

# *The Heavens Declare His Handiwork:*

*God's Revelation of Himself through the Things that Are Made*

**“ . . . in Him we live and move and have our being,”** Acts 17:28

## Natural Revelation

(Philosophical and Scientific Evidence)

**Psalm 19:1-2**

**Romans 1:19-20**

**Romans 2:15**

## Special Revelation



## Preparation for Bible Class:

### The Wonderful Life in God, the Supreme Being of Goodness

#### #1- Salvation

Wow!



New set-apart  
Life: origin,  
purpose, and  
destiny, Eph 1:4

#### #2- The Spiritual Life

Wow!



New set-apart power -  
Contact with Supreme  
Good – the only Good,  
Philip 2:13, 1 Jn 1:1-4

#### #3 – Spiritual Maturity

Wow!



New set-apart Mind,  
Divine viewpoint,  
1 Cor 2:16; Rom 12:2

### Slide 3 #1: OUR SALVATION & MORE GOES BACK TO ETERNITY PAST---WOW!

**Ephesians 1:4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation (πρὸ καταβολῆς) of the world, that we should be **holy** (εἶναι ἡμᾶς ἁγίους / EINAI HEMAS HAGIOUS ) and blameless (mature) before Him in love.

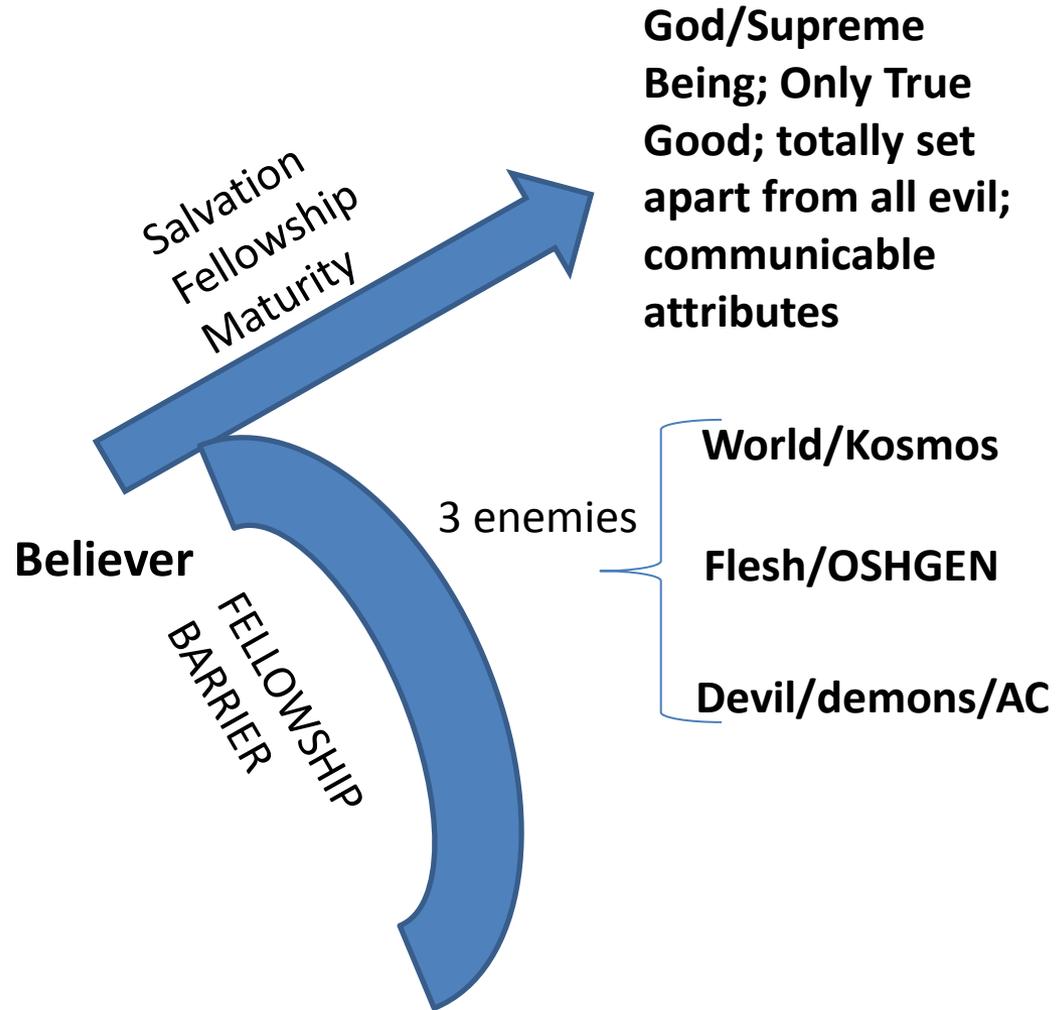


- Note the clarity on the stated purposes of our lives
- Note the grand implications as far as our origin, purpose, & destiny
- God's calling on our lives is the single greatest calling
- God's perfect provisions---provided billions and billions of years ago
- Set apart = connected to Supreme Being (away from world, flesh, devil)
- Billions of years ago, God had us in mind for this day and every other day

## #2 FELLOWSHIP: IT IS ALL ABOUT CONTACT WITH THE SUPREME BEING OF GOD

**Philippians 2:13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

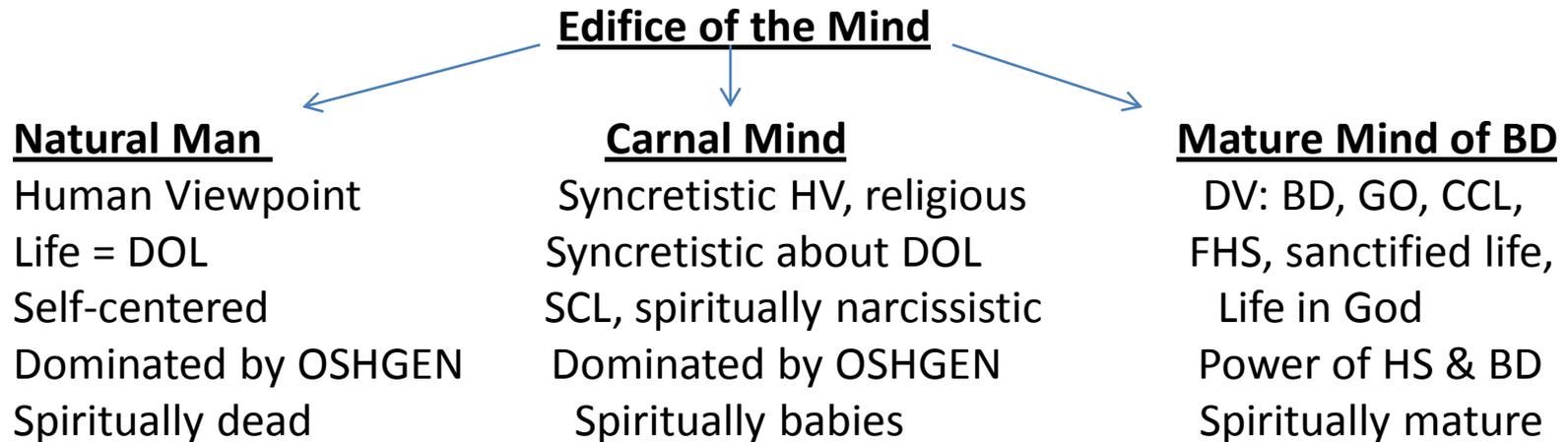
**1 John 1:1** What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life. . . . you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.



