

# Why God Became Man

(Hebrews 2:5-18)



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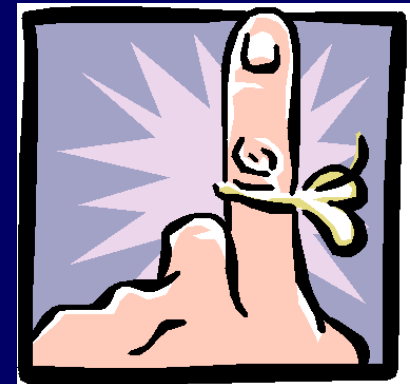
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# REMEMBRANCE

## In Second Peter

- Has forgotten that he has been cleansed (1:9)
- I will always remind you of these things (1:12)
- It is right to refresh your memory (1:13)
- You will always be able to remember these things (1:15)
- I have written both of them as reminders (3:1)
- Do not forget (3:8)
- Bear in mind (3:15)

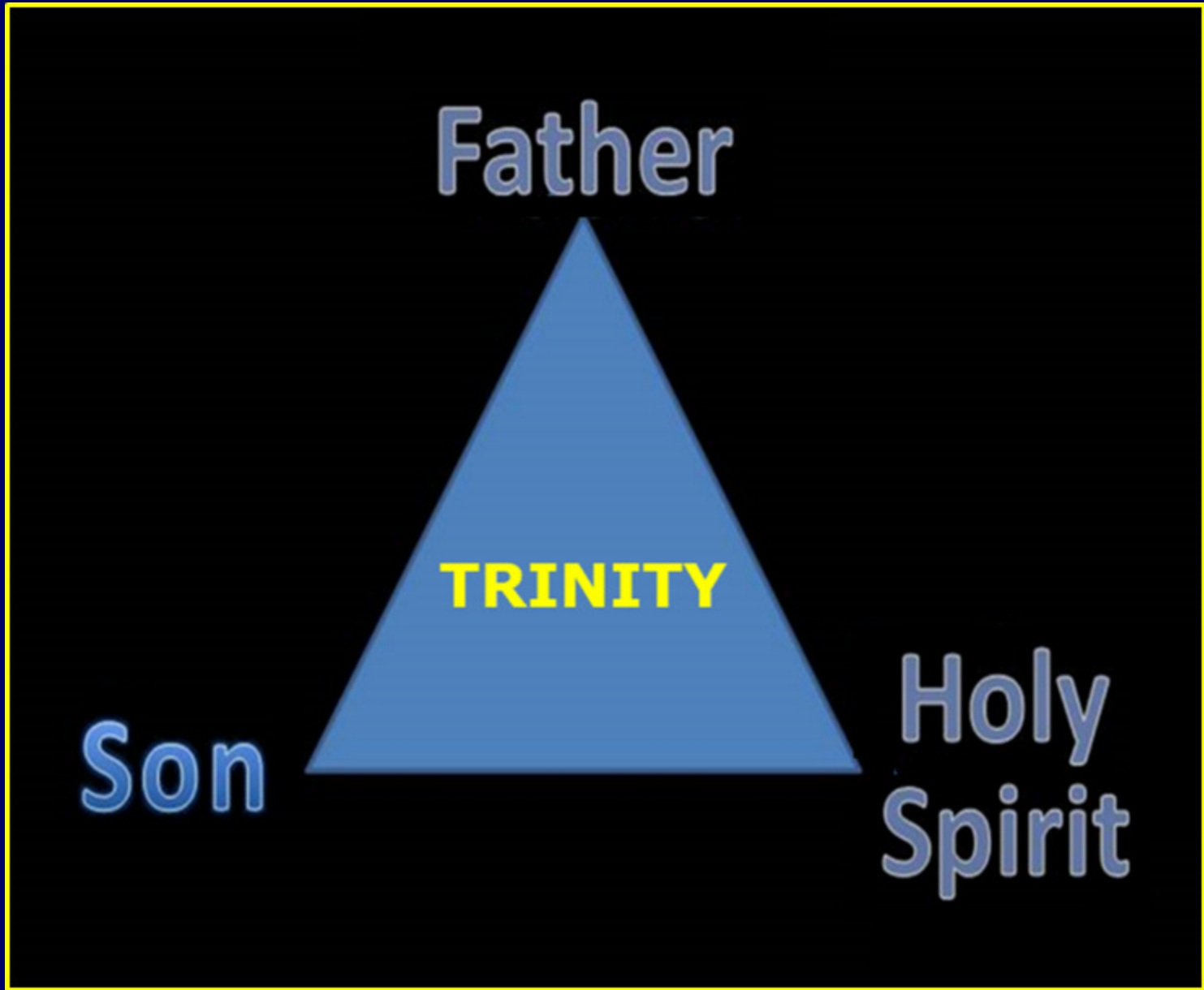


Father

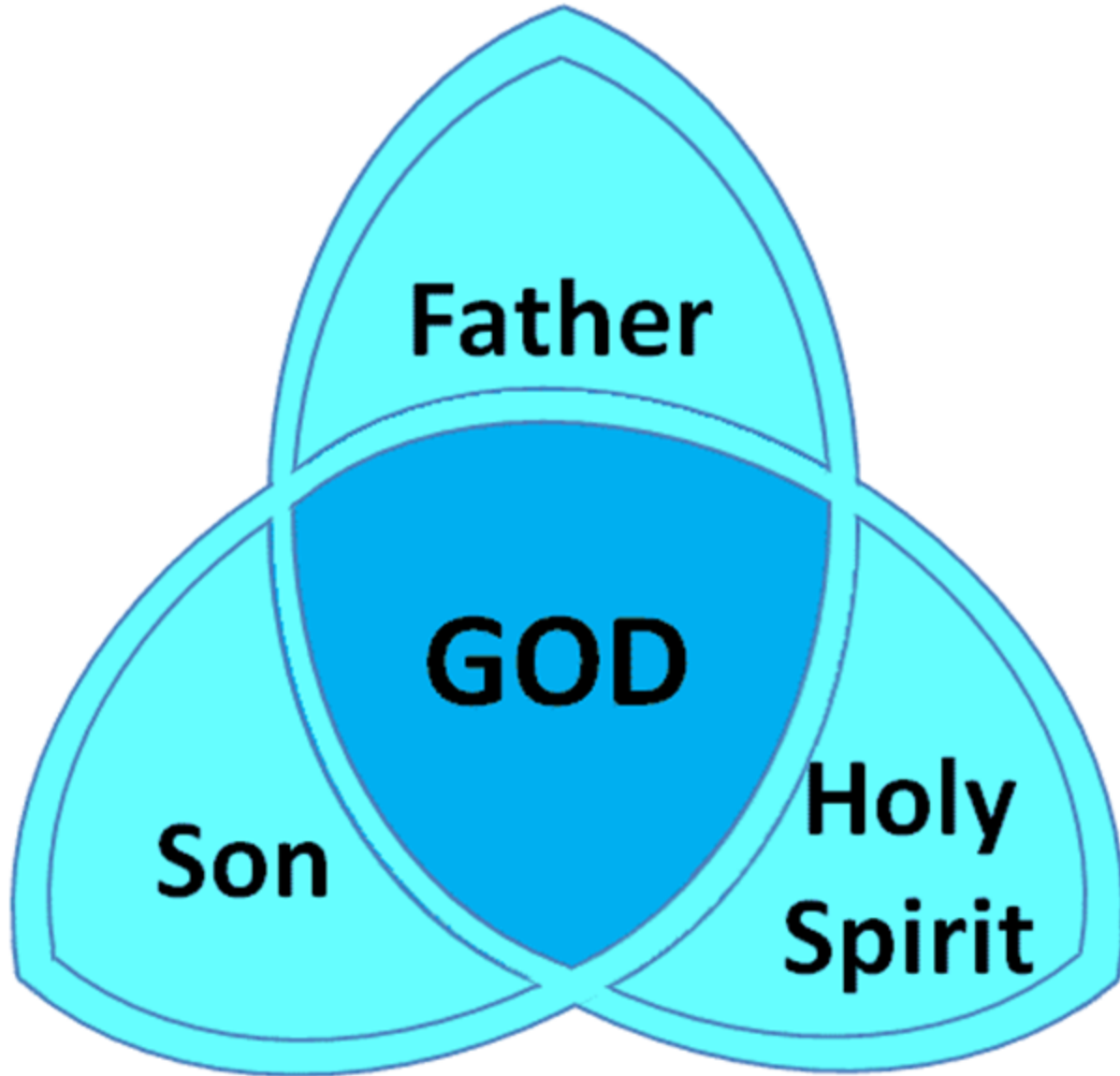
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Son

