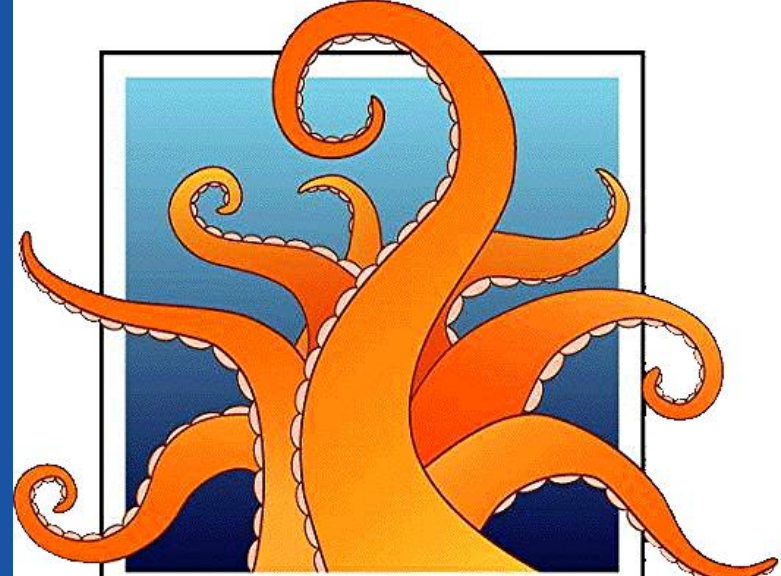
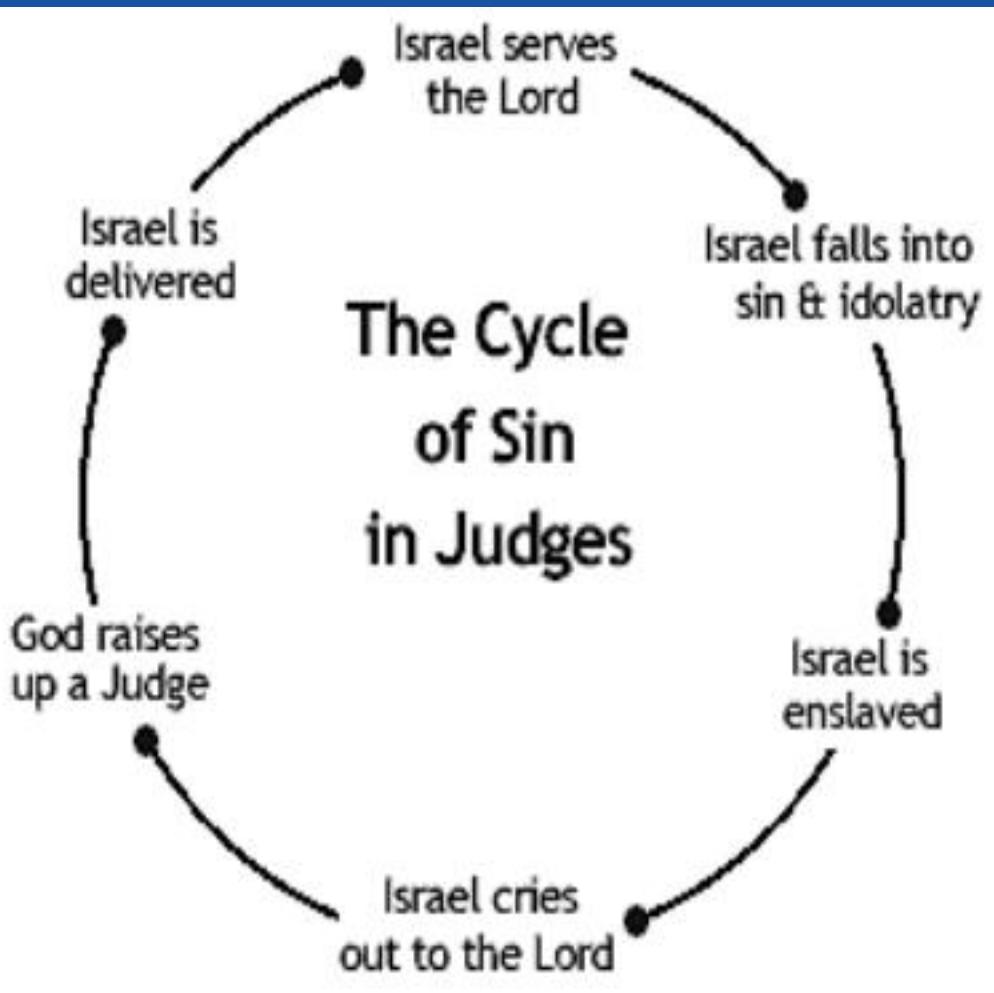


DOES GOD WANT ISRAEL TO HAVE A KING?

