

Theophany in Revelation

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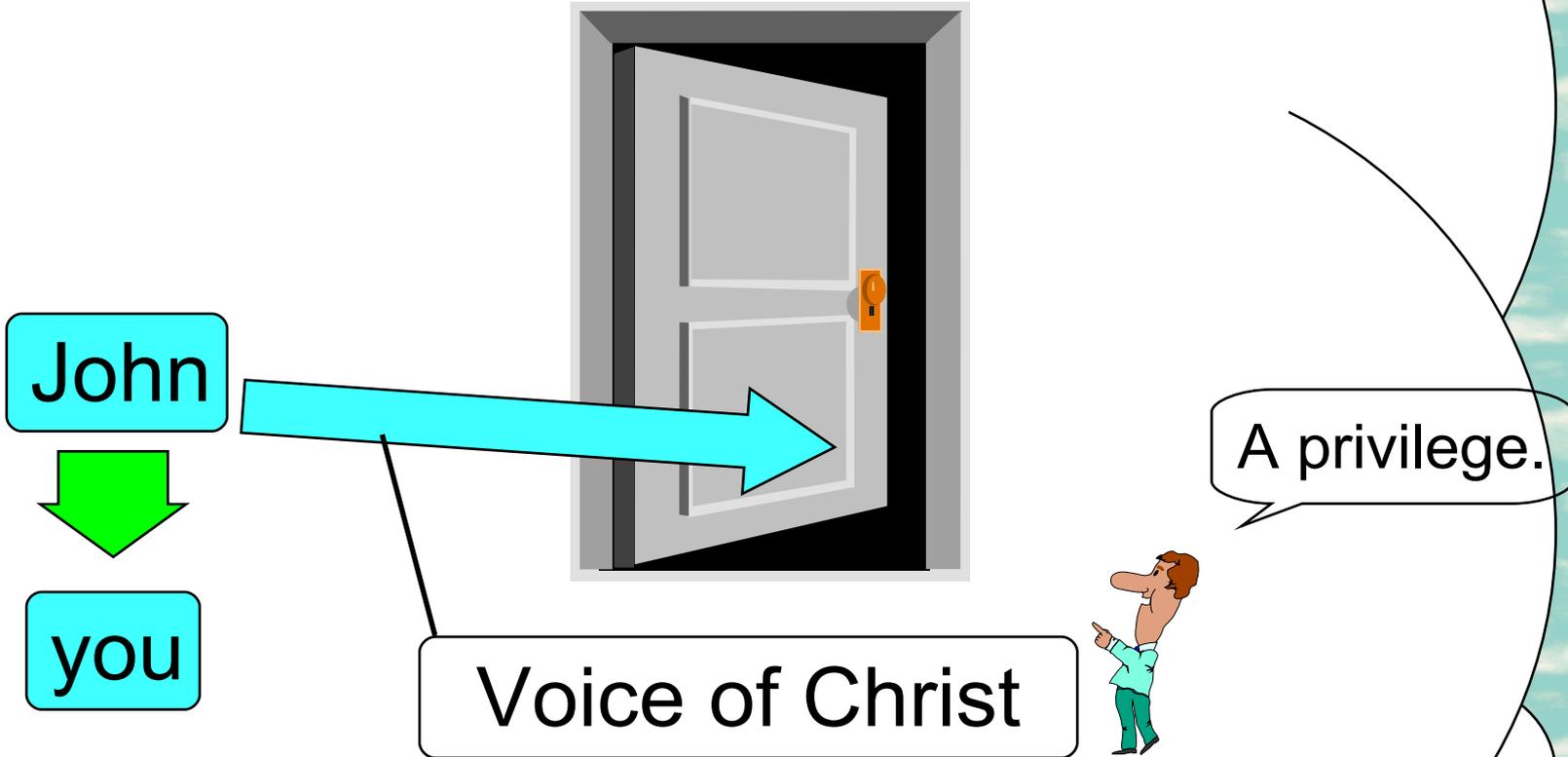
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A. God's Control

“Come Up Here” (4:1)



