

# Session 7: The New Creation Begins

## FROM DUST *to Glory*

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**FALL**



**REDEMPTION**



**NEW CREATION**





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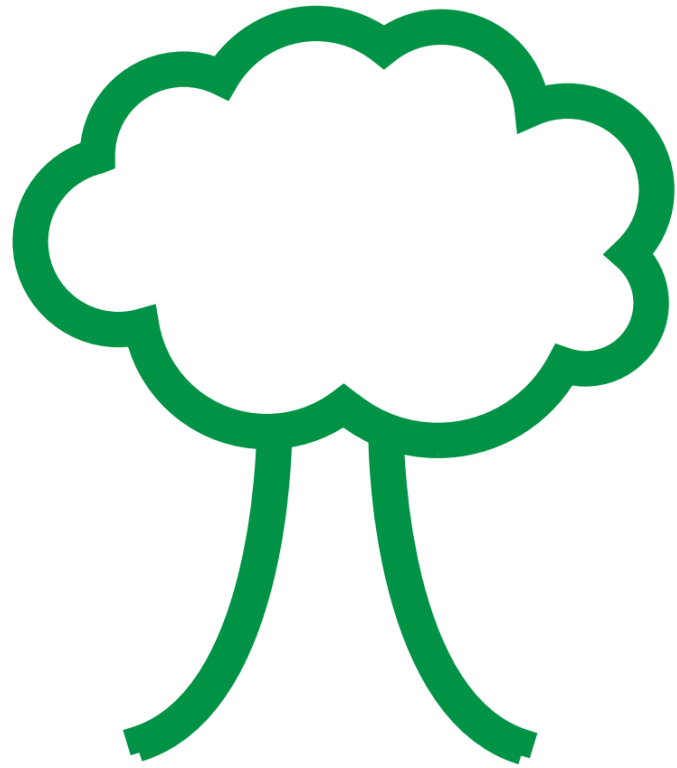
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# The Promise: Genesis 3:14-15

The Lord God said to the serpent... “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

