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IN CHRIST**

H THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

Hebrews 2:1-4
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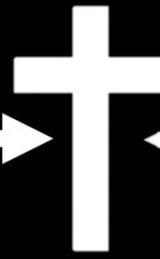
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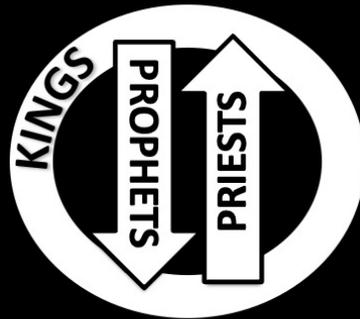
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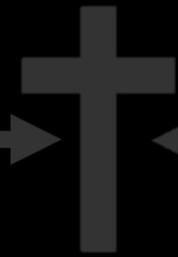
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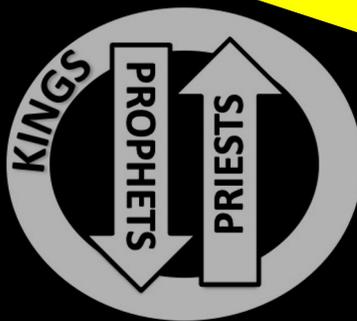


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Word



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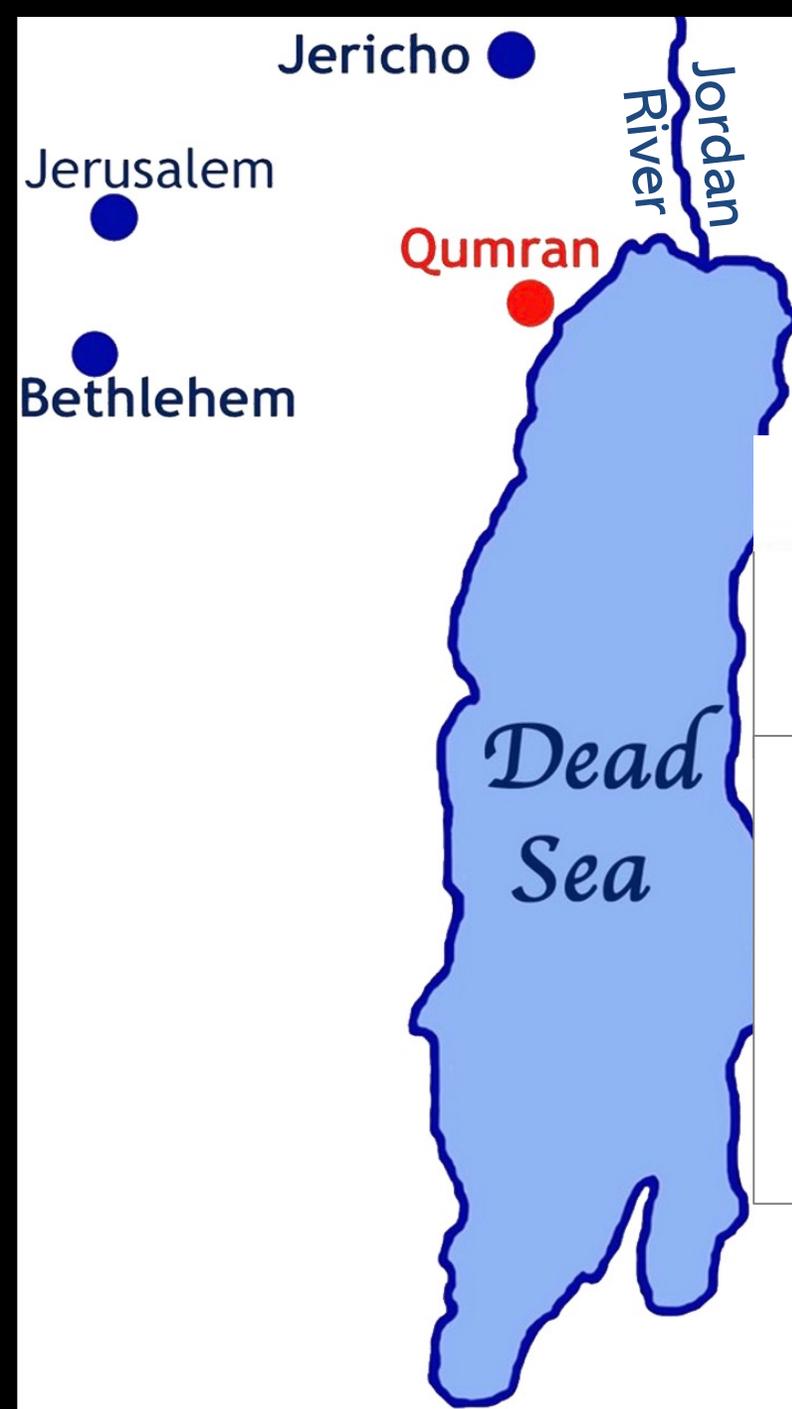


- The Reliability of God's Word
 - The Heart of God's Word
 - The Impact of God's Word