- **Through Christ you have access to God.**

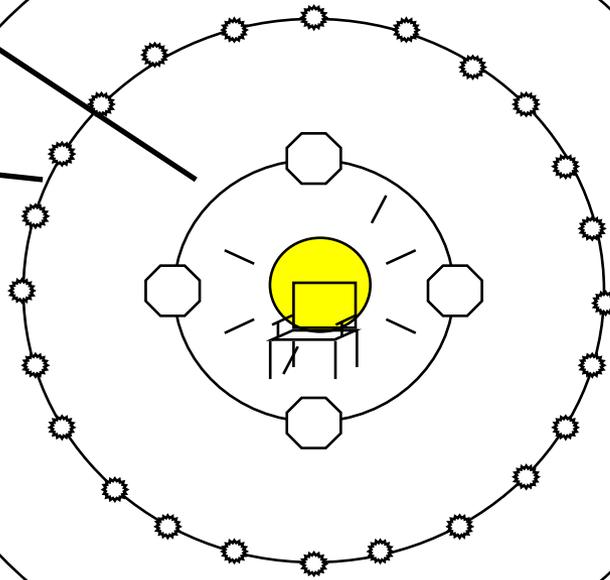
God Centered Universe

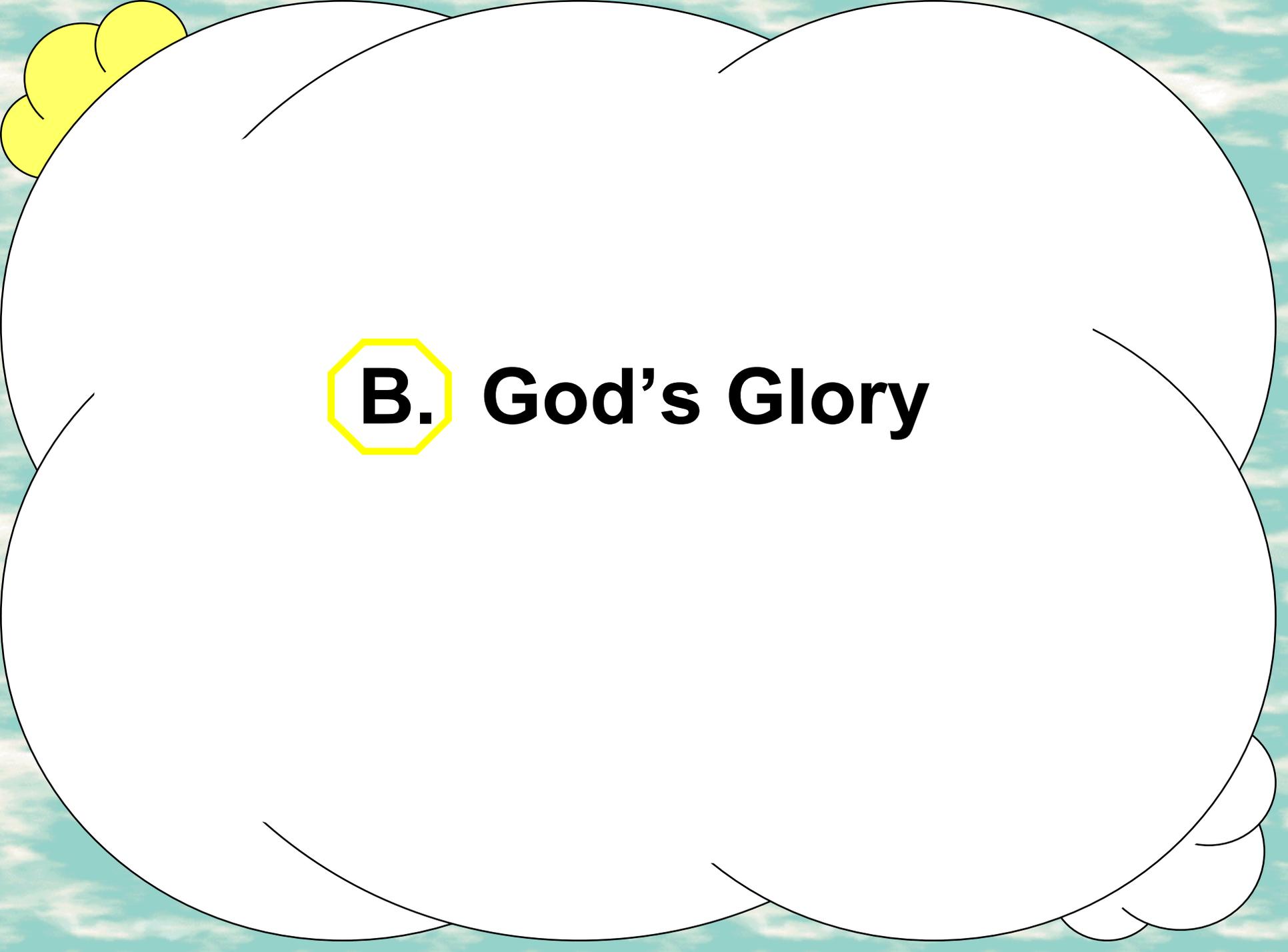
4 living creatures

24 elders

myriads of angels

every creature
in heaven, earth,
under the earth, sea

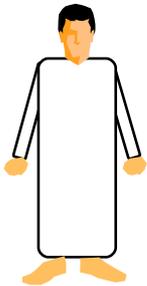




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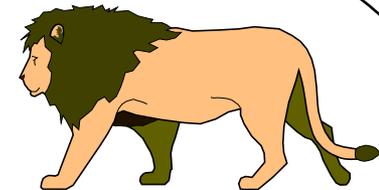
Worship in Heaven and Earth

Heaven:



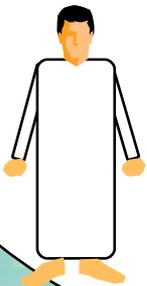
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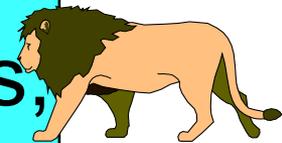
Earth:



12 OT tribes

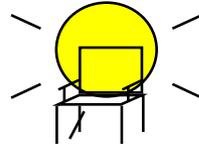
12 NT apostles

many animals,
plants

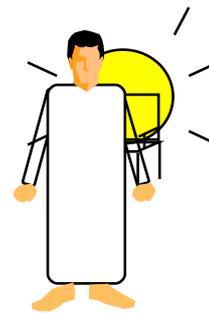


Light Reflected

- **God (4:5; 1:16)**



- **Angels (1:20)**



(1 John 1:5)

