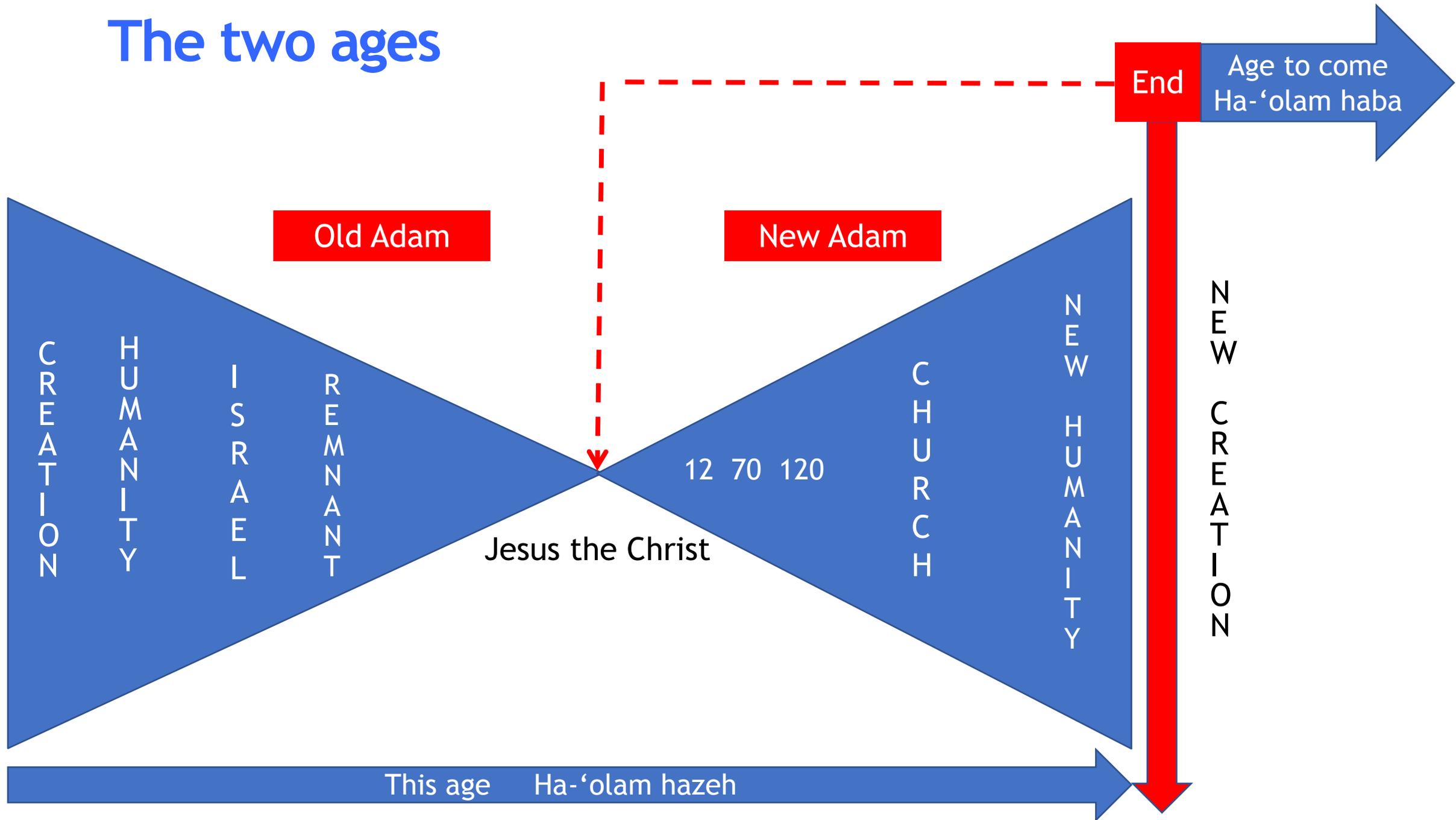


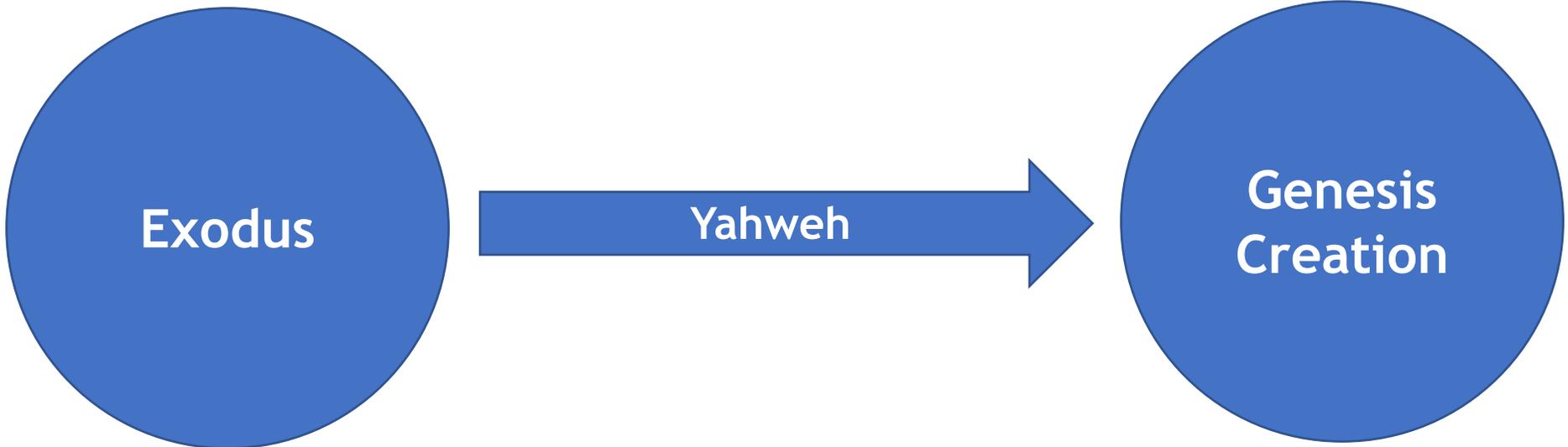
The Story of Israel

The two ages



The story of Israel

1. God created **humanity in His image**, male and female, for relationship with Himself and **to govern the earth**.
3. When **humanity failed** in this calling, and became corrupted by sin, God raised up his people **Israel**, as his vehicle to reach all the nations of the earth.
4. Through the **Mosaic revelation** of the kingdom, Yahweh defeated the gods and powers of Egypt, **liberating** his people, entering into covenant with them as his vassal community, and making them a royal and priestly nation.
5. Through the **Davidic revelation** of the kingdom Yahweh **liberated** Israel from oppression, came to live among them on his throne, in the temple, and ruled them through anointing and adopting David and Solomon, causing Israel to experience shalom.
6. Through the **prophetic revelation** of the kingdom Israel's failure in her calling, through idolatry, leading to exile, was followed by the hope of Yahweh returning to reign, through his presence in a new temple, the transformation of Israel's disobedient heart, and a **new humanity raised from the dead at the end of the age**.



The Mosaic coming of the kingdom

Three key texts

God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am [Yahweh]. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I am has sent me to you.”’ (Exodus 3:14).

The Name - Yahweh

‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD [Yahweh] (12:12).

The war against the gods

‘The LORD [Yahweh] reigns for ever and ever.’ (15:18).