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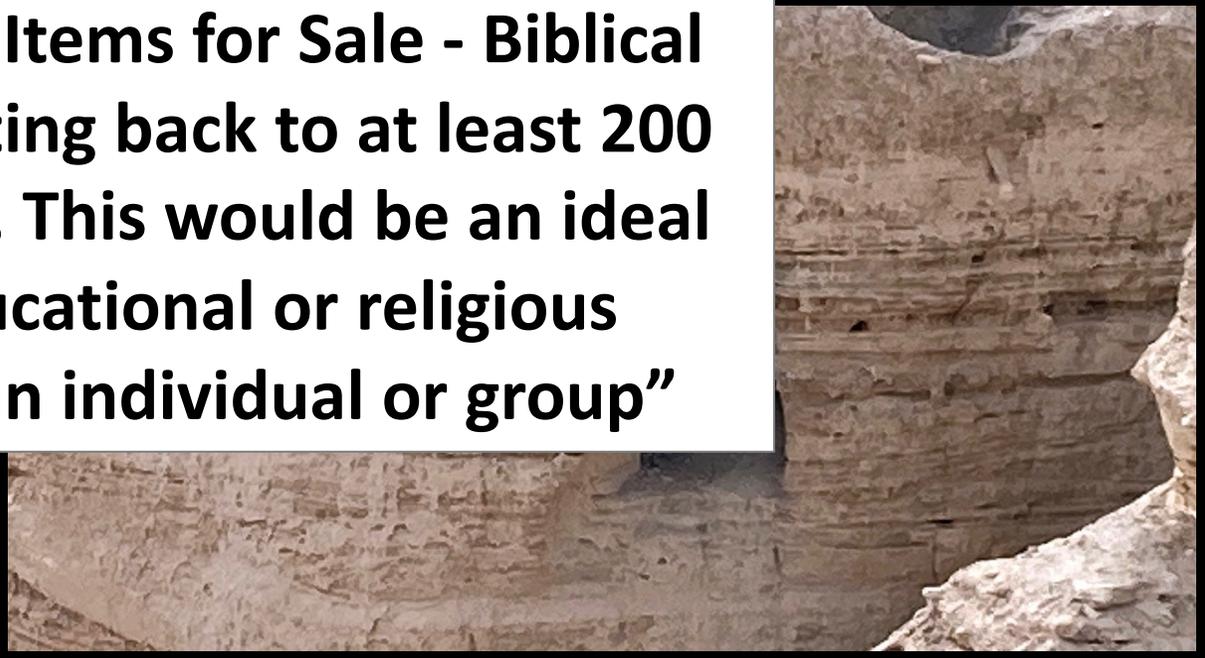
Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.





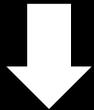
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The Reliability of God's Word



“the message declared by angels”

Acts 7:53

you who received the law as delivered
by angels and did not keep it.

The Reliability of God's Word

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Therefore it pleased the Lord at different times and in various ways to reveal himself and to declare that this revelation contains his will for his church. Afterwards it pleased God to put this entire revelation into writing so that the truth might be better preserved and transmitted and that the church, confronted with the corruption of the flesh and the evil purposes of Satan and the world, might be more securely established and comforted. Since God no longer reveals himself to his people in those earlier ways, Holy Scripture is absolutely essential.

