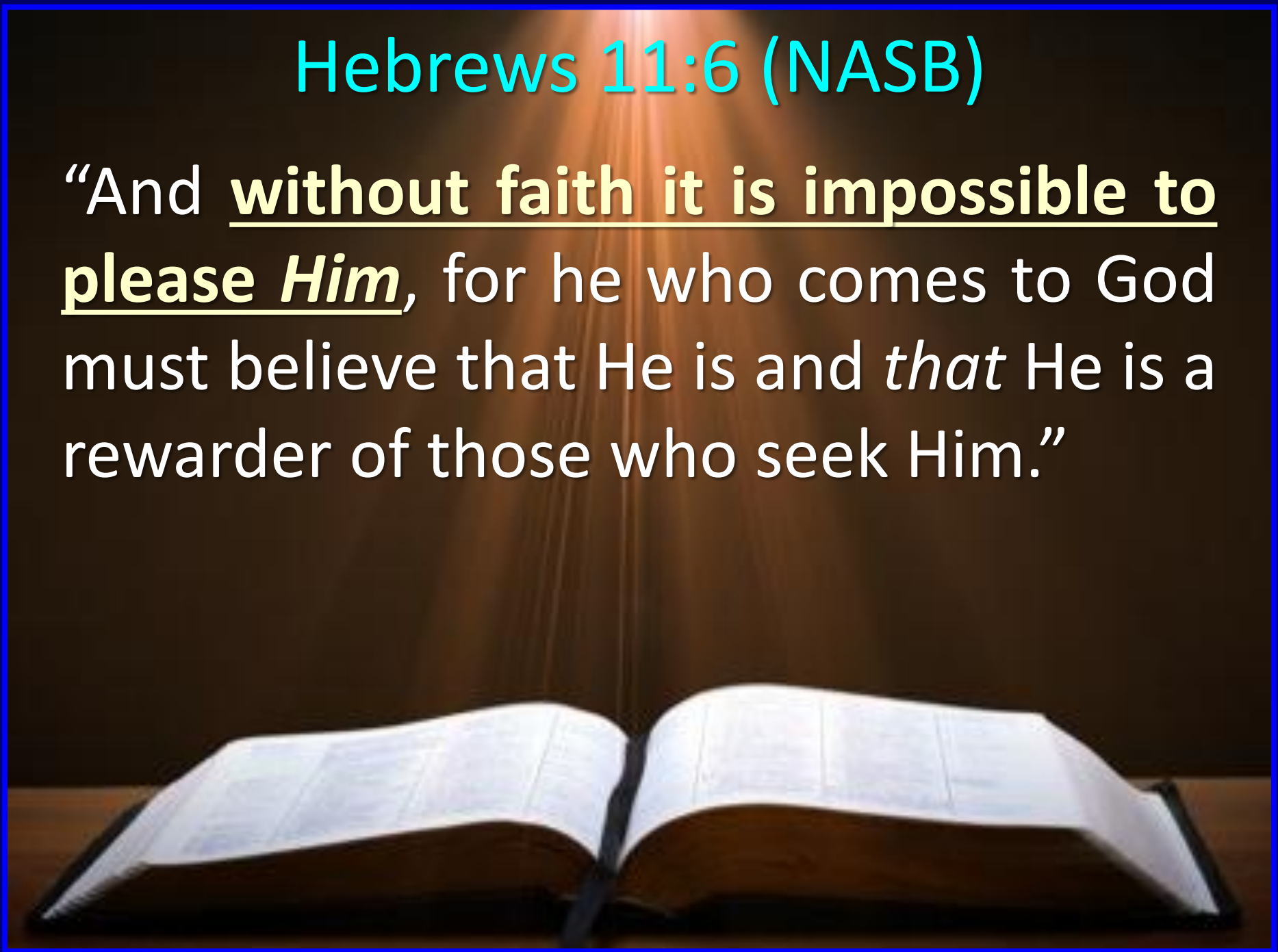
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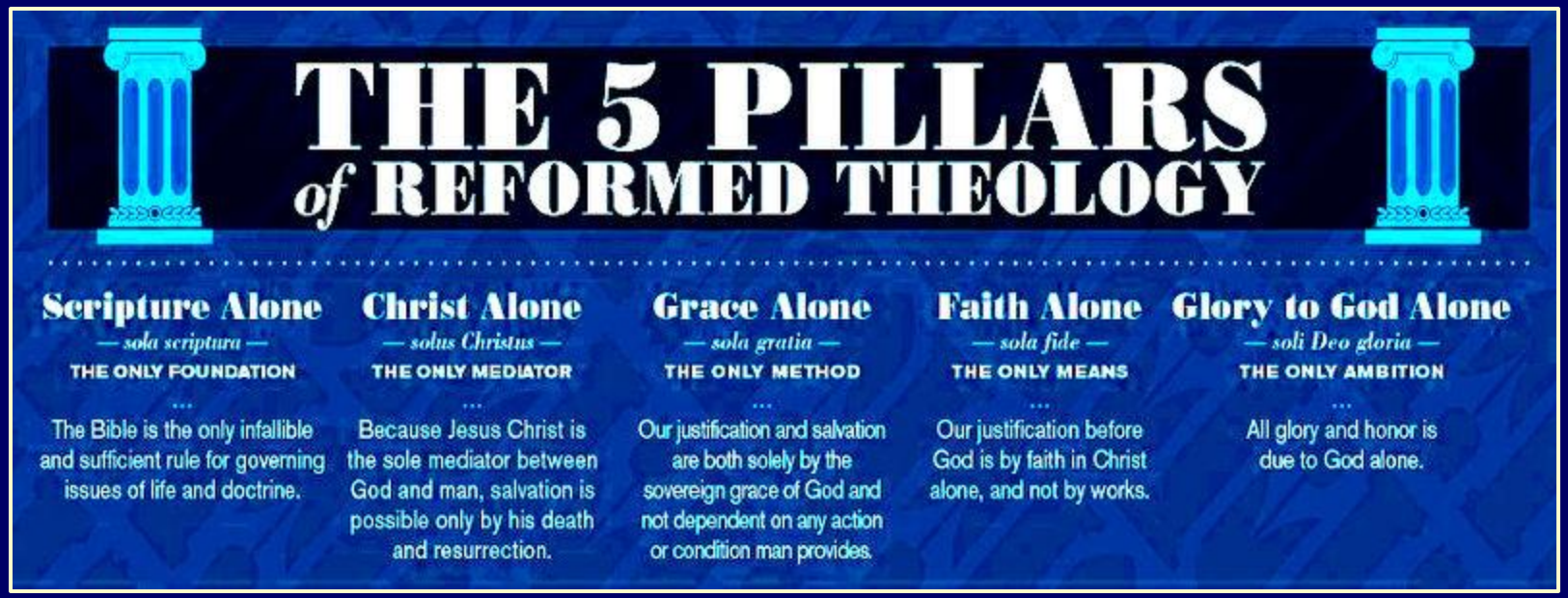
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Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)

