

Genesis 1–3

God's election and promise

Keyword

56
39

Election

Genesis

Theme

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**Origin in
Election and Promise**

Genesis

Key Verse

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**"I will bless you... and all peoples on
earth will be blessed through you"
(12:1-3)**

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Summary Statement

The narrow lineage of Israel from Creation to Joseph informs Israel it began with both God's **election for rule and unconditional promise for blessings through Abraham in contrast to the Canaanites**

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Kingdom Statement

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God created a perfect kingdom (1–2), but man gave up his rule to Satan (3), so God **elected a seed to produce a ruler (4–11) to bless all nations in Abraham (12–50).**

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Covenant

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God narrowed man's line from Adam through Seth to Abram (1–11) to establish the Abrahamic Covenant with unconditional promises of Canaan, eternal rule, and blessing to his descendants (12–50).

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Redemption

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Redemption is needed due to man's sin (3:1-7), but as God redeemed Adam and Eve with a sacrificial animal (3:21), so a Redeemer from Eve will finally defeat Satan (3:15), typified in Joseph (45:7).

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Jesus created the earth (1:26) and will defeat Satan (3:15), after descending from the line of Abraham (12:1-3) so that he might rule in the line of Judah (49:10).

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Origin in Election and Promise

Creation	Fall		Flood	Babel		Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph	
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1:1–11:26						11:27–50:26				
God’s Election						God’s Promise				
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| 1 I nception of the world | 15 G od counts Abram righteous |
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| 4 H atred and first murder | 19 R emoval of Sodom, Gomorrah |
| 5 E ntire genealogy of Adam | 20 E gyptian escapade of Abraham |
| | 21 A rrival of promised Isaac |
| 6 B uilding of the ark | 22 T est of Abraham's faith |
| 7 E ruption of the flood | 23 E nd of Sarah's life |
| 8 G oing from the ark | 24 D enoting Rebekah as bride |
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| 38 H arlot Tamar deceives Judah | 49 A nnouncement of Jacob's blessing |
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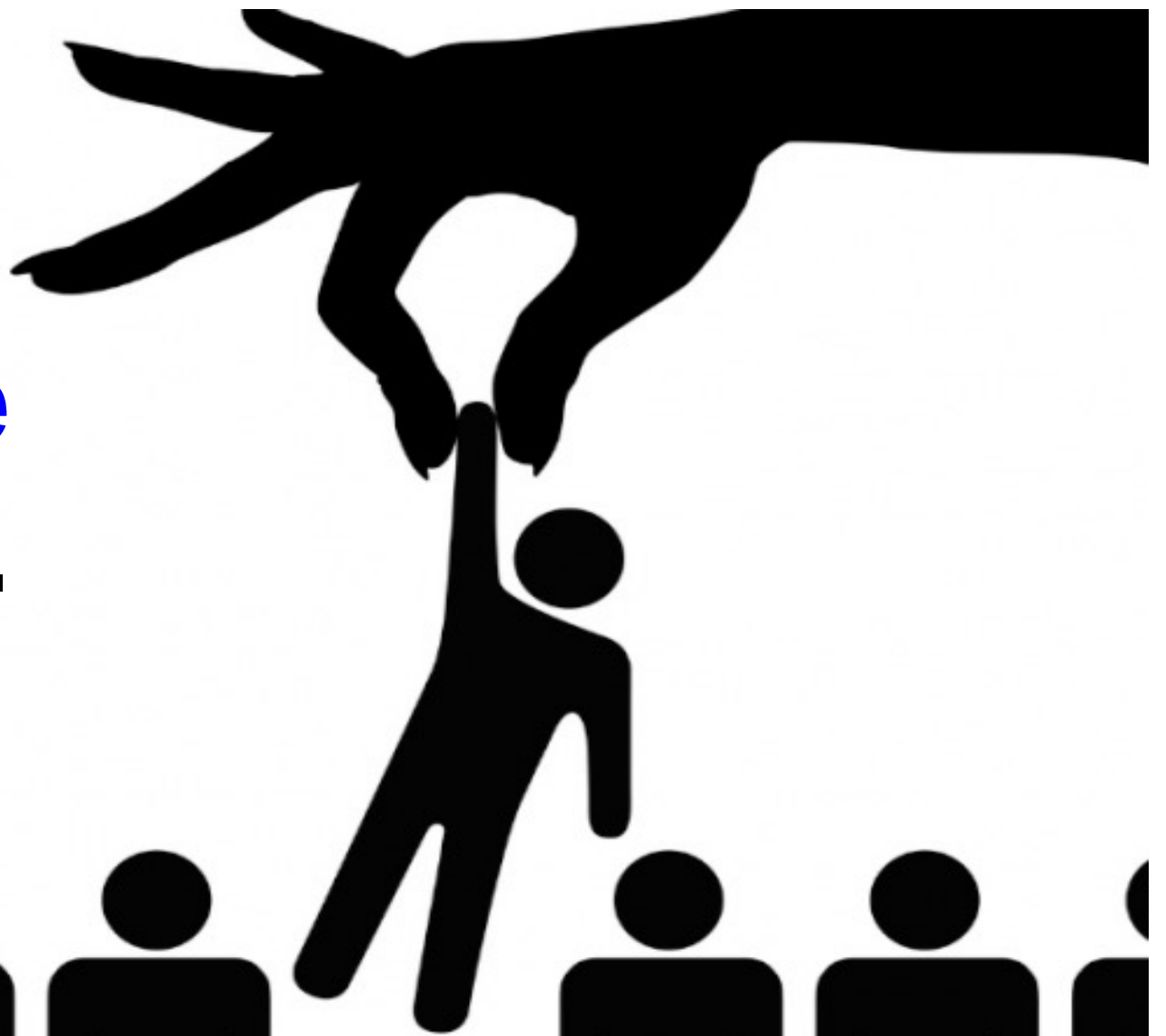
A World of Idols



How can you **be faithful**
to God in a world of idols?

IDOLS
of the
HEART

I. Grasp
that the
King **chose**
you to rule.



Genesis 1–11

II. Grasp that the King **promised** you blessings.



Genesis 12–50

Main Idea

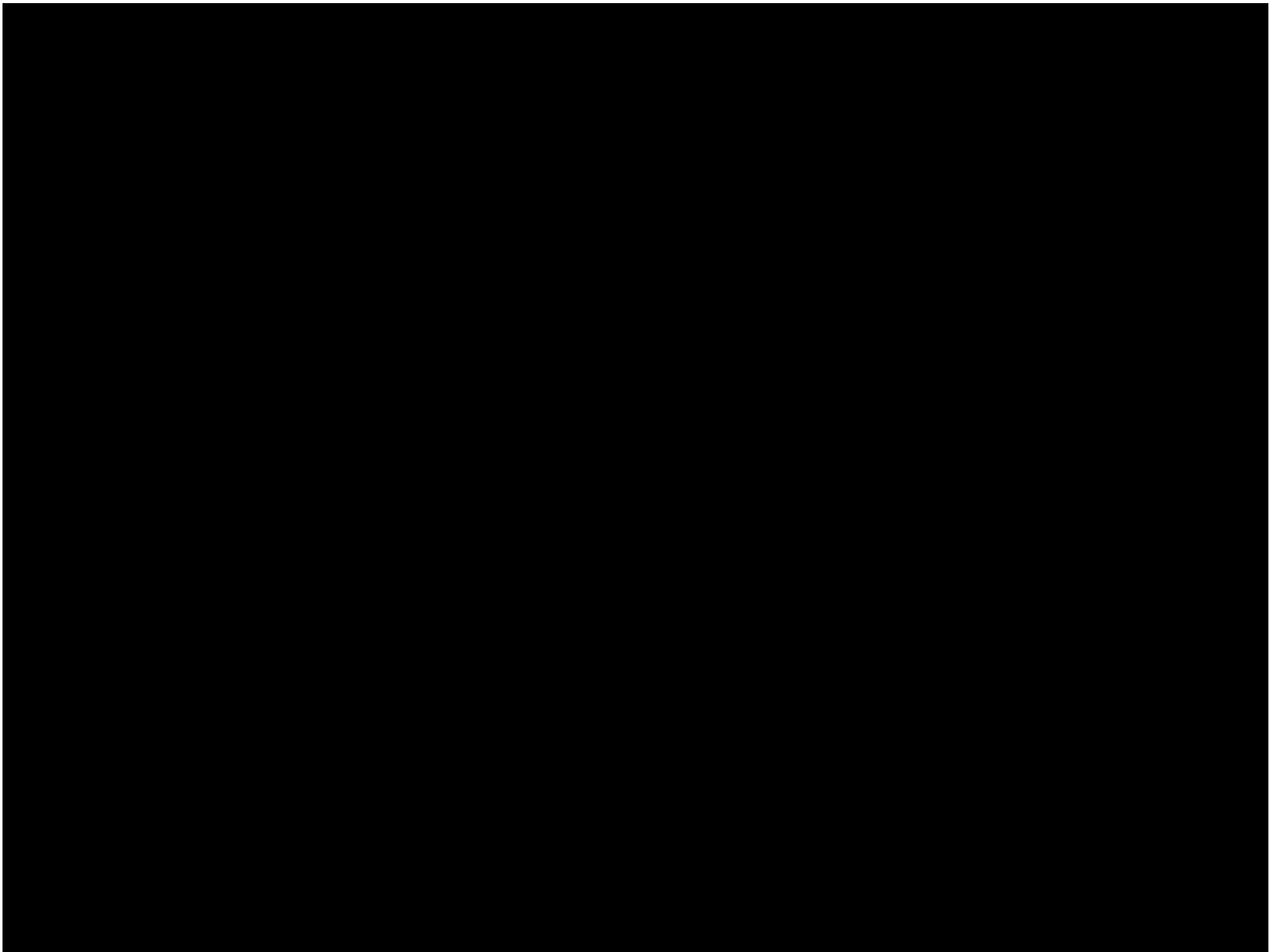
Live out God's **choice** of
you and **promises** for
blessing

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**What or who are you trusting to
save you from your sin?**



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Then...

God is Creator.

**“We are endowed
by our Creator with
certain unalienable
rights...”**

**(US Declaration of
Independence)**

Now...

We are creators.

**Most movies:
“Created by...
[script writer’s
name].”**



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**“Believe in humanity,
not god.”**

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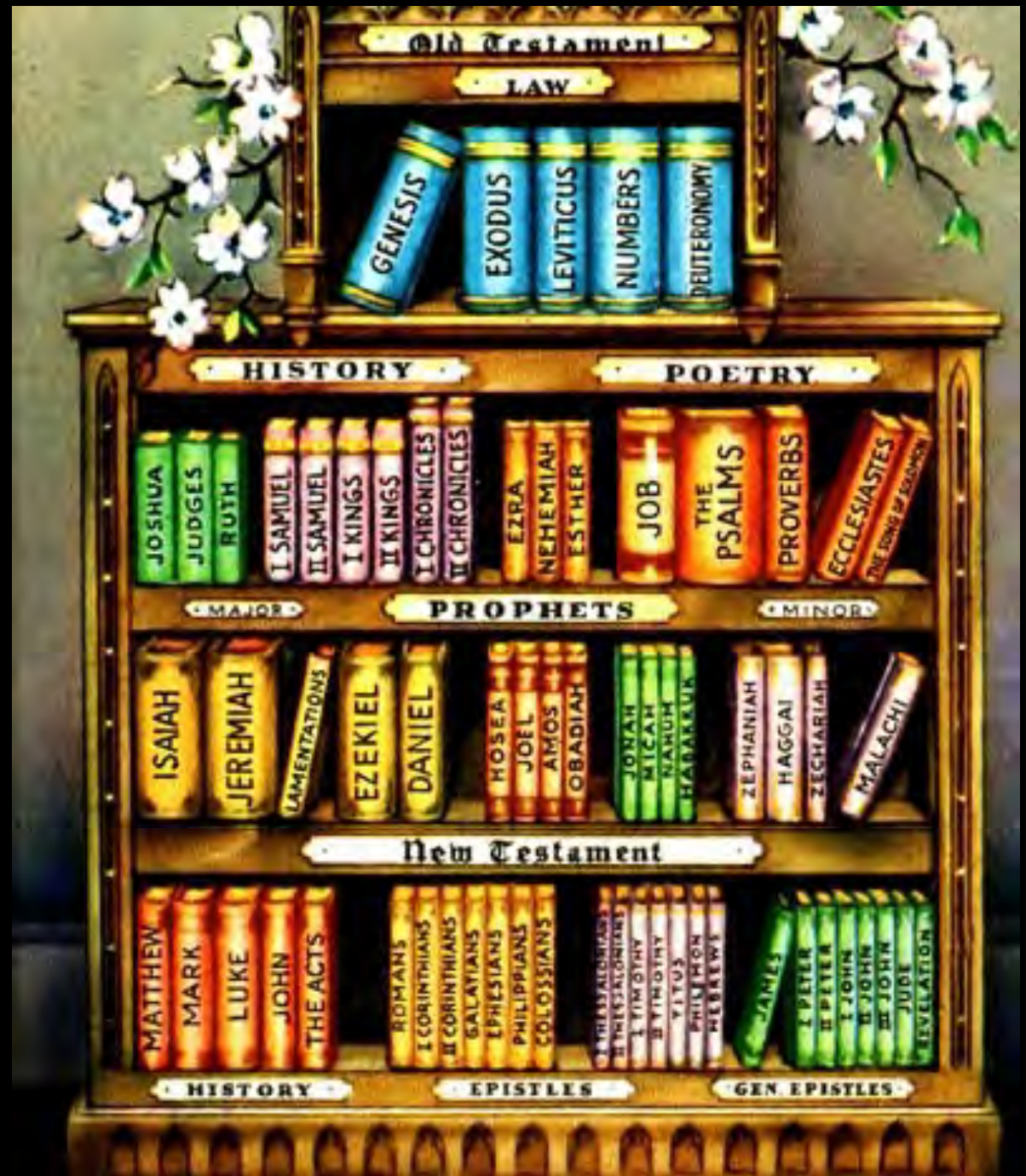
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Where was Israel?



**YOU MEAN...
40 YEARS?
OUT HERE?**

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

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Jericho

JORDAN RIVER

DEAD SEA

MODERN JERICOHO

ANCIENT JERICOHO

From Jericho...
Looking East Across the Jordan River

JOSHUA
Jericho/Ai

Handbook pg. 26-29

**Israel needed to know,
"Who is their God"?**

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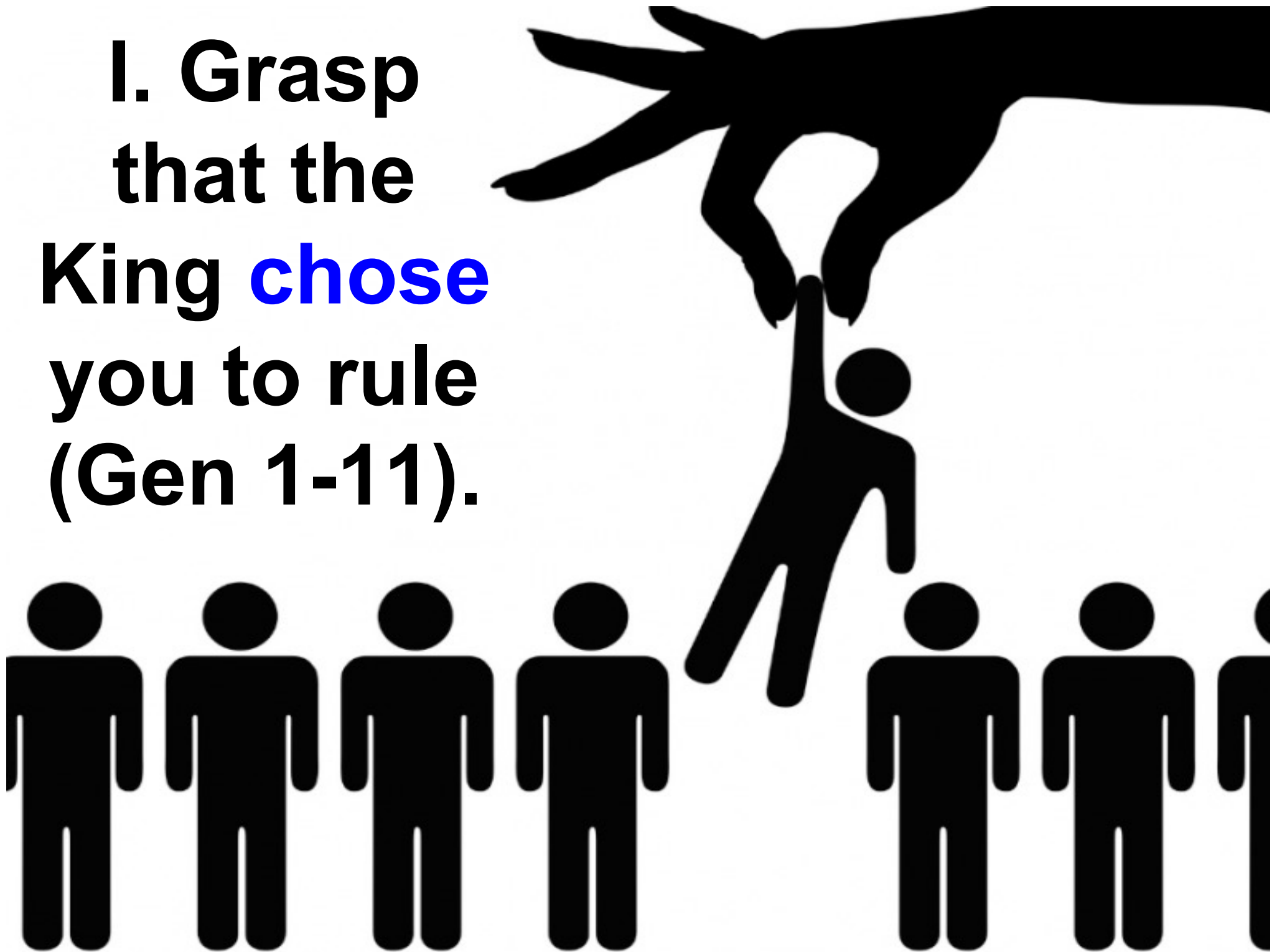
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2 ways

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Genesis 1



"In the beginning"

**An Introduction
to Genesis**

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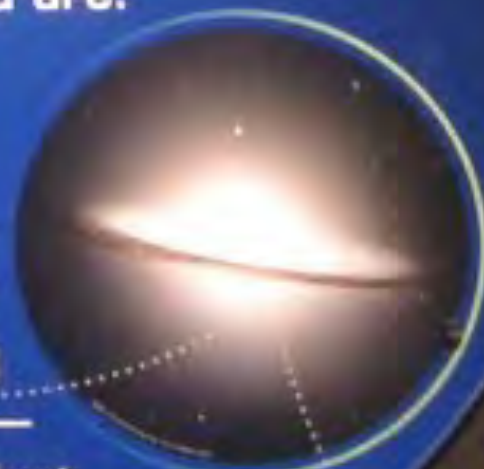
Supernova remnant
NGC 694

About five billion years ago, some of that dust formed our Sun and Solar System. Life on Earth evolved—and here you are.

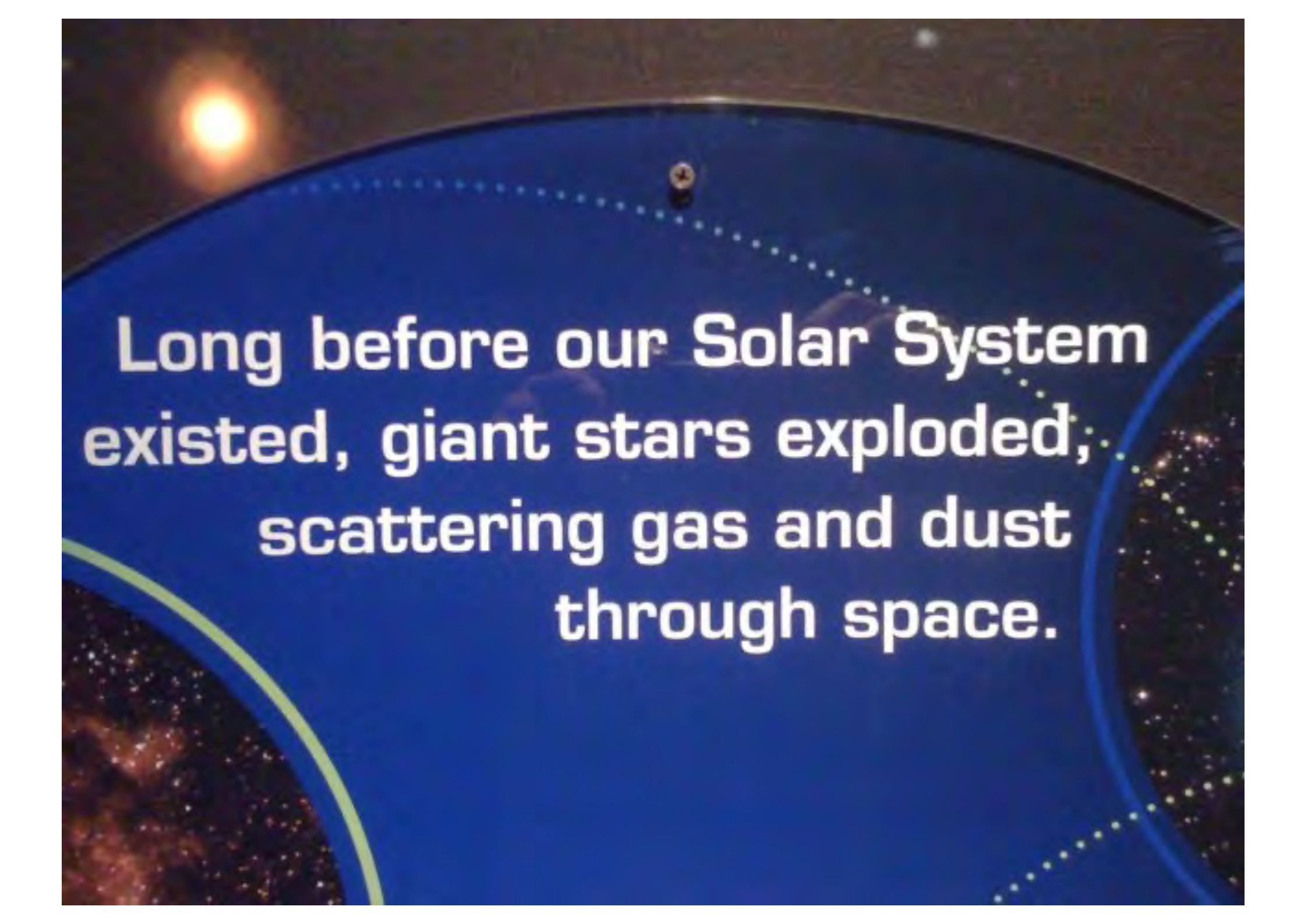


Star-forming region
NGC 2017

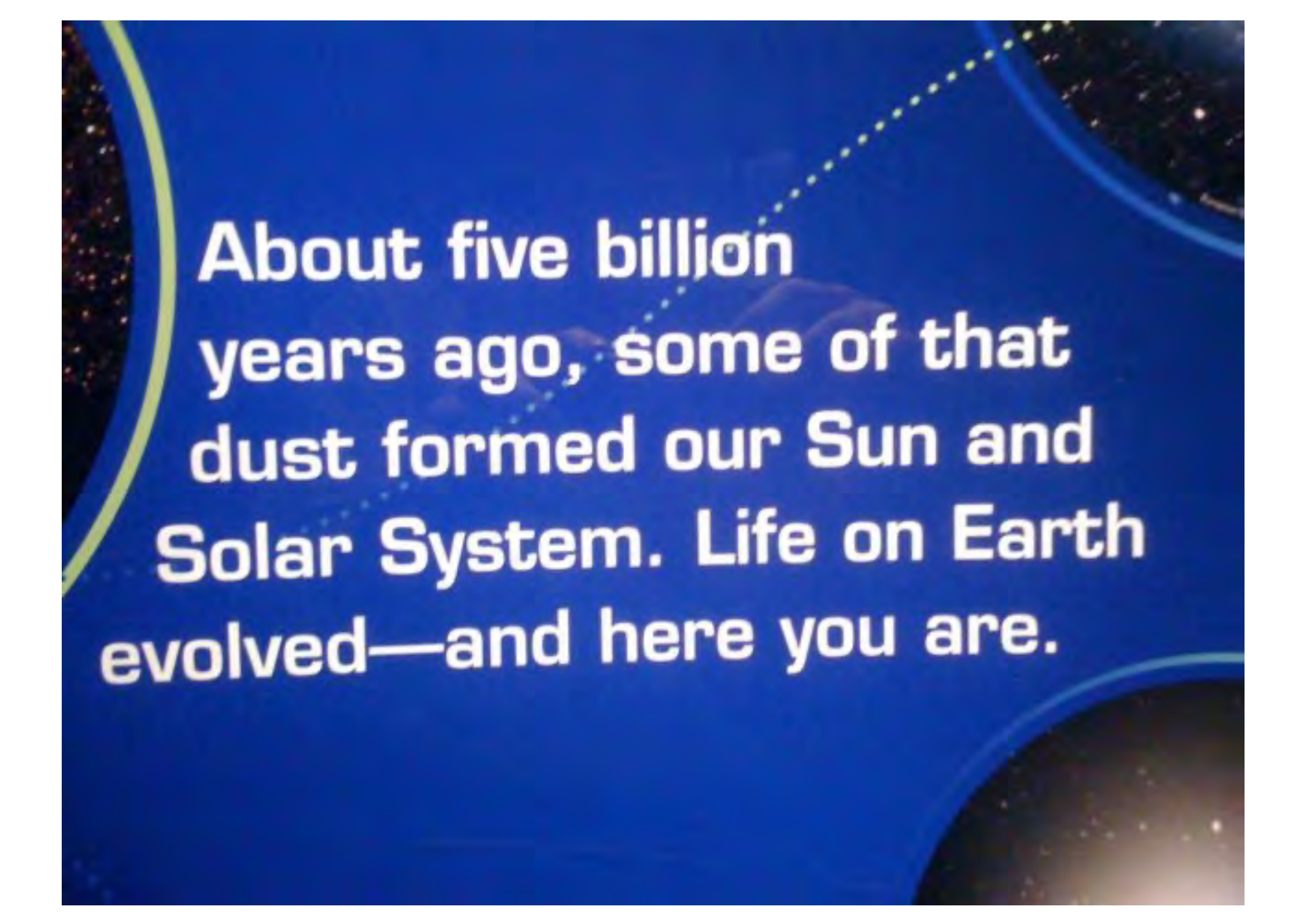
When our Sun dies billions of years from now, that same dust will scatter into the Universe, someday forming new stars, planets and—maybe—new life.... Life made of stardust.



Protoplanetary disk
NGC 7134

The image shows a museum exhibit of a solar system model. A large, semi-circular blue panel is the central focus, featuring a dotted line representing an orbital path. A small, metallic, spherical object is positioned at the top of this path. In the upper left corner, a bright, glowing orange-yellow light source, likely representing the Sun, is visible. The background is a dark, starry space. The text is overlaid on the blue panel in a white, sans-serif font.

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The background is a deep blue space-themed image. It features several curved, glowing bands of light in shades of blue and green, resembling nebulae or galactic structures. Scattered throughout are numerous small, bright white and yellow stars, some appearing as distant points of light and others as more prominent, slightly blurred celestial bodies. The overall effect is a sense of vastness and cosmic scale.

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Star-forming nebula
NGC 604

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ONE GIANT LEAP: A MOON ODYSSEY

Whack!

The Moon Is Formed...

Here's how the moon was formed, according to a theory called "The Big Whack." About 4.5 billion years ago, when the Solar System was young, a planet about the size of Mars smashed into the Earth. Lighter material from both the Mars-size planet and Earth was blasted out into Earth orbit and came together to form the Moon.



...and the Rest is History



4.5 BILLION YEARS AGO

4.46 BILLION YEARS AGO

3.8 to 3 BILLION YEARS AGO

The oldest rocks currently on Earth are formed, and evidence suggests that life on Earth began around



31 MILLION YEARS AGO

The Moon cools, and volcanic activity ceases. The new kind of rock called peridotite begins to form.