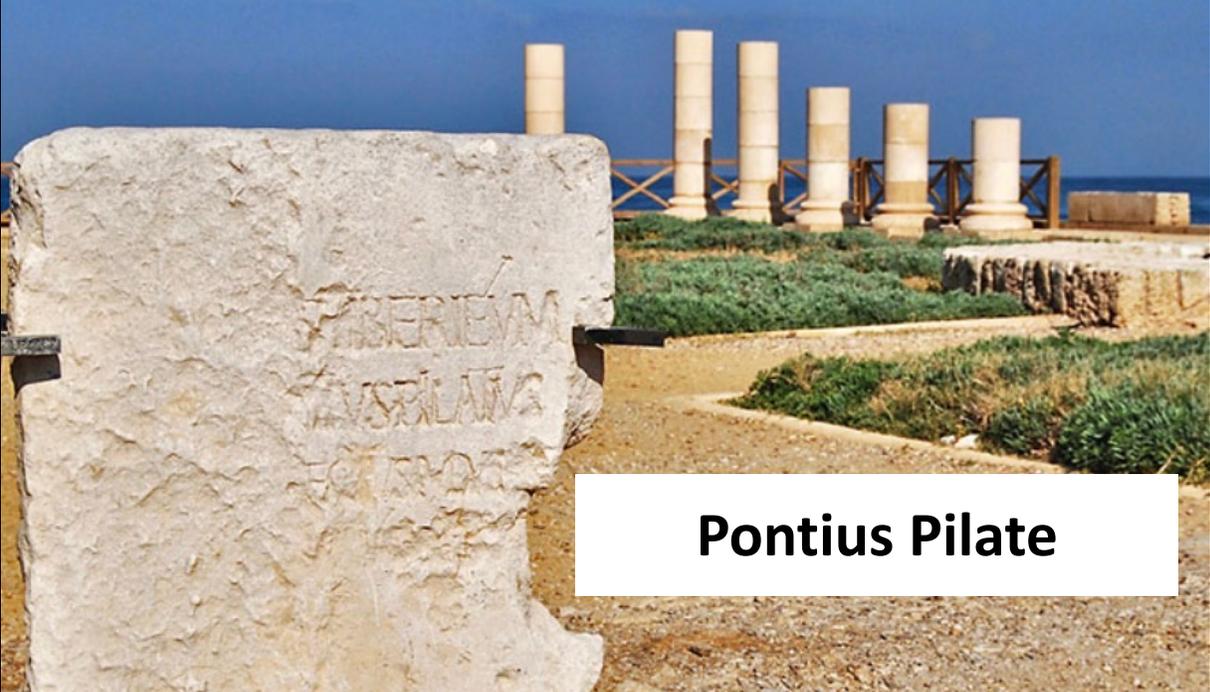
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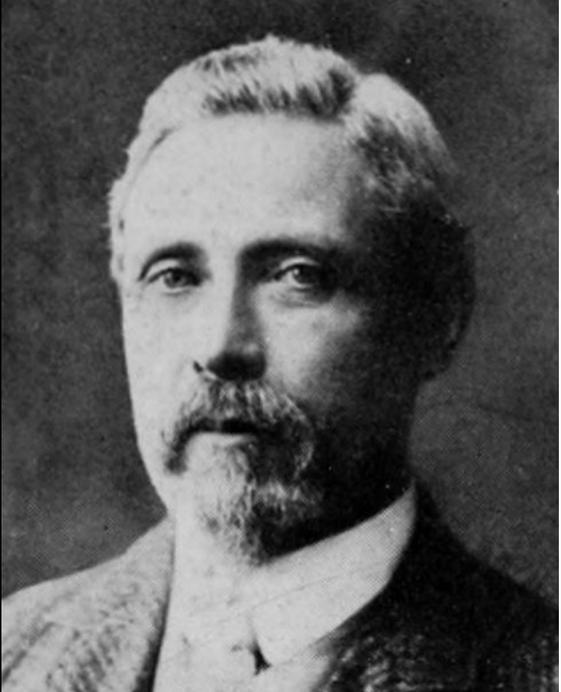
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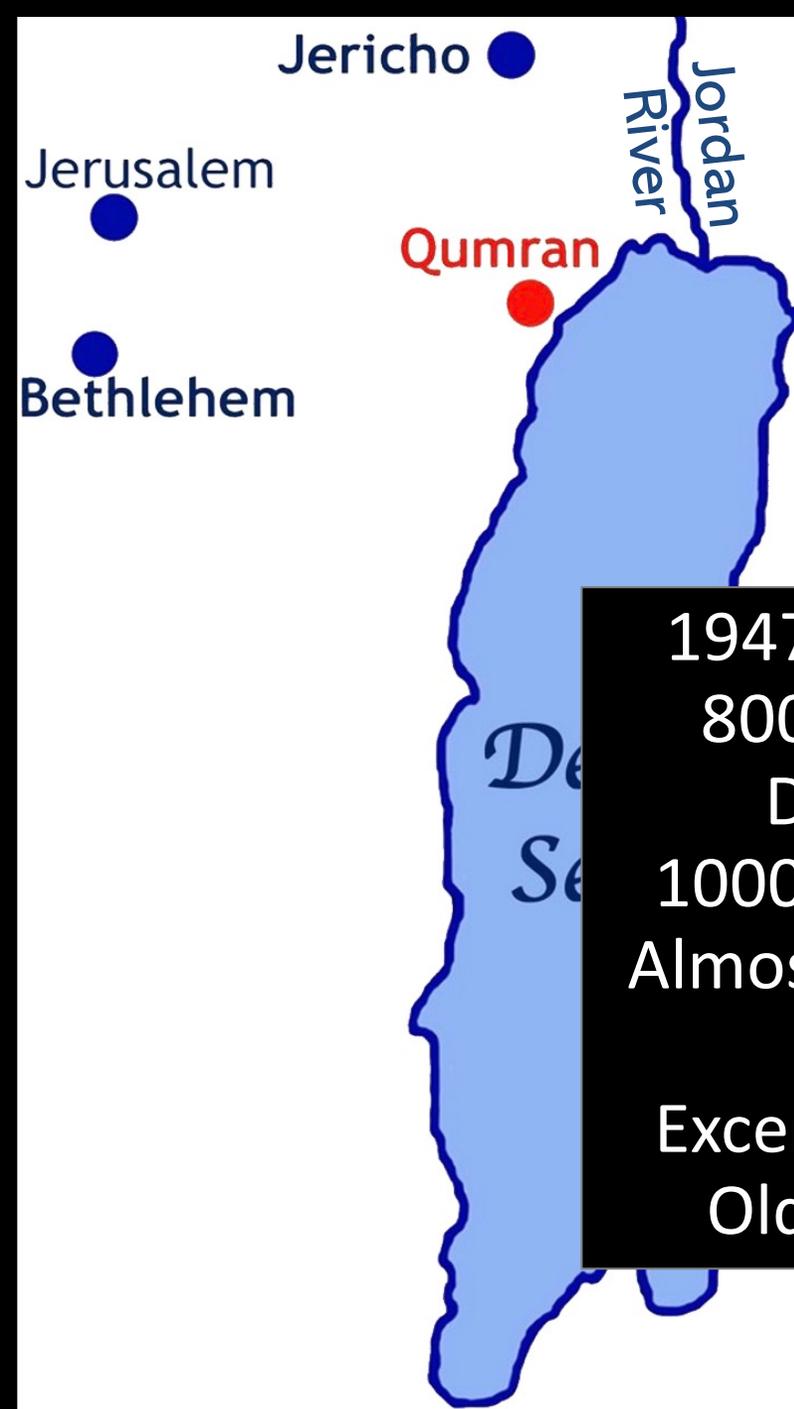
Pontius Pilate



**Sir William Mitchell
Ramsay**
Three honorary
fellowships from
Oxford colleges,
nine honorary
doctorates from
around the world



