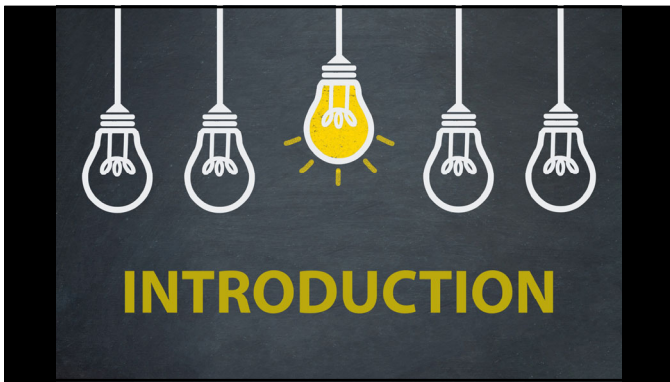


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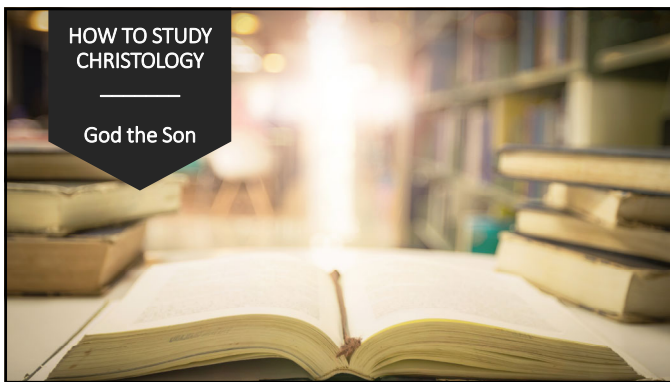
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Key Ideas to Study

- Distinguishing the Person (Father, Son, Spirit)
- The Attributes / Who God is
- The Actions / What He Says & What He Does

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UNDERSTANDING JESUS IN THE TRINITY

Avoiding Heresy

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CHURCH COUNCILS (Thinking RIGHTLY about Jesus)

- **Apostles' Creed (3rd-4th Centuries)**
- And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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CHURCH COUNCILS (Thinking RIGHTLY about Jesus)

• Council of Nicaea (AD 325)

• Defending the Deity of Christ against Arianism

• And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

• Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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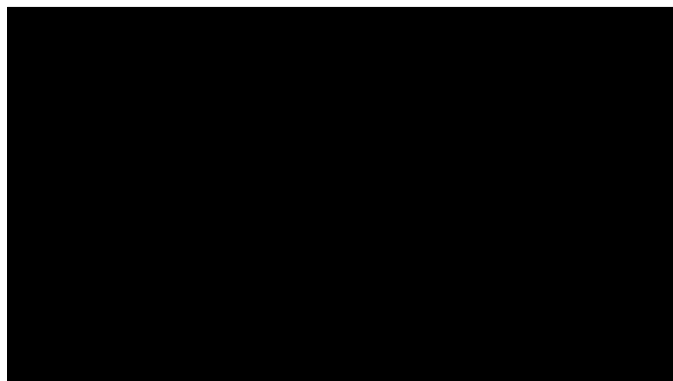
• Chalcedonian Creed (AD 451)

• Defended the two natures of Christ

• We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin, begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

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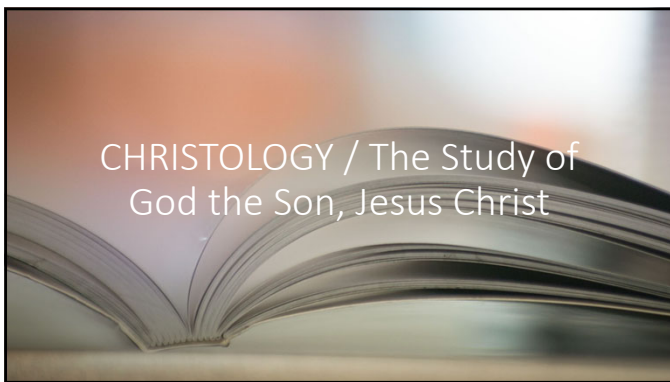


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THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST (Our Beliefs)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. (John 1:1-2; John 1:14; Luke 1:35) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Romans 3:24-25; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9; Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:34; I John 1:1-2) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shall return to the earth at an hour known only to the Heavenly Father, and that because the time of His coming is hidden, believers should live in a state and attitude of constant readiness for His return. We believe that in God's proper time there shall be a Tribulation period, and thereafter the Lord Jesus Christ shall set up His Millennial Kingdom on the earth.