5 to 2 MILLION YEARS AGO

Large impact events on Earth — the creation of modern humans

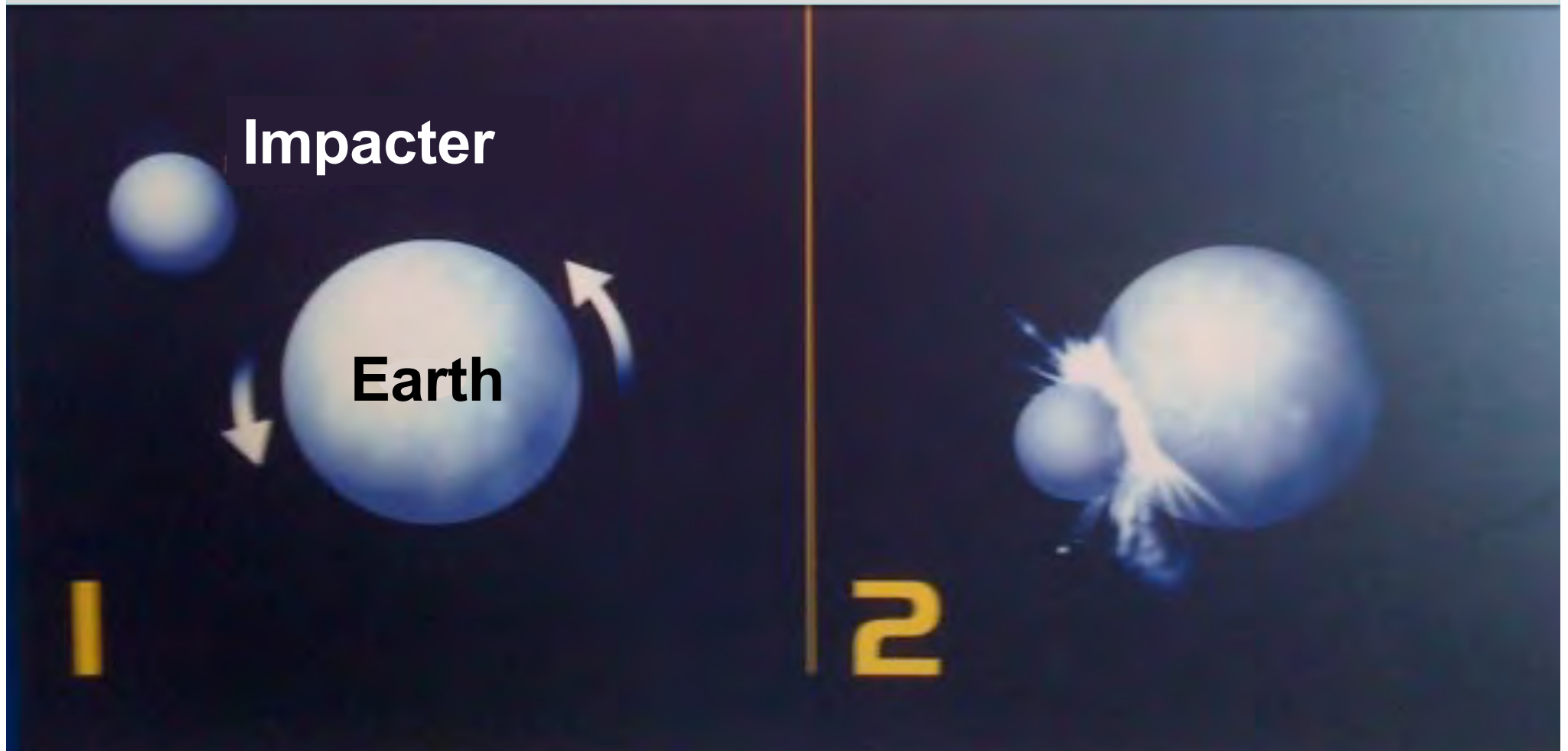
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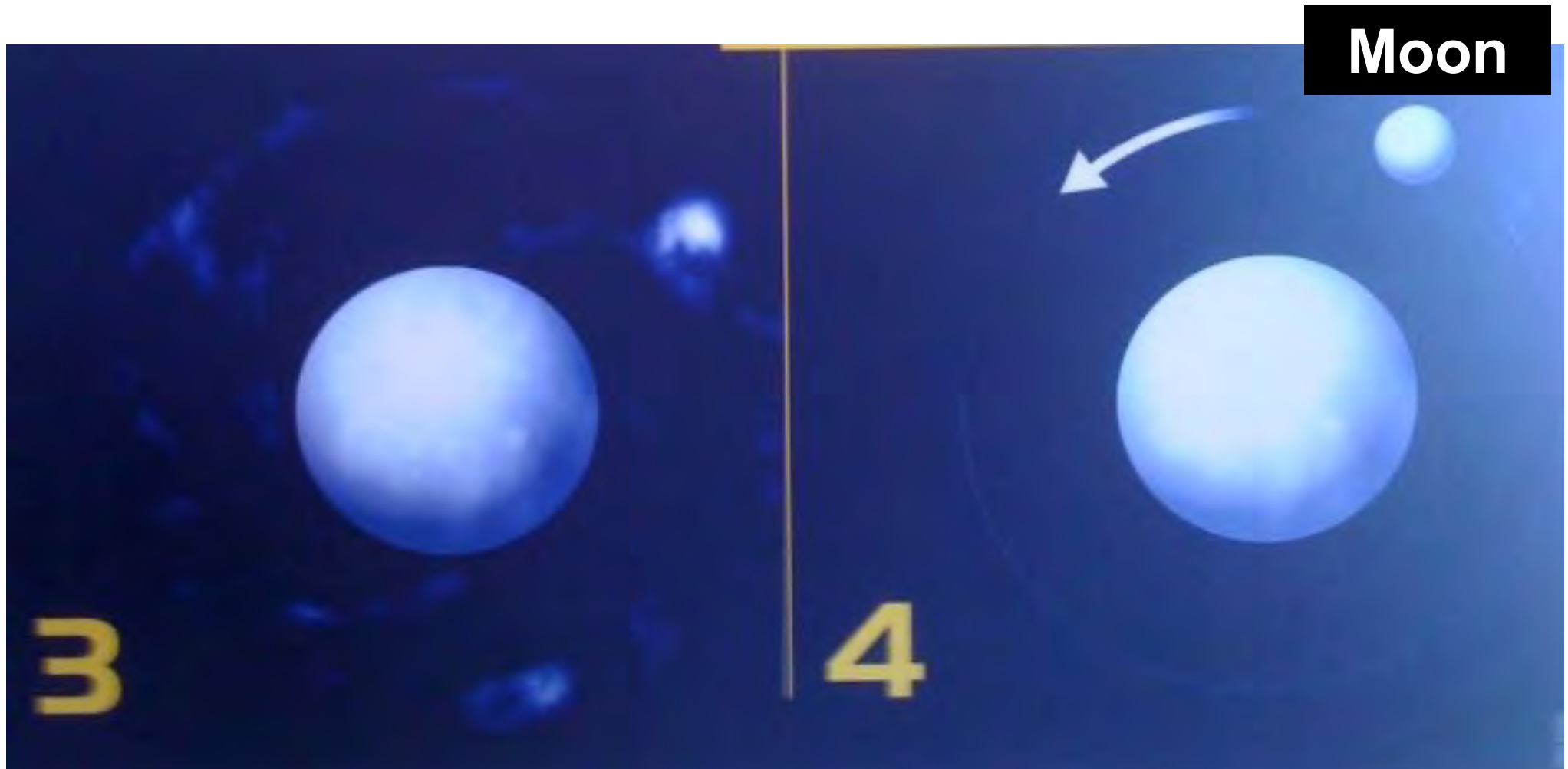


Whack!

The Impactor hit the Earth



The Moon formed from the Earth



Title

Hebrew: **בראשית** bereshith
In the beginning

Greek: **γένεσις** genesis
Origin, source, birth

Questions We All Must Answer

Genesis = "Beginnings"

- **Origin:** Where did we come from?
- **Purpose:** Why am I here? Is there meaning?
- **Morality:** Why is there evil in the world?
- **Destiny:** Where am I going? Is there hope?

"Big N-ings"



Authorship of Genesis 57

Traditional View: Moses

Critical View: JEDP



"Documentary Hypothesis"

Key Word for Genesis:

Election

Election

59-62
71b

- God's sovereignty and desire to **share this rule** with man (1:26) is totally his choice alone
- The **eleven-section structure** narrows down the chosen seed with which God can fellowship
- The **overall design** shifts from God choosing Adam & his seed (1–11) to Abraham & his seed (12–50)
- Repeated election of the **younger over the older** shows God's choices are superior to man's

Election

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Older	serves the	Younger	References
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Nahor		Abraham	11:27-28
Ishmael		Isaac	21:10-12
Esau		Jacob	25:29-34; 27:27-29, 38-40
Reuben, etc. (10 older brothers)		Joseph	37:5-11
Manasseh		Ephraim	48:13-14, 17-20
Reuben, Simeon, Levi (all 3 are older brothers)		Judah	49:8-12

Forming the Message Statement

**Subject
(Theme)**



**Purpose
(Reason)**

What the book says

The narrow
lineage of Israel
from Creation to
Joseph

Why it says it

informs Israel it began by
God's election for rule and
unconditional promise for
blessings through
Abraham in contrast to the
Canaanites



Summary Statement

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WHO?

God

Church

Nations

Apostles

Patriarchs

Savior

A Cyclical
View of
History

Tribes

Prophets

Israel

Kings

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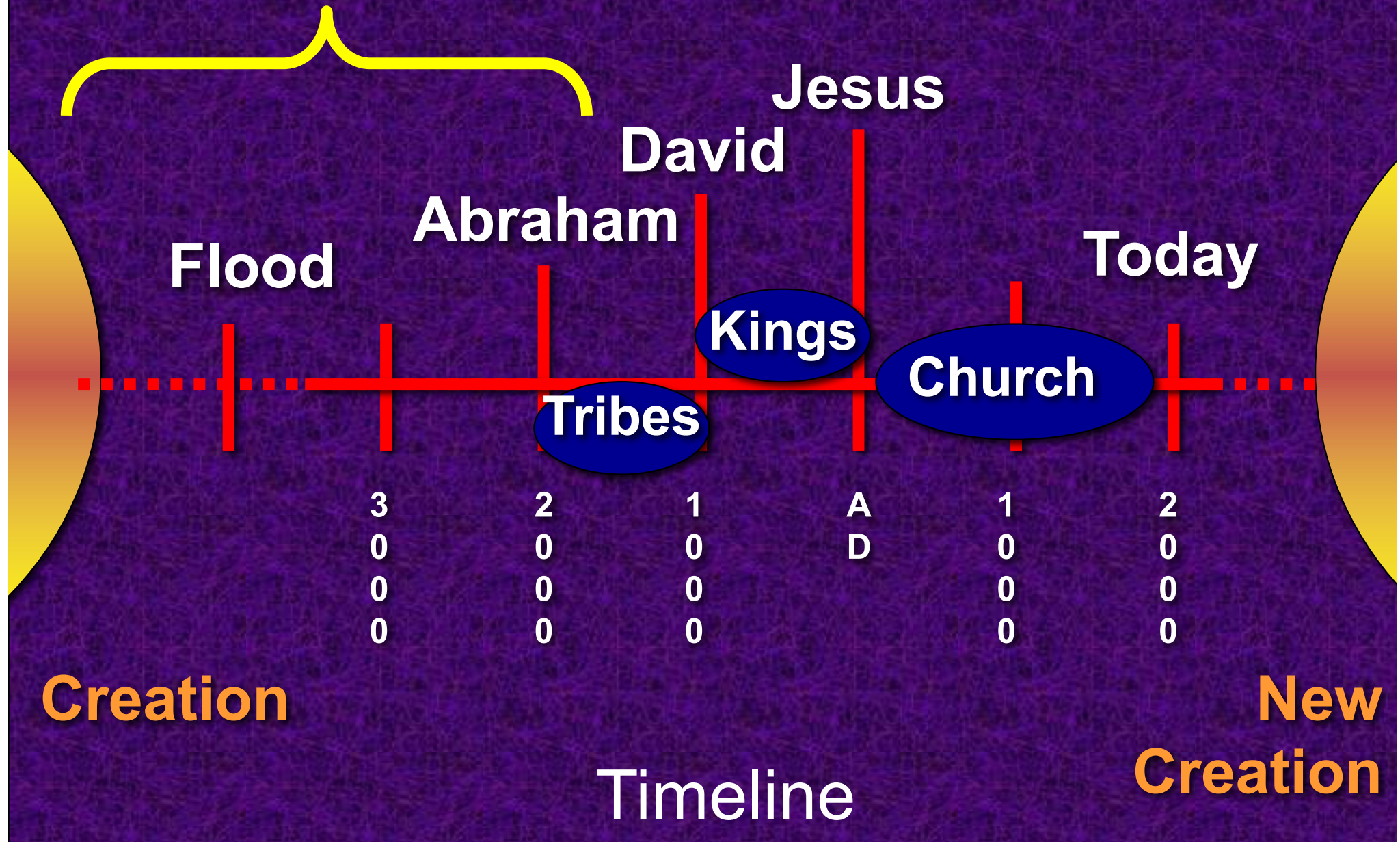
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GENESIS = 2369 years



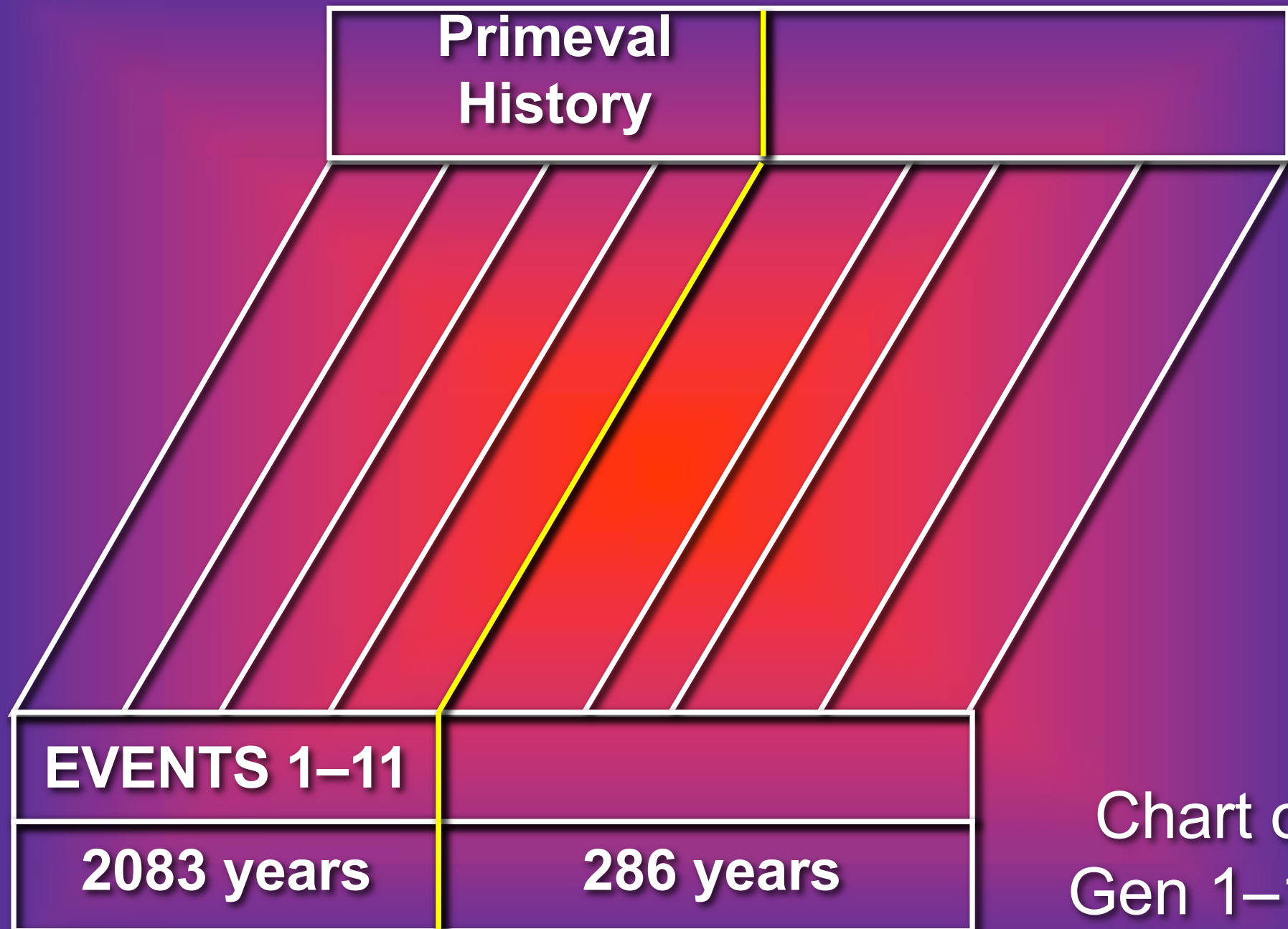


Chart of
Gen 1-11

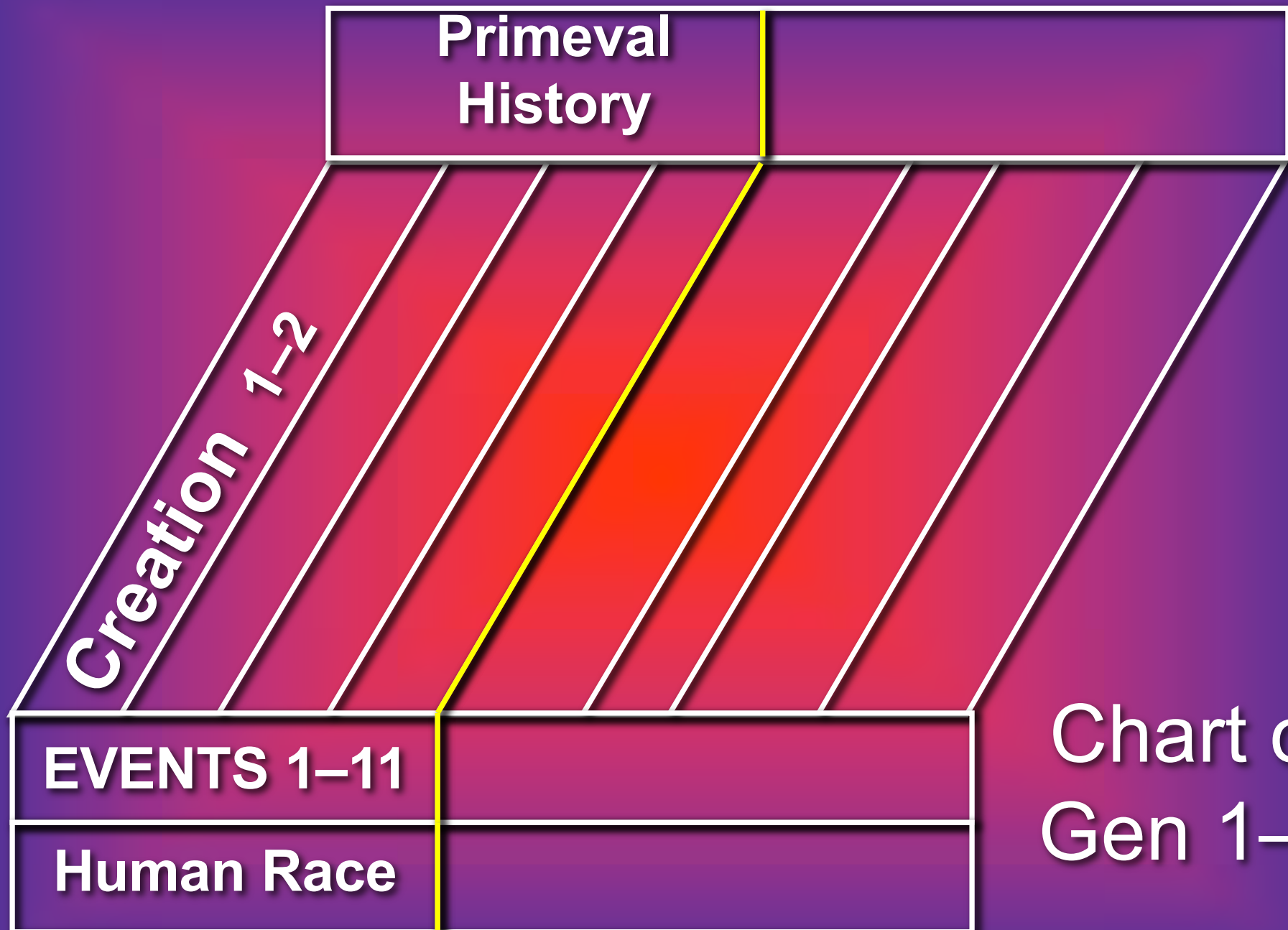


Chart of
Gen 1-2

IN THE BEGINNING

God
created
the heavens
and the earth

Genesis 1:1



Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

Day 1: Light

Day 4: Sun, moon
& stars arranged

Day 2: Water &
air separated

Day 5: Fish &
fowl

Day 3: Land &
sea separated

Day 6: Animals
& man

Genesis 1:3-31

Creation in Six Days



HARDY

God's Creation...Day 1

**In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth (1).**

God's Creation...Day 1

The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters (2).

God's Creation...Day 1

Then God said,
"Let there be
light"; and there
was light. God
saw that the light
was good, and he
separated the light
from the darkness
(3-4).

God's Creation...Day 1

God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, **one day** (5).

God's Creation...Day 2

Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters" (6).

God's Creation...Day 2

God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so (7).

God's Creation...Day 2

**God called the
expanse heaven
(NIV "sky," 8a).**

God's Creation...Day 2

And there was evening and morning, a second day (8b).

God's Creation...Day 3

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so (9).

Rodinia—The World That Perished

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

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SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically?

Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.

THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world



Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period

Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).



Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

"Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



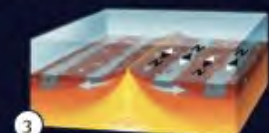
1

magma flows up



2

magma spreads and cools rapidly



3

rapid cooling leads to magnetic field reversals

God's Creation...Day 3

**God called the
dry land earth,
and the
gathering of
the waters He
called seas;
and God saw
that it was
good (10).**



God's Creation...Day 3

Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them," and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good (11-12).

God's Creation...Day 3

**There was
evening and
there was
morning, a
third day (13).**



God's Creation...Day 4

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years (14);

God's Creation...Day 4

**And let them be for lights
in the expanse of the
heavens to give light on
the earth"; and it was so
(15).**

God's Creation...Day 4

Sun



**God made the two great lights,
the greater light to govern the day
(16a)...**

God's Creation...Day 4

**...and
the
lesser
light to
govern
the
night
(16b)...**



God's Creation...Day 4

**He made
the stars
also (16c).**


God's Creation...Day 4

God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day (17-19).

God's Creation...Day 5

**Then God said,
"Let the waters teem
with swarms of living
creatures..." (20a)**

God's Creation...Day 5

A bald eagle is shown in mid-flight, its wings spread wide, flying over a calm body of water. In the background, the snow-capped peak of Mount Fuji rises majestically against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the dark blue water of the lake, with some distant buildings and trees visible on the shore.

**"...and let birds fly
above the earth in the
open expanse of the
heavens" (20b).**

God's Creation...Day 5

**God created the great sea monsters
and every living creature that moves,
with which the waters swarmed after
their kind (21a)...**

God's Creation...Day 5


**...and every winged
bird after its kind;
and God saw that it
was good (21b).**



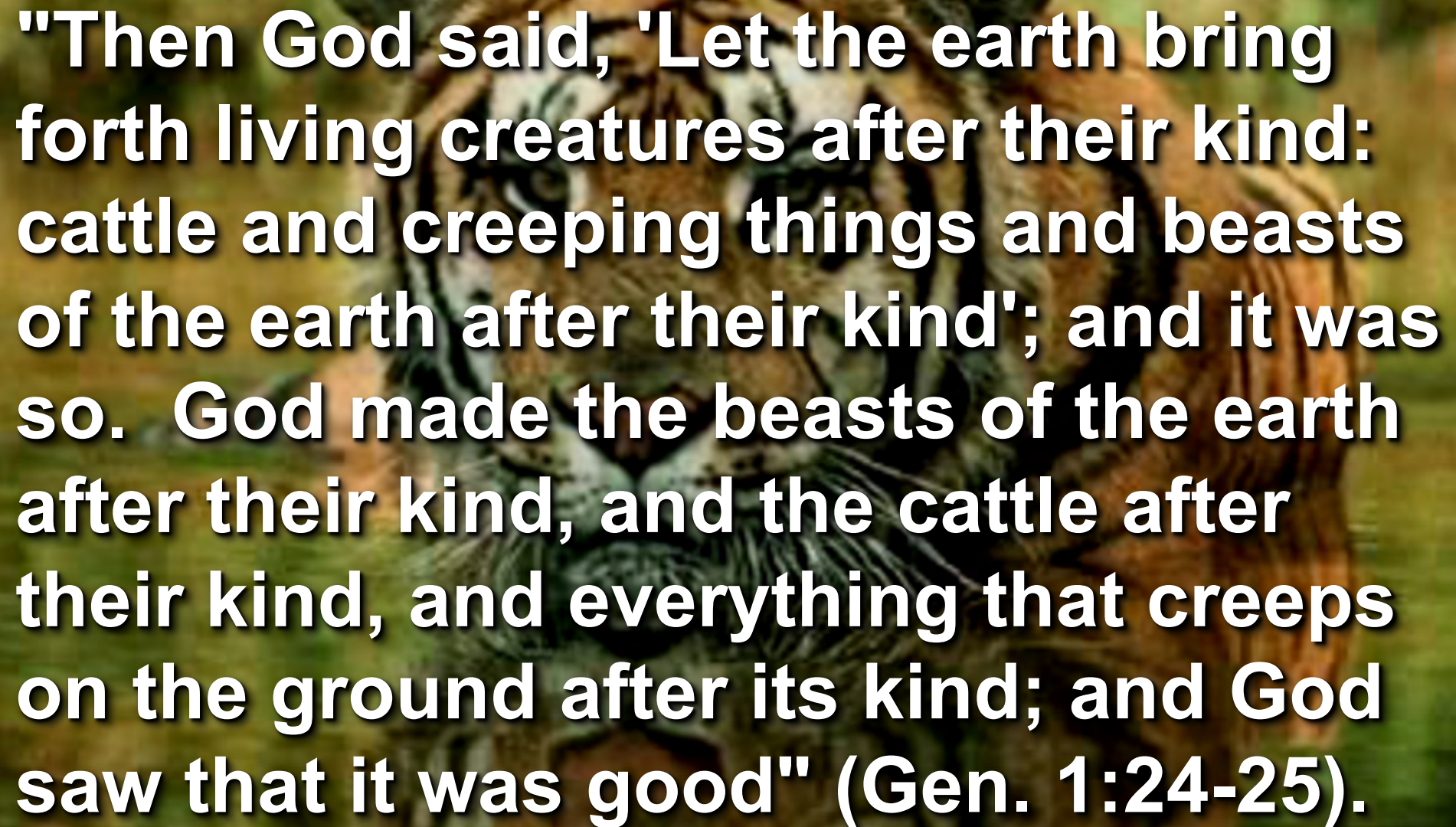
God's Creation...Day 5

God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth" (22).

God's Creation...Day 5

A large, bright yellow sun or moon is centered in the background, partially obscured by the silhouettes of two palm trees in the foreground. The sky is a deep orange-red color. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**There was
evening and
there was
morning, a fifth
day (23).**

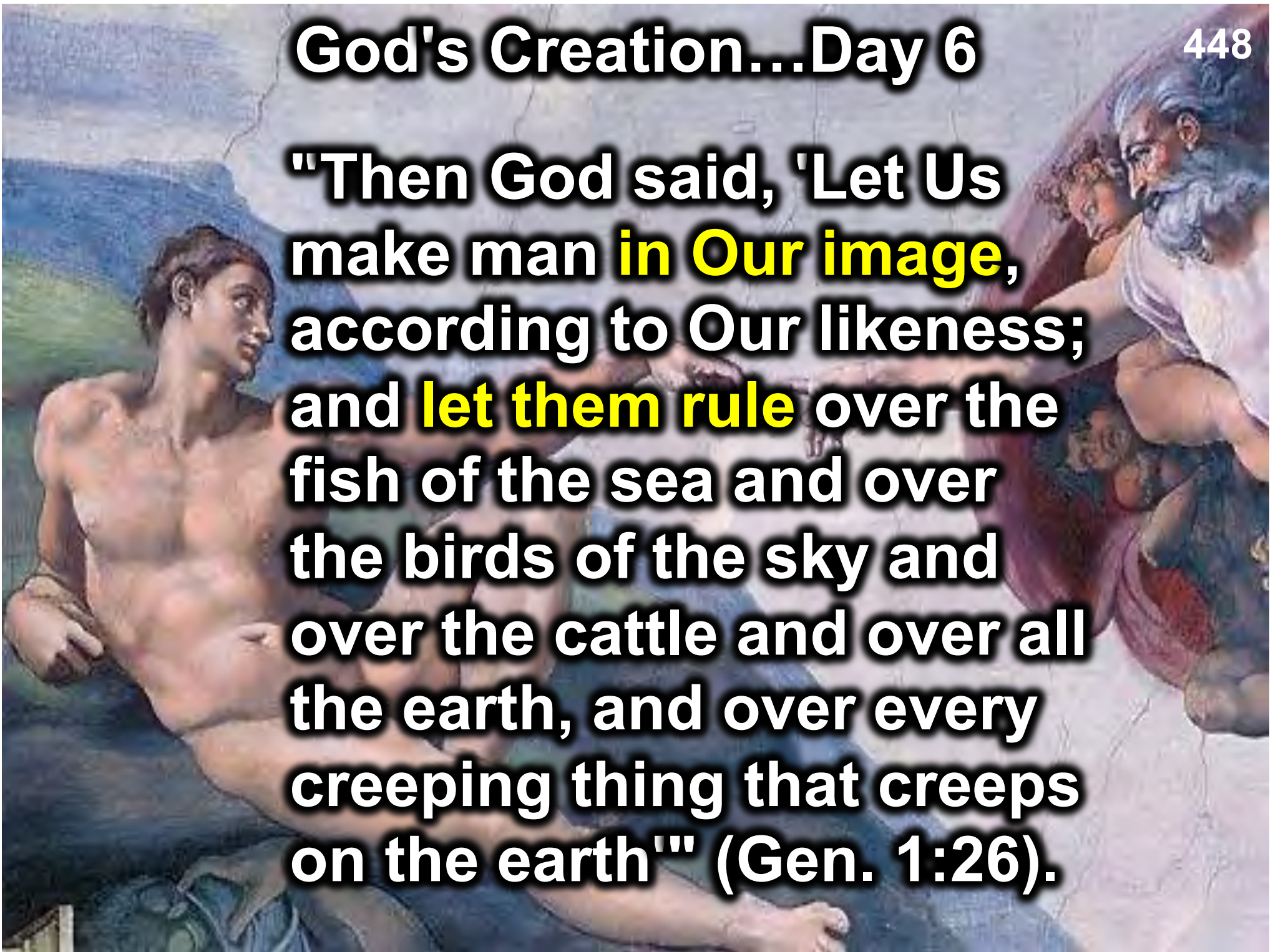


"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25).

God's Creation...Day 6

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"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'" (Gen. 1:26).

