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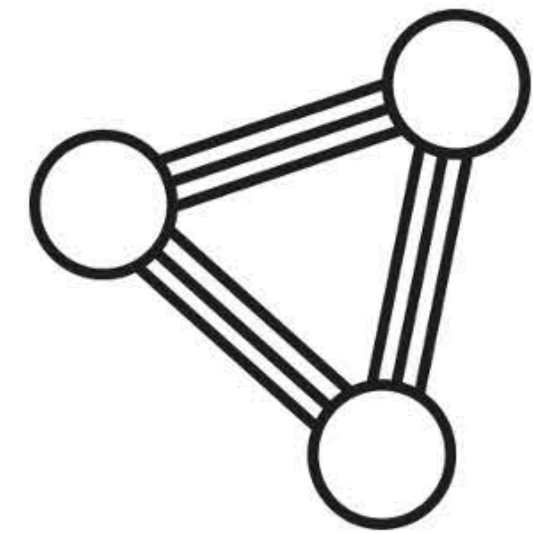
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The Overview



GOD'S
WORD
THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

39 Books

Predicts and prepares
for the coming Savior

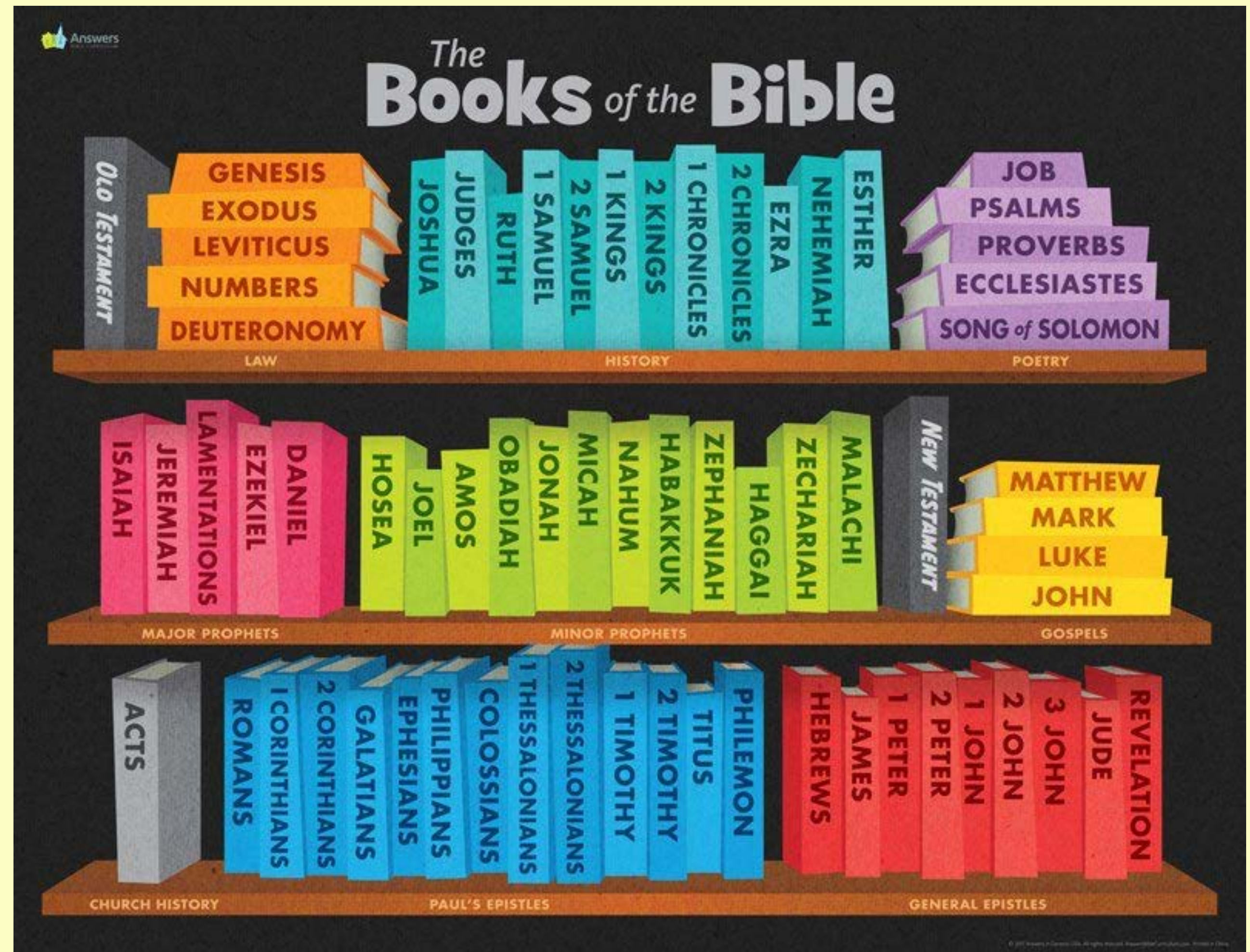
NEW TESTAMENT

27 Books

Tells about the
Savior and explains
His work of salvation.

