



Acts 10:1-23

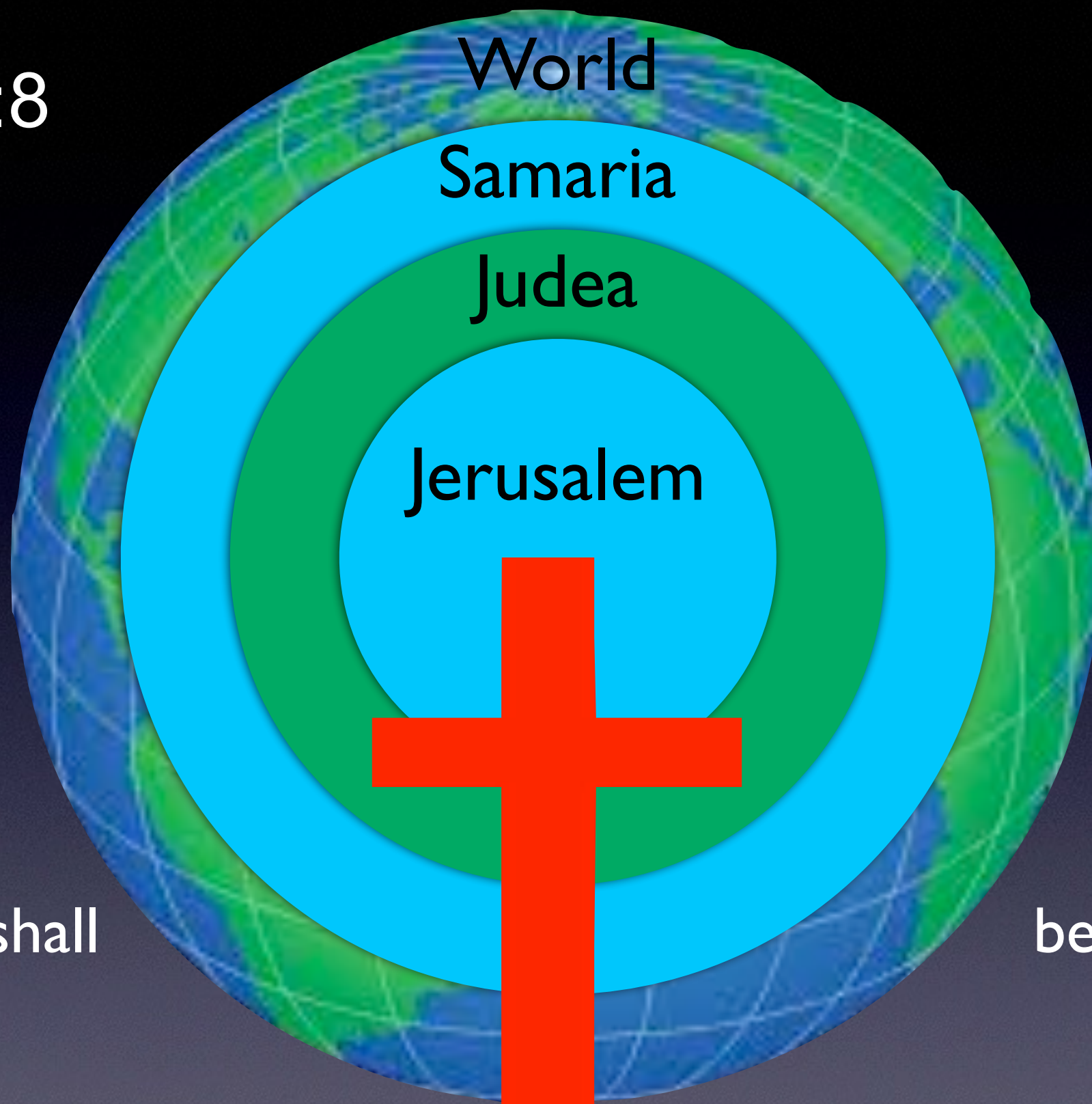
Divine Preparation
for a
Divine Appointment

