



THE REVELATION

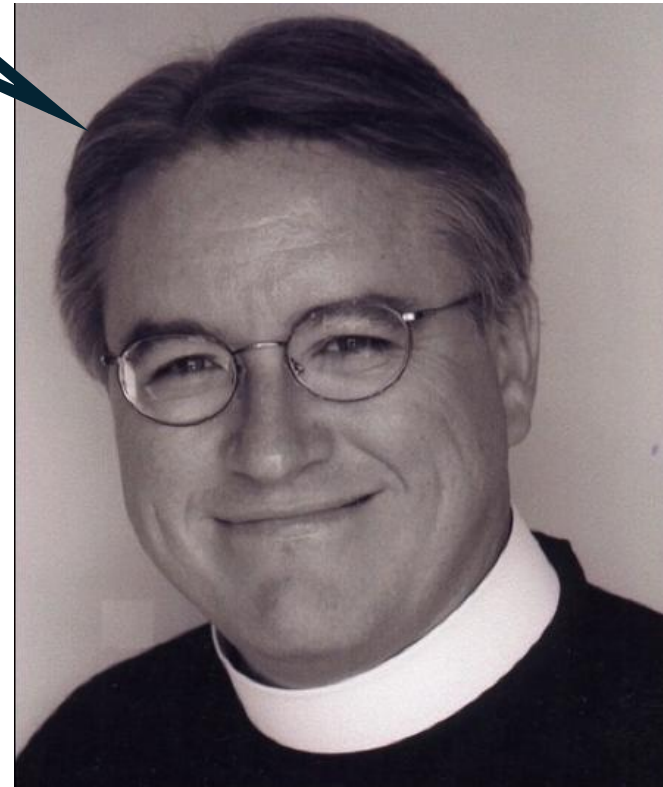
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Background: Part 1

Christ Church
Spring 2026

- Share what your impressions of The Revelation
- What do you think of when you hear/read The Revelation?
- How well do you know the book of The Revelation?
- Why are you taking this study?
- What do you want from this study?

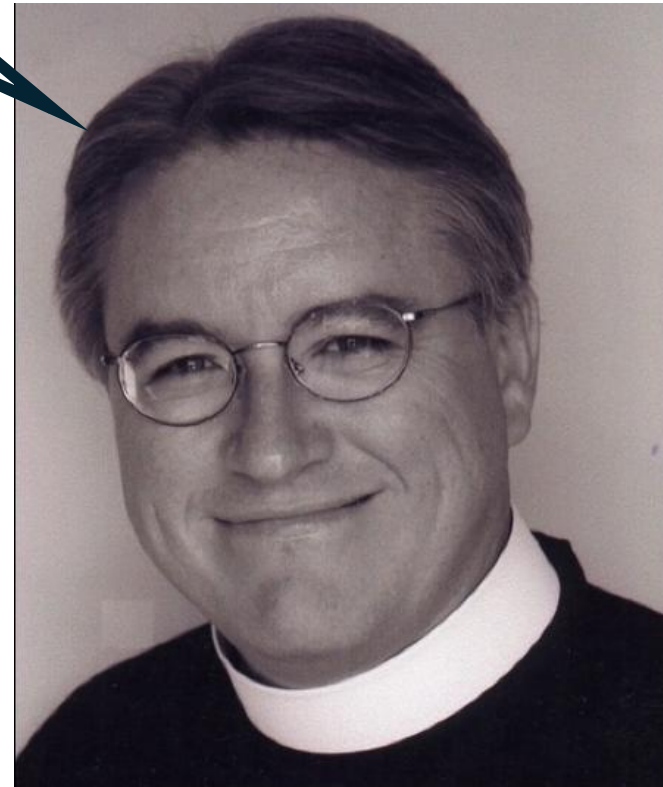
Let's begin...



Seven Reasons to Study Revelation

1. ***It's in the Bible*** – Enough said
2. ***Learn our Bibles*** – The study of Revelation will teach us vastly more about the rest of the Bible
3. ***Biblical Theology*** – It takes themes within the Bible and brings them to the crescendo
4. ***Blessing*** (and Warning) – See 1:3 (and 22:18,19)
5. ***The Challenge*** – It will stretch, test, and enlarge you
6. ***It is FUN*** – No matter what your perspective is – it will greatly increase your desire to read more Scripture
7. ***Jesus*** – It is entirely Christ-centered. Enough said

One thing I've
learned is...



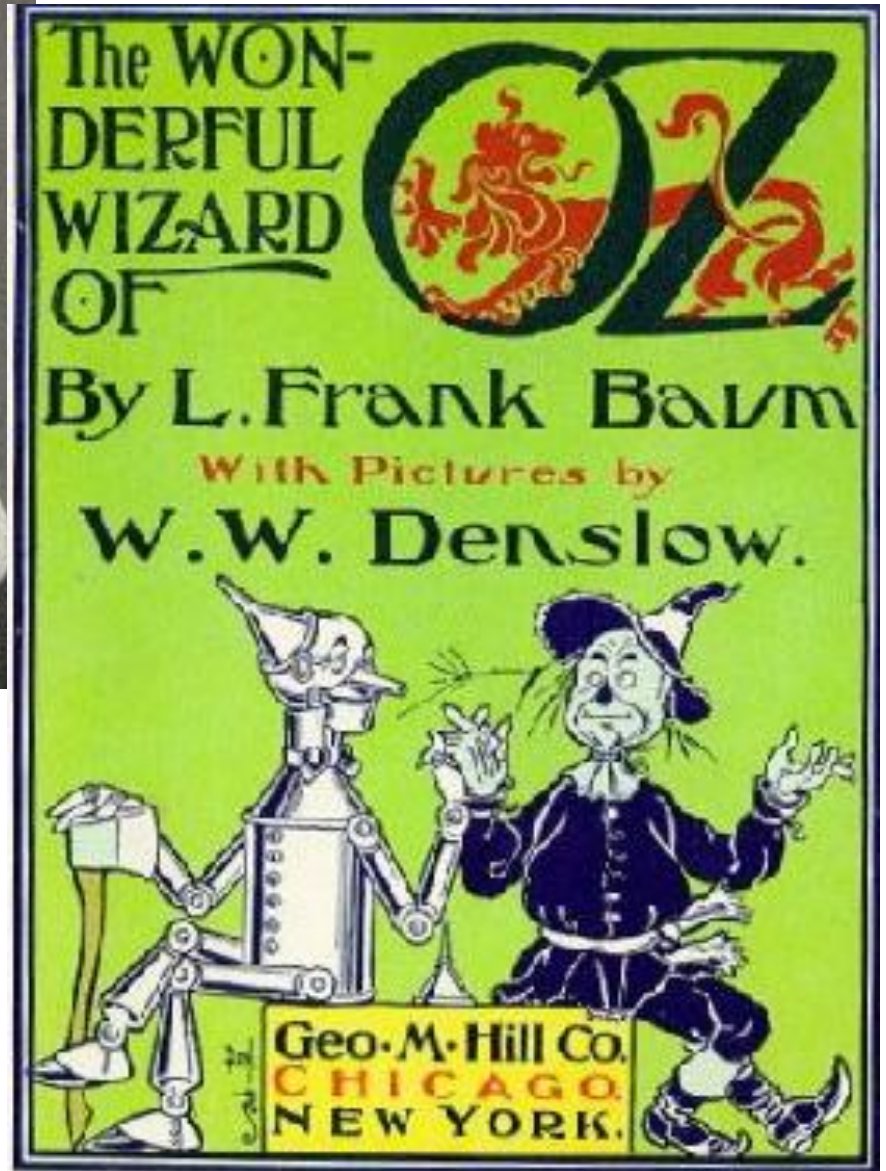


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ONCE UPON
A TIME



L. Frank Baum, 1856-1919





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IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN GENERATIONS
DIGITALLY RESTORED • REMASTERED IN DIGITAL STEREO SOUND
SPECIAL EDITION

THE WIZARD OF OZ



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What does it all mean?