$39 + 27 = 66$ TOTAL

GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE





BEGINNING



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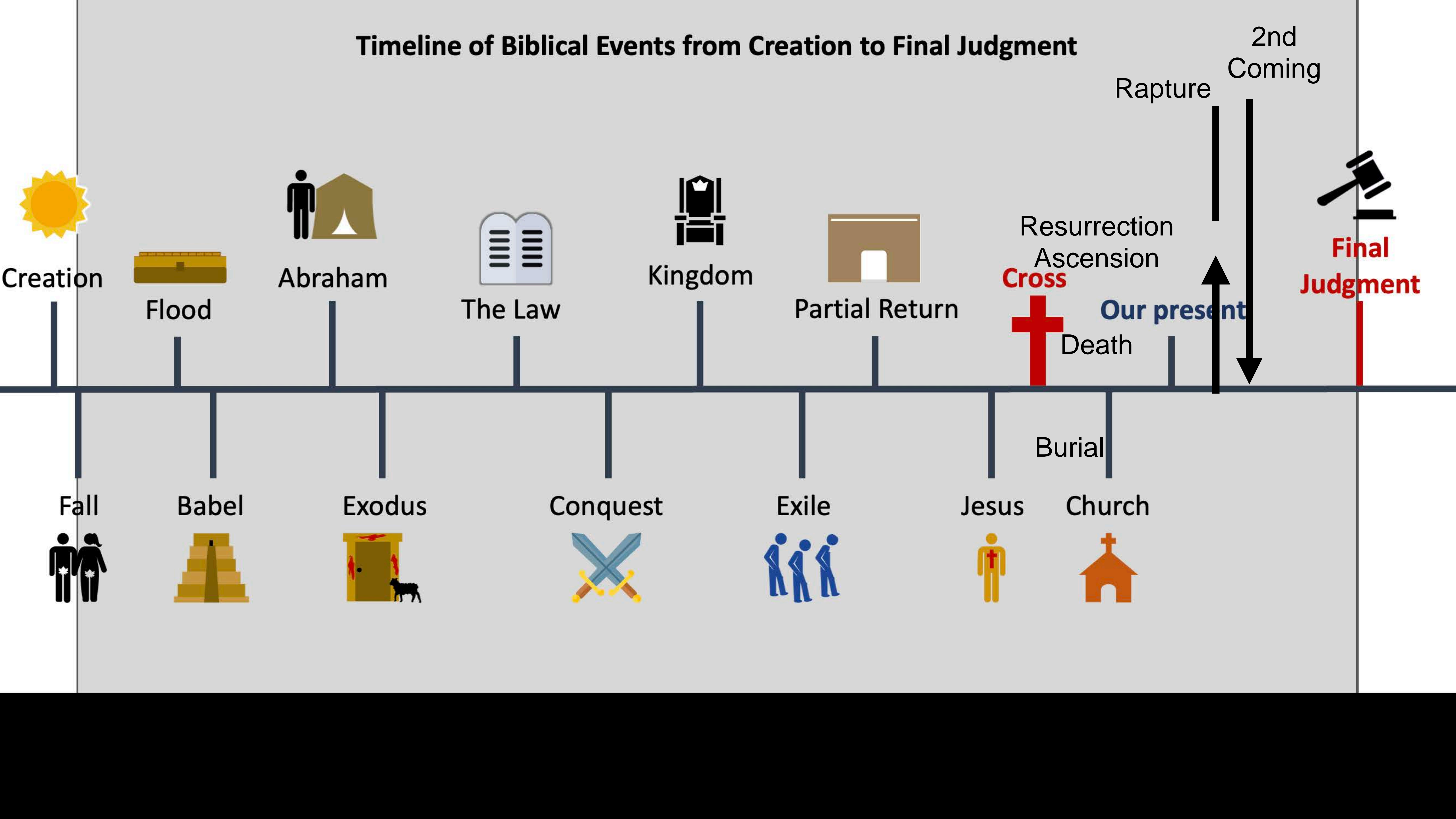
Old Testament