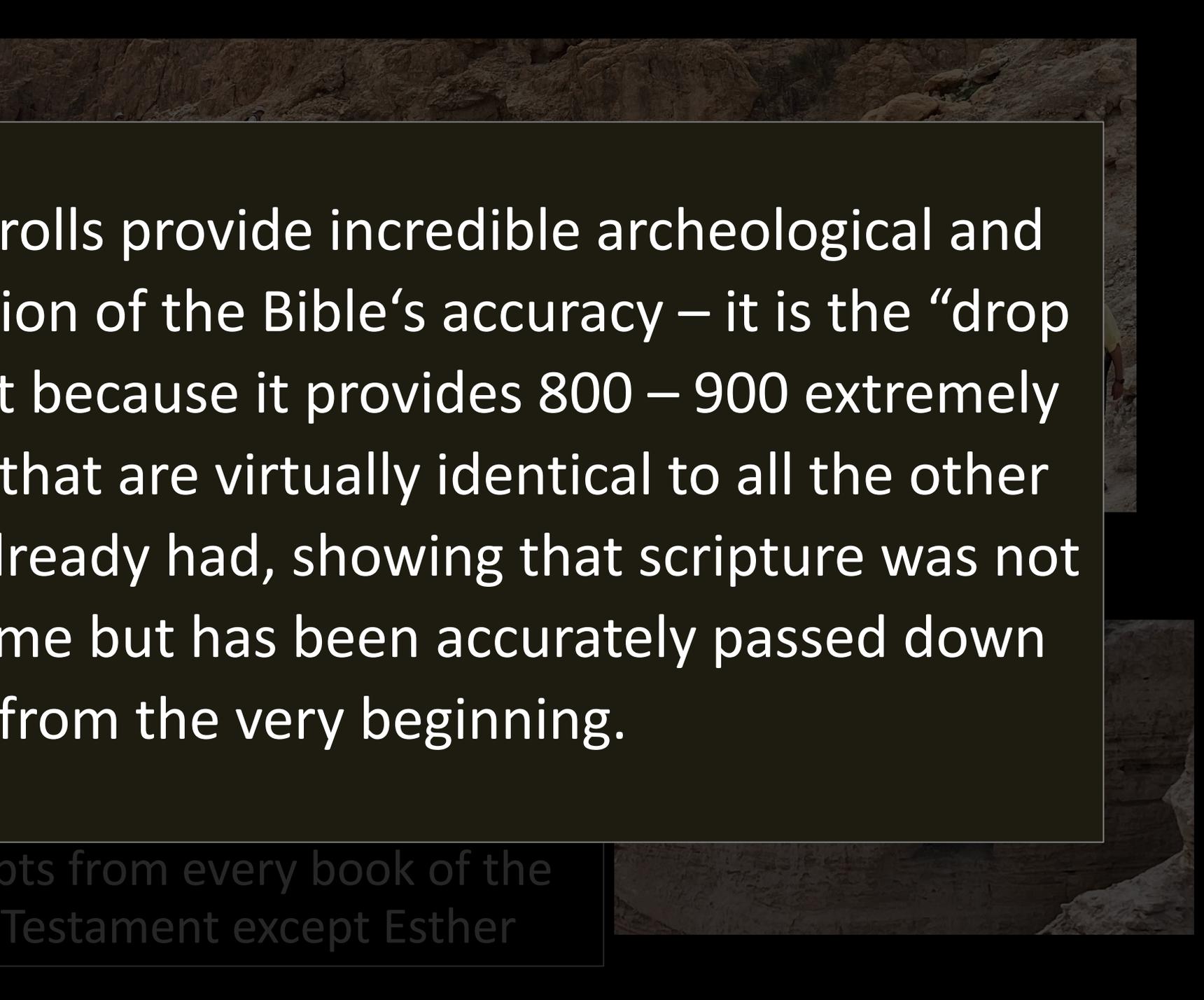
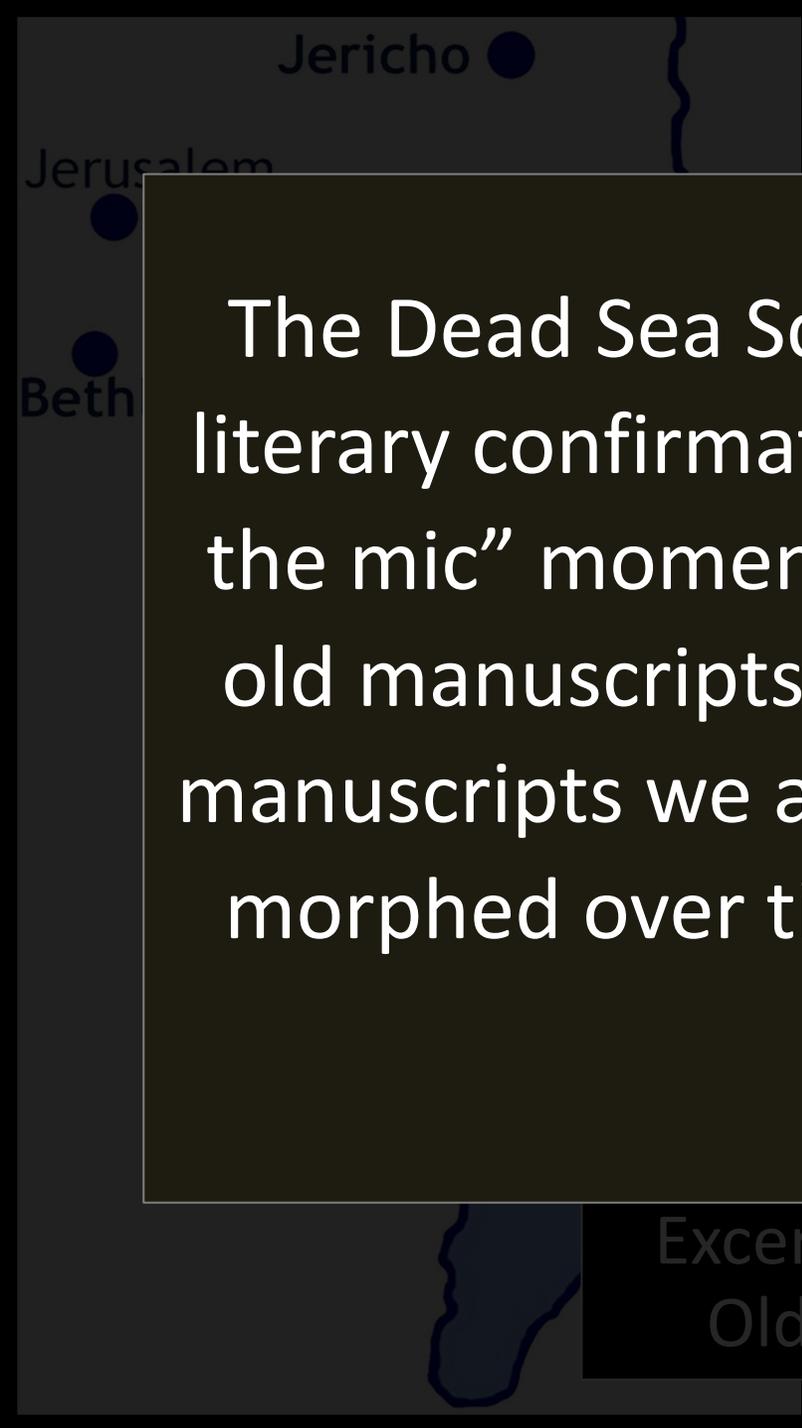
“Yehohanan son of Hagkol”