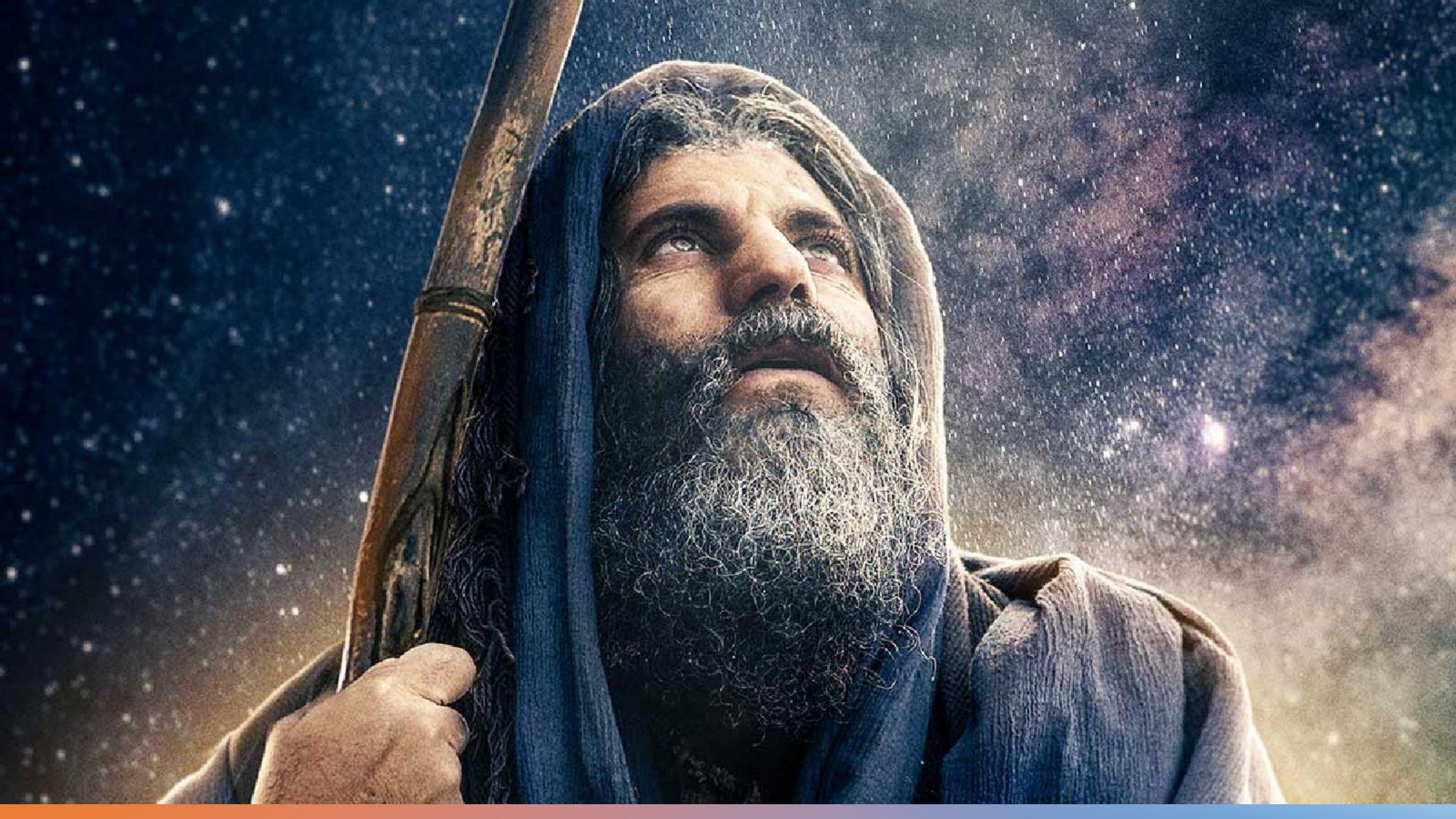




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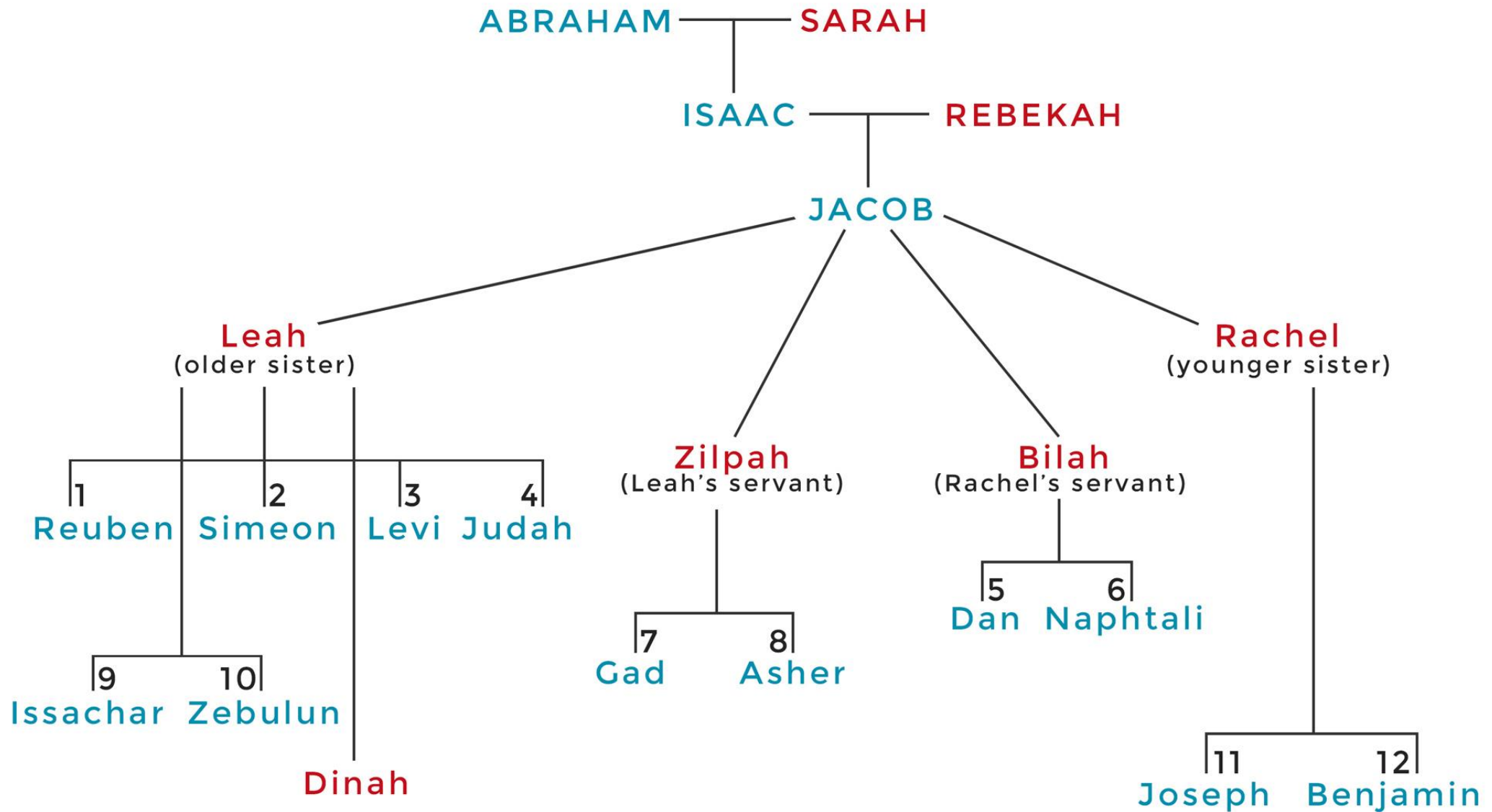




