

# Interlocked Series

Lesson #16.2

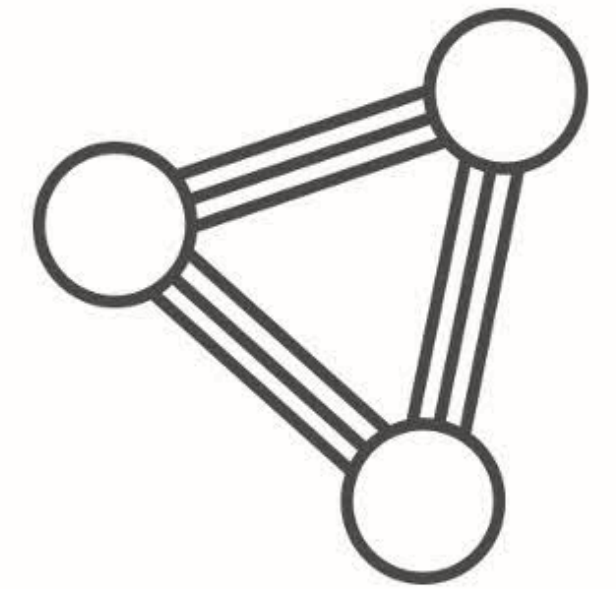
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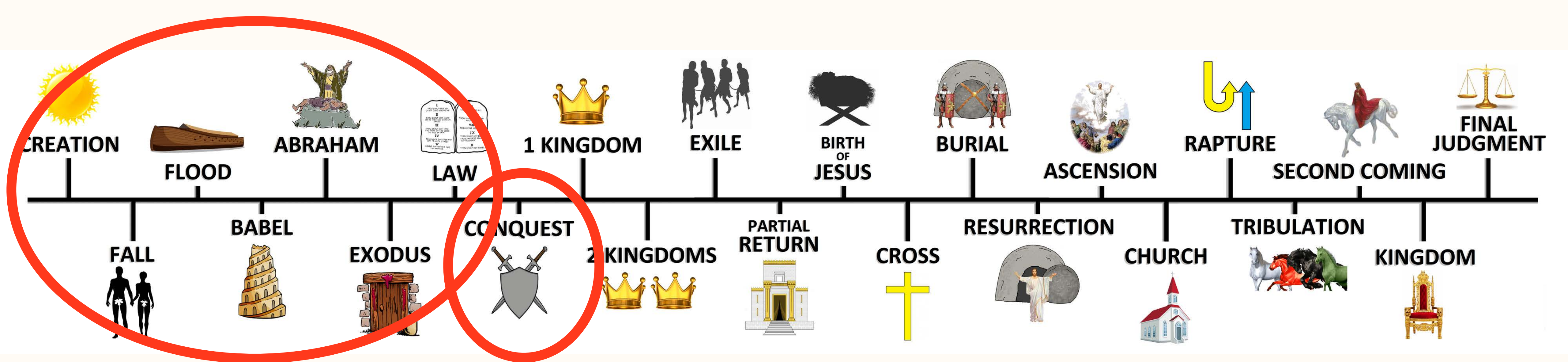
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## Lesson 16: The Period of the Conquest

**Lesson 16B** Salvation Will be for Anyone who Puts Their Trust in *Yahweh*: Rahab, Ruth; Foreshadowing of the Final Judgment; How Can a Loving God judge so harshly? The War on God's History and Truth



Torah  
Pentateuch

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

**II. Salvation will be for anyone who puts their trust in *Yahweh*.**

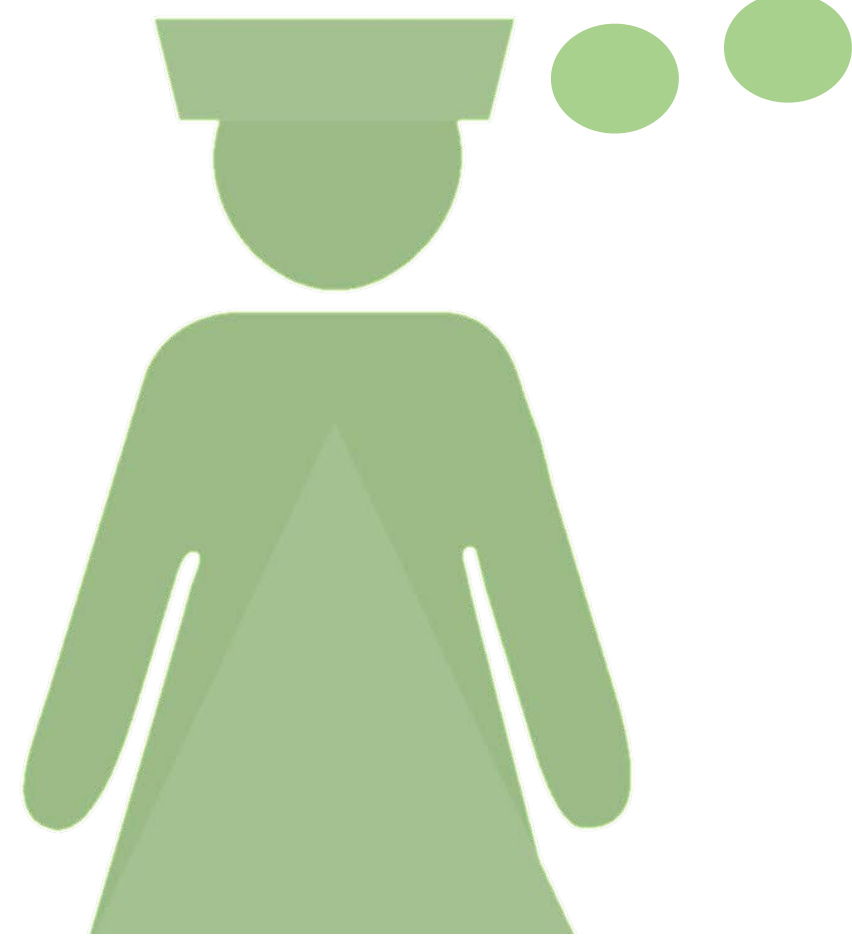
**Is God a “racist?”**

**Josh. 2:8**, “Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

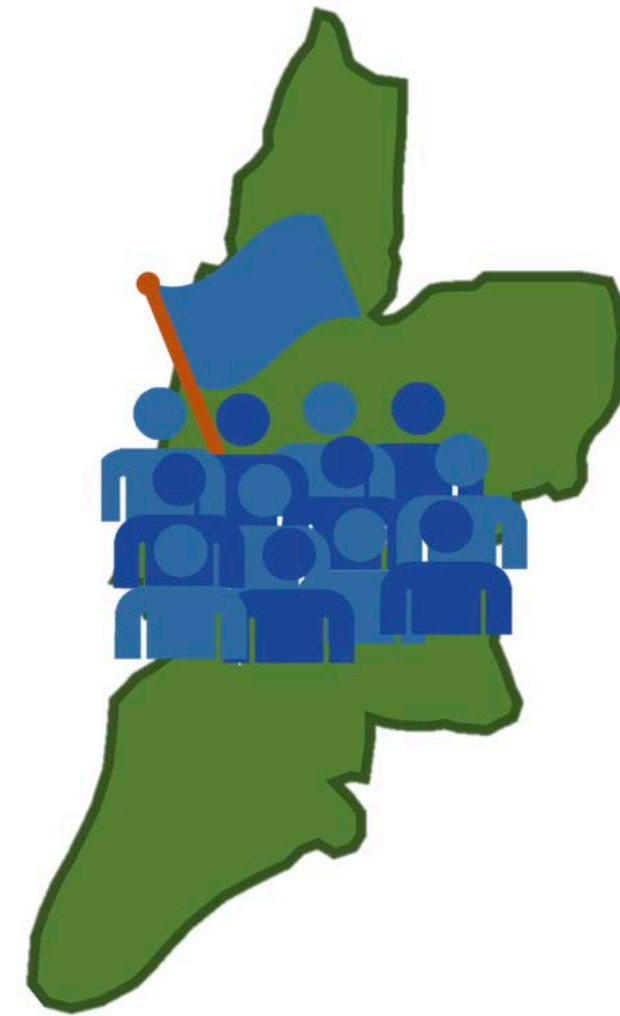
**Josh. 2:9**, “and she said to the men: ‘I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.”