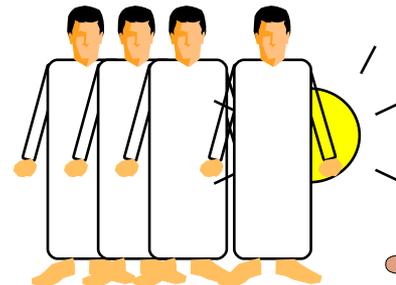
- **Stars (1:20; 1:16)**



- **Temple lamps (1:20)**



- **The churches (1:20)**



- **You (Matt. 5:14, 16)**

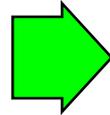
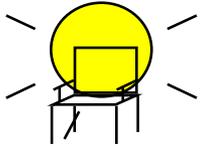
A reflection.

- **The call to witness**

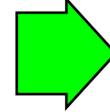


Kingship Reflected

God



angelic
court



heaven
and earth

image

Adam

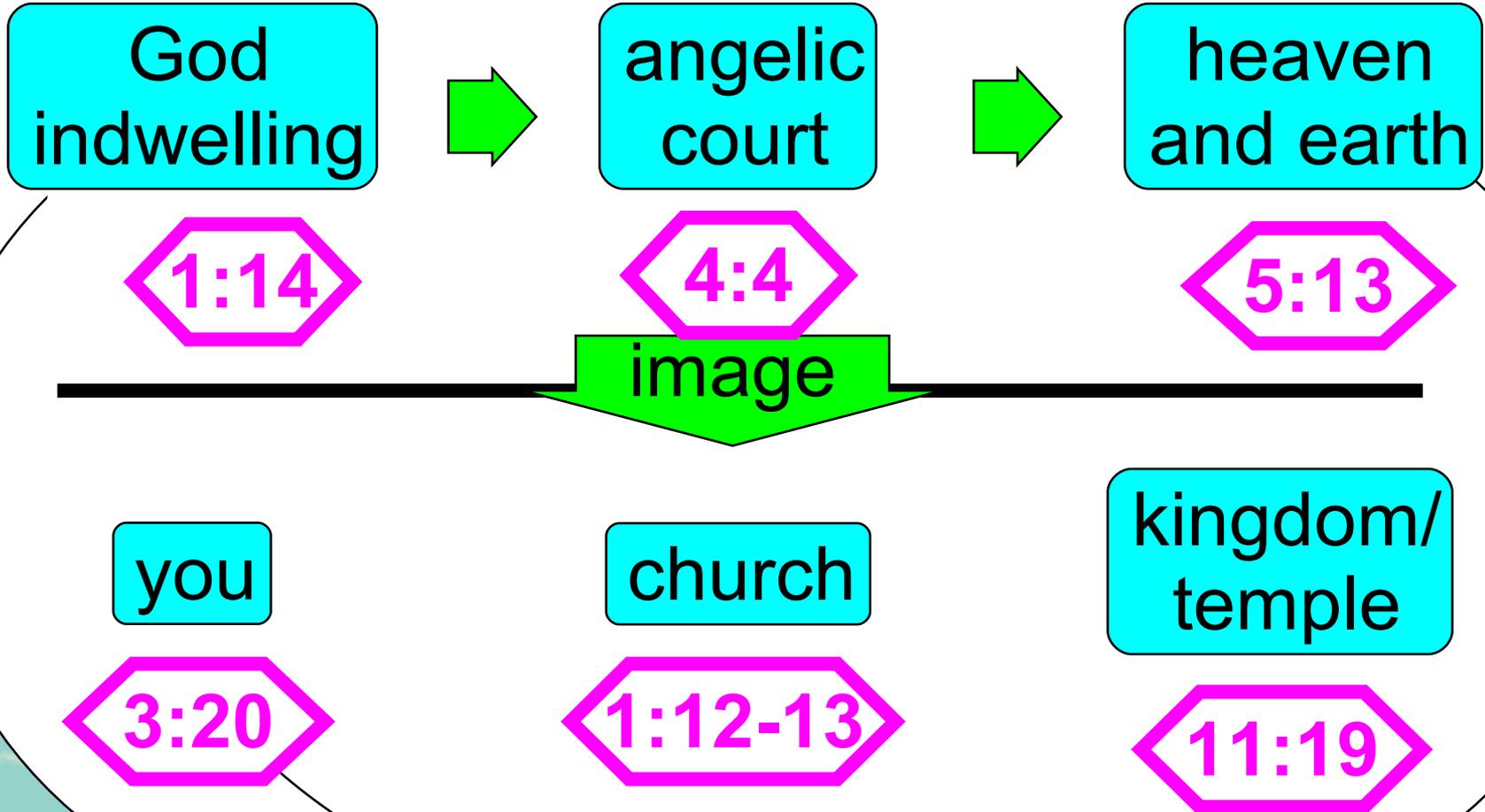


other
people

Eden

earth

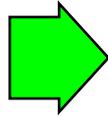
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Beauty Reflected