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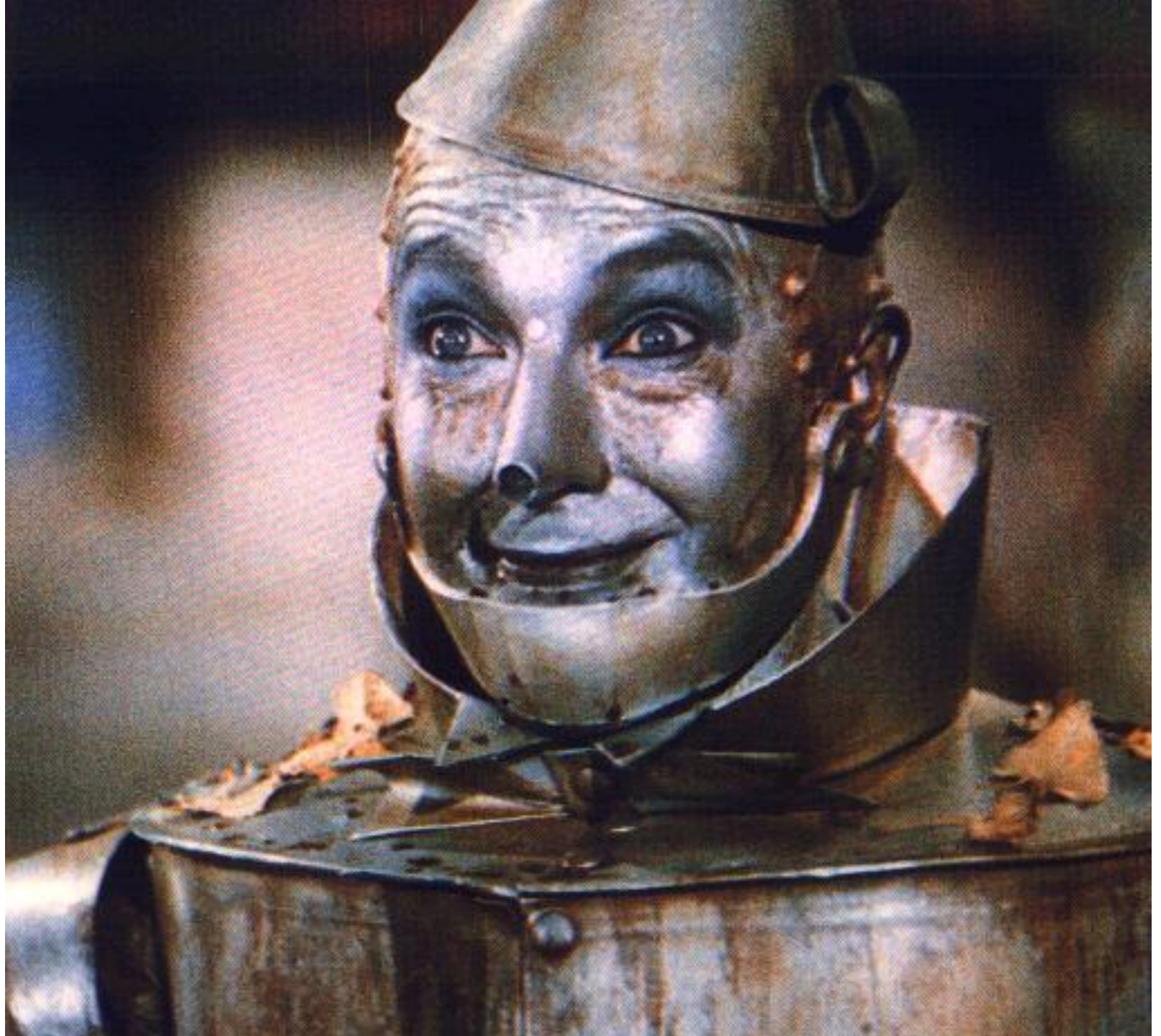
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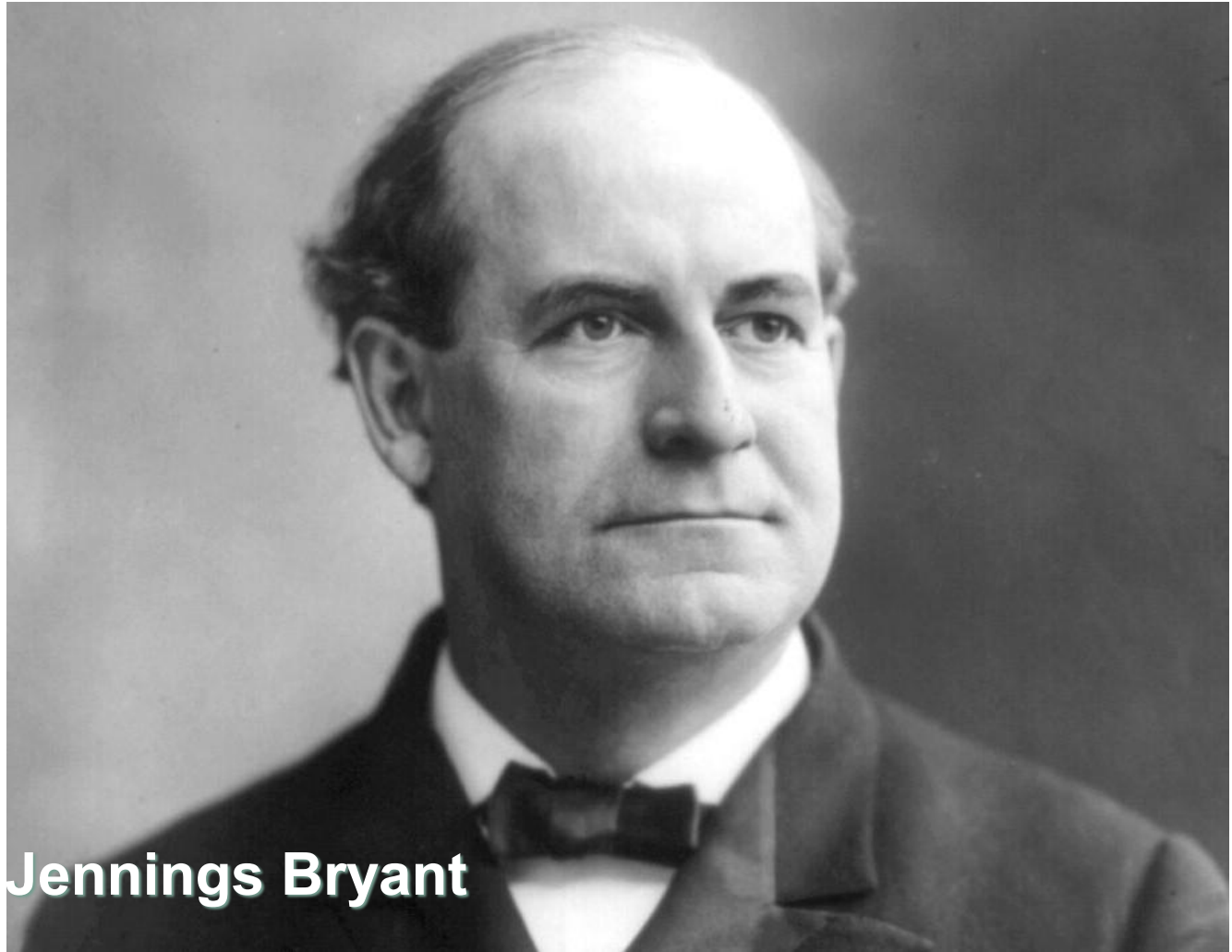












