

Fighting Against God

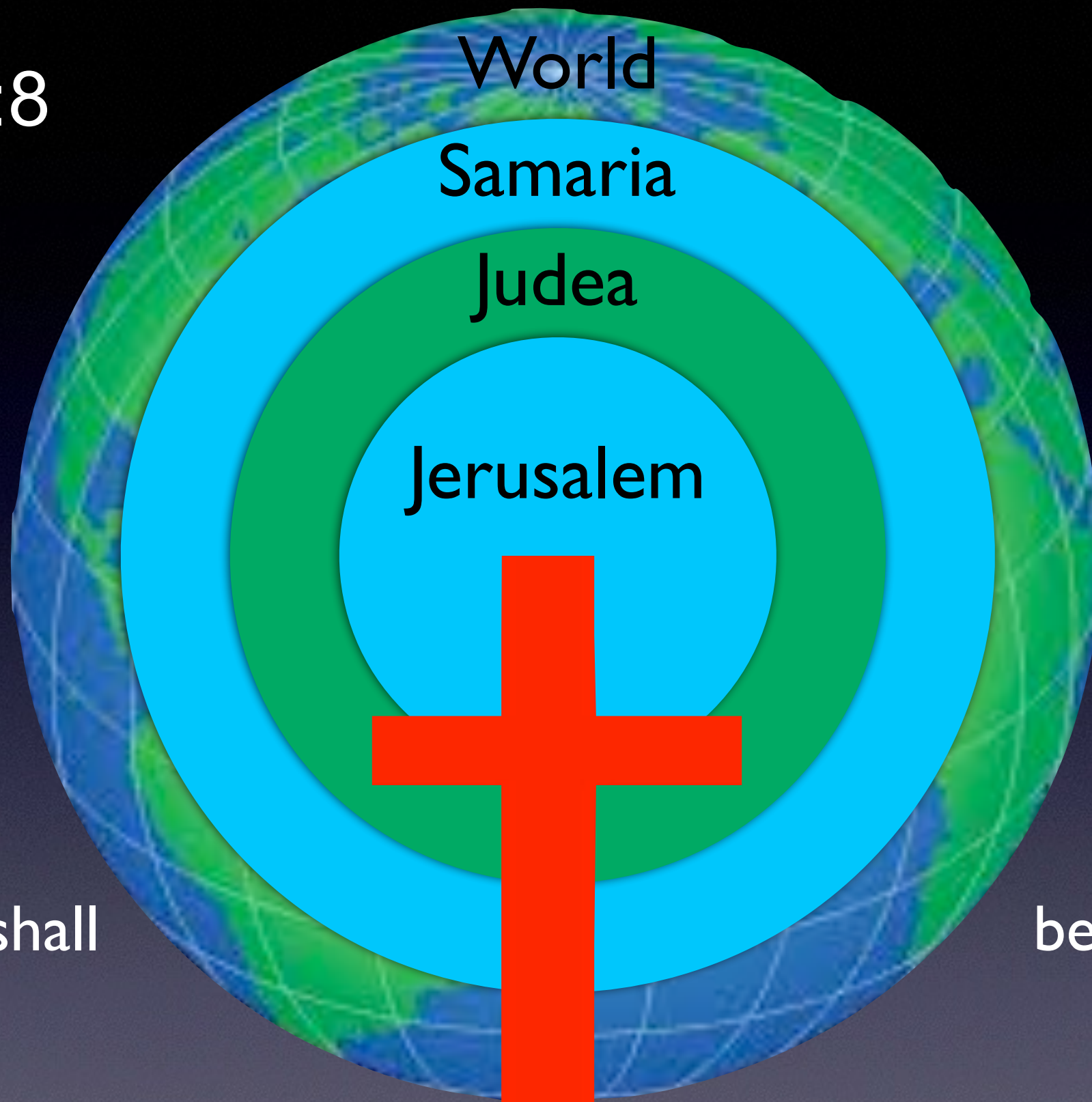
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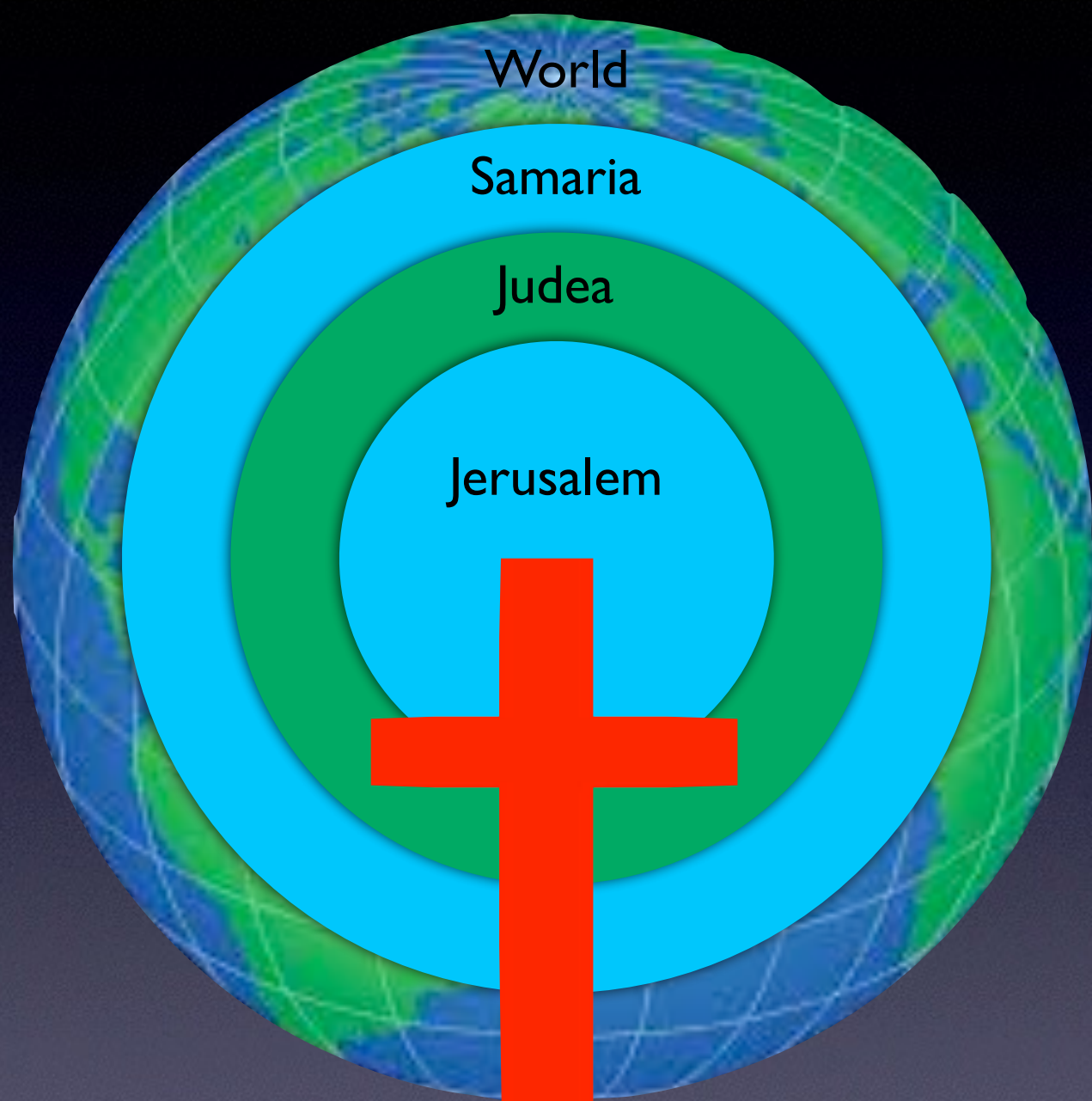
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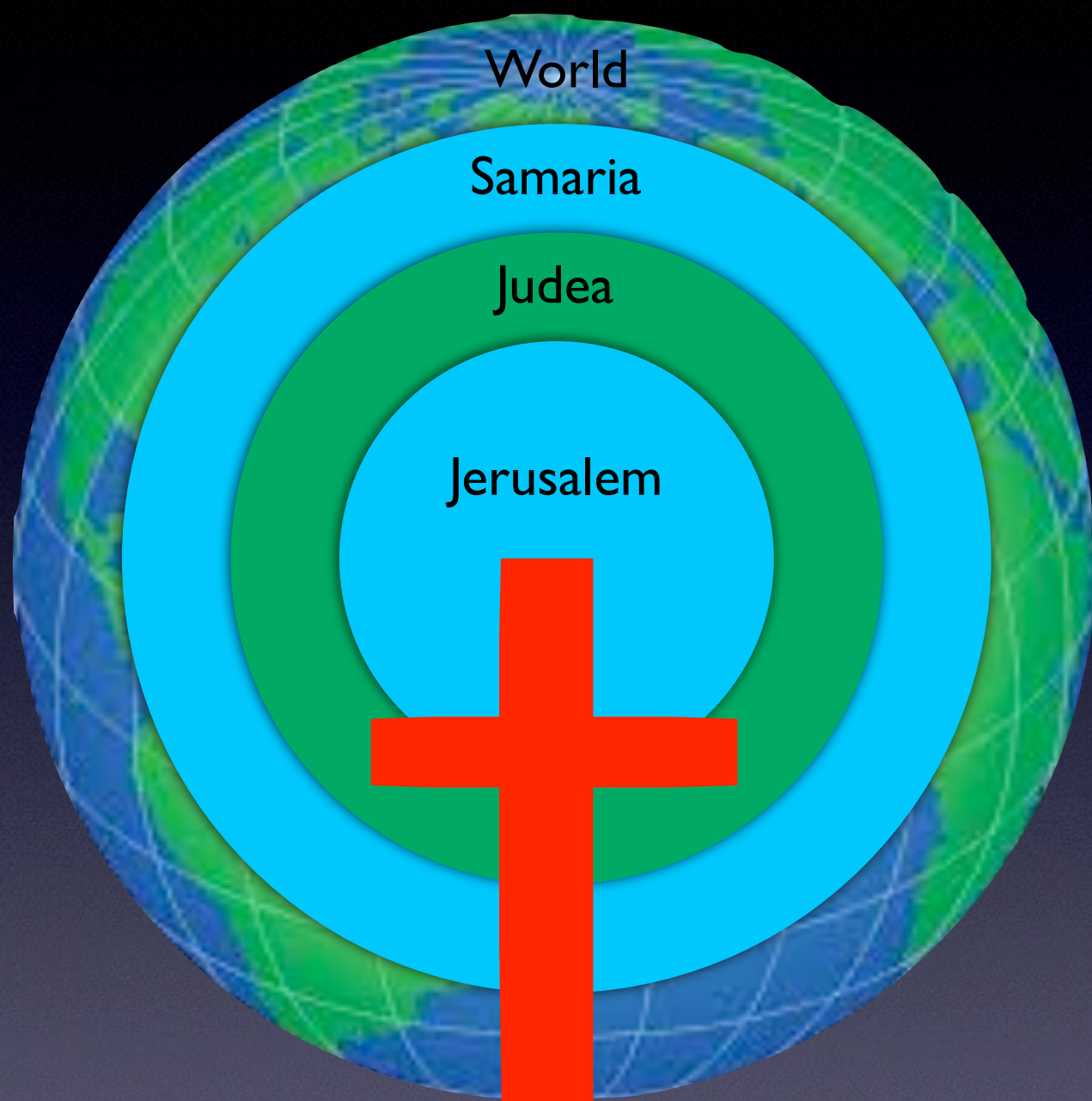