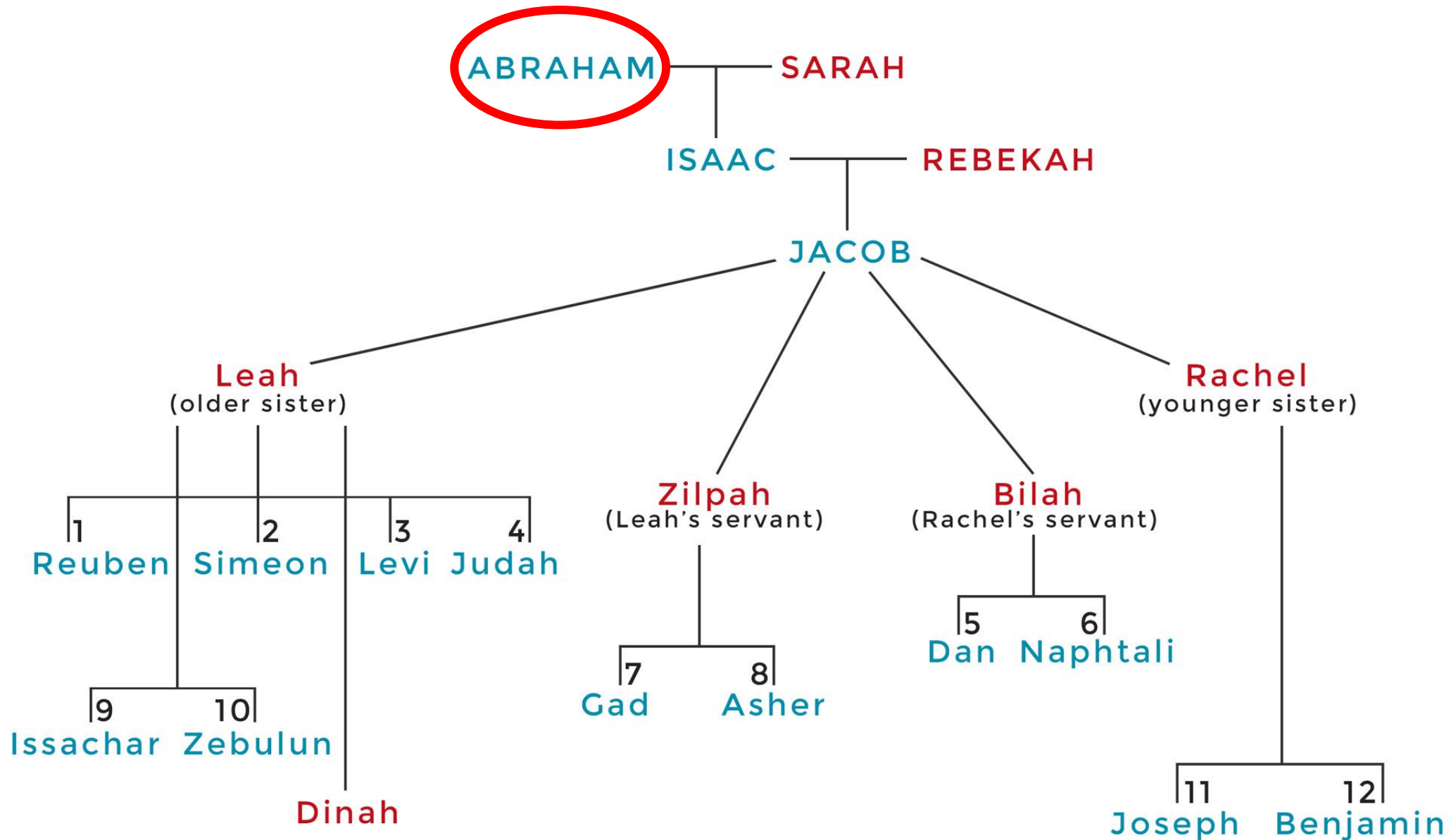




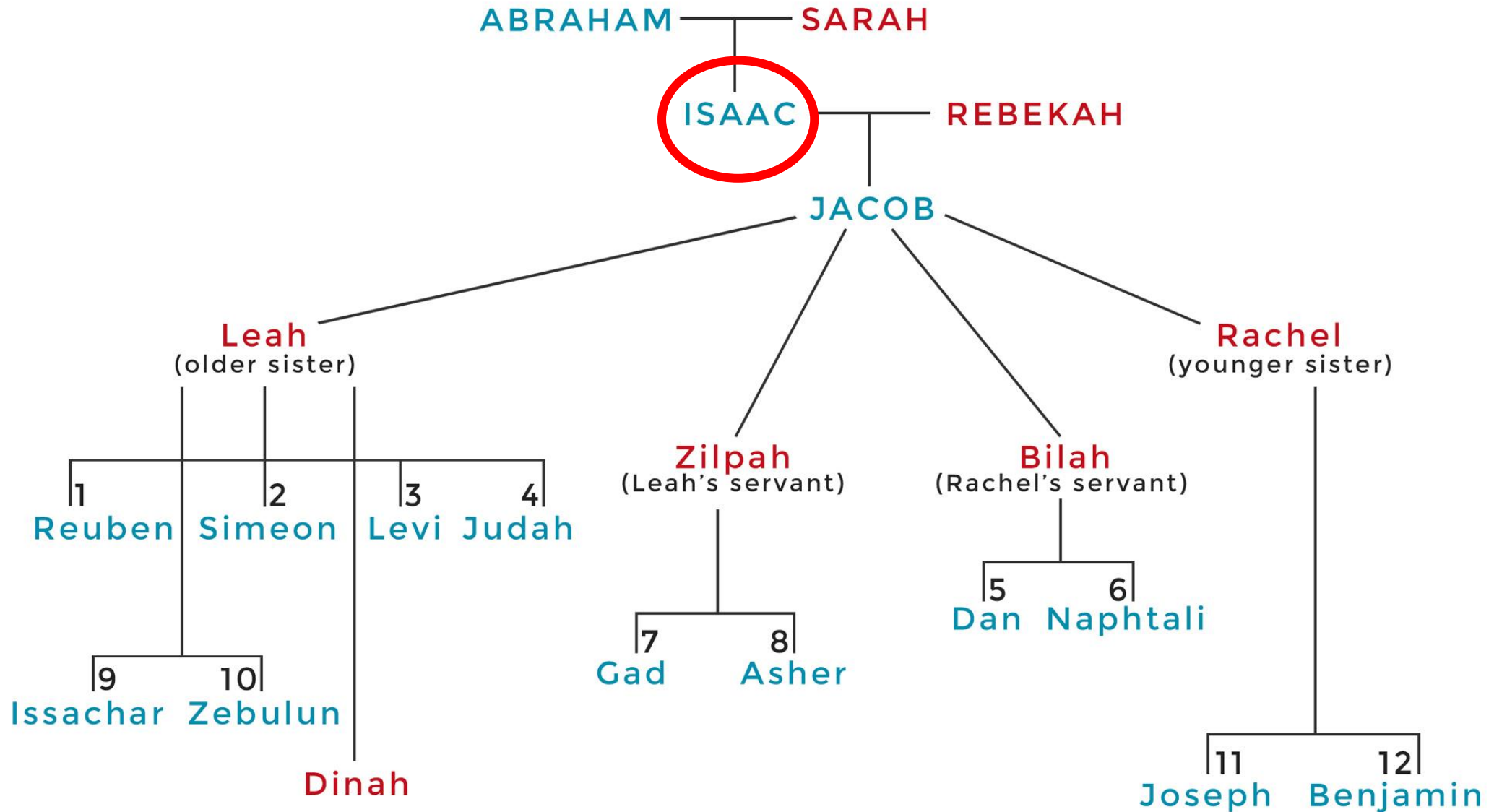
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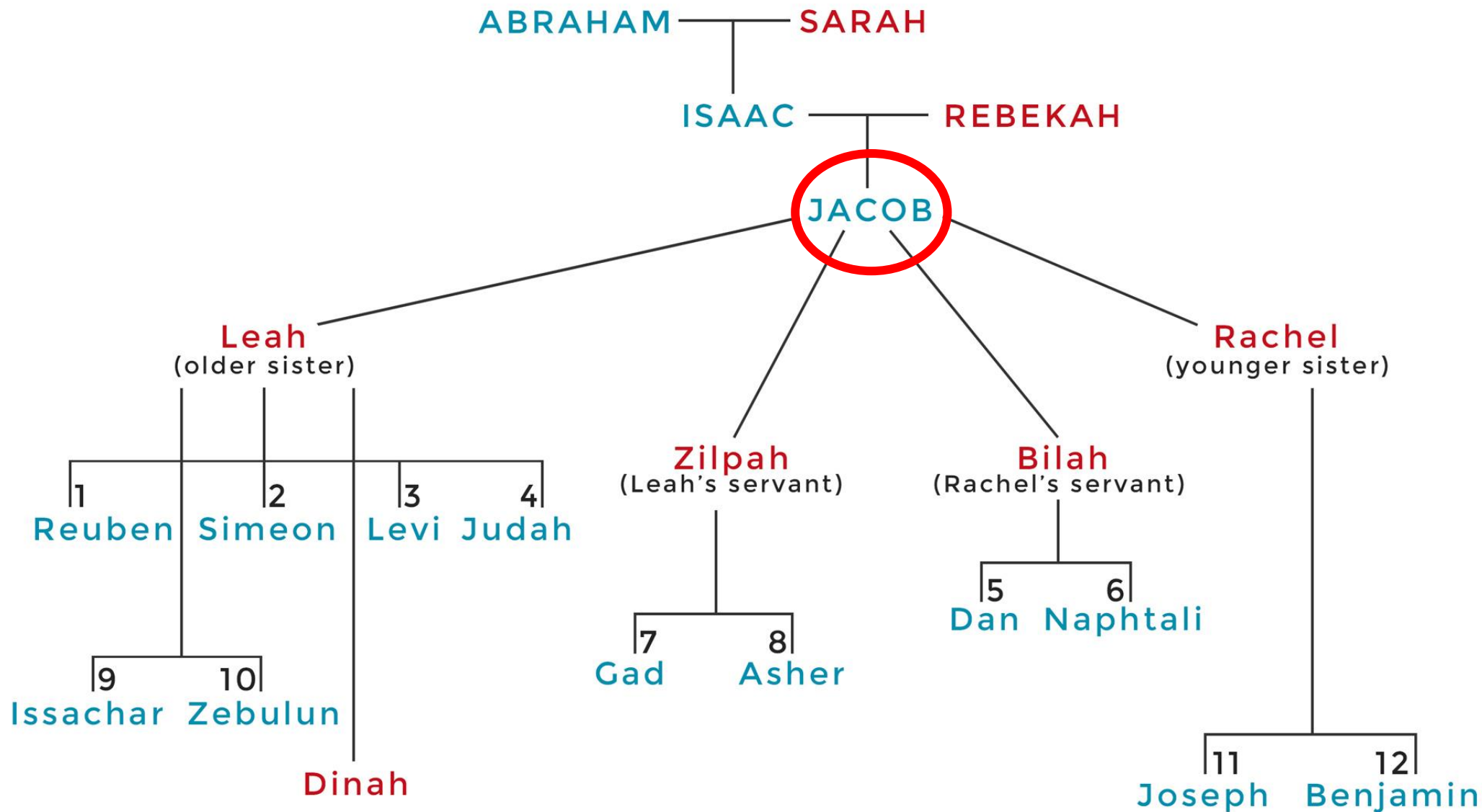


