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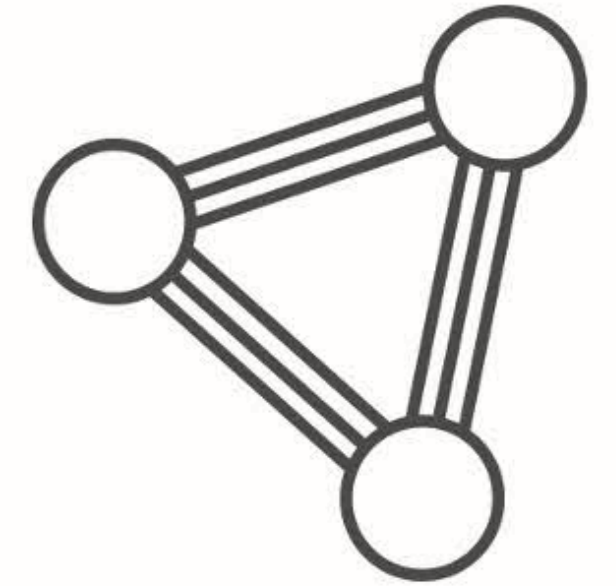
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## **Lesson 33: The Birth of Christ**

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**Man-made  
“laws”**



# Old Testament Completed

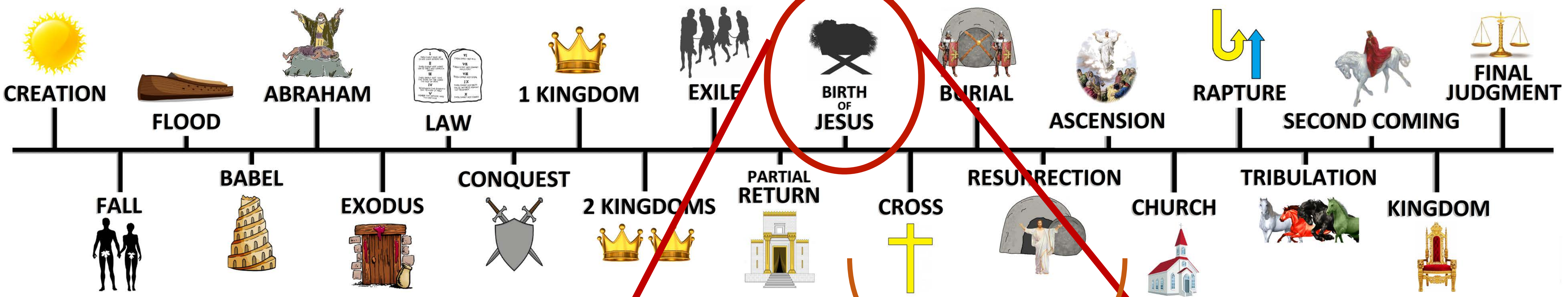
400-year silence. God did not speak to the Jews.  
No prophets in operation.

**~ 430 BC**  
**Last 3 Old Testament prophets, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi finish writing.**

***Malachi 4:5–6 (Last prophet of the Old Testament)***

**<sup>5</sup> “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. <sup>6</sup> His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.”**





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Exodus  
Leviticus  
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Who do you say that I am?

Birth of Christ

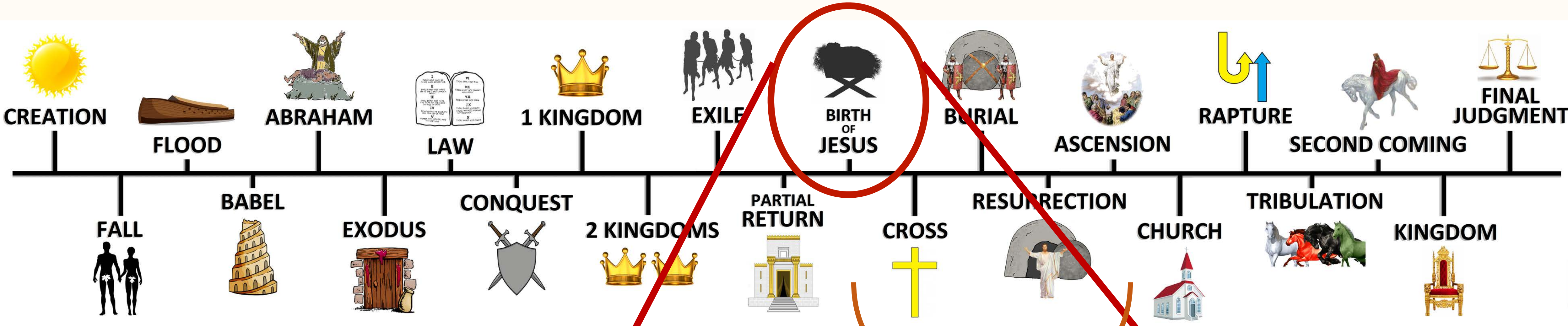
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# **The Jews Were Expecting Two Things From God**

- 1. They expected God to physically reign as king over the earth.**
- 2. They expected God to send a perfect human leader to reign.**

**Psa. 93:1, “The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;  
The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.  
Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be  
moved.”**