**Josh. 2:10**, “For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

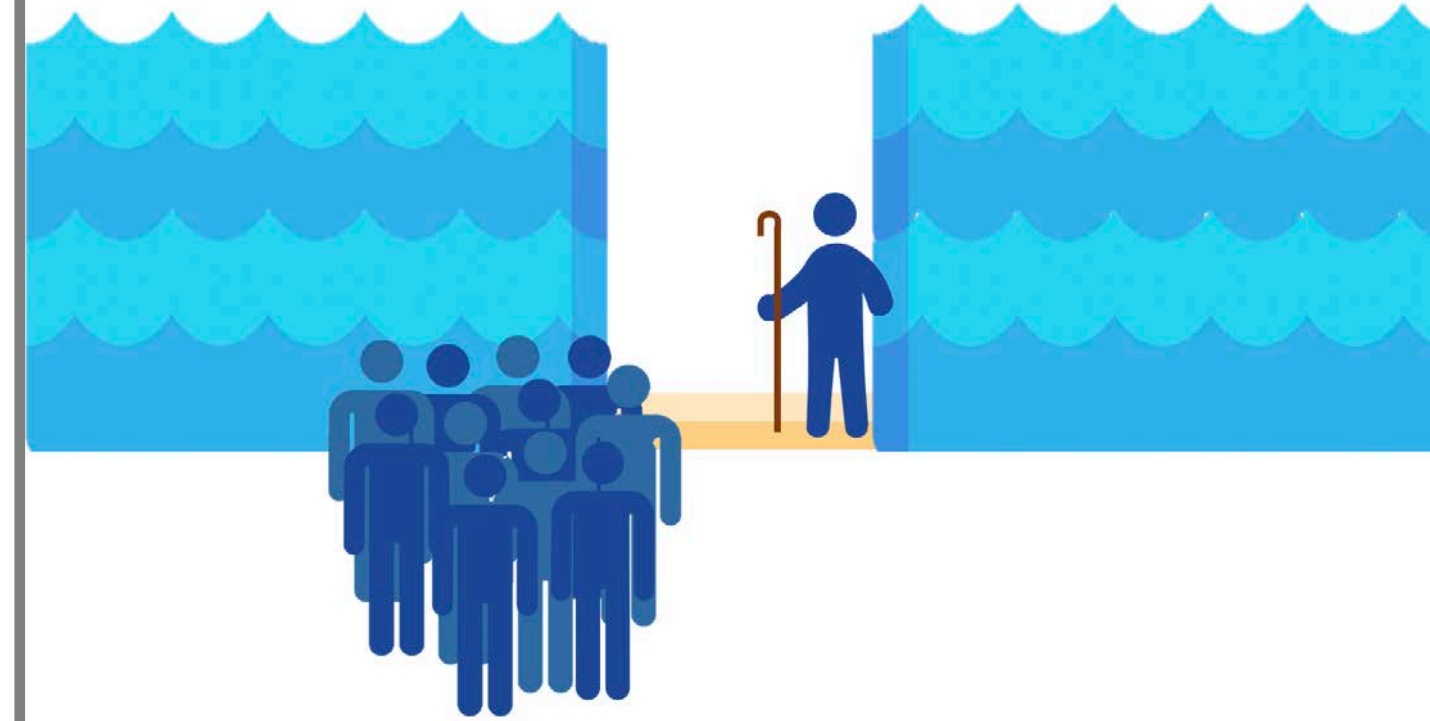
**Josh. 2:11**, “And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.”



Rahab knew  
and believed...



God gave  
Canaan to Israel



God supernaturally  
rescued Israel



Israel's God is  
the supreme God



Abraham

↓  
Isaac

↓  
Jacob

↓  
Judah

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Perez

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Hezon

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Ram

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Amminadab

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**Salmon + Rahab** 

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**Boaz + Ruth** 

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Obed

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Jesse

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David

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**Jesus**



**Heb. 11:31, “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”**



**Deut. 23:3, “ ‘An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever,**

**Deut. 23:4, “ ‘because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.**

**Deut. 23:5, “ ‘Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.**

**Deut. 23:6, “ ‘You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.’ ”**

**Gen. 19:36, “Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.**

**Gen. 19:37, “The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.”**

**Num. 25:1, “Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab.**

**Num. 25:2, “They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.**

**Num. 25:3, “So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.**

**Num. 25:4, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.’ ”**

**Deut. 23:17–18, “There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel. You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.”**

**Num. 25:5, “So Moses said to the judges of Israel, ‘Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.’**

**Num. 25:6, “And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.**

**Num. 25:7, “Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand;**

**Num. 25:8, “and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel.”**

**Num. 25:9, “And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.**

**Num. 25:10, “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:**

**Num. 25:11, “ ‘Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal.**

**Num. 25:12, “ ‘Therefore say, “Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;**

**Num. 25:13, “ ‘ “and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.” ’ ”**

**Ruth 1:15, “And she said, ‘Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’”**

**Ruth 1:16, “But Ruth said: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.’”**



# Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas



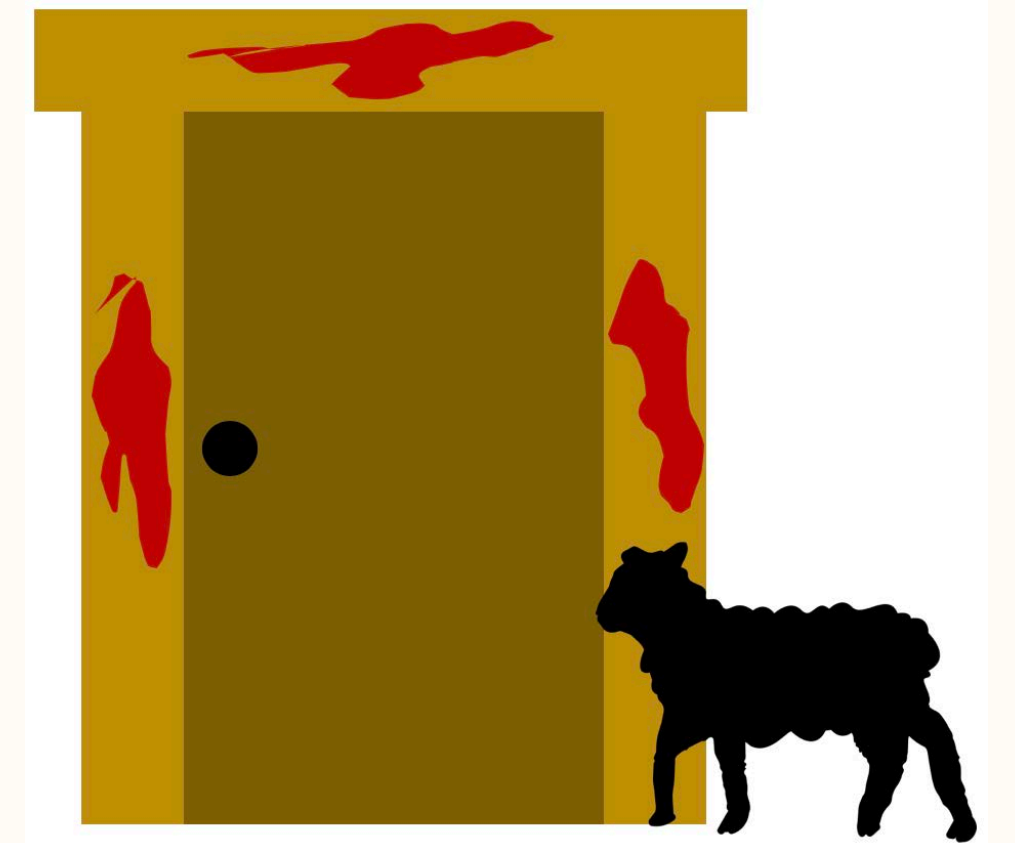
**Canaanites**



**Ruth**



**Rahab**



# Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

God would save man



**God destroys those who are wicked, sinful, and continually rebellious. But He saves those who have faith in Him—even non-Jews. In fact, God included not two, but four Gentile women in the genealogy of Jesus:**