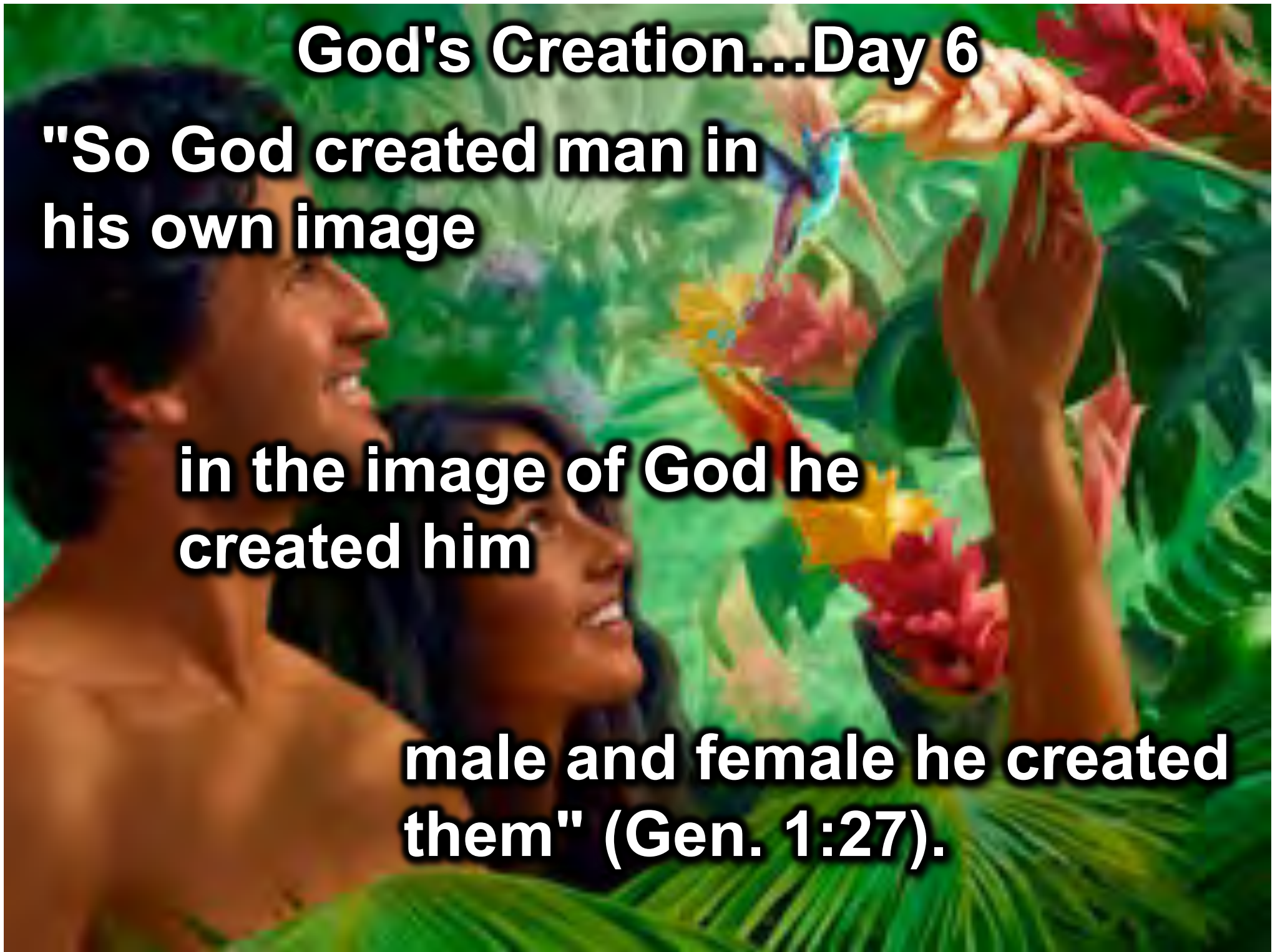


God's Creation...Day 6

**"So God created man in
his own image**

**in the image of God he
created him**

**male and female he created
them" (Gen. 1:27).**



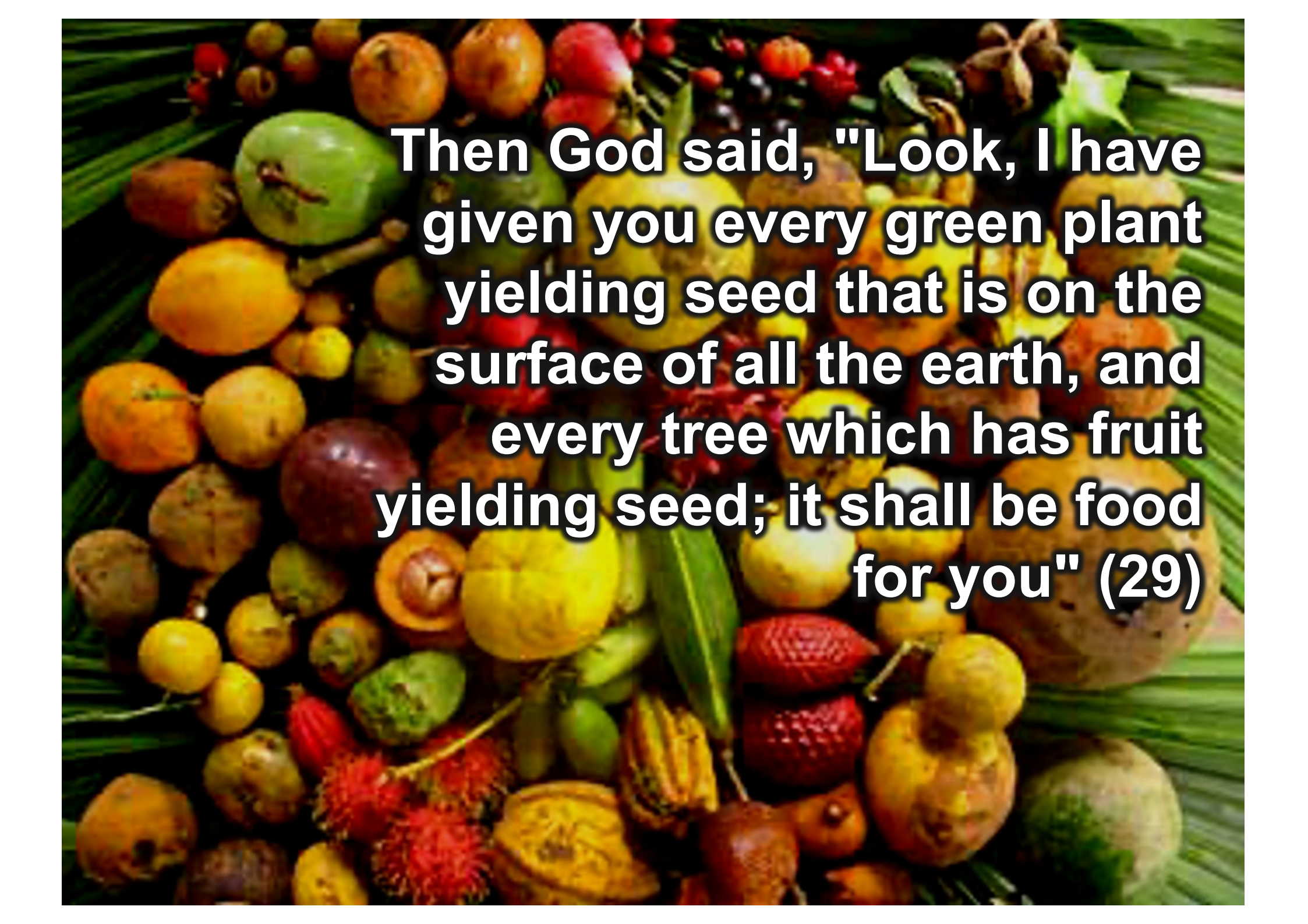


and over the **birds**
of the air

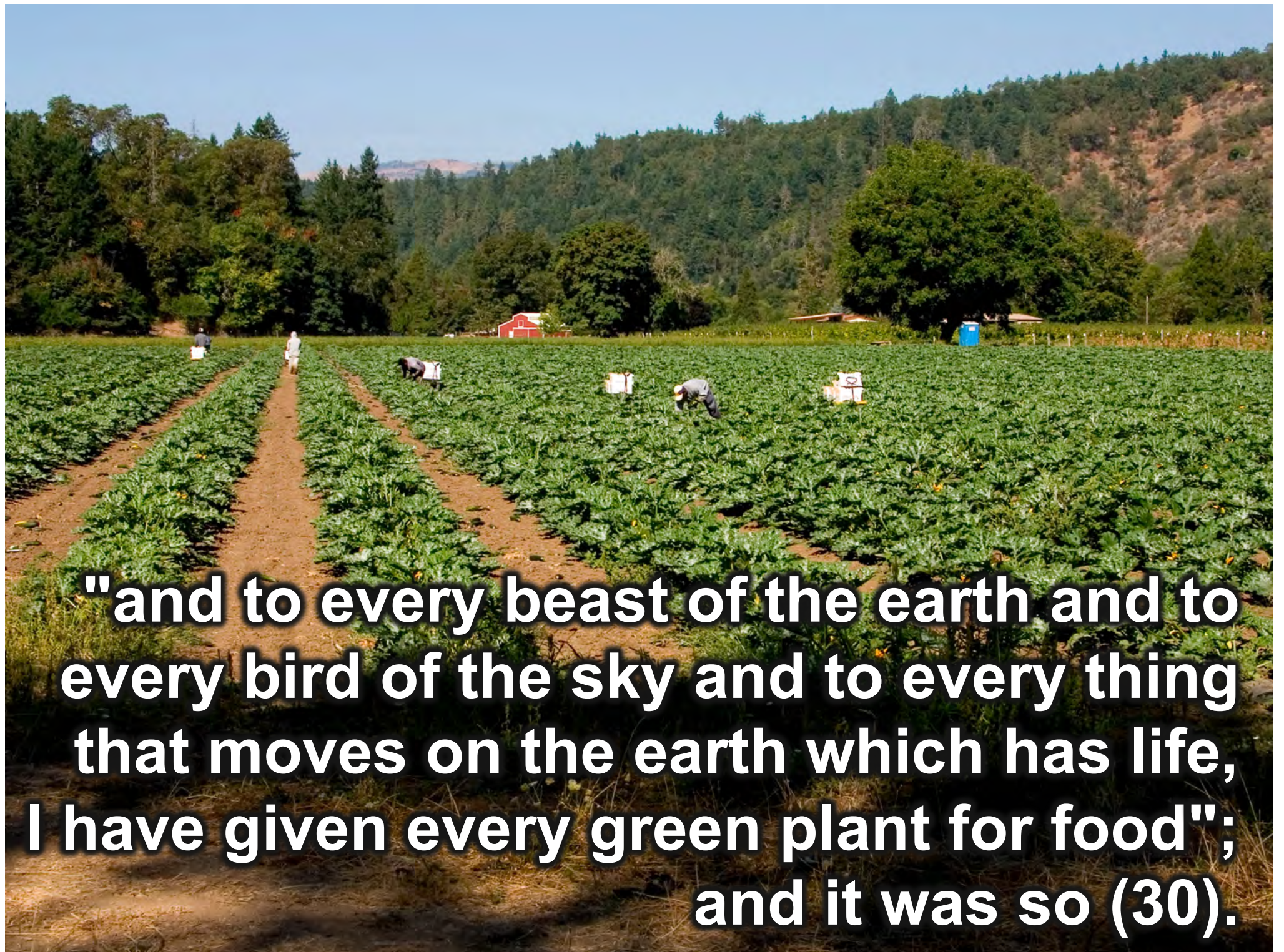
and have dominion over
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

"And God
blessed them,
and God said
to them, 'Be
fruitful and
multiply, and
fill the earth
and subdue it;



Then God said, "Look, I have given you every green plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you" (29)



"and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so (30).

God's Creation...Day 6

**God saw all that He
had made, and it
was very good.**

**And there was
evening and there
was morning, the
sixth day (31).**



An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command




Covenants



Fulfillment

The Kingdom in Genesis 1

- 
- **Uncreated God (1:1)**
 - **Creation by Word alone (1:4)**
 - **Creation with ease**
 - **Sun and moon [gods] created (1:16)**
 - **Shared rule with man (1:26)**

Where Does the Idea of Covenant Come From?

**Genesis
1:1–2:3**



"A Great King in authority over lesser rulers, with a historical background of doing good to them, with commands and with blessings, but also a curse in case of disobedience. These facts about the Genesis creation account are the stuff of covenant, and primordially so."

Jeffrey J. Niehaus, "Covenant: An Idea in the Mind of God," *JETS* 52 (2009): 61

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

seed

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

blessing

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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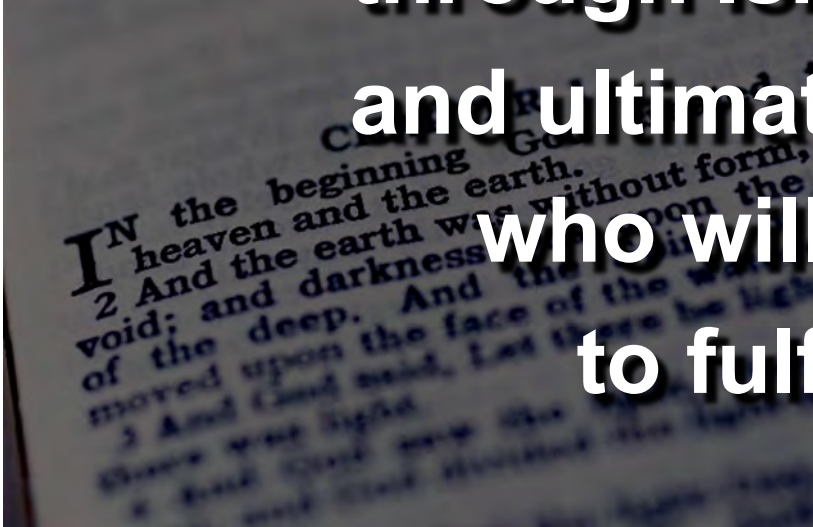
Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man
through Israel as a kingdom of priests
and ultimately through the Messiah,
who will reign as Savior and King
to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

Day 1: Light

Day 4: Sun, moon
& stars arranged

Day 2: Water &
air separated

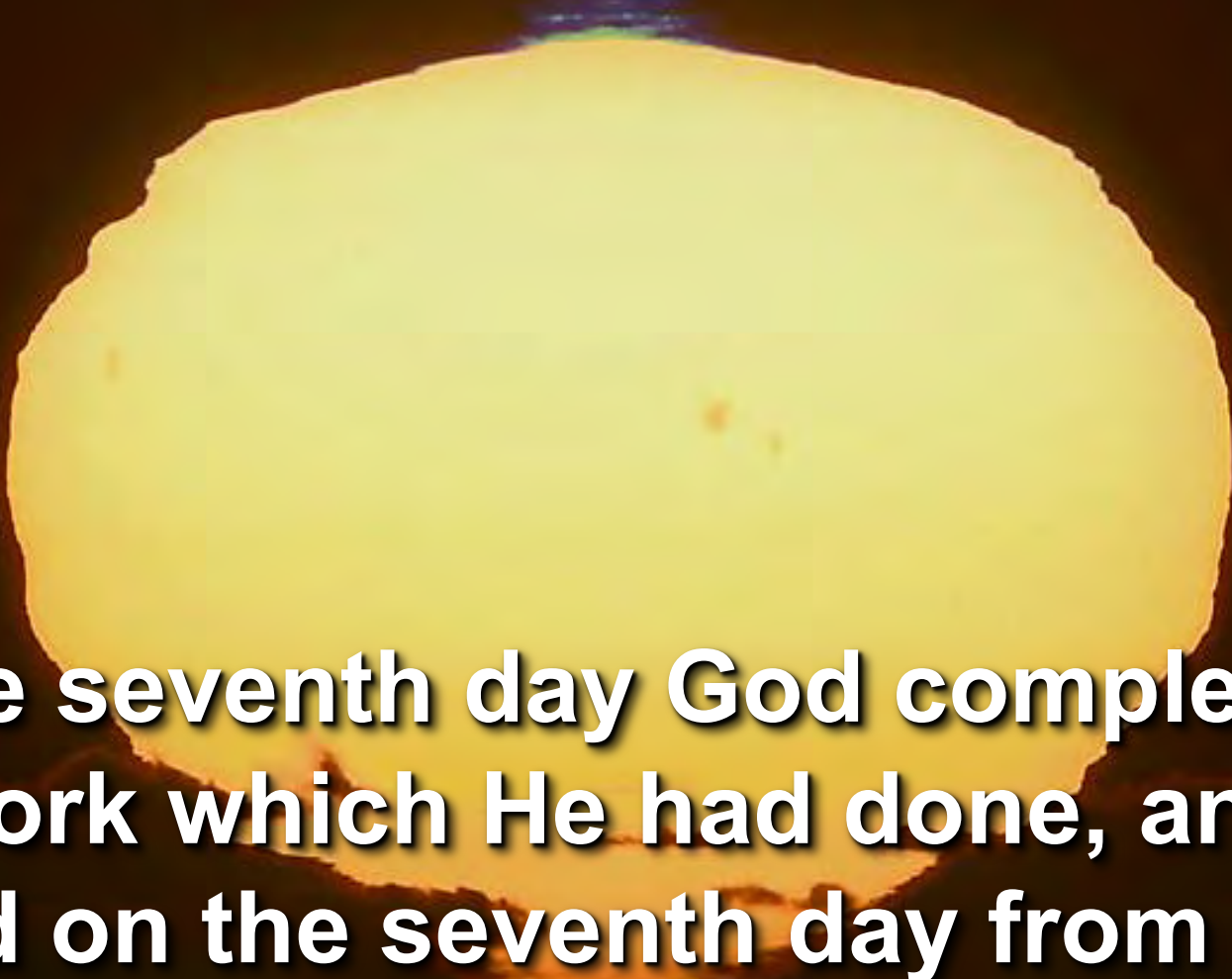
Day 5: Fish &
fowl

Day 3: Land &
sea separated

Day 6: Animals
& man

Genesis 1:3-31

God's Creation...Day 7



By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done (2:2).

God's Creation...Day 7

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made (2:3).

Creation Theories

24-Hour Day **1 day = literal 24 hours**

Day-Age **1 day = indefinite era**

Literary **7 days = symbolic**

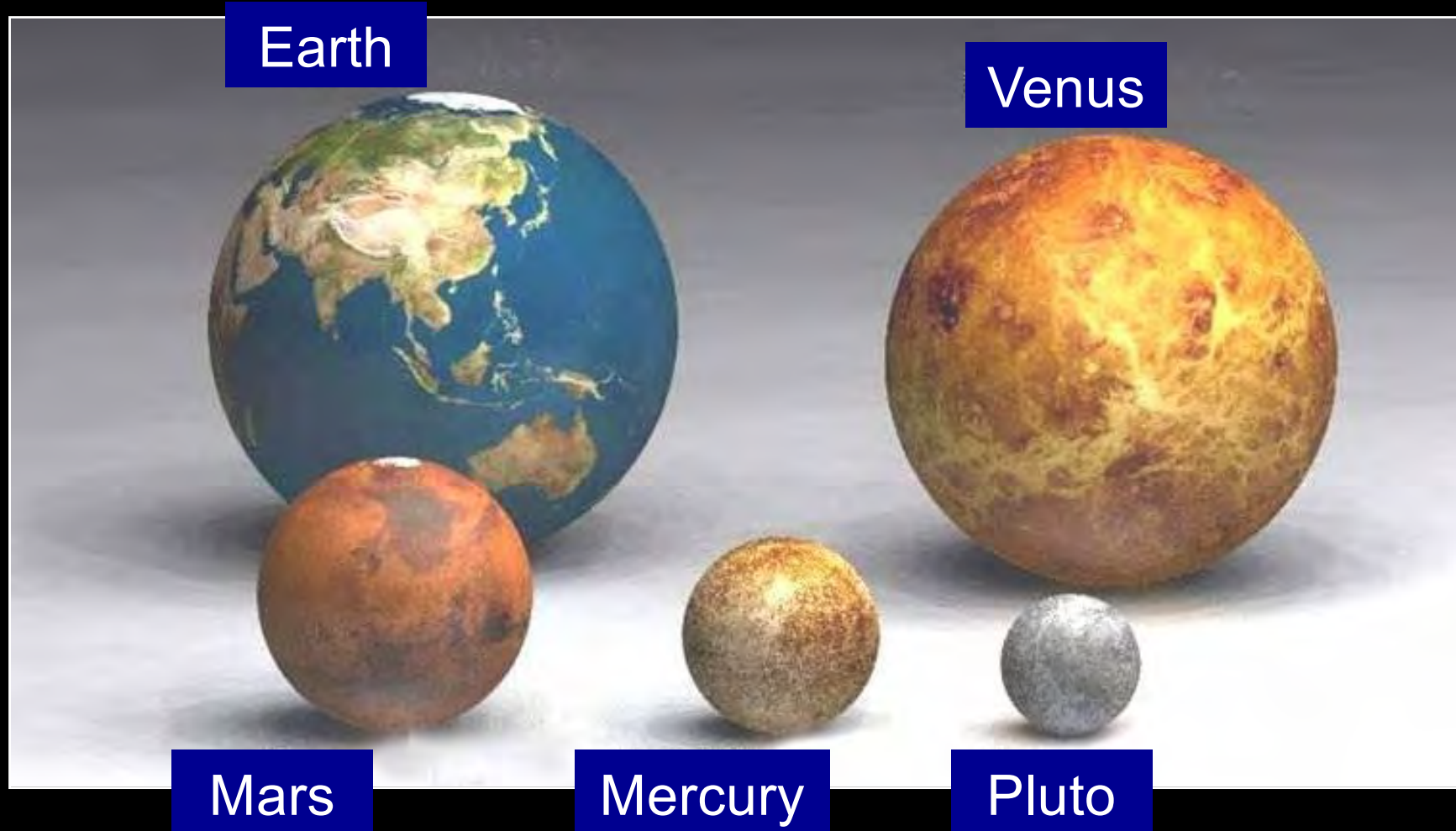
Prior Creation **Creation** | Gap | **Re-Creation**
1:1 1:2–2:3

Two-Phase **Creation** | Gap | **Creation**
1:1–2:3 2:4–25

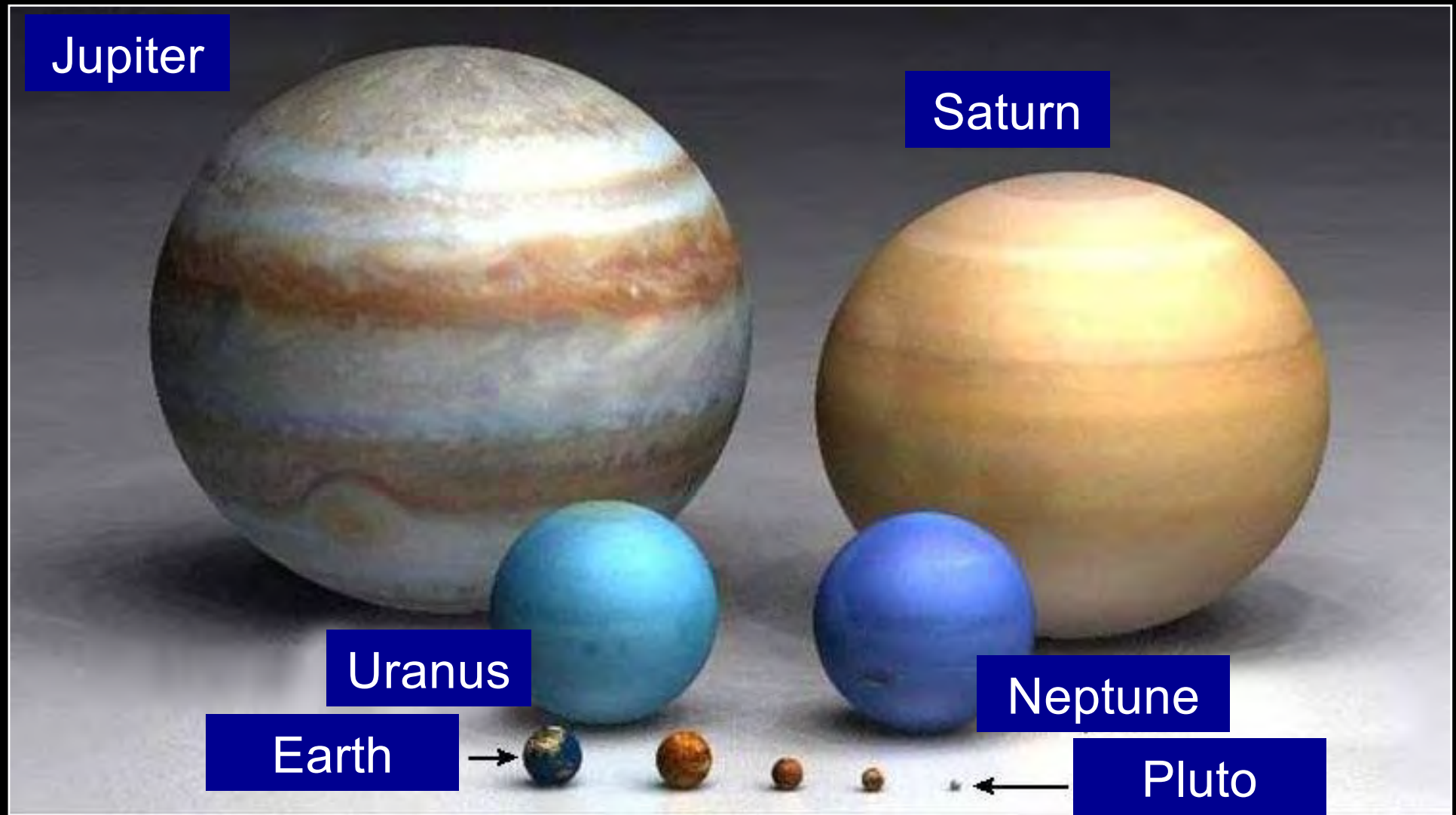
Genesis 1

How Big is the God of Creation?

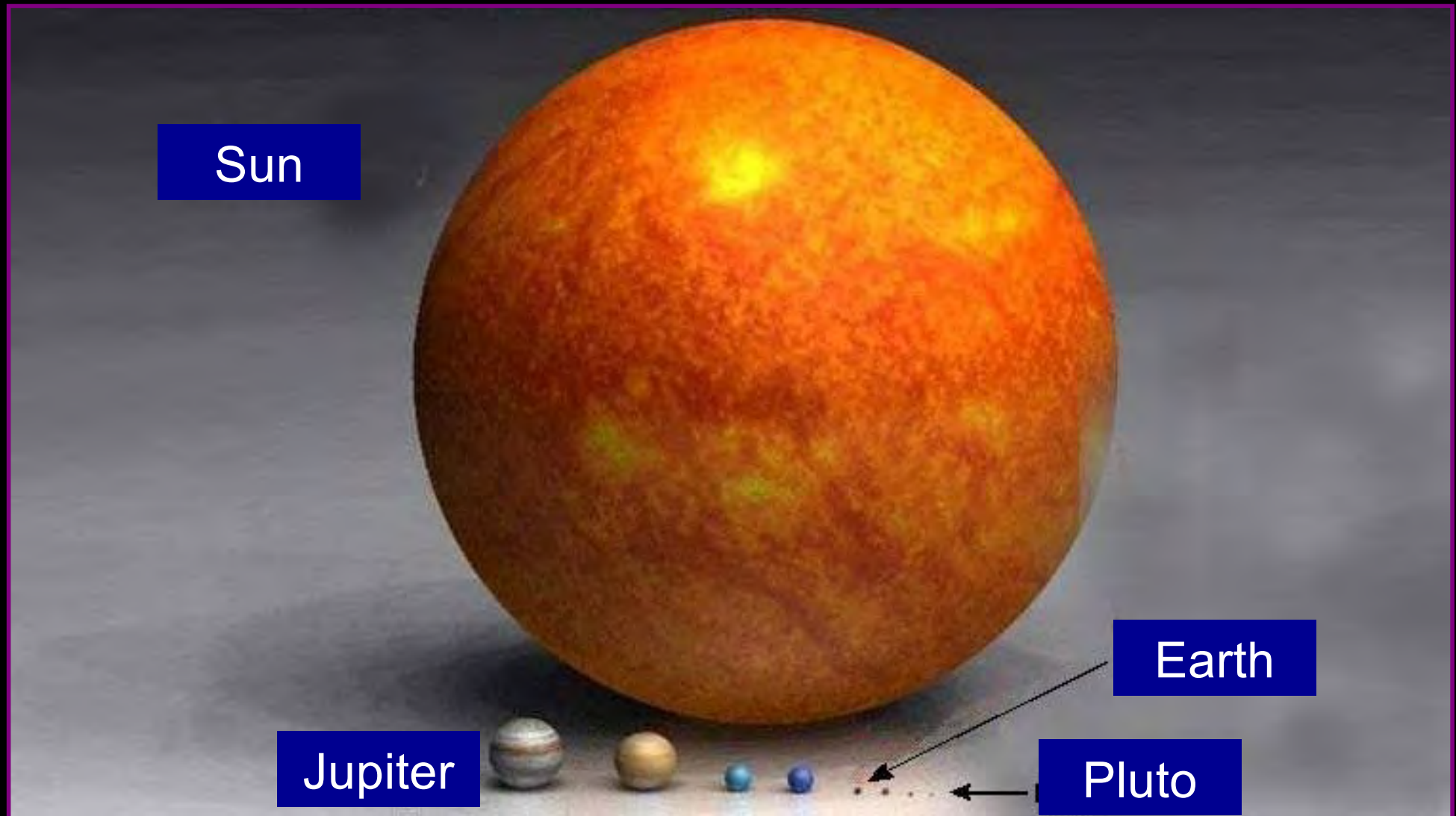
An Amazing Comparison



Our 9 Planets



Our Sun is Huge!



If you think *our own*
solar system is
amazing, beyond our
sun it's an even
bigger universe.