**Psa. 97:1, “The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!”**

**Psa. 98:7, “Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;**

**Psa. 98:8, “Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,**

**Psa. 98:9, “For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.”**





**2. God will send a perfect human leader to reign as king over the earth.**

**Psa. 89:3, “ ‘I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:**

**Psa. 89:4, “ ‘Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.’ ” Selah**

**Psa. 89:35, “Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:**

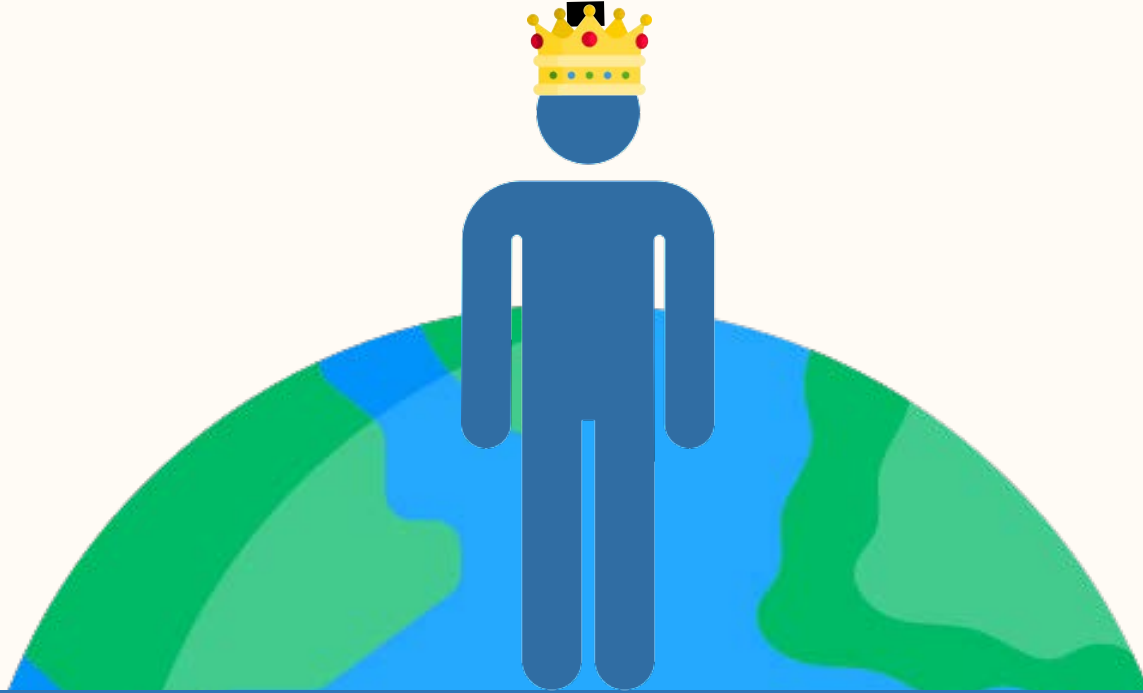
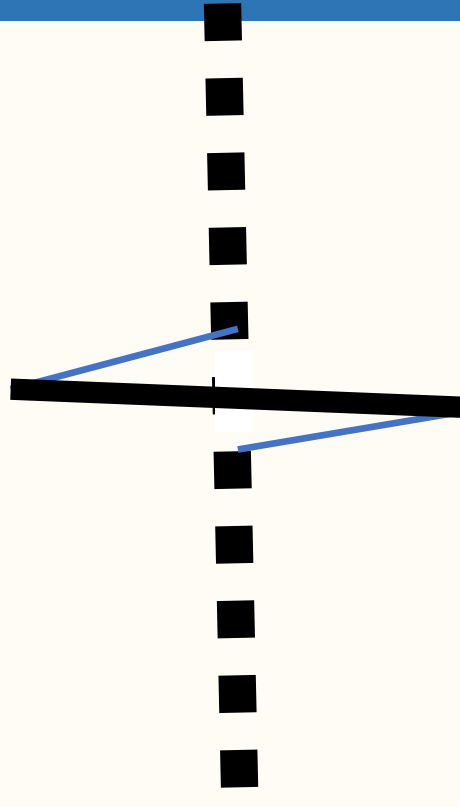
**Psa. 89:36, “His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me;**

**Psa. 89:37, “It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky.” Selah**





King David

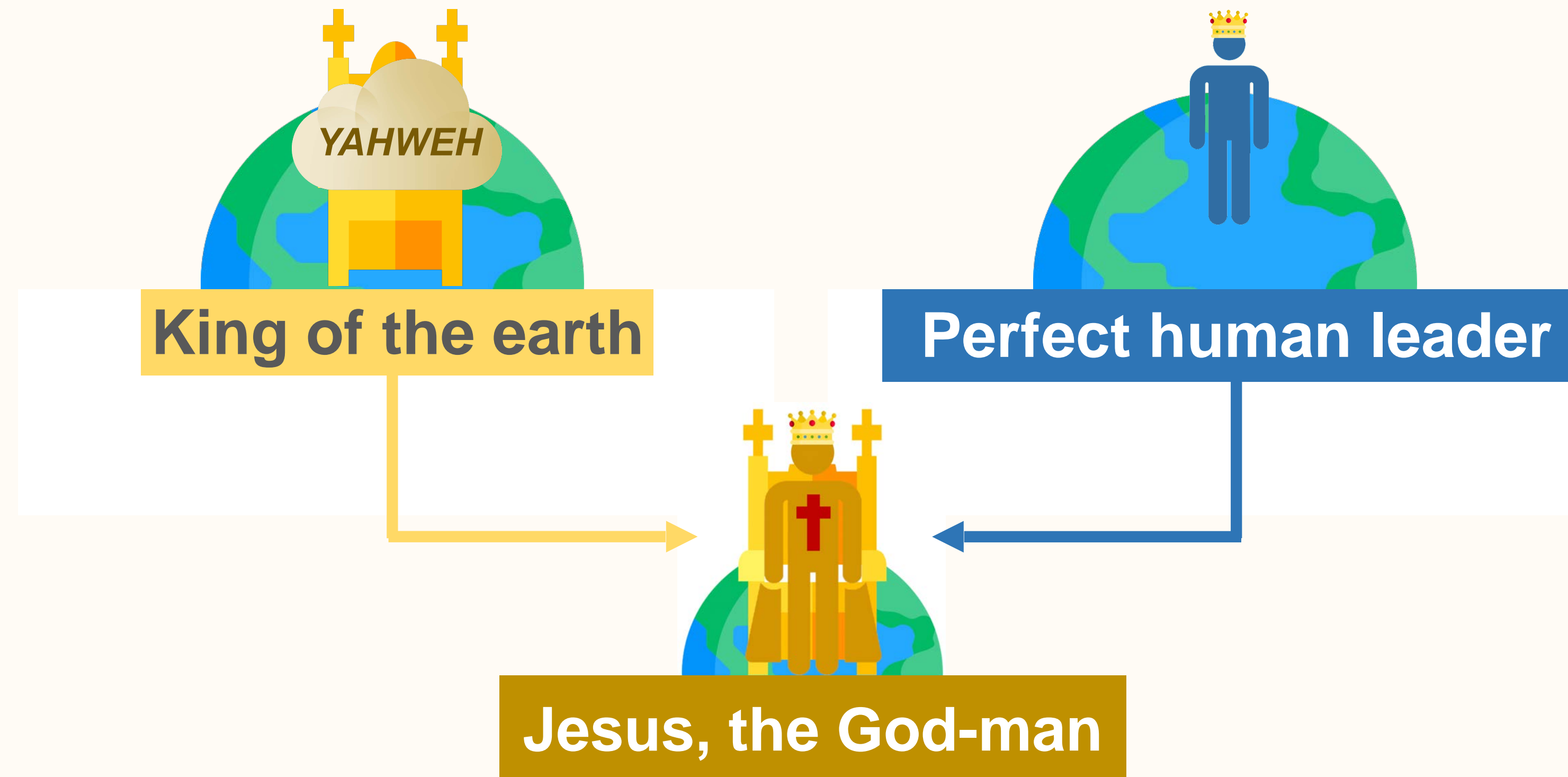


Perfect human leader

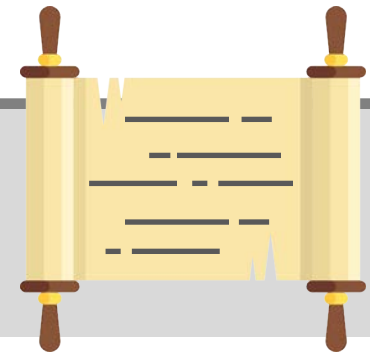
# The Incarnation of Christ

## 1. Jesus is fully God.

a. The Bible says that it was Jesus who created the world.