Yahweh is king

The Plagues: Spiritual Warfare

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3	Lice, gnats or sand flies	Geb, god of the earth and vegetation
4	Flies, literally “swarms”	Kepfi, god of creation, movement of the sun, insects
5	Livestock	Apis/Mnevis - bull; Hathor - cow; Khnum - ram
6	Boils, or “botch”	Thoth (Imhotep), god of medicine and Isis, goddess of medicine
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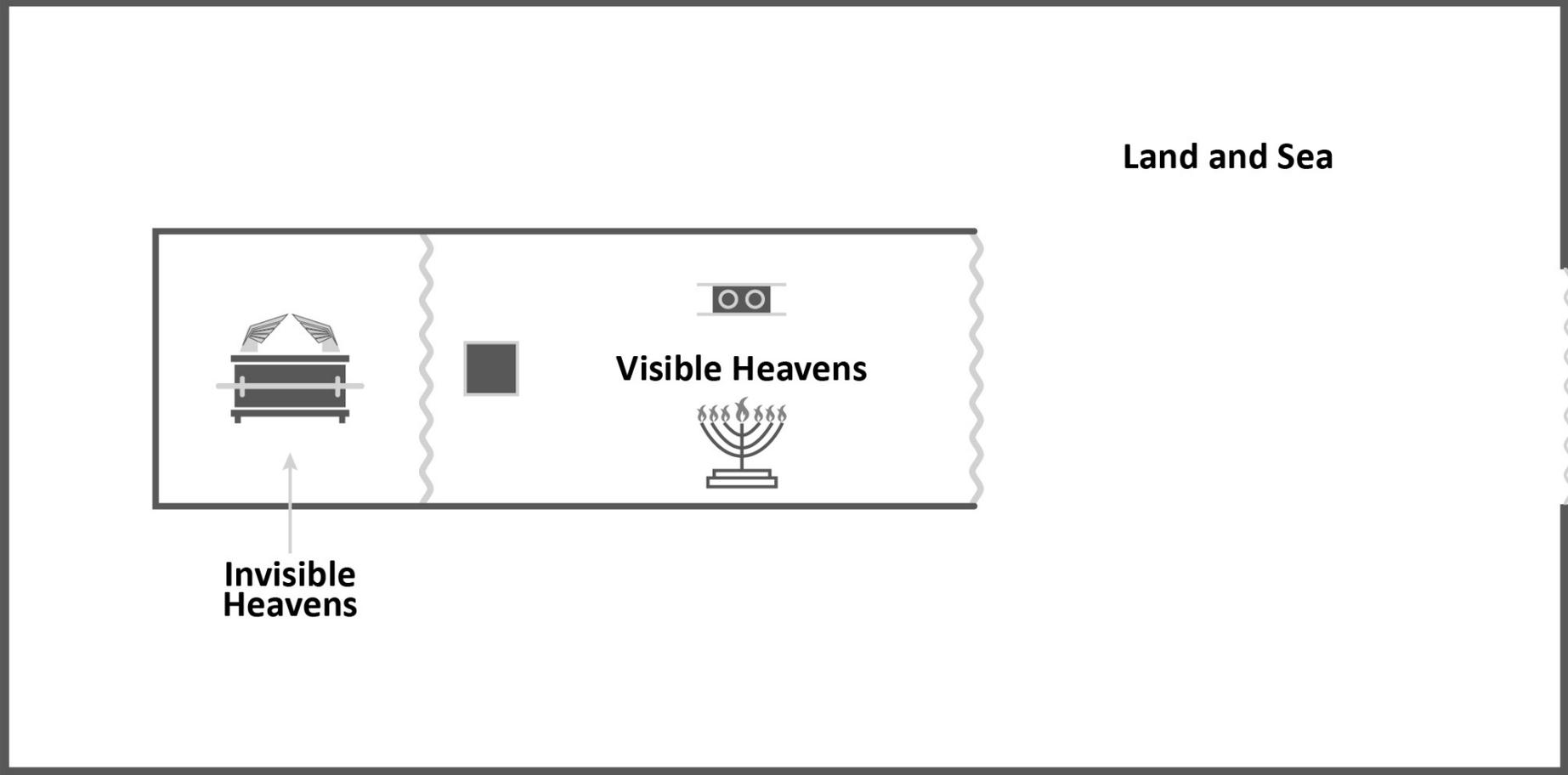
Royal Covenant Monotheism

1. Royal: Yahweh is conquering king.
2. Covenant: The kingdom creates the covenant, the king-vassal relationship.
3. Yahweh who conquers the gods is Lord of creation: the nature gods are subject to his rule. The Shema. The first commandment.