New Testament



Timeline of Biblical Events from Creation to Final Judgment



Old Testament



Creation

Fall

Flood

Babel

Abraham

Exodus

Law

Conquest

Kingdom

Exile

Partial
Return

New Testament



Jesus'
Birth

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Church Age

Rapture

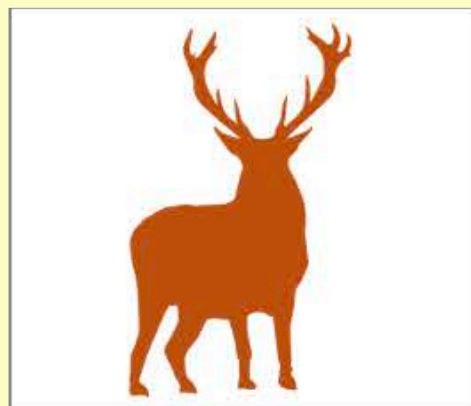
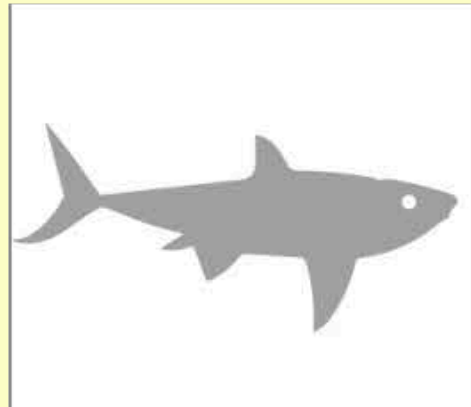
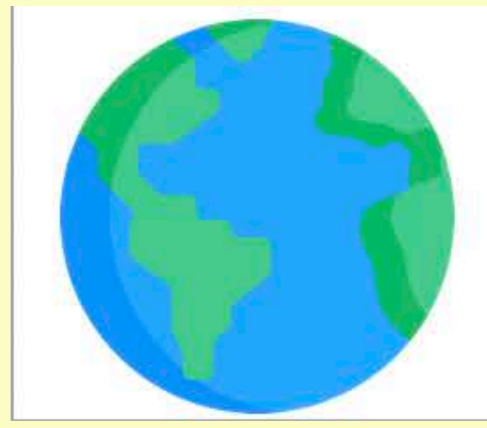
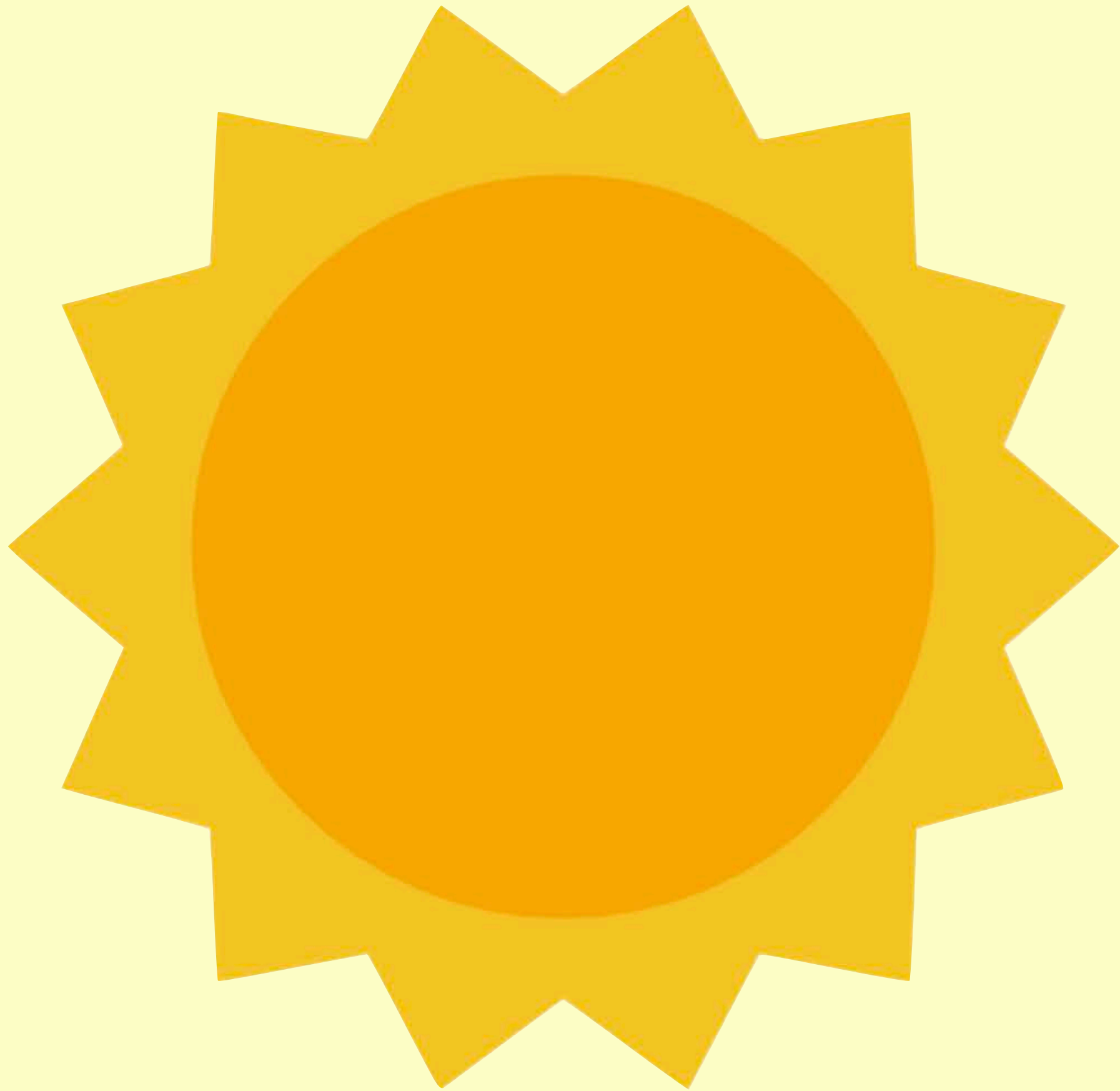
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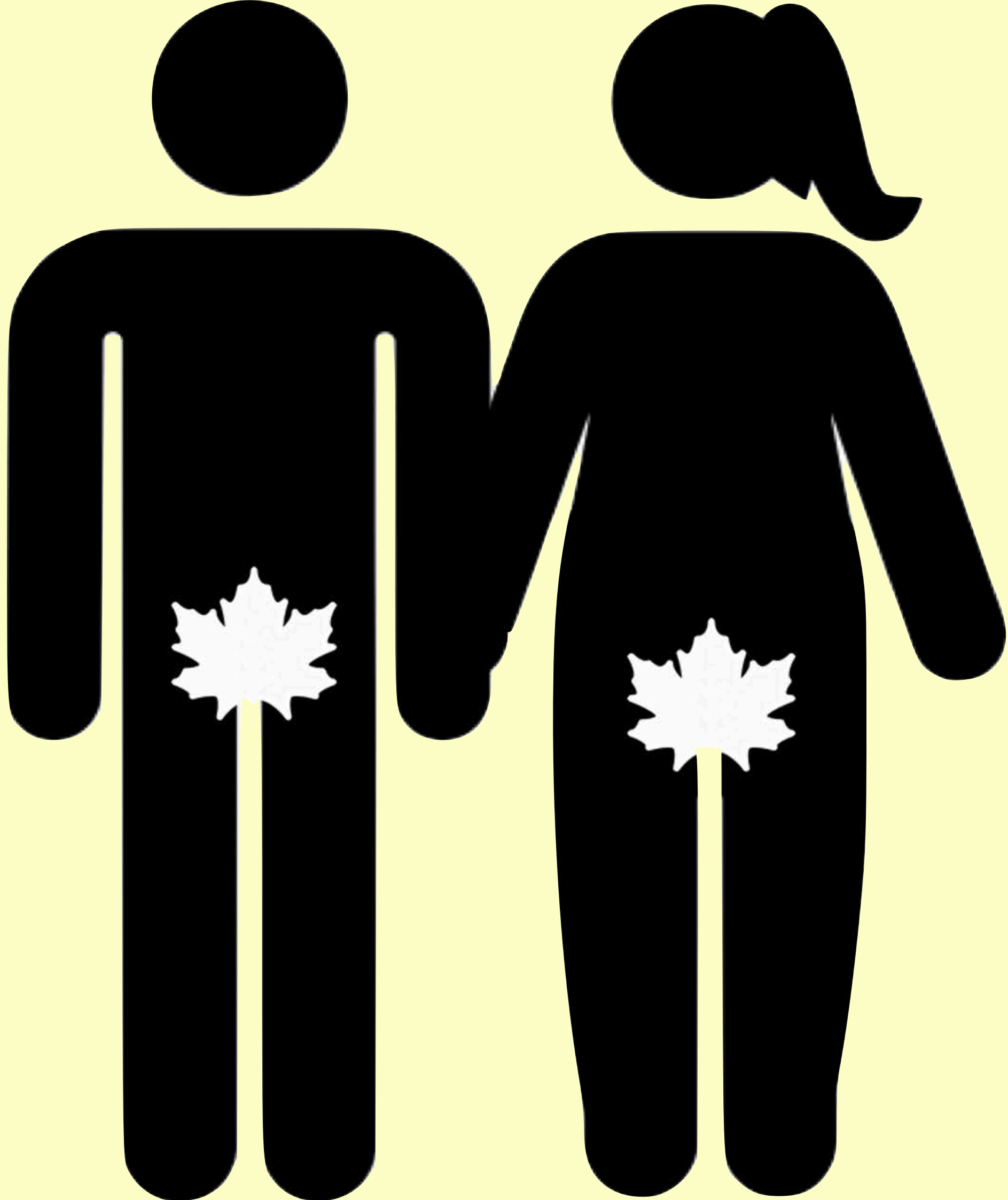
Messianic
Kingdom