Holy  
Spirit



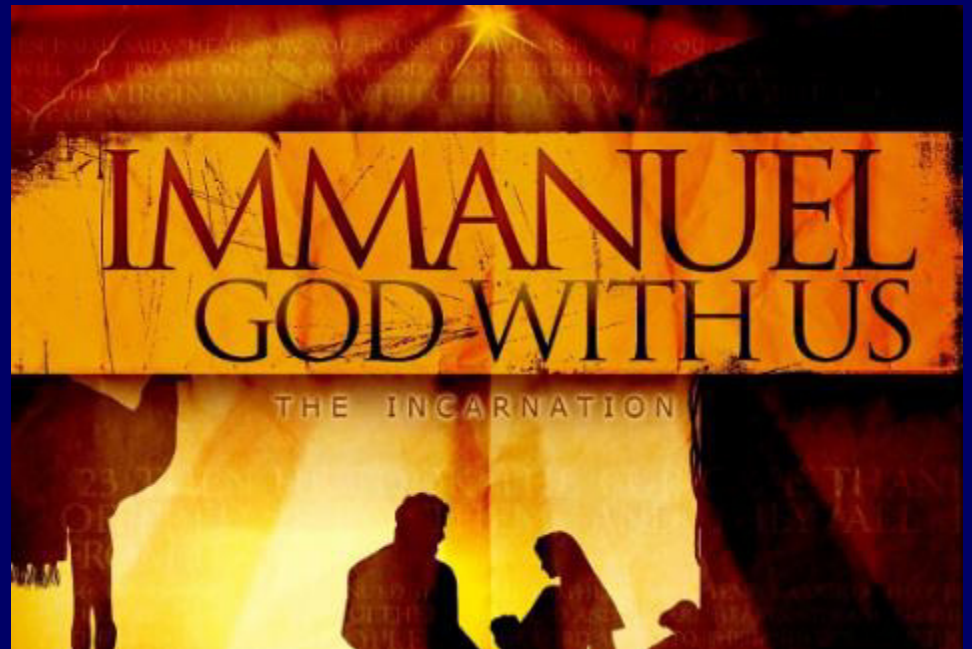
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# An Important Doctrine

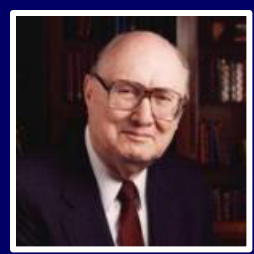
- Incarnation
- Hypostatic Union
- 100% God
- 100 % Man
- Unique God-Man



## John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten [*monogenēs*] from the Father, full of grace and truth.”





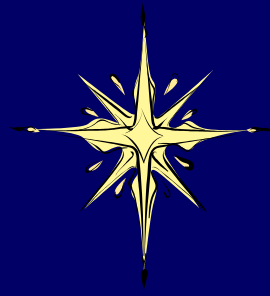
## Dr. John Walvoord

*Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44*

“The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations.”

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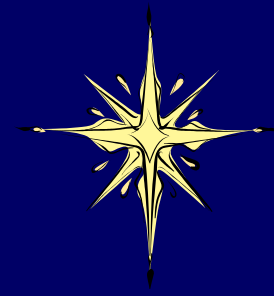
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# Biblical Significance of Naming

GIRLS	BOYS
1. KEHLANI	1. KYLO
2. ROYALTY	2. CREED
3. SAOIRSE	3. BENICIO
4. OPHELIA	4. ADONIS
5. AITANA	5. FOX
6. ITZAYANA	6. KYE
7. ALESSIA	7. HAKEEM
8. KAYLANI	8. SHEPHERD
9. AVIANNA	9. WILDER
10. NALANI	10. ZAYN
11. JOELLE	11. MIKAEL
12. AILANI	12. EASON
13. POPPY	13. KARIM
14. REIGN	14. FRANCO
15. AVIANA	15. APOLLO
16. ANTONELLA	16. ZYAIR
17. BEXLEY	17. KINGSLEY
18. PRINCESS	18. BRIDGER
19. BLAIRE	19. GREY
20. SYLVIE	20. ALISTAIR

- Genesis 1:8
- Numbers 32:37-38
- 2 Kings 23:24
- 2 Kings 24:17
- Daniel 1:6-7



# Theocratic Administrator



# Satan as Ruler of this World

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- Luke 4:5-7
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- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
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## Romans 8:19–23

<sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.