Abraham

↓  
Isaac

↓  
Jacob

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Judah + Tamar

↓  
Perez

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Hezon

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Ram

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Amminadab

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Jesus



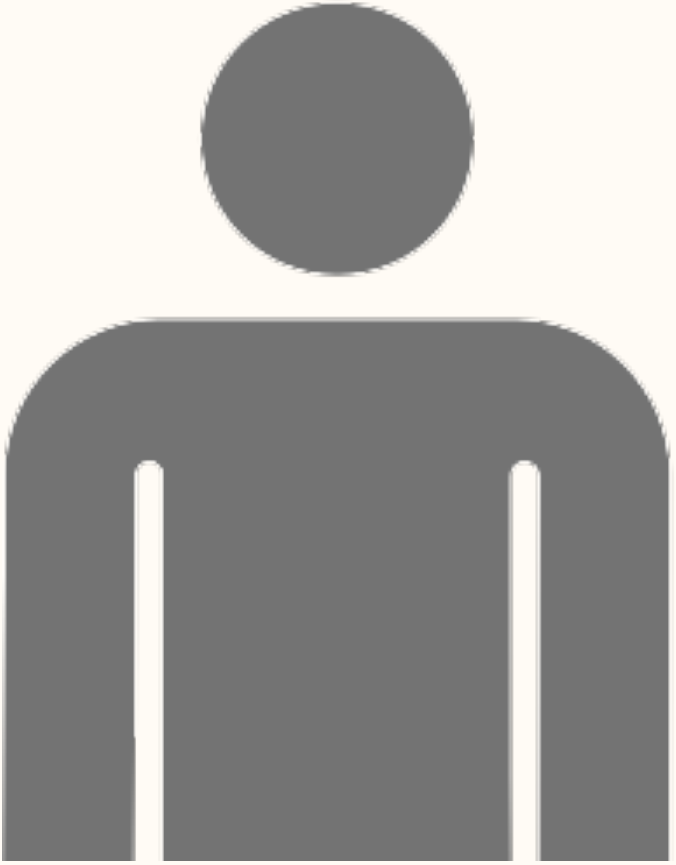
- Tamar (Canaanite)
- Rahab (Canaanite)
- Ruth (Moabite) and later
- Bathsheba (possibly a Hittite)

**Rom. 1:5, “Through Him [Christ] we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,”**

# Picture of the Final Judgment



<b>Choice #1</b>
<b>Rebel against God</b>



<b>Choice #2</b>
<b>Trust God</b>

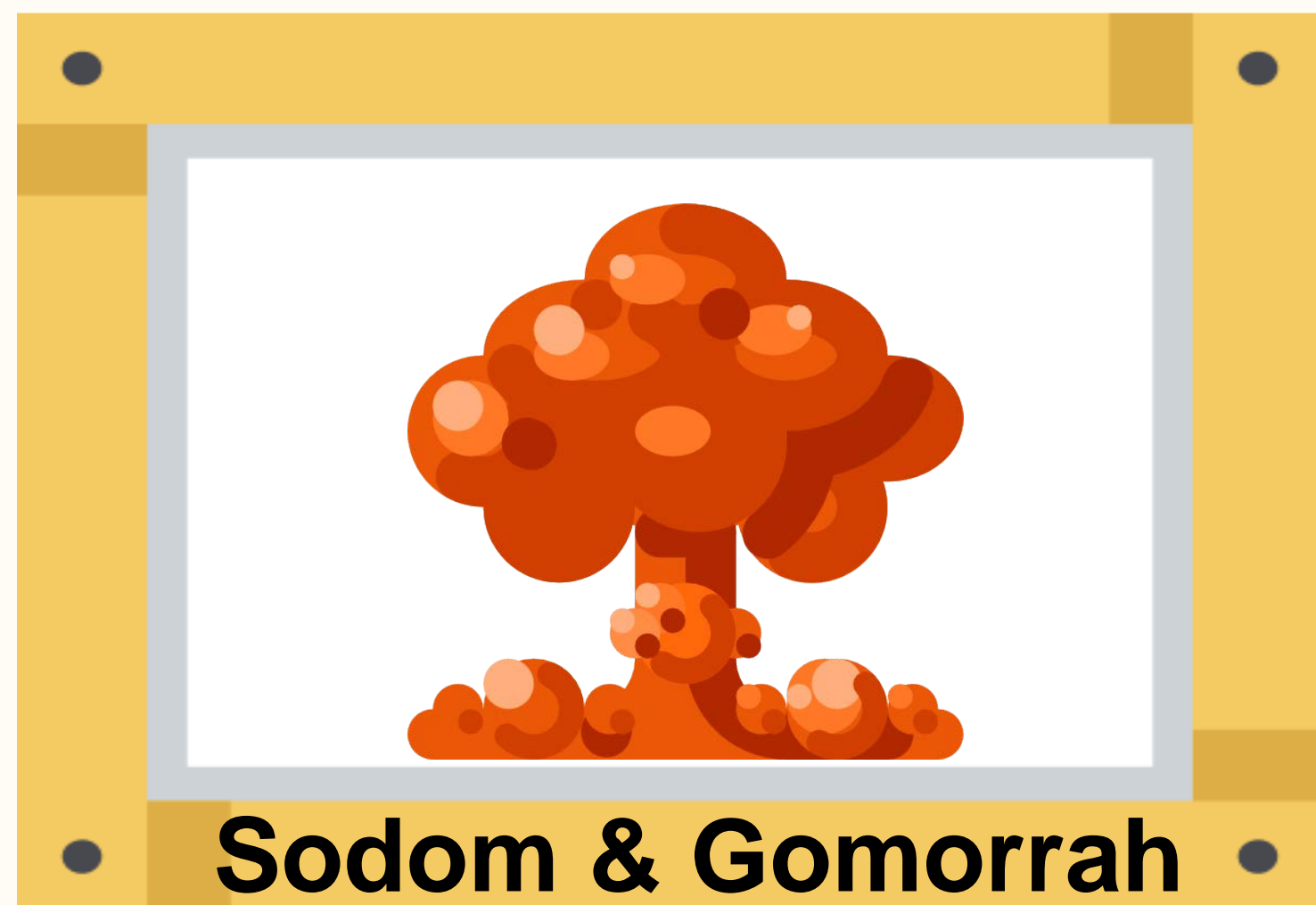
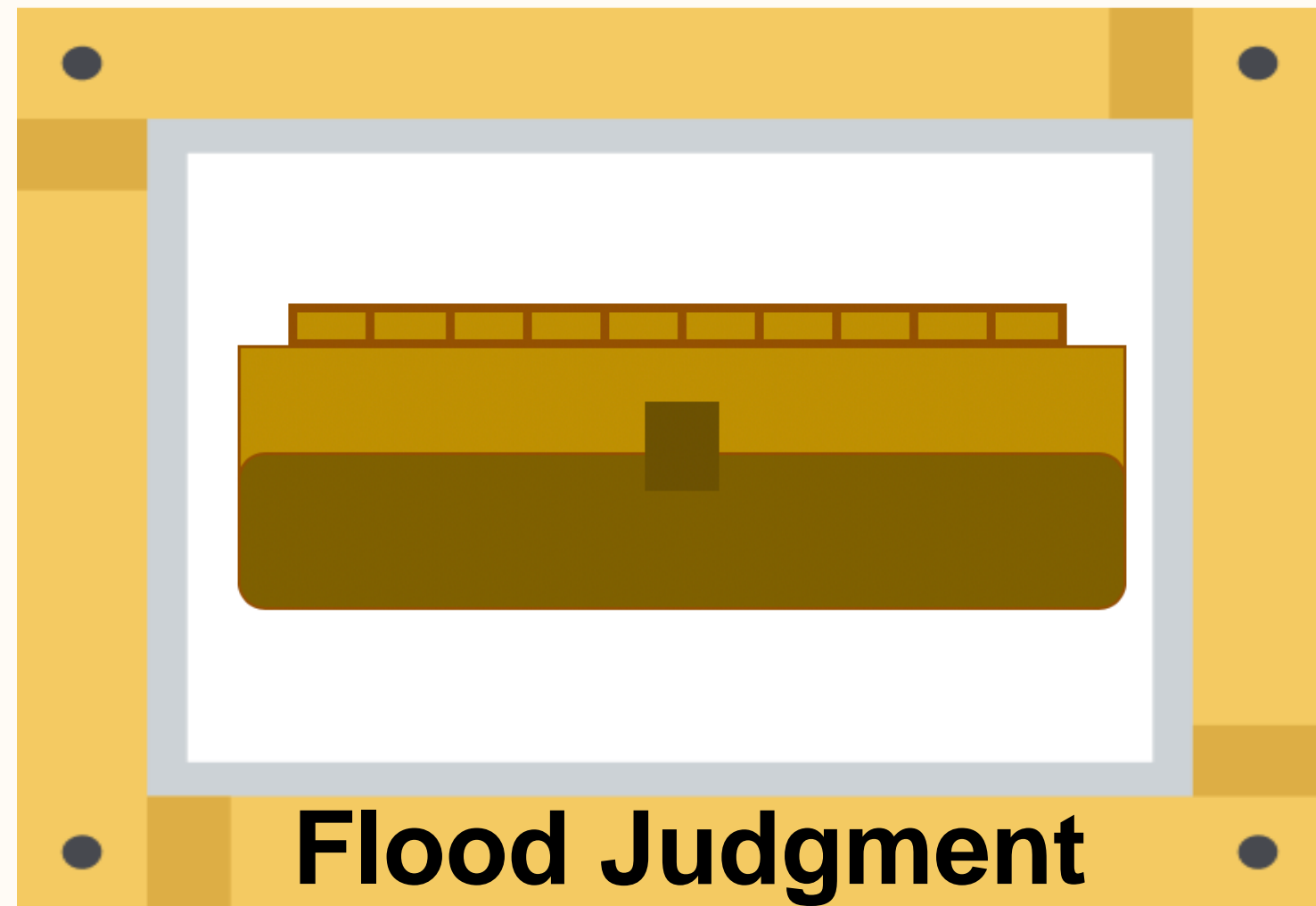
### **III. Devastating and final judgment will come.**