- The tentacles of this issue stretch out in many directions
- How are we to understand the dilemma of Samuel and Kings?
- Israel always seemed to be in denial about their idolatry
- Israel did NOT stop loving the Lord, but they did add pagan practices to their worship and social practices



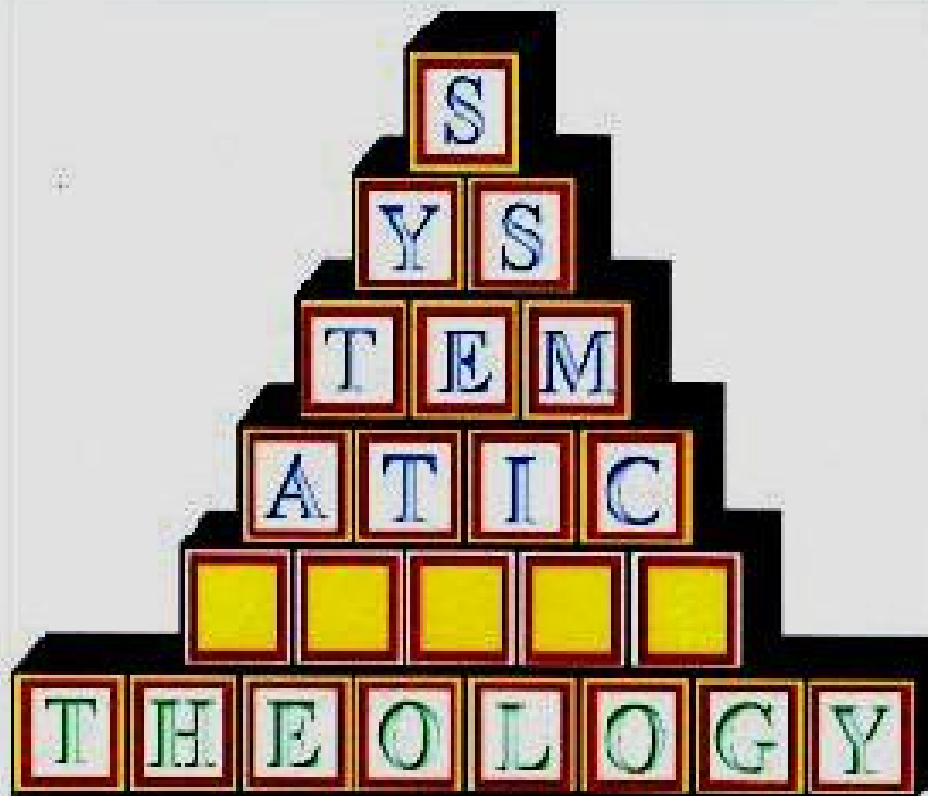
WE ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM THE CYCLE OF SIN



- *Ecclesia* = Greek for congregation, church
- Only question is, are we in the final cycle?
- NO DOUBT that we are in the “apostasy” stage, and are entering the “oppression” stage
- We usually think apostasy is for the “other Christian”
- Each Israelite also thought he/she was OK, it was the other guy who was at fault