William Jennings Bryant

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Abbreviated - oz. or *Oz*







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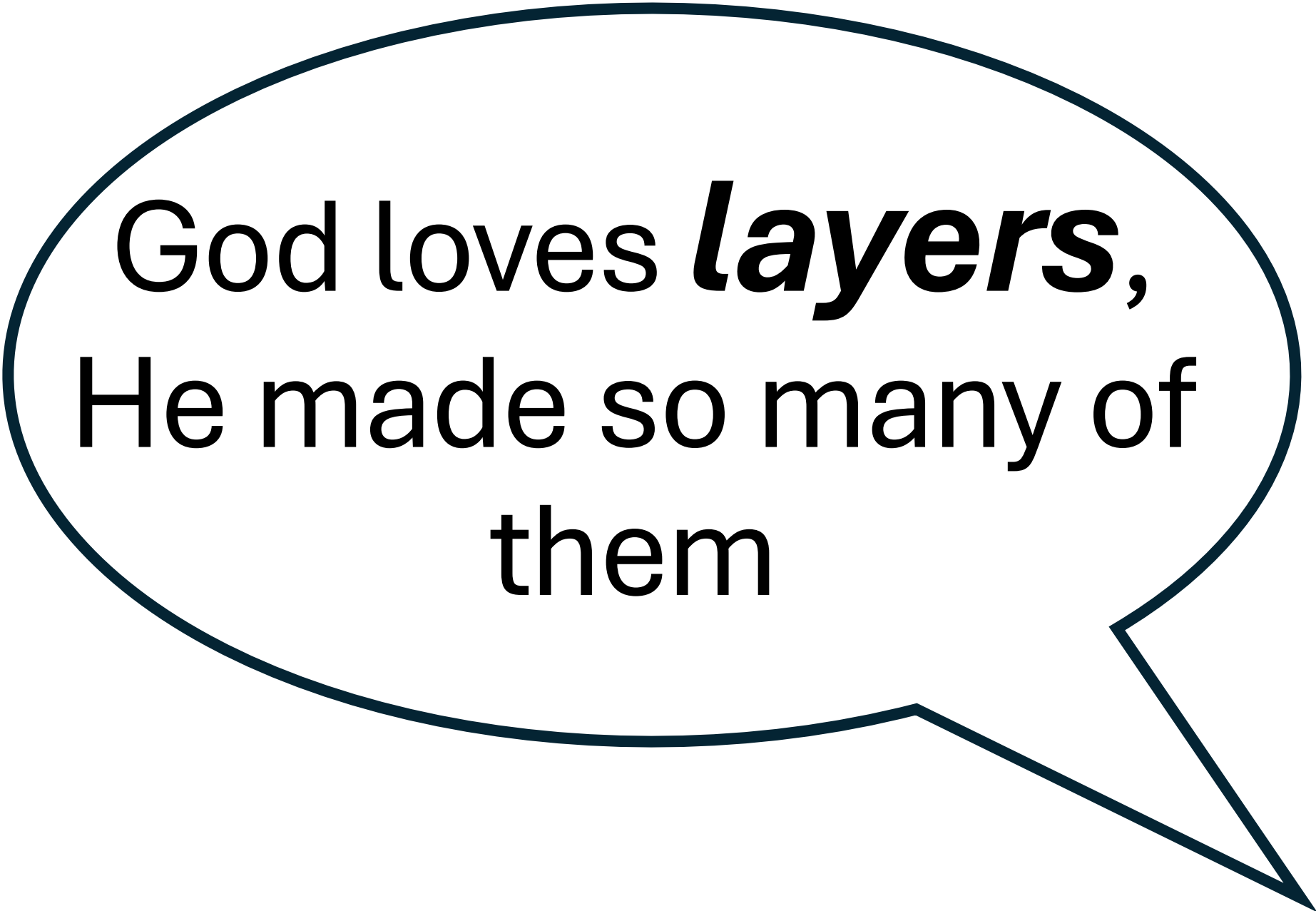


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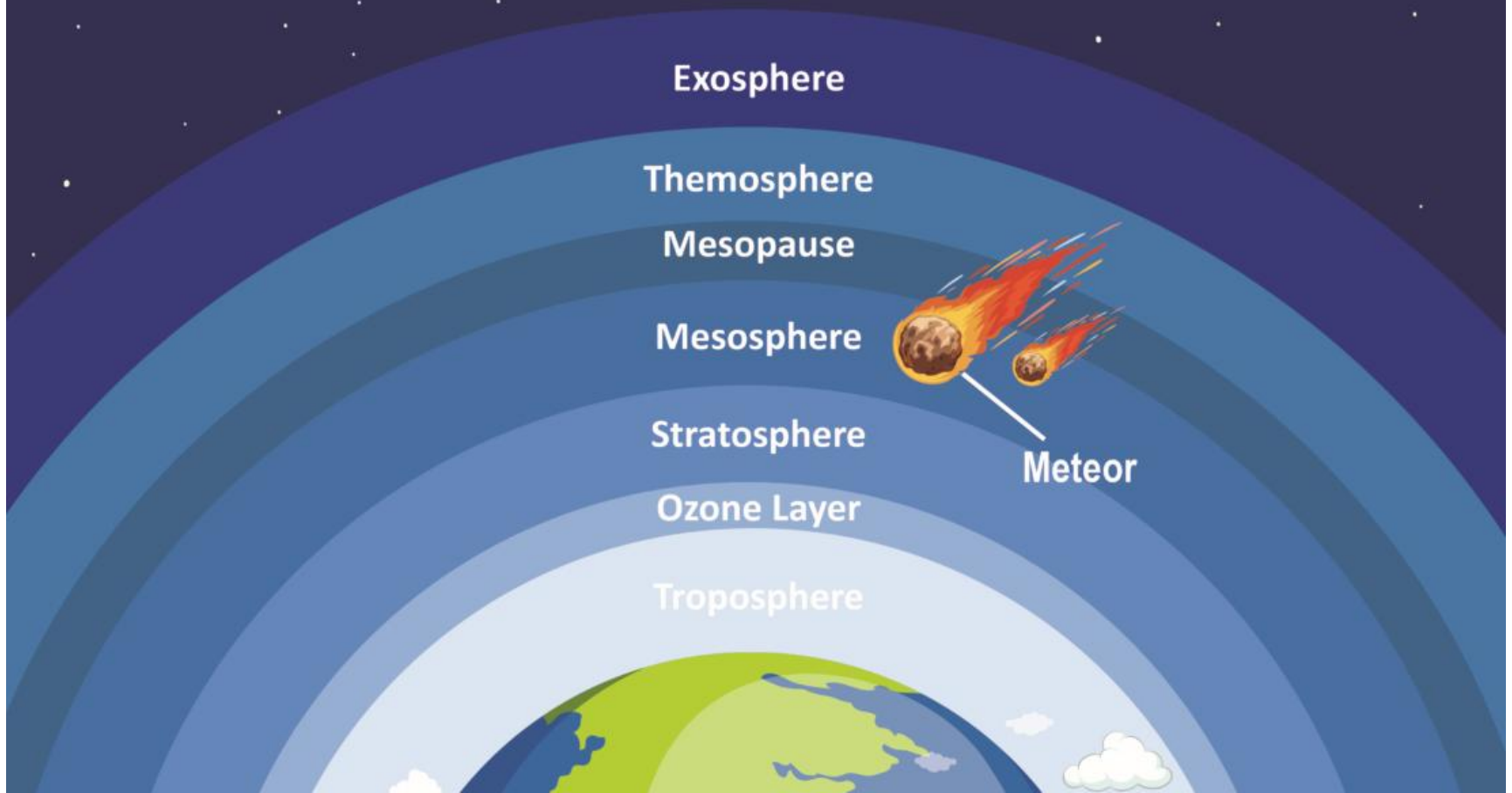
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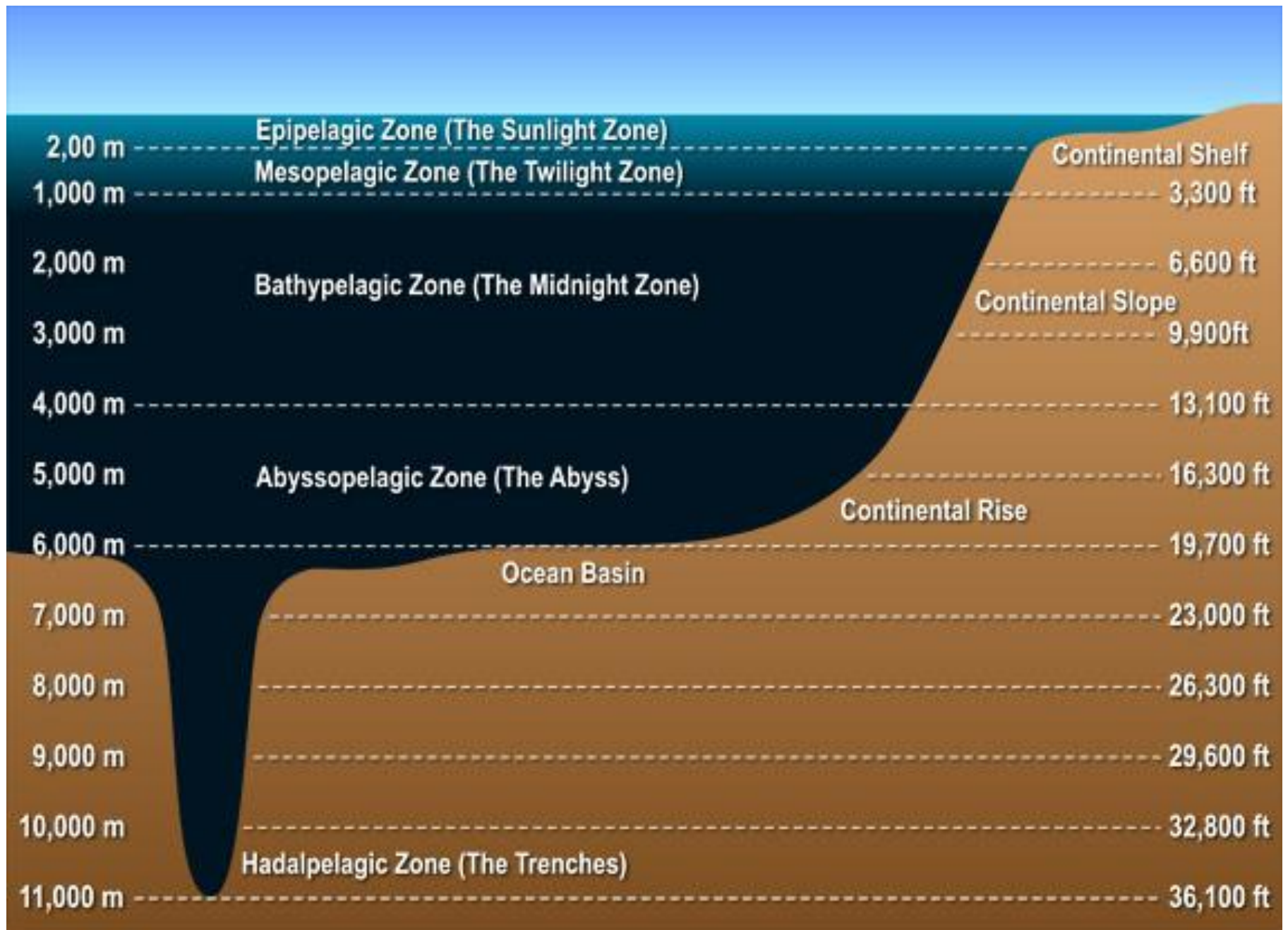