**2 Pet. 2:4, “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;**

**2 Pet. 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;**

**2 Pet. 2:6, “and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;”**

# Foreshadowing of the Final Judgment



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**WARNING  
PICTURE**  
of ...

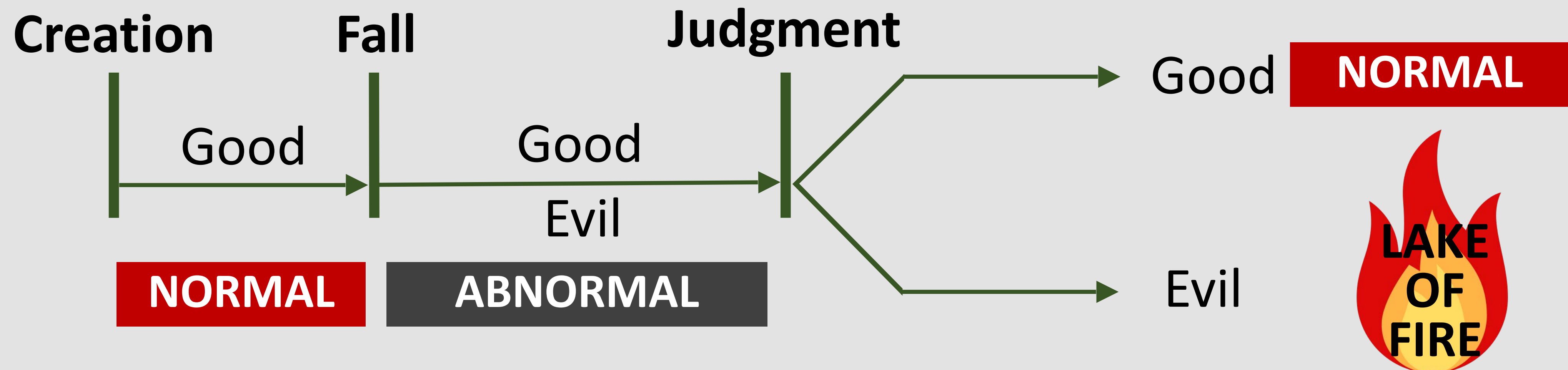


... THE FINAL JUDGMENT

## Pagan view: Good/Evil Mix is Forever “Normal”



## Biblical View: Good/Evil Mix in Creation is Abnormal and Temporary



**Rev. 20:11, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.**

**Rev. 20:12, “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**

**Rev. 20:13, “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.**

**Rev. 20:14, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

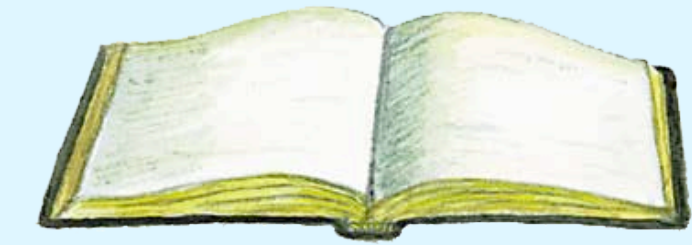
**Rev. 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”**