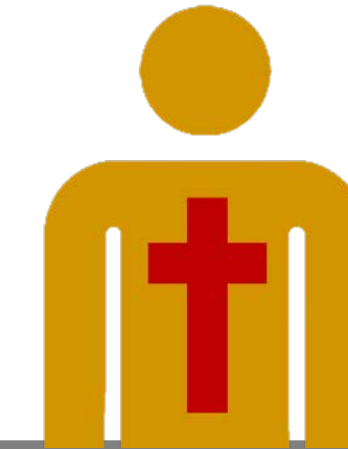
### Genesis 1:1–5

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

**YAHWEH created**



### John 1:1–5

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

<sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

**The WORD (Jesus) created**

**b. The Bible also tells us that Jesus, “The Word,” who is God Himself, came down to earth as a human.**

**John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

**John 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”**

# Watching Jesus ...



work



eat



talk



care



teach



love

... was watching **God Himself!**



**c. During His time on earth, Jesus showed His “God qualities” or “God nature” for people to see.**

**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”**

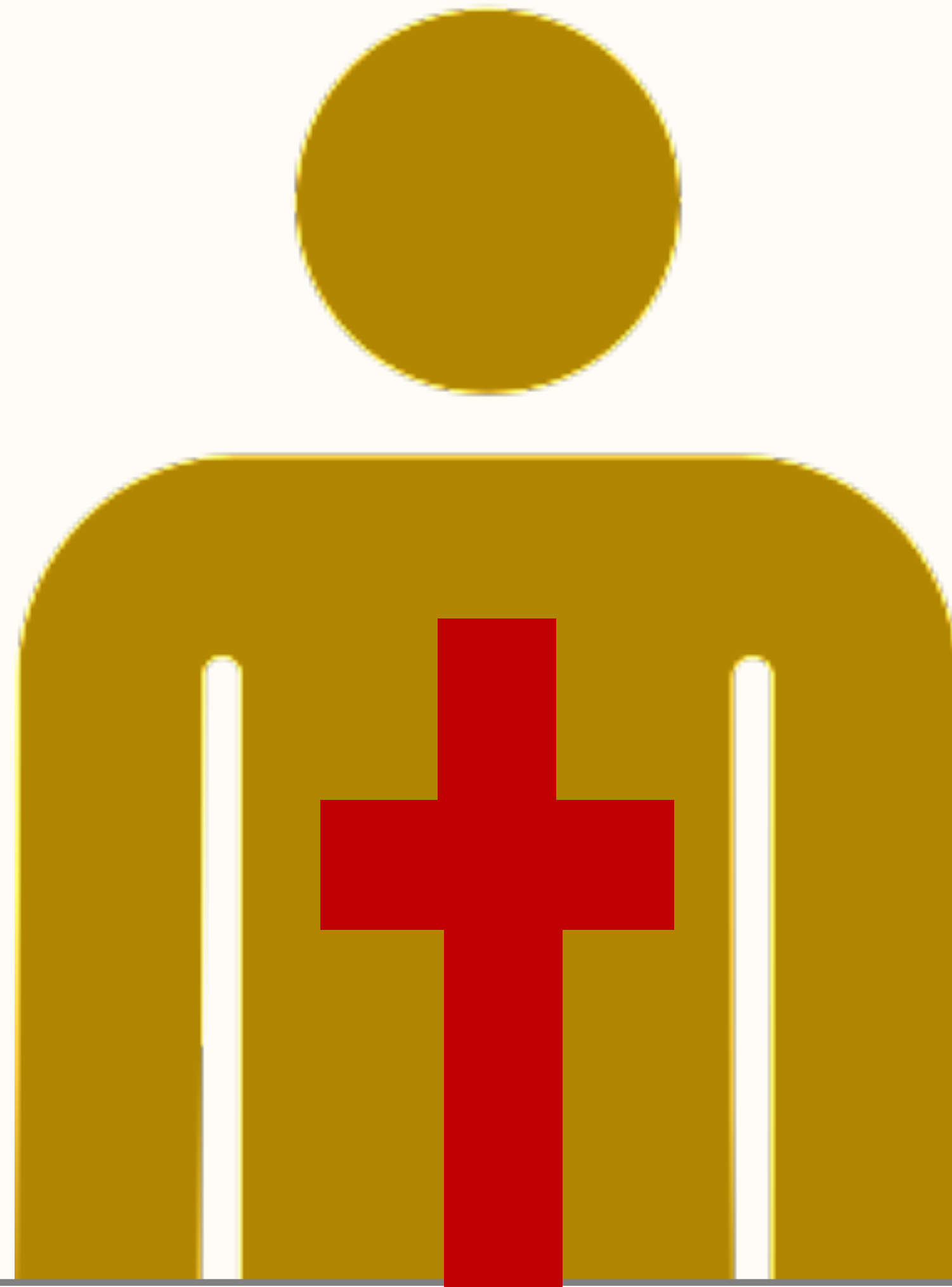
**John 14:7, “ ‘If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.’ ”**

**John 14:8, “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’”**

**John 14:9 “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’”**

**John 14:10, “ ‘Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

**John 14:11, “ ‘Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.’ ”**



**Jesus is 100% GOD**



## **2. Jesus is fully human.**

**1 Cor. 15:45, “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.**

**1 Cor. 15:46, “However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.**

**1 Cor. 15:47, “The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.”**

# THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

## BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family

Promote stability, blessing, perpetuation of the human race.

## RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil Government

5. Tribal Diversity

Discipline, punish, and restrain evil.

