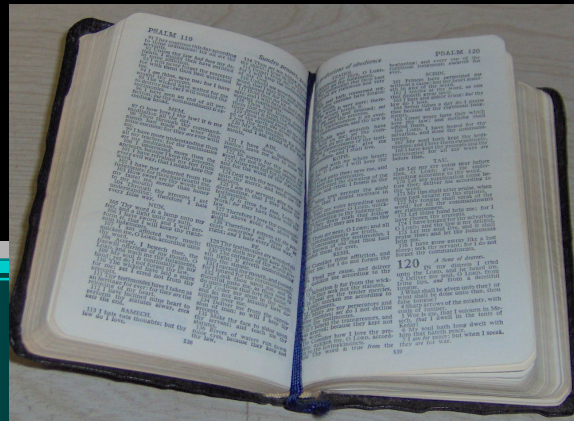


# Christ in the Old Testament: Illustrated in Leviticus



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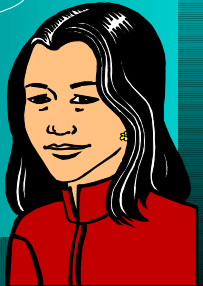
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# A. Christ in the Old Testament

Where? How?



# The Bible Is Christ-Centered

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Luke 24:25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

# Pervasive Witness

all canon

totality

Luke 24:44 Then he said to them,  
“These are my words that I spoke  
to you while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in  
the Law of Moses and the Prophets  
and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”  
45 Then he opened their minds to  
understand the Scriptures.

# Main Theme of OT

summary

international  
focus of Acts  
is in the OT

46 and said to them, “Thus is it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

# Other Passages about Christocentricity

- ◆ 2 Cor. 1:20
- ◆ 1 Pet. 1:10-12
- ◆ John 5:39; 5:46-47; 8:56
- ◆ Matthew

## B. Mediation

# One Mediator

For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, ...

-- 1 Tim. 2:5-6



# Mediatorial Figures

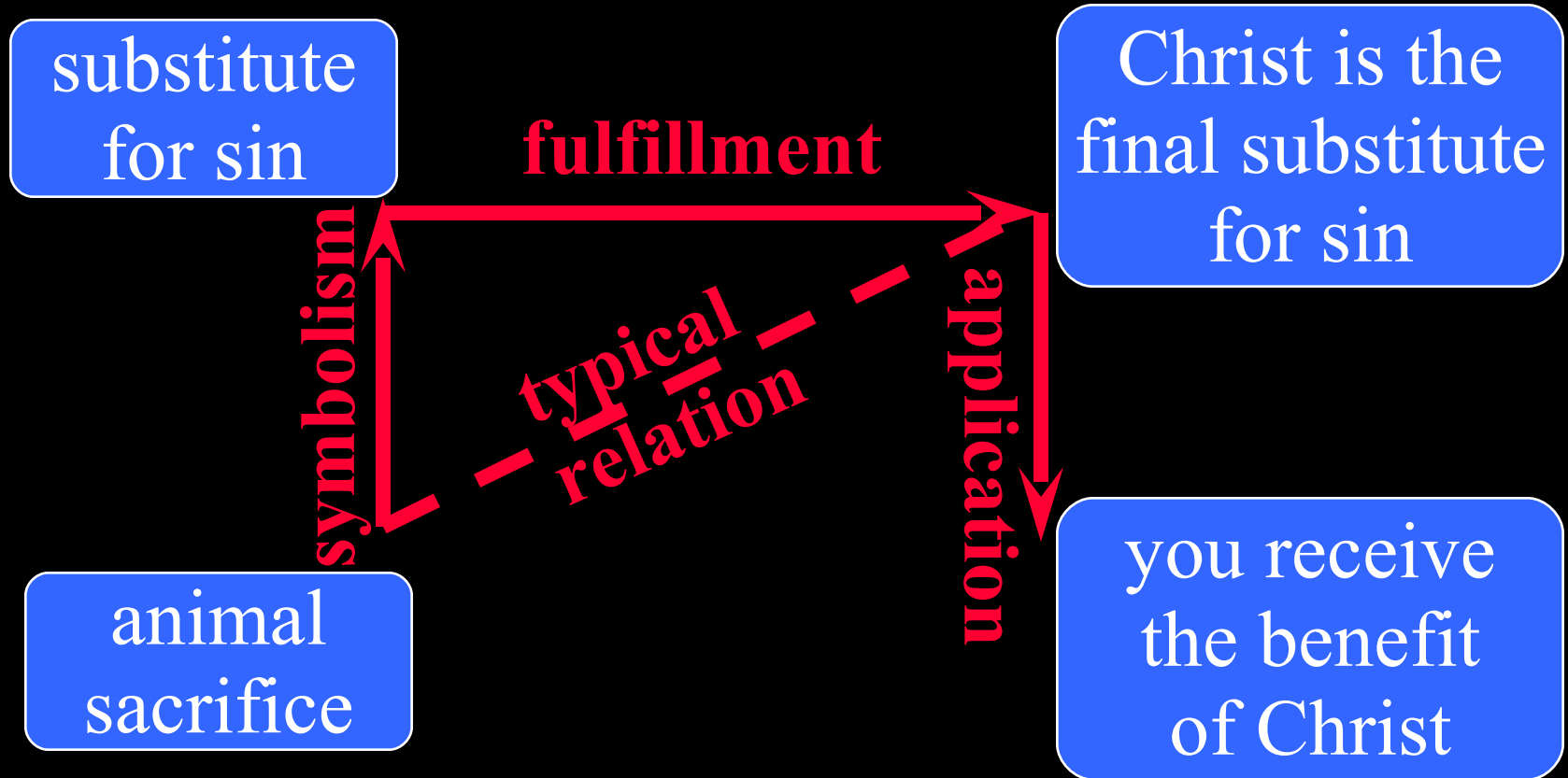
- ◆ Prophets
- ◆ Kings
- ◆ Priests
- ◆ Wise men
- ◆ Deliverers
- ◆ Sacrifices

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