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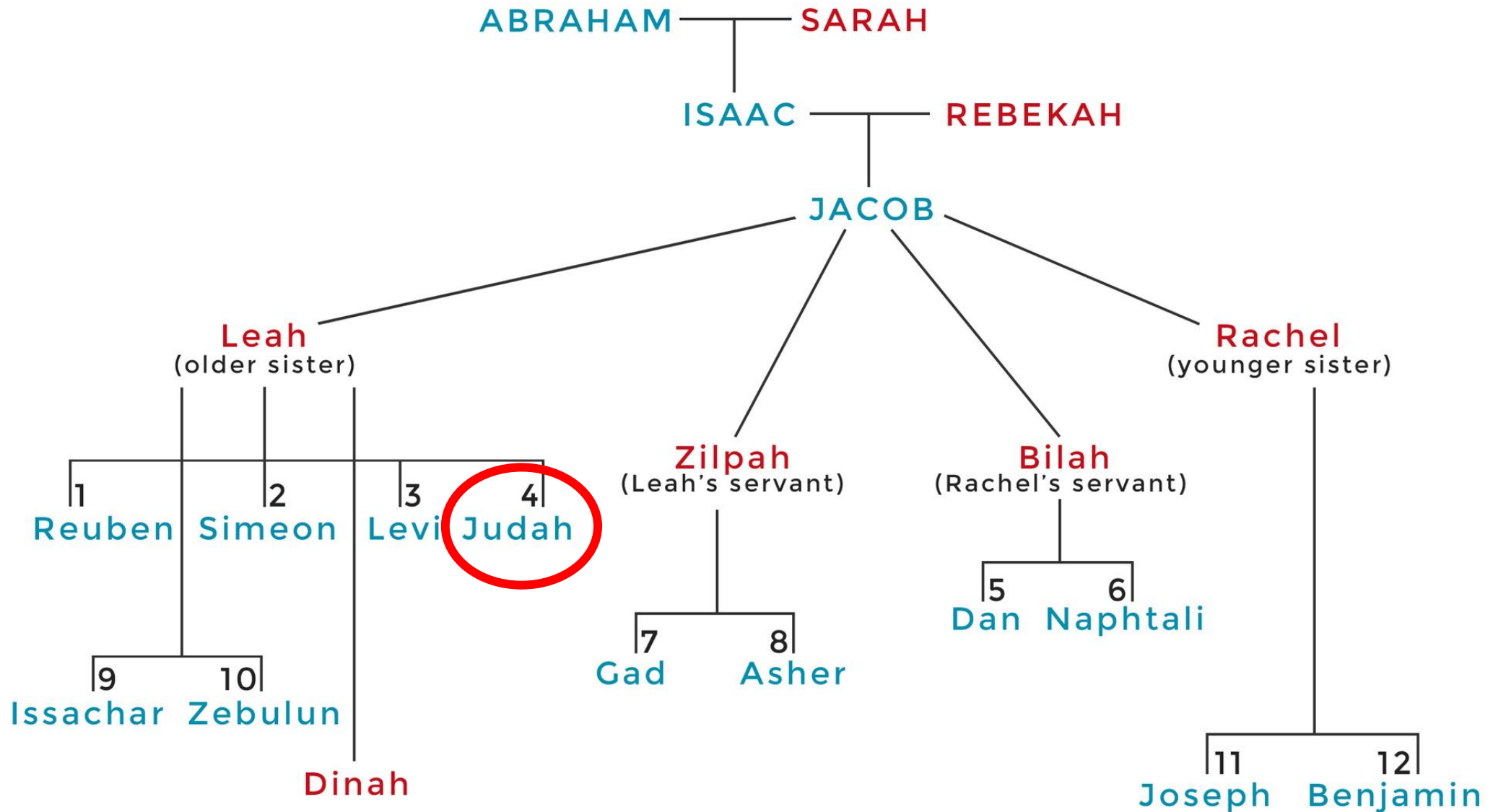


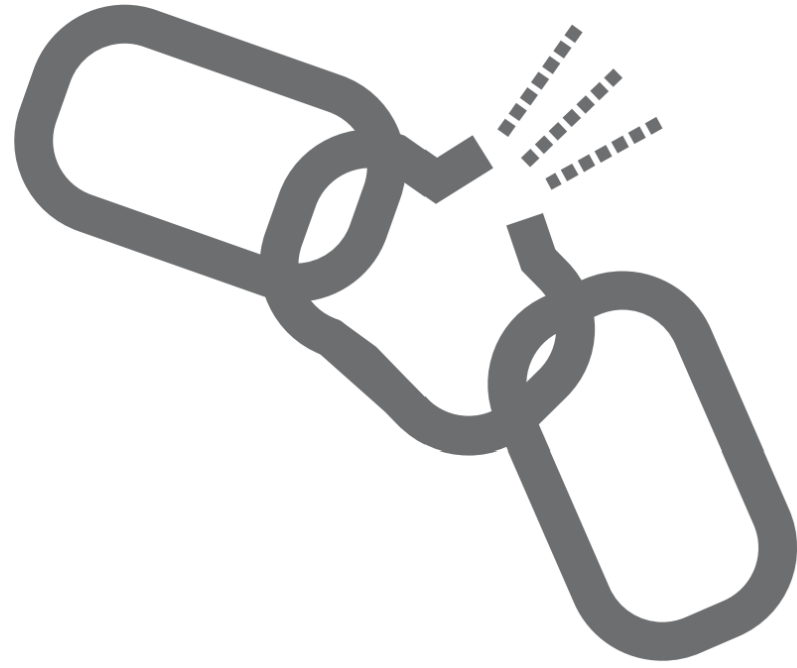


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**EXODUS**









**Waters Turn to Blood**  
Exodus 7:14-25



**Amphibians (Frogs)**  
Exodus 7:26-8:11



**Gnats (Lice)**  
Exodus 8:12-15



**Flies**  
Exodus 8:16-28



**Disease on Livestock**  
Exodus 9:1-7

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# The Ten Plagues of Egypt

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**Unhealable Boils**



**Hail and Fire**



**Locusts**



**Darkness**



**Death of First-Born**





























# Traditional Route of the Exodus



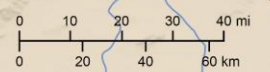
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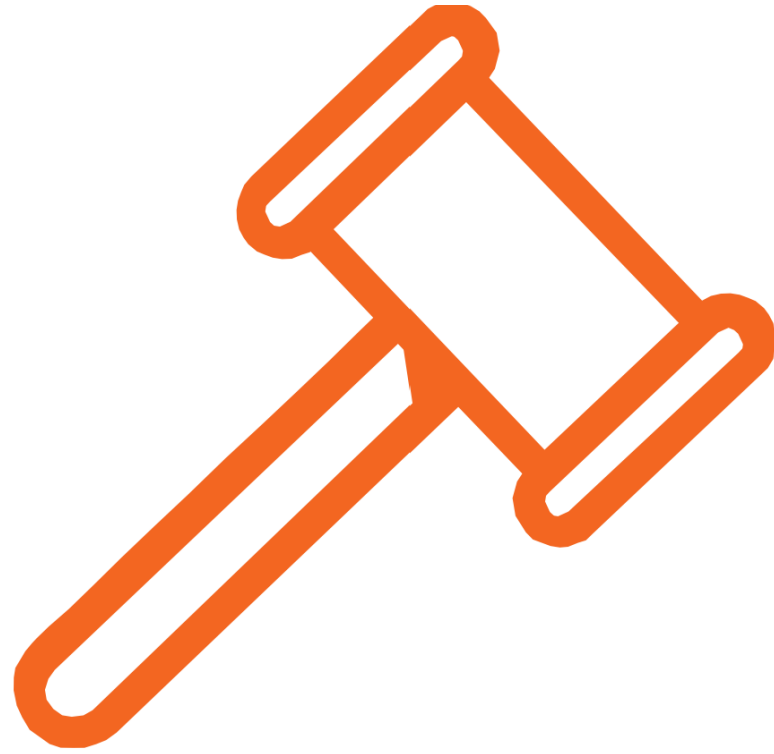
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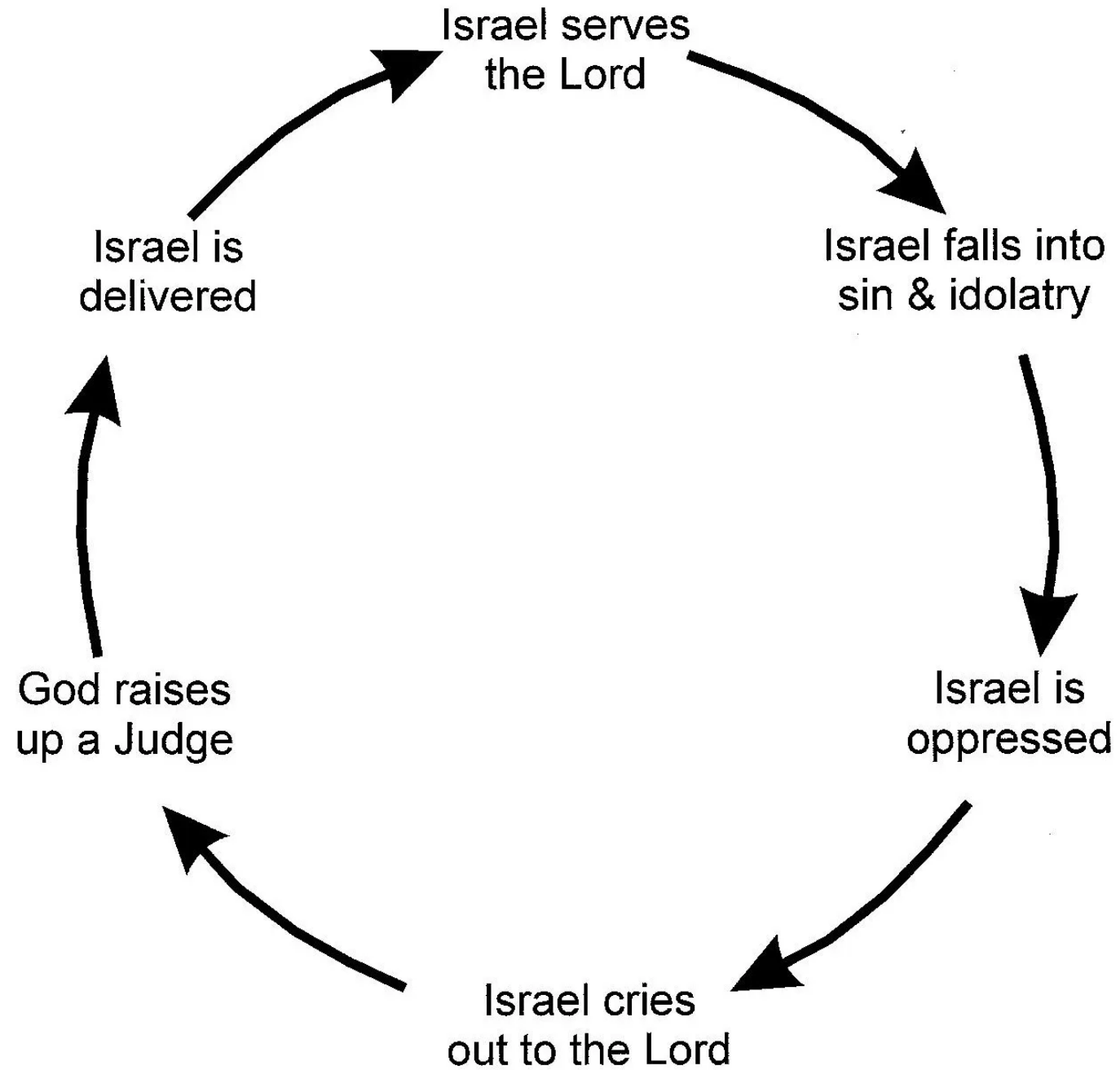
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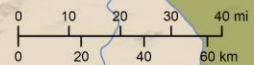
# The Kingdom of Saul (1 Samuel)