Acts 1:8

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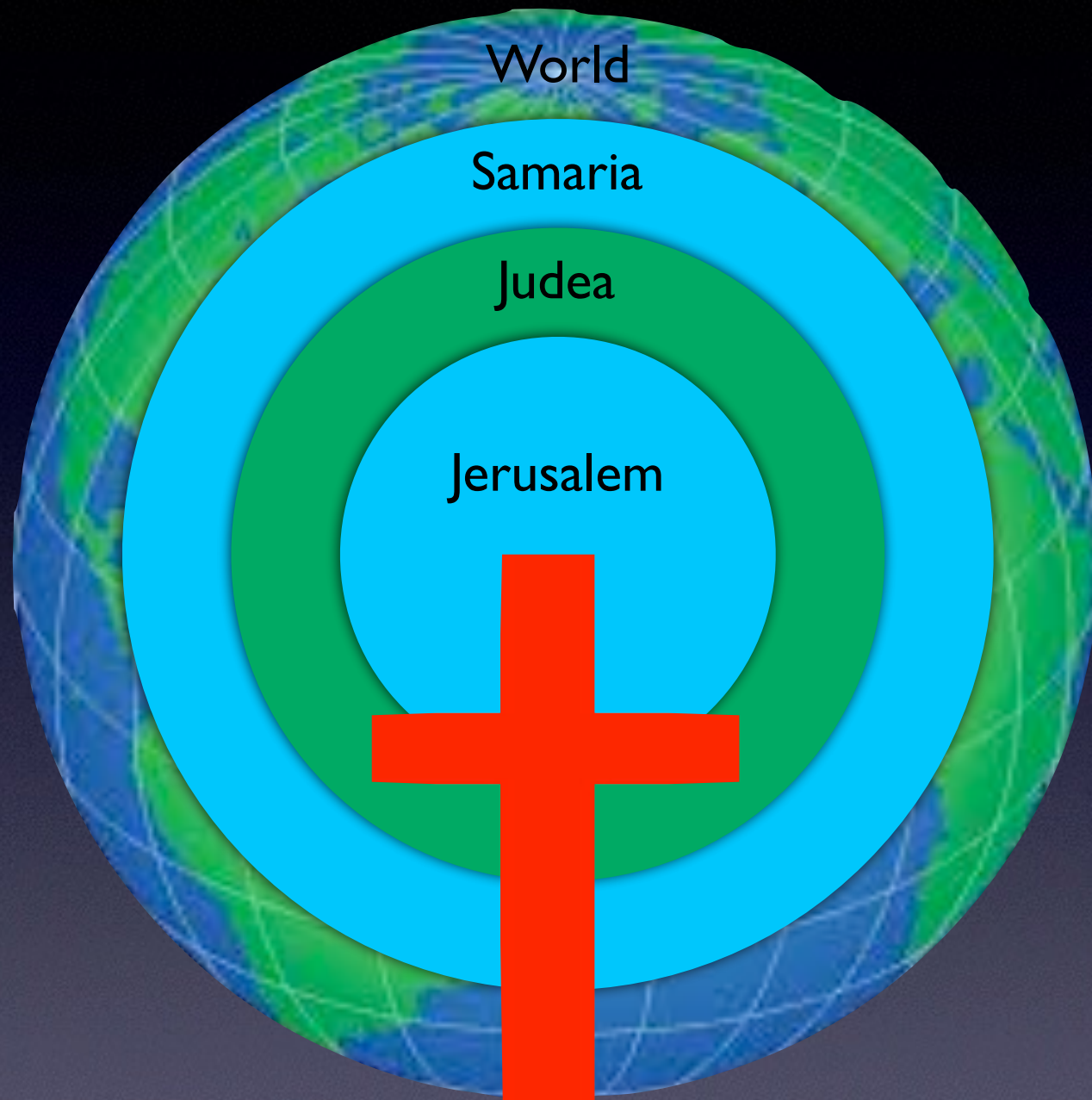
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and even to the remotest part of the earth



when the
Holy Spirit
has come
upon you;

be My witnesses

Outline of Acts of the Apostles



The Witness to Jerusalem
Acts 1:1 - 8:3

The Witness to Judea and
Samaria
Acts 8:4 - 12:24

The Witness to the ends
of the earth
Acts 12:25 - 21:14

From Jerusalem to Rome
Acts 21:15 - 28:31

Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**”

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Galatians 3:8 - The Scripture, **foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.”

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Galatians 3:16 - Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, **Christ**.