"And **without faith it is impossible to please *Him***, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."



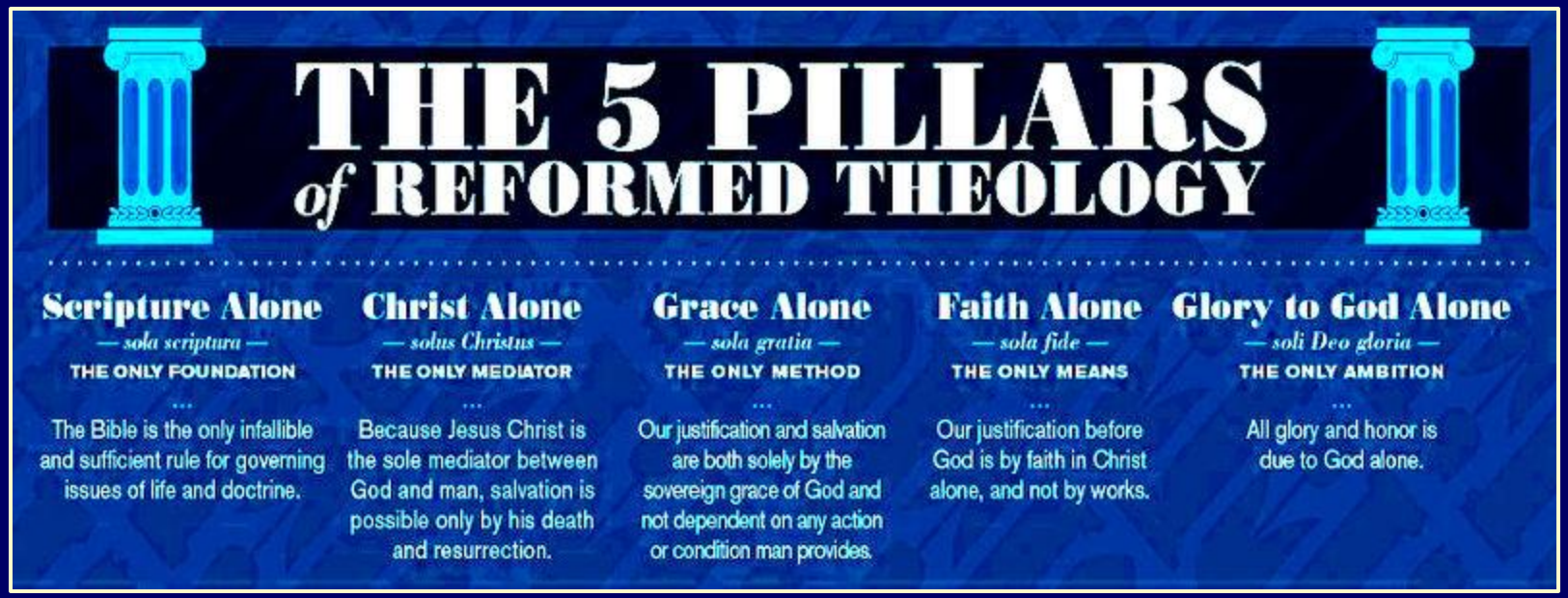


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Romans 3:27-28 (NASB)

"**Where then is boasting? It is excluded**. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. [28] For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law."