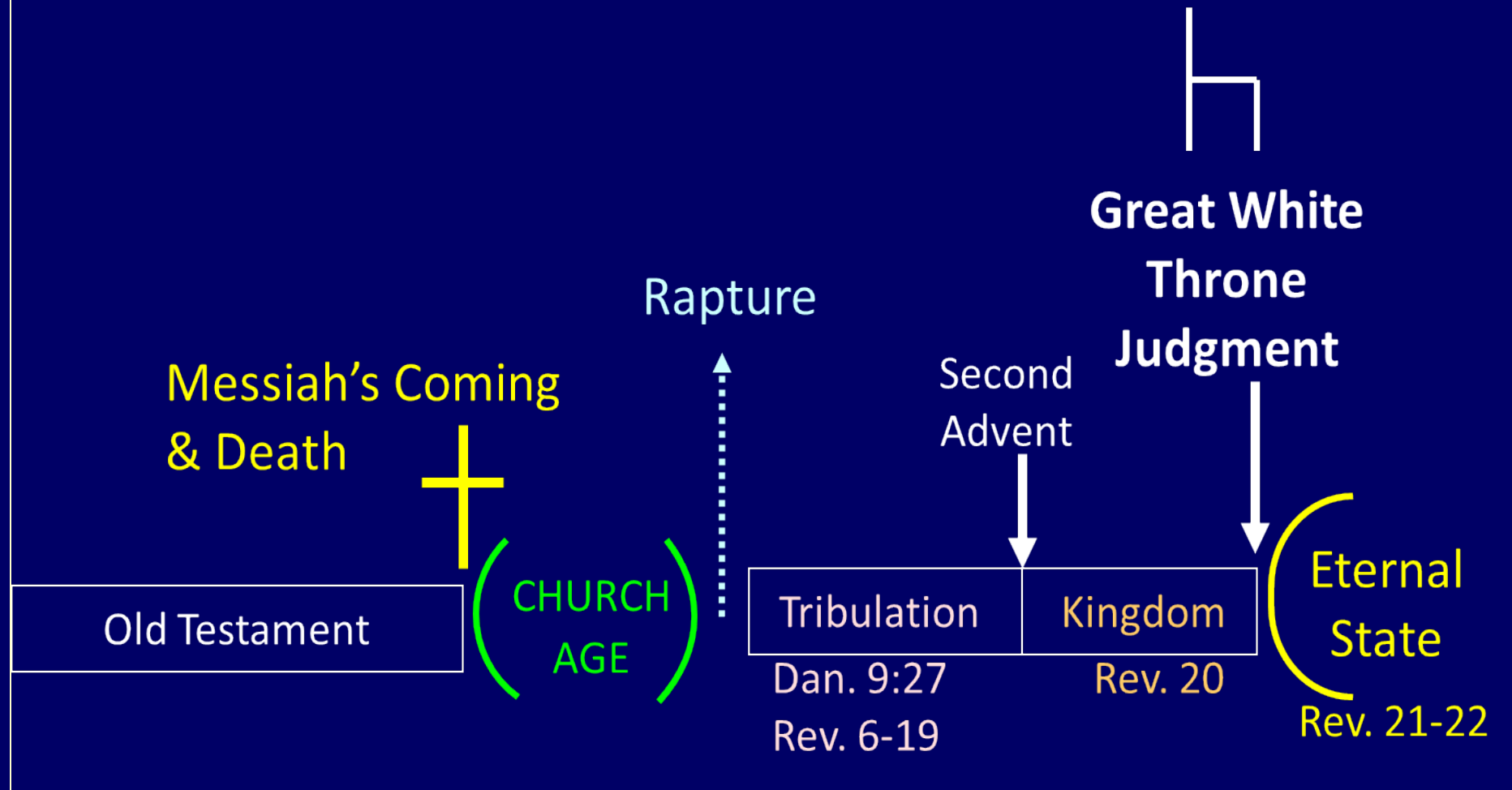


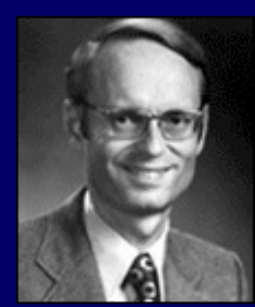


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# Prophecy Panorama





# Charles Ryrie

*Basic Theology, Page 511*

“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”



# To Reverse Man's Sinful Condition

- Adam's disobedience affected all
- Christ's obedience blessed all
- Christ is the last Adam
  - ◆ 1 Cor 15:45; Rom 5:18-19