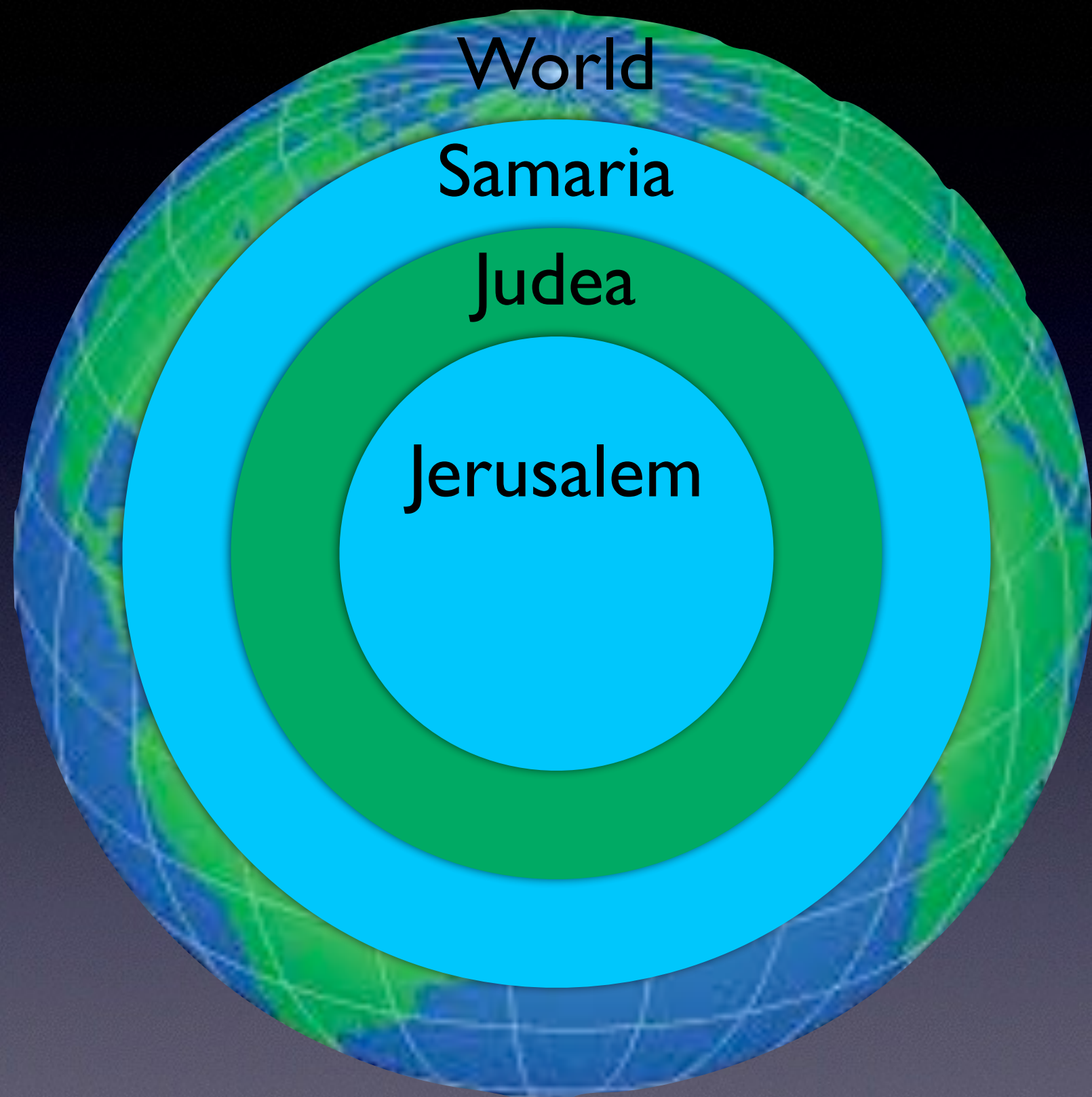
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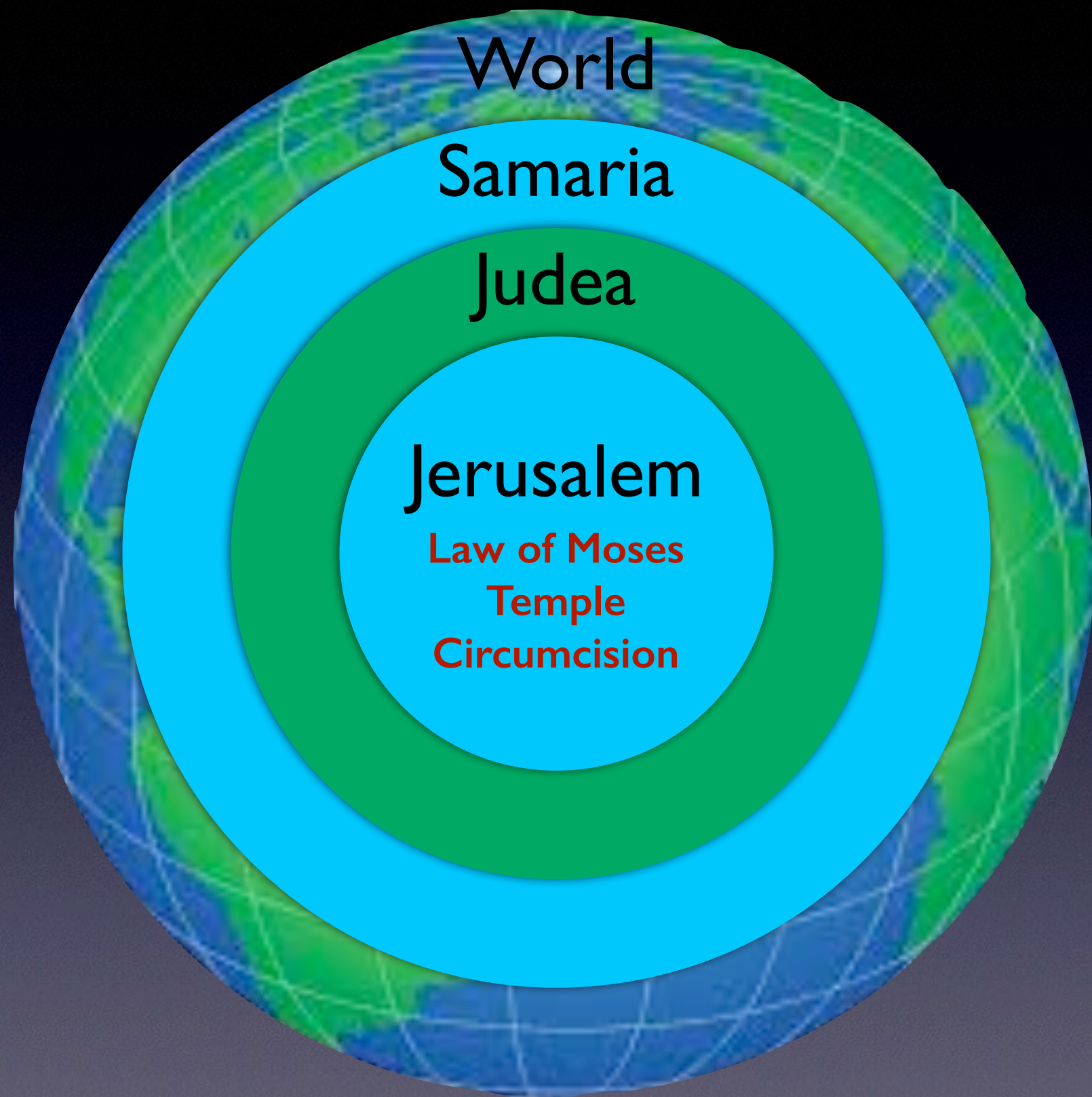