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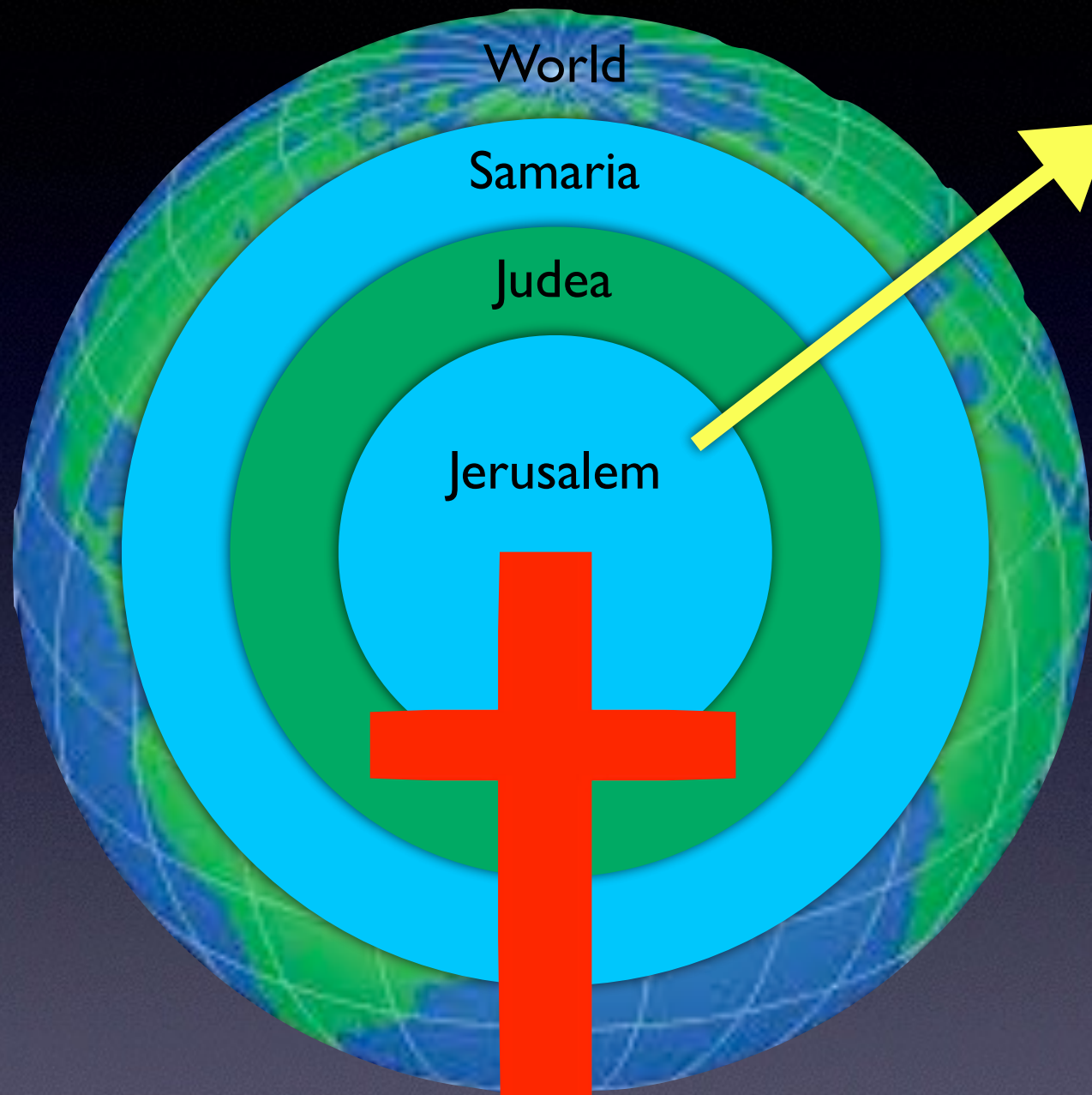
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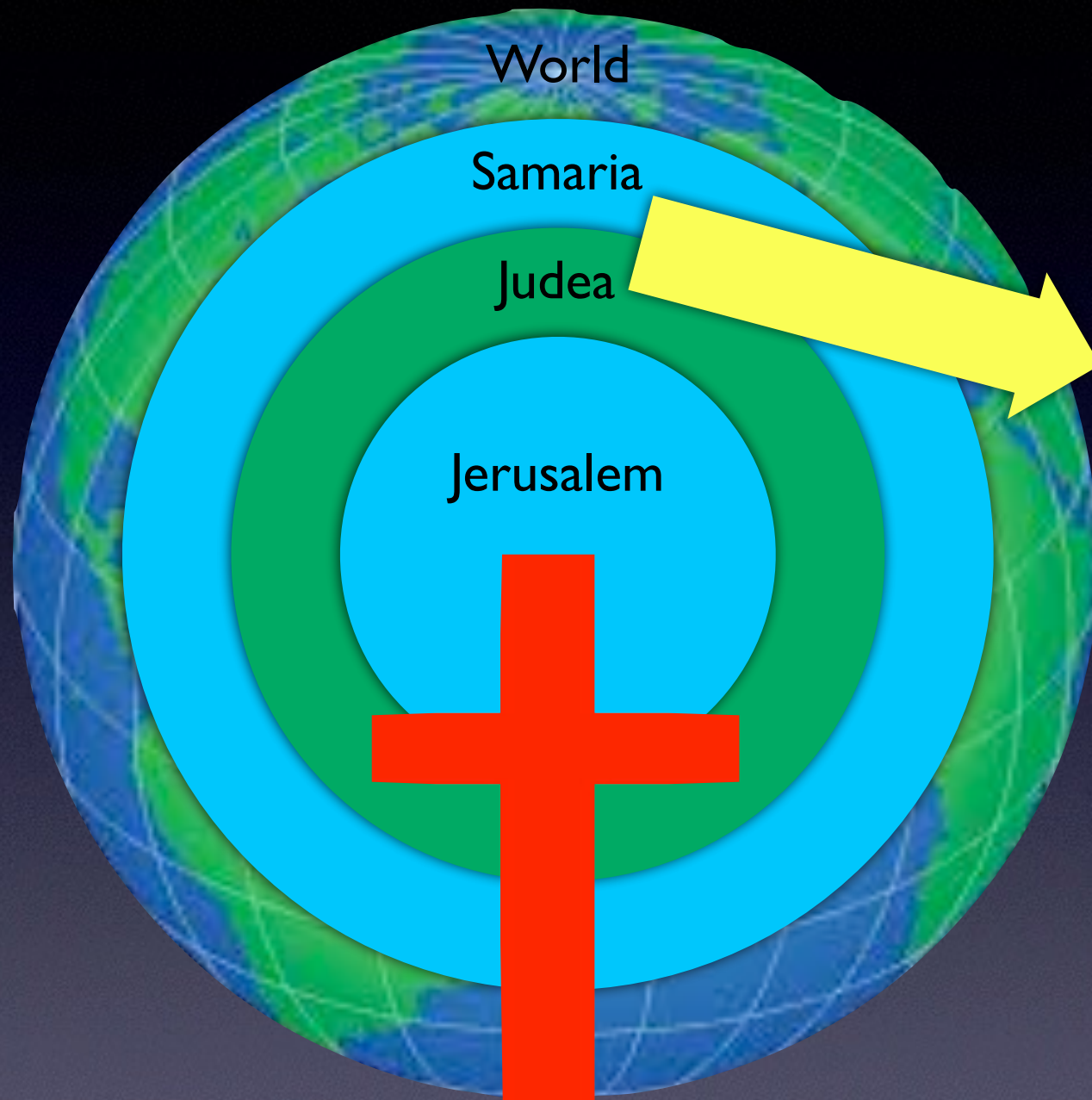


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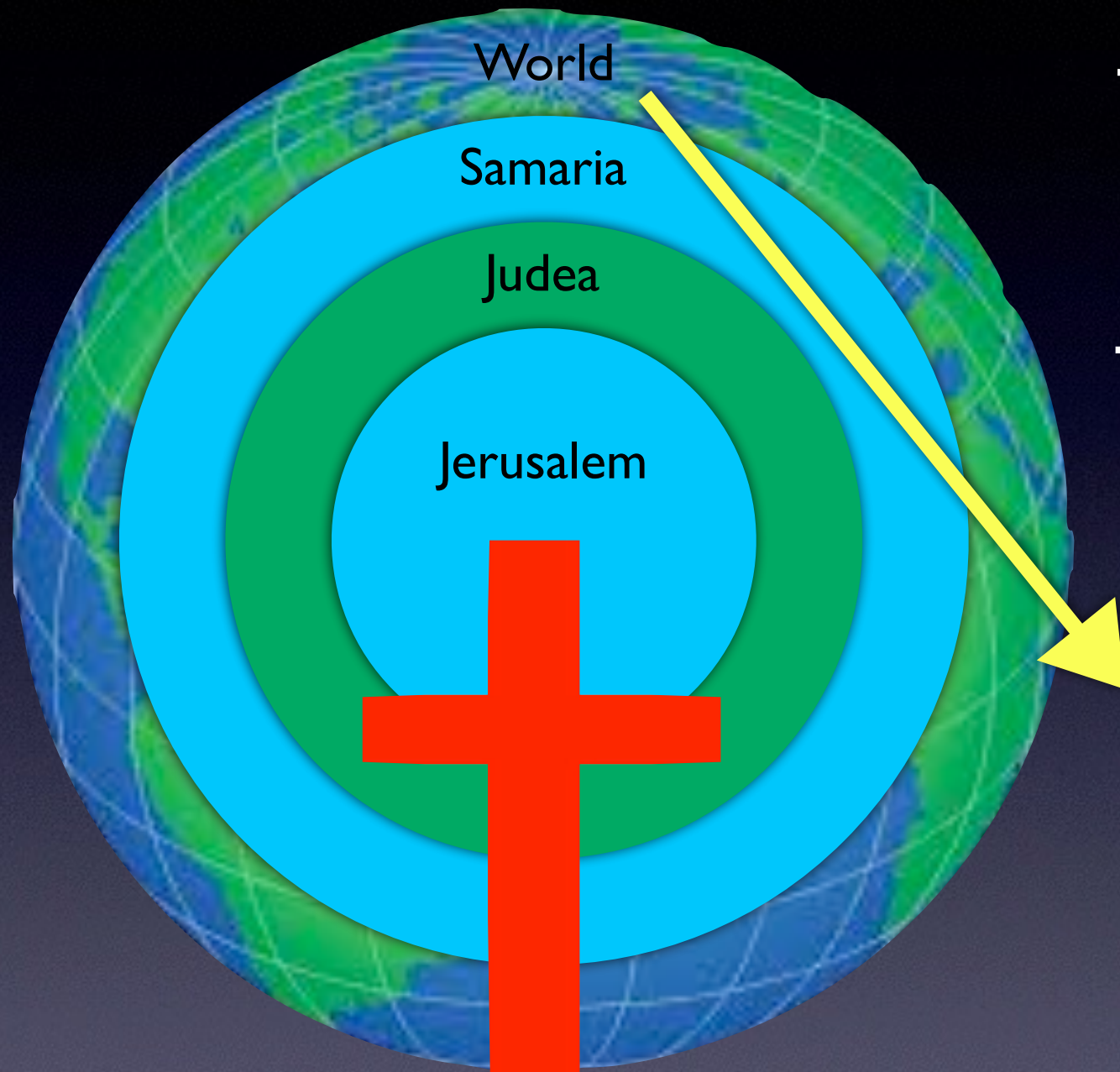