## BLESSES SOCIETY

6. Israel

Bless the world

**Creator-God**



**Mankind**  
(under-lord)



**Nature and  
Animals**





**Adam**

made from dust



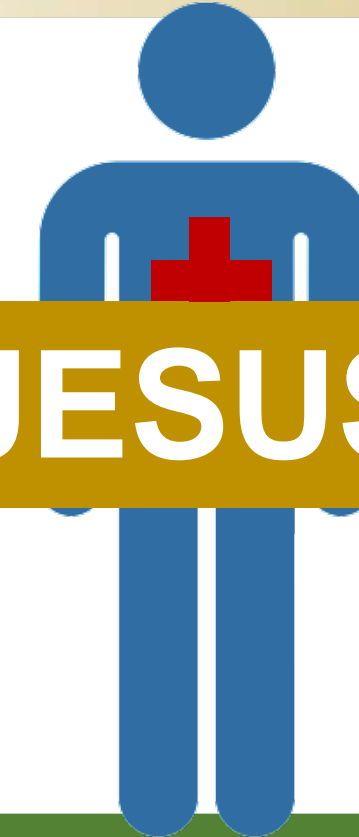
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**failed**

**Last Adam**

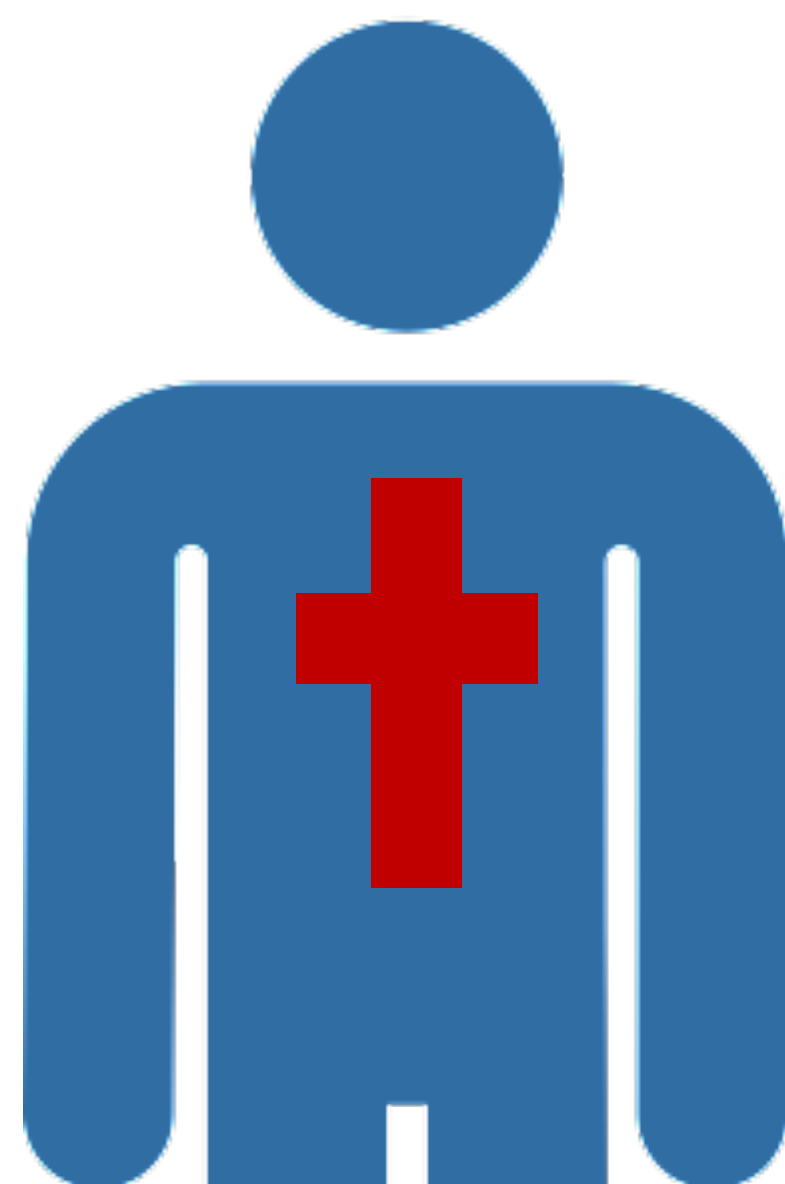
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**Job: under-lord of nature and animals**