God exists for ever and ever

1. God created everything!

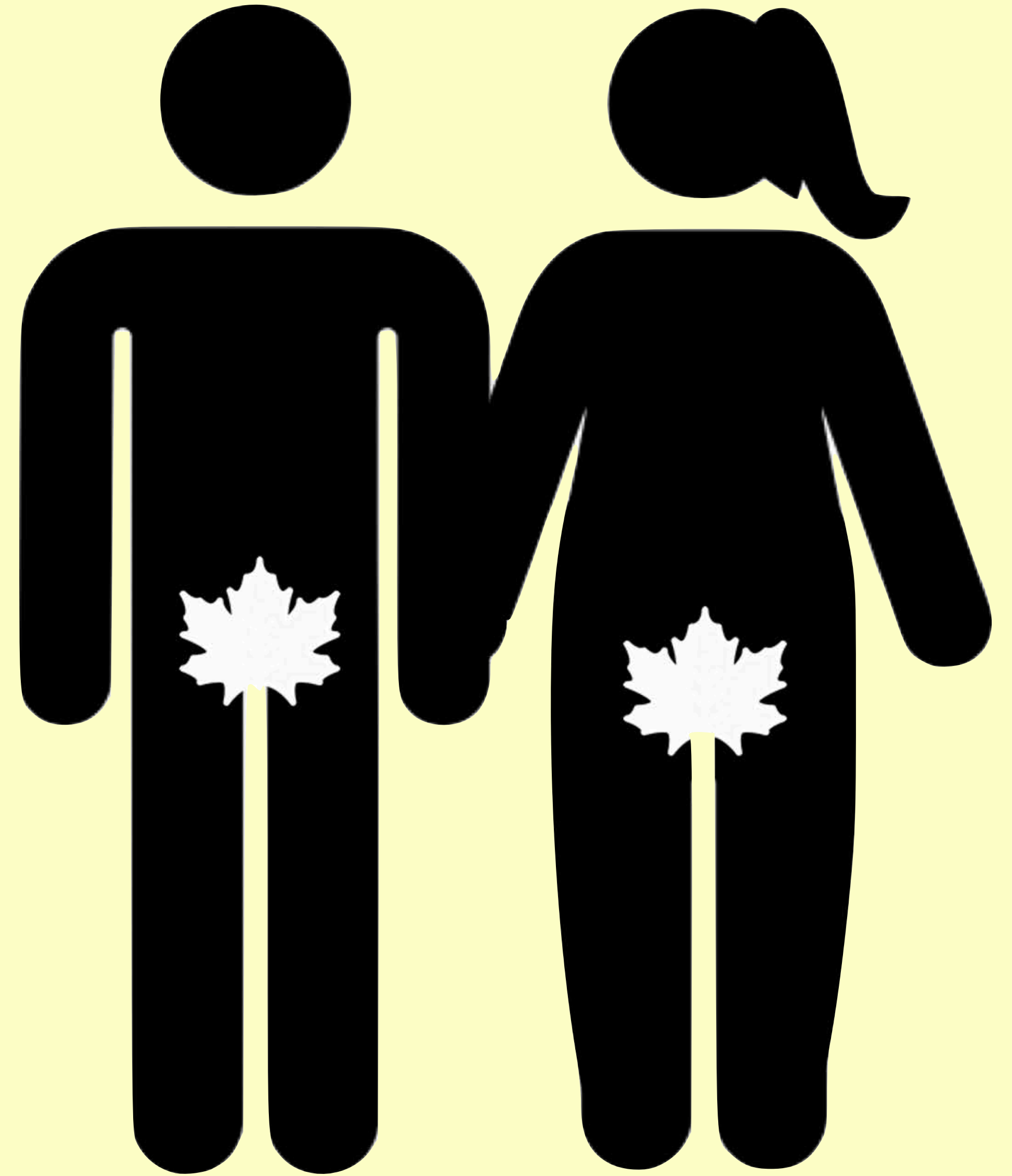


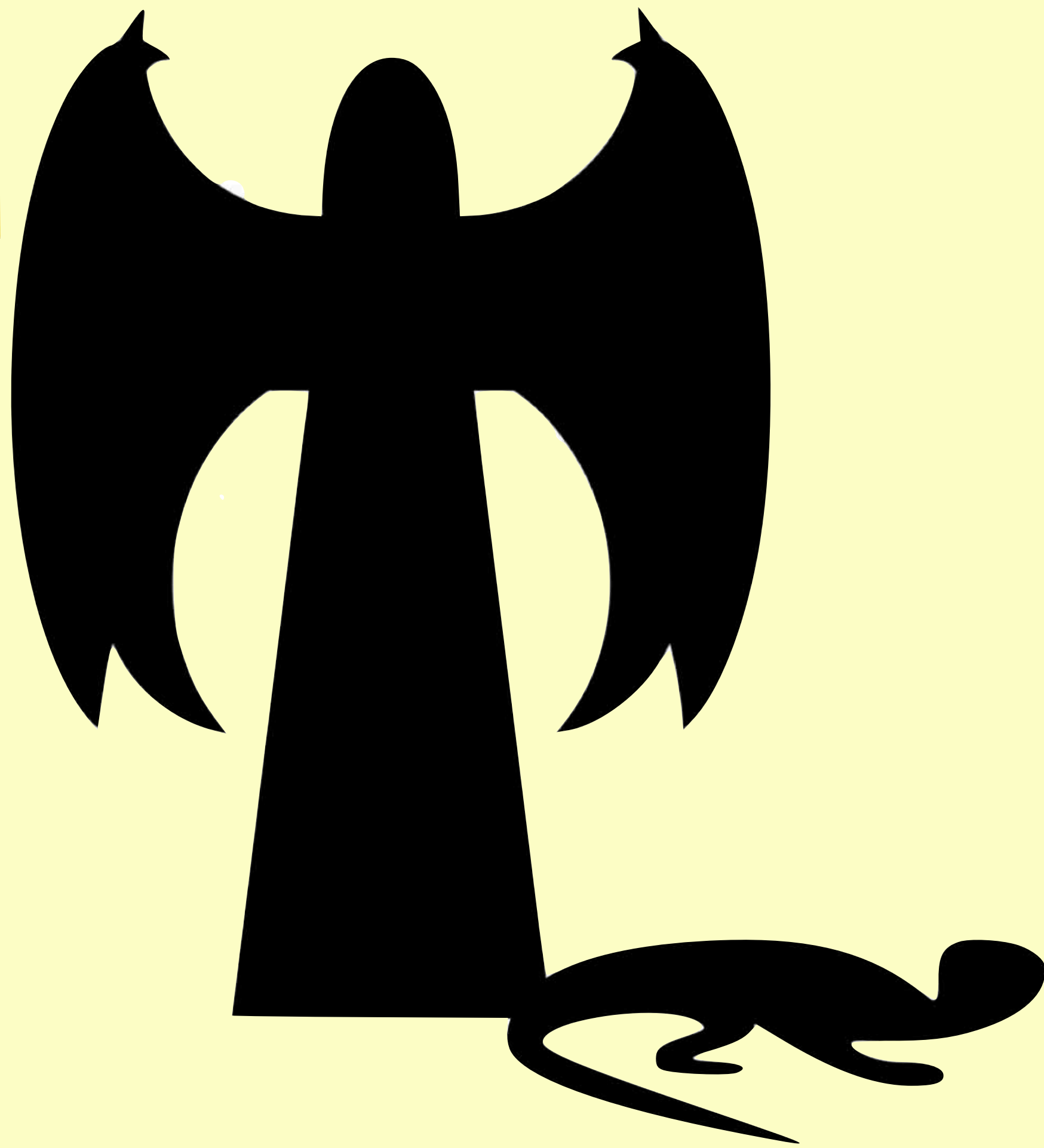
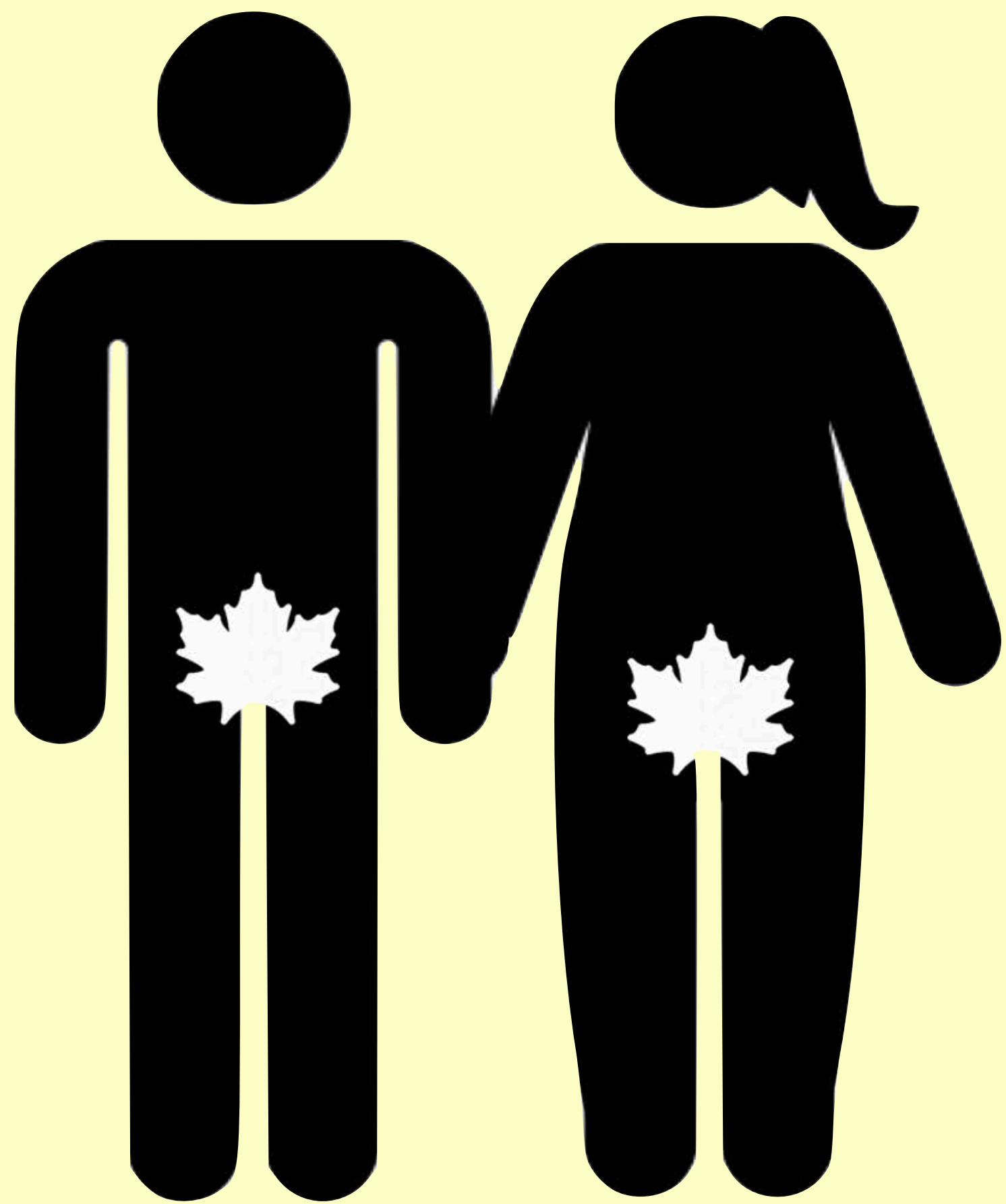


1. There is no one else or nothing else like God.
2. The Creator-creature distinction.
3. God also made three laws for people so they can prosper.