# The Kingdom of David (2 Samuel 5-24)

- Kingdom of Israel
- Conquered kingdoms of influence



**Jeroboam**



**Rehoboam**





SCYTHIANS

CIMMERIANS

LYDIA

URARTU

Caspian Sea

Carchemish

Haran

Nineveh

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

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Mediterranean Sea

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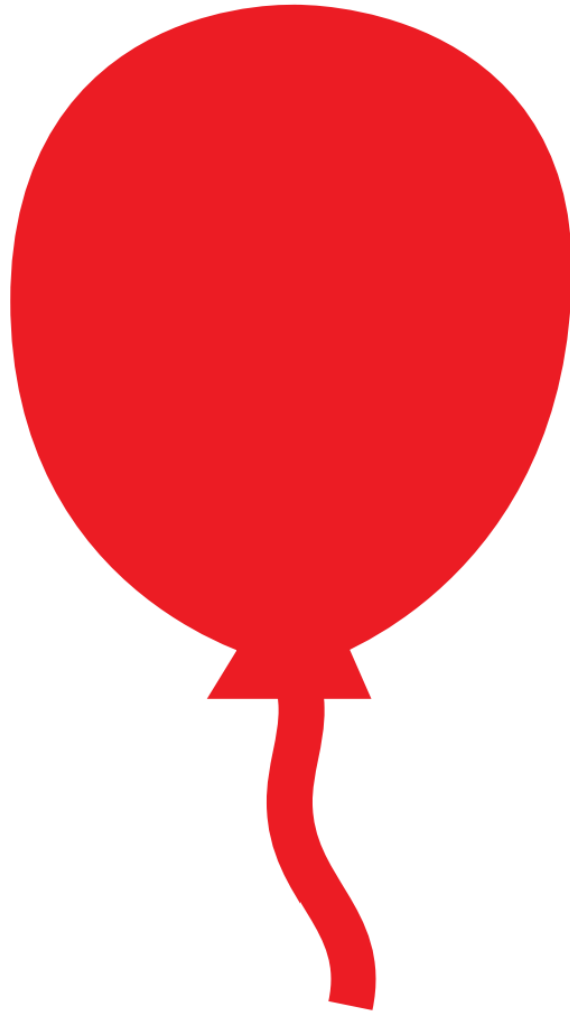
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**RETURN**



Sanballat

Mediterranean Sea

SAMARIA

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Ashdod

Tobiah  
Ammonites

Ashkelon

Gaza

Arabs

Dead Sea

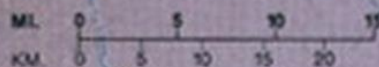
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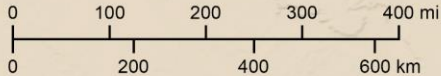






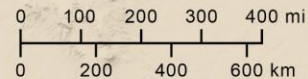
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**The Babylonian Empire (609-539 BC)**





# The Persian Empire (539-331 BC)





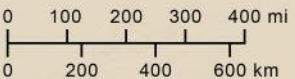
# The Greek Empire of Alexander III (334-323 BC)



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The Roman Empire (1-45 AD)





**GOSPELS**



“When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Galatians 4:4-5





# **The Public Ministry of Jesus**

**Year 1: The Year of Obscurity**

**Year 2: The Year of Public Favor**

**Year 3: The Year of Opposition**

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River... At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:4-5, 9-11

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**Why did Jesus perform miracles?**

**Why did Jesus teach in parables?**

He was pierced for our transgressions.

He was crushed for our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5





# The Resurrection

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20

**Is the resurrection of Christ possible?**

**Is the resurrection of Christ reasonable?**



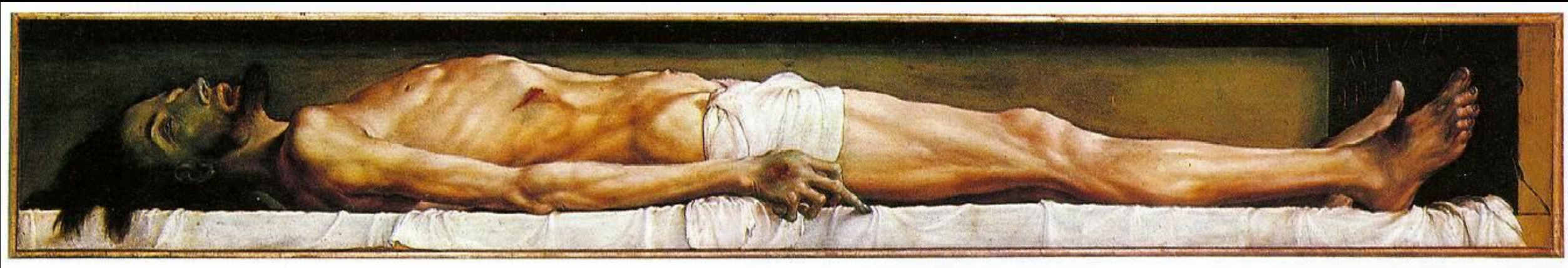
**The Tomb Was Empty**





- If the tomb had not been empty, what would the Jewish leaders and Roman government have done in order to defeat the growing problem of Christianity?