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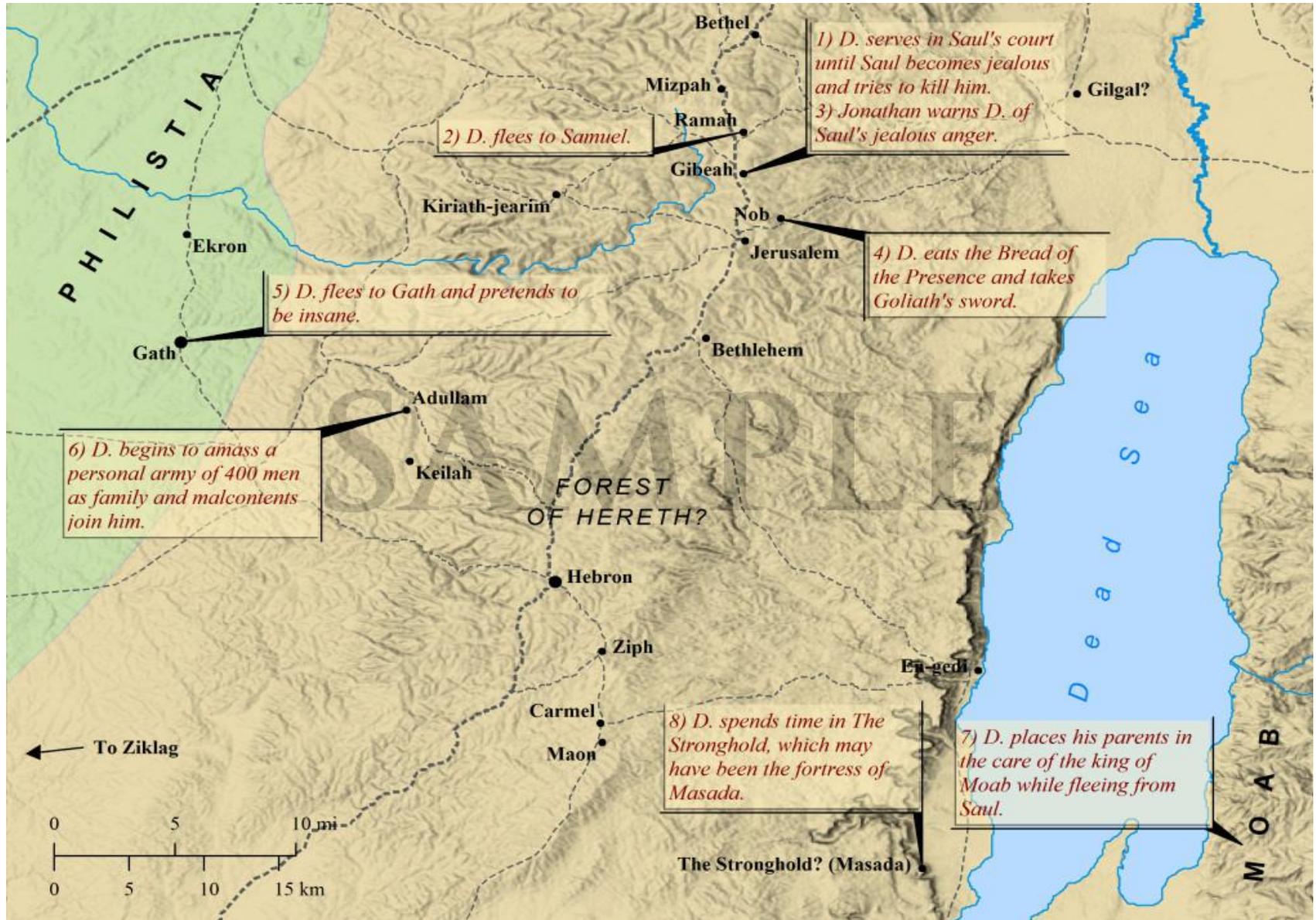
### #3: Spiritual Maturity and the edifice of Bible doctrine

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man. <sup>16</sup> For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.



**1 Corinthians 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, <sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

# Slide 6 - LIFE OF DAVID (68) – 1 SAM 21 – David's 2<sup>nd</sup> Journey into Reversionism.



## THE PARTING OF DAVID AND JONATHAN

**1 Samuel 20:42** And Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety (SHALOM), inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD (Jesus Christ), saying, 'The LORD (Jesus Christ) will be between me and you [both are saved and have eternal life], and between my descendants and your descendants forever [sees Messianic line of JC in the line of Judah, Gen. 49].'" Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

- David and Jonathan will go separate ways, only David will recover because of his phenomenal orientation to grace. Grace makes all the difference. David had terrible failures, but due to real grace orientation he recovers and becomes a great man. Grace is everything!!
- Nobility of Jonathan, yet he failed to separate from rev; David moves into greater reversionism, but will recover.

## Slide # 8 – 1 Sam 21:1-2: David's flight and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of reversionism

### 1 Sam 21:1-2

- Vs. 1: The city of Nob was the city of the priests and location of the tabernacle since its removal from Shiloh; Nob overlooks Jerusalem; date, 1010 B.C.; Ahimelech is the High Priest; he is alarmed that David has no military escort.
- Vs 2: David's reversionism.
  - Overt sign of rever is lying; there is not an ounce of truth.
  - In rev he has ruled out God because He has forgotten POG—king.
  - Offtrack of the POG and his N&S have changed, now emotional rev
  - He has forgotten the doctrines and no longer OWC
  - He has forgotten previous victories the Lord has given him
  - He is totally disoriented here as he has left supergrace and moved into rev.
  - No longer oriented to the fact that as long as God has a plan for your life, there is no way anyone can “touch you.”