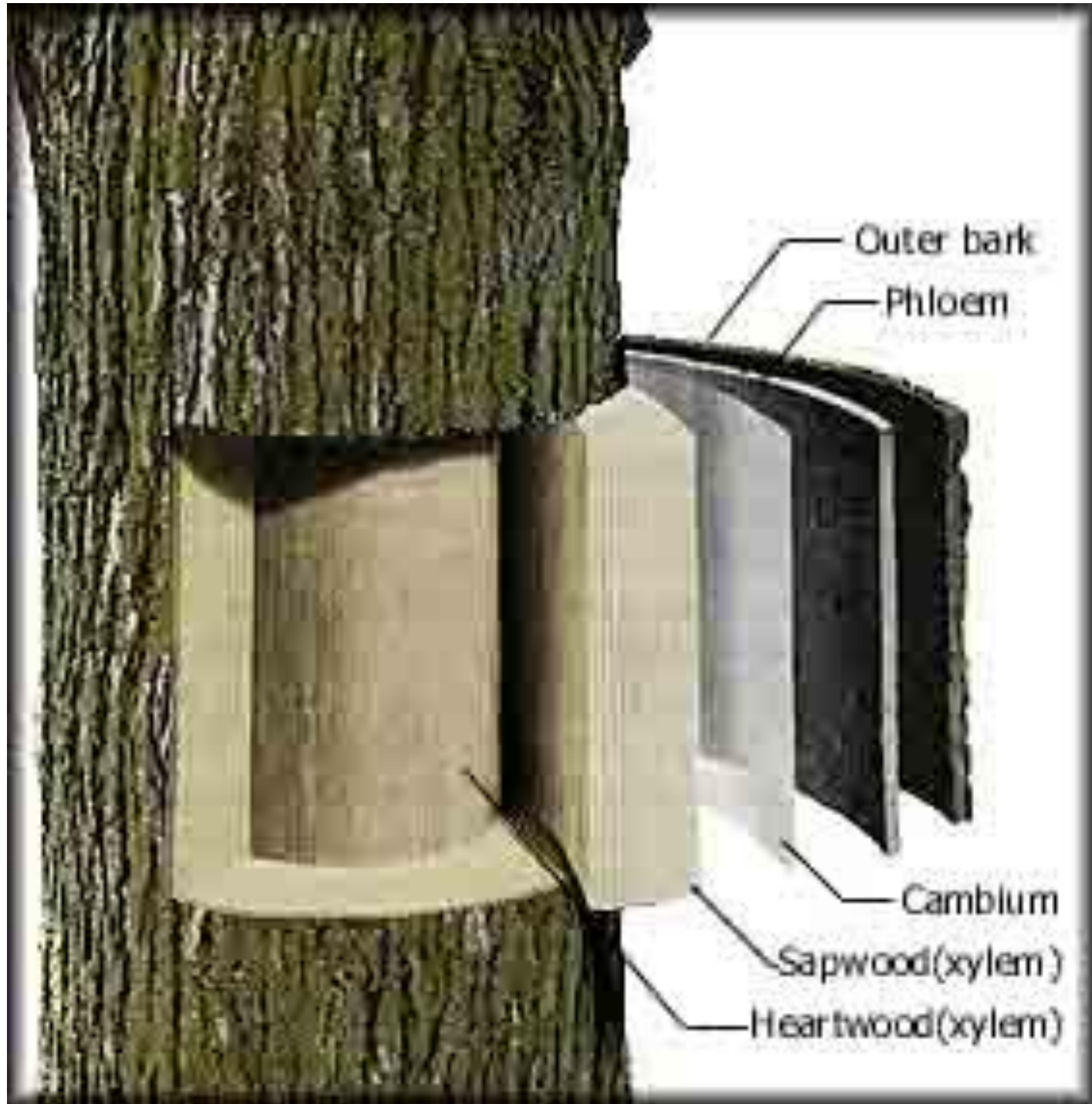


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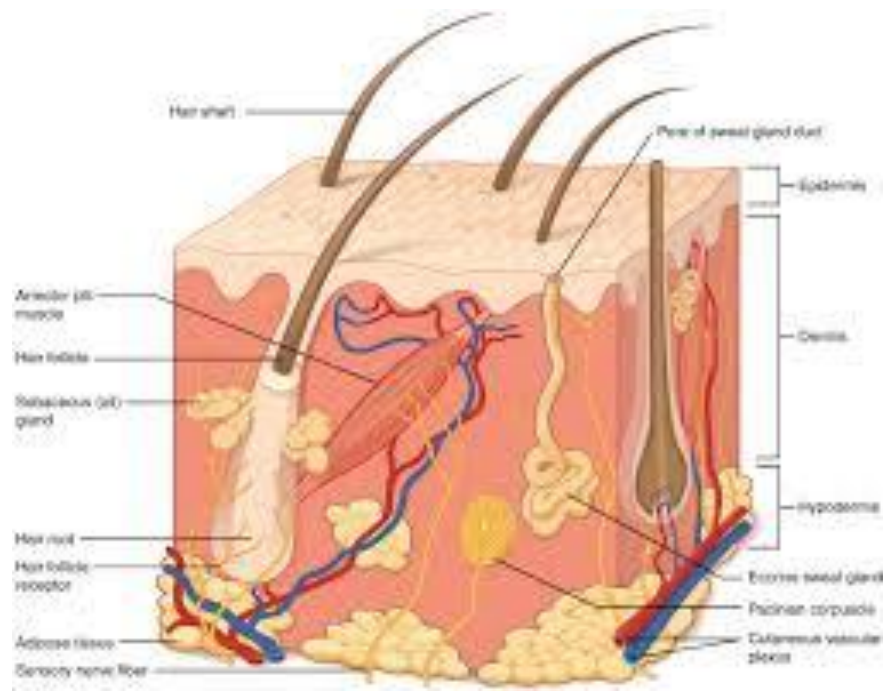
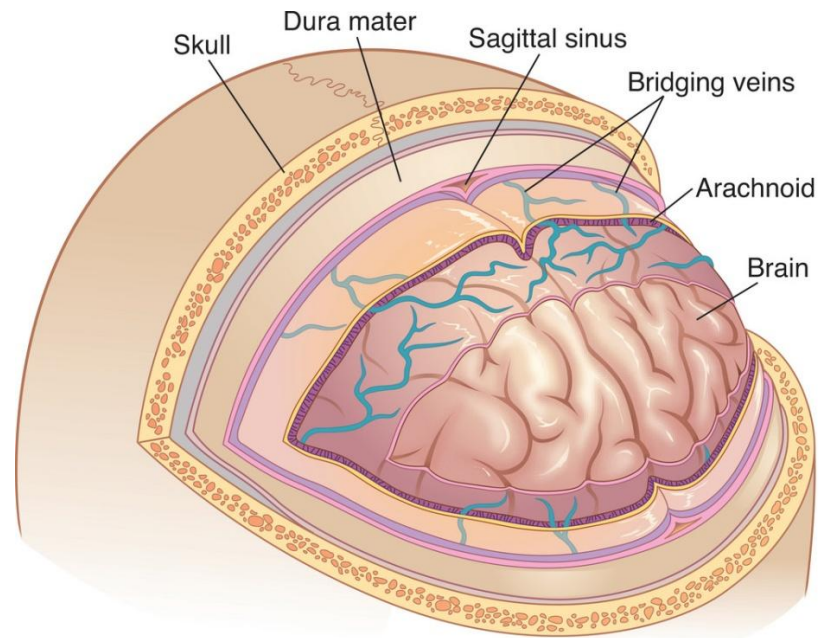
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