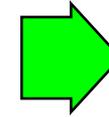
God

Rev. 4:3;
splendor



angelic
court

Ezek. 1:16



heaven
and earth

Rev.
21:19-21

you

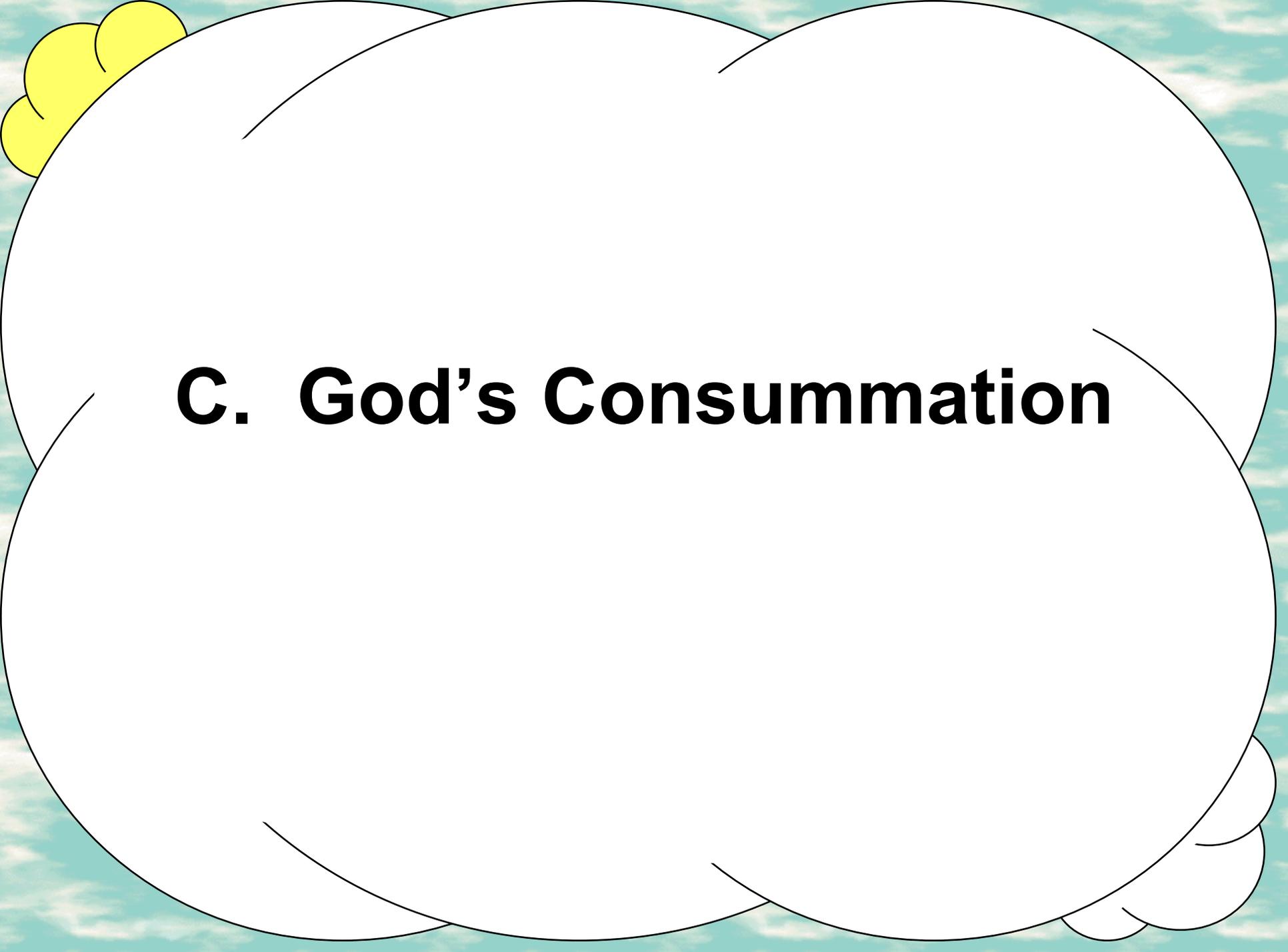
Exod.
28:15-21

church

Isa. 61:10;
62:3