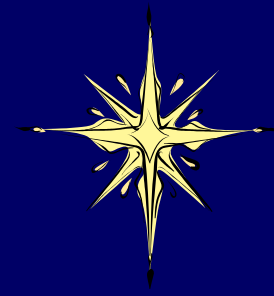


# The Two Most Influential Men in World History

	<b>Adam</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Single action	Disobedience	Obedience
Tree	Knowledge	Cross
Universal impact	Curse	Blessing
Birth	Physical	Spiritual
Adam	First	Last

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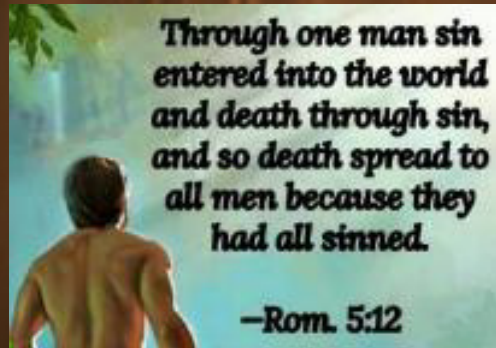
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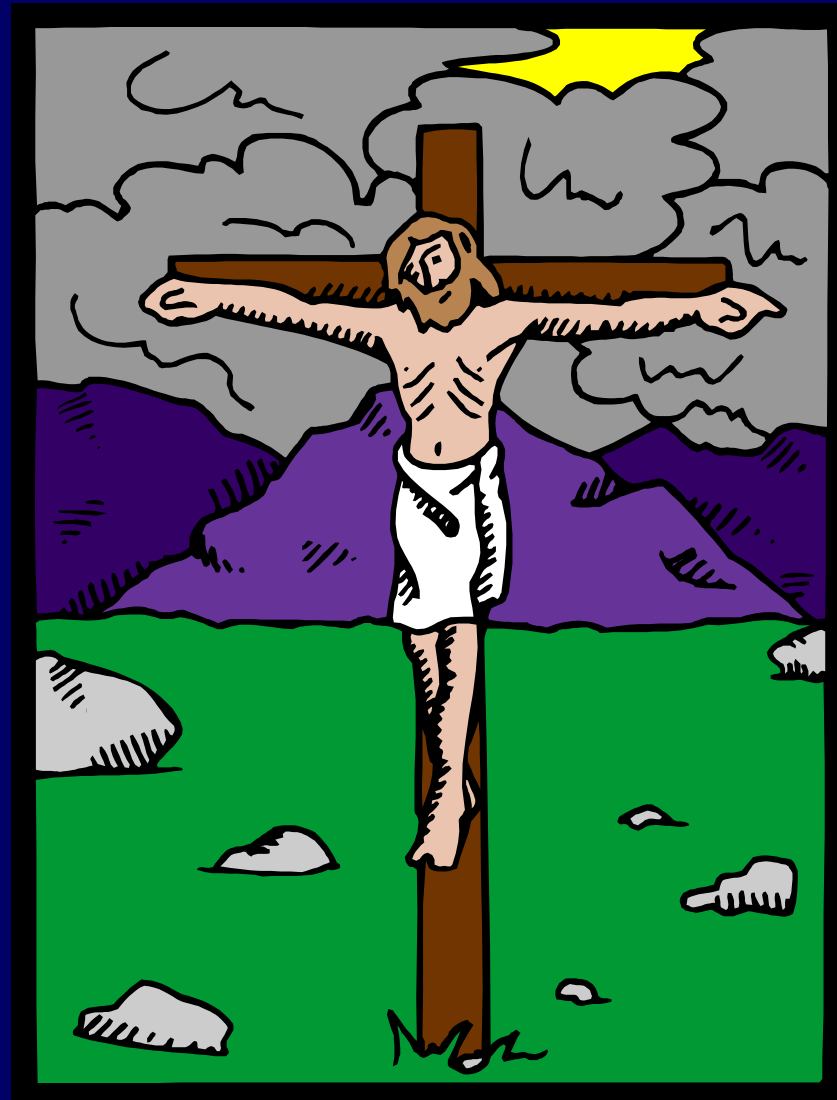
“<sup>16</sup> The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die (muwth).’”