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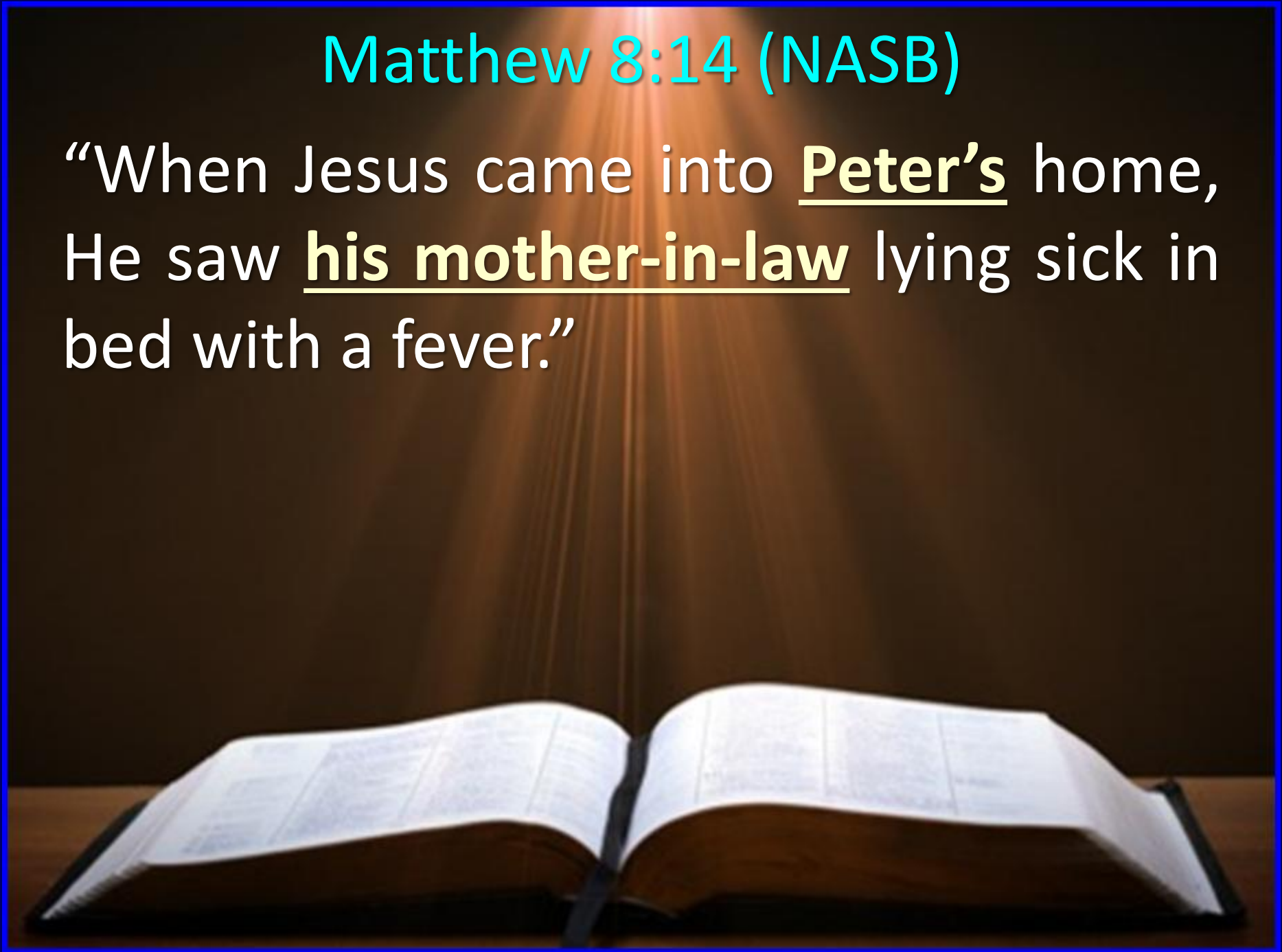
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Matthew 8:14 (NASB)

"When Jesus came into **Peter's** home, He saw **his mother-in-law** lying sick in bed with a fever."



1 Corinthians 9:5 (NASB)

"Do we not have a right to take along **a believing wife**, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and **Cephas**?"



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William Tyndale

(A.D. 1494–1536)

“In 1535, Tyndale was arrested and jailed in the castle of Vilvoord (Filford) outside Brussels for over a year. In 1536, he was convicted of heresy and executed by strangulation, after which his body was burnt at the stake. His dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened; this seemed to find its fulfilment just two years later with Henry's authorisation of the Great Bible for the Church of England, which was largely Tyndale's own work. Hence, the Tyndale Bible, as it was known, continued to play a key role in spreading Reformation ideas across the English-speaking world and, eventually, to the British Empire.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Tyndale