kingdom

Rev.
21:19-21

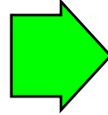


C. God's Consummation

Completed Reflection

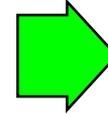
God
indwelling

22:1



angelic
court

21:12



heaven
and earth

21:23

you

22:4

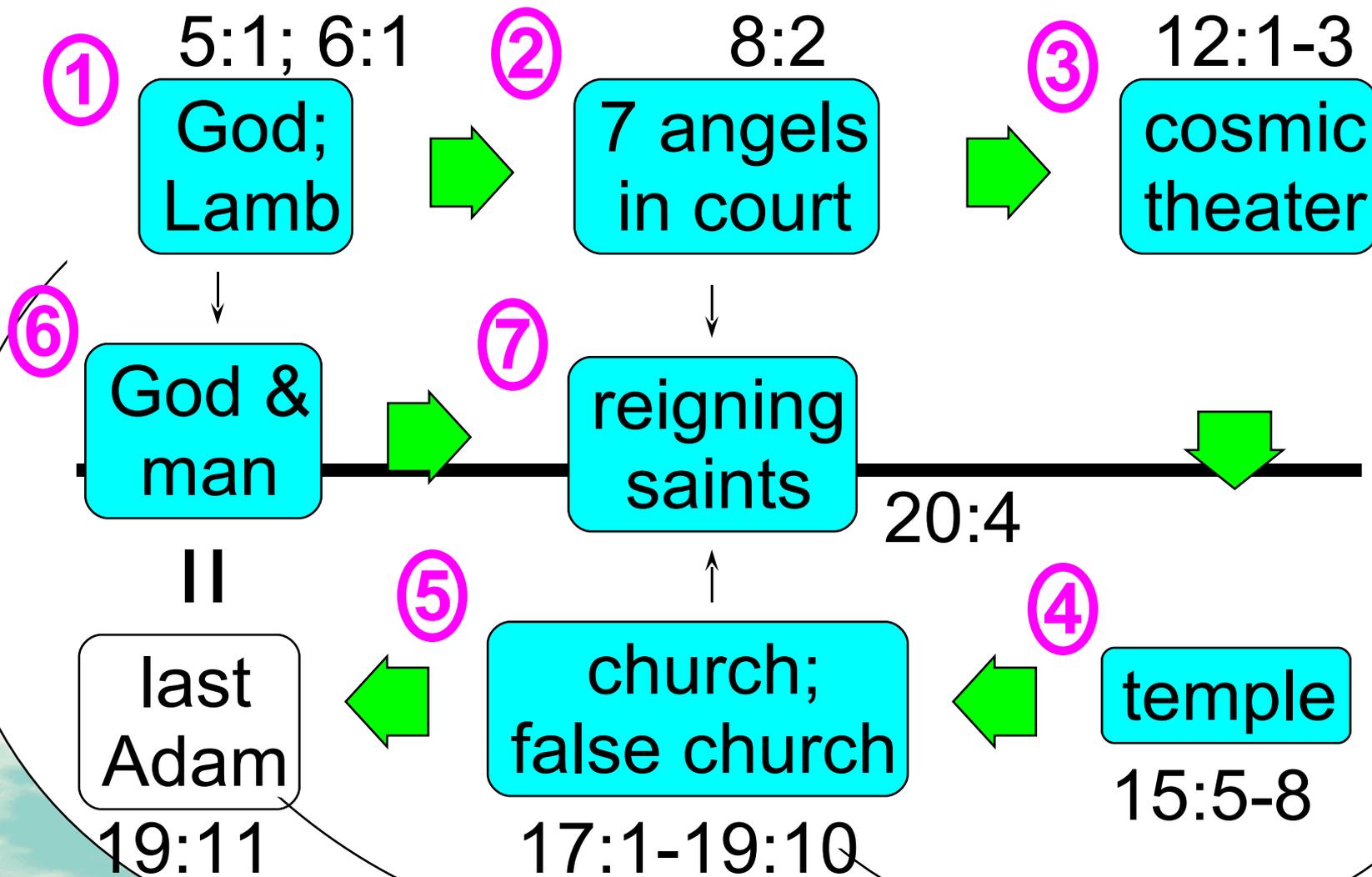
church

1:12-13

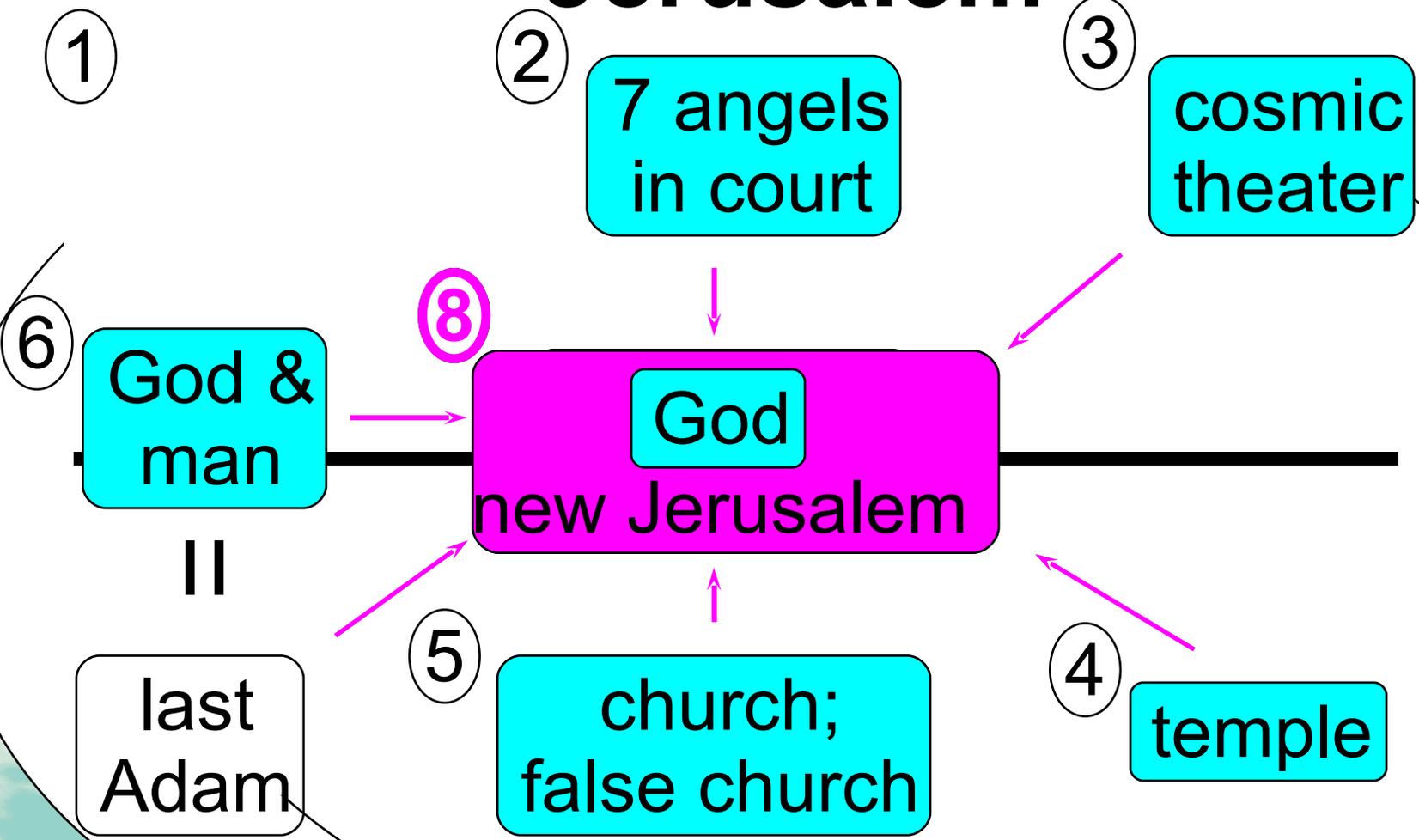
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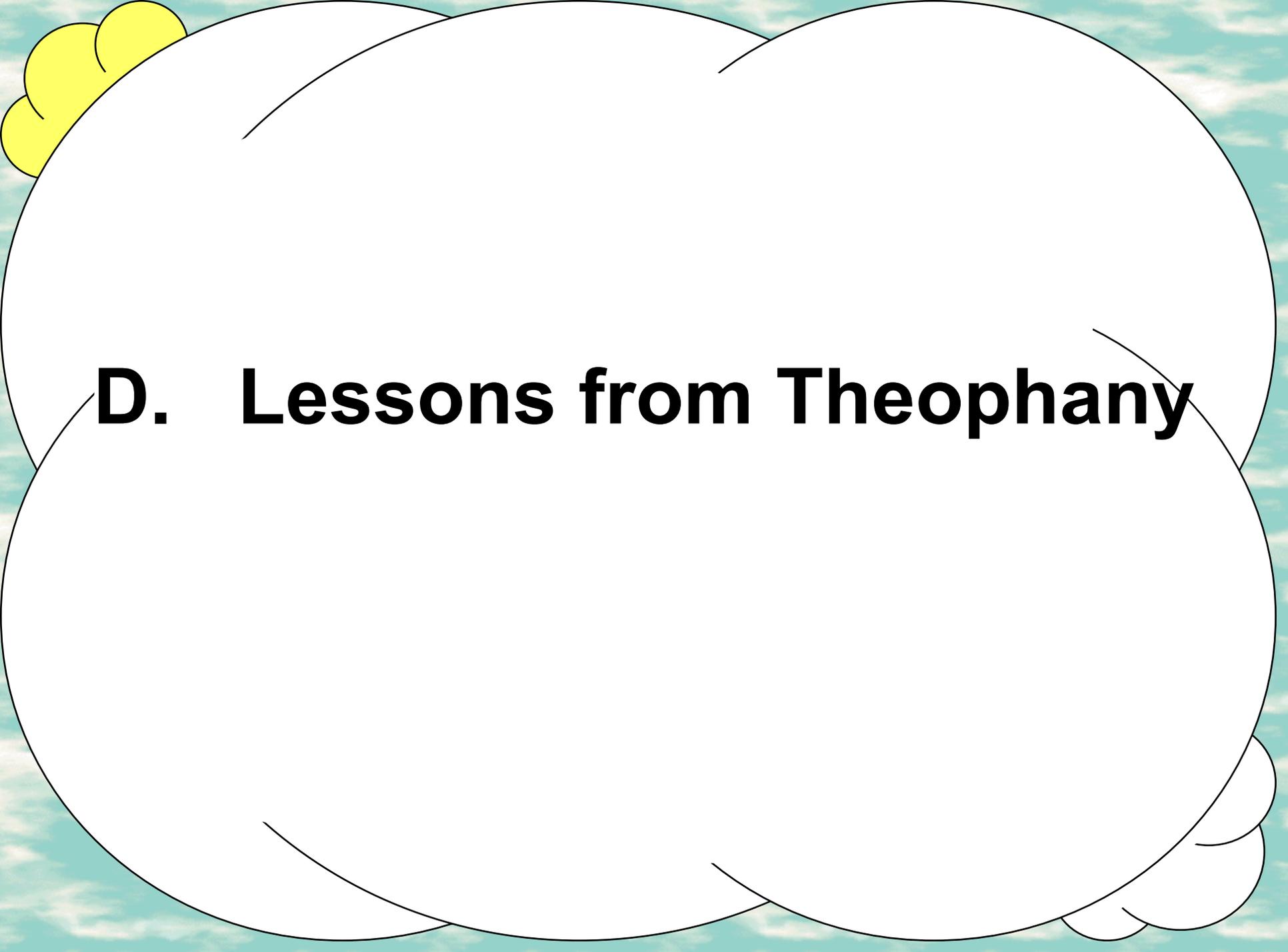
21:16