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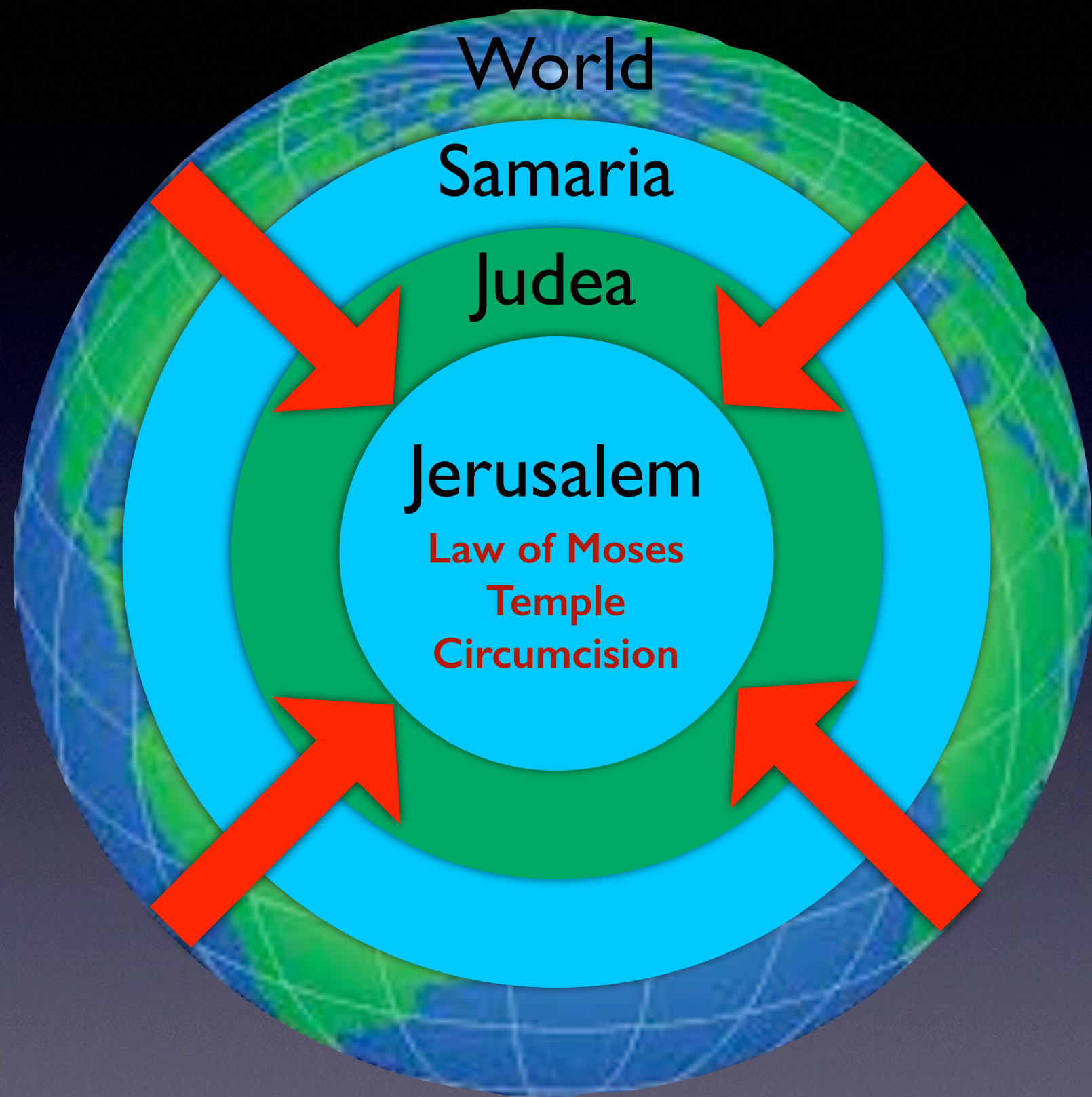
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