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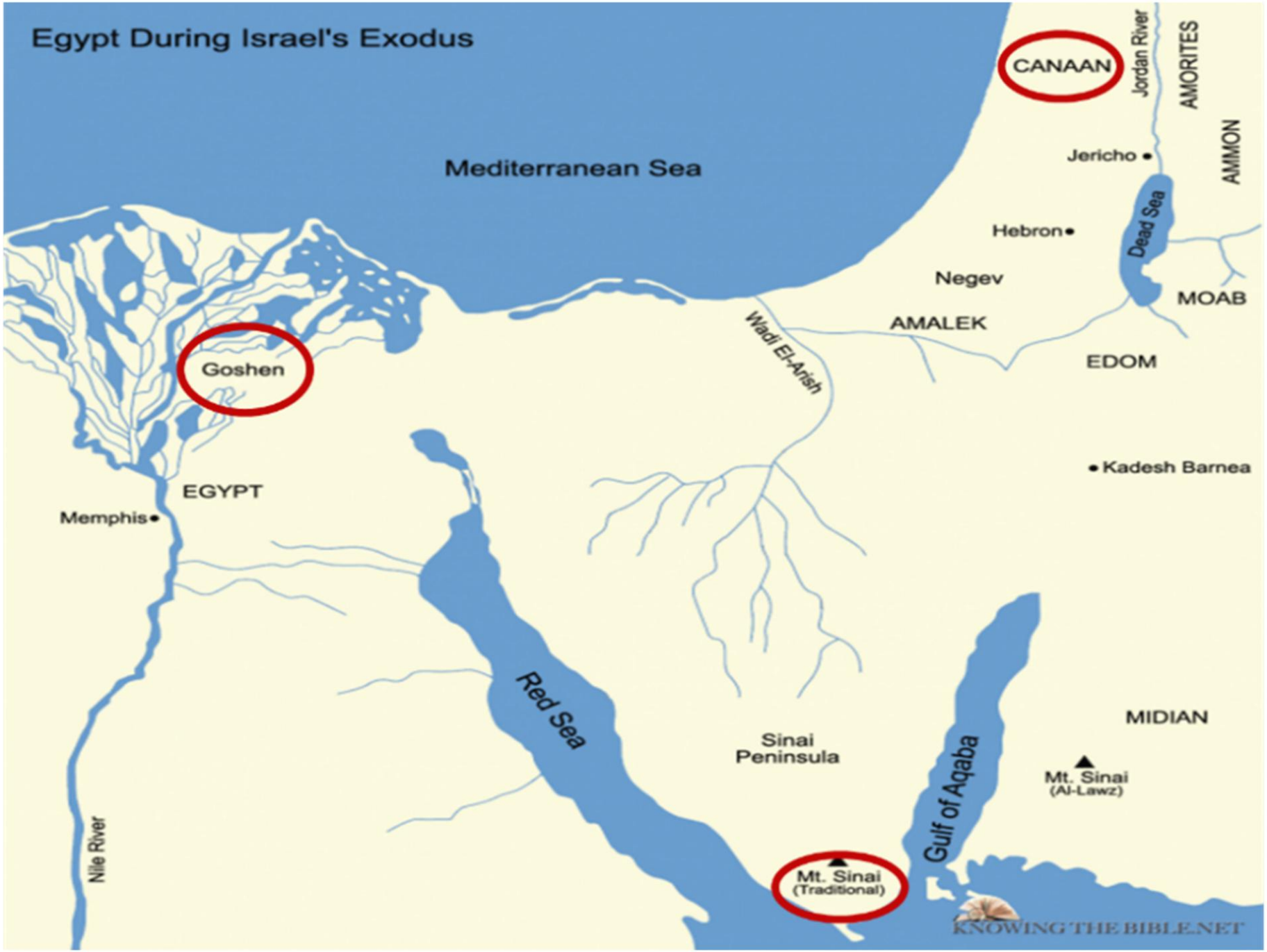
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EGYPT
Memphis
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(Al-Lawz)
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KNOWING THE BIBLE.NET

Numbers 21:9 (NASB)

"And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived."



John 3:14-15 (NASB)

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; [15] so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life."



2 Kings 18:4 (NASB)

“He removed the high places and broke down the *sacred* pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called Nehushtan.”



Joshua 1:2 (NASB)

"**Moses My servant is dead**; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel."



Matthew 16:13-23 (NASB)

16 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of
Man is?”…16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son
of the living God.” 17 And Jesus said to him, “**Blessed are you,
Simon Barjona**, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to
you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 I also say to you that
you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the
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the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall
have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
shall have been loosed in heaven.”



Matthew 16:13-23 (NASB)

[20] Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.[21] From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. [22] Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You." [23] But He turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind Me, Satan**! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.



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