**“Here is your savior!”**



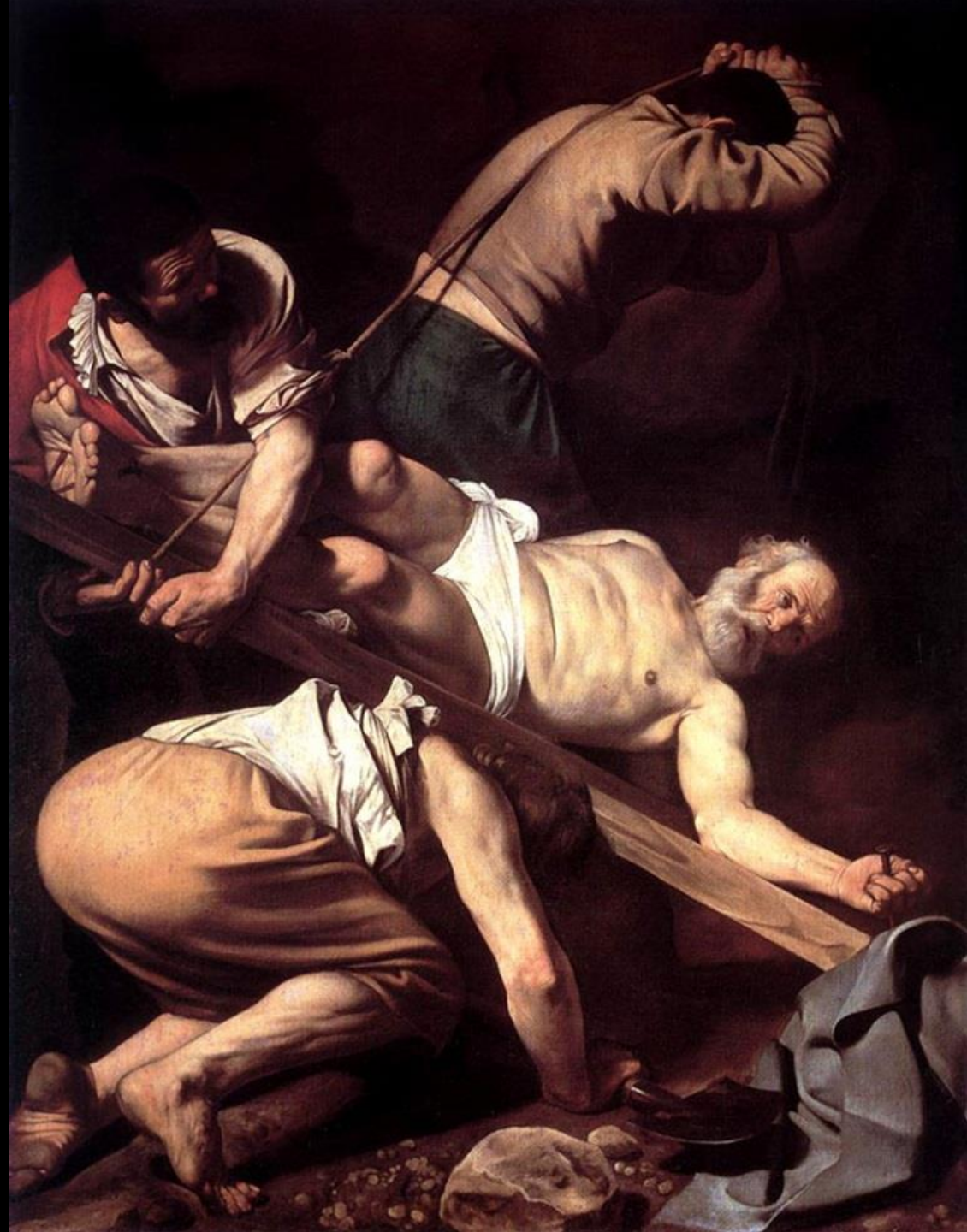


- “Ok, the tomb was empty... Christ’s disciples probably just stole the body.”
- How would you answer this?

Name of Apostle	Cause of Death
Simon Peter	crucified upside down
Andrew, Peter's brother	crucified
James, the son of Zebedee	beheaded by Herod Agrippa I
John	exiled, died of old age (brother of James)
Matthew	died a martyr in Ethiopia
Bartholomew	beaten then crucified. (aka Nathanael)
Philip	crucified
Thomas	speared to death
Simon, the zealot	crucified
James	stoned to death
Thaddaeus	stoned to death. (aka Judas son of James)
Judas Iscariot	suicide by hanging
	--> Matthias replaced Judas (Acts 1:26)









- Addendum: Tombs of famous people are often times revered by their followers.
- The tomb of Christ has been lost. No one knows for sure where it is. Why?



**Women Were the First Eye-Witnesses.**





THE VIRGINS BEARING OLIVES

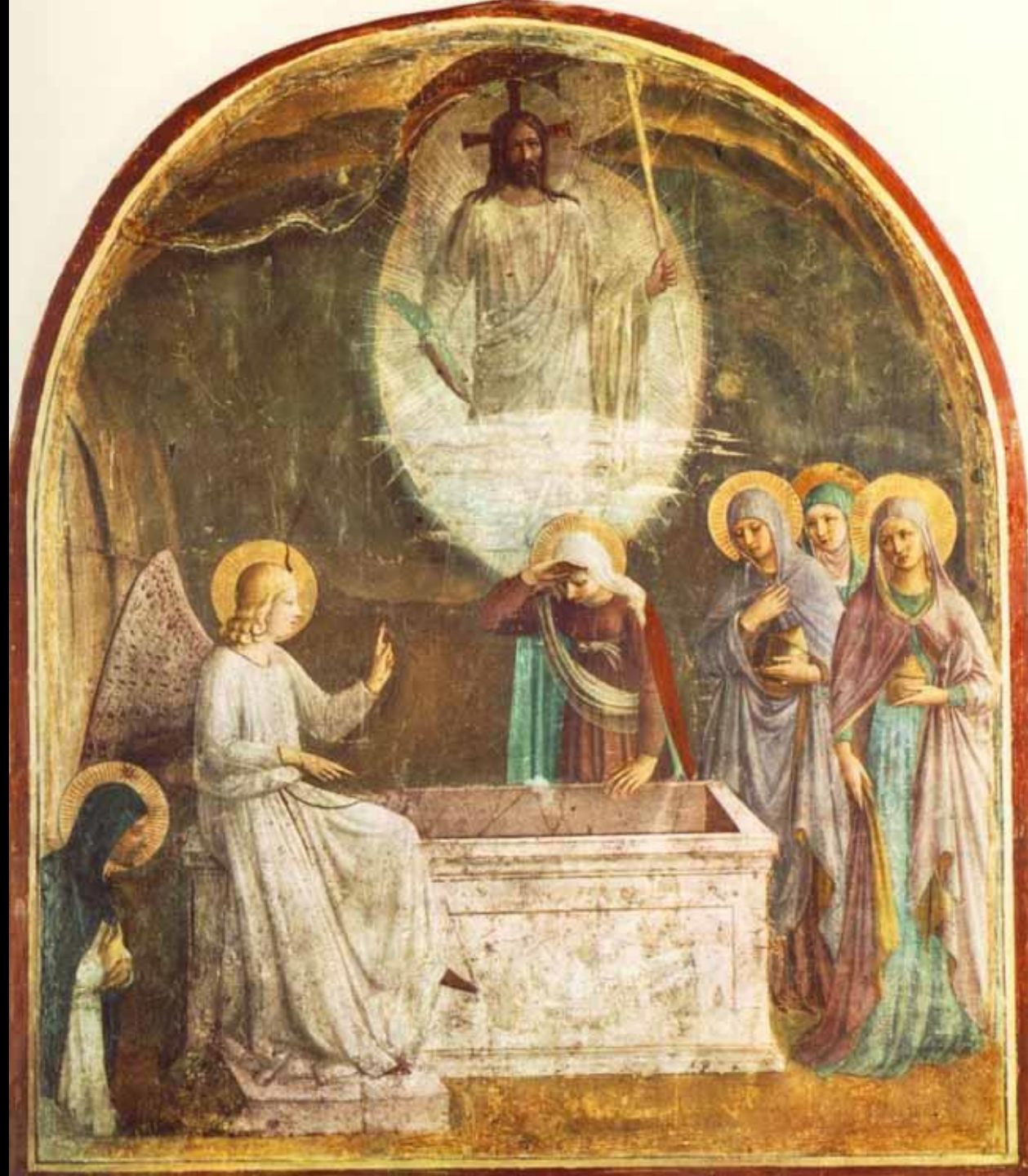
St. Anna St. Elizabeth St. Barbara St. Agatha St. Ursula St. Mary St. Lucy St. Cecilia