These are called Divine Institutions

- a. Every person is in charge and we are to obey Him.
- b. God made marriage for one man and one woman.
- c. God made families so parents can teach and train their children.





2. The Fall

God said, “*Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, when you do, you will certainly die.*”

At first they said YES, and obeyed God.

Later, first Eve, then Adam, said NO! to God. And they disobeyed God and ate the fruit.

After that they were separated from God. They were afraid of God.

3. The Flood

The population of the earth grew to billions of people.

But all of the people began to reject God and only eight people still obeyed God.

God was still kind to all of the people and sent Noah to tell them about Him. But they did not listen.

So God decided to end their rebellious disobedience and told them that He would send a worldwide flood to destroy everyone who did not obey Noah and trust God.

3. The Flood

After many years, Noah finished building the Ark, but no one else other than his three sons, their wives, and Noah's wife wanted to obey God.

So God sent the flood.

Every living thing on the face of the earth died. Every animal, every bird, every person, except the eight on the ark.

God provides only one way, His way, for salvation.

4. Babel

After the flood, God told the people to scatter, but many of them said NO! and stayed in one place.

Then they built a very high tower to try to reach the heavens and protect themselves if God sent a future flood.

Remember, everyone spoke the same language, so they all joined together to rebel against God.

God punished them by giving them hundreds of different languages.

4. Babel

God knows everything, so He knew if they spoke the same language it would become worse than before the flood very quickly. Because God loved them, He gave them different languages.

By giving them different languages, it forced all the people who spoke the same language to gather together. This became different tribes and different nations.

Today many people try to reverse this, and try to unite all of the nations. This is called globalism, and it is in disobedience to God.

5. God called Abraham

Since everyone was disobedient to God, He decided to work with only one man and his descendants.

God chose a man named Abraham, and told him to leave his family and friends and go to a land that God would give him.

God told Abraham that if he listened to Him, God would use him to bless all the people in the world, God would give him millions of descendants, and God would give him some land which would be his and his family's forever.

5. God called Abraham

Abraham had already trusted God for His eternal salvation, so Abraham obeyed God and left for the land God had promised.

God had promised a son to Abraham. After that son, Isaac, had grown big, God tested Abraham and told him to sacrifice his son to Him.

But God never intended to let him kill his son. When Abraham began to sacrifice his son, God stopped him and provided an animal, a ram, to be the sacrifice in Isaac's place. That is a picture of what God would provide for us.

6. Exodus

Hundreds of years later, Abraham's family grew incredibly large, maybe 2 or 3 million. Because of a famine, they had moved out of the land God promised them and had become slaves in Egypt.

God provided for them and protected them.

But an evil king began to rule Egypt and made the Israelites, the children of Abraham, slaves. And it made their life miserable.

6. Exodus

The Egyptians had said NO to the Creator God who made them, and they worshipped many other gods who were false.

But God loved His people Israel and sent Moses to deliver them.

The Egyptians did not want to let the people go, but God brought ten horrible disasters on them to force them to let the Israelites go.

6. Exodus

God performed many miracles through Moses, rescued the people, and saved them from their slavery in Egypt.

With the last plague God warned the king of the Egyptians that if they did not let the Israelites go, God would take the life of the firstborn in every family.

But God provided a way of salvation: by sacrificing a lamb and putting the blood on the door of the house, God would not take the life of the first born.

7. Law

After God rescued the Israelites, they became a new nation.

Every nation needs a law, rules for the people to live by. So God gave the Israelites a law code we call the Mosaic Law, the Law given to Moses.

In this law code, God also told the Israelites how they should worship Him.

He promised if they obeyed the Law, He would bless them. But if they disobeyed the Law, He would punish them.

8. Conquest

Now that there was a people, a Law, they needed a land for their country.

God took them to the Land He had promised Abraham.

The people who lived there hated God, disobeyed God, and had become very evil and wicked.

God gave them almost 500 years to change and turn to Him, but they refused. So God told the Israelites to destroy every man, woman, and child because of their evil.

8. Conquest

When the Israelites under Joshua obeyed God's directions for each battle, they would win.

But when Israel tried to do it their own way, disobeying God, they failed and lost the battle.

After about four years they conquered most of the Land, but then they began to disobey God.

9. Kingdom

About 300 years later, the nation had become so disobedient that there was no order, the people decided they needed a king.

God's plan was always to give them a king, but this was not the right way. They just wanted to be like other nations.

God warned them that if they had a king, they would have to obey him. But if they disobeyed, a bad king would make them like slaves again.

9. Kingdom

The first king was King Saul, who turned out to be a bad king.

The second king was King David, and he loved God with all his heart.

God promised David that He would send the promised Savior through David's descendants.

9. Kingdom

David's son (Solomon) became disobedient to God after David died.

Because of David, God was kind to Solomon, though he didn't deserve it. God promised to divide the kingdom after he died.

But he still promised to provide a Savior through Solomon's descendants and their tribe, Judah.

Sadly all the kings in the Northern Kingdom were evil, and only four in the Southern Kingdom were obedient.

9. Kingdom

God punished the Northern Kingdom by being defeated by an evil king and most of the people were taken captive to other countries.