1947 Qumran, Dead Sea Scrolls
800-900 Biblical Manuscripts
Dating to 200 BC – 68 CE
1000 years older than any other
Almost complete version of Isaiah

Excerpts from every book of the
Old Testament except Esther





The Dead Sea Scrolls provide incredible archeological and literary confirmation of the Bible's accuracy – it is the “drop the mic” moment because it provides 800 – 900 extremely old manuscripts that are virtually identical to all the other manuscripts we already had, showing that scripture was not morphed over time but has been accurately passed down from the very beginning.

Excerpts from every book of the
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Ok, so Scripture has been accurately passed down.
But how can I trust that what's been passed down is accurate.

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declared by angels
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⁴ while God also bore
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These are eye-witness
accounts written even
under the threat of death

1 Corinthians 15:6
Then (Jesus) appeared to
more than five hundred
brothers at one time, most
of whom are still alive...

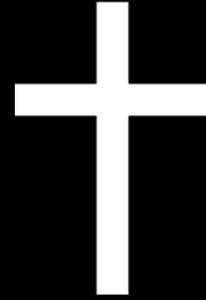
The Heart of God's Word



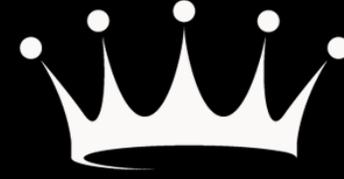
creation



fall



redemption



restoration

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Created Whole
Gen 1:26-27

Gen 1:31

And God saw
everything that he
had made, and
behold, it was very
good.