WARRIORS AT THE TOMB

















**What is significant about women being the first eyewitnesses of the resurrection?**



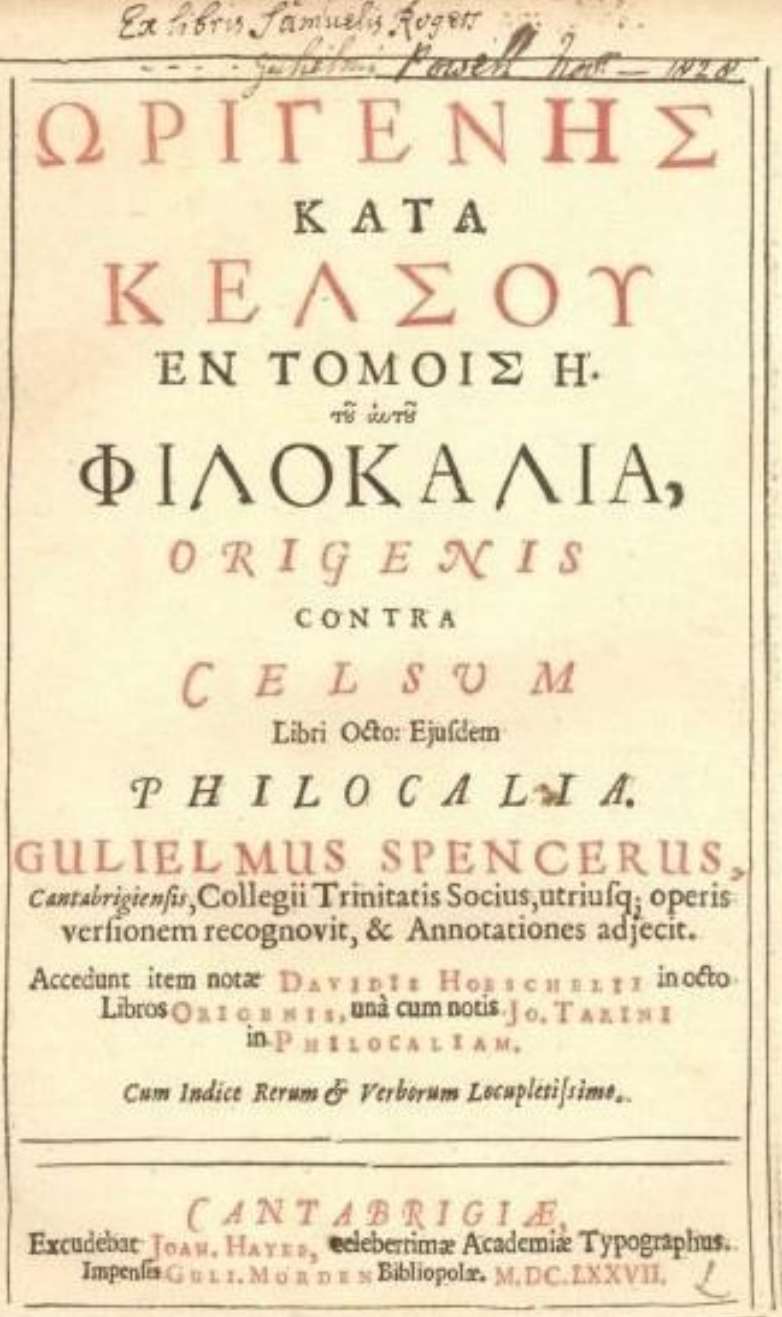
“Let not the testimony of women be admitted, on account of the levity and boldness of their sex. Nor let servants be admitted to give testimony, on account of the ignobility of their soul.”

Flavius Josephus

*The Antiquities of the Jews* (93 AD)

“After death he rose again and showed the marks of his punishment and how his hands had been pierced. But who saw this? A hysterical female, and perhaps some other one of those who were deluded by the same sorcery.”

Celsus 170-180 AD





# Outrageous Claims of Other Eyewitnesses

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed onto you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

1 Corinthians 15:1-8



and he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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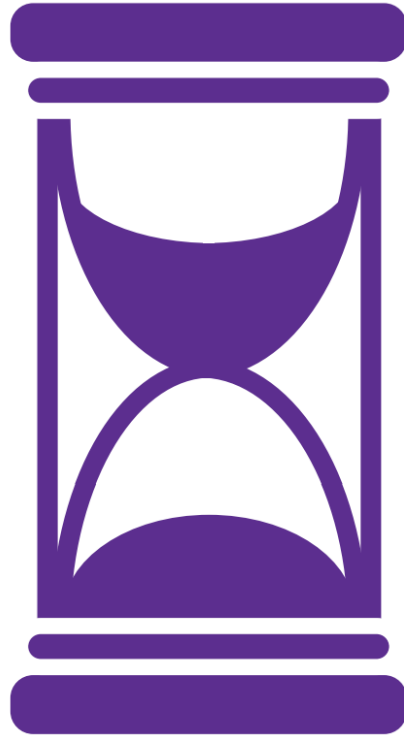




- “Okay... So Paul, a Christian leader, wrote that a bunch of people saw the resurrected Jesus... He probably was just lying.”
- How would you answer this?



- With all the arguments we have seen so far is it reasonable to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- Would this be “enough” to bring someone to faith in Jesus?
- What is the benefit of knowing these arguments?



**FUTURE**



# Types of Death

- Spiritual Death
- Physical Death
- Eternal Death

# What is Physical Death?

- Not total annihilation of body
- Not total annihilation of soul
- Separation of body and soul



# Images of Afterlife...

























**What might be right and what might be wrong with these images?**

...Wish I'd brought a magazine.





# The Stages of Life

1. **Present Life:** Body and Soul living in sinful world.
2. **Heavenly Life:** Soul seperated from body at death. With the Lord in heaven.
3. **Resurrected Life:** Soul is reunited with resurrected body at the Second Coming. New Heavens and New Earth.