7 Cycles Follow Reflection



Final Reflection: New Jerusalem



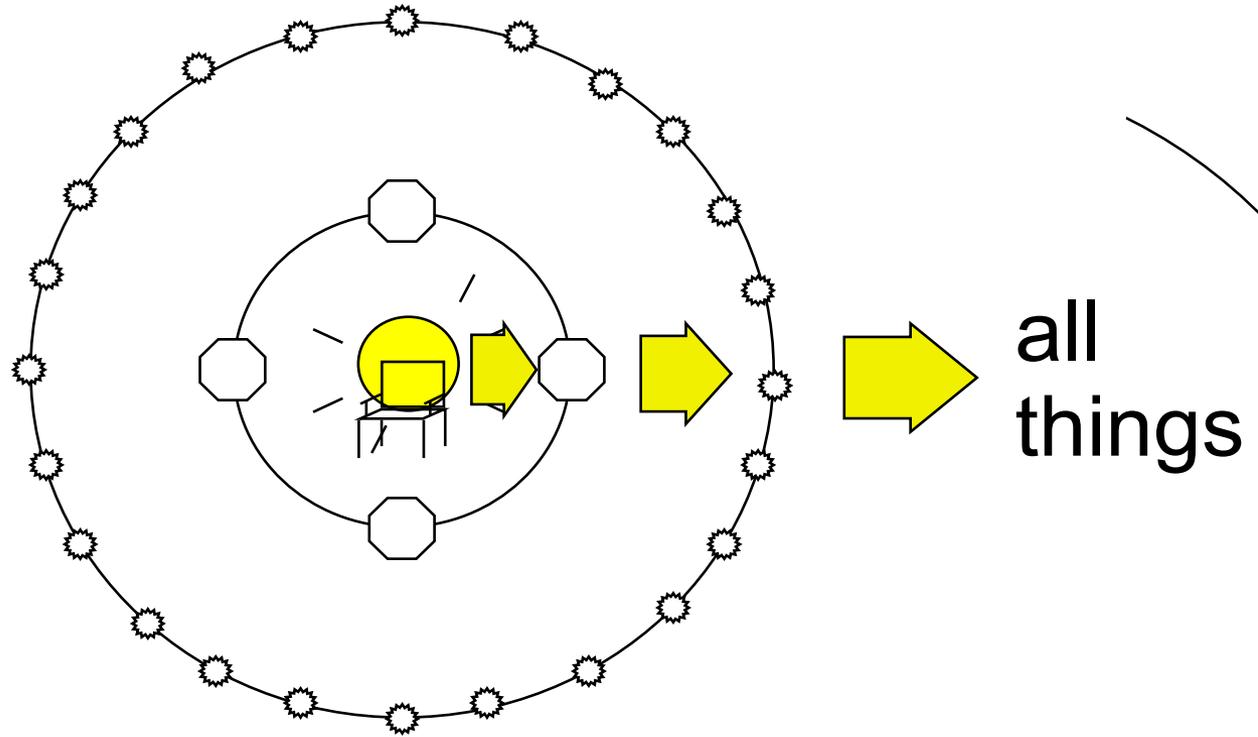


D. Lessons from Theophany

Implications of God's Glory

- **God will surely achieve his purposes.**
- **God makes man in his image, rather than man projecting God in man's image.**
- **See the glory of God reflected in what he has made.**

God's Glory in History



Unstoppable.

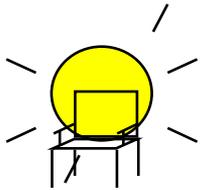


spread of glory

God's Glory Copied

reality

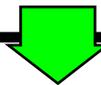
man-centered
thinking



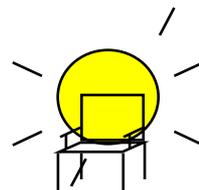
original
King



literal
human king



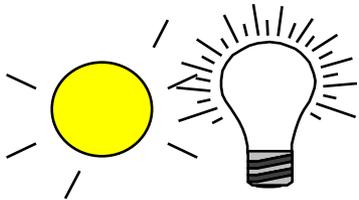
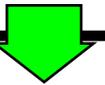
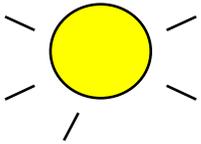
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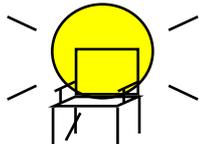
God as merely
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King

God's Glory Reflected

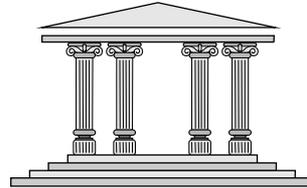
light



kingship



presence



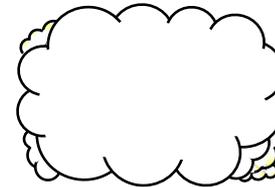
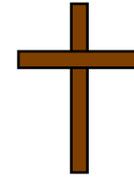
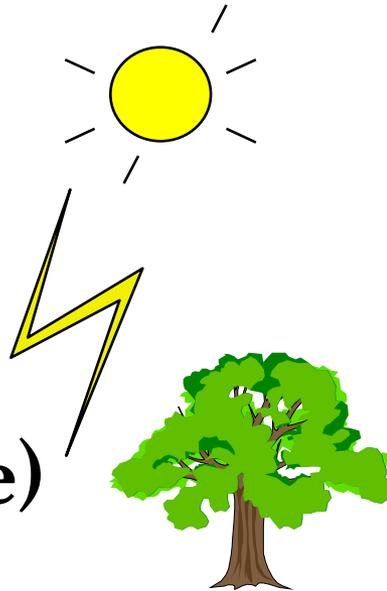
beauty