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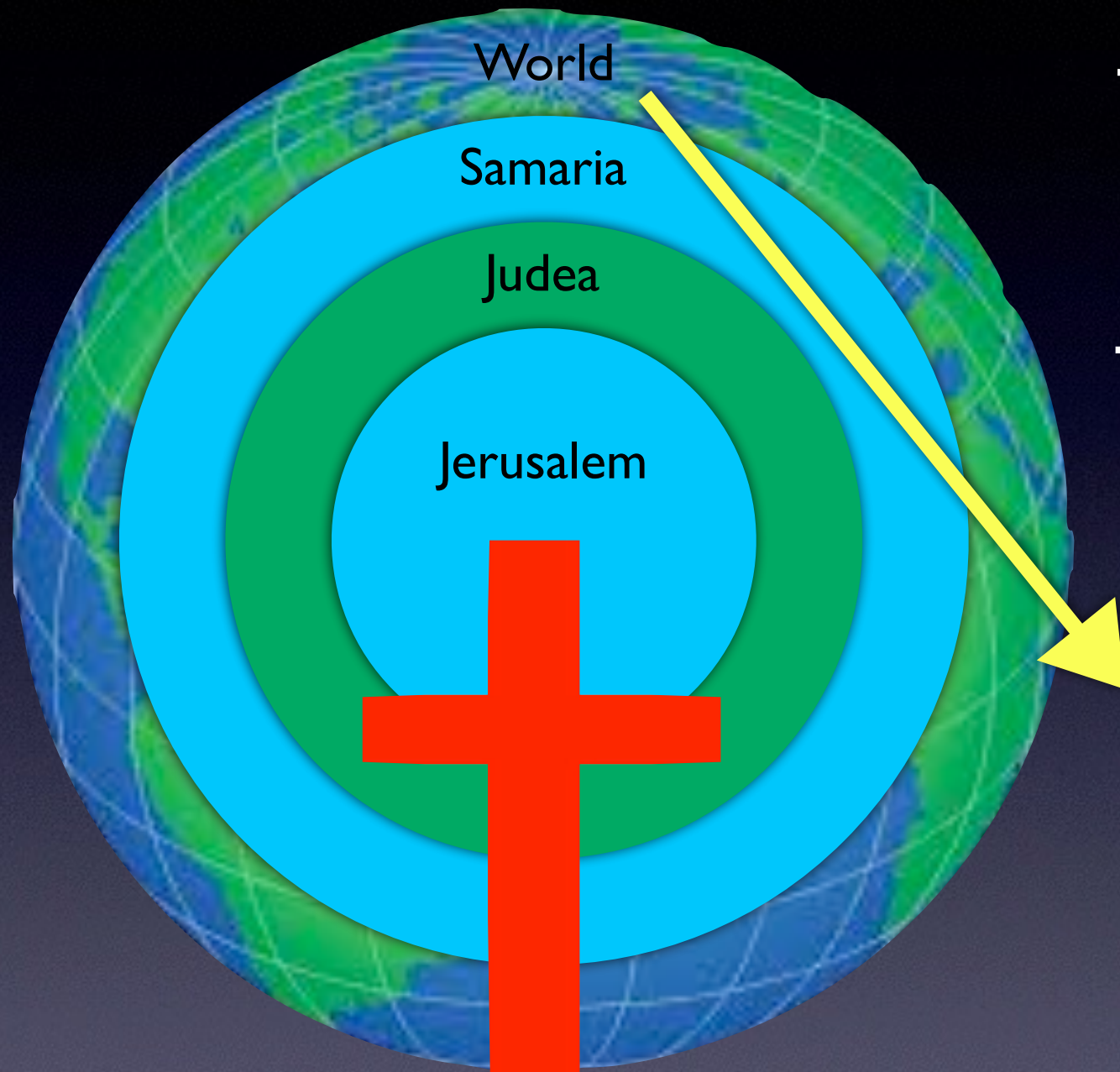


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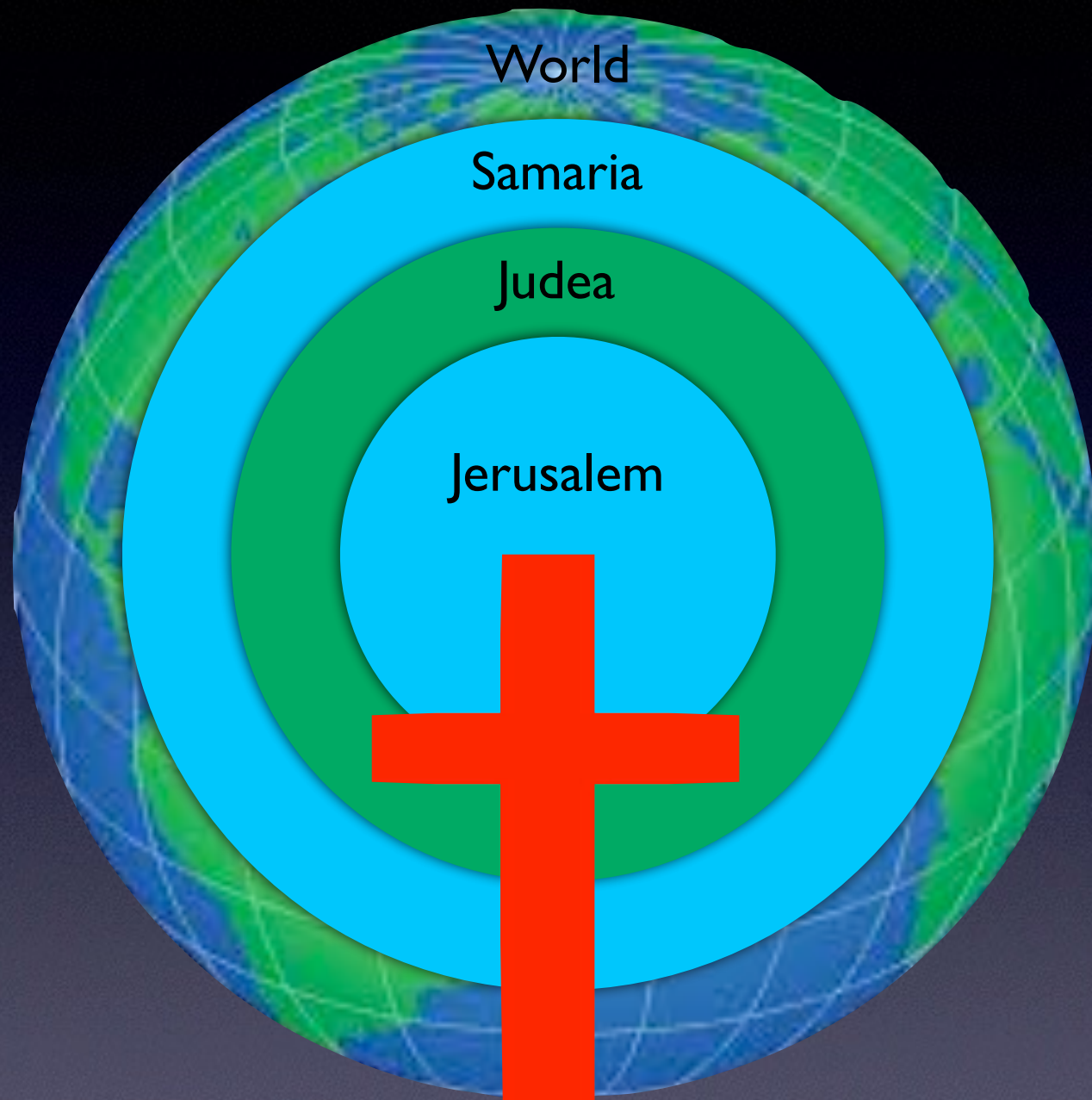
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Acts 5:12, 14, 16a

At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.....And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together

Theme Statement

Unbelievers, although dead in their sins, actively pursue their own desires, deny their sin against God, reject the Gospel, fight against God but through the power of the Holy Spirit, some will respond in repentance and faith in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must be faithful and persistent in presenting the Gospel to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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John 12:9-11 - The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

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Mark 2:5-7 -And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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Derek Thomas - "Gamaliel's advice shows us that sophistication, learning, and respect amount to little when it comes to spiritual discernment. Furthermore, the advice he gave, though initially savvy, was ultimately flawed. Evil does not always come to nothing. Neither does God cause the good to prosper on every occasion."

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