Sun

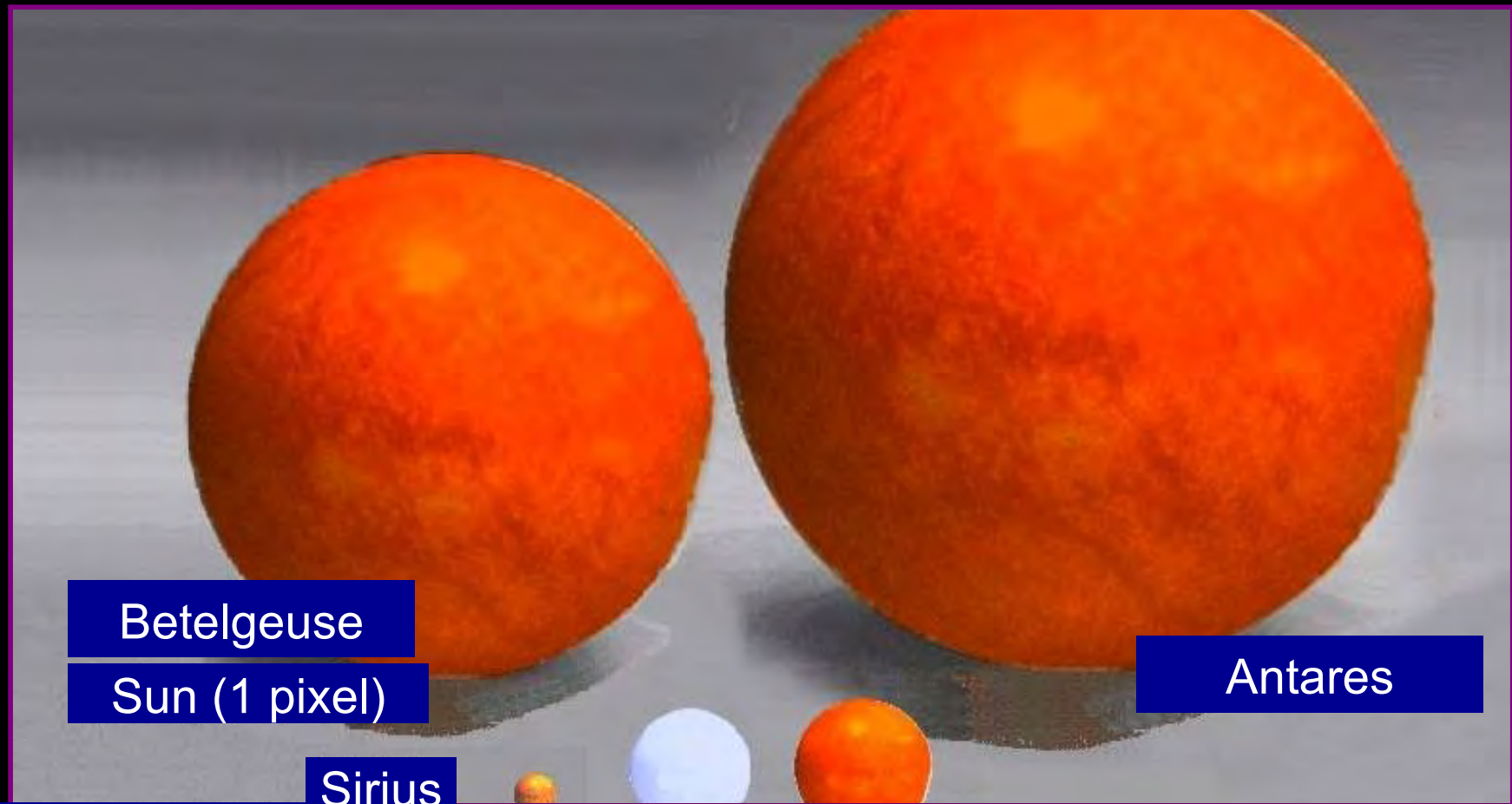
Sirius

Pollux

Jupiter is about 1 pixel in size
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It is more than 1000 light years away.**



Betelgeuse

Sun (1 pixel)

Antares

Sirius

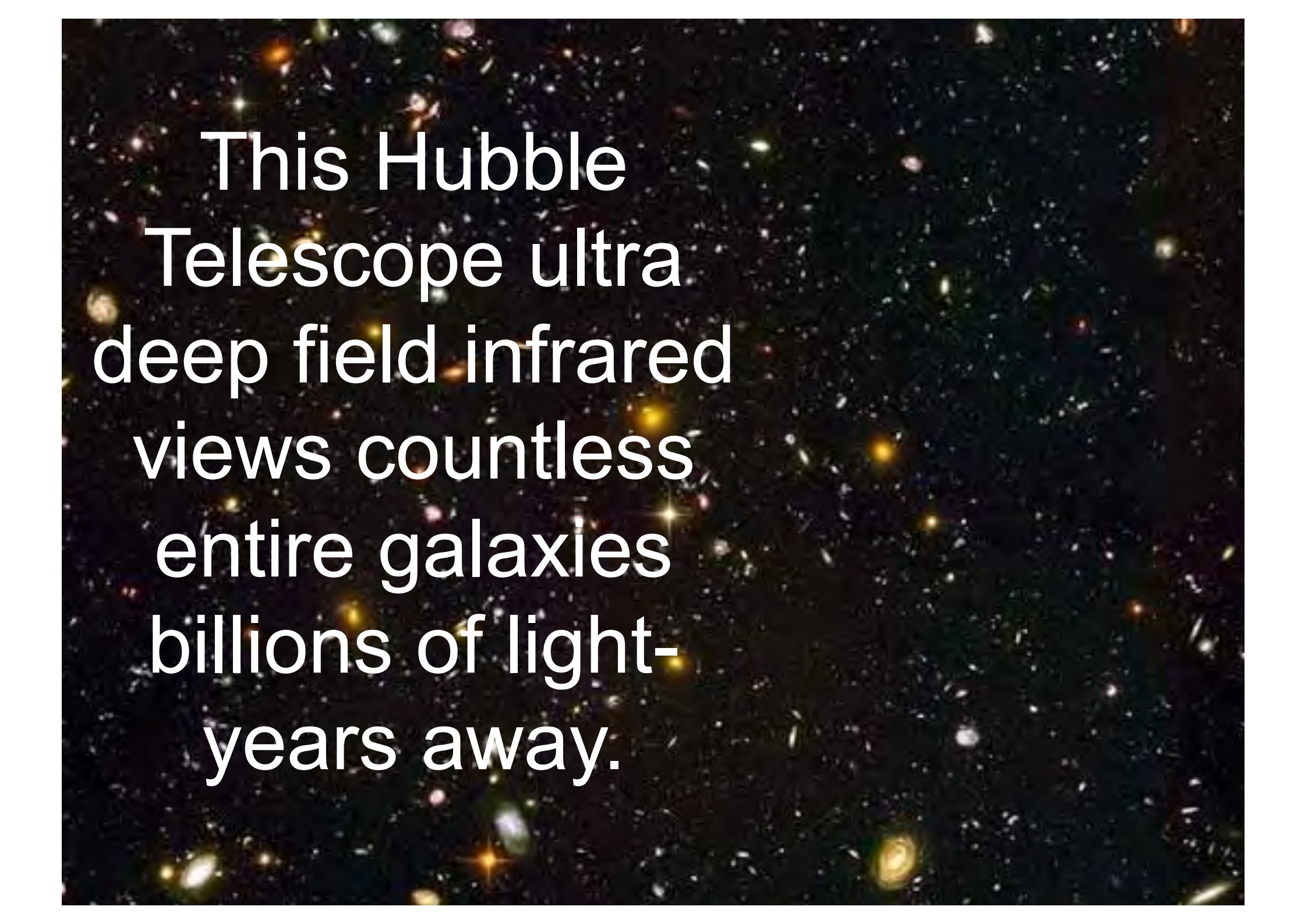
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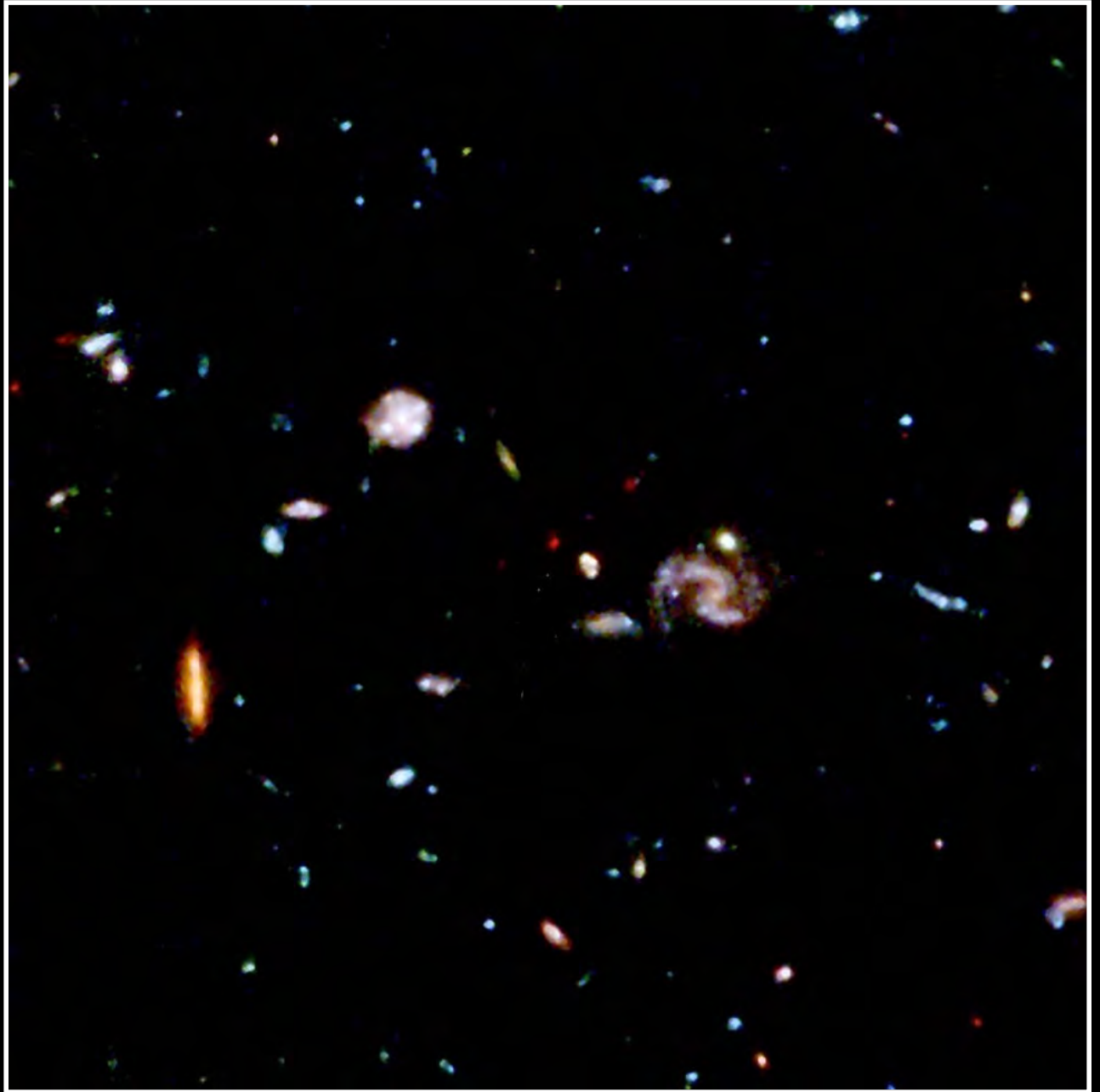
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This Hubble
Telescope ultra
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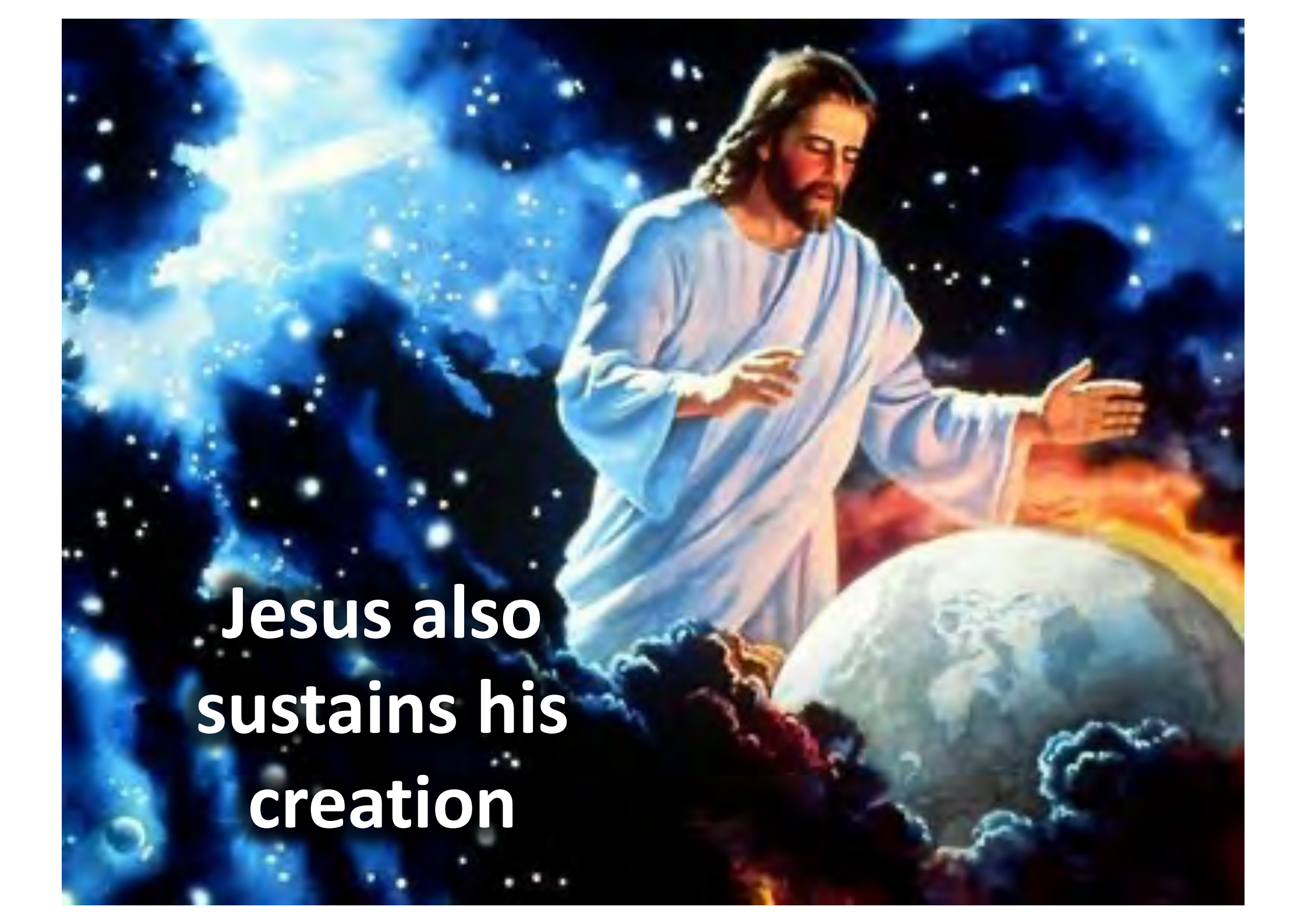


Humbling, isn't it?
And yet, Father God
knows how many hairs are on
your head, and not
even a single sparrow dies
apart from his will
(Matthew 10:29-31)

And yet, you are more
precious to Father God
than many sparrows.



Jesus is the
source of all
things
existing today

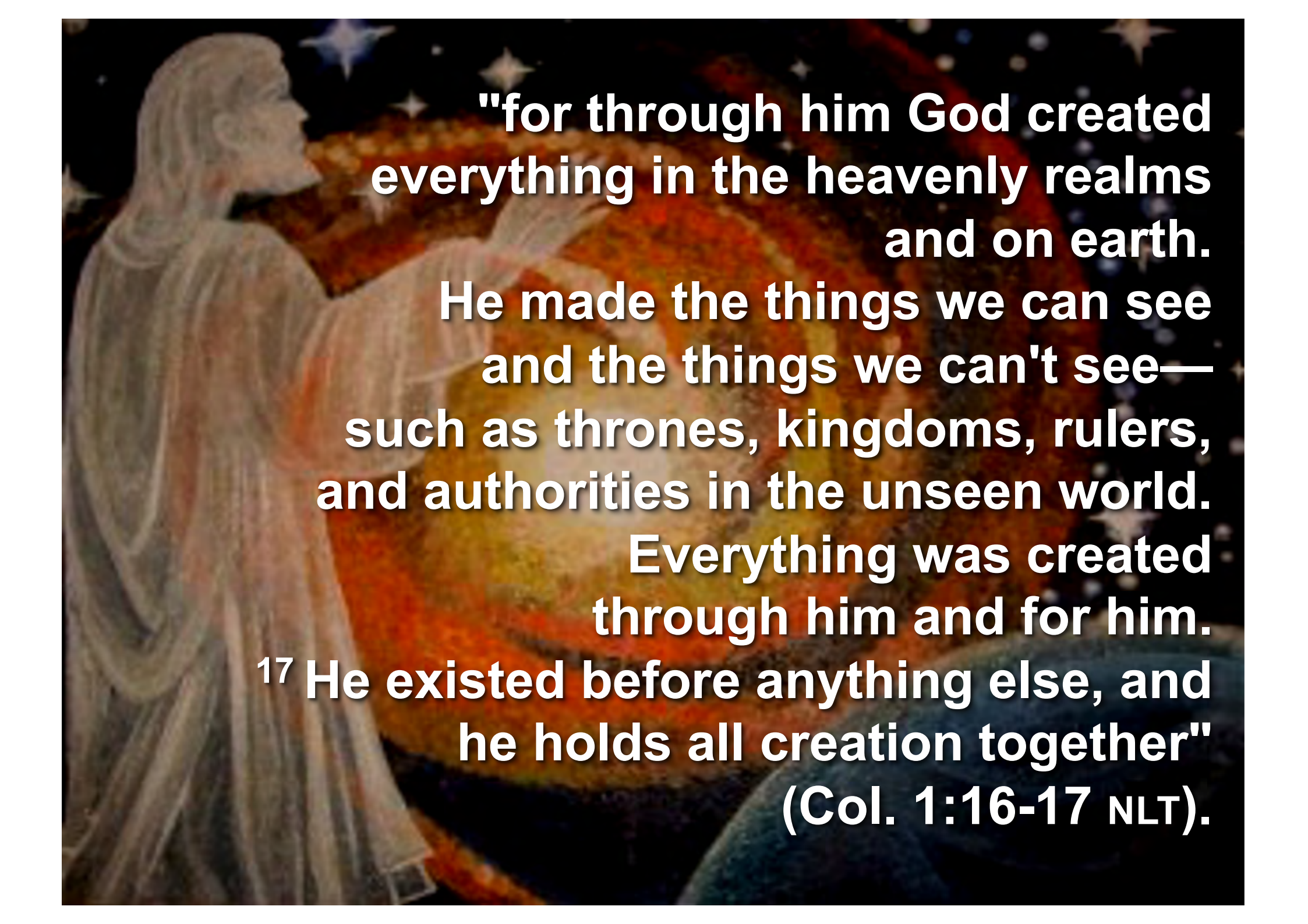
A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a blue sash. He is shown from the waist up, standing amidst a cosmic scene. His right hand is raised, palm facing forward, while his left hand is held lower, palm facing down. Below him is a large, detailed globe of the Earth, showing continents and oceans. The background is a deep blue space filled with numerous white stars and swirling nebulae in shades of blue and purple. A bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or a distant star, is visible in the upper left corner, casting a strong glow. The overall composition suggests a divine act of sustaining the universe.

**Jesus also
sustains his
creation**

CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS



"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation" (Col. 1:15).



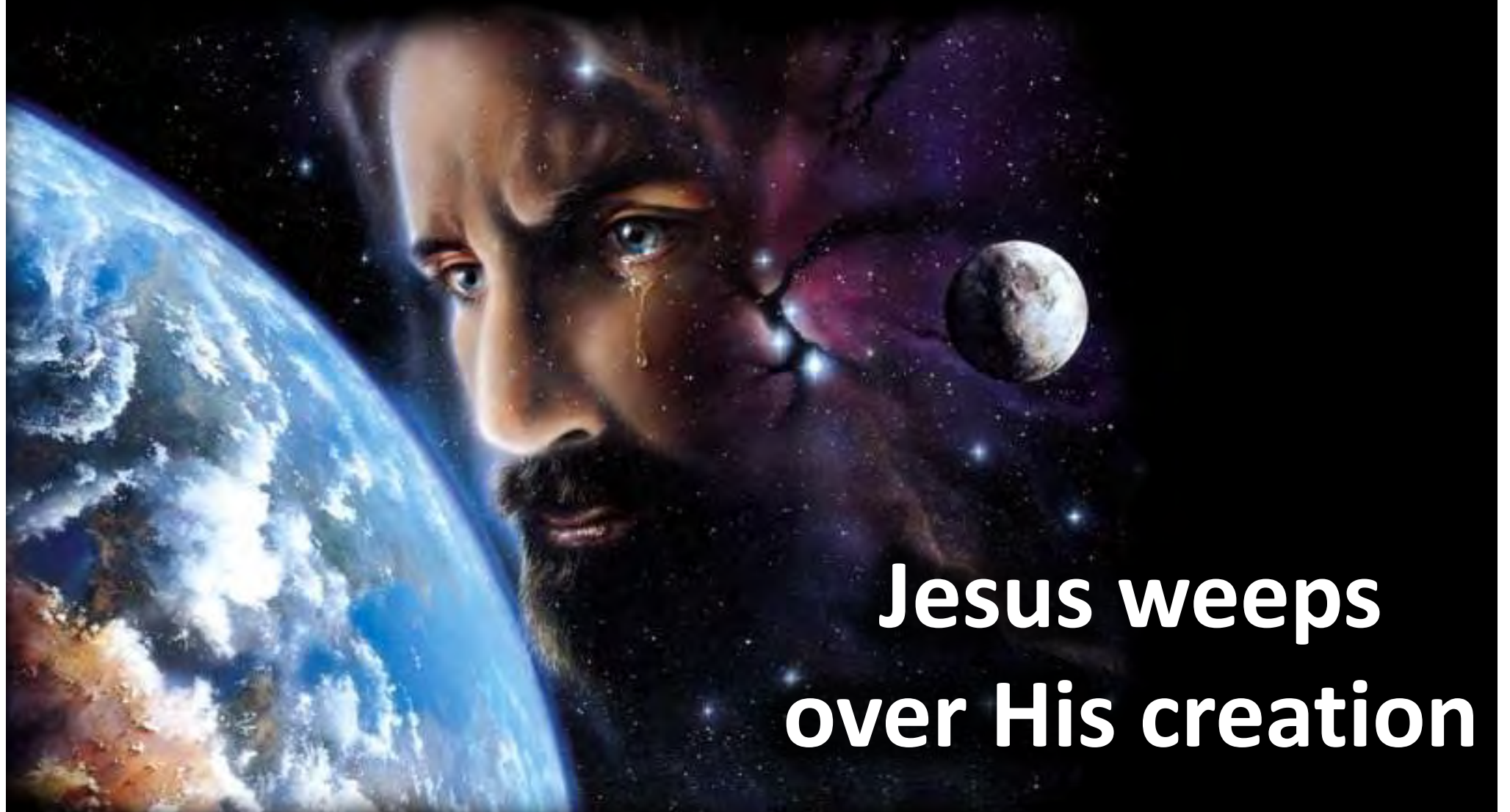
**"for through him God created
everything in the heavenly realms
and on earth.**

**He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see—
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers,
and authorities in the unseen world.**

**Everything was created
through him and for him.**

**¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and
he holds all creation together"
(Col. 1:16-17 NLT).**

**"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him"
(John 1:10-11 NLT)**



**Jesus weeps
over His creation**

Creation & Blessing

A GUIDE
TO THE STUDY
AND EXPOSITION OF
Genesis

Allen P. Ross

The Best Commentary on Genesis

- Very Readable
- Exegetical Outlines
- Sermon Outlines
- Theology of Genesis
- Evangelical

"...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep..."

Genesis 1:2 *NIV*

"God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss."

"Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness."

Genesis 1:2 *The Message*

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

Original Creation (Traditional View)

- Leupold, Keil, Cassuto, Young, Ryrie, Griffith, Tanner, Rooker

1- Creation out of nothing of the original mass on Day 1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

2- Three disjunctive, parallel clauses describe the condition of the earth immediately after the creation of the universe.

"Now the earth **was** formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2 **NIV**)

3- An independent, narrative sentence shows the manner in which God worked—by His Word.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

Gap Theory (or Ruin/Reconstruction/Restitution)

- Pember, Hengstenburg, Scofield Reference Bible (1st ed.)

1- An independent narrative of the original, perfect creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

Satan's fall

2- Satan fell between 1:1 and 1:2, followed by God's judgment which put the earth into a chaotic state

"Now the earth **became** formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2 **NIV margin**)
 —an improbable translation of the Hebrew disjunctive

3- An independent, narrative sentence describes the first step to reconstruct & reform the judged earth

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

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Relative Beginning (5 variations)

- Rashi/NEB, Speiser, von Rad, Waltke, Ross

Satan's fall

1- Relative clause (dependent or temporal to 1:2) or title

"When God began to

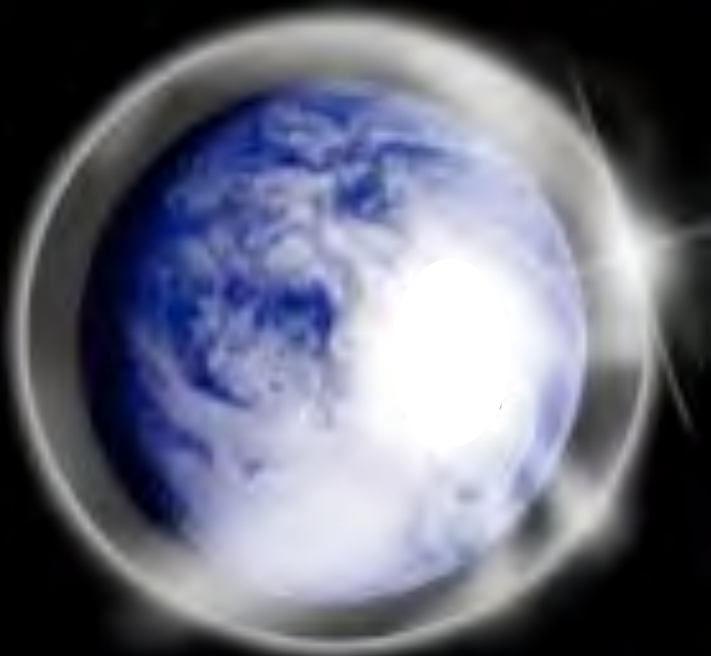
Implications:

- 2- a) "For the initial creation, or original creation, one has to look elsewhere in the Bible"
- b) "This view in no wise teaches evolution or allows for it... It simply recognizes that 'beginnings' with God are not necessarily absolute beginnings"
- 3- (Ross, 723)

wh... reas... the manner in
state (not creation out of nothing) after divine judgment.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

Water Vapor Canopy Theory



- **First proposed by Isaac Newton Vail in 1874**
- **Support sought in "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water" (Gen. 1:6)**
- **Provided enough water for universal flood (Gen. 7:11)**
- **Enabled long pre-flood life spans (reduced radiation)**
- **Held by young earth advocates**
- **Hotly contested!**

Evangelicals Differ

Reasons to Believe

Hugh Ross

Walt Brown

Old Earth

Progressive Creation

Mid-East Flood

Rain waters

reasons.org

godandscience.org

creationscience.com

Institute for Creation Research

Henry/John Morris, Duane Gish

Joseph Dillow, Ken Ham

Young Earth

24-hour Creation Days

Universal Flood

Vapor canopy

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genesispark.org

icr.org critiques Ross at:

icr.org/pubs/imp/imp-217.htm



EARTH'S PRE-FLOOD VAPOR CANOPY
FOREWORD BY HENRY M. MORRIS
Revised Edition



**GOD: I just created a
24-hour period of alternating
lightness and darkness on
earth...**

**GOD:
Call it
a day.**

**ANGEL:
What are you
going to do
now?**

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation*

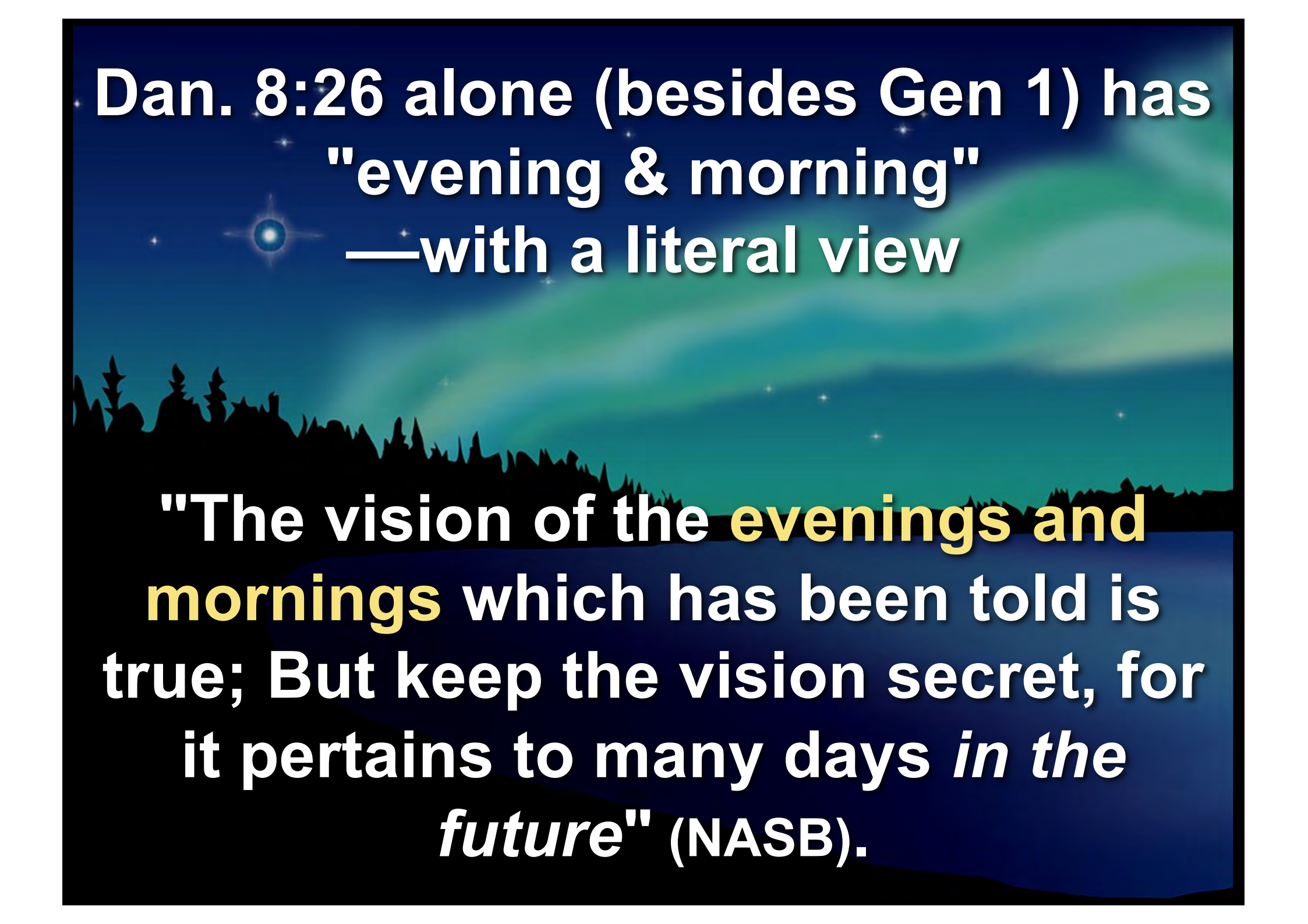
"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth" (Ps. 33:6)

"There is certainly no thought here of delay, or a trial-and-error process, or a gradual, step-by-step fulfillment"

– John Whitcomb, The Early Earth, 24

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*



Dan. 8:26 alone (besides Gen 1) has
"evening & morning"
—with a literal view

"The vision of the **evenings and mornings** which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days *in the future*" (NASB).