# To Pay the Penalty for Man's Sin

- Gen. 2:17
- Gen. 3:21
- Ezek. 18:20
- Rom. 6:23
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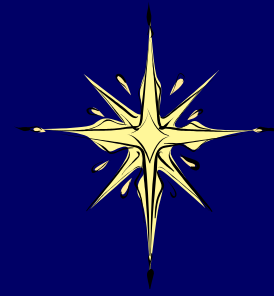
## Jay Adams

*Competent to Counsel, 70.*

“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died.”  
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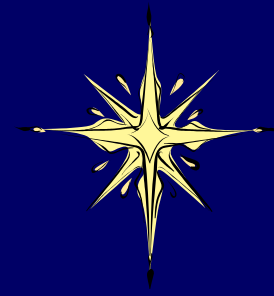
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# A Manifestation

(Rev. 5:5b-6)

A. Right tribe: Judah (5:5b)

B. Right lineage: Davidic (5:5c)

C. Right victory: Overcame (5:5d)

D. Right mission: Lamb (5:6)





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# Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

- **Sores**: 6<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1<sup>st</sup> bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood**: 1<sup>st</sup> plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness**: 9<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Frogs**: 2<sup>nd</sup> plague (Ex 7:25–8:15), 6<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:13)
- **Hail**: 7<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:17-21)



**CANAAN**

**EGYPT**

Rameses

Tahpanhes?

**GOSHEN**

Succoth?

WILDERNESS OF SHUR

Migdol

Tahpanhes

On

Memphis

Marah?

**SINAI**

Elim?

WILDERNESS OF SIN

Rephidim?

Dophkah?

Hazeroth?

Ezion-geber?

Jotbathah?

Timna

Elath

Kadesh-barnea

Punon

WILDERNESS OF PARAN

Way to the Land of the Philistines

Beersheba

Arad

Gaza

Dead Sea

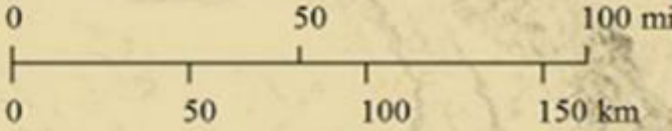
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Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)

Mediterranean Sea

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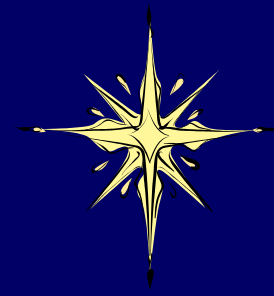
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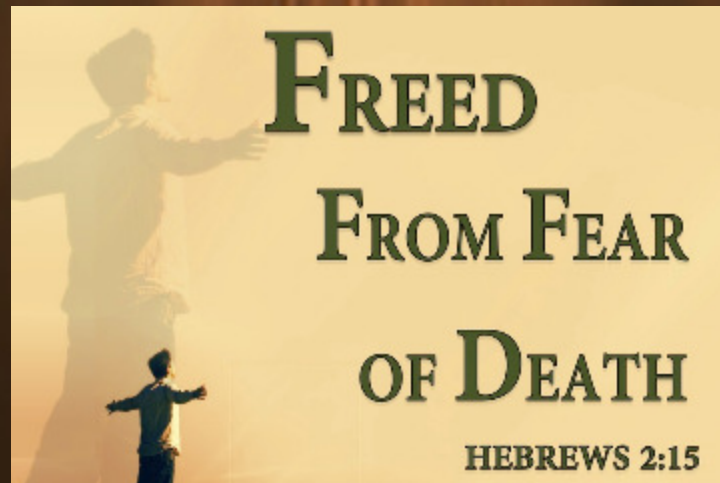
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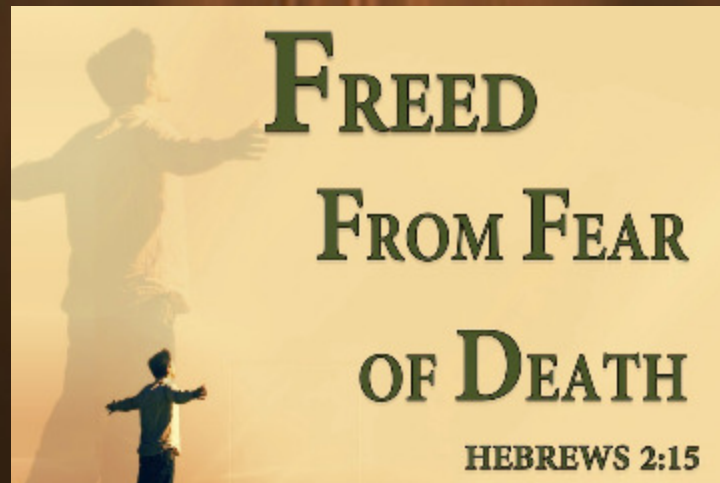
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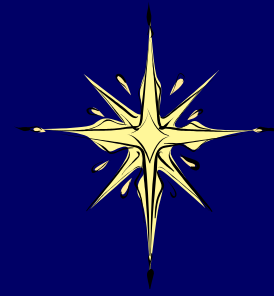
## Philippians 1:21-24

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.  
<sup>22</sup> But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; <sup>24</sup> yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.