- 21:3: David as a rev fugitive needs food and needs weapons; his soul continues to filled up with more HV/evil; reversionism is a process; he has lost track of God's plan.
- 21:4 – Table of Showbread (שֻׁלְחַן הַפָּנִים – SHULeCHAN HAPHANAIM)



All believers in CA are priests

Deity of JC

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Humanity of JC

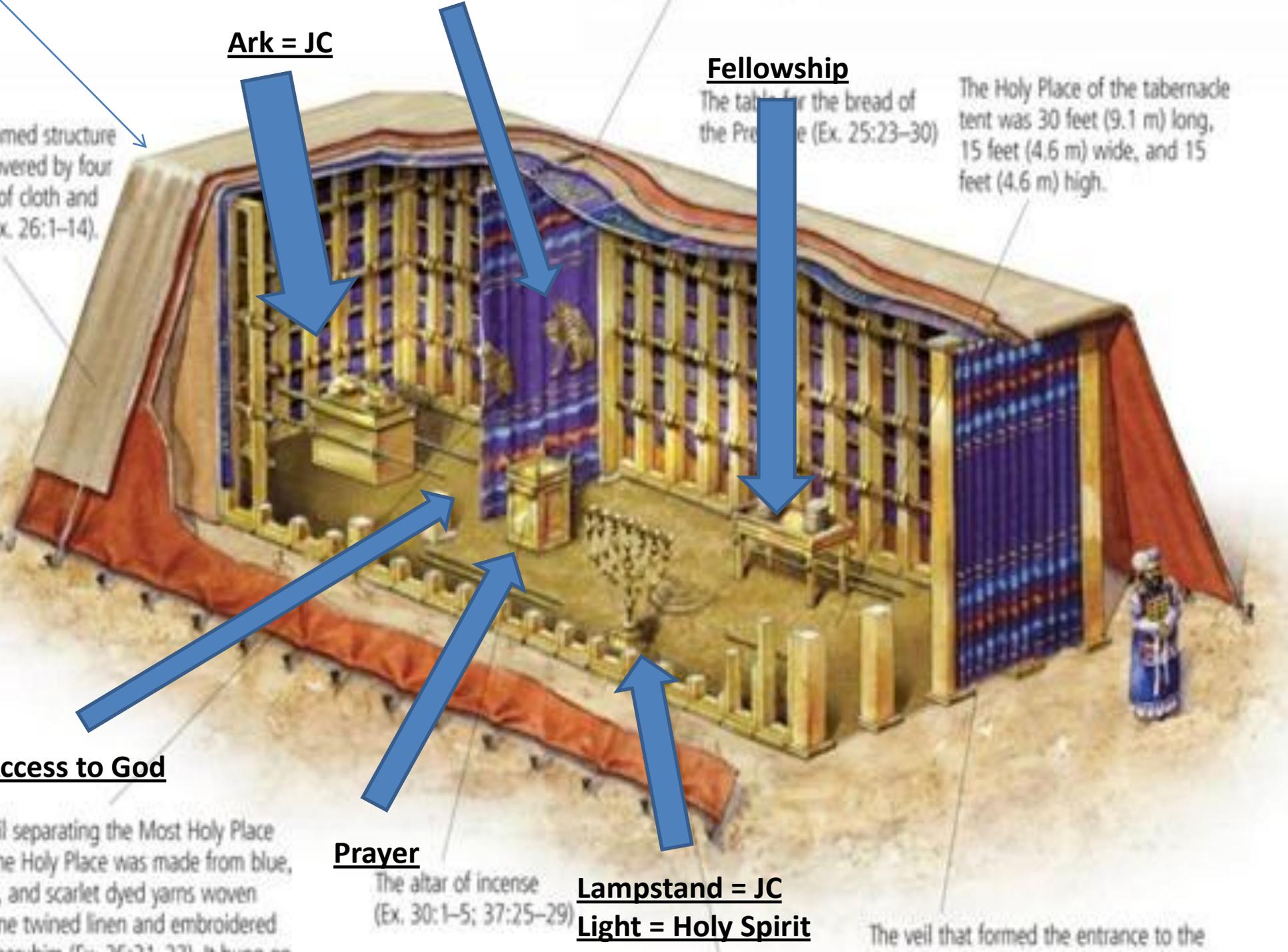
**HYPOSTATIC UNION**

Bread of Life = Sustainer of Life

Bread of [His] Face = Fellowship

Certain restrictions on eating the bread