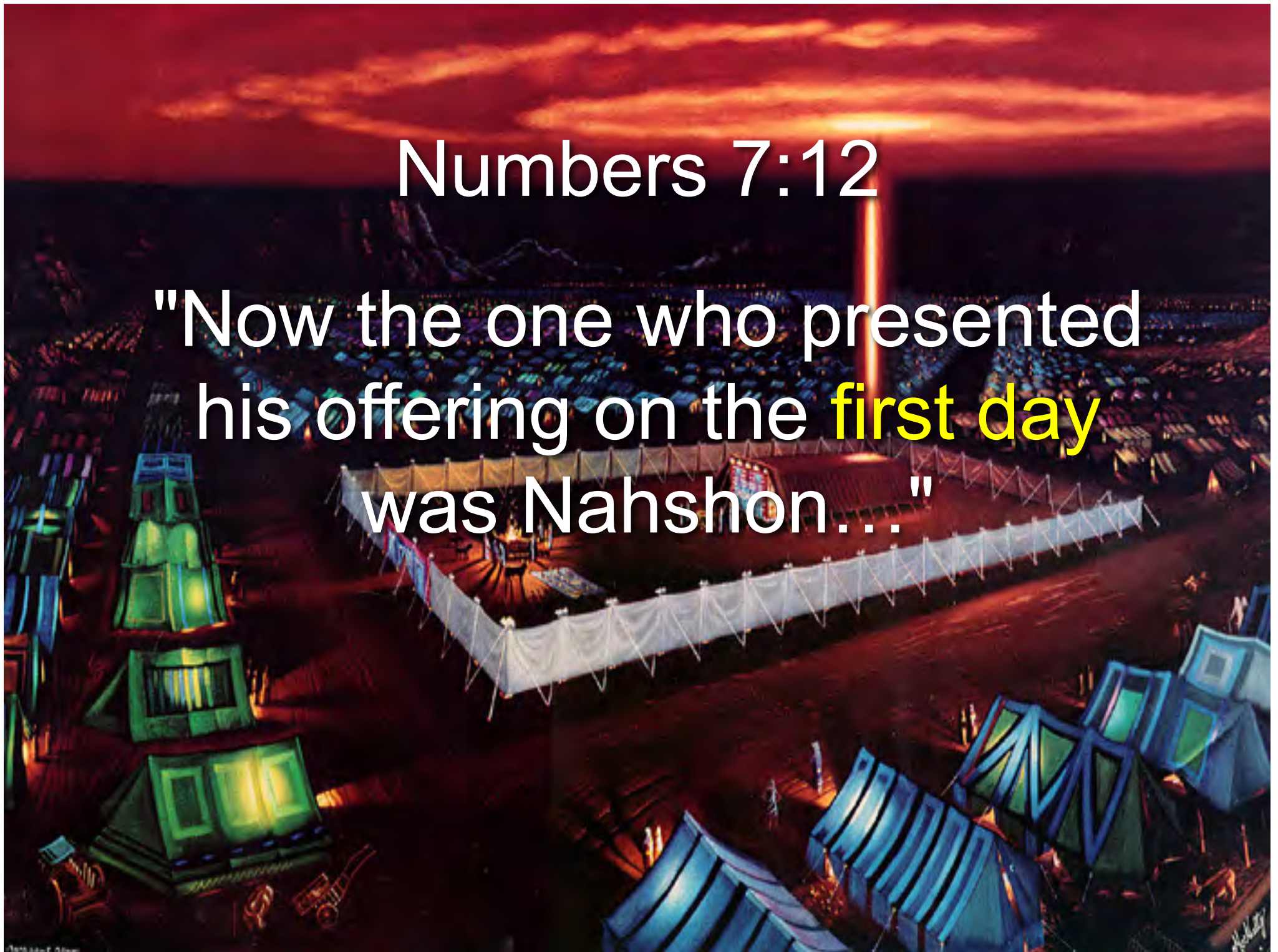
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- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*

In Hebrew, when "day" (yom) is preceded by a numerical adjective, "day" is always literal!

Numbers 7:12

"Now the one who presented
his offering on the **first day**
was Nahshon..."



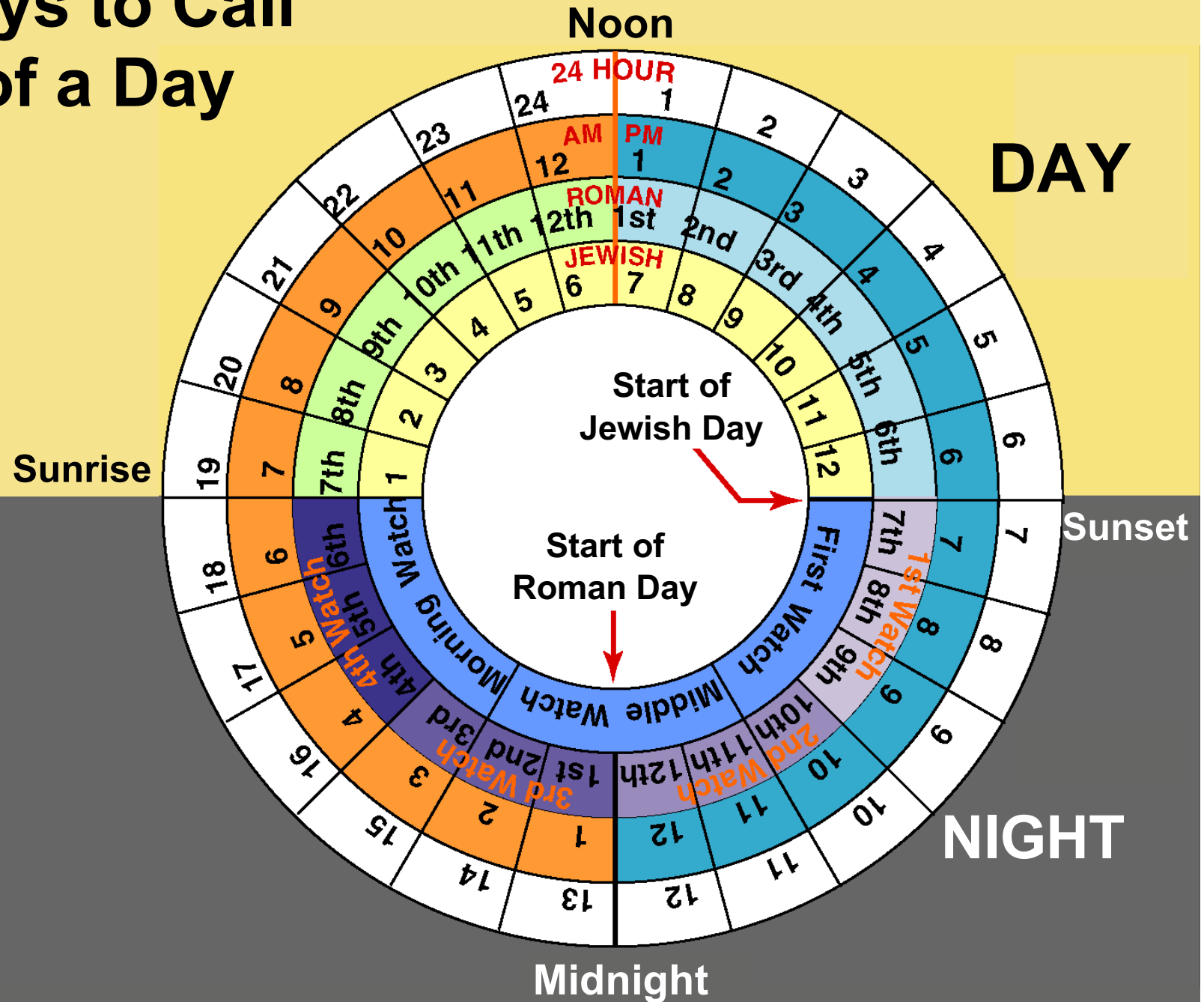
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- *Pattern for work & rest*

**We get our 7-day
week from Genesis 1**



Four Ways to Call Parts of a Day





When to Start the Day...



**6
PM**

**12
AM**

**6
AM**

**12
PM**

**6
PM**

**12
AM**

**6
AM**

**12
PM**

**6
PM**

Roman

Day 1

Day 2

Jewish

Day 1

Day 2

**There was
evening...**

**...and
morning...**

**There was
evening...**

**...and
morning...**

**...one
day.**

**...the
second day.**

Why 24 Hours?

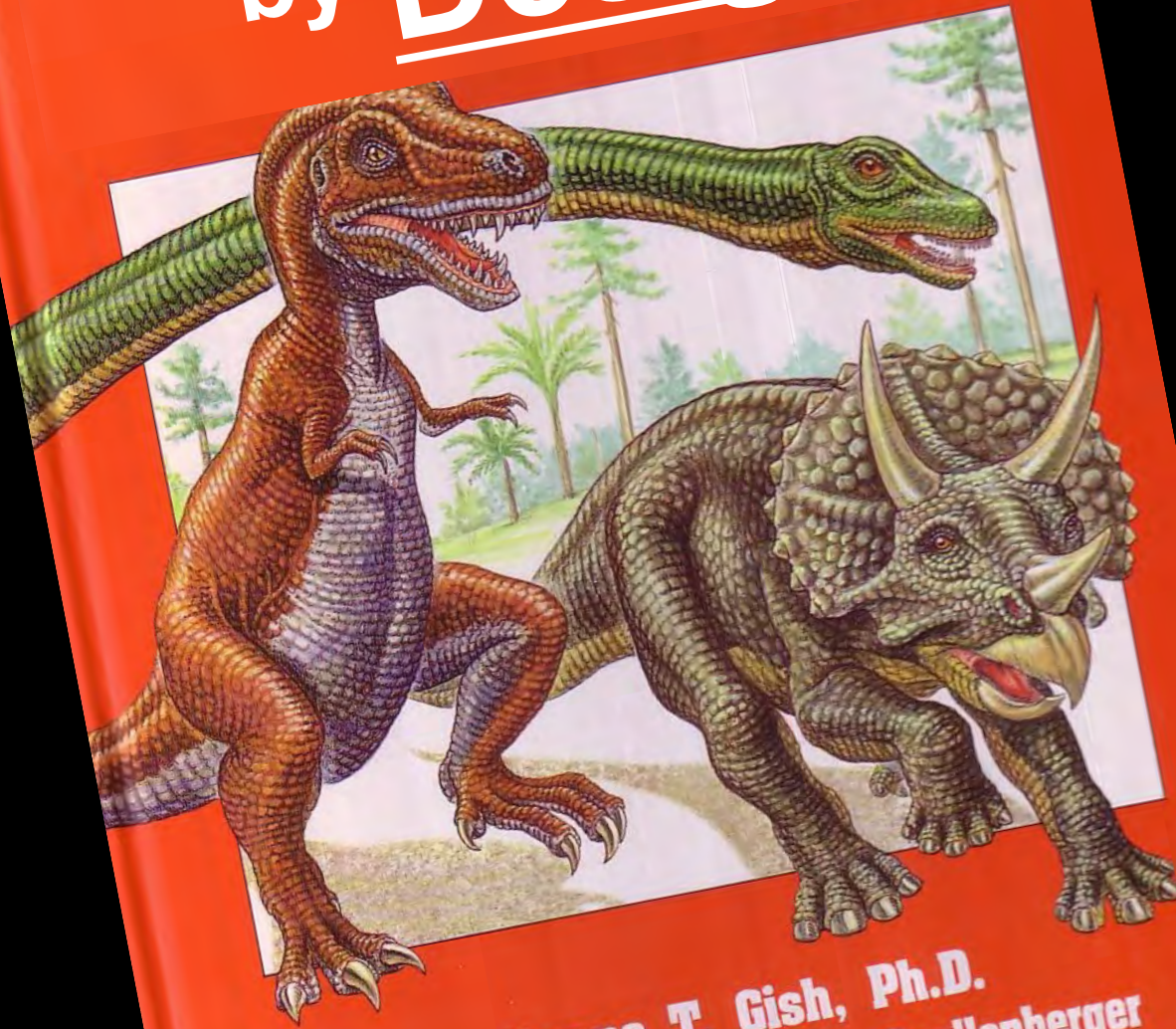
- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*
- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*
- *Pattern for work & rest*
- *Sun & moon not until day 4*

Since the start of creation... people have seen God = literal 24-hour days

"For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities—his eternal
power and divine nature—have
been clearly seen, being
understood from what has been
made, so that men are without
excuse" (NIV).



Dinosaurs by Design



Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.
illustrated by Earl and Bonita Snellenberger

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**Did dinosaurs
come before
man?**

**Yes. God
created
dinosaurs
earlier on the
sixth day of
creation!**

Evolution relies on a theory of
transitional forms which would
have been easy prey!

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Evolutionary Fairy



Narrative Parallels to Genesis

- Memphite Theology
- Enuma Elish
- Atrahasis Epic
- Gilgamesh Epic
- Creation
- Creation
- Creation & Flood
- Flood



Marduk Kills Tiamat

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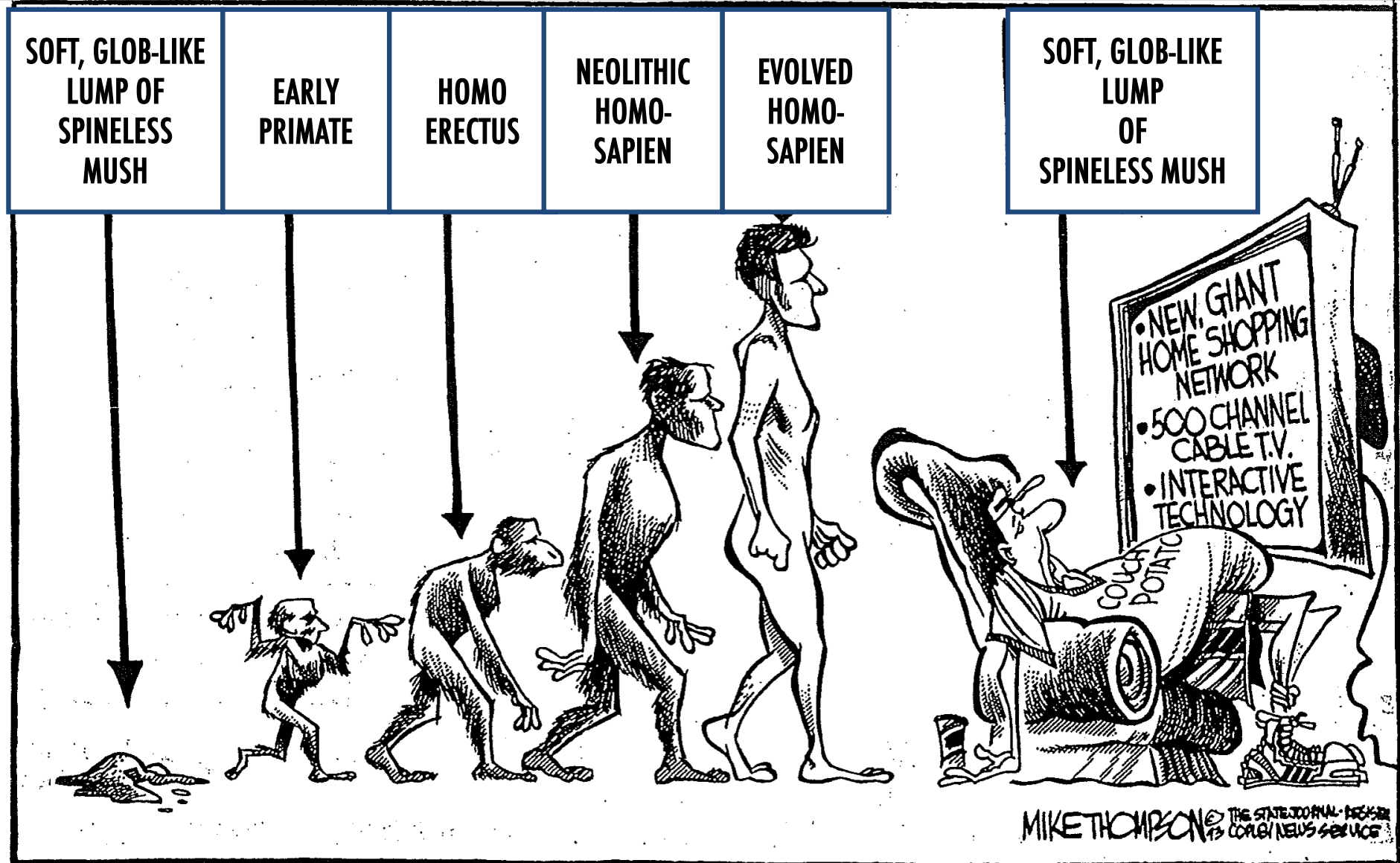


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The Evolution of Man



Big Bang



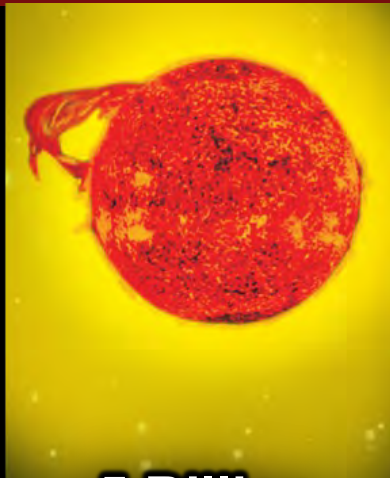
**15 Billion
Years Ago**

Stars



**10 Billion
Years Ago**

Sun



**5 Billion
Years Ago**

**Molten
Earth**



**4.5 Billion
Years Ago**

**First
Oceans**



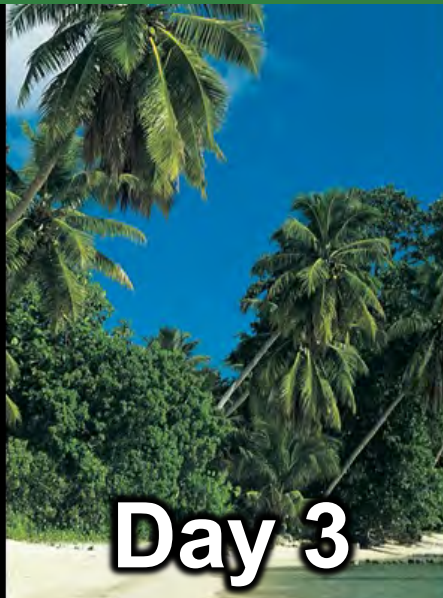
**3.8 Billion
Years Ago**

**Water Covered
Earth**



Days 1-2

**Dry Land
and Plants**



Day 3

**Sun, Moon,
and Stars**



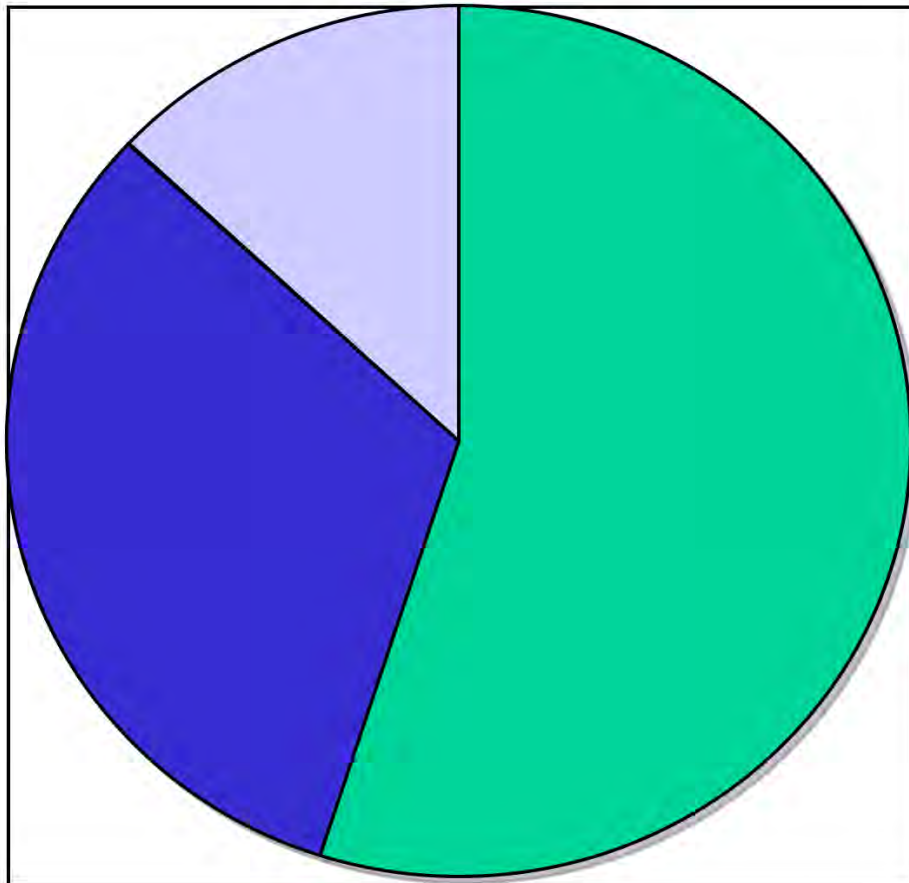
Day 4




Day	Biblical Creation	Points of Conflict	Big Bang Evolution	Sequence
1	Earth		Light	1
1	Darkness		Darkness	2
1	Water		Stars	3
1	Light		Water	4
2	Oceans		Solar system	5
3	Dry land		Earth	6
3	First life (vegetation)		Dry land	7
3	Trees		Oceans	8
4	Solar system		First life (single cellular)	9
4	Stars		Fish	10
5	Fish		Trees	11
5	Birds		Insects	12
6	Mammals		Reptiles	13
6	Reptiles		Birds	14
6	Insects		Mammals	15
6	Man		Man	16

Adapted from Dr. John Hartnett (Associate Professor, Physicist, Cosmologist at The University of Adelaide) at <http://johnhartnett.org/>



Who believes what?



-  **Creationists (55%)**
-  **Theistic Evolutionists (32%)**
-  **Darwinists (13%)**
(the view that leading scientists and educators accept)

Did life originate as an accident?

"There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: Spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God.... There is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility... that life came as an act of supernatural creation by God, but I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation leading to evolution."



Dr. George Wald
Professor Emeritus of Biology,
Harvard
Nobel Prize winner in Biology,
1971

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Genesis 2

God's Creation...Day 7

**Thus the heavens
and the earth were
completed,
and all their hosts
(2:1)**

God's Creation...Day 7



By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done (2:2).

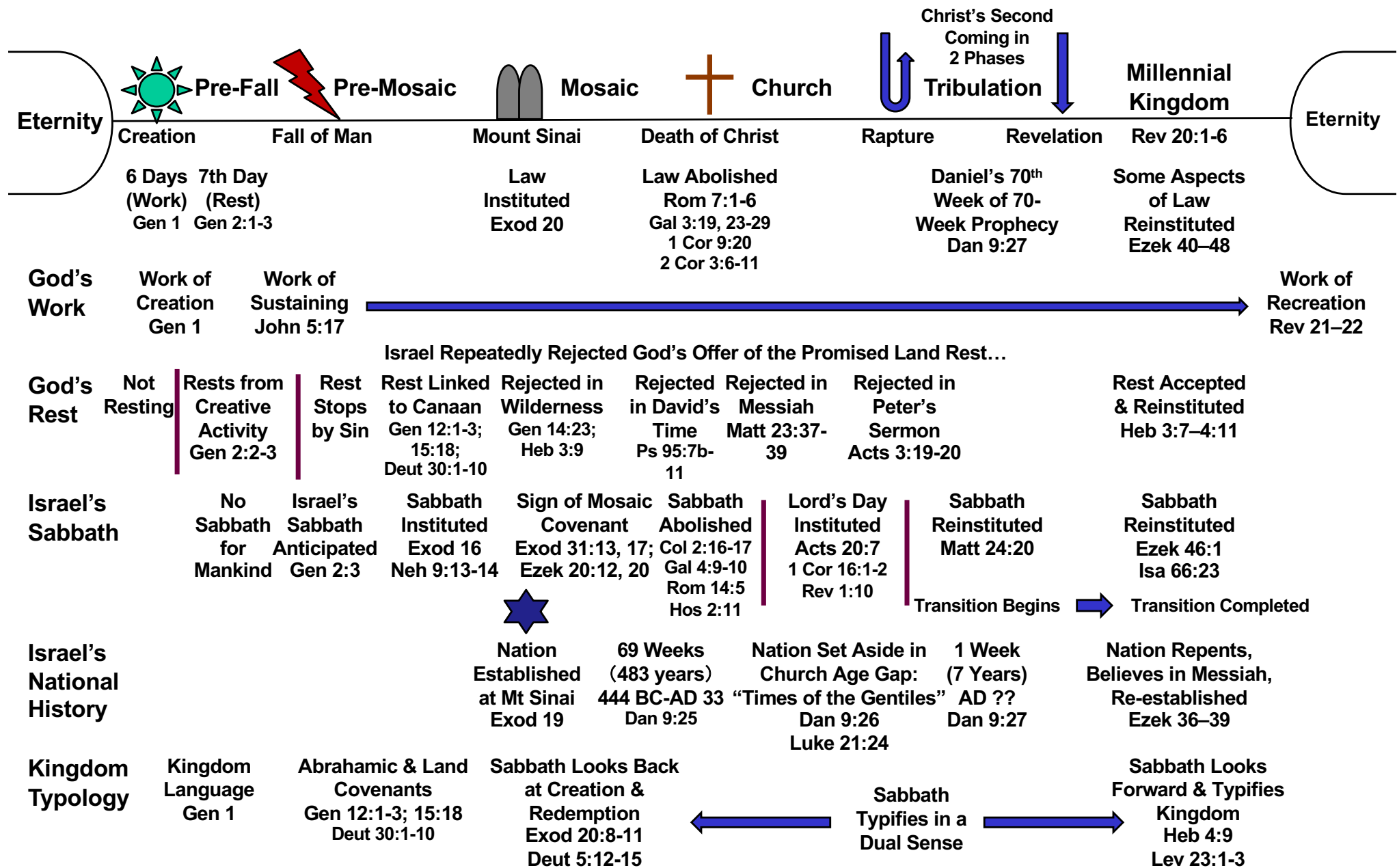
God's Creation...Day 7

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made (2:3).

The Eschatological Significance of the Sabbath

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A visual summary of the ThD dissertation by Richard James Griffith, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990



Two Accounts of Creation

Genesis 1

Use of "God" (*Elohim*)

Days 1-6

Creation of Everything

"In the beginning..."