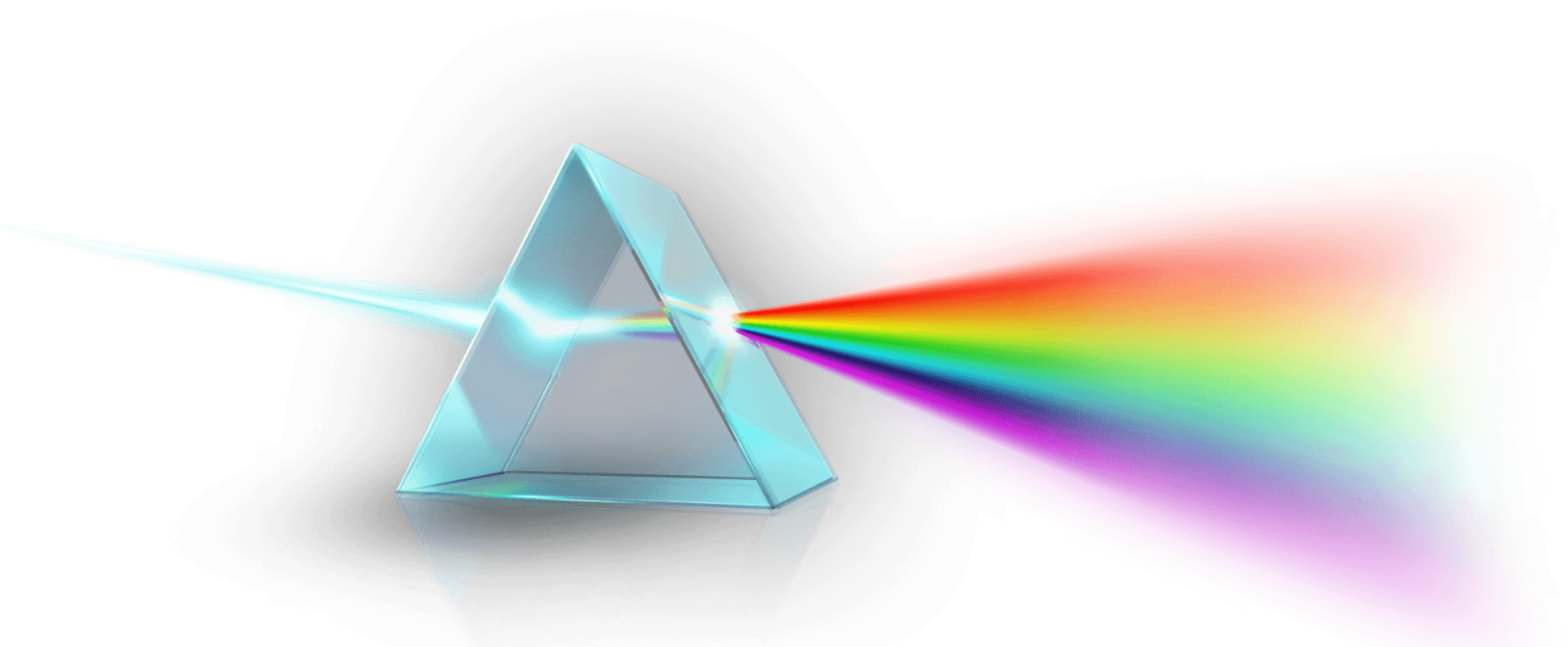














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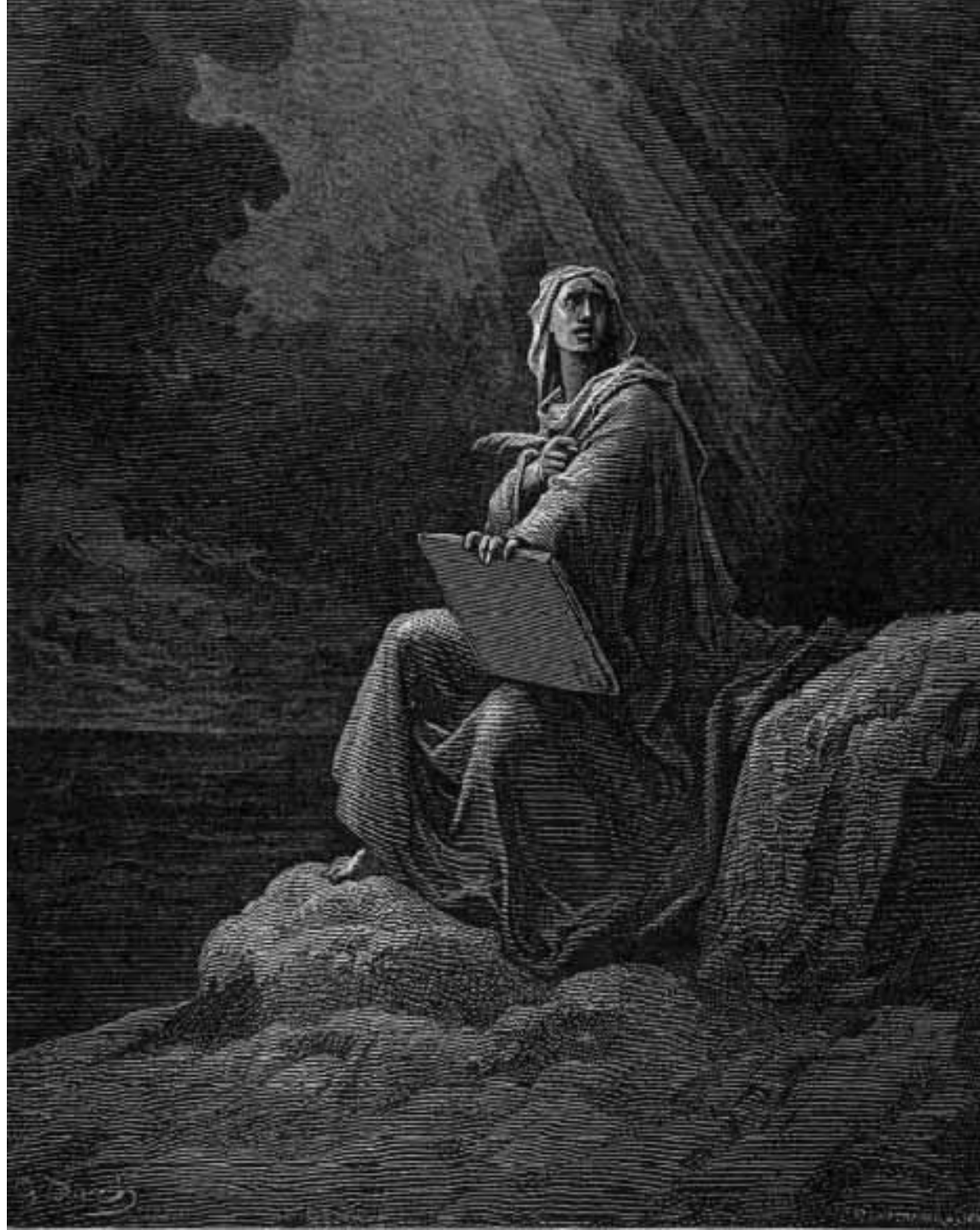
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• **Apocalyptic literature**