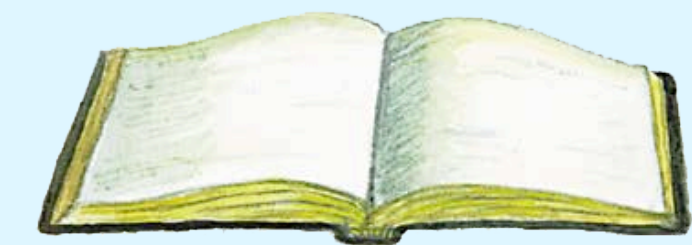
Great White Throne



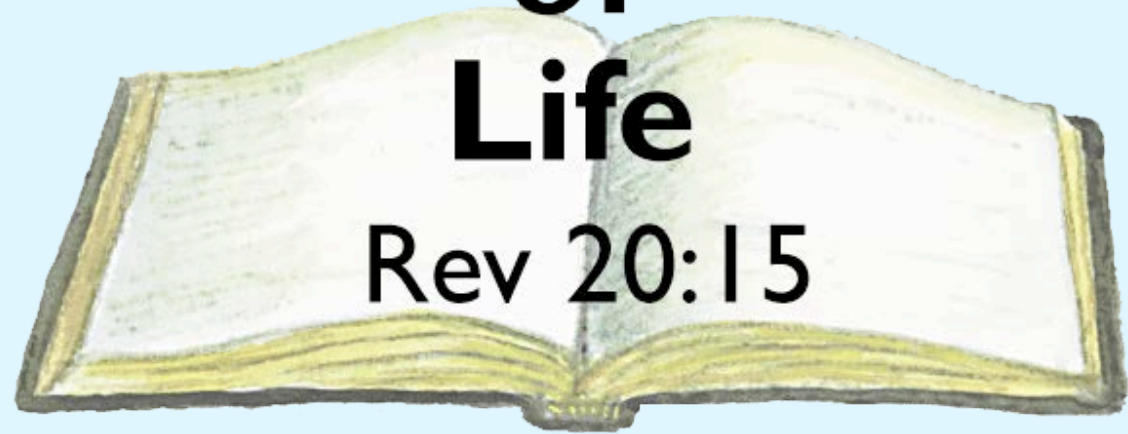
Books of Man's Works  
Rev 20:12-13



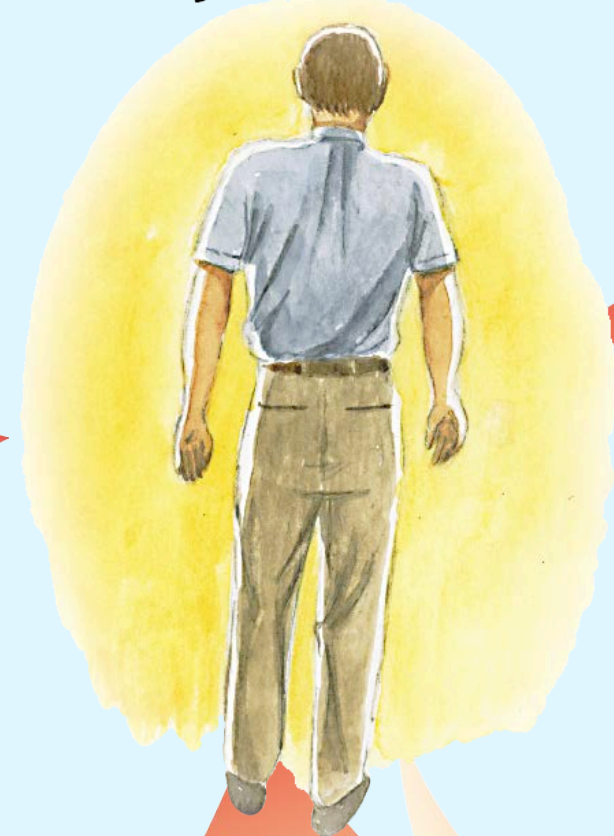
Lamb's Book of Life  
Rev 21:27



The Book of Life  
Rev 20:15



Jn 5:22



Sheol—Hades

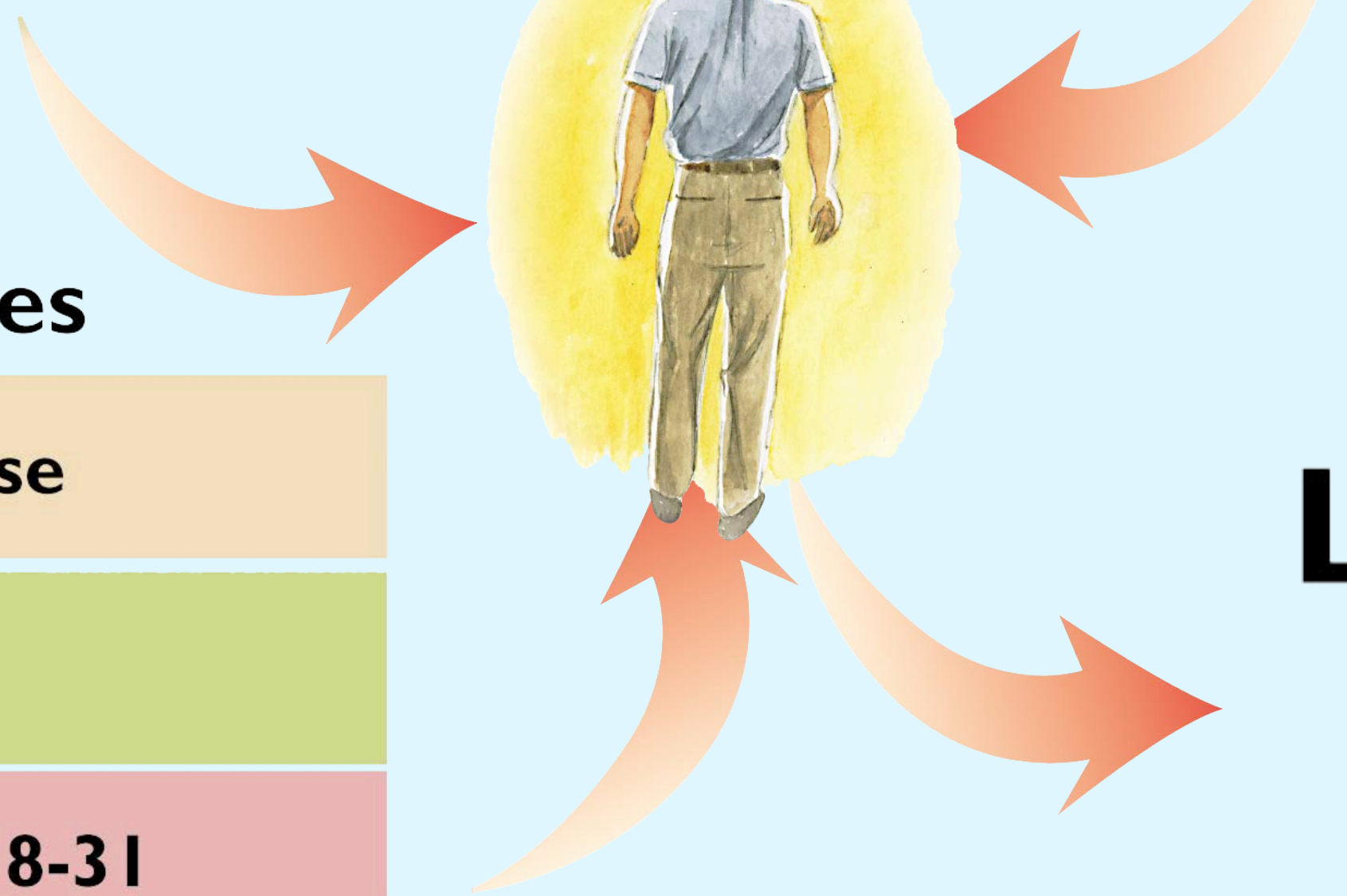
Former Paradise

Great Gulf

Torment—Lk 16:18-31

Prison of Fallen Angels—2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6

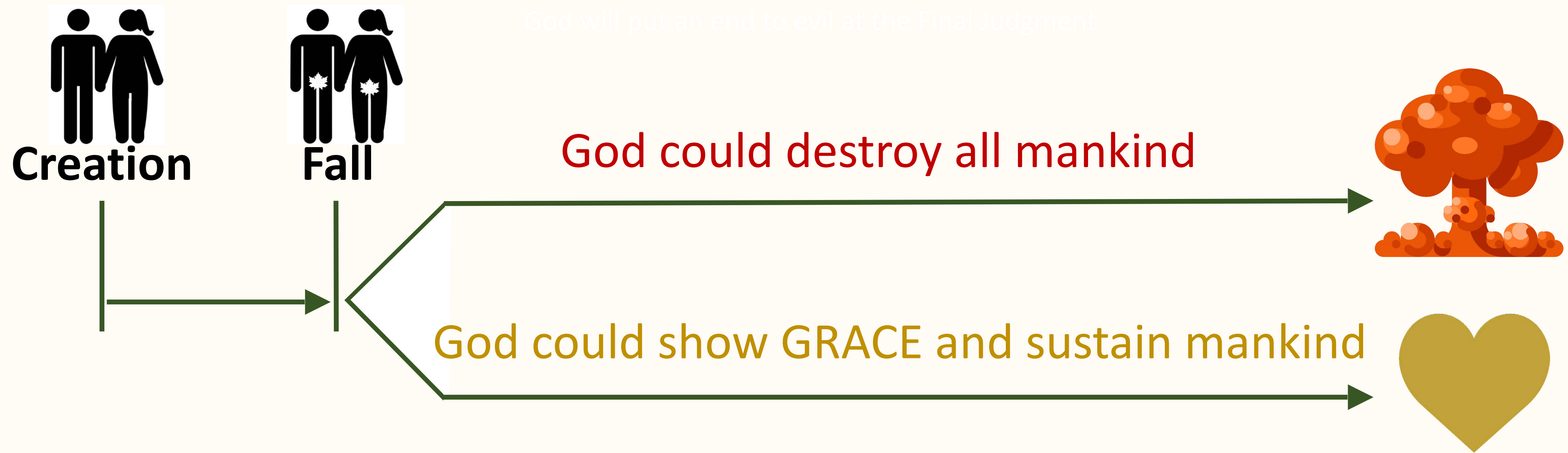
Lake of Fire



## **BOXED Question**

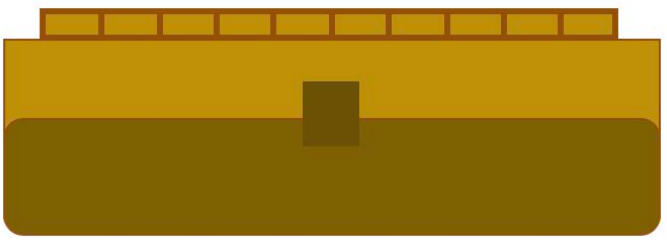

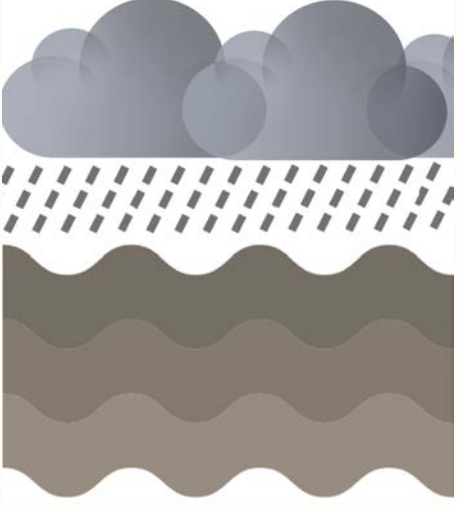


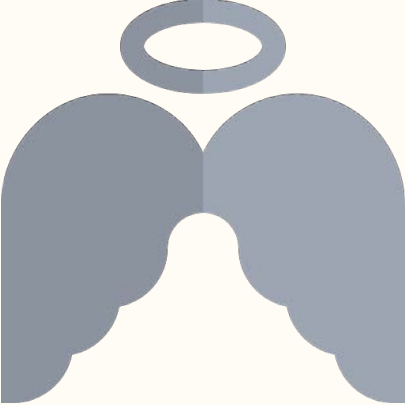

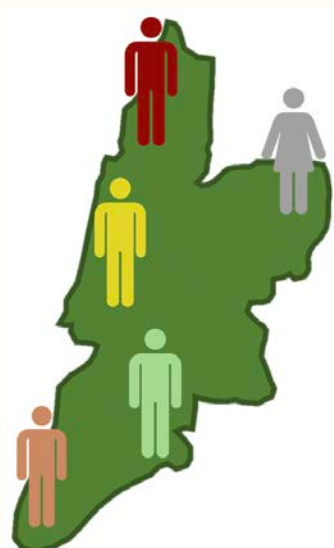

**If God is loving, merciful, and gracious, how can He command unprovoked aggression?**

# 1. We need to remember that since the Fall, mankind has been living under God's grace.



**2. We also need to remember that twice before the Conquest, God had put a stop to the lives of those who had surpassed the limits of His grace.**

# God's judgment on those whose sins were greater than He was temporarily willing to tolerate

Event	Who Died	God caused death through:
 <p data-bbox="303 752 842 812"><b>The Global Flood</b></p>	 <p data-bbox="1352 532 1892 746">Everyone on earth (except Noah and his family)</p>	 <p data-bbox="2652 620 2902 680">Creation</p>
 <p data-bbox="369 1221 743 1281"><b>The Exodus</b></p>	 <p data-bbox="1352 945 1925 1234">All firstborn from a house whose door was not covered by the blood of a lamb</p>	 <p data-bbox="2485 1076 3035 1136">The angel of death</p>
 <p data-bbox="319 1699 769 1759"><b>The Conquest</b></p>	 <p data-bbox="1352 1483 2042 1772">The wicked Canaanites whom God had shown grace to for many years</p>	 <p data-bbox="2585 1577 2985 1637">The Israelites</p>

**3. We need to see that *Yahweh* continues the practice of judging those who have rebelled beyond the limits of His grace.**

## THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

### TO RESTRAIN EVIL

4. Civil Government

5. Tribal Diversity

Authority given by God to take the life of evil murderous people

Authority given by God to a nation to stop evil in another corrupt tribe or nation

## THE CONQUEST

### TO RESTRAIN EVIL



God used Israel to destroy ...



... the evil Canaanites  
(whom Noah had prophesied as being cursed).