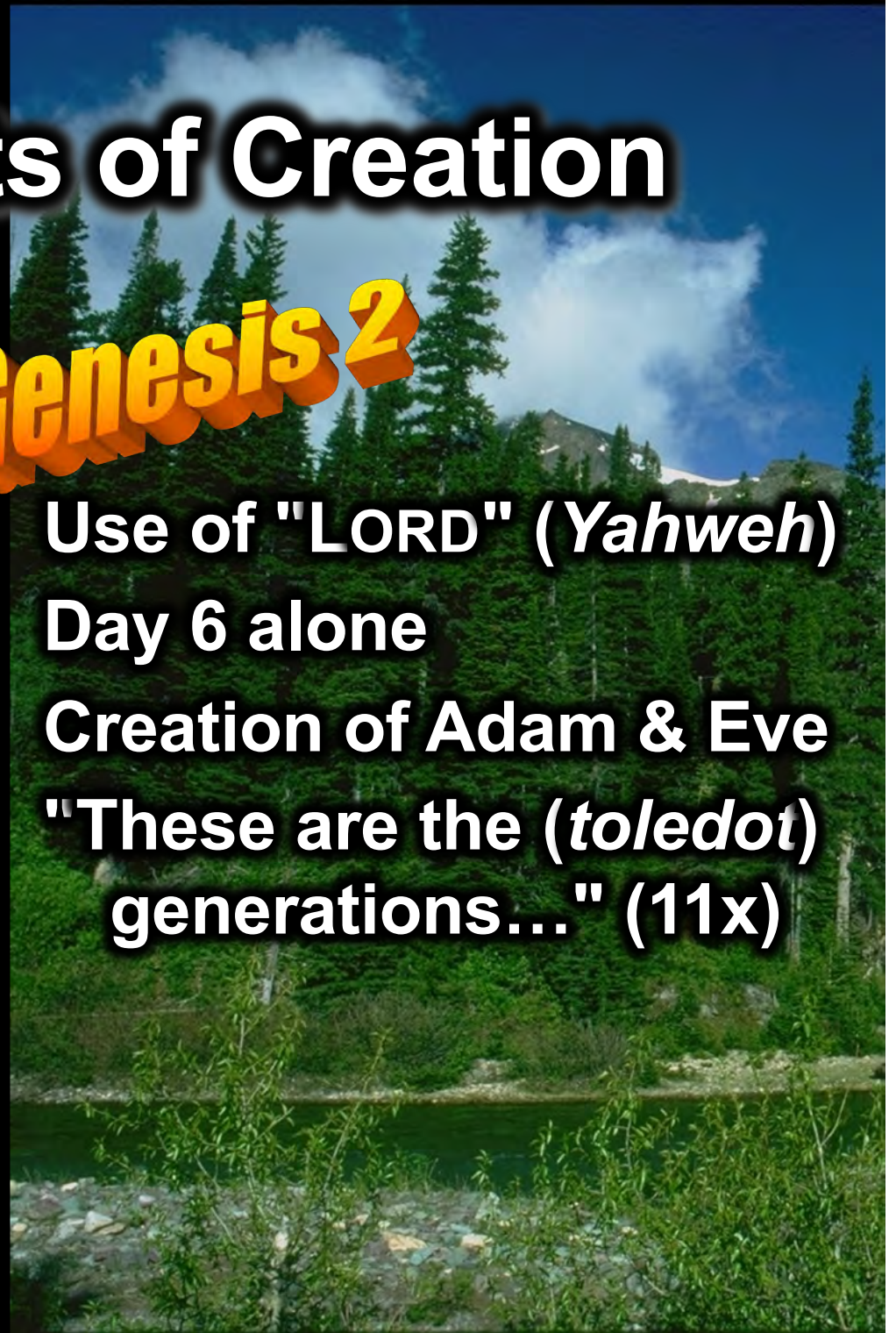
Genesis 2

Use of "LORD" (*Yahweh*)

Day 6 alone

Creation of Adam & Eve

"These are the (*toledot*) generations..." (11x)



Two Suggested Locations of Eden

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Barry Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 75

Genesis 2:10-14

Eden

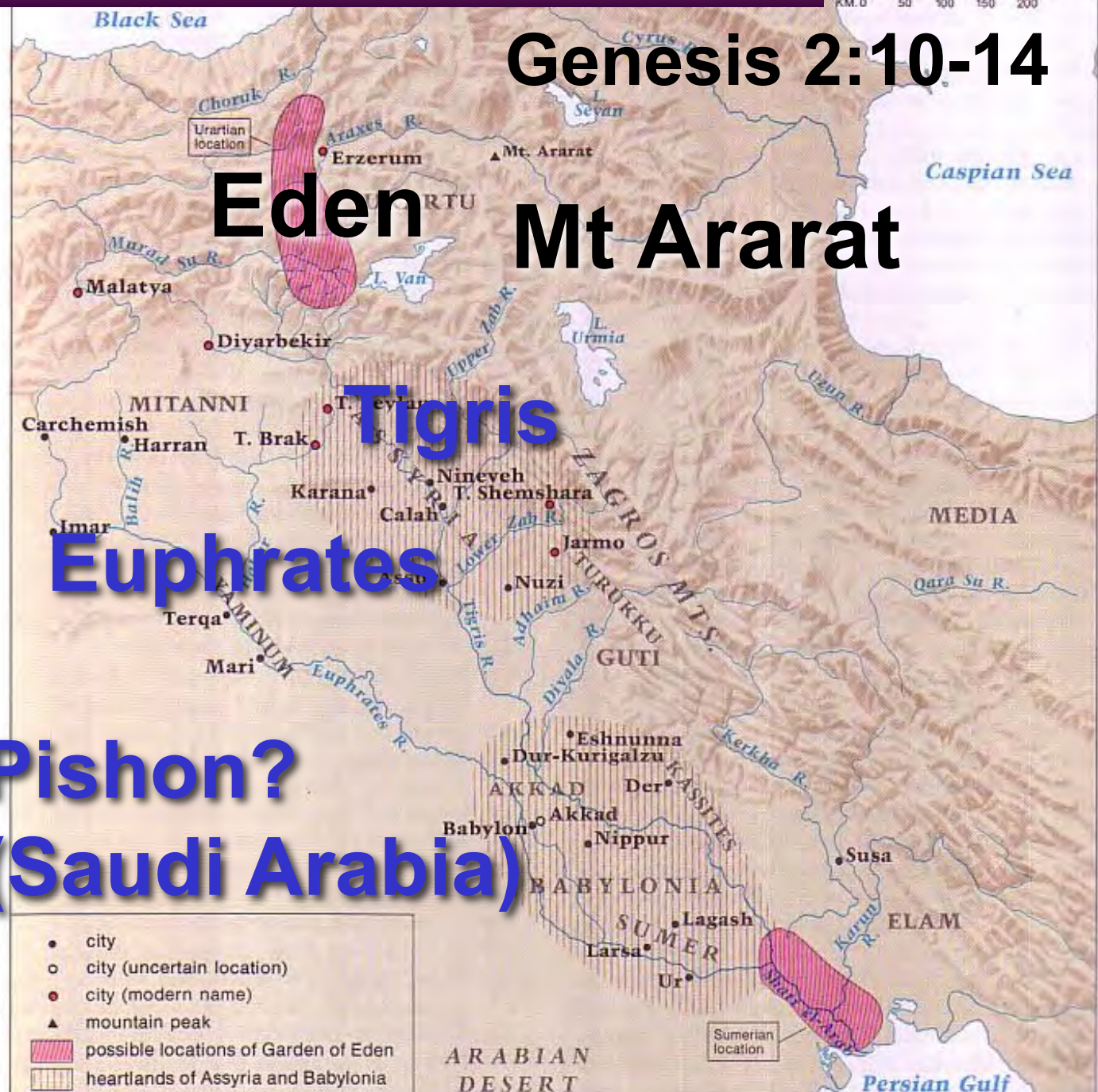
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Tigris

Euphrates

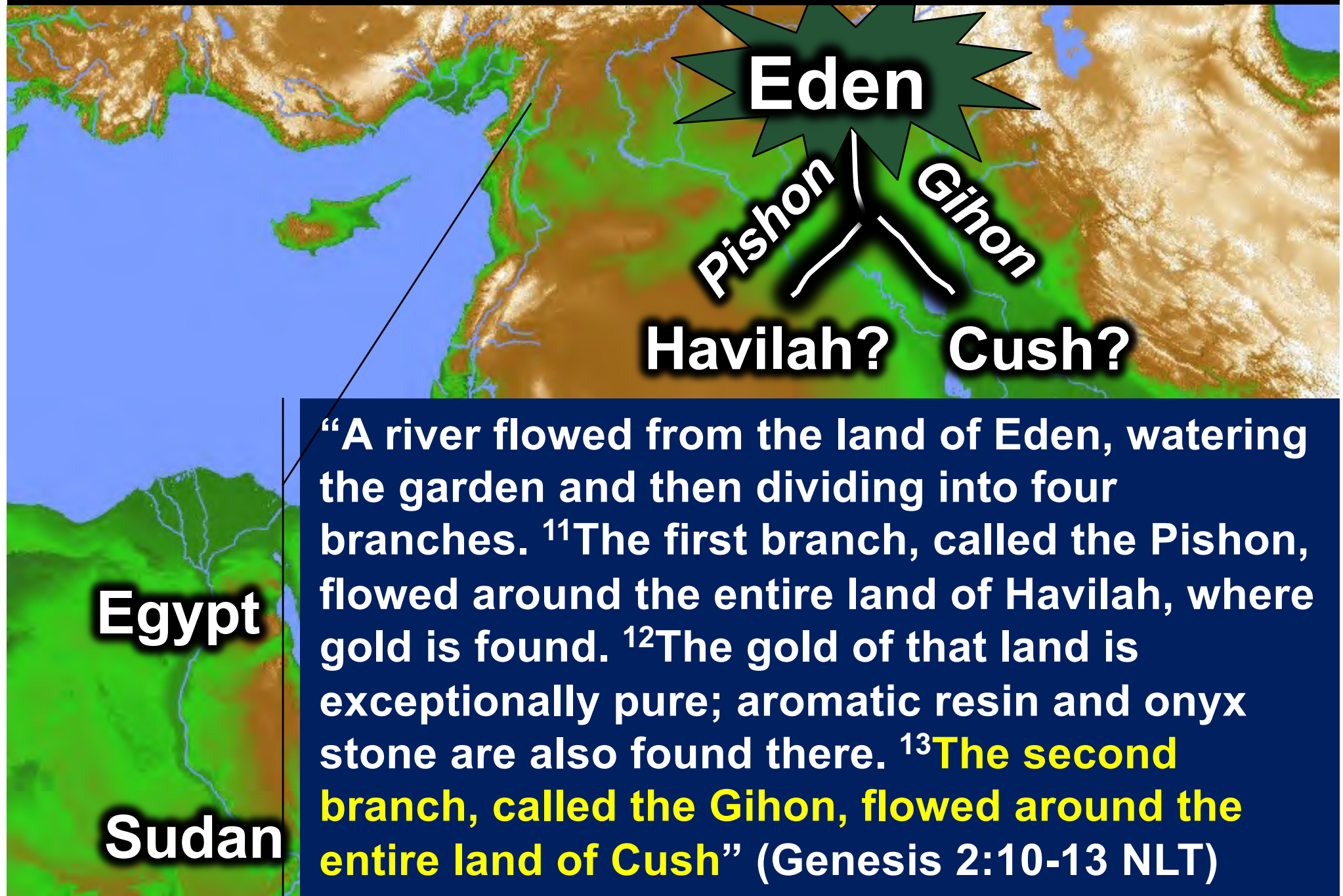
Gihon?
(Ethiopia)

Pishon?
(Saudi Arabia)



Mesopotamian Cush First Noted in Genesis 2

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Correct Location of Cush



This is not the Cush of Genesis but a later settlement between Egypt and Sudan as part of Nubia stretching from Aswan, Egypt to Khartoum, Sudan

Rodinia—The World That Perished

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

HELPFUL RESOURCES



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SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically?

Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world



Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period



Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).



Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

"Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



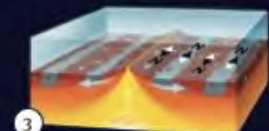
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magma flows up



2

magma spreads and cools rapidly



3

rapid cooling leads to magnetic field reversals

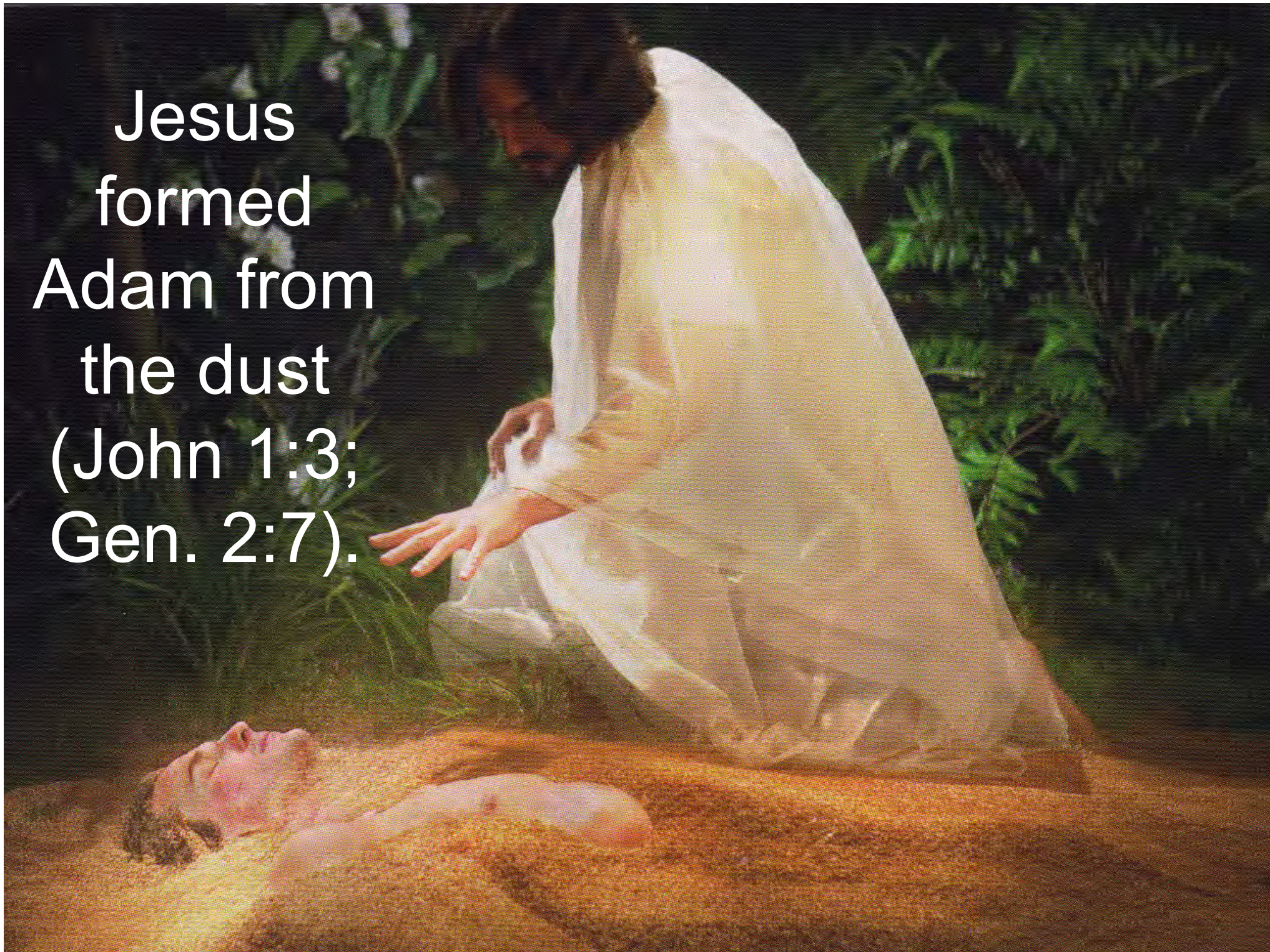
"Let the birth-goddess create offspring, and **let man bear the toil of the gods... create humanity that he may bear the yoke...** let Nintu mix clay, that god and man may be thoroughly mixed in the clay, let there be a spirit from the god's flesh"

(Arnold/Beyer,
Readings from the ANE, 24)

Atrahasis Epic

- Akkadian 1650 BC
- Creation & flood stories
- Man created to help overworked gods
- Man made from clay

Jesus
formed
Adam from
the dust
(John 1:3;
Gen. 2:7).





"If we're supposed to have eternal life, how come we were created *biodegradable*?"

A close-up photograph of a hand sifting brown soil or dust from the ground. The dust is falling through the fingers, creating a fine mist. The background is a dark, textured surface.

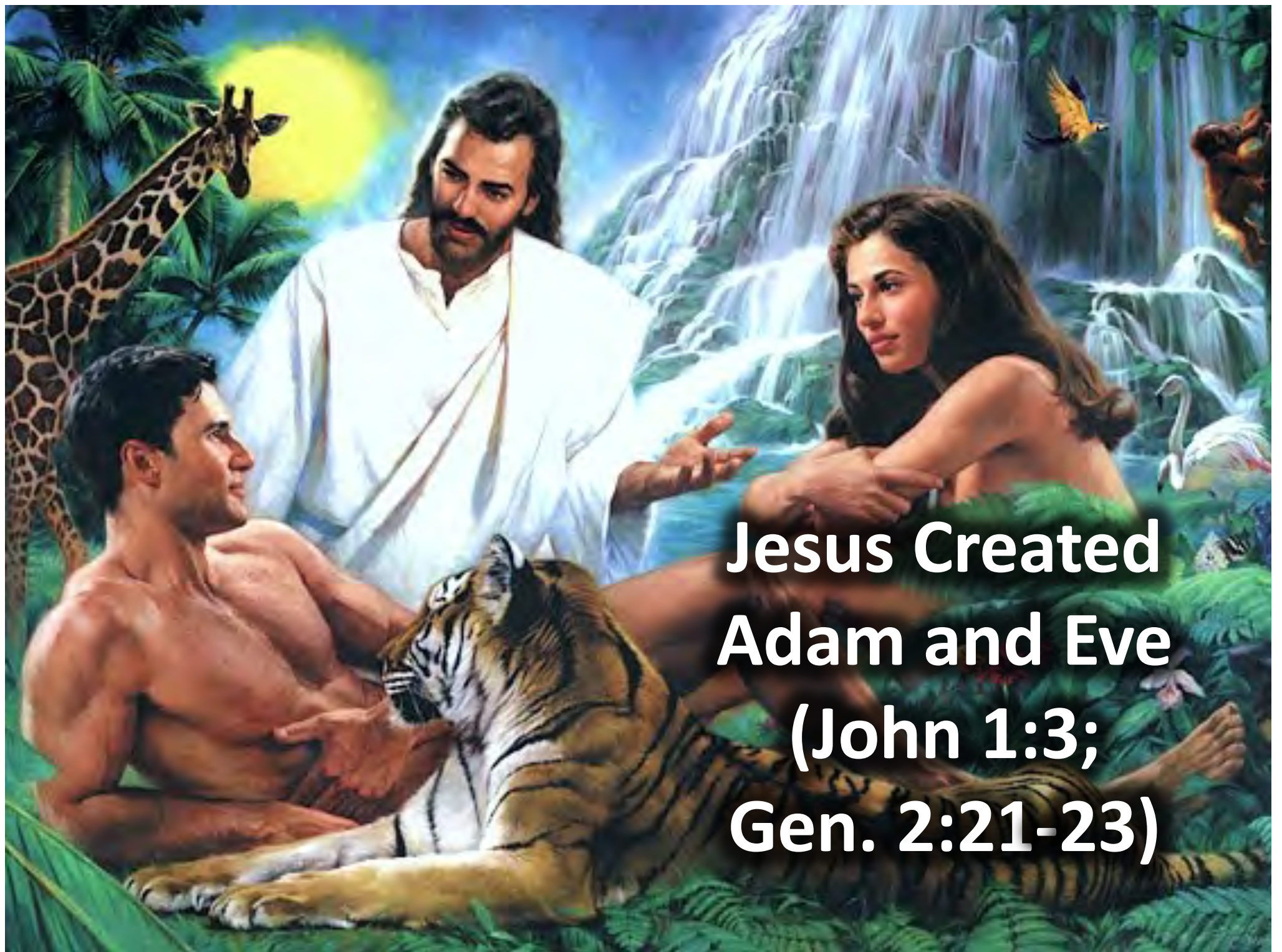
Genesis 2:7 NAS

"Then the LORD God formed man from **the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living being** (ESV: creature)."



"The LORD God fashioned into a woman **the rib** which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man."





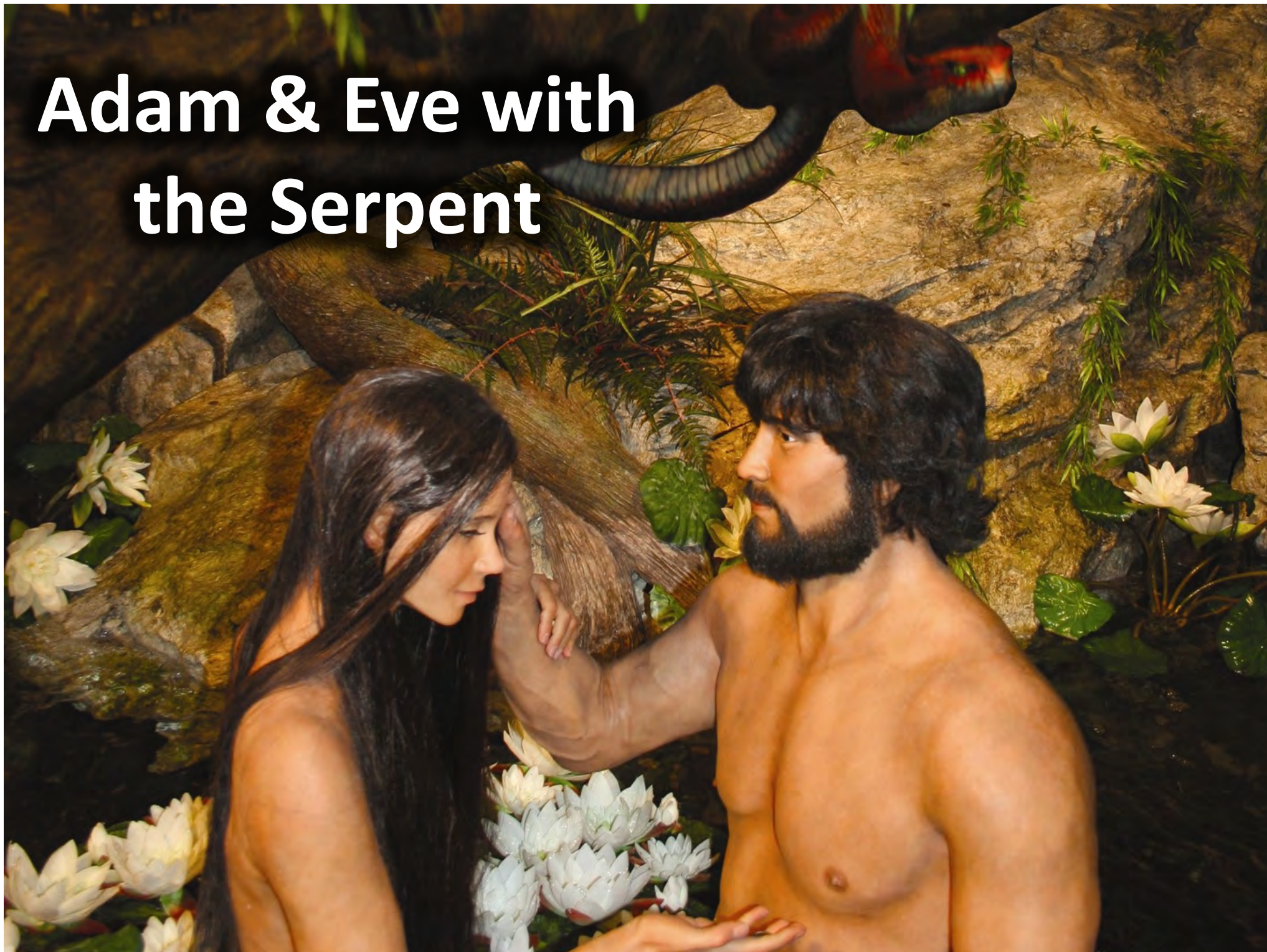
**Jesus Created
Adam and Eve
(John 1:3;
Gen. 2:21-23)**



Baby Pictures of Adam & Eve



Adam & Eve with the Serpent



What is it?

Humans are distinct from animals:

- **The right to rule creation (1:26)**
- **Dignity of humankind (9:6)**
- **Able to relate to God (2:16ff.)**

IMAGO DEI
The Image of God

Genesis 3:20

"Now the man called his wife's name **Eve**, because she was **the mother of all the living.**"

園 = 土 + 口 + 口 + 亻 + 人

Garden = Dust + Breath + Enclosure + Person + Person

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1 Corinthians 15:45

"So also it is written, '**The first man, Adam**, became a living soul....'"

The Image of God

Ancient kings placed images (statues) of themselves in the remotest parts of their empires to represent their sovereignty—and so did God!

KNOW

Mind

LOVE

Emotions

**Man rules
with God**

Will

OBEY

Genesis 1:27

Creation Going into Genesis 3

- Monotheism
- Sovereign God
- All is "Good"
- Man without sin
- No pain or evil
- Fellowship with God



Life started great for animals



Life started great for animals



Life started great for people

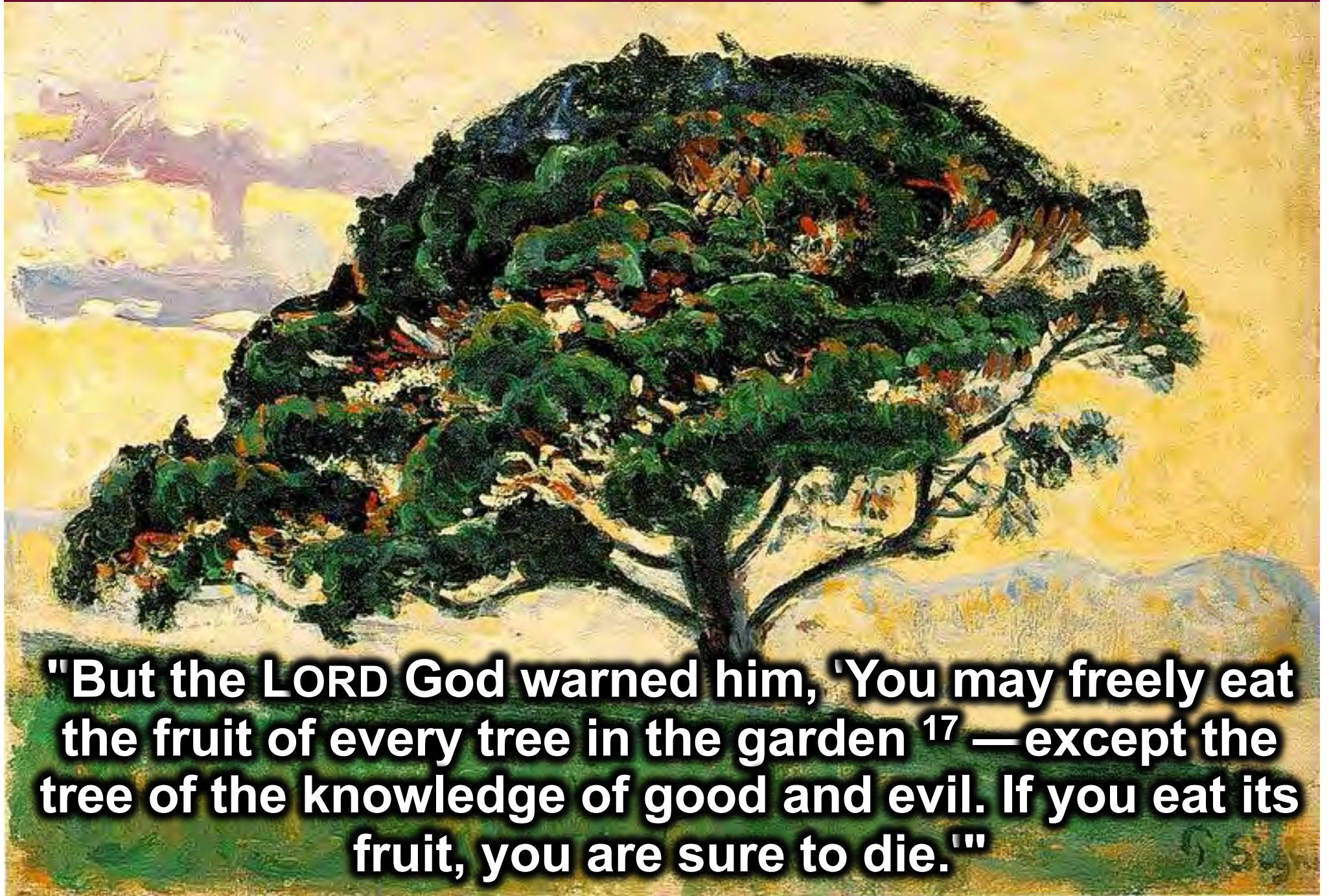




But God needed to include the tree



Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)



"But the LORD God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden ¹⁷ —except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.'"

Satan fell very soon after the 7th day of history



- 1. Ezek. 28 shows Satan was in his unfallen, perfect state in Eden.**
- 2. Everything was "very good" at the end of the 6th day—including angels.**
- 3. God sanctified the 7th day, so how could Satan have fallen that day?**
- 4. Once Satan fell, he would have immediately launched an attack on God.**
- 5. The Fall came soon after the 7th day as Adam and Eve apparently had no sex until after the Fall.**

Terry Mortenson, 10 Oct 2014 email, adapted

Genesis 3



What **we**
did **wrong**



What **God**
did **right**

I. We trust **ourselves** instead of God.

Jenn 13:1

**Praying won't help.
Doing will.**



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We try to live without God (3:1-7).



"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, 'Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?'" (3:1 NLT).



"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,' the woman replied. ³'It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die'" (3:2-3 NLT).



A yellow and black patterned snake is coiled around a red apple with green leaves. The background is a solid blue color.

**"We can't even *touch* it!"
(Legalism)**

**Eve *doubted God's word* as a
disgruntled legalist (3:1-3).**

Small Group Question:
*What is our basic
problem as humans?*



- 1. What does the main group that you minister to think is our key struggle? Buddhists, Hindus, secularists, etc. will have different answers.**
- 2. How do you respond to their answer?**

Hippocrates

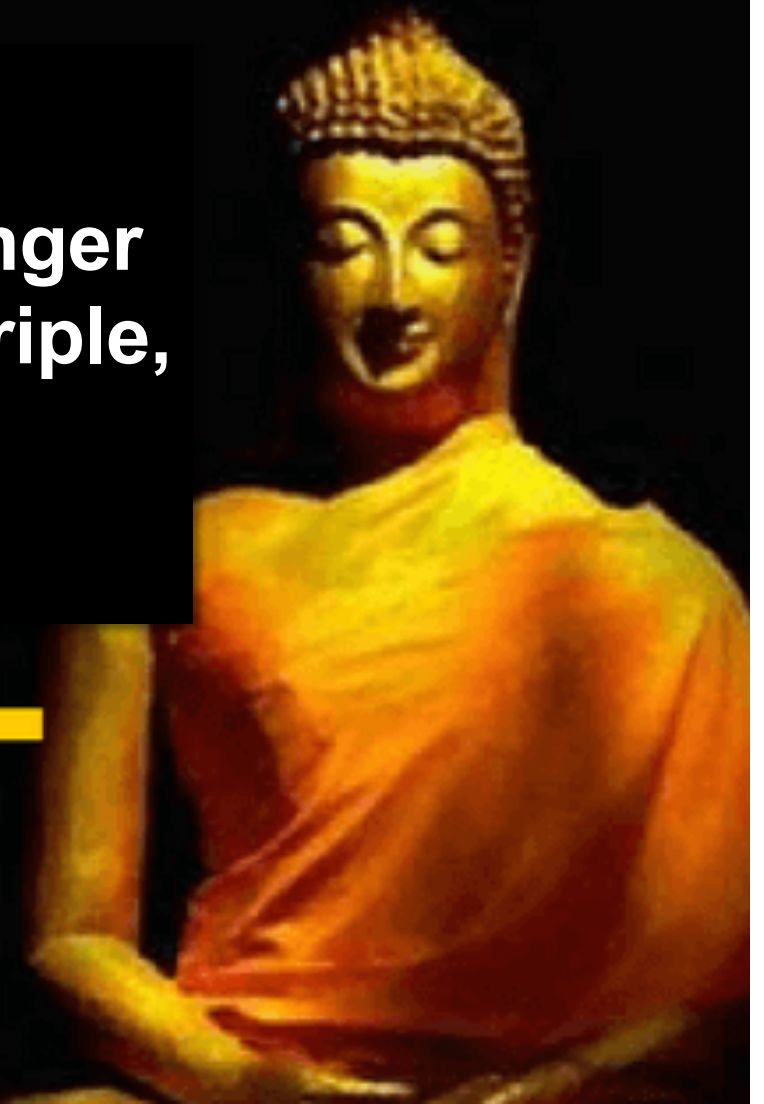


A wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings, and learn how by his own thought to derive benefit from his illnesses.

Buddhism

**The secret to living well and longer
is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple,
and love without measure.**

Chinese Proverb



WHO NEEDS
~~CHRIST~~
DURING

CHRISTMAS?

NOBODY.