THE ORTHODOX HERETIC

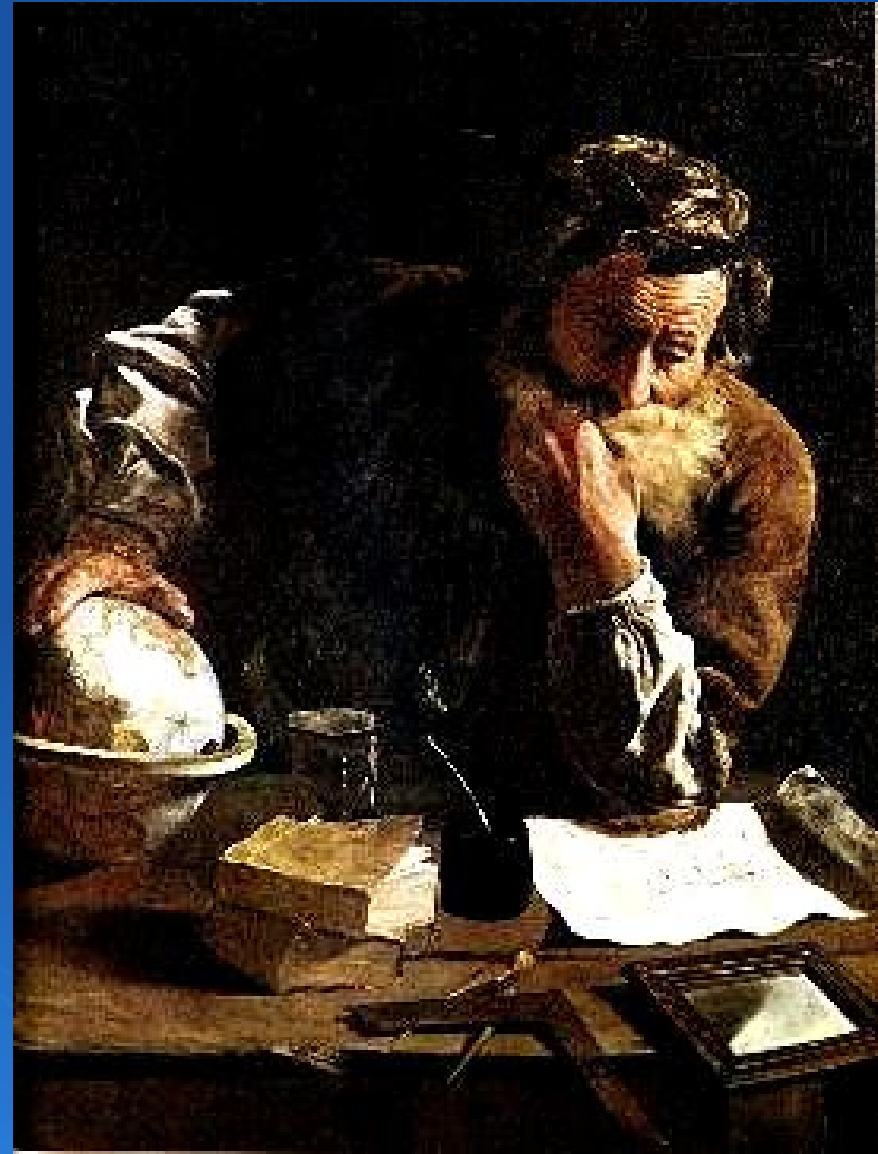
AND OTHER
IMPOSSIBLE TALES



- 2 Major innovations in Christianity: Orthodoxy/heresy & Systematic Theology
- Both are MANMADE
- NOTHING inherently wrong about either
- BUT....can be used for evil or good
- Differences between various church orthodoxies can be miniscule or HUGE

THE GOD OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT WAS THE HUMAN INTELLECT

- Attempt to “gut” the church of spirit and faith
- Church reacted with MODERN Systematic Theology
- Christianity defined by 10 elements
- The new route to forming Christian orthodoxy
- Literary Critics say Samuel and Kings can't be trusted due to conflict between God wanting AND NOT wanting a King for Israel at the same time



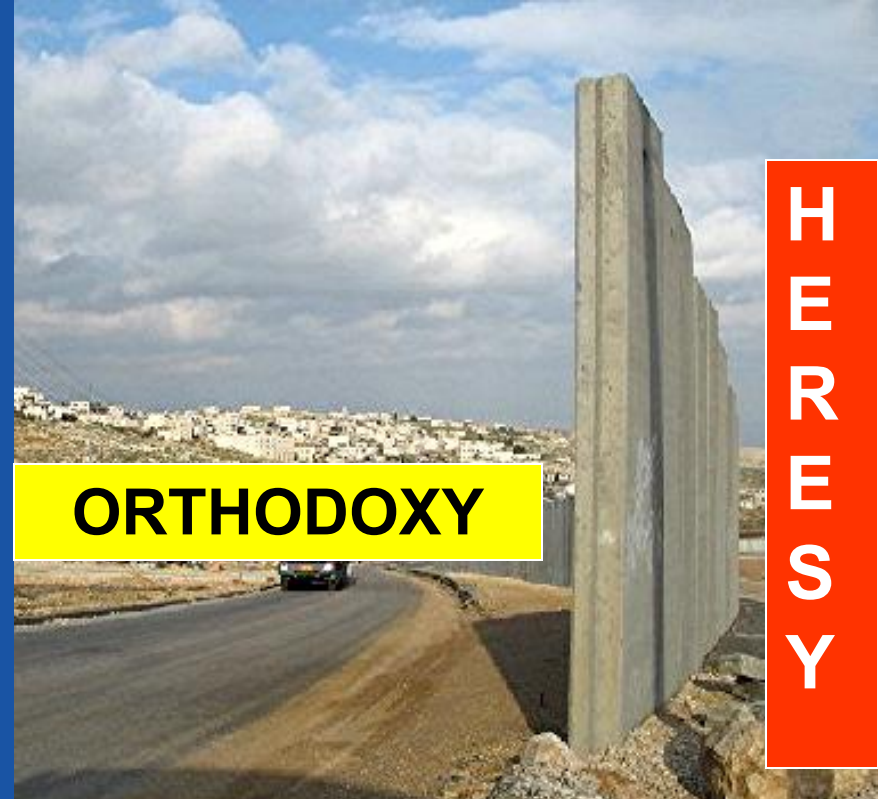
NO GRAY ALLOWED



- “I don’t know” OR “either a, b, c” is not acceptable
- Examples: The Law, eternal security, the Sabbath, deity of Christ
- Many verses of Scripture speak of about each
- Each verse speaks about a slightly different aspect of the subject
- Systematic Theology requires the use of the ONE BEST answer as defined by the denominational leadership

CREATING A SYSTEMATIC ORTHODOXY

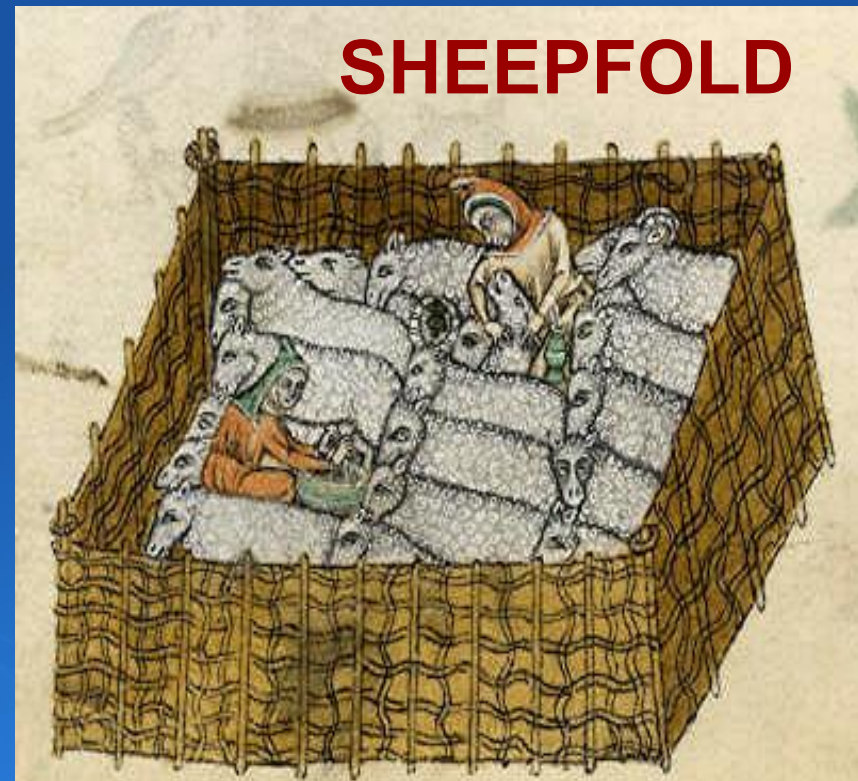
- A wall is created with truth on one side and error on the other side
- Systematic Car orthodoxy:
- 1) Car is to transport people
- 2) Cars carry 4 people
- 3) Cars are white
- 4) Cars have 4 doors
- Car Orthodoxy is the SUM of the ONE BEST answer to each category question



DOES THE BIBLE CREATE A WALL OR A SHEEPFOLD?



- Ancient Hebrew scholars and 1st generation Church saw Scriptures as a Sheepfold
- This is the path back to the days before orthodoxy/heresy took over
- Sheepfold creates an AREA inside which a sheep can freely operate in safety



THE FILTER OF ORTHODOXY/HERESY

- We need to refrain from seeing each theological subject as a 1-sided coin
- How can good bible scholars come up with so many opposing answers to theological questions?
- ***“My verse is better than your verse.....”***
- This is NOT about tolerance or accepting liberal non-Scriptural doctrines
- Sheepfold HAS an outside!!



CREATING A SCRIPTURAL SHEEPFOLD

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GAL 5:18



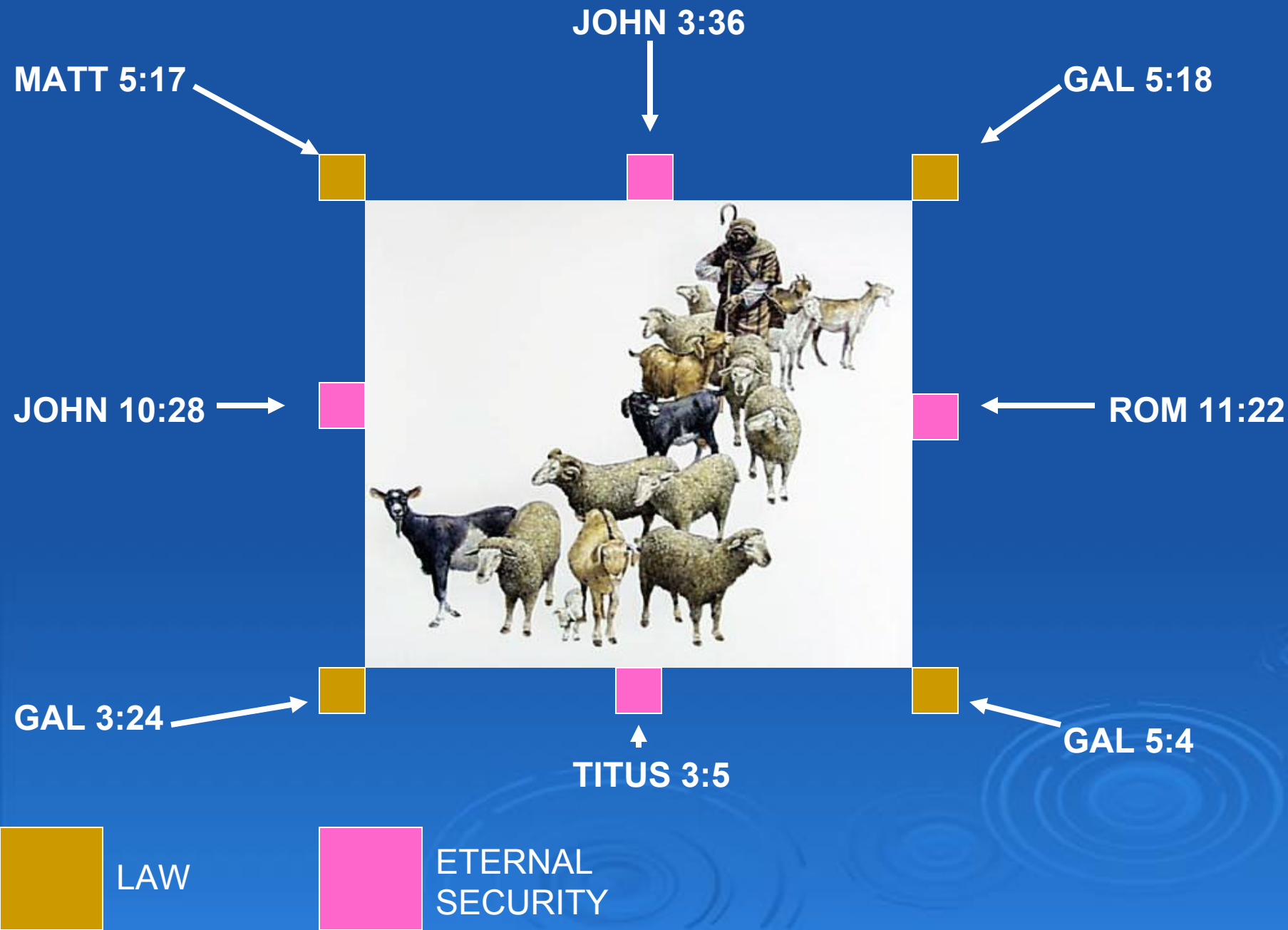
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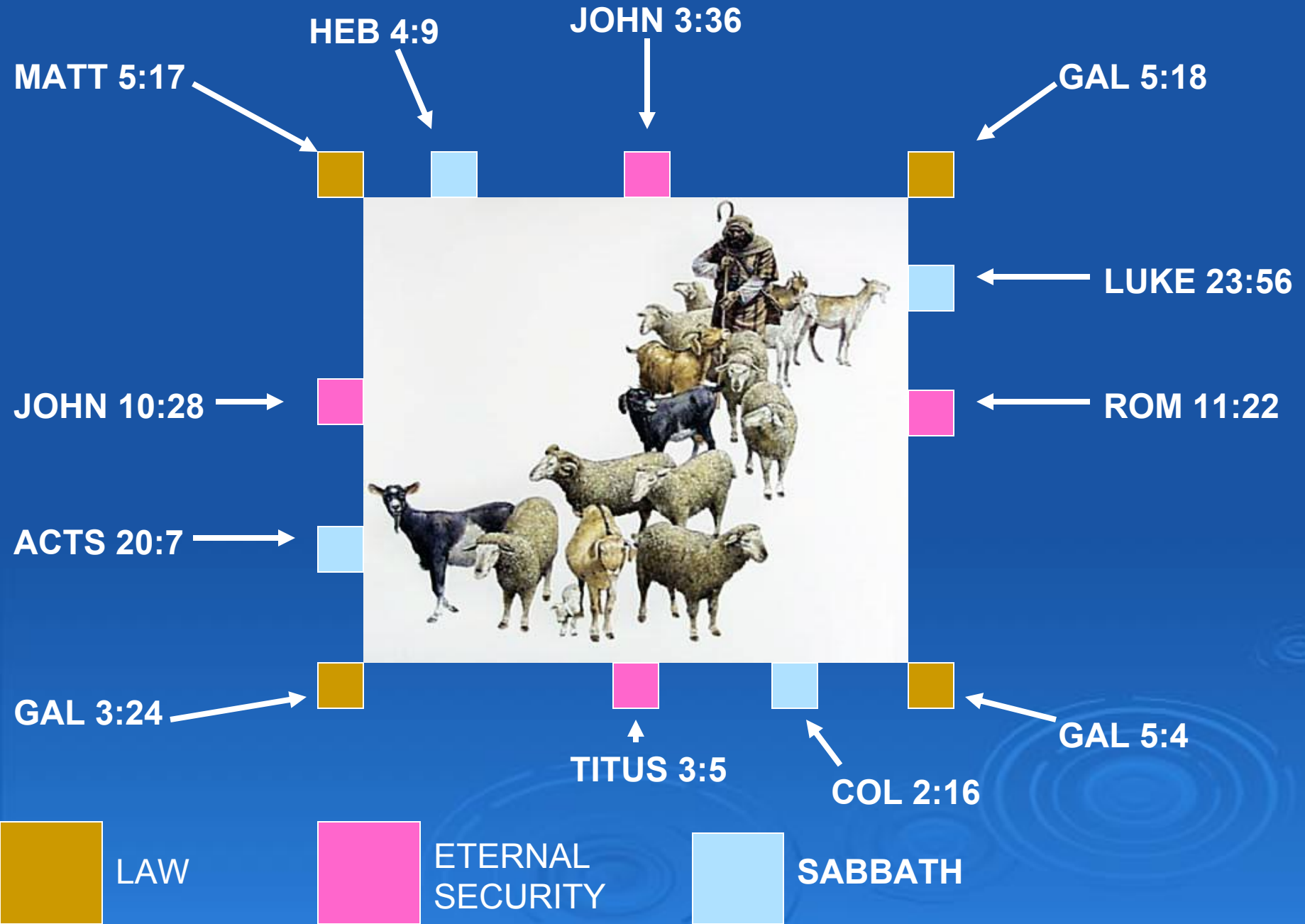
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