**Ark = JC**

**Fellowship**

The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

...ed structure  
...vered by four  
...of cloth and  
... (Ex. 26:1-14).

The table for the bread of  
the Presence (Ex. 25:23-30)

**Access to God**

...il separating the Most Holy Place  
...e Holy Place was made from blue,  
... and scarlet dyed yarns woven  
...ne twined linen and embroidered  
... (Ex. 26:31, 32) It hung on

**Prayer**

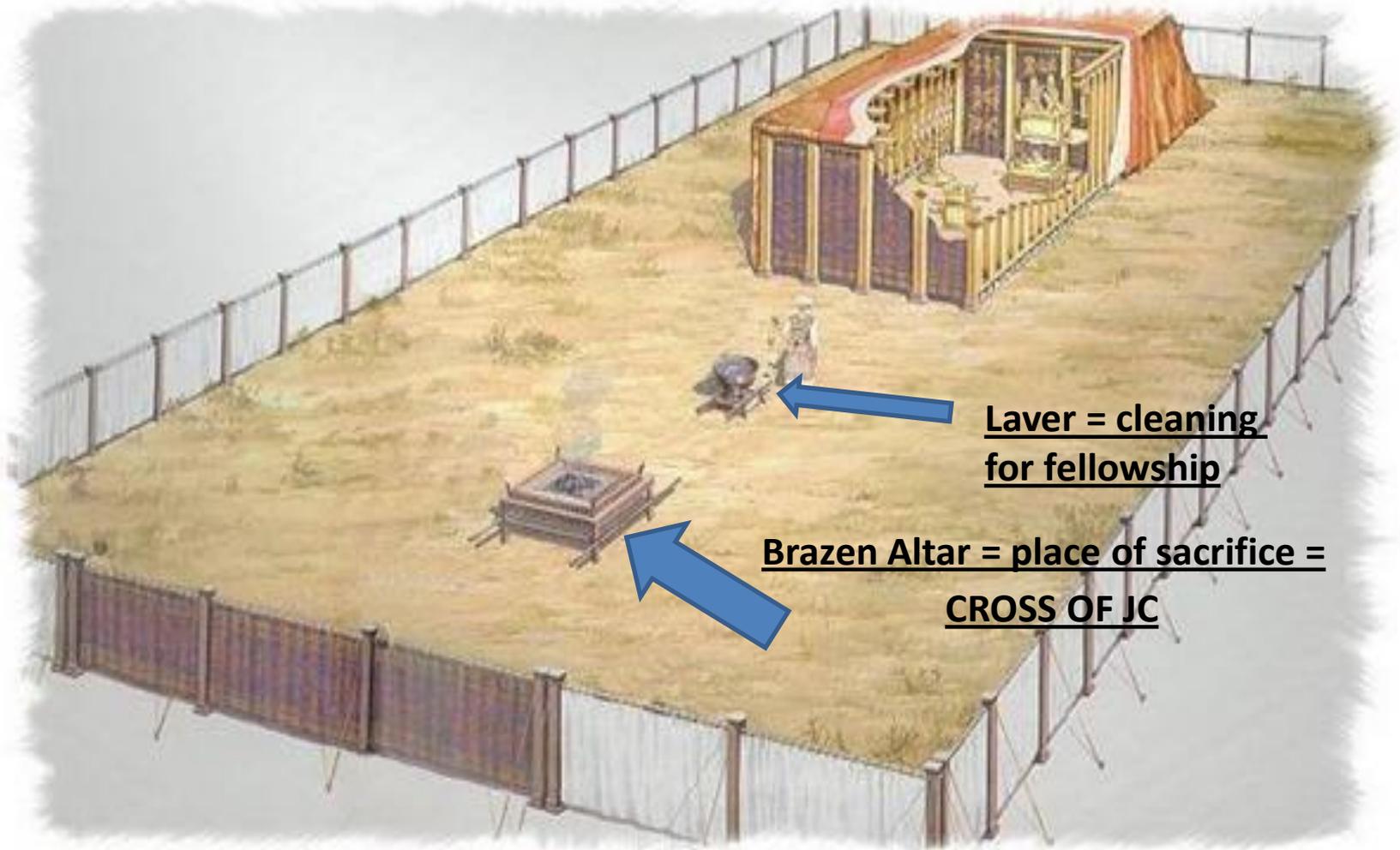
The altar of incense  
(Ex. 30:1-5; 37:25-29)