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**“God free, happy, and
inspired by wonder.”**

**Will Scharff, Sacramento
Technology Analyst...Atheist**

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**“Believe in humanity,
not god.”**

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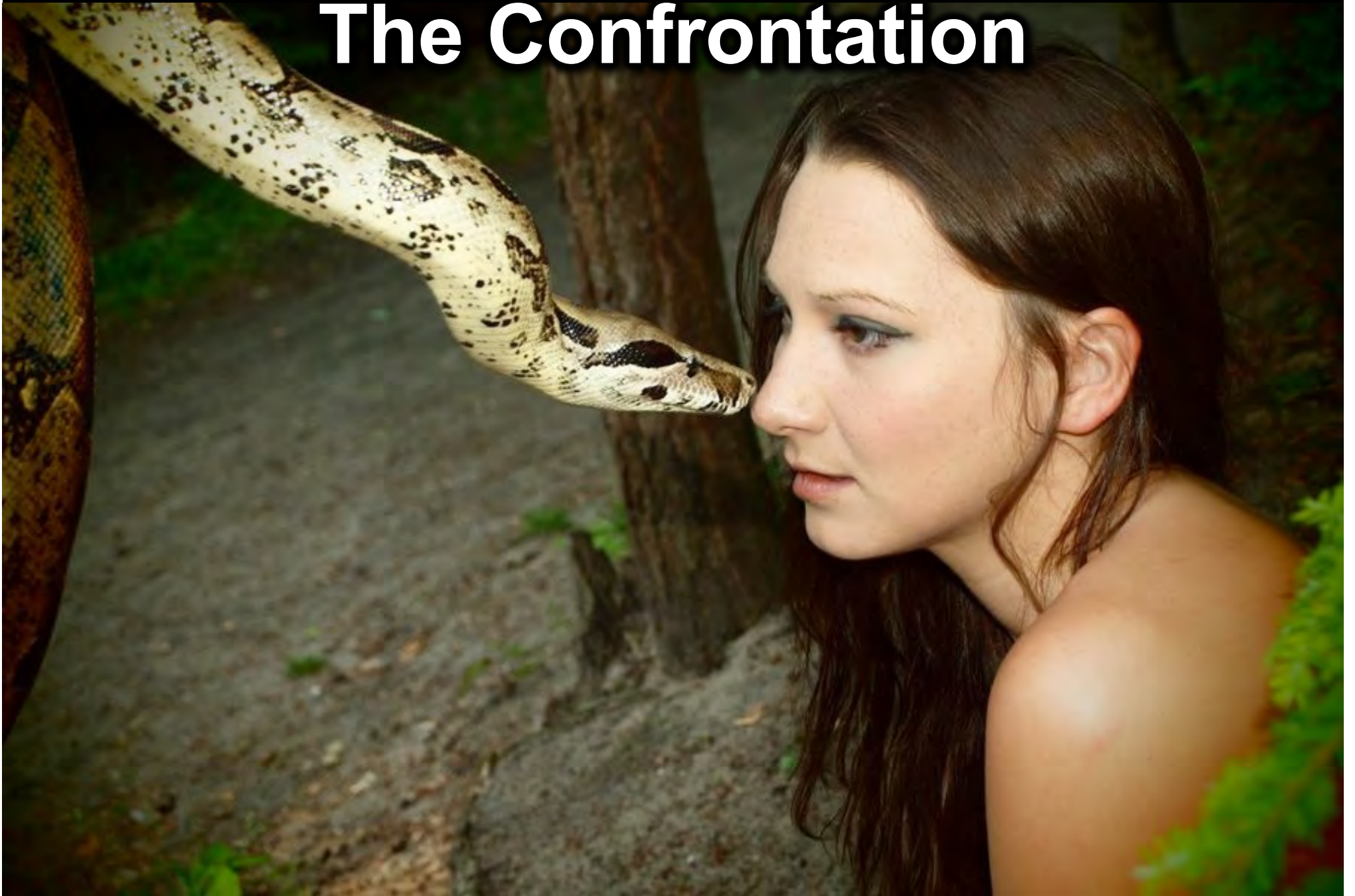
We Trust Strangers, Even When It Doesn't Make Sense to Do So

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The Confrontation





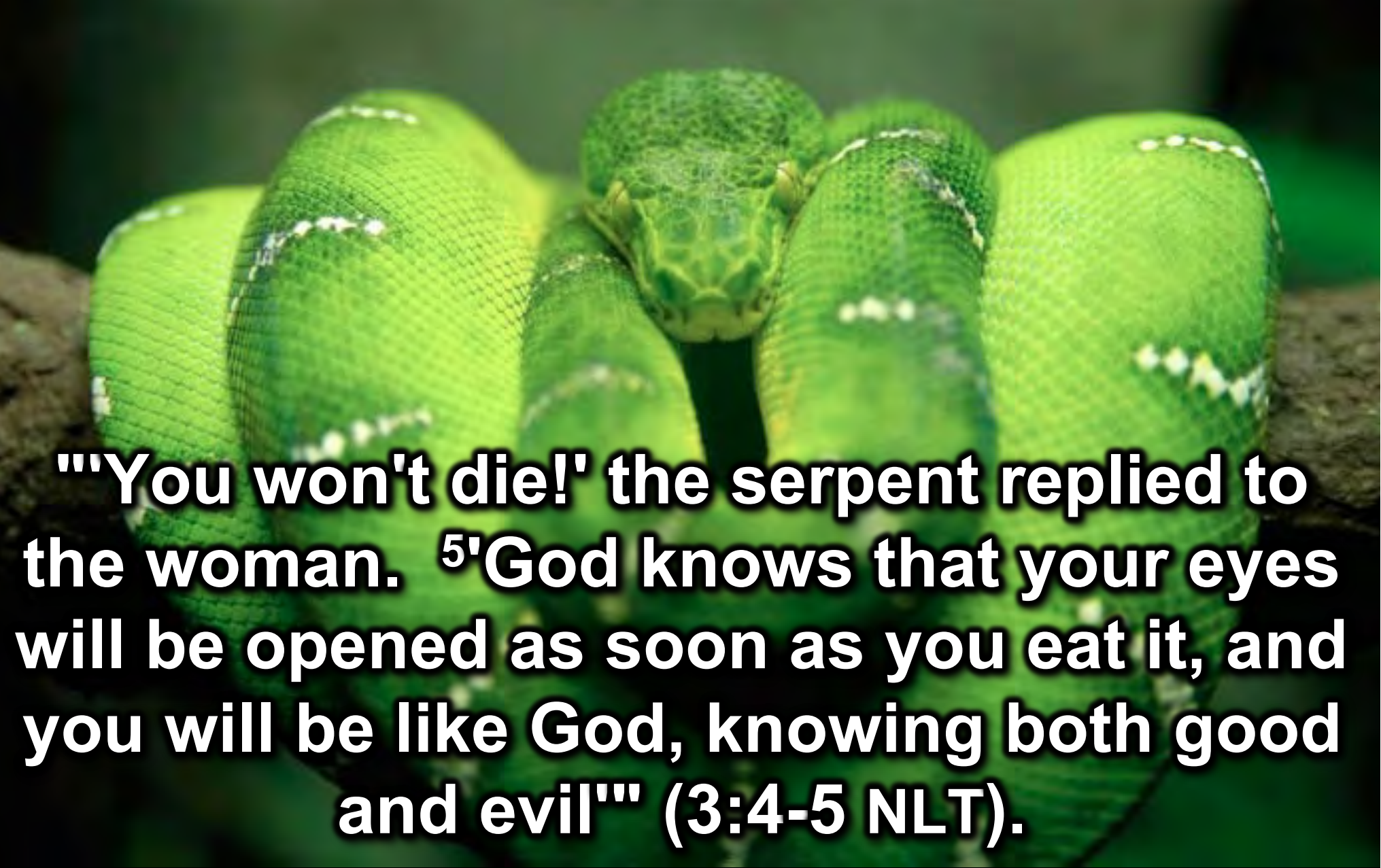
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disgruntled legalist (3:1-3).**



**"I want to be like God!"
(Pride)**

**Eve *doubted God's goodness* as
if he jealously held her back
(Genesis 3:4-5).**



""You won't die!' the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵'God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil'" (3:4-5 NLT).



Dear Christians,
I share my toys.
Why won't you share the season?
Happy holidays for all!

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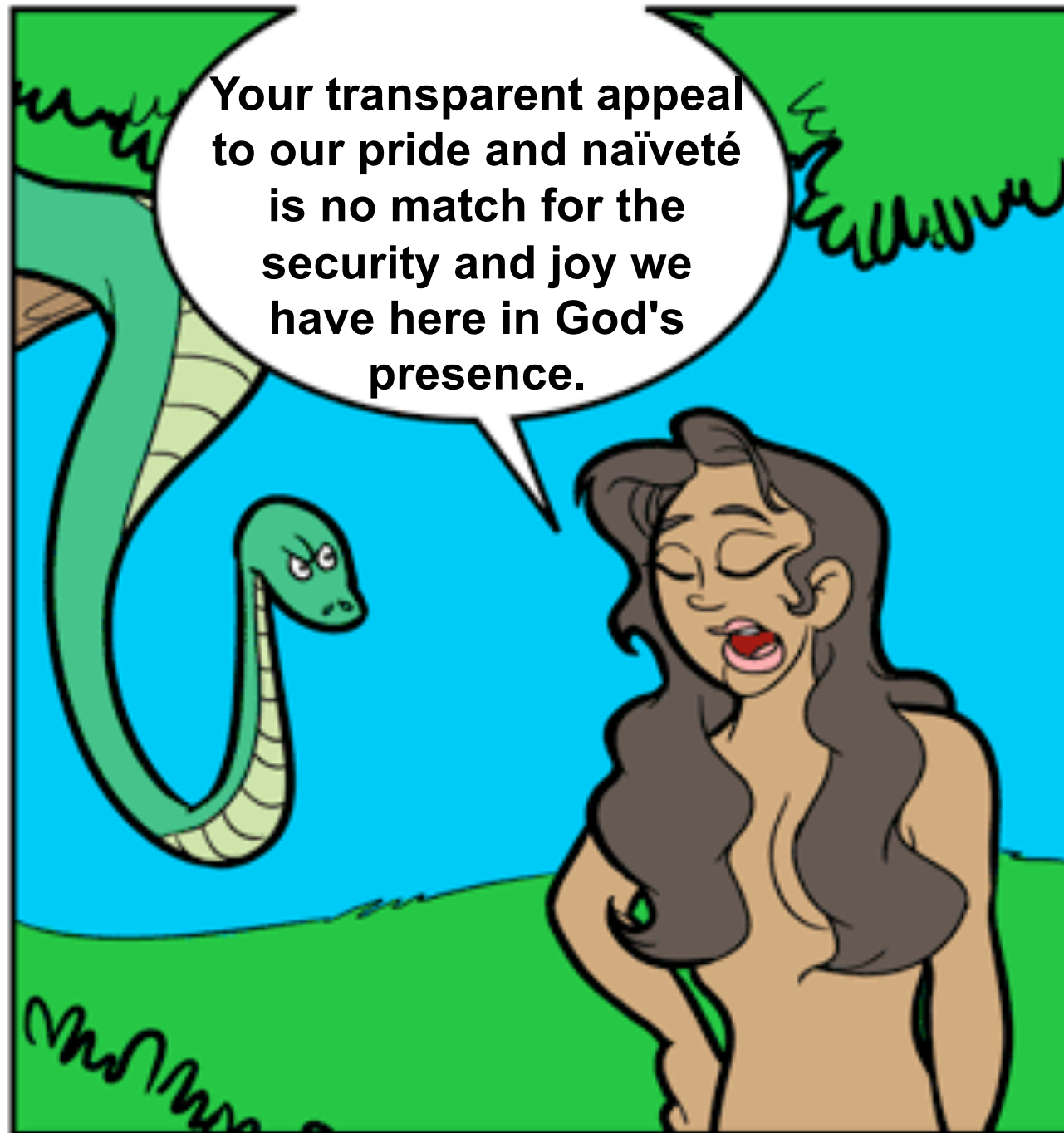
Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is to

skip church!

I'm too old for fairy tales.







והנחש היה ערום מכל חית השדה אשר עשה יְהוָה אלהים

"The LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but 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'" (Genesis 2:16-17 NAU).



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"The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too" (3:6 NLT).



Yielding to Temptation

DOUBT

Mind

DENIAL

Emotions

**Satan rules
against God**

Will

DISOBEY

Genesis 3



"She gave some to her husband who was with her" (3:6b NLT).



Our Problem: Evil



The Chinese pictograph for "evil" reflects Genesis 3. It has the **green symbol for "garden"** placed under a **"great expanse" in blue**. In the garden are two trees in black and a **child is playing** there. Right next to this child is a small mark that stands for **"whisperer."**



The Things of the World

Comparing Some Key Texts



World (1 John 2:15-16)	Sources of Temptation	Eve (Gen. 3)	Christ (Matt. 4; Luke 4)
"Cravings of sinful man"	Ungodly bodily desires <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sex outside marriage• gluttony• etc.	"Good for food"	Stones to bread
"Lust of the eyes"	Greed, coveting (10th commandment)	"Pleasing to the eye"	Possess all kingdoms
"Boasting of what he has and does"	Pride & boasting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• occupation• position• worldly advantages• etc.	"Desirable for gaining wisdom"	Acclaim by men ("throw yourself from the temple")



The Blame Game



The Blame Game



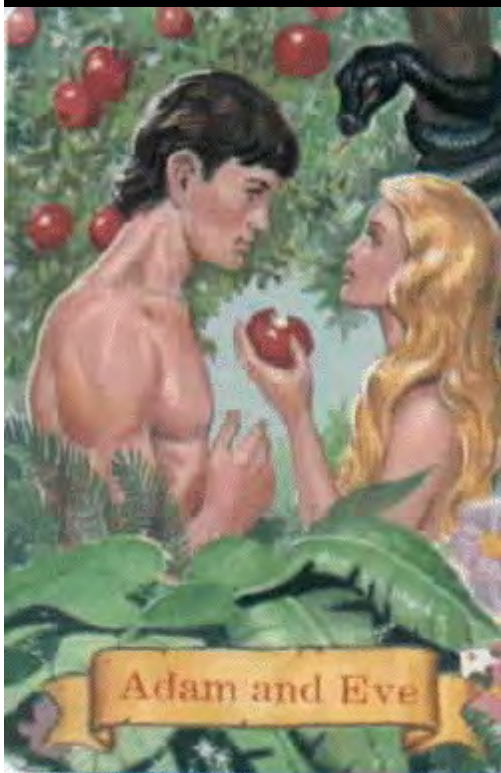


The Sad Results

**Our independence
brings blame,
shame and pain
(3:7-13, 17-19).**

"At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves" (3:7 NLT).





What Resulted from the Fall (3:7-24)?

For both Adam and Eve (7-13)

For the serpent (14-15)

For Eve (16)

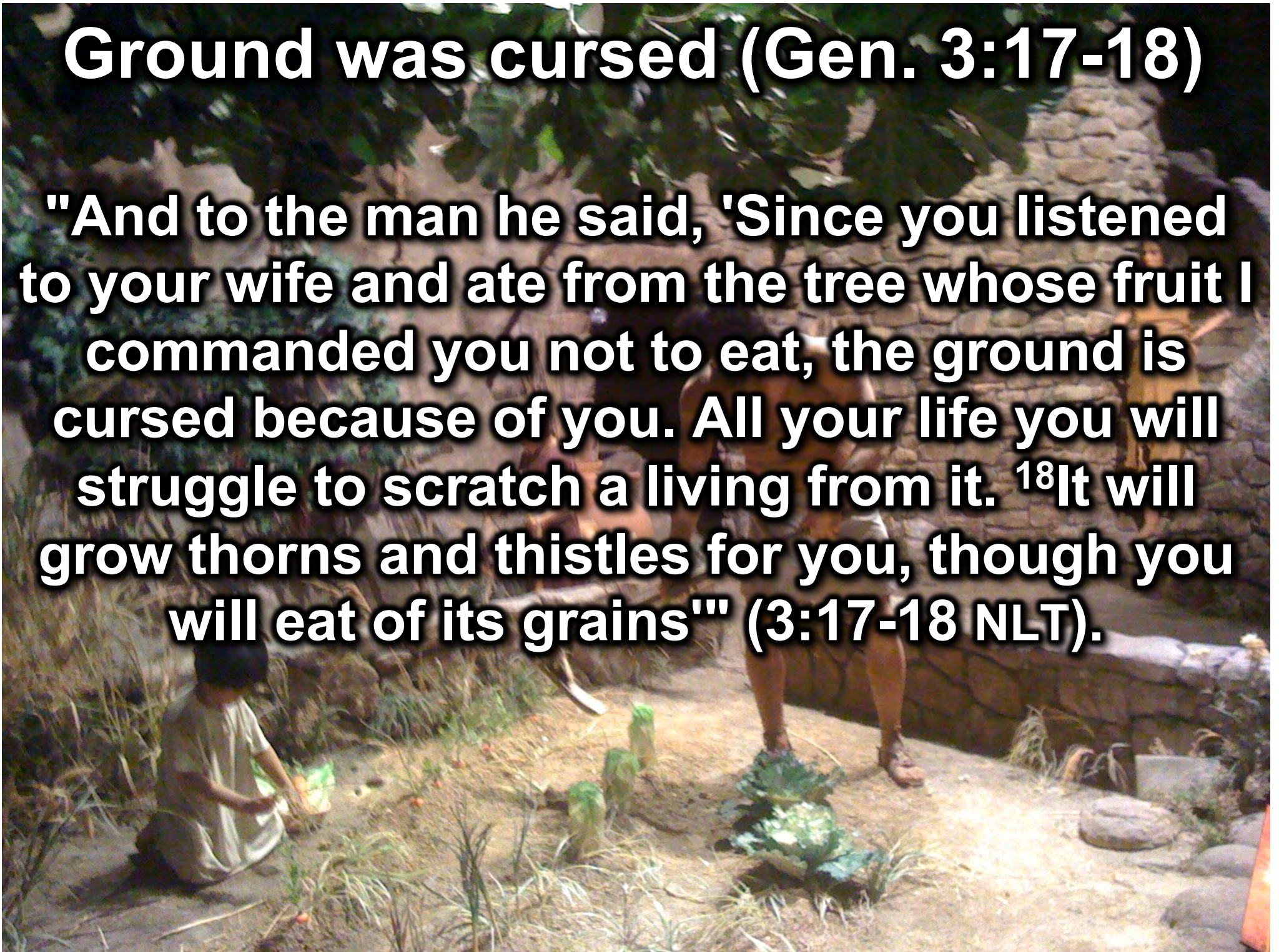
For Adam (17-18)

For Humanity (19)

Shame
Defeat
Pain
Toil

Ground was cursed (Gen. 3:17-18)

"And to the man he said, 'Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains'" (3:17-18 NLT).



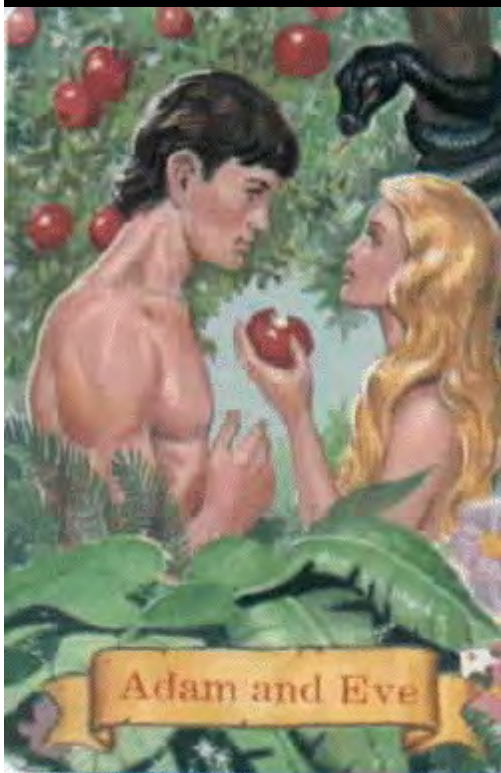
Adam & Eve began to die **spiritually**



"By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return" (3:19 NLT).

**Adam did not die for another 930 years
(Gen. 5:5), but he did die**





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For both Adam and Eve (7-13)

For the serpent (14-15)

For Eve (16)

For Adam (17-18)

For Humanity (19)

Shame
Defeat
Pain
Toll
Death

Results of Sin

- **Shame: "At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves" (Gen. 3:7 NLT)**
- **Separation from God: Adam hid in the Garden (Gen. 3:8)**
- **Death: "In the day you eat from it, you shall die" (Gen. 2:17 NAU)**

**When did death come into
the world?**



**Did death exist before sin?
What do you think?**

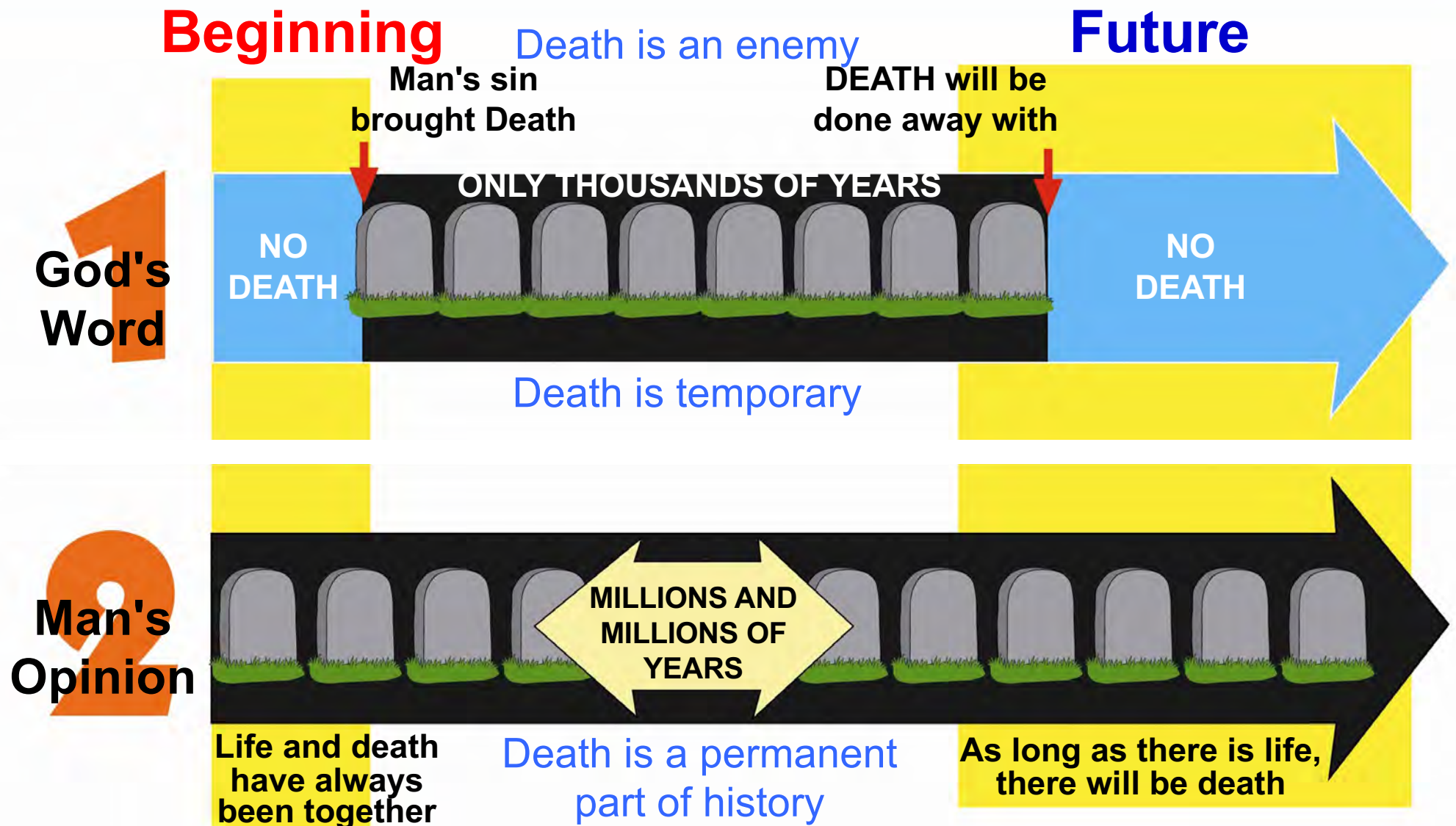
**VERY
GOOD**



**What does it mean that creation was
"very good" if death existed then?**

How long has death existed (Rom. 5:12)?

Two Histories of *Death*





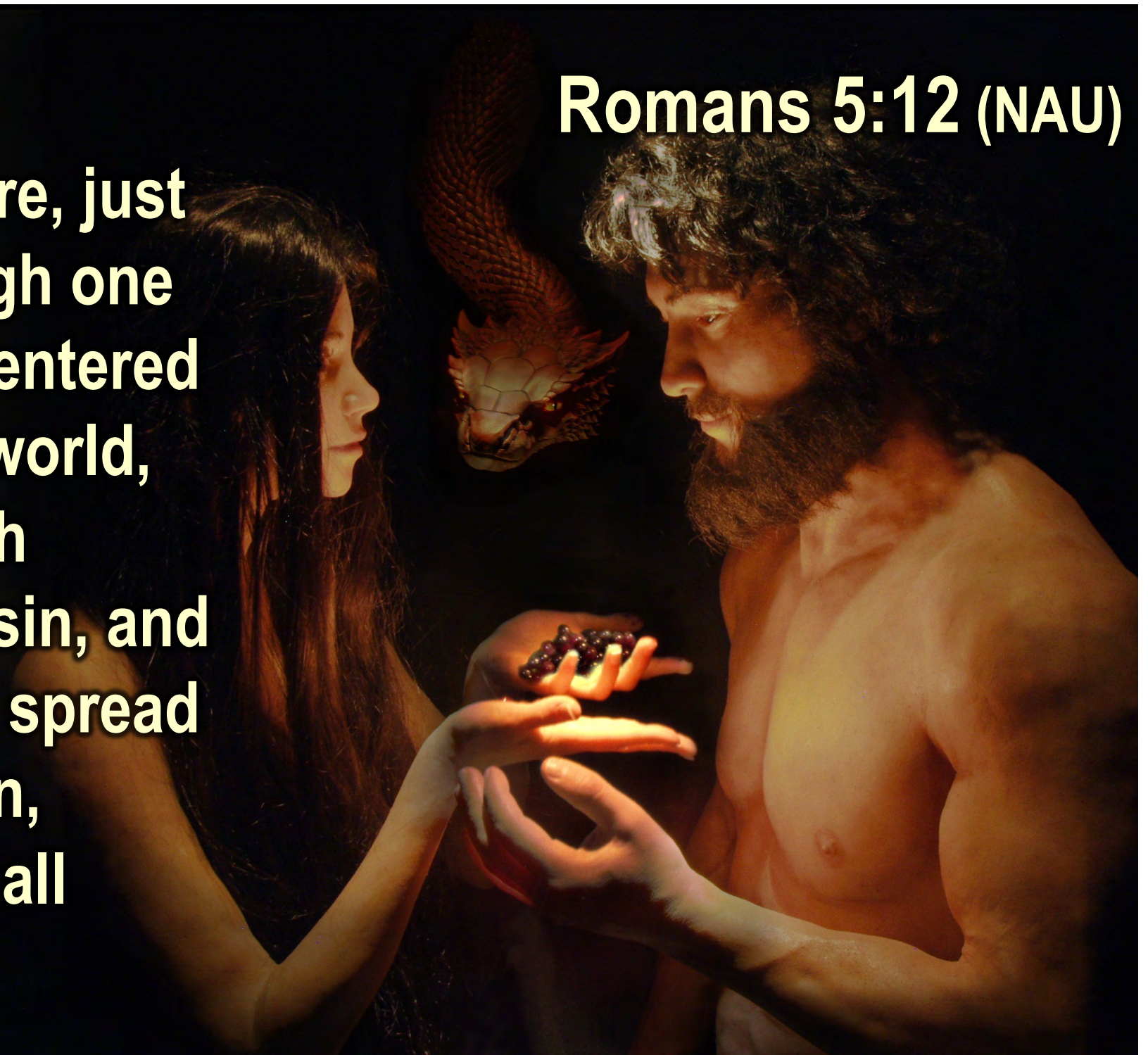
**PAIN
DEATH
KILLING
DISEASE
STRUGGLE
SUFFERING
EXTINCTION**

**FOSSIL
RECORD**

**Noah's
Flood**

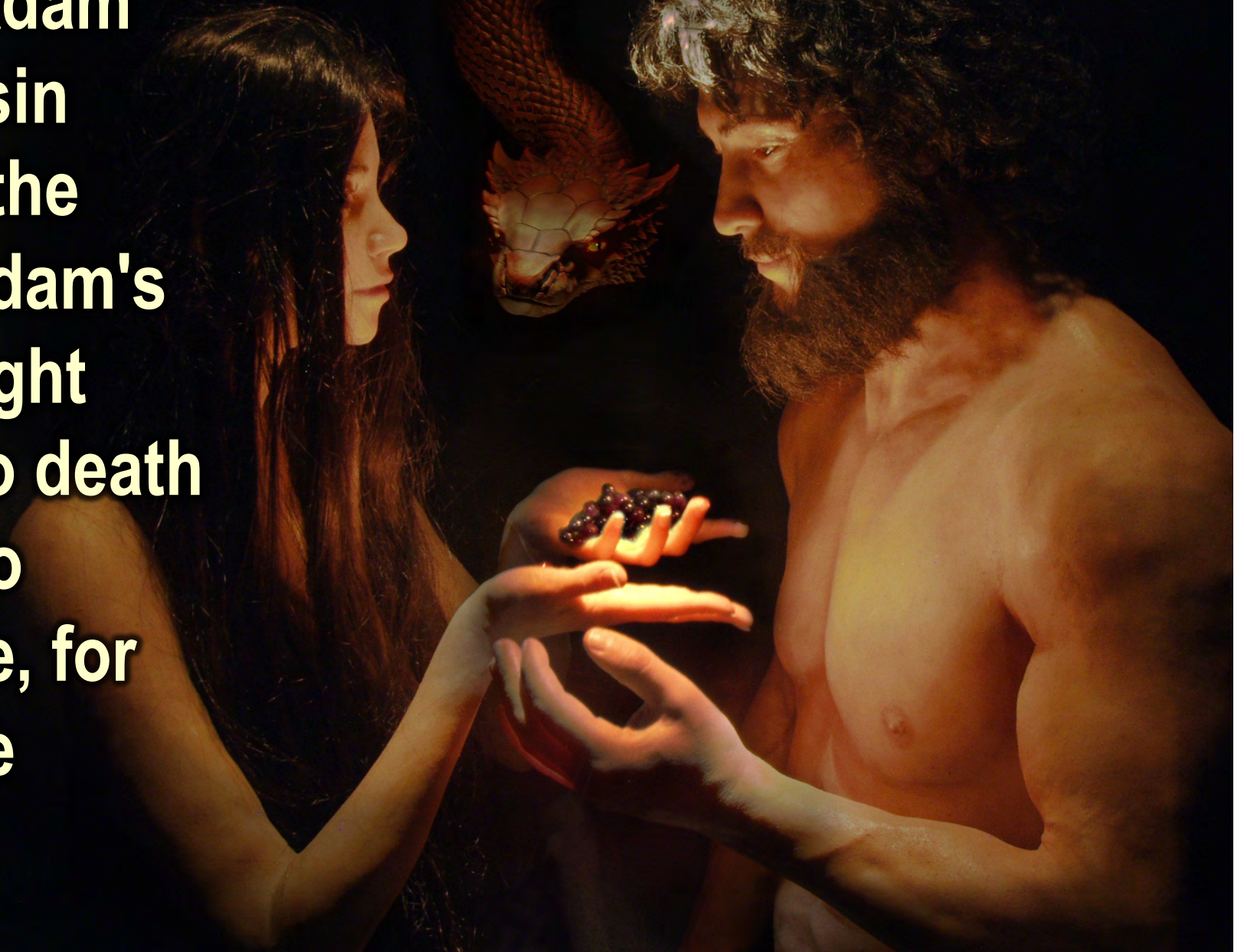
Romans 5:12 (NAU)