God's Glory Now

- In redemption, 5:2-6
- In creation, 4:11

- ◆ Light
- ◆ Cloud
- ◆ Thunder
- ◆ Trees (life)
- ◆ Houses

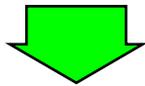


Evangelism from Theophany

- Don Richardson, *Peace Child*, illustrates the challenges.
- You may start from general revelation: water, trees, the sun, marriage, power (kingship).

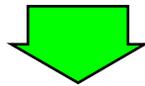
Worship from Theophany

Seeing God in majesty



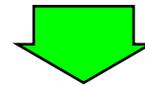
Praise

4:8



Awe

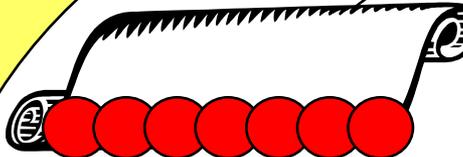
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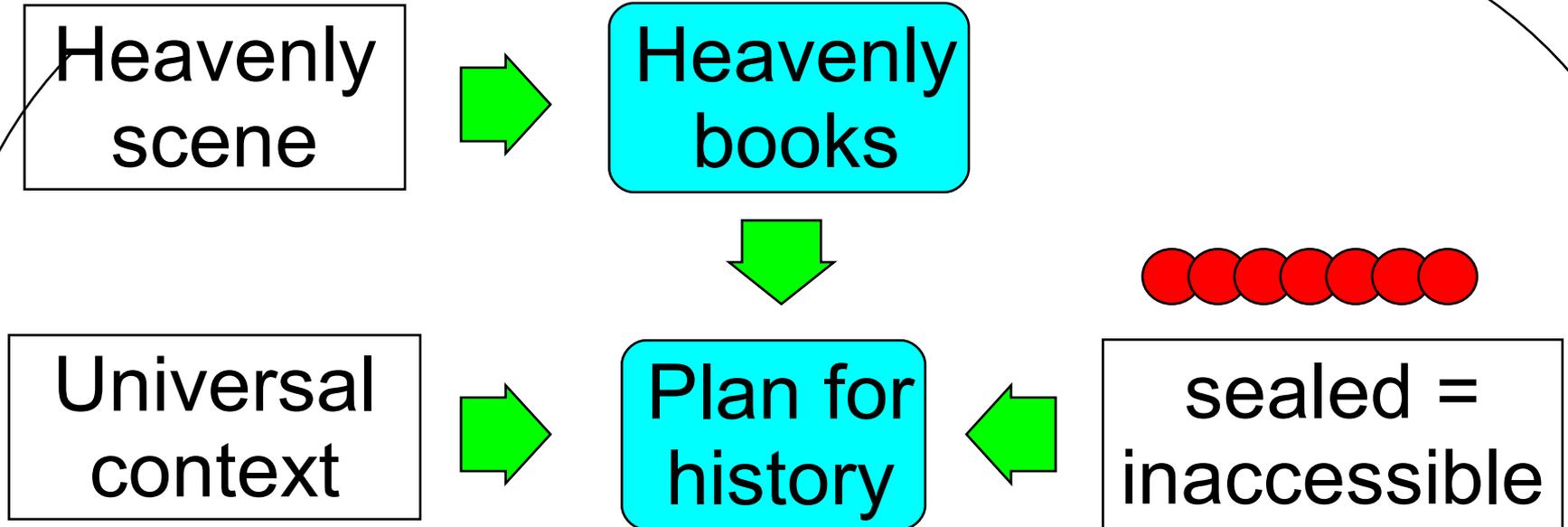
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H. The Lamb and the Scroll



God's Scroll

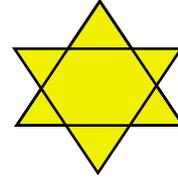
- Heavenly books contain God's **plans**,
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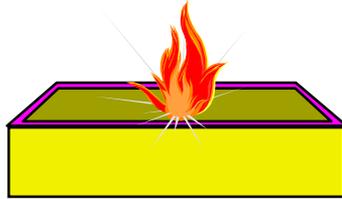
Who can bring God's plan to realization?

The Lamb's Ability (5:5-6)

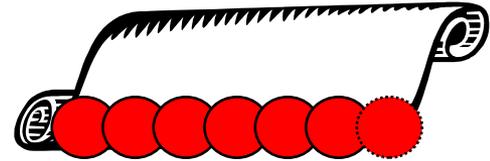
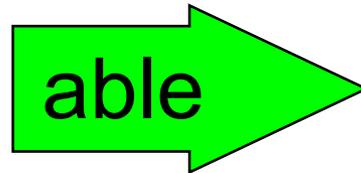
● **Lion, Root of David**



● **Lamb**



● **Slain**



● **With Spirit**