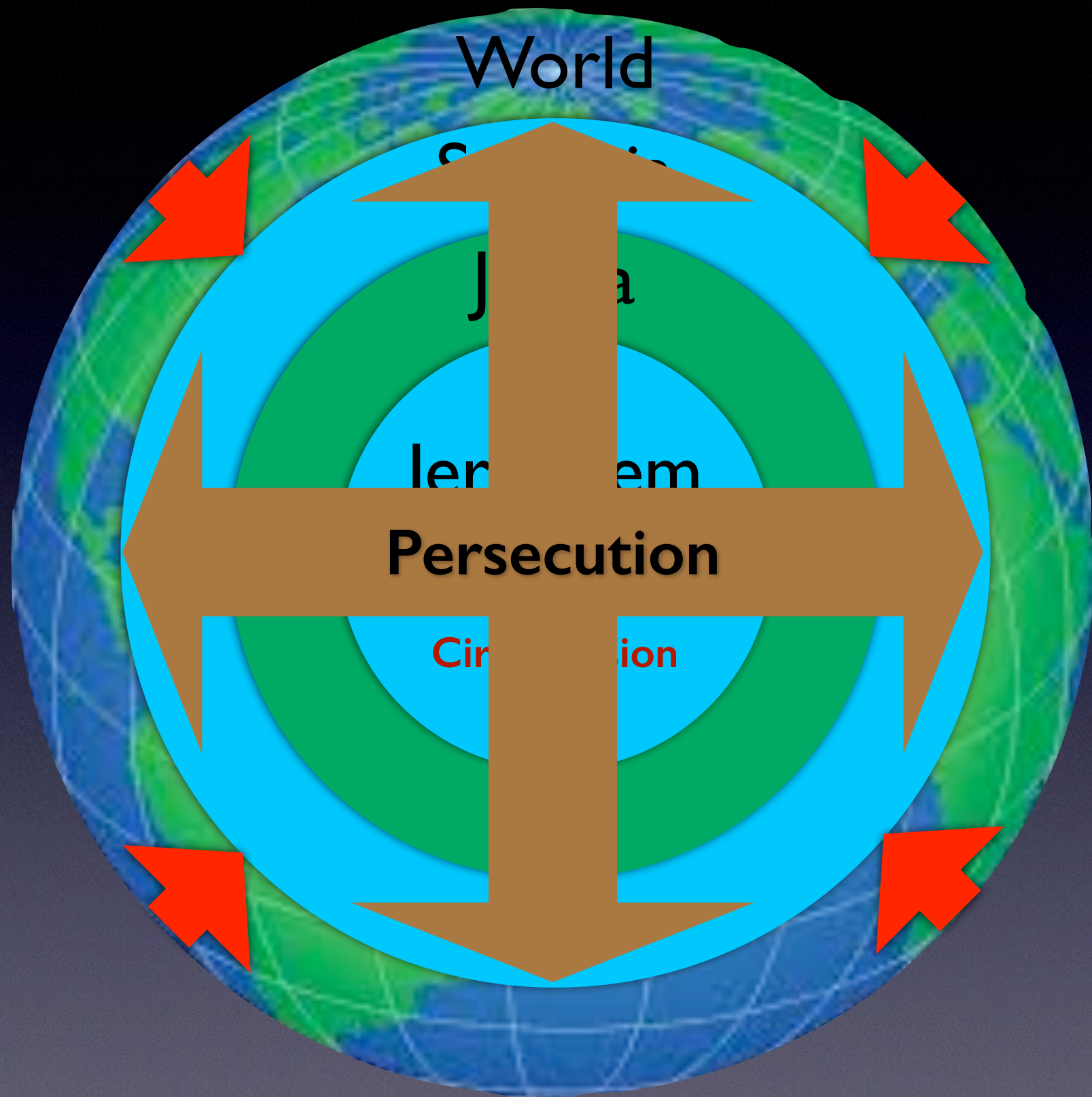
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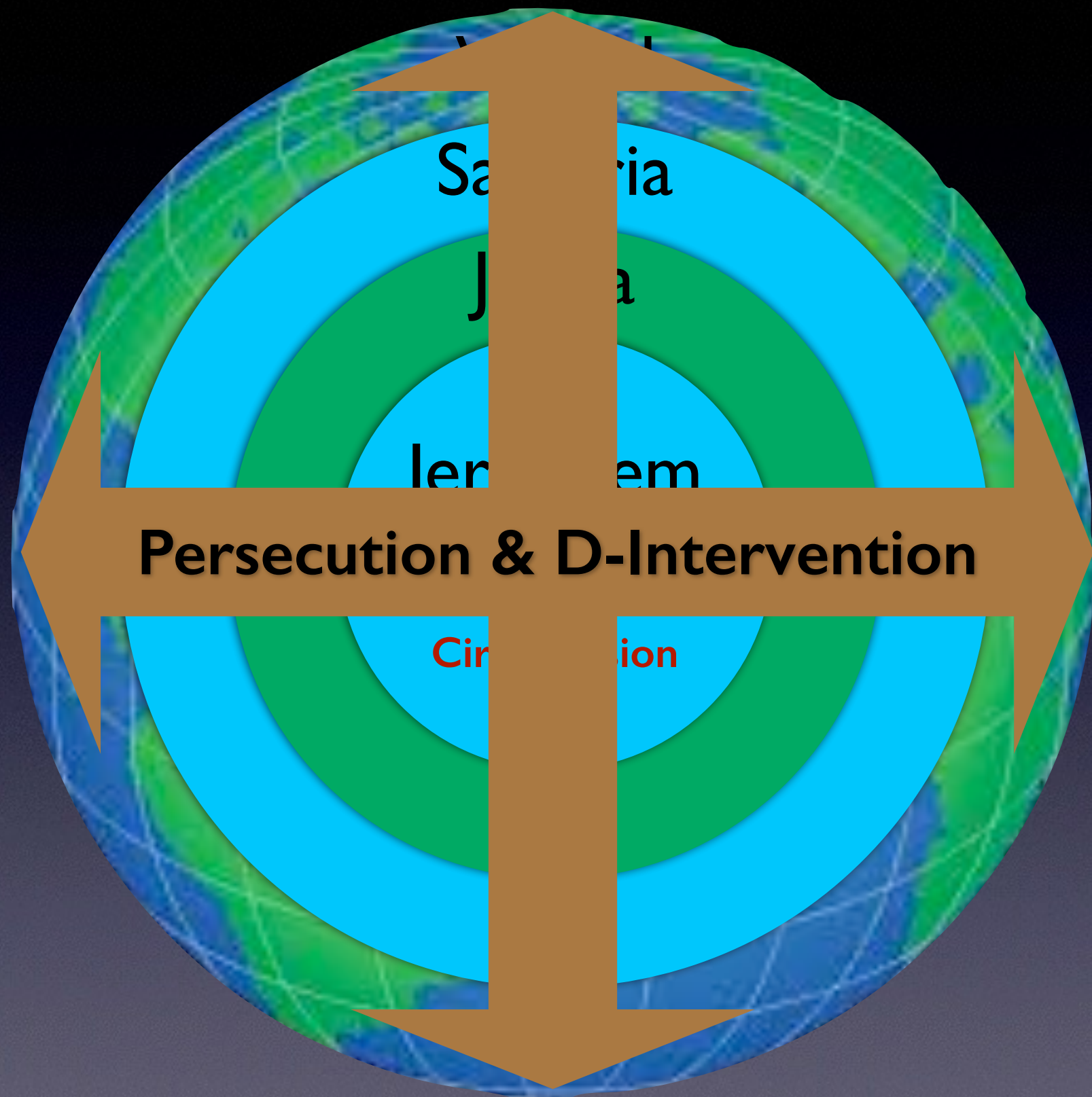
Matthew 18:17 - “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a **Gentile** and a tax collector.”