- Dreams
- Visions
- Fantastical beasts, creatures
- Colors
- Number games
- Cyclical (chiastic)

- First century AD Jews loved this genre
 - Sibylline Oracles
 - 1 Enoch
 - 2 Baruch







Beasts, Creatures





- Horses
- Lamb
- Ox
- Lion
- Bear
- Leopard
- Scorpions
- Frogs
- Eagles
- Vultures
- Serpents
- Dragons



- **Red**

- **Scarlet**

- **Yellow**

- **Green**

- **Purple**

- **Black**

- **White**



Numbers

- 3
- 4
- 7 (used 54 times)
- 10
- 12
- 666
- 1,000
- 1,260

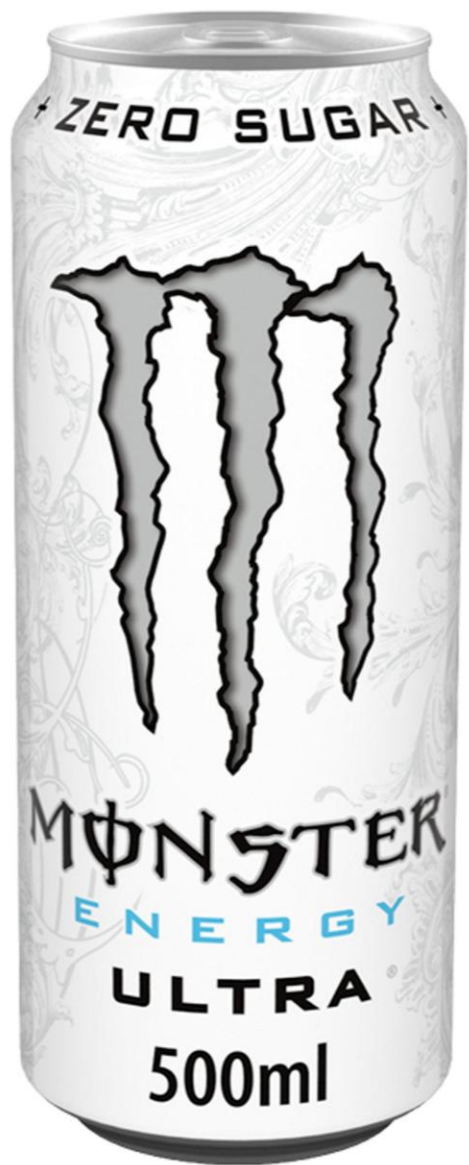
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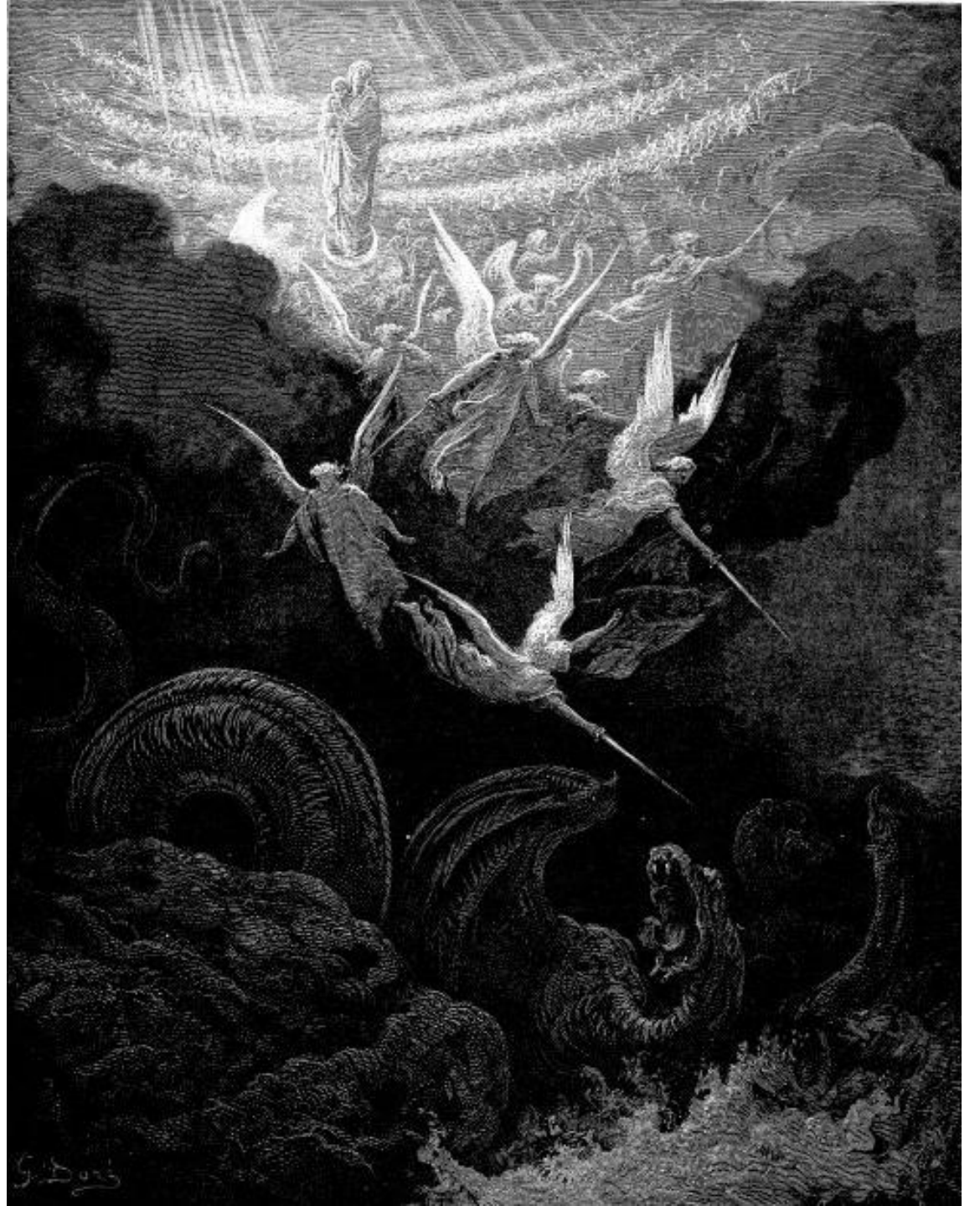
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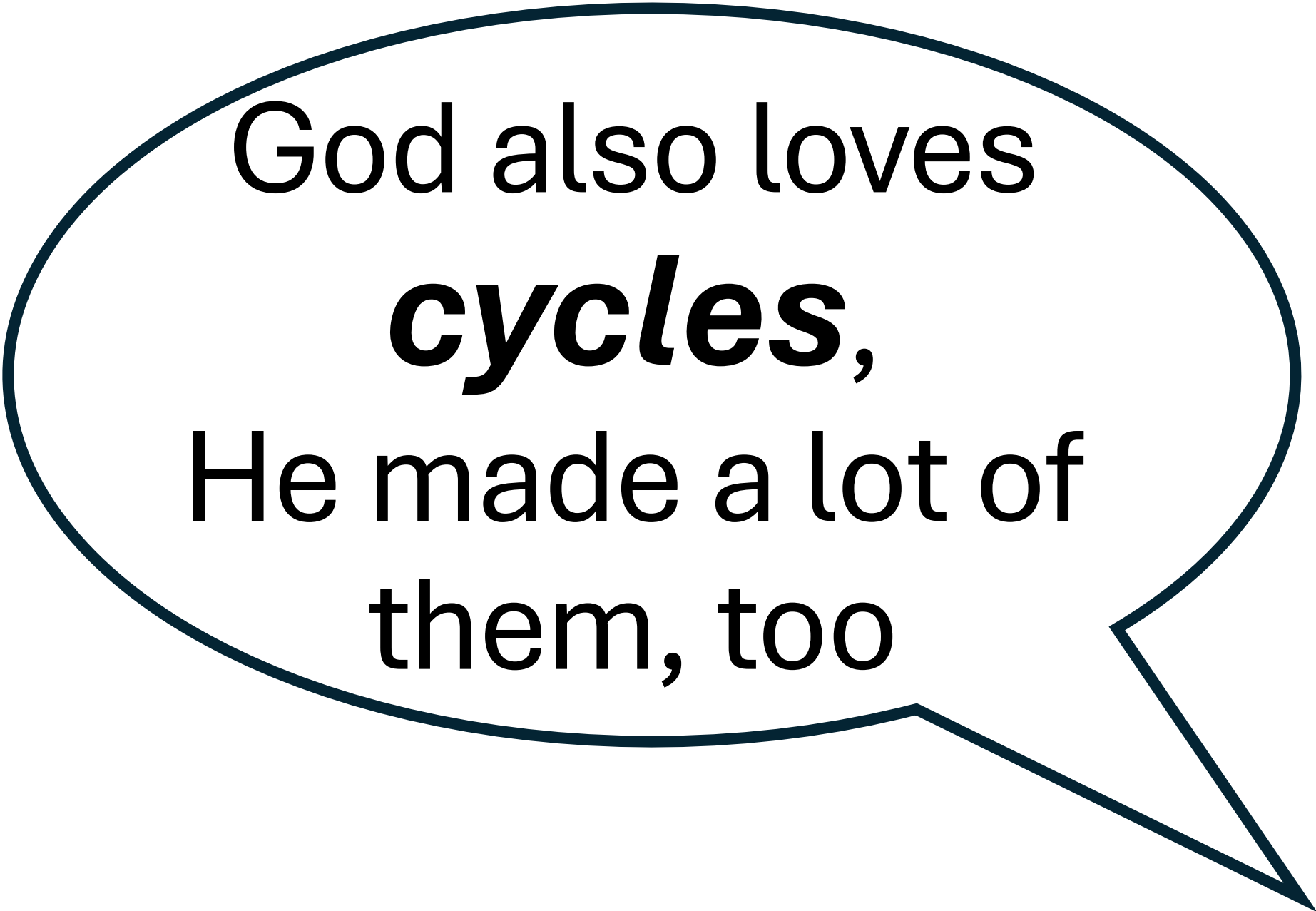
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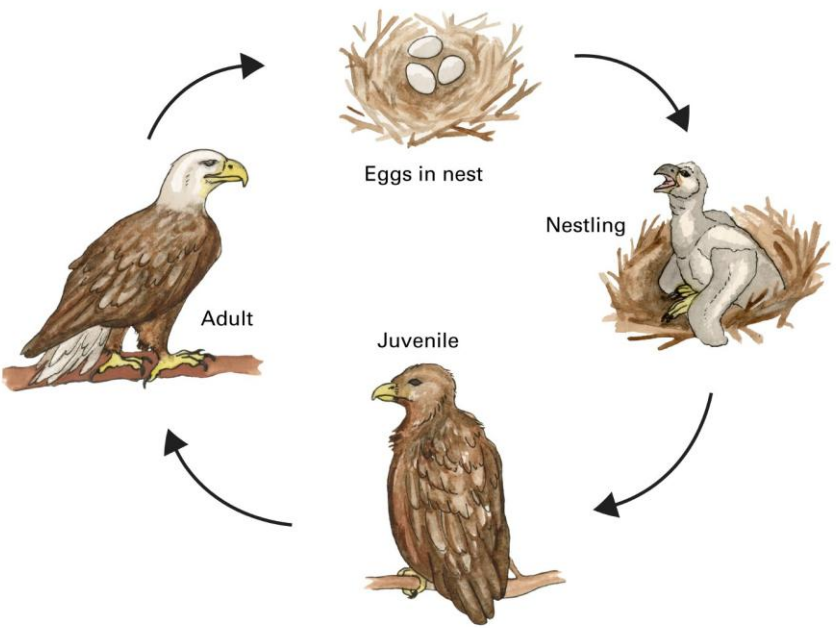
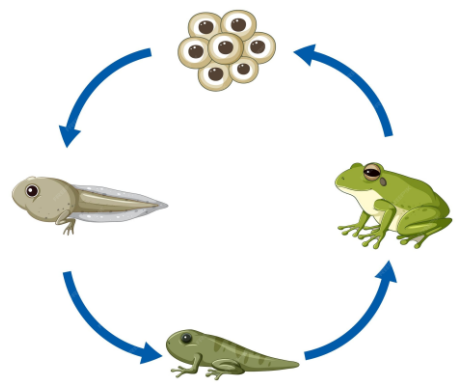
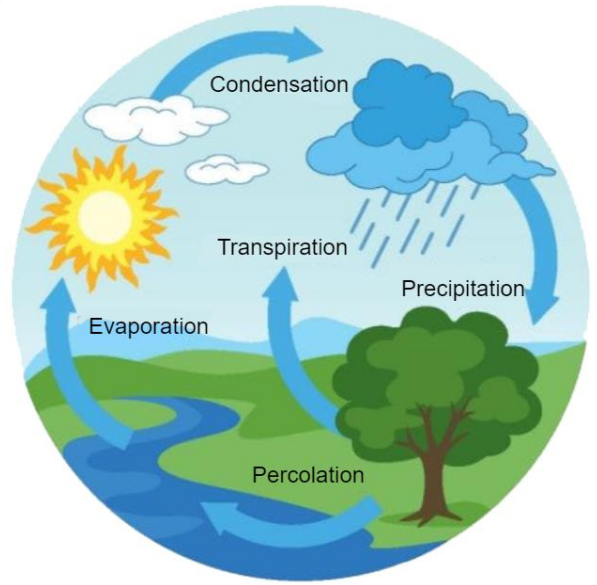