(Titus 2:15; John 14:3; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-6; I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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Jesus Christ

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- Death/Resurrection
- 2nd Return / Millennial Kingdom
- Future Glory
- Pictures & Types



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**Eternity Past /
Before
Creation**

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

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Eternity Past /
Before
Creation

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. **17** He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

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Eternity Past /
Before
Creation

John 17:5 “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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Eternity Past /
Before
Creation

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD

Psalms 2:7 “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

John 1:18, John 3:16, John 3:18, Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5, Hebrews 5:5, 1 John 4:9

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Eternity Past /
Before
Creation

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

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Eternity Past /
Before
Creation

INCARNATIONAL SONSHIP
 • Sonship begins at the incarnation
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PRE-INCARNATE ENCOUNTERS

- **FATHER** → **John 1:18 (NKJV) 18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- **SON?**
- **HOLY SPIRIT** → **Holy Spirit** never appears as a person (like a dove, like tongues of fire...)

Divine attributes, Divine Names, Authority = God, Worship as God


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APPEARANCE	PASSAGE	PURPOSE
Adam & Eve	Gen. 3:8, 21	Confront sin & Clothe/Gospel
Word of the Lord	Genesis 15:1-6	Abraham & Covenant
Angel of the Lord	Gen. 16:7-13 Exodus 3:2-6	Hagar Moses & Burning Bush
Angel of God	Gen. 31:11-13 Daniel 3:25	Jacob's Dream Lamb Nebuchadnezzar & the Fire with Daniel's 3 Friends
Commander of the Lord's Army	Josh. 5:13-15	Jericho's Fall
Angel of His	Isaiah 63:9	With Moses Egypt &

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▪ Now the **LORD** came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."


1 SAMUEL
3:10
SAMUEL



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▪ 4 But it happened that night that the **word of the LORD** came to Nathan, saying, 5 "Go and tell My servant David, "Thus says the **LORD**: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 6 For **I** have not dwelt in a house since the time that **I** brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.


2 SAMUEL
7:4-8
NATHAN
&
DAVID



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▪ 11 Then the **word of the LORD** came to Solomon, saying: 12 "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which **I spoke to your father David**.

1 KINGS
6:11-12
SOLOMON



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Prophet	Ministered To	In the Years	Explicit Visit by the Word of the Lord
Obadiah	Edom	850–840 B.C.	X (VISION)
Joel	Judah	835–796 B.C.	YES
Jonah	Ninevah	784–774 B.C.	YES
Amos	Israel	763–755 B.C.	X (VISION, Possibly Amos 7:16)
Hosea	Israel	755–710 B.C.	YES
Isaiah	Judah	739–680 B.C.	YES
Micah	Judah	735–710 B.C.	YES
Nahum	Ninevah	650–630 B.C.	X (ORACLE)

WORD OF THE LORD

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Prophet	Ministered To	In the Years	Explicit Visit by the Word of the Lord
Zephaniah	Judah	635–625 B.C.	YES
Jeremiah	Judah	627–570 B.C.	YES
Habakkuk	Judah	620–605 B.C.	X (ORACLE)
Daniel	Babylon	605–536 B.C.	X
Ezekiel	Babylon	593–570 B.C.	YES
Haggai	Judah	520–505 B.C.	YES
Zechariah	Judah	520–470 B.C.	YES
Malachi	Judah	437–417 B.C.	YES

WORD OF THE LORD

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Summary of Activities

- Creation
- Revelation (Prophecy, Law, etc.)
- Redemption (Deliverance, Protection)
- Judgment (punishment, plagues)

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OT PROPHECY

- See Handout

MESSIAH

- **Prophet** (Deut. 18:15-22)
- **Priest** (Psalm 110:4)
- **King** (1 Chronicles 22:10)



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GOD-MAN

JESUS' DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

- See Handout

JESUS' HUMANITY

- **Luke 2:52** And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
- **Mark 13:32** "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.
- **Acts 1:7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;



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KENOSIS
"emptied himself"

And Can It Be?
Author: Charles Wesley
Composer: Thomas Campbell
Tune: Sagina (Campbell)

1 *And can it be that I should gain*
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

2 *He left His Father's throne above,*
So free, so infinite His grace!

Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.