**will succeed**



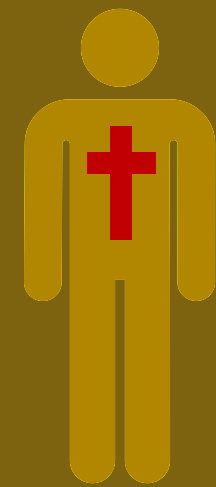
Jesus is  
100% man

**Jesus' two natures are together but not mixed.**

## Creator-Creature Distinction

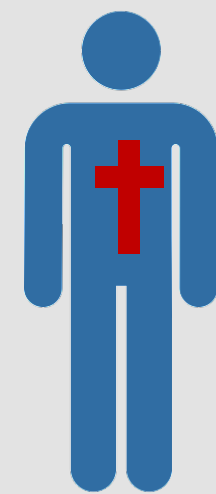
1<sup>st</sup> level

SOVEREIGN  
GOD



2<sup>nd</sup> level

created man



100% God nature

100% human nature



# Jesus

## 200% God-man

**God and man meet in  
one body but do not mix.**



**Isa. 7:3, “Then the LORD said to Isaiah, ‘Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller’s Field,**

**Isa. 7:4, “ ‘and say to him: “Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah.” ’ ”**

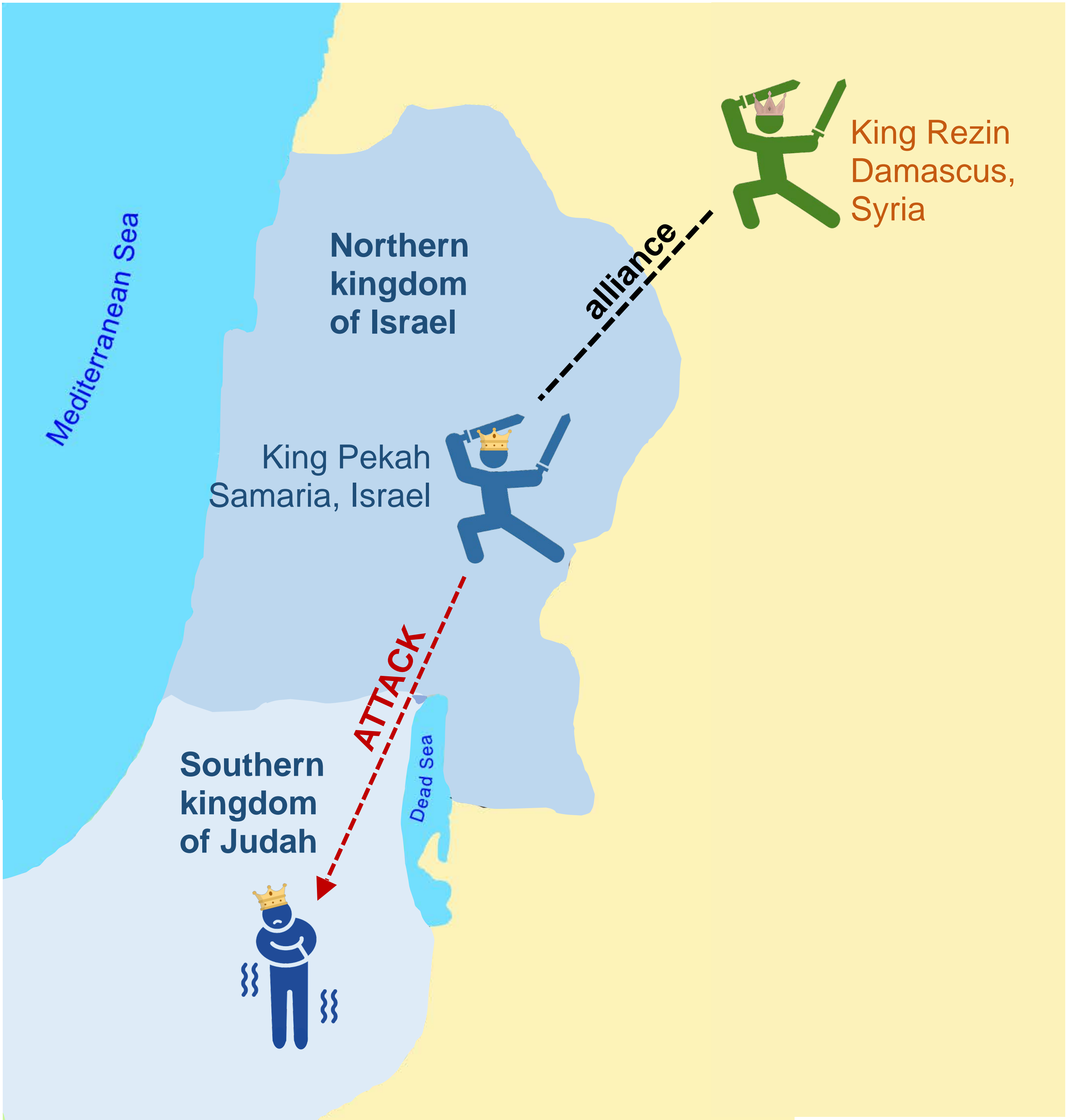
**Isa. 7:5**, “Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying,

**Isa. 7:6**, “ ‘Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel’—

**Isa. 7:7**, “thus says the Lord GOD: **‘It shall not stand, nor shall it come to pass.**

**Isa. 7:8**, “ ‘For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken, so that it will not be a people.

**Isa. 7:9**, “ ‘The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.’ ”



**Isa. 7:10**, “Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

**Isa. 7:11**, “ ‘Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.’

**Isa. 7:12**, “But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!’

**Isa. 7:13**, “Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?

**Isa. 7:14**, “ ‘Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**Isa. 7:15**, “ ‘Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

**Isa. 7:16**, “ ‘For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.’ ”



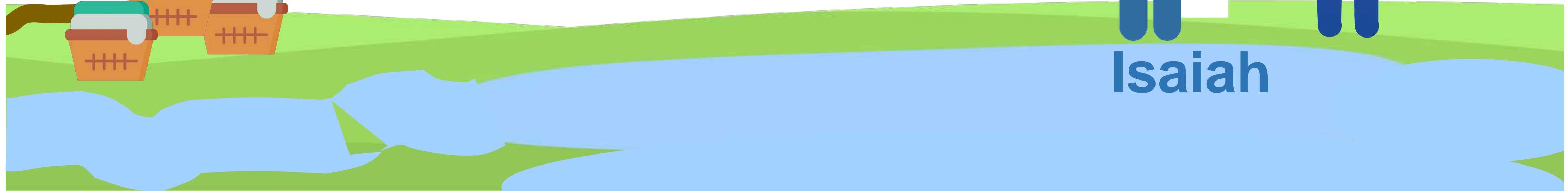
**YAHWEH**

**King Ahaz, stop worrying.**

**Shear-jashub**



**Isaiah**



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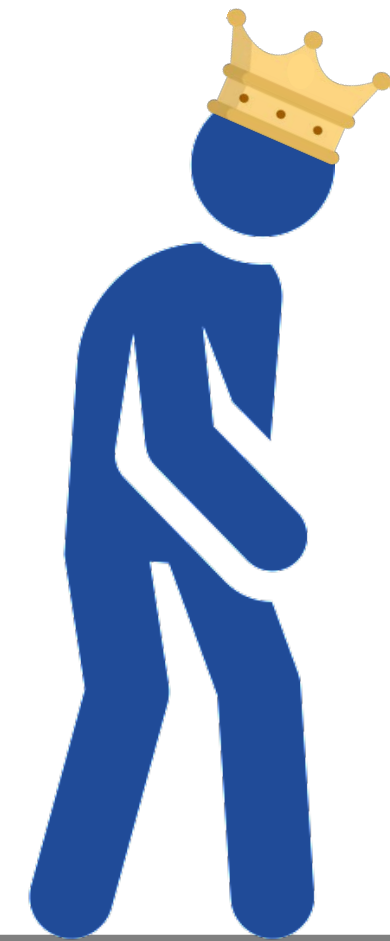
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**YAHWEH**

Ask the LORD your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz.



NO

Listen well, you royal family of David!





## FAR FUTURE FULFILMENT

<sup>14</sup> All right then, the LORD himself will give **you** the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).

The Hebrew word for “**you**” in this verse is **kem**, which is a **plural** form.

God was addressing  
**the entire family line of David.**

## NEAR FUTURE FULFILLMENT

<sup>15</sup> By the time this child is old enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong, he will be eating yogurt and honey. <sup>16</sup> For before the child is that old, the lands of the two kings **you** fear so much will both be deserted.