# Immediately After Death

- **Luke 23:42-43:** “Then he said to him, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘I tell you the truth, today **you will be with me.**’”
- **Acts 7:59:** “While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘**Lord Jesus receive my spirit.**’”
- **Philippians 1:23:** “I desire to depart and **be with Christ** which is better by far; but it is necessary for you that I remain in the body.”



# Immediately After Death

- **Revelation 14:13:** “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die **in the Lord** from now on.’”
- **Psalm 16:11:** “You will fill me with joy **in your presence**, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

**What do these passages tell us about what happens immediately after death?**

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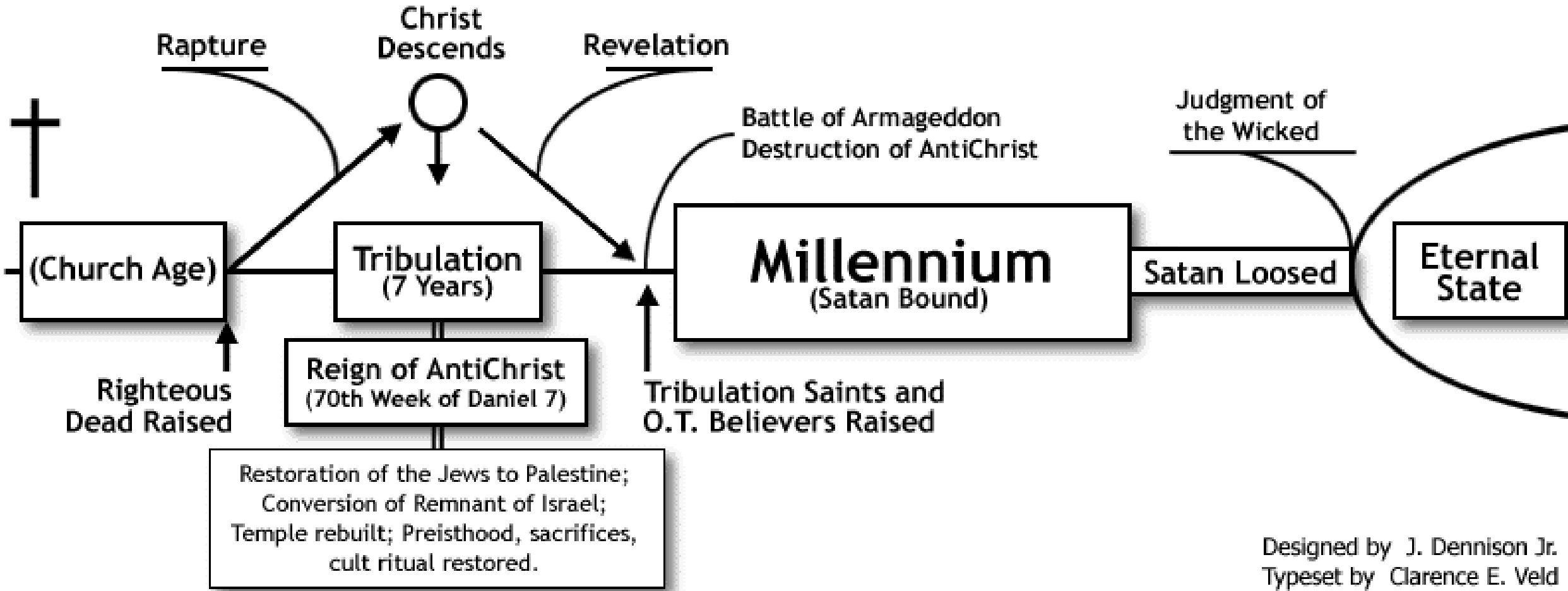
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# Premillennialism



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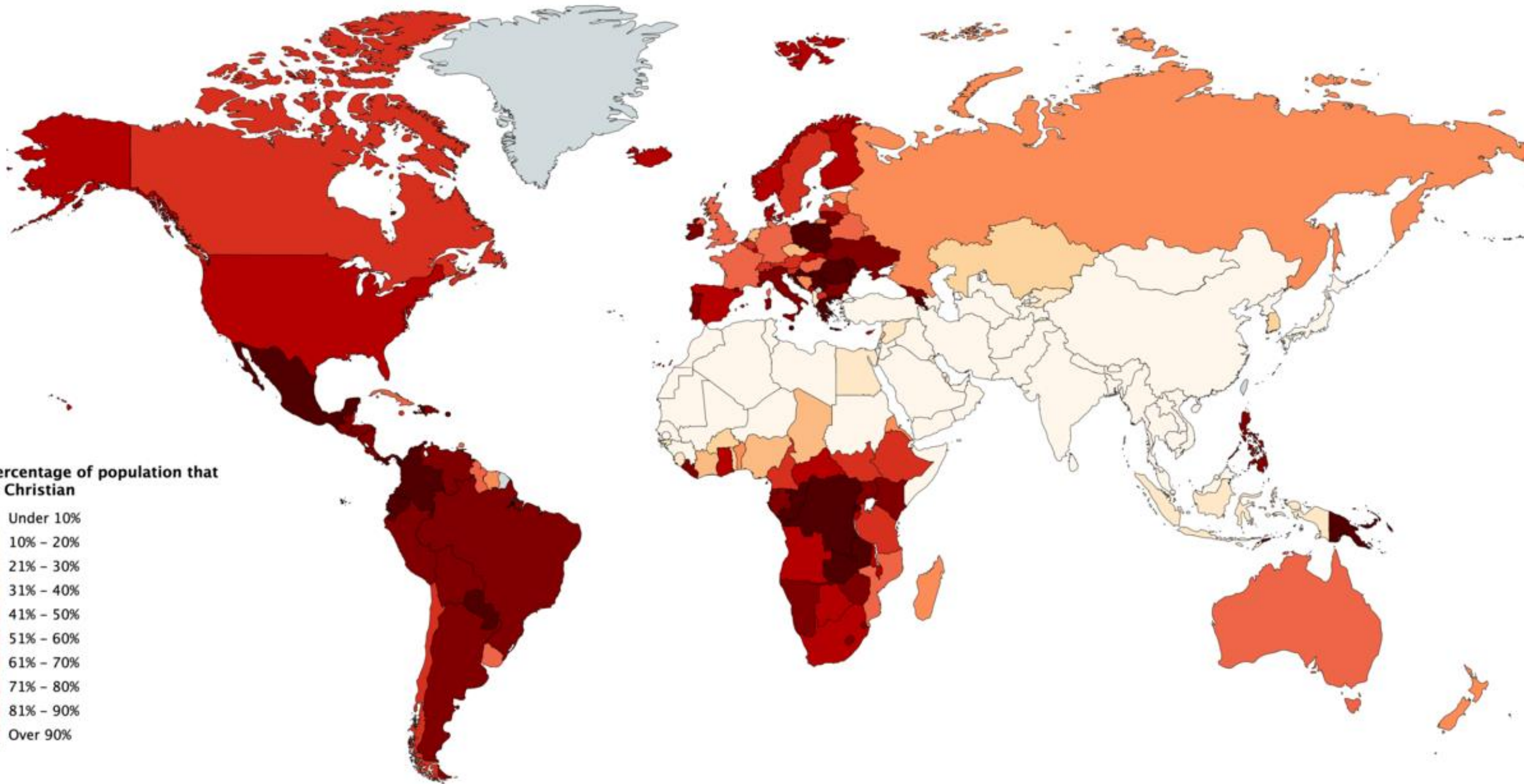
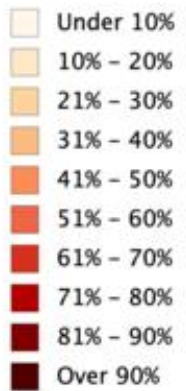
**MISSIONS**

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



Percentage of population that is Christian



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