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# To Become Man's Merciful High Priest

- Definition of a priest
- Job's cry (Job 9:32-33)
- One mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)



# Job 9:32-33

<sup>32</sup> “For *He is* not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together.

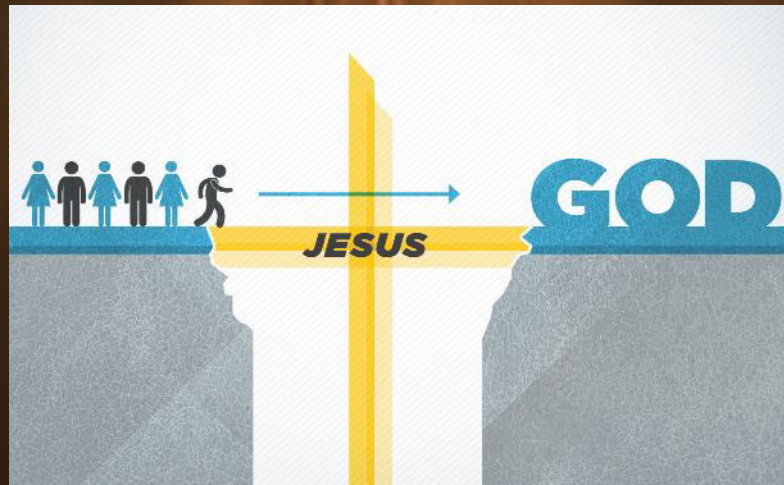
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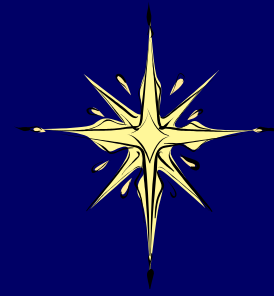
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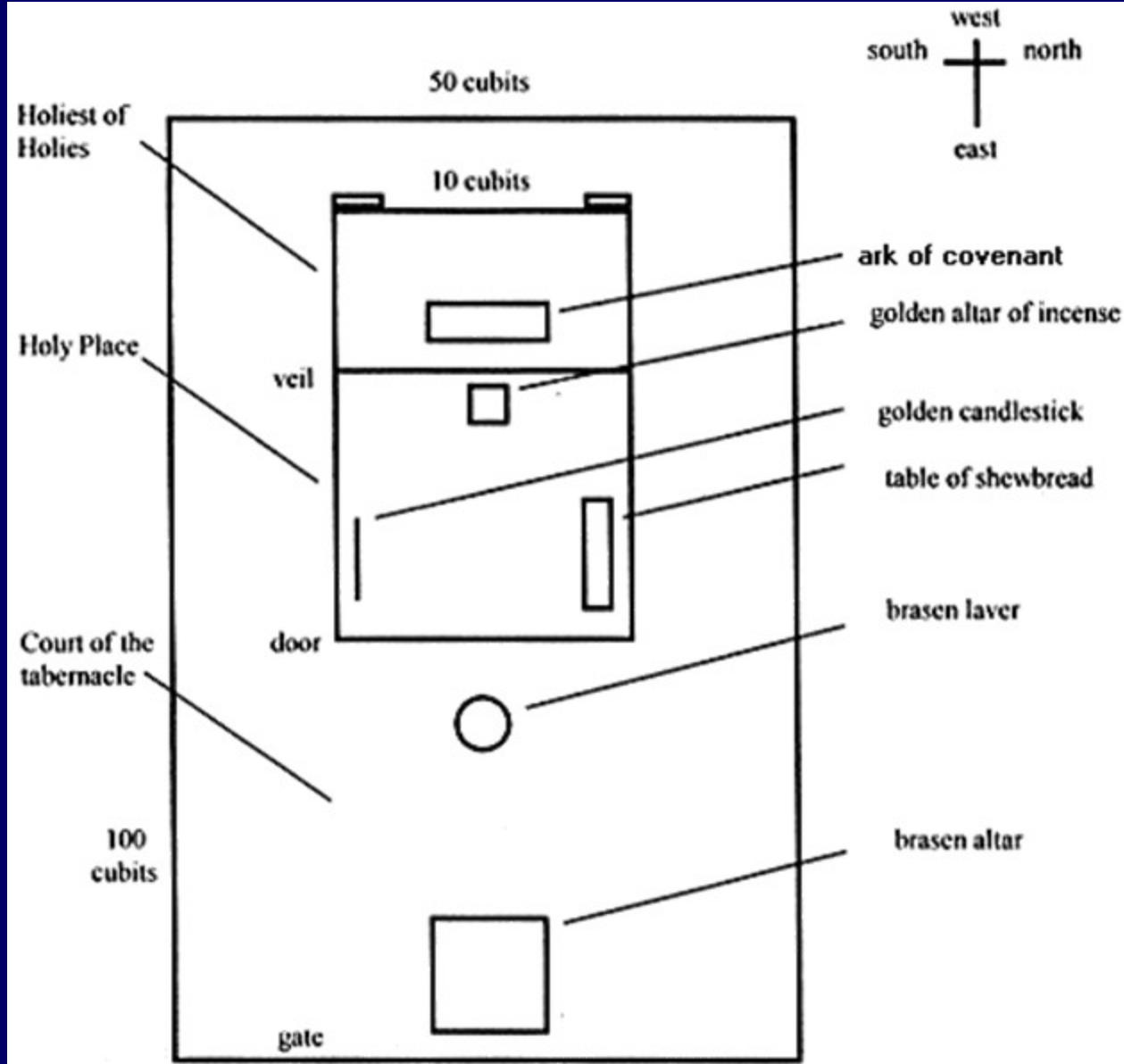