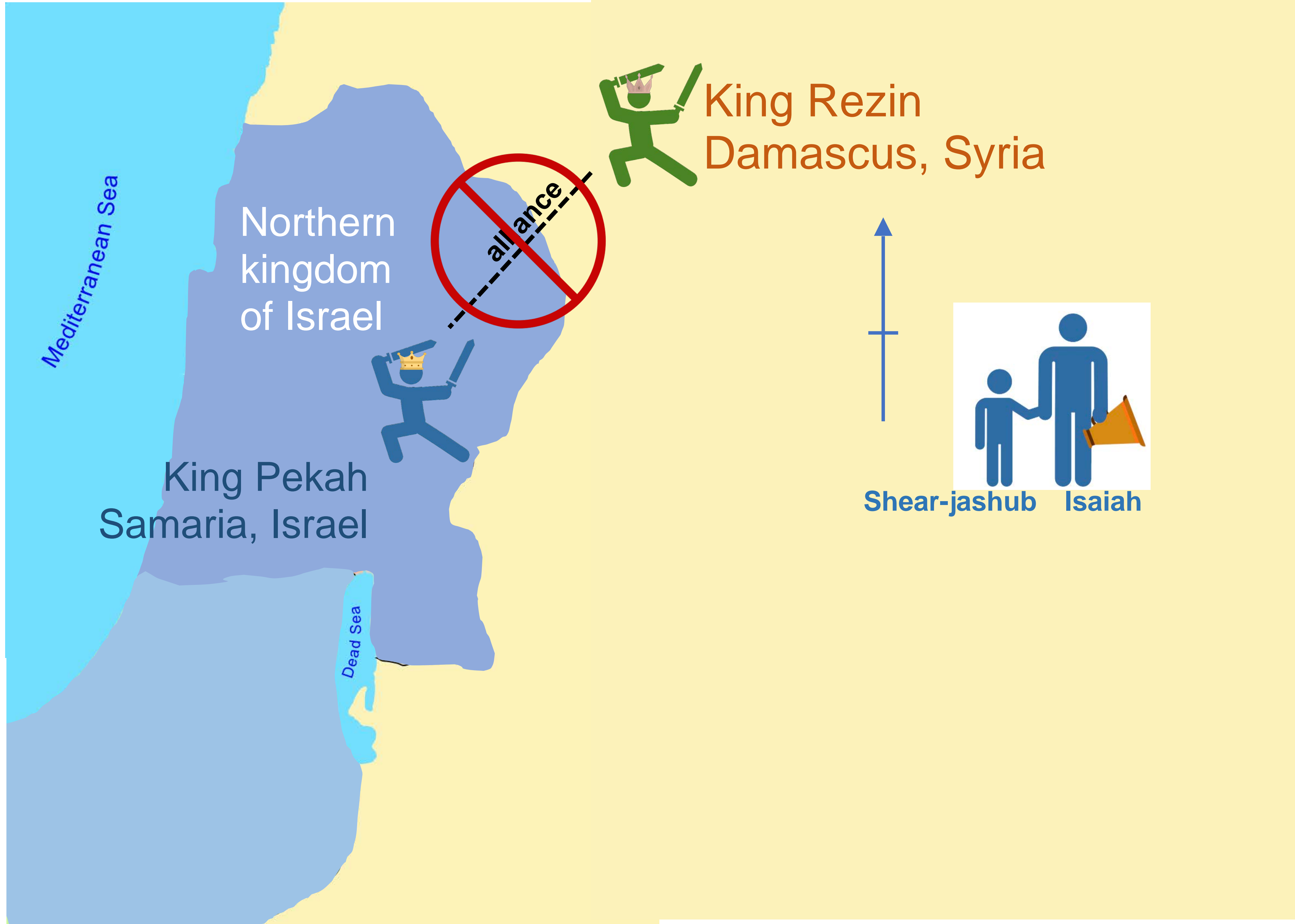
(This is saying that before the boy is old enough to know right from wrong, both Israel and Syria will be emptied.)

The Hebrew word for “**you**” in this verse is ‘**attâ**, which is a **singular** form.

Now God was addressing  
**just King Ahaz.**

## **Near future fulfillment: a sign for Ahaz**

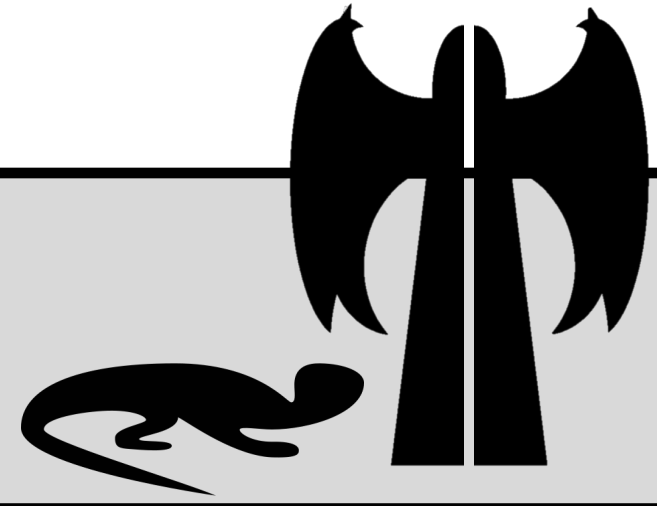
**Isa. 8:18, “Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.”**



**Far future fulfillment: for all the family of David (and the world)**

**Gen. 3:15, “ ‘And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’ ”**

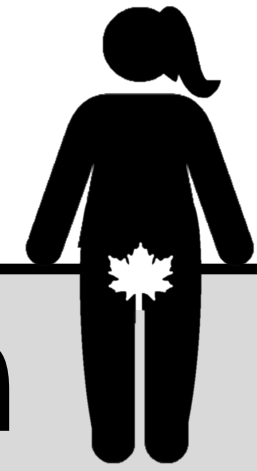




**Serpent (Satan)**

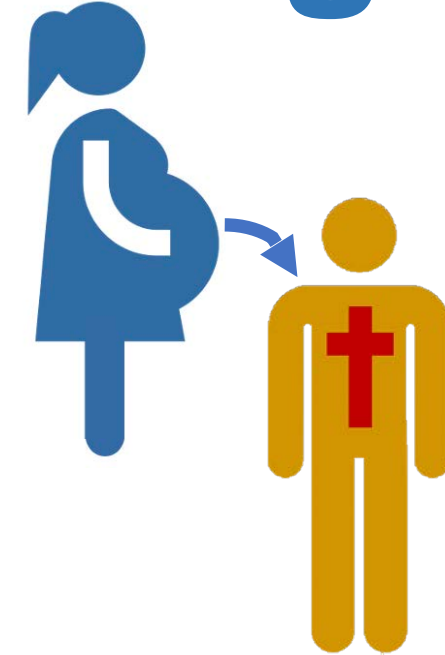


**The woman**



**Anyone who trusts in Satan,  
both human and demon**

**The virgin**



**The Promised Savior**



**Matt. 1:20**, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

**Matt. 1:21**, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.’

**Matt. 1:22**, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

**Matt. 1:23**, “ ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”

# **Why did Messiah need to have a virgin birth?**

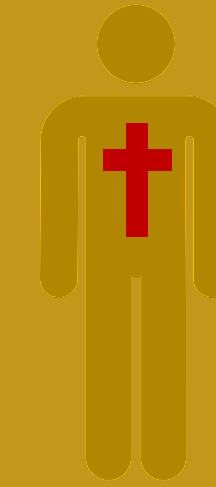
- 1. Because He is God, Jesus had to be sinless even in His human body.**