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"emptied himself"

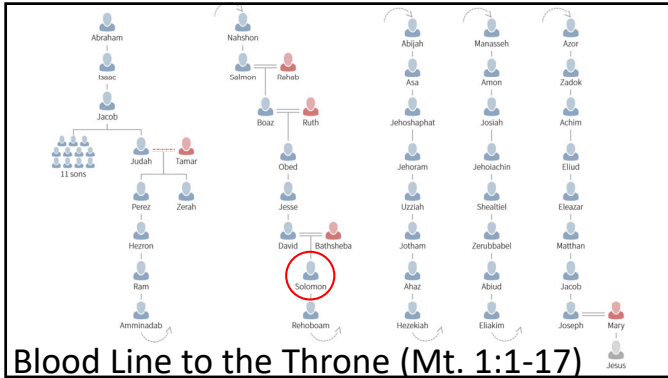
- **Philippians 2:7** but made Himself of **no reputation** (*κενόω (kenoō)*), taking the form of a bondservant, and
- Christ willingly yielded the independent use of his divine attributes to the will of his heavenly Father.

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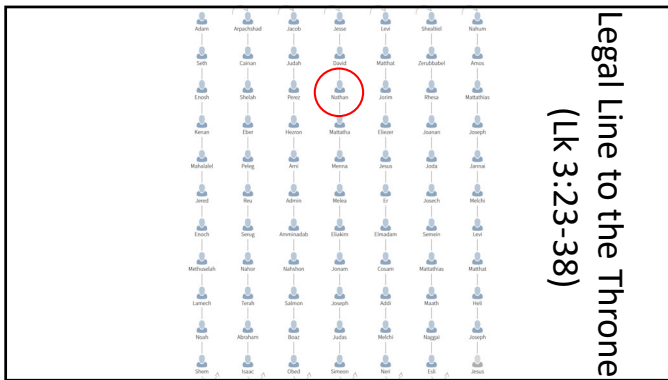
VIRGIN BIRTH

- **Isaiah 7:14** "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
- **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
- **Matthew 1:22** Fulfillment
- **Galatians 4:4** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

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Hypostatic Union

- In other words, the hypostatic union consists of the two natures of Christ in one theanthropic (God-man) person.
- This union maintains Christ's deity undiminished and his humanity unexalted.

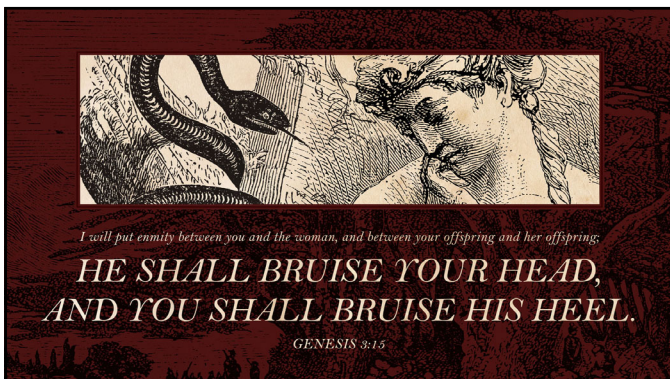
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WHY FOUR GOSPELS	
"David, a righteous Branch, a king" (Jer. 23:5; 33:15)	The Gospel of Matthew: kingly aspect
"My servant the Branch" (Zech. 3:8)	The Gospel of Mark: servant aspect
"The man, whose name is Branch" (Zech. 6:12)	The Gospel of Luke: human aspect
"The Branch of Yahweh" (Isa. 4:2)	The Gospel of John: divine aspect