**4. God saw this, His war, as a separate category from ordinary warfare.**



**Deut. 20:10, “ ‘When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it.**

**Deut. 20:11, “ ‘And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you.**

**Deut. 20:12, “ ‘Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it.’ ”**

**Deut. 20:13**, “ ‘And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword.”

**Deut. 20:14**, “ ‘But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies’ plunder which the LORD your God gives you.

**Deut. 20:15**, “ ‘Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.’ ”

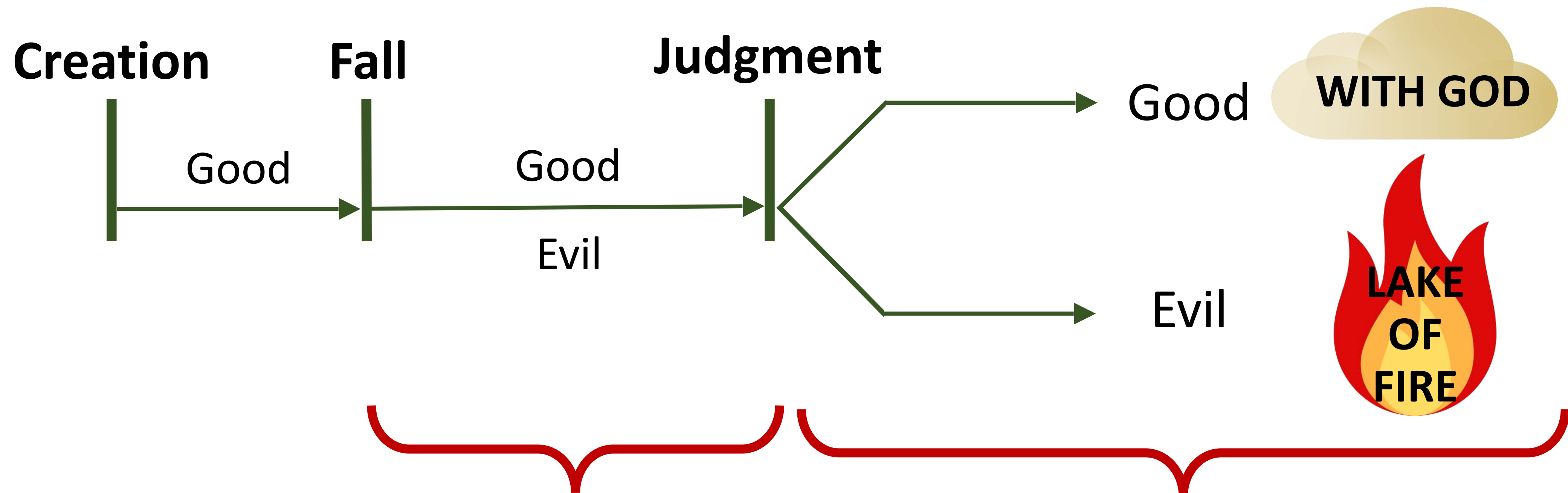


**2 Pet. 3:7, “But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

**2 Pet. 3:8, “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

**2 Pet. 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”**

# Because God is loving...



**1** God gives a time of grace for people to repent

**2** God warns people about the coming judgment

**3** God will end pain, evil, sin, and suffering forever

# **A Warning Picture of the Final Judgment**

**Deut. 9:5, “It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”**

## **This War, called a *Ban, cherem*, was God's War**

**Ex. 23:20, “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.**

**Ex. 23:21, “Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.**

**Ex. 23:22, “But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.**

**Ex. 23:23, “For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.”**

**Ex. 23:24, “You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.**

**Ex. 23:25, “So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.**

**Ex. 23:26, “No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.**

**Ex. 23:27, “I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.**

**Ex. 23:28, “And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.”**



Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River

Mt. Carmel ▲

Shechem ●

Jericho ●

Mt. Nebo ▲

Dead Sea

CANAAN

GOSHEN

Kadesh Barnea

EGYPT







### What 10 of the leaders said:

#### **Numbers 13:31a–33**

<sup>31</sup> “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” <sup>32</sup> So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. <sup>33</sup> We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”