Almost 150 years later, the same thing happened to the Southern Kingdom of Judah because they were also extremely disobedient.

But God promised He would bring them back and give them a savior.

10. Exile

For 70 years the Jewish people lived in a foreign country.

God had promised that if they were disobedient, He would punish them. And, if they were obedient, God would bless them.

During this terrible time God sent His prophets to remind them that God would be true to His promise and would send a Savior to save them from their sins, provide forgiveness, and create the Kingdom for them God had promised.

11. God brought a remnant of Jews back to the Land

After 70 years God allowed some of the Jewish people to return. Over the years many more returned.

God again fulfilled His promise.

With many of the Israelites back in the Land, God could send His promised Messiah—promised to Abraham, to Moses, to David, to all of the Jewish people through the prophets—who would come to deliver them from their sin and establish His Kingdom on earth!

Key lessons

Grace before judgment: God punishes disobedience, but He prefers for us to willingly obey Him.

God provides salvation based on His way, not on our way or our opinions.

There is always only one way of salvation.

God eventually will punish all evil and fulfill all of His promises.

12. The arrival of the promised Messiah

God had prepared the Israelites for the fulfillment of the prophecies. At God's perfect timing, the Savior was sent. He was God Himself, who became a human, the God-man.

In fulfillment of many promises and prophecies, finally the promised Messiah was born in Bethlehem, King David's city.

Because this Baby was a direct descendant of King David, and because His birth was miraculous, a virgin birth with no human father, as foretold to the prophet Isaiah, it was clear to all that He was the promised Savior.

12. The arrival of the promised Messiah

The Baby grew to become a man and when God's time was right, He began His ministry.

In fulfillment of the prophecies, He did things only God could do: He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, healed lepers and other horrible diseases, all of which could only be done by someone who was also God.

At the beginning, Jesus' message was to announce that He had come to bring back the Kingdom and give them the Land if they would turn from their false gods and turn back to God.

12. The arrival of the promised Messiah

Many people believed Him and believed He would save them from the penalty of their sin, and would restore the Kingdom and give them eternal life.

But many others rejected Him. They continued to be disobedient to God.

Soon, they hated Jesus so much, they planned a way to kill Him, to have Him killed like a criminal.

13. The Cross

Jesus was absolutely perfect. He never sinned. He was always obedient to God the Father. But many people hated Him and He was killed, crucified on a cross.

While He was on that cross, the skies turned black. People could barely see their hands in front of their faces. For three hours it was black as midnight.

During that time God the Father put all the sins of the human race on Jesus. Legally He paid the sin penalty, like the lambs of the Old Testament, as a substitute for you and me.

14. The Burial

At the end of the day, before night, Jesus died.

A Roman soldier stabbed Him with his spear, and blood and water came out of His side. This showed that He was already dead.

He was buried in the grave of a wealthy Jewish leader who had secretly believed on Him.

But the Jewish leaders were afraid the followers of Jesus would steal His body, so they sealed up the tomb with an enormous stone, and a Roman guard so no one could steal it.

15. The Resurrection

Two mornings later, on the third day, some of Jesus' friends came to the tomb to finish the preparation of the body.

What did they find?

The stone was rolled away! The tomb was empty! Jesus' body was gone!

Jesus had risen from the dead.

Later that day He appeared to His followers. He ate with them and drank with them. He had a new perfect body. And He was alive!!!

16. The Church

Ten days after Jesus left the earth and went to Heaven, at a special feast day, the Holy Spirit descended and indwelt every Christian there.

This was the beginning of a new spiritual entity, a new people of God. The Israelites were still a people to God, but the fulfillment of God's promises to them would be postponed to the future.

A new, unexpected entity began: the Church, also called the body of Christ.

This new Church Age has already lasted almost 2,000 years. What is next?!

17. The Rapture

God prophesied through the apostles in the New Testament that this new age, the Church Age, would end suddenly, unexpectedly when Jesus Christ returns in the air and will take all Church Age believers to Heaven with Him. They will suddenly be snatched into the air.

The unbelievers left behind will go through seven horrible years of earthquakes, volcanoes, wars, disease, pandemics, and hundreds of thousands will die.

But hundreds of millions will believe in Jesus as their Savior, and hundreds of thousands of Jews will accept Him as their Messiah and Savior.

18. The Second Coming

After seven horrible years when the human race and the Jewish people are almost destroyed, Jesus will return.

Jesus will return to destroy the works of the Devil and the Antichrist. The Antichrist and his false Prophet will be sent to the Lake of Fire, and the Devil will be chained in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

Jesus Christ and the Church Age believers with Him will establish His Kingdom on the earth. And there will be perfect government for 1,000 years. But then ...

19. The Final Judgment

At the end of the 1,000 years, God will release the Devil from his imprisonment. He will deceive hundreds of millions, maybe billions, of people who will follow him in rebellion against God.

Then God will finally punish the Devil and all those who have rebelled against God and rejected His Savior Jesus the Messiah.

This is the most important issue for all of us. Will we believe in God's Savior? Will we trust Jesus Christ who died in our place, or continue to rebel and disobey God and reject Jesus?