**Lampstand = JC**

**Light = Holy Spirit**

The veil that formed the entrance to the

## TABERNACLE : BRAZEN ALTAR AND LAVER



## Slide 13

## 1 SAM 21:5-9

- 21:5. Another lie of David
- 21:6. More on the Bread of Presence/Face.
- 21:7. Rev David meets another rev. Note that rev people are often very religious. Furthermore, Doeg had become very successful in Saul's court
- 21:8. Another lie by David. Note the *process* of reversionism, no dependence on the Lord; he is depending upon the resources of man
- 21:9. David is not the same man as he was last time he touched that sword. What good was the sword to rev Goliath?

The Ephod:



Goliath's Sword:



## Slide 14 1 Sam 21:10 – IN REVERSIONISM A PERSON GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE

- 21:10. In reversionism, things go from bad to worse for the believer
  - David is going from the frying pan to the fire
  - Hometown of Goliath
  - David flees to the enemies of Israel
  - Rev believers become friends with the enemies of God
  - Rev = Inconsistent and unstable
  - Only God can untangle the knot of reversionism
  - In rev the believer becomes pathological
  - Rev always changes the believer for the worse
  - Note how quickly David moves from SG to rev.
  - David went from no fear to a life fear of death

Slide 15

**1 Sam 22:6 -22, The massacre at Nob**

- 22:6-7. Note the false motivation provided by Saul.
- 22:8. Feeling sorry for self is rev and false basis for any love or motivation.
- 22:9-12. Rev. Doeg the Edomite
- 22:13-16. Accused and condemned for conspiracy
- 22:17. Note the inconsistency of Saul: would not kill of the enemies of God as commanded, but turns around and kills his own people—a whole city of priests---without batting an eye. Note the ramifications of rev and the lies from David.
- 22:18 – Not part of Israelites army, like the SS troopers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich.
- 22:19 – Because of David’s lie, 85 priests and an entire city are murdered---the most peaceful people of the country---were slaughtered. So horrible that Saul’s own men would have no part
- 22:22 – David’s momentary recovery as he takes responsibility here.

## **Psalm 52: The Psalm about Doeg the Edomite, the lover of evil**

- 52, superscription: “Maskil” has to do with instruction that leads to wisdom. We can learn from the lives of rev.
- **Psalm 52:1,**
  - Note David’s sarcasm in “mighty” man;
  - Rev always boast in evil (i.e. Doeg, “look what I did at Nob!”)
  - The priests were the teachers of the WOG/Christology
  - Temporary victory does not indicate victory (consider the Jews and crucifixion of JC);
  - Grace excludes all boasting human accomplishments
  - If you closely associate with a reversionist you will become like a rev and fall like a rev---which is why JC said He even divides families
  - It really is all about the grace of God; Doeg is filled with pride and brags of evil, but the grace of God continues on the earth for those who are willing
  - The two options of life are grace or arrogance
  - Only by growing in grace do we have the capacity for the blessings of God.

52:2. The problem of SOT where more sins are spread and do more damage than perhaps any other area---both in and outside of the church. This led to the massacre of the whole city. In rev people use their tongues like razors to cut and destroy others. They actually seek to hurt people as this is only source of happiness/fun. Consider politics and the media.

52:3. In reversionism people actually love evil. What a rotten soul! You can tell a lot about a person by what he or she really loves. The SOT are simply results of MAS. You can not entertain MAS without flirting with reversionism. Like Satan, rev love evil and Satan's cosmic system that excludes God. Selah = rest = think about this.

52:4. Center and focus of Doeg's life. He put together a lie that made Ahimelech look like a traitor and Saul ordered the executed of all, even the babies. He is but a tongue of deceit. To remain connected with a two-faced person is one of the worst things in life.