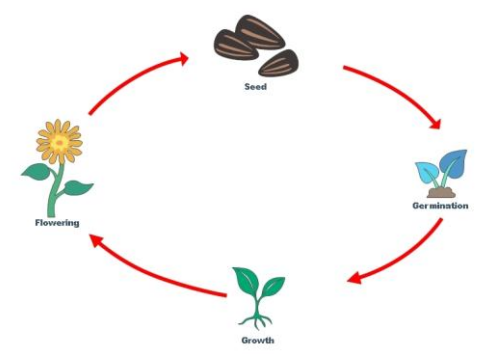


God also loves
cycles,
He made a lot of
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The water cycle



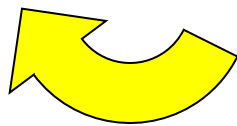
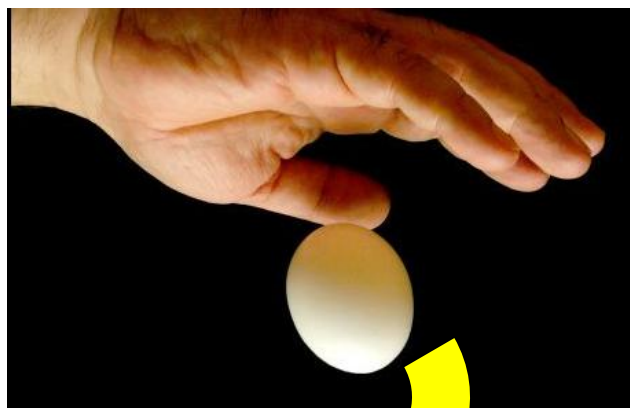
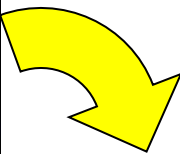
Life Cycle of a Plant



God tells stories that are in
cycles

Some recurring cycles

- *The Creation/Fall/Decline/Judgment/Re-creation Cycle*
- *The 7-Day Theme*
- *The Father v. Son/Brother v. brother/Intermarriage of believer-unbeliever pattern*
- *The Exodus*