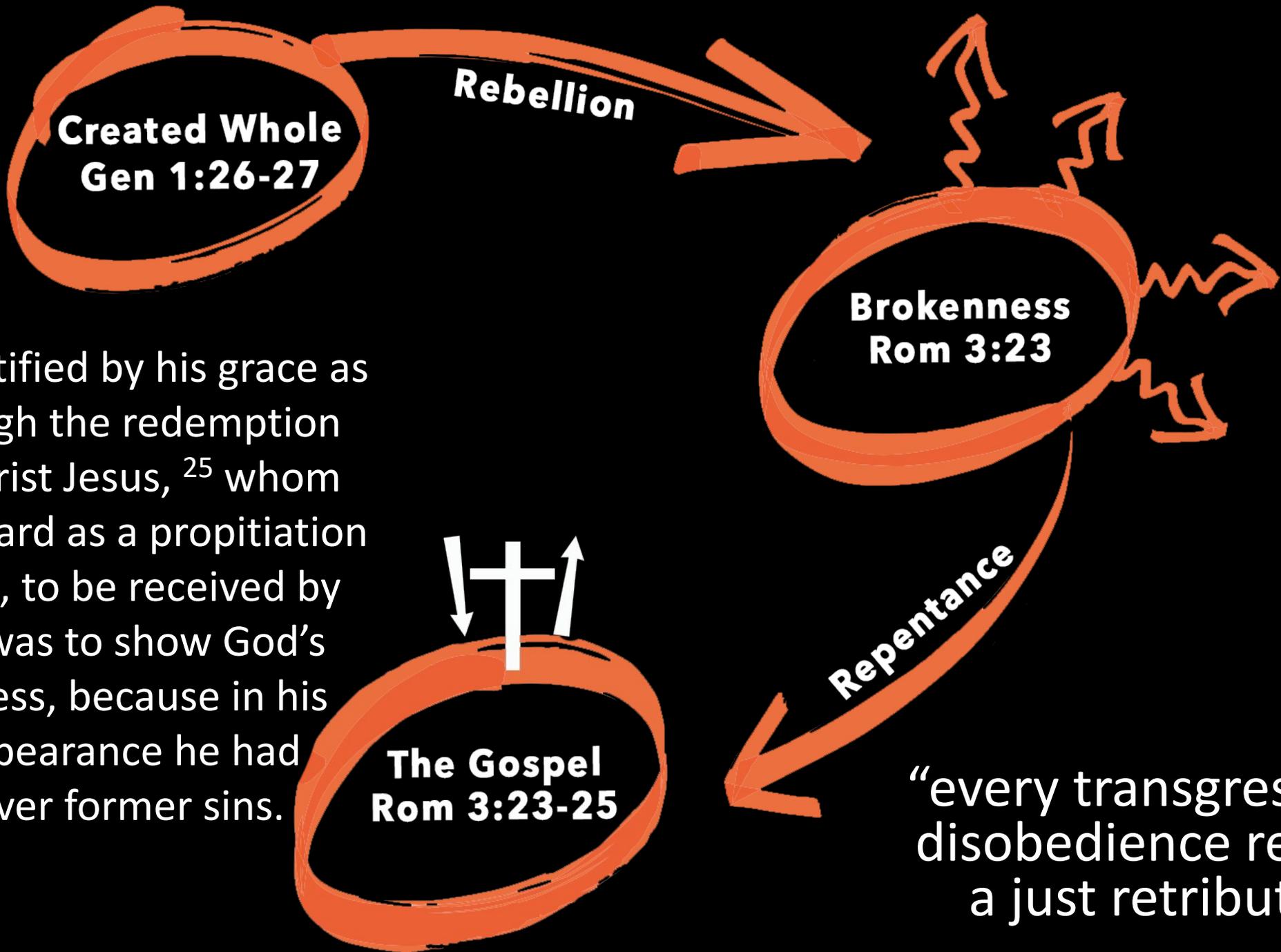
**Created Whole
Gen 1:26-27**

Rebellion



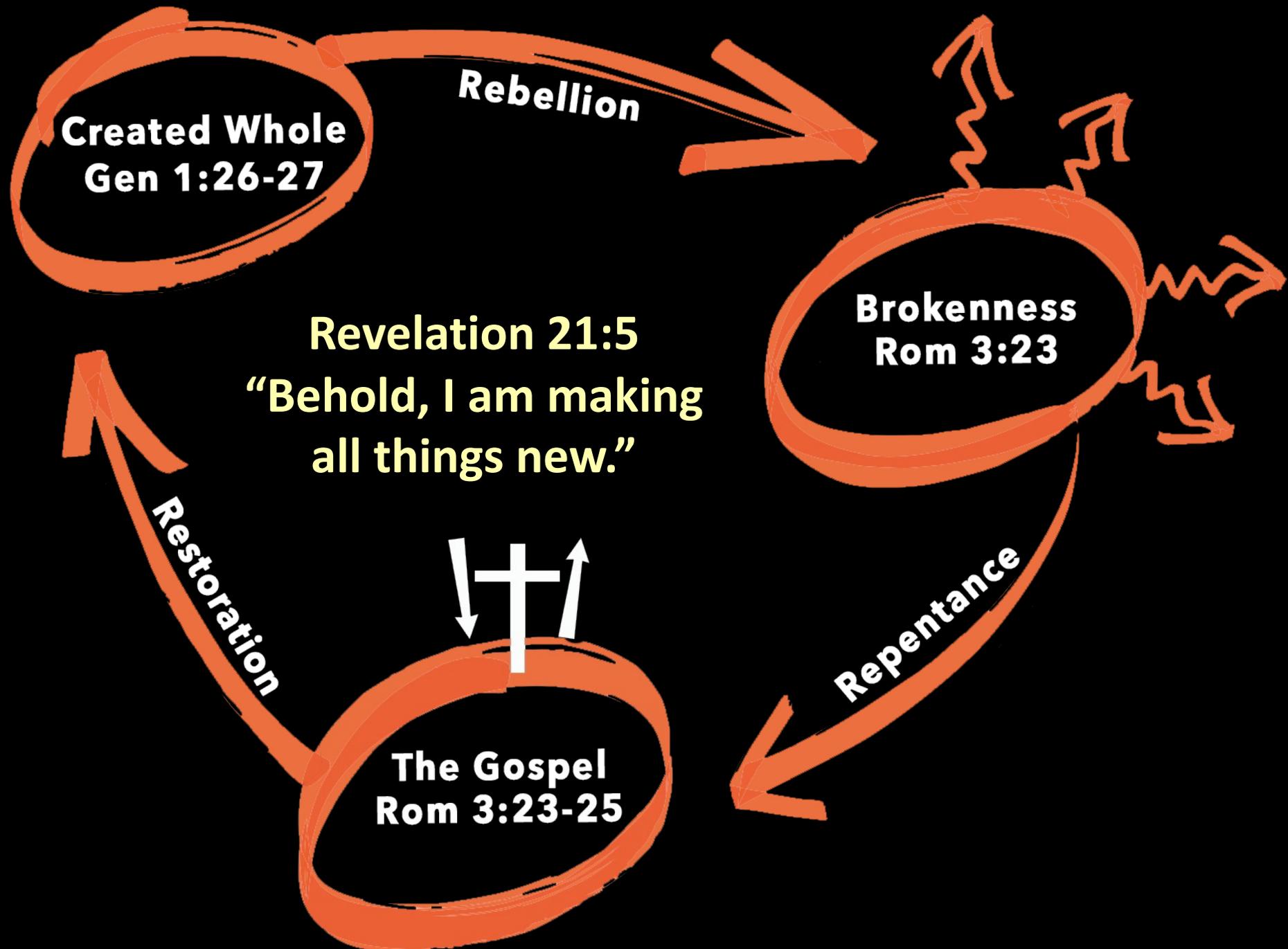
for all have sinned
and fall short of
the glory of God

**Brokenness
Rom 3:23**



“every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution”

²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.