**"Therefore, just
as through one
man sin entered
into the world,
and death
through sin, and
so death spread
to all men,
because all
sinned"**



Romans 5:12 (NLT)

**"When Adam
sinned, sin
entered the
world. Adam's
sin brought
death, so death
spread to
everyone, for
everyone
sinned"**



I. We trust **ourselves**
instead of God.

Deave 27:1

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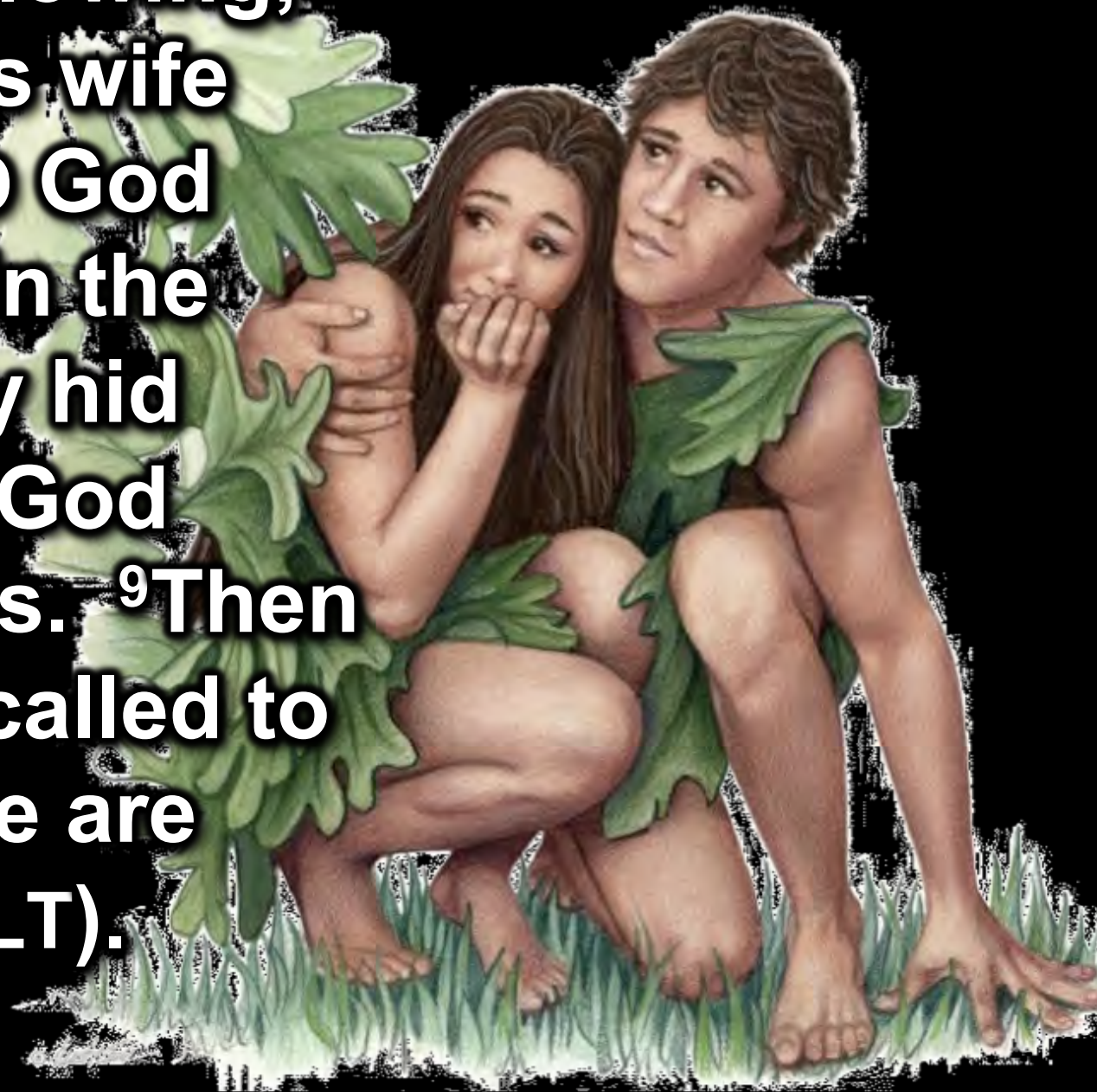
We need a Savior



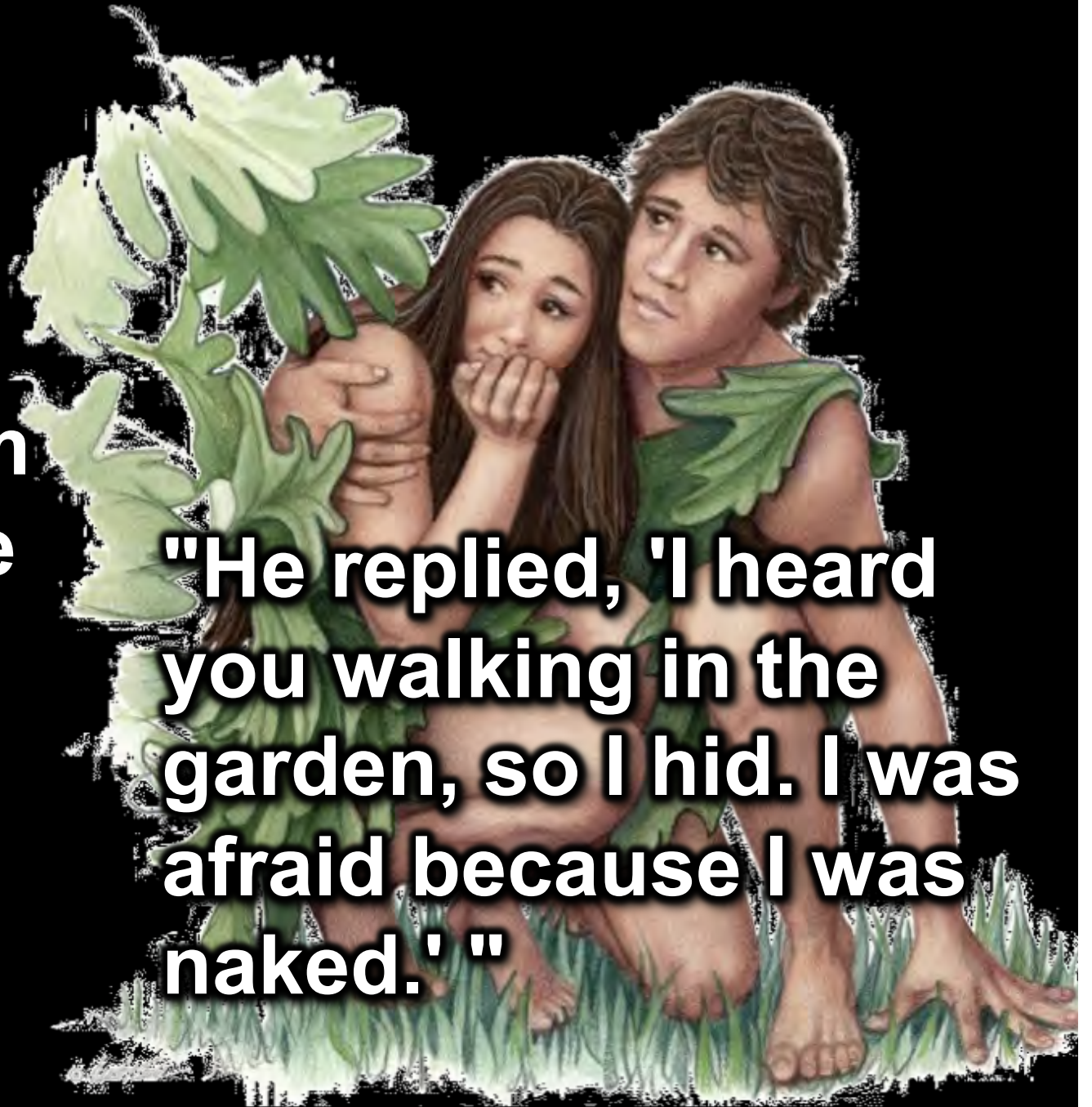
II. Jesus **saves** us from sin's penalty.



"When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" (3:8-9 NLT).



**11"Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. 'Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?'"
(3:10-11 NLT).**



"He replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.' "

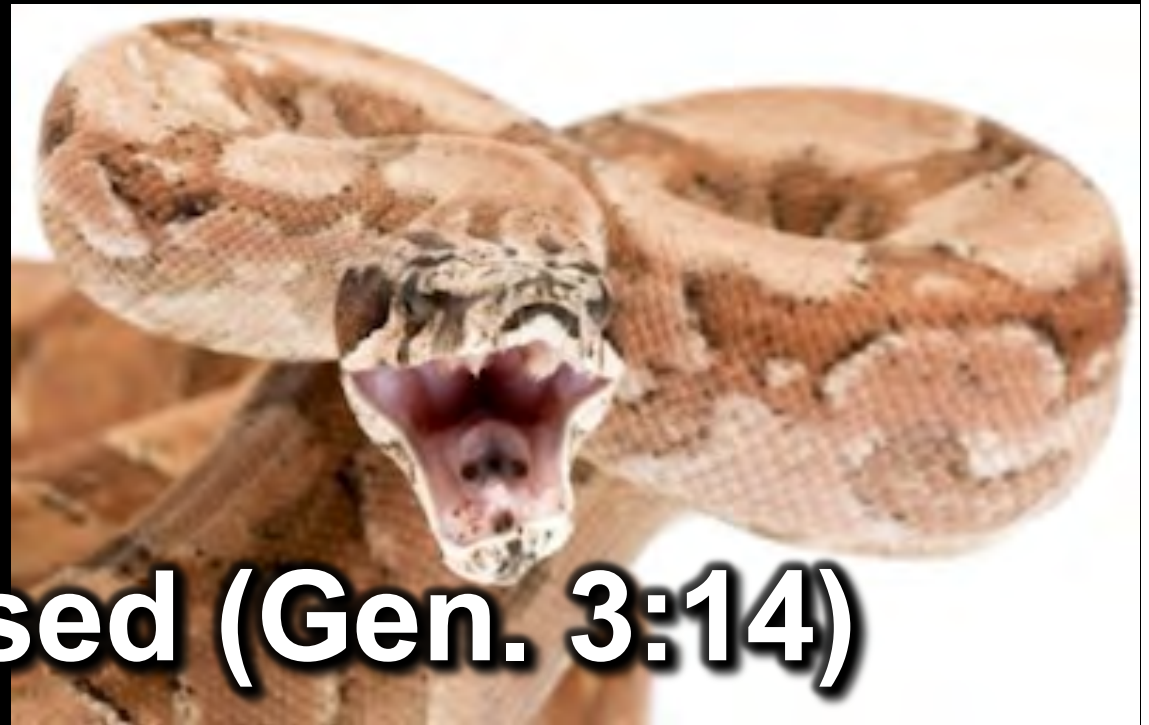
**Who likes
stepping on
snakes?**



"Then the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.'"

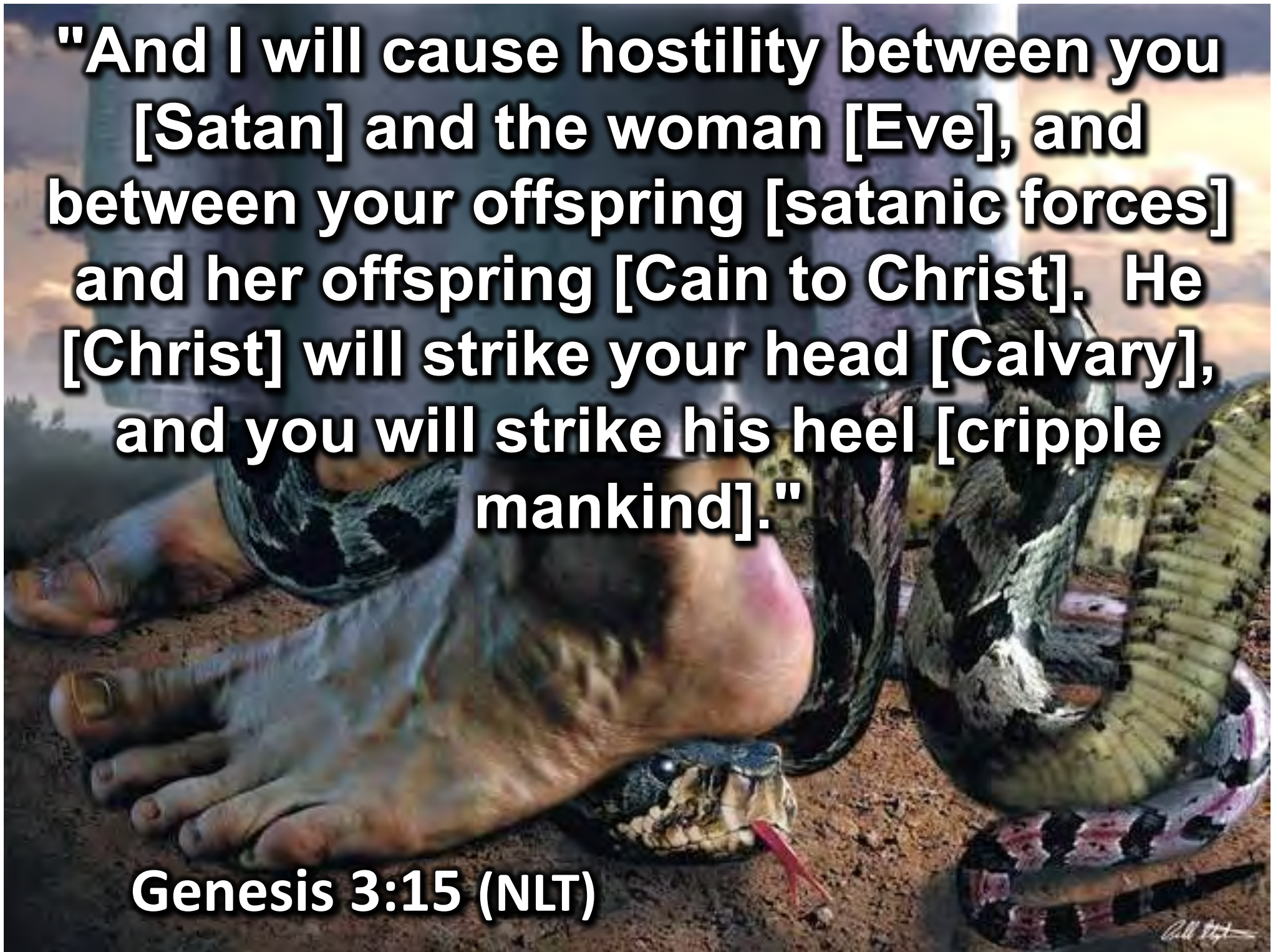
**Genesis 3:14
(NLT)**

Serpent cursed (Gen. 3:14)



"And I will cause hostility between you [Satan] and the woman [Eve], and between your offspring [satanic forces] and her offspring [Cain to Christ]. He [Christ] will strike your head [Calvary], and you will strike his heel [cripple mankind]."

Genesis 3:15 (NLT)



Eve judged **greatly: increased
pain in childbirth (Gen. 3:16)**





**"Then the man—
Adam—named
his wife Eve
[Heb. *living, life*],
because she
would be the
mother of all who
live"
(3:20 NLT).**

Genesis 3:21

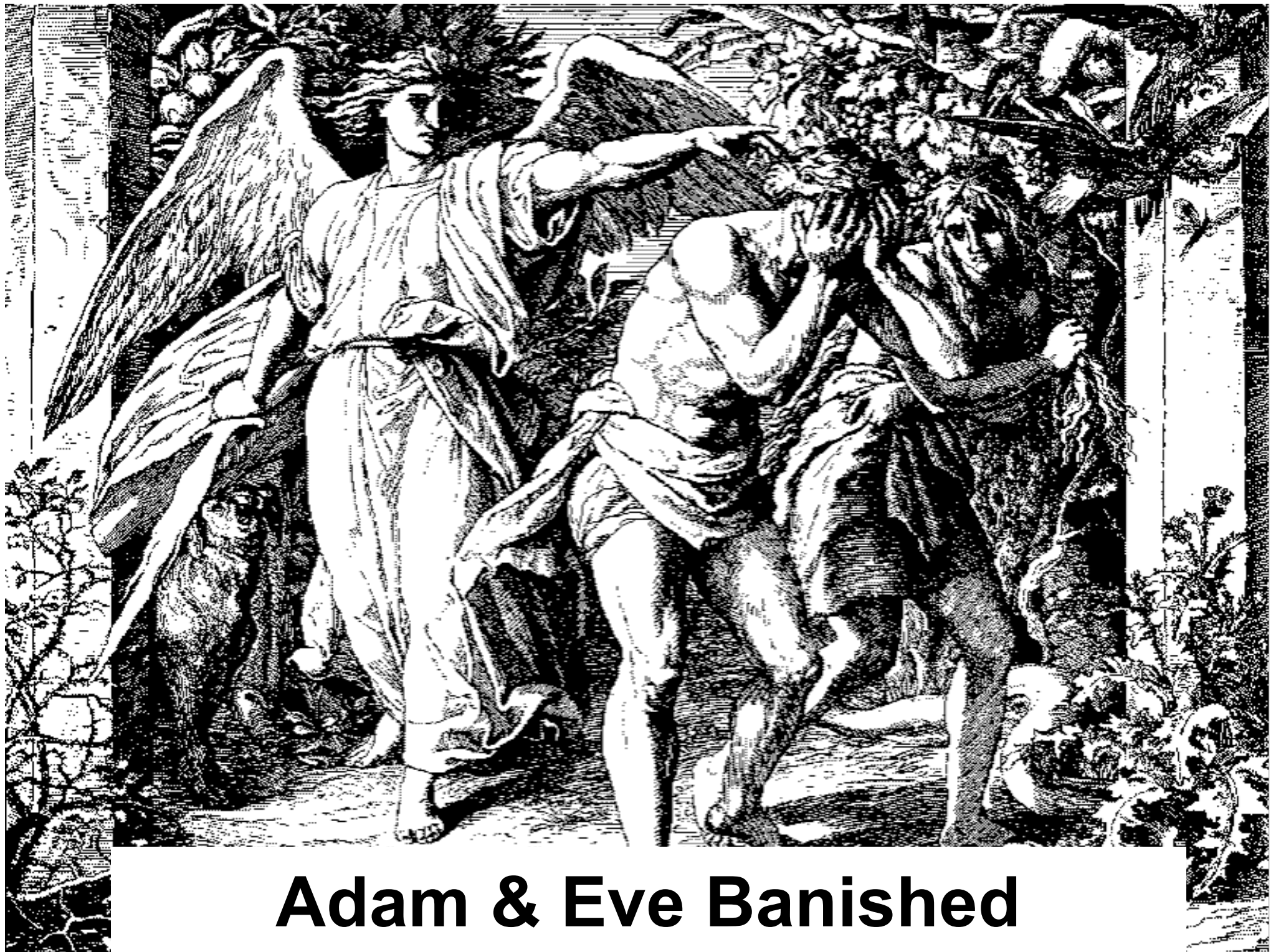
**Redemption
through a
sacrifice gave
them animal skin
coverings**





Leaves to Leather (3:21)


*Redemption
Foretold Again*



Adam & Eve Banished

"Then the LORD God said, 'Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!'" (3:22 NLT).





EXILED

**"So the LORD God
banished them
from the Garden
of Eden, and he
sent Adam out to
cultivate the
ground from
which he had
been made"
(3:23 NLT).**



"After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life" (3:24 NLT).



**What other results
came from the Fall
besides those in
Genesis 3?**



The Bible's Chiasm

Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order

**Christ's
Redemption**

**Christ's
Rule**

**Man's
Rule
Lost at
Fall**

**Man's
Rule
Restored at
Millennium**

Creation

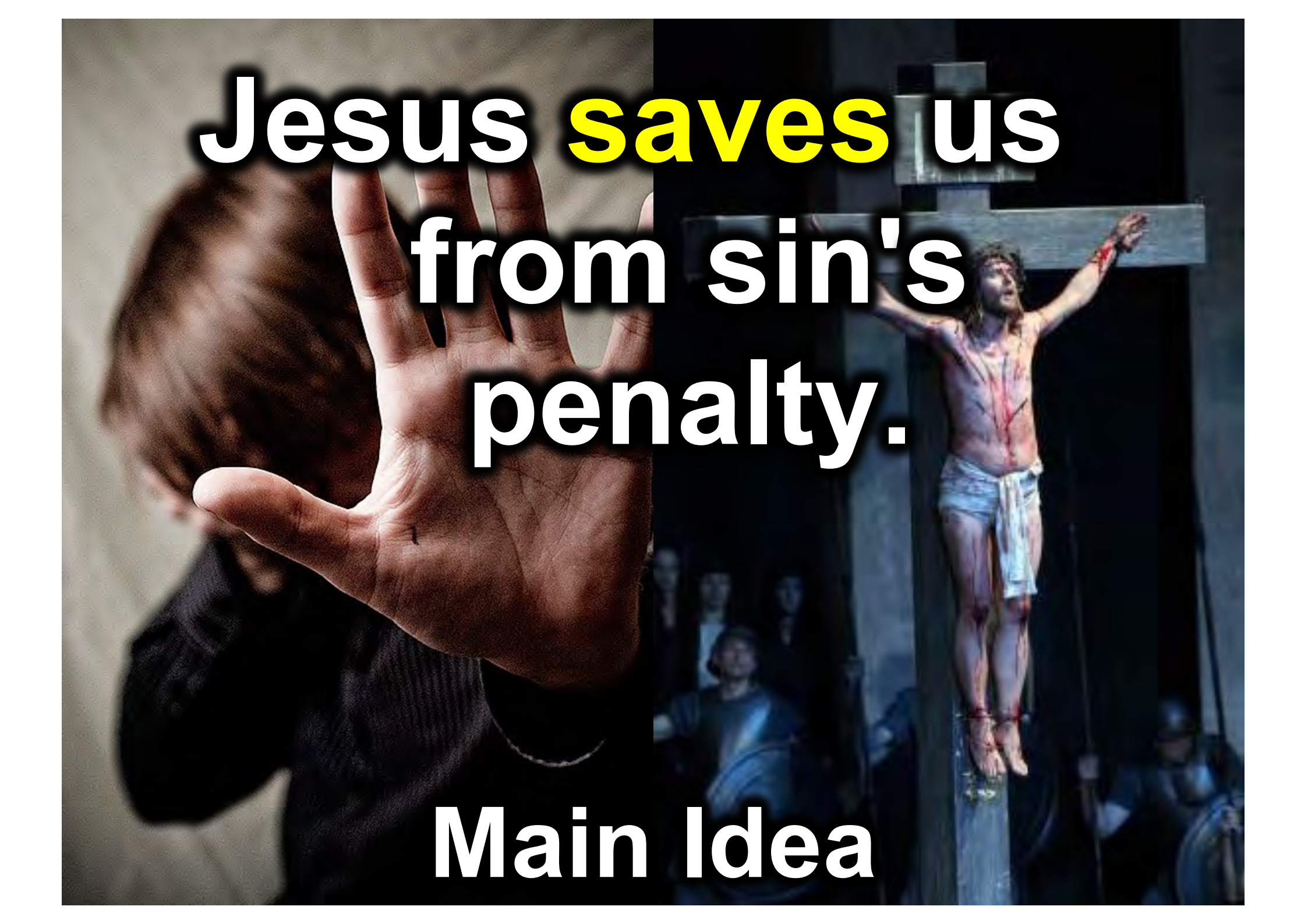
**New
Creation**



A person is shown in silhouette, kneeling on a wooden chair and bowing their head in prayer. The background is a solid light blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

WHY?

**DID GOD GIVE US A
SAVIOR?**



Jesus **saves us
from sin's
penalty.**

Main Idea

The image shows three ornate, dark-colored boxes with gold-colored hardware, each containing a different gift. The box on the left is open, revealing a large, round, gold-colored object. The box in the upper right is open, showing a pile of small, light-colored, irregularly shaped objects. The box in the lower right is open, showing a pile of small, light-colored, irregularly shaped objects. The boxes are set against a dark, textured background.

Significant Gifts:

Frankincense

Gold
Ruling King

Myrrh

Redeeming Savior

Genesis 3



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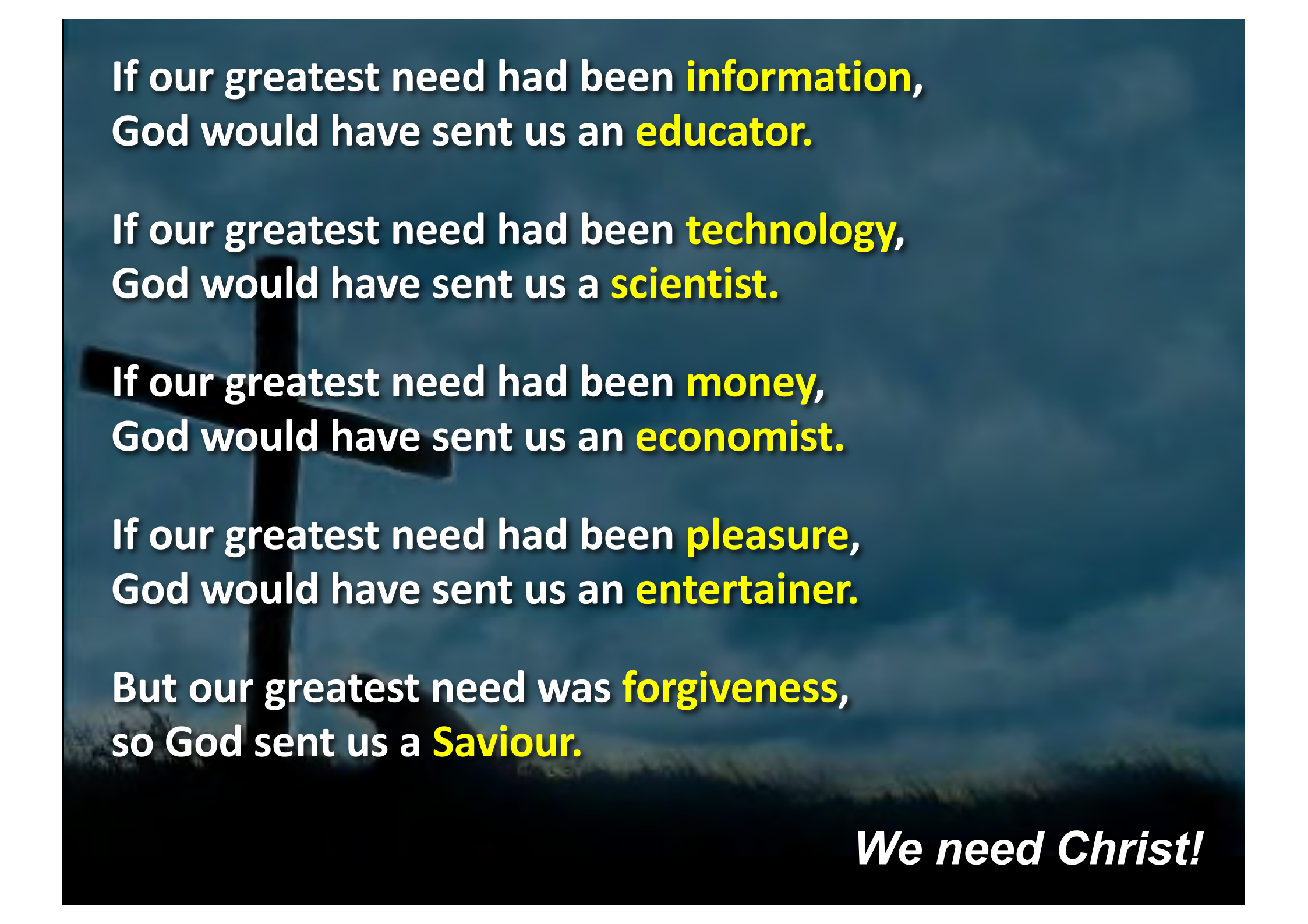
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**WHAT IF GOD
DOES NOT BELIEVE
IN ATHEISTS?**

**What if God does not believe in
atheists?**



If our greatest need had been **information**,
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If our greatest need had been **technology**,
God would have sent us a **scientist**.

If our greatest need had been **money**,
God would have sent us an **economist**.

If our greatest need had been **pleasure**,
God would have sent us an **entertainer**.

But our greatest need was **forgiveness**,
so God sent us a **Saviour**.

We need Christ!

We need a RISEN Savior



**What or who are you trusting to
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