## Creator-Creature Distinction

1<sup>st</sup> level

INFINITELY HOLY &  
RIGHTEOUS

JESUS



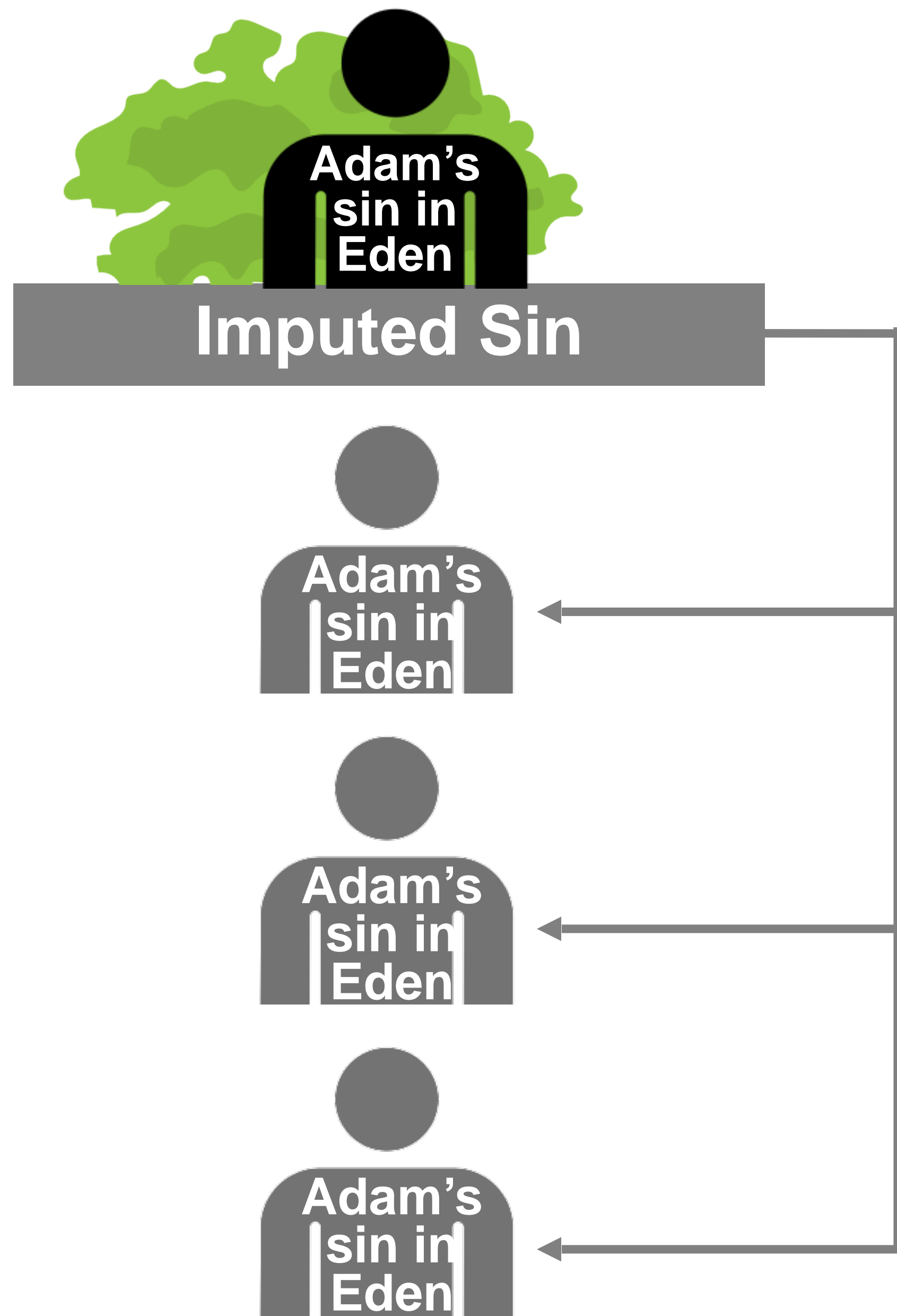
2<sup>nd</sup> level

created man

## A. Imputed Sin

**Rom. 5:12, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—”**

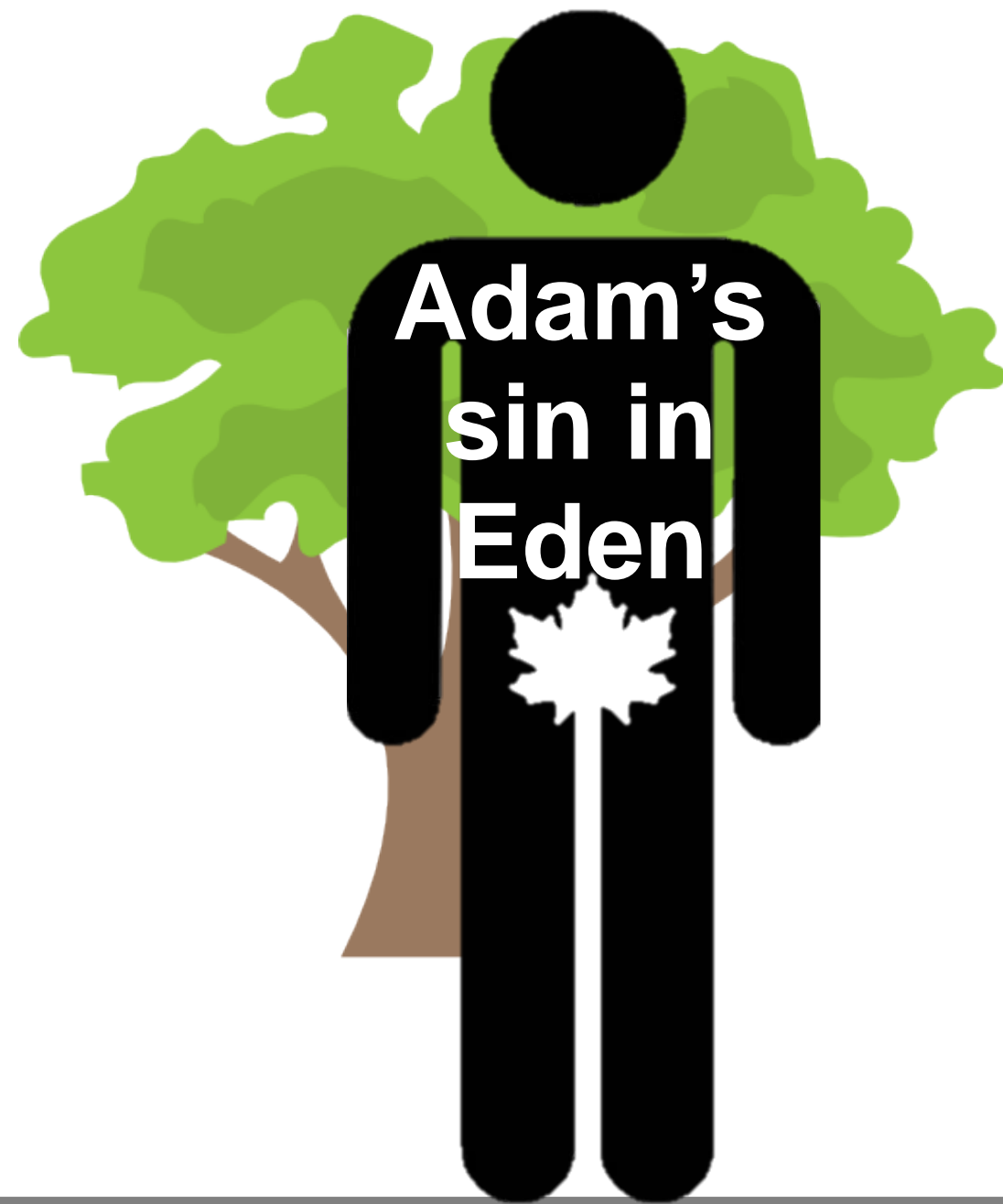




**Adam's sin in Eden is imputed directly into all descendants**

**A**

**Imputed**



**B**

**Sin**



**C**

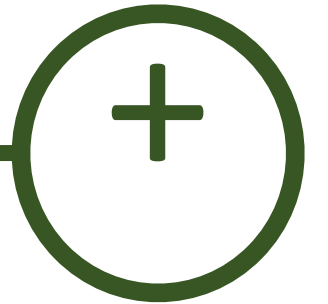
**Personal**



# What Jesus did to bring Abraham from “unrighteous” to “righteous.”

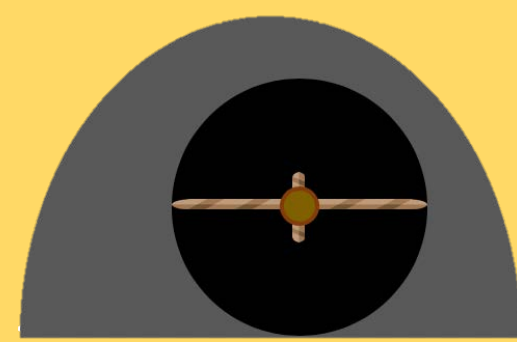
man: unrighteous

man: righteous



**Needs a death to pay for sin**

**Needs to live a perfect life by God's standards**



Jesus paid the penalty of death for man's sin