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Revelation 21:5
"Behold, I am making
all things new."

Restoration

The Gospel
Rom 3:23-25

Repentance

The Impact of God's Word

John 6

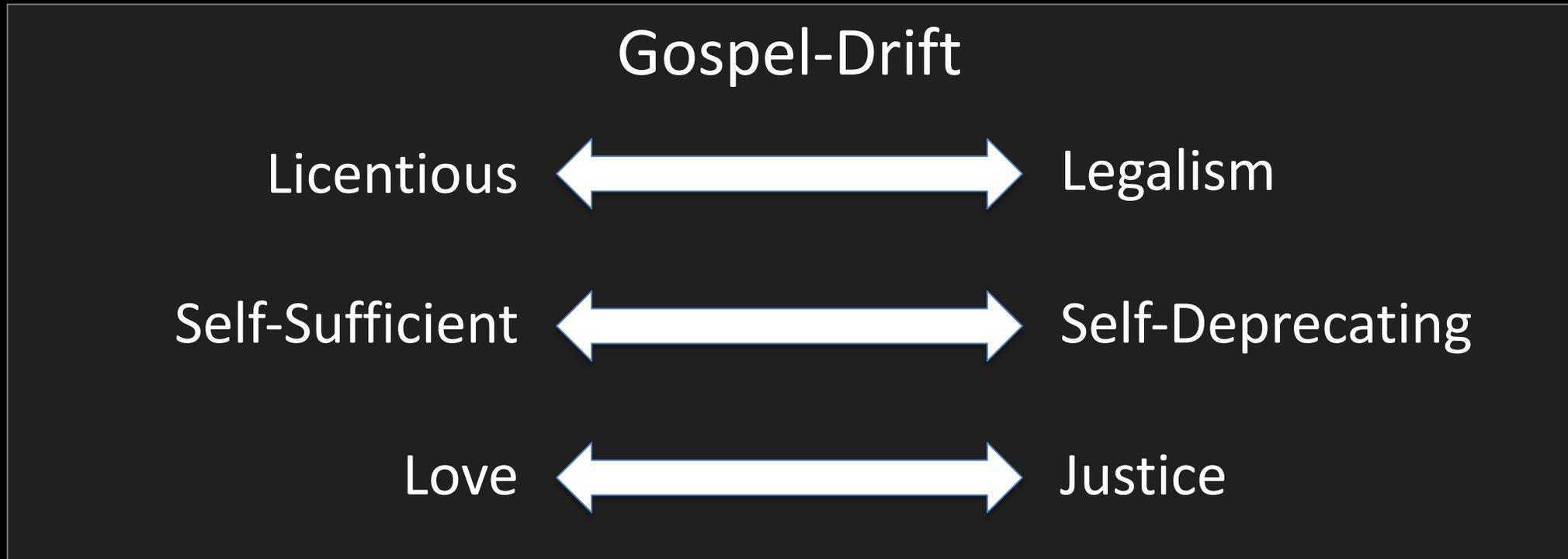
⁶⁵ And (Jesus) said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? ***You have the words of eternal life***, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

The Impact of God's Word

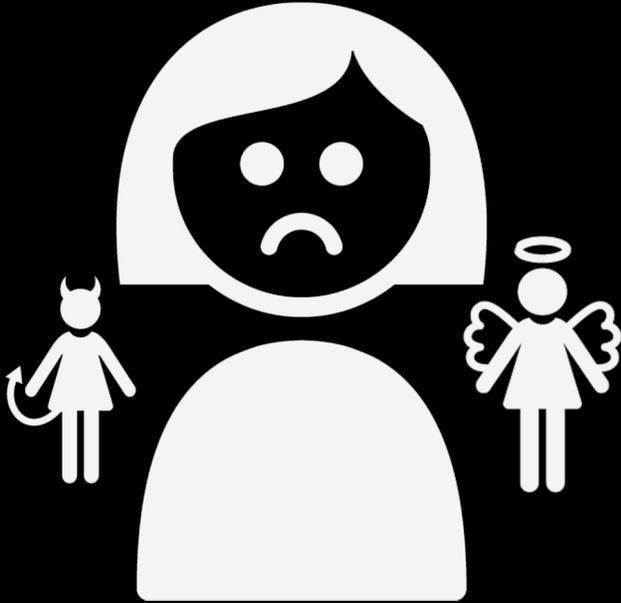
³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

^{4b} lest we **DRIFT** away from it....



The Impact of God's Word

We all need outside
objective truth



Sometimes we need conviction

Sometimes we need comfort

You're more sinful than
you could ever think

You're more loved than
you could imagine

You're more instrumental
than you could dream

The Impact of God's Word

Illiterate vs. Aliterate

Christians “have been trained to be Bible quoters, not Bible readers...they have the capacity to recall a relevant biblical text in support of a particular doctrinal point, or in opposition to a hot spot in the cultural wars, or in hope of emotional support when times get tough. They approach the Bible as a sort of reference book, a collection of useful God-quotes that can be looked up as one would locate a word in a dictionary or an entry in an encyclopedia.”

- David Nienhuis

⁴ *Therefore*

we must *pay much closer attention*
to what we have heard...