52:5. God will destroy all wickedness; reversionists will end up in the SUD. What the world gives you, you cannot keep.

52:6. Righteousness, positional vs experiential, and the need for the WOG. Everyone will see Doeg receive his just rewards. Fear = respect for God.

52:7. To establish God as your refuge is to become an overcomer. Instead of trusting in God, Doeg trusted in the DOL. The riches were given by Saul. Evil desires = Nob. Note the warning regarding monetary reversionism in NT: 1 Tim 6:10, 17-19.

52:8. The green olive tree is a symbol of great prosperity and longevity. Note how he connects it to the house of God – the tabernacle, the place of doctrine/Christology. The believer never loses when he makes BD the source of all of his blessings. Bible doctrine is always far more important than DOL. Your time in BD, reflects your value system.

52:9. Note the orientation to grace with “you have done it.” Note the emphasis on faith with “I will wait” (the strongest word for faith).

1. Root Hebrew words are CHASAD, CHESED, AND CHASIYD. As a noun in its earliest usage it was used of a stork to represent the intense & loyal “love” to its offspring. They became proverbial for exhibiting parental love & thus became a symbol of storks delivering babies.
2. Chesed, loyal love, is used for the loyal love of God for those who have His imputed +R acquired through faith. Chesed is an integral part of God’s innate Essence and Attributes.
3. God’s Chesed is endless in time, space, and extent.
4. God’s Chesed is the basis for all protection of the believer in time and in eternity, and is the source of the reverse mantle of cursing on the enemies of the mature believer.

5. **From God's loyal love flow all of the blessings of the glory spectrum.**
6. **God desires a response of loyal love to Himself, His Word, and the POG.**
  - a. God looks for believers who rely on His loyal love,

**Psalm 33:18** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

b. As believers grow, God takes pleasure in those who continually depend upon His loyal love,

**Psalm 147:11** The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

c. God desires two things from believers: loyal love and knowledge of BD,

**Hosea 6:6** For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

d. When believers go into reversionism, it is because of the short duration of their loyal love towards God.

**Hosea 6:4** What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud, And like the dew which goes away early.

**7. God demands loyal love between husband and wife, Hos 2:19; Esther 2:9; 2:17; Ruth 1:8; 3:10. Even if your spouse is a total jerk!!**

**Ruth 3:10** Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

**Genesis 20:13** and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is the kindness which you will show to me: everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

**8. Friendship chesed/loyal love (given more space than all of the others combined)**

- Loyal love involves love for your friend equal to the love for self, 1 Sam 20:17.
- A friend will stand by his friend under any test and do what is necessary for his friend's well being, 1 Sam 20:4; Job 6:14.
  - **Job 6:14** "For the despairing man *there should be* kindness from his friend; Lest he forsake the fear of the Almighty.
- True friendship love includes speaking truth to your friend, even if it is unpleasant,
  - **Psalms 141:5** Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it, For still my prayer is against their wicked deeds.
- A true friend remains loyal under the crisis of his friend, though that loyalty may demand separation during the period of the friend's rev, 1 Sam 20:9-13
- Even family members are subordinated to this loyal love between friends, when the family member is wrong biblically, 1 Sam 20:12-13.
- Loyal love to a friend extends to his children (family) as well as to himself--- when the family member is wrong, 1 Sam 20:14-15; 2 Sam 9:13.

**9. Blessings of Loyal love**

**a. Chesed is totally devoid of jealousy, 1 Sam 20:14-15.**

**1 Samuel 20:14** "And if I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? <sup>15</sup> "And you shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

**b. Chesed friendship love is priceless, Prov 20:6.**

**Proverbs 20:6** Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy man?

**c. Parents are to teach loyal love to their children, Prov 31:26.**

**Proverbs 31:26** She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

**d. The believer's capacity for loyal love is developed through Bible doctrine as he continues to ground his life and being into the very being of God Himself, Prov 21:21.**

*Proverbs 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor.*

**e. When believers are disciplined, it is always in loyal love, Lam 3:32; Psa 106:45.**

*Lamentations 3:22 The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.*

*Psalms 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.*

**f. Loyal love is a great source of comfort in times of testing, Psa 119:124.**

*Psalms 119:124 Deal with Thy servant according to Thy lovingkindness, And teach me Thy statutes.*