To Ananias - Acts 9:15 - But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the **Gentiles** and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”





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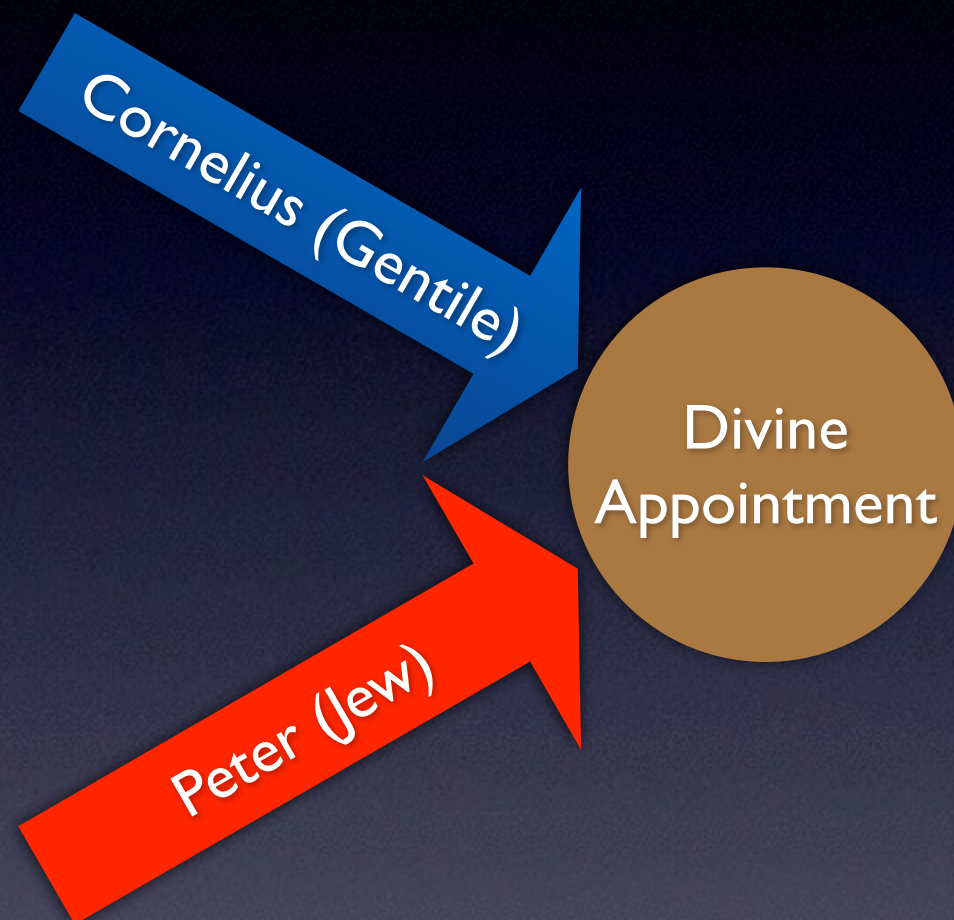
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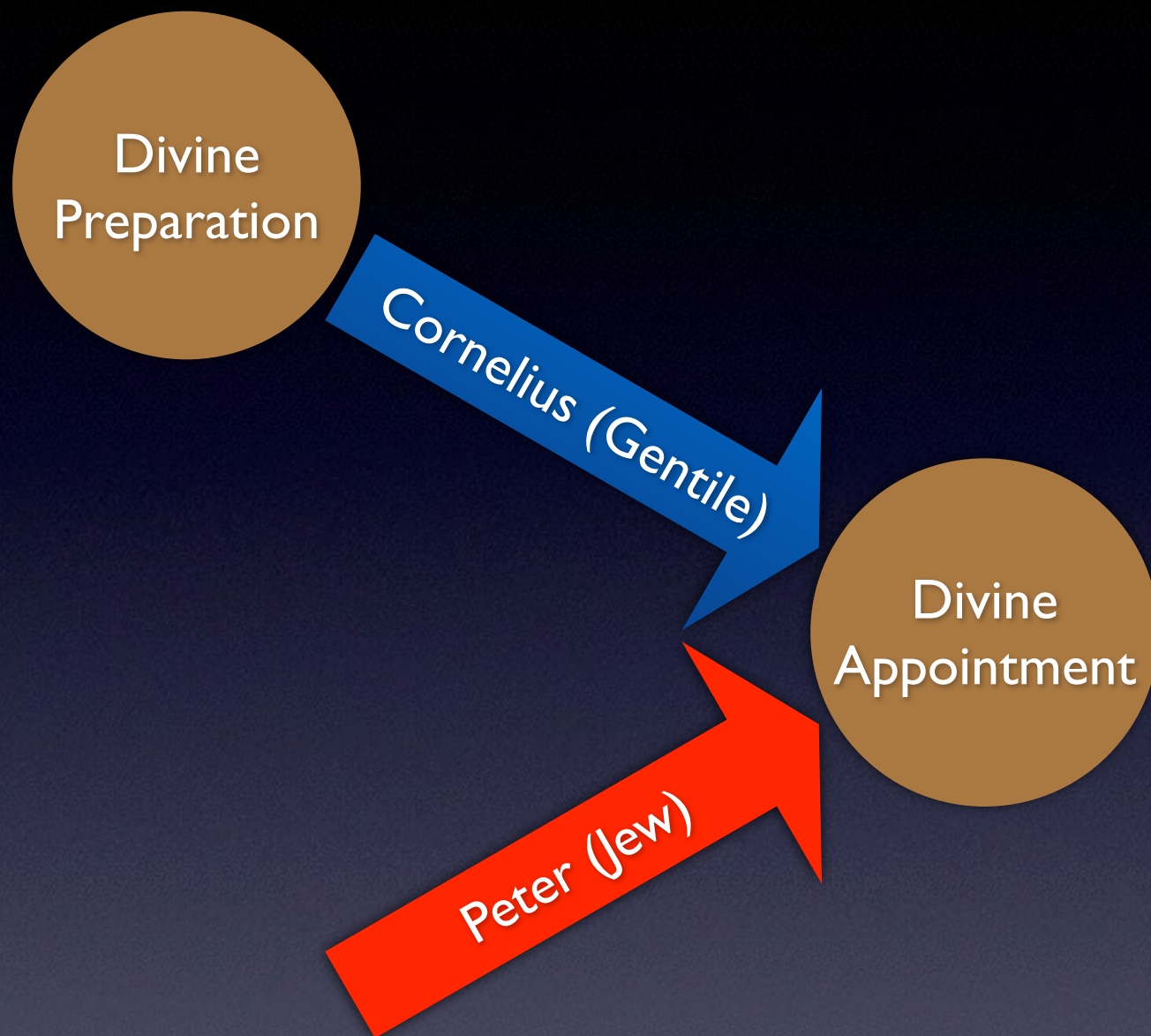