Tools in the
Toolbox

No Substitution
for Marination

Muscle
Memory

Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a *sure and steadfast anchor of the soul*, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek

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is better than you not reading.

Benediction

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Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you

Congregational Meeting Slides

Grace Brevard
Congregational Meeting
September 24, 2023

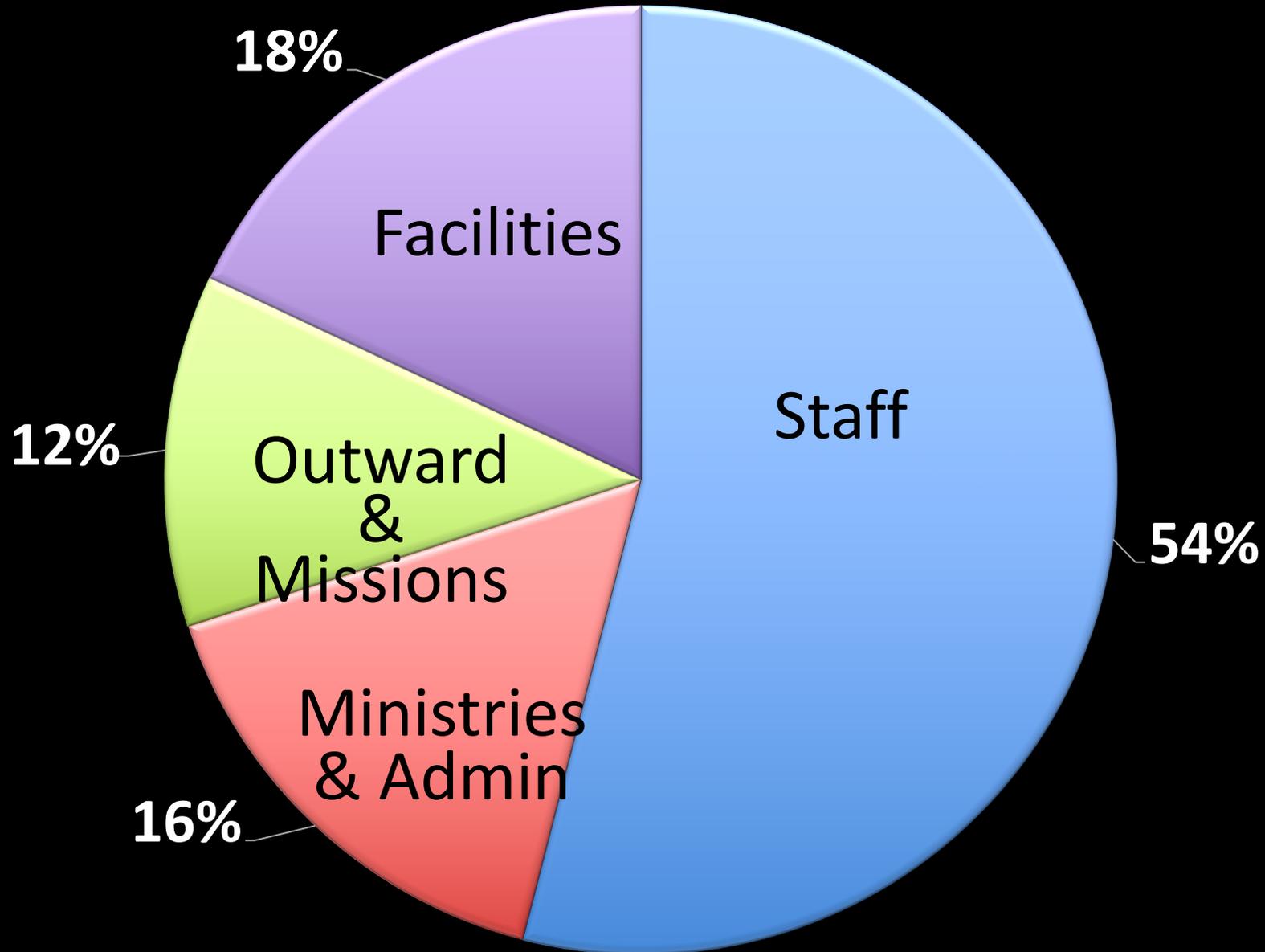
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Missions Team – Grant

Grace Vision

New Members Class - October 22

Finances



Missions Team – Grant

Grant Pierron, Marlene Fennimore, Jean Lydon, Ginger Kirk,
Karl Troyer, Cary Hitchcock, Deb Le, Ray Dunkelberg

Locally

Cove Shelter
SharingHouse
Young Life
The Haven
Special Projects

Globally

Helms, London
Leah Emory, London
Allens, Africa
Yanceys, Costa Rica
Taylor Morris, Peru

Each gets 1% of our annual budget

Grace Vision

Be Yourself, and Be One

Serving Internally

Care Team
Children
Youth

Serving Locally

Small Groups
Corporately
Individually

Serving Globally

Small Groups
Partners
Visiting

Hendersonville Pres and Grace Brevard
are joining together for a trip to

GREECE

June 16-28, 2024

We'll visit Athens, Corinth, Philippi plus
many more biblical cities, finishing up with
a cruise to ports like Ephesus and Patmos

Questions:

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Grace Brevard is headed to ISRAEL

This 2-week Israel study trip will revolutionize
the way you see and understand Scripture as
you literally walk some of the same paths
that you've only heard about all these years.

This is not a "tour" but a study trip that is very
strenuous, including daily long hikes with steep
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March 2025

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