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# Tabernacle Diagram





# Ark of the Covenant



## Hebrews 10:5-7

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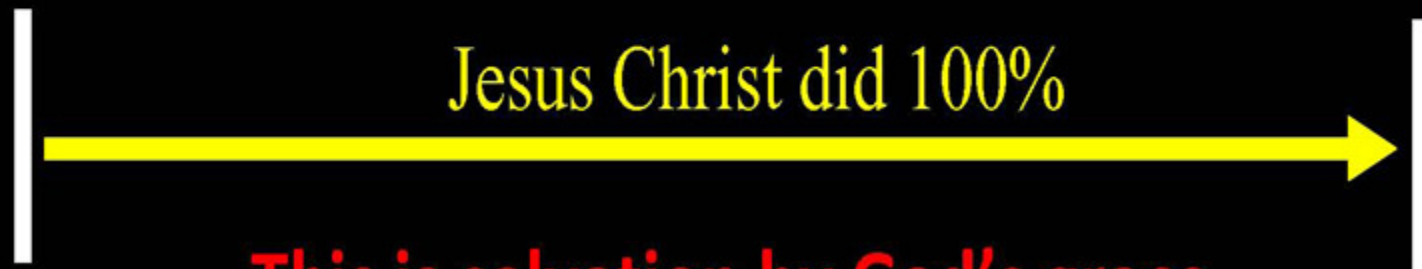


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This is salvation by works.

## God says...

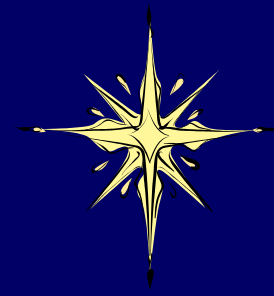


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- To taste death for every man (9)
- To bring many to glory (10-13)
- To break Satan's rule over humanity (14)
- To remove the fear of death (15)
- To become our merciful high priest (16-17a)
- To make a complete purification for sin (17b)
- **To sympathize with those tested (18)**



## Hebrews 2:18

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.



# To Become Man's Merciful High Priest

- Definition of a priest
- Christ experienced temptations (Heb 2:18)
- Christ experienced our trials (Heb 4:15)



# Christ's Human Experiences

- Labor (Mark 6:3)
- Distress (Luke 22:44)
- Being troubled (John 12:27)
- Thirst (John 19:28)
- Hunger (Matt 4:2)
- Fatigue (John 4:6)
- Sadness (John 11:35)
- Lack of understanding (Matt 24:36)
- Temptation (Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15)





## Hebrews 4:15-16

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

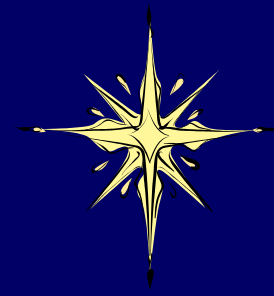


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