SHOWED NO TRUST IN GOD

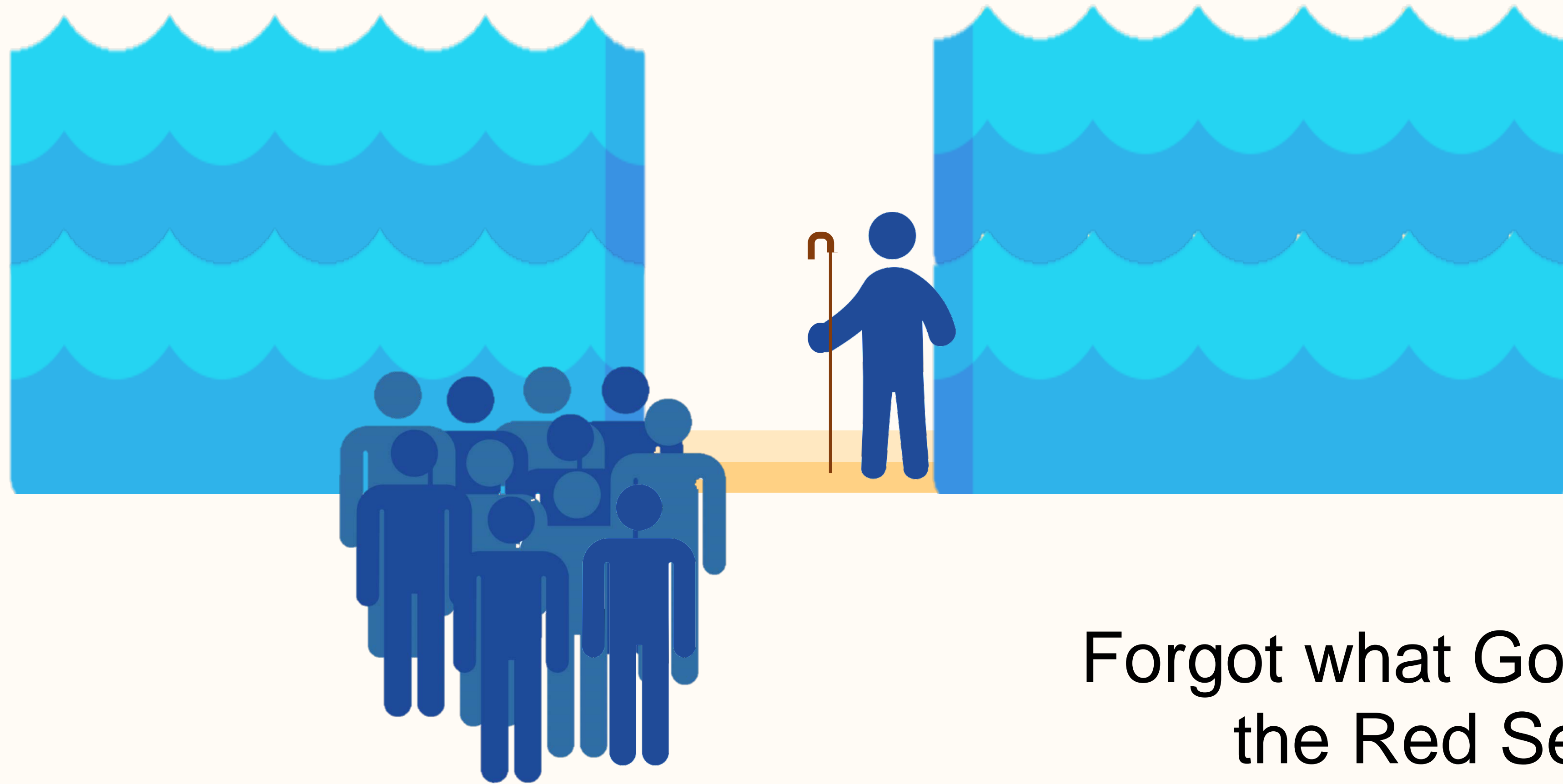


### What Joshua and Caleb said:

#### **Numbers 14:7a–9**

<sup>7</sup> “The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! <sup>8</sup> And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup> Do not rebel against the LORD, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!”

SHOWED TRUST IN GOD

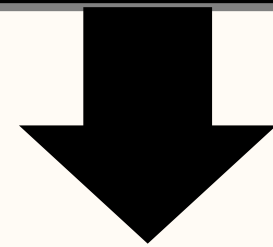


Forgot what God did at  
the Red Sea,  
But the Canaanites  
remembered!



**Choice #1**

**Rebel against God**

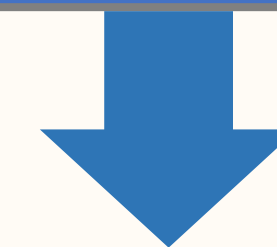


Don't go into the land



**Choice #2**

**Trust God**



Go into the land

**Num. 14:29, “ ‘The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.**

**Num. 14:30, “ ‘Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.**

**Num. 14:31, “ ‘But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised.**

**Num. 14:32, “ ‘But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.**

**Num. 14:33, “ ‘And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.’ ”**

**Num. 14:34, “ ‘According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.**

**Num. 14:35, “ ‘I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.’ ”**

**Num. 14:36, “Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land,**

**Num. 14:37, “those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD.**

**Num. 14:38, “But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.”**

**Heb. 3:18, “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?”**

**Heb. 3:19, “So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”**

**Num. 14:39, “Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly.**

**Num. 14:40, “And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, ‘Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!’**