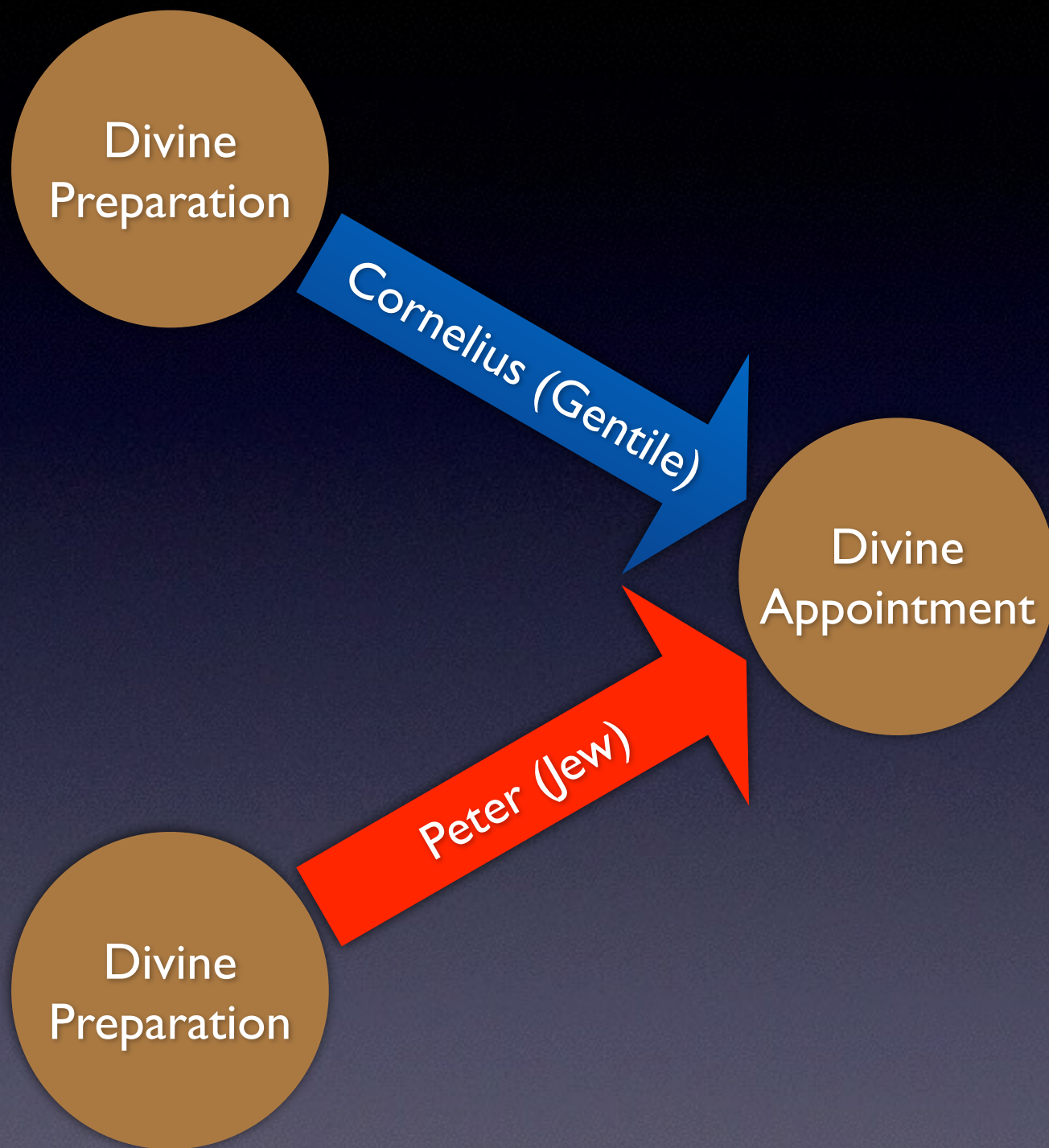
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Theme Statement

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"Pontius Pilatus, the prefect of
Judaea, has erected this altar dedicated
to the ever-living Tiberius."

Mythos: The original inscription, found by accident
near the entrance of the site, is on display
at the Tel Aviv Museum in Jerusalem.

Pontius Pilatus was the Roman prefect
who presided over the trial of Jesus of
Nazareth (Matt. 27:11-26). The content
of the inscription and the use of the
Latin language hint at the level of
Romanization throughout the province,
and in Caesarea, at the beginning of
the 1st c. A.D.

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Matthew 8:10b-11 - “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”

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Acts 11:13-14 - “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; and he will speak words to you by which **you will be saved**, you and all your household.’”

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Matthew 16:18-19 - “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

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4. The voice responded that whatever God had cleansed, no longer consider unholy or unclean and this cycle was repeated a third time and the sheet was taken back into heaven

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4. Peter eventually understood the meaning of the vision which was not about animals and food but about perceived holy or unclean people

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Ephesians 2:13-16 - "But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and **hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us**; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for **to make in himself of twain one new man**, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby"

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