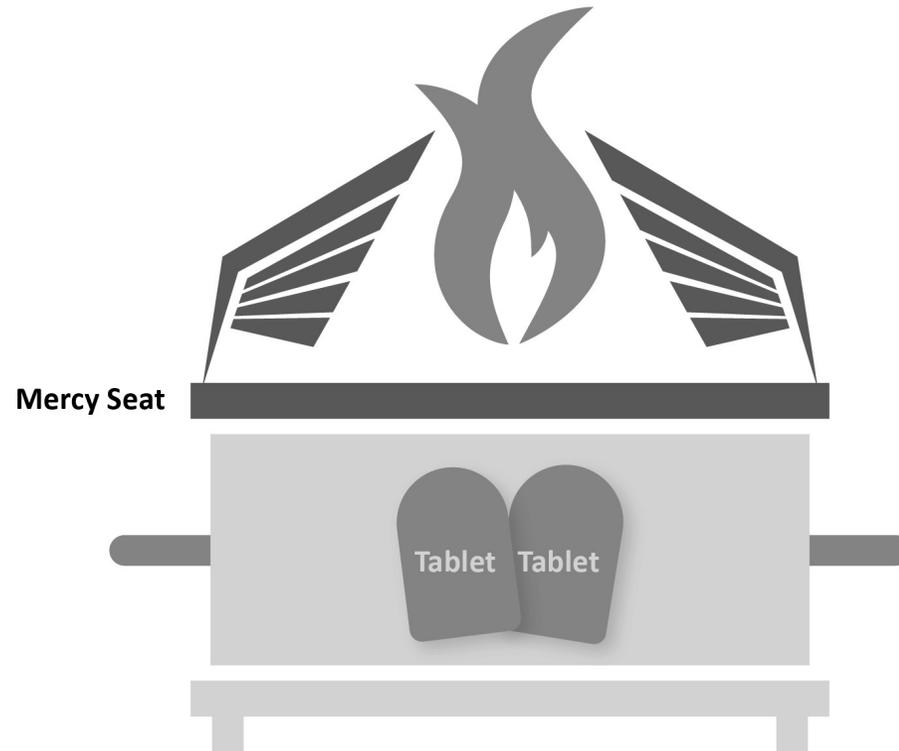
The creation story

Tabernacle Complex

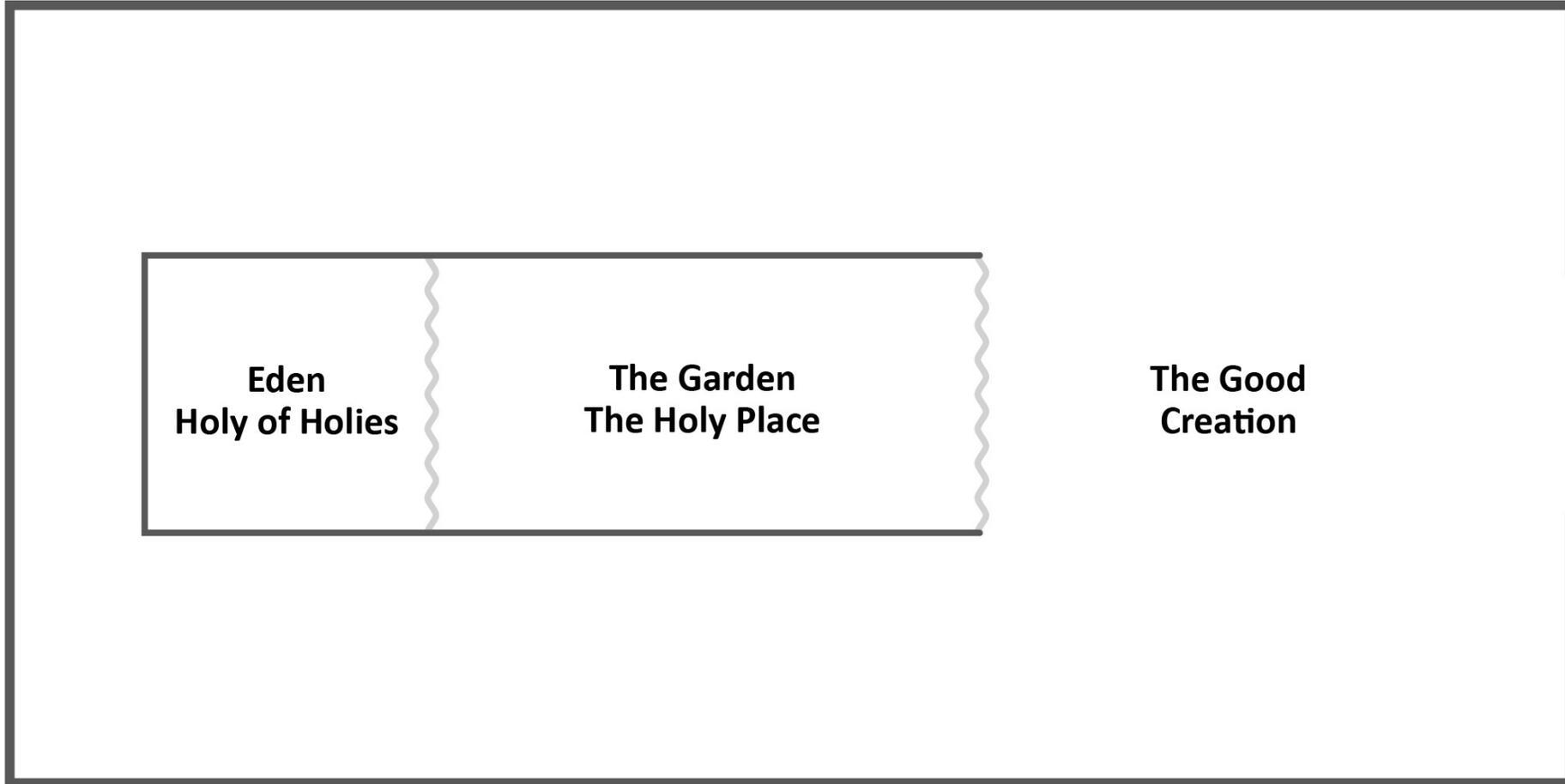


The ark of the covenant

Where Yahweh is enthroned between the cherubim



The Cosmos



The creation of the cosmos

1. God “rested” on the 7th day. Kings rested after returning triumphant from battle (over chaos - “formless and empty, darkness ...”). Genesis 1-2 is an enthronement narrative.
2. The “battle” is a worldview/big story battle. Each day of creation sees God speaking into existence (acts of sovereignty) a part of creation Ancient Near Eastern nations viewed as gods.
3. Man and woman are created in his image to rule under God as his vice regents and to act as priests in his cosmic temple.

Psalm 8

LORD [YAHWEH], our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea...

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The Davidic revelation of the kingdom

Adoptive, messianic/charismatic kingship: Psalm 2

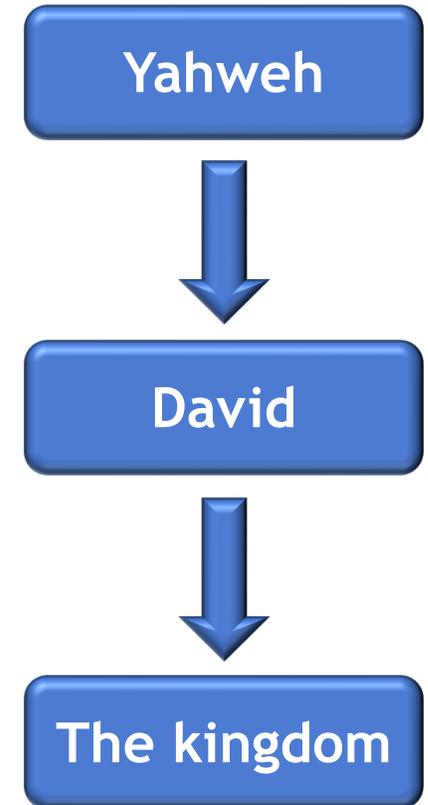
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the **Yahweh** and against **his anointed**, ...

The **One enthroned** in heaven laughs ... saying

‘I have installed **my king** on Zion, my holy mountain.’

I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, ‘You are **my son**; today I have become your father.

Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession’ (Psalm 2:2-3, 6-8).



The kingdom manifest

1. As the anointed one, David is victorious over all the powers oppressing Israel - the liberator.
2. The Davidic dynasty is established.
3. In the temple, Yahweh is enthroned between the cherubim.
4. Under Solomon Israel experiences Shalom. The good life becomes the ideal picture of the kingdom of God.

The Prophetic revelation of the kingdom

Decline and loss

1. Good kings and bad kings—mostly bad.
2. Prophetic warnings.
3. One primary sin: idolatry=immorality (the Baal fertility cult).
4. The Babylonians and the Medo-Persians, the fall of the North and then the South.
5. Exile.

The language of prophetic hope

1. The Day of the Lord.
2. The last days.
3. That day.
4. The two ages: *ha-'olam hazeh* (this age) and *ha-'olam haba* (the age to come).

Eschatos, eschatology, eschatological

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Habakkuk

The past repeated

Jeremiah

A better future

Ezekiel

Transcending the past

Isaiah

The past eclipsed

Daniel

The new world

Time passes by Then!