**Num. 14:41, “And Moses said, ‘Now why do you transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed.**

**Num. 14:42, “ ‘Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD is not among you.’ ”**

**Num. 14:43, “ ‘For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you.’**

**Num. 14:44, “But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed from the camp.**

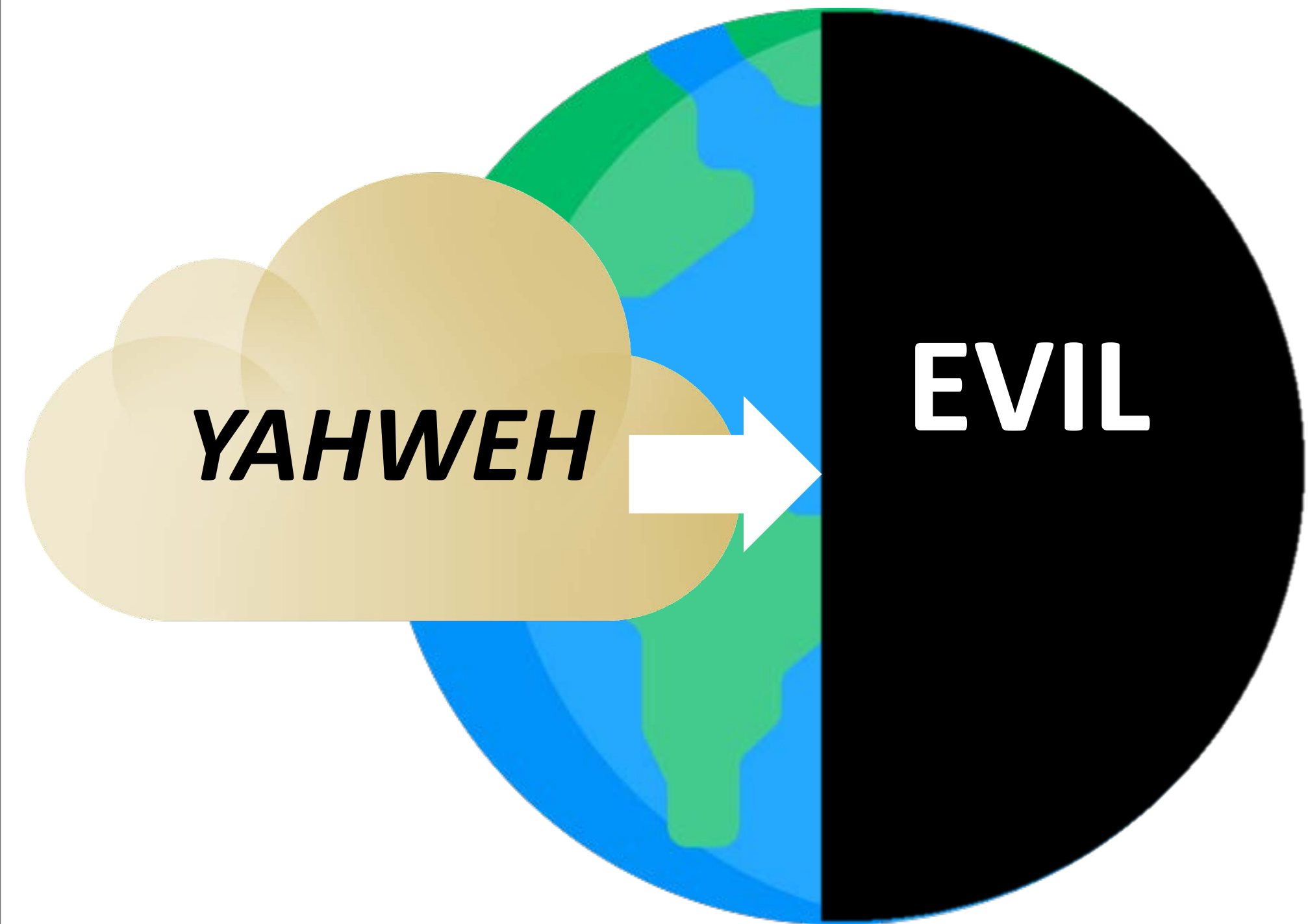
**Num. 14:45, “Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as Hormah.”**



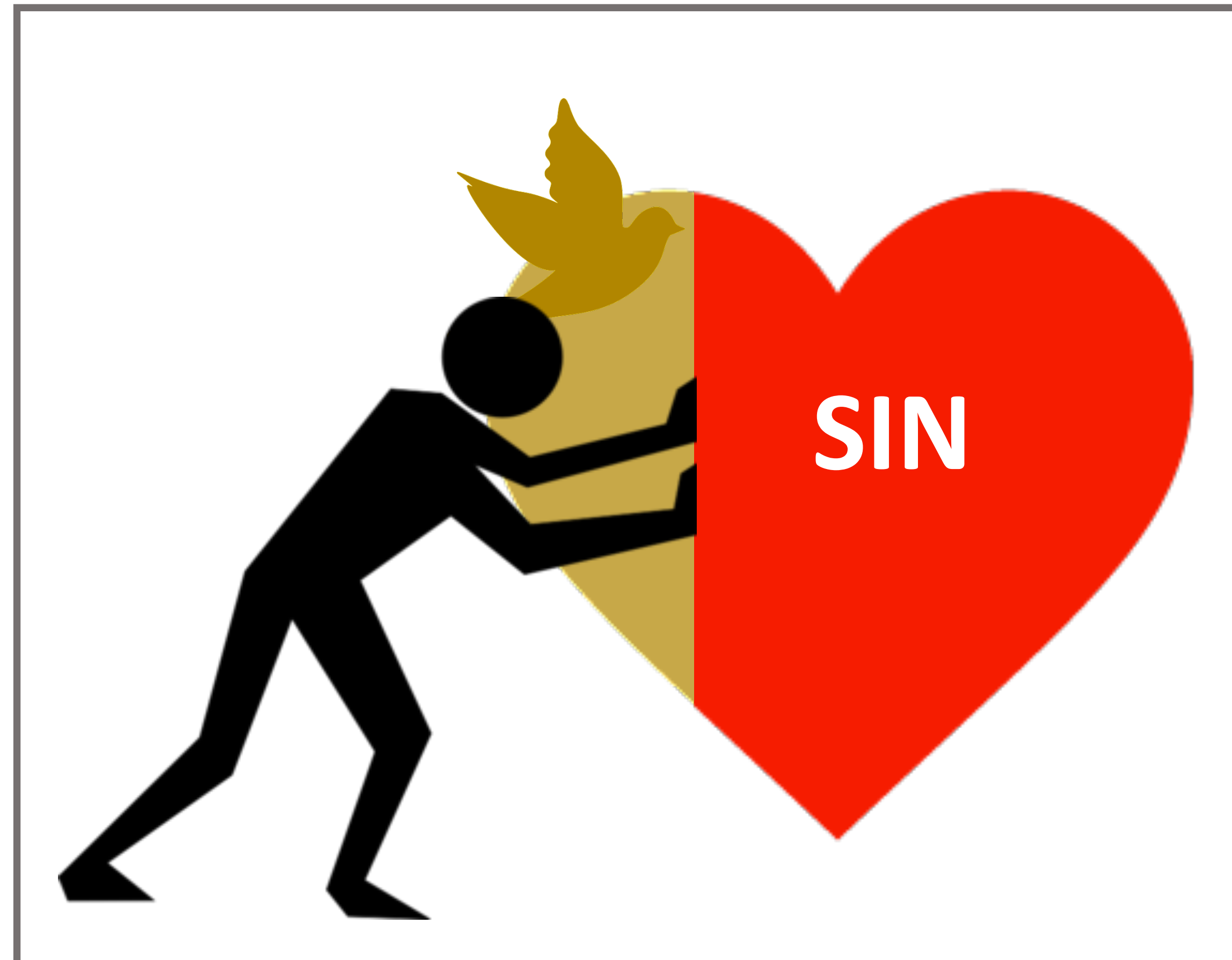
# Eliminating Evil



**GOD'S War:**  
God getting rid of evil from the  
Promised Land



**Final Judgment:**  
God getting rid of evil so  
His people can reap His blessings

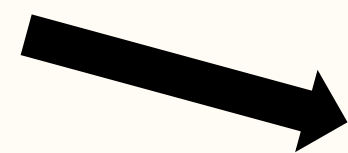


**Spiritual War within Ourselves:  
God getting rid of sin from  
our hearts**

# The War on God's History and Truth

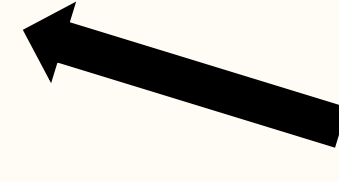
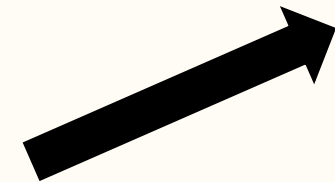
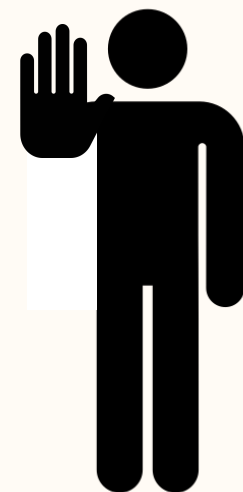
## War on God's History and Truth

**RIDICULE** history and truth and those who believe in them



Make it **DISAPPEAR** from human memory: "It never happened"

**SUPPRESS** history and truth by preventing publication or sharing



**DISTORT** history and truth by mixing in falsehoods

# Creator-Creature Distinction

1<sup>st</sup> level

**CREATOR**  
*(Yahweh)*

All-knowing

All-wise

All-righteous

All-loving

2<sup>nd</sup> level

creature (man)



limited  
knowledge



limited  
wisdom



perverted  
sense  
of  
righteousness



Limited in love:  
self-centered

**Rom. 11:33, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”**

**Rom. 11:34, “ ‘For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?’”**

**Rom. 11:35, “ ‘Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?’”**

**Rom. 11:36, “For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”**