The Creation-Fall Cycle

- Cycle #1
 - Creation – Gen. 1, 2
 - Fall – Gen. 3
 - Decline – Gen. 6
 - Judgment – Gen. 7-9
 - Re-Creation – Gen. 9

- Cycle #2

- Creation – Gen. 10

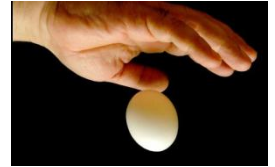
- Fall – Gen. 10

- Decline – Gen. 10

- Judgment – Gen. 10

- Re-Creation – Gen. 11





• Cycle #3

- Creation – Gen. 12 to Exodus
- Fall – Kadesh Barnea
- Decline – Wilderness wandering
- Judgment – Death of the Passover generation
- Re-Creation – Joshua

- Cycle # 4

- Creation – Conquest
- Fall – Judges 1
- Decline – Judges 2 - 21
- Judgment – Capture of the Ark
- Re-Creation – Return of the Ark



- Cycle #5

- Creation – Samuel/David
- Fall – Solomon
- Decline – Divided kingdom
- Judgment – Crises A & B
- Re-Creation – Ezra, Nehemiah



- Cycle #6

- Creation – Gen. 11-Joshua

- Fall – Solomon

- Decline – Prophets

- Judgment – Babylonian captivity

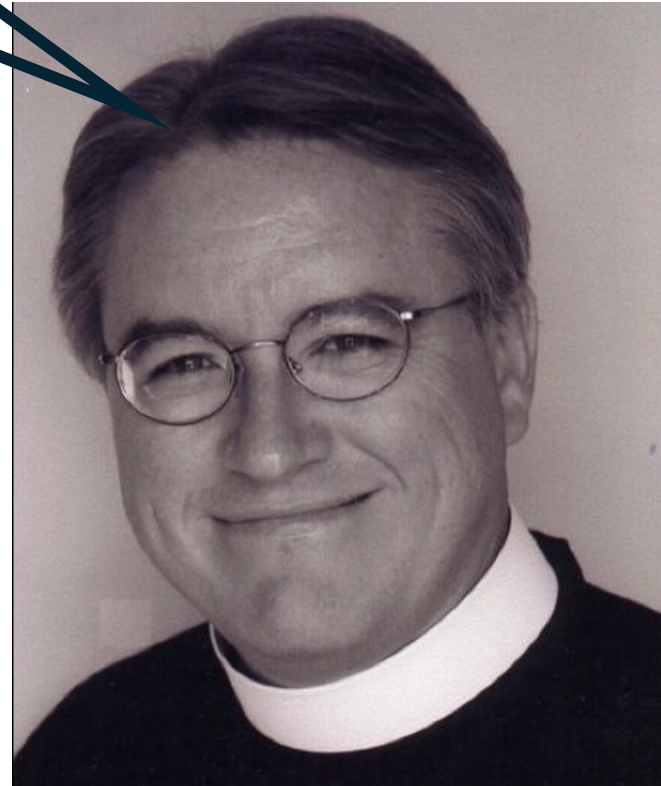
- Re-Creation – Daniel, Ezra

- Cycle #7
 - Creation – Daniel, Ezra
 - Fall – Crucifixion
 - Decline – AD 30-70
 - Judgment – Destruction of Jerusalem
 - Re-Creation – Church

- In Isaiah we saw the frequent use of chiastic arrangements
- A new concept – a chiasm is not only an hourglass outline it is a ***‘concentric’ structure***



Pardon the interruption,
but it is time for...



The Distribution of The Chiastic Outline of The Revelation

Cyclical

- A. 1:1. Things that must happen quickly (202)
- B. 1:3. Hears the words of this prophecy (200)
- C. 1:8. Alpha/Omega ... beginning/end (195)
- D. 1:17. When I saw, I fell at his feet (186)
- E. 1:18. The things which shall take place (184)
- F. 2:1. In the midst of seven lampstands (182)
- G. 2:7. The tree of life (176)
- H. 2:17. White stone, new name written (166)
- I. 2:26. He who overcomes ... will give authority (157)
 - 1:1:2. A name ... not found your death complete (151-151)
- K. 3:5. Clothed in white ... book of life (149)
- L. 3:12. City of God comes down from God out of heaven (142)
- M. 3:16. Vomit you out of my mouth (138)
- N. 3:20. I will sup with him (134)
- O. 4:1. I saw and behold, a door was opened in heaven (131)
 - F. 4:4. 24 Elders, sitting clothed in white/crowns on heads (128)
 - G. 4:9. Living creatures give glory to him (122)
 - R. 4:10-5:1. 24 Elders fall down/God sits on throne/worship (120-22)
 - S. 5:6. Lamb standing as though slain (115)
 - T. 5:12. Worthy is the Lamb to receive riches (108)
 - U. 6:6. A quart of wheat/oil and wine (101)
 - V. 6:10. How long until you judge and avenge (97)
 - W. 6:13. Stars of the sky fell to earth (94)
 - X. 6:15-16. Kings of the earth say, 'Fall on us.' (93-92)
 - Y. 7:12. The blessing of the righteous (78)
 - Z. 7:13. Who are these arrayed in white robes? (77)
 - AA. 7:17. Lamb will lead them to fountains of living waters (73)
 - BB. 8:2-3. Seven angels/tatar before the throne (70-71)
 - CC. 8:8. Second angel (65)
 - DD. 8:10. Third angel (63)
 - EE. 8:12. Fourth angel's third of the sun (61)
 - FF. 9:9. Breasplates of iron (52)
 - GG. 9:11. King ... his name in Hebrew (48)
 - HH. 9:16-17. Heads of horses/fine from mouths/myriads of myriads (43-44)
 - I. 10:1. Angel clothed with a cloud/rainbow upon head (38)
 - J. 10:6. Swore by him who made heaven/earth/sea (33)
 - KK. 10:7. He preached the gospel to his servants (32)
 - L. 10:7. Swore at home or mouth (32)
 - MM. 11:3. Prophecy for 1260 days (25)
 - NN. 11:8. Sodom/Egypt saw fire from heaven (20)
 - OO. 11:9-11. Martyred witnesses raised from death (17-18)
 - PP. 11:15. Praise of the Elders (13)
 - QQ. 11:16-17. 24 Elders worshiped God saying (11-12)
 - RR. 11:18-12:3. Nations enraged/women with child/dragon (8-10)
 - SS. 12:3. Behold, dragon with seven heads/ten horns/seven diadems (8)
 - TT. 12:4. Dragon's tail swept 1/3 to earth/food before the woman to devour (7)
 - UU. 12:5. She gave birth to a son, a male child (4)
 - VV. 12:6. Woman fled into wilderness/place prepared by God/nourished (3)
 - WW. 12:7. War in heaven/dragon (2)
 - XX. 12:8. Devils did not prevail (1)
 - YY. 12:9. Dragon/serpent/devil/Satan, who deceives world, thrown down
 - YY. 12:10. Salvation/power/kingdom/authority of God and Christ ... accuser is thrown down

The Chiasm of the History of Redemption

God creates the heavens and earth.

Man is created in the image of God, and the first marriage takes place.

The first Adam fails as the representative, resulting in condemnation.

Unholy cities are being built: Enoch, and later, Babylon and Sodom.

Judgment by the flood comes in the days of Noah, but a remnant is preserved.

God raises up a people for his own possession through Abraham.

Abrahamic covenant means blessing will come to the nations.

Mosaic covenant – righteousness and relationship with God is needed.

Davidic covenant – life under God’s anointed ruler.

The Prophets bear witness of coming Ruler, the Christ.

Jesus Christ is born in the city of David.

The Lord Jesus is crucified.

Jesus Christ is resurrected from the dead.

The Apostles bear witness to Christ risen.

New covenant begins – Christ rules with all authority.

New covenant brings God’s righteousness and presence.

The gospel is spread as blessing to all the nations.

God gathers a people, the church, for his own possession.

Judgment comes upon the nations as in the days of Noah, but a remnant is preserved.

Babylon falls, and the Holy City will come down from heaven.

The Last Adam returns and is vindicated before all.

Jesus Christ, the image of God, is married to his bride, the church.

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