Jesus lived a perfect life and imputed that to man

imputed to Abraham

imputed to Abraham



Abraham

**FAITH: Abraham believed God's promise of a future salvation**

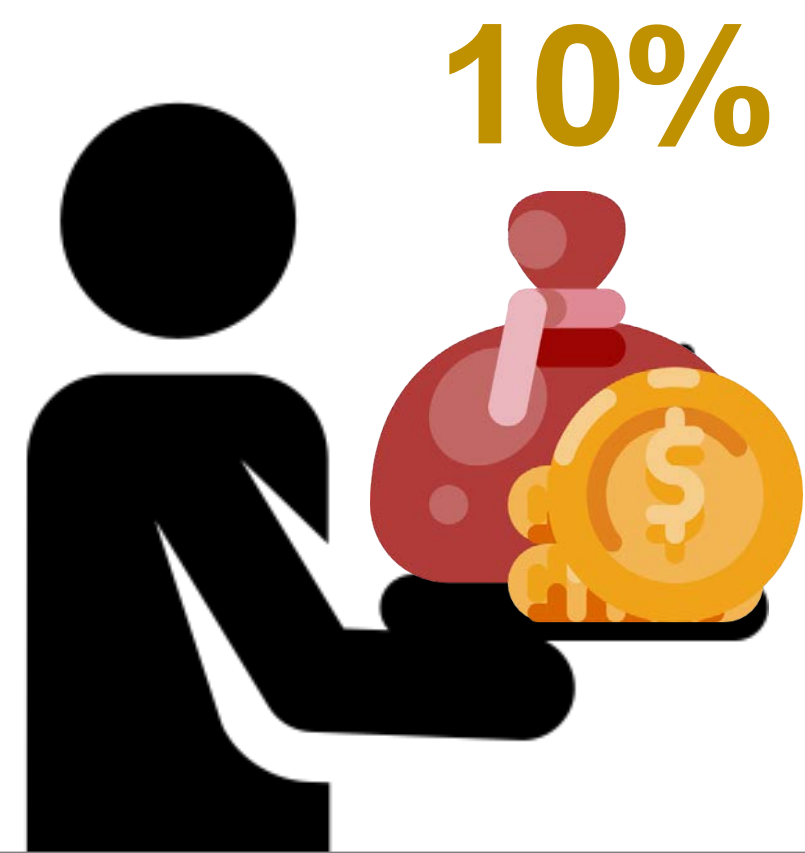


**Heb. 7:4, “Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.”**

**Heb. 7:9, “Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,**

**Heb. 7:10, “for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.”**

**ABRAHAM**



**KING  
MELCHIZEDEK**

**Abraham's  
descendants:  
LEVITICAL PRIESTS**



**How God sees it:  
Abraham's  
descendants,  
the Levitical priests,  
also paid a tithe to  
Melchizedek.**