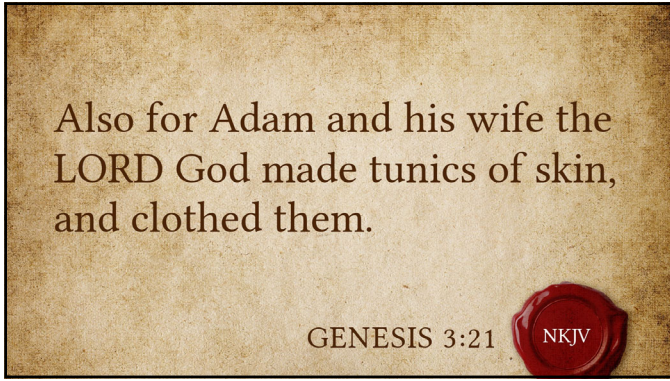
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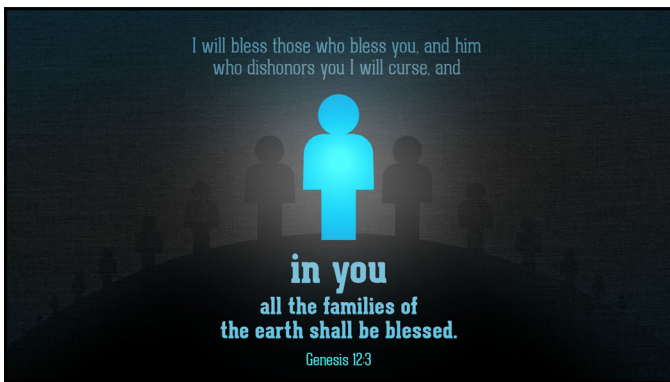
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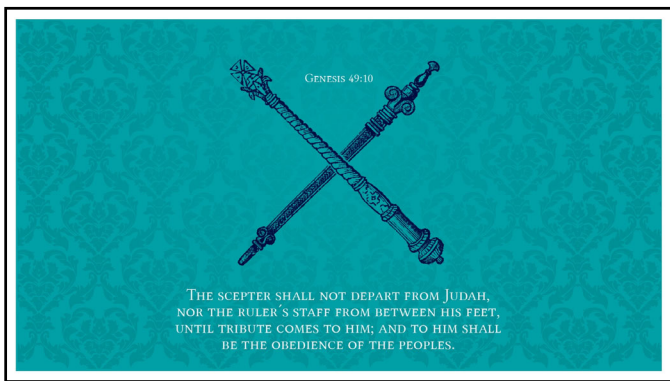
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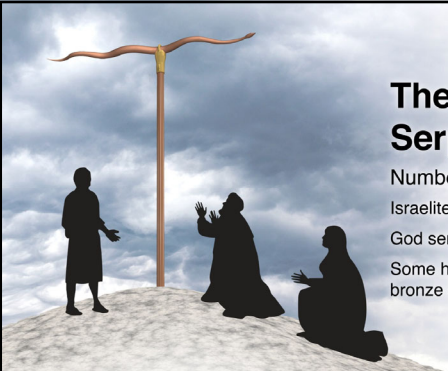
For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

EXODUS 12:23



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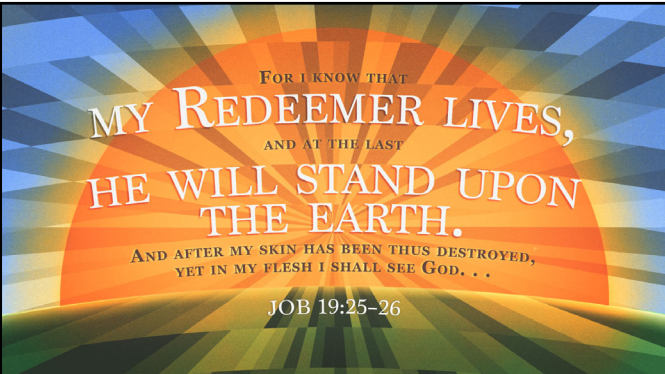
The Bronze Serpent

Numbers 21:4-9

Israelites spoke against God
God sent serpents, many died
Some healed by looking at the bronze serpent

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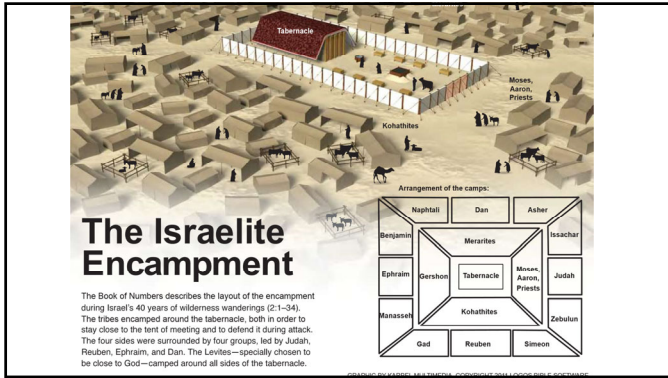
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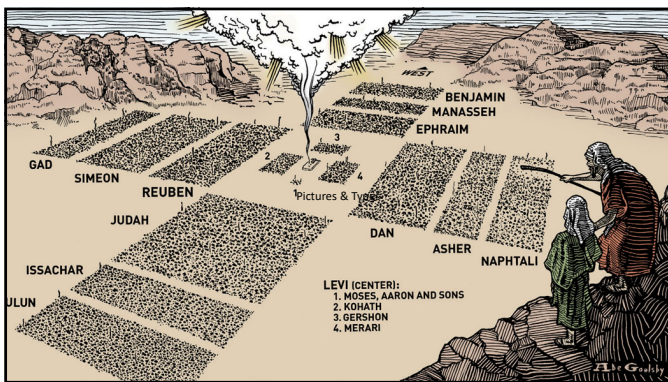
FOR I KNOW THAT
MY REDEEMER LIVES,
AND AT THE LAST
**HE WILL STAND UPON
THE EARTH.**
AND AFTER MY SKIN HAS BEEN THUS DESTROYED,
YET IN MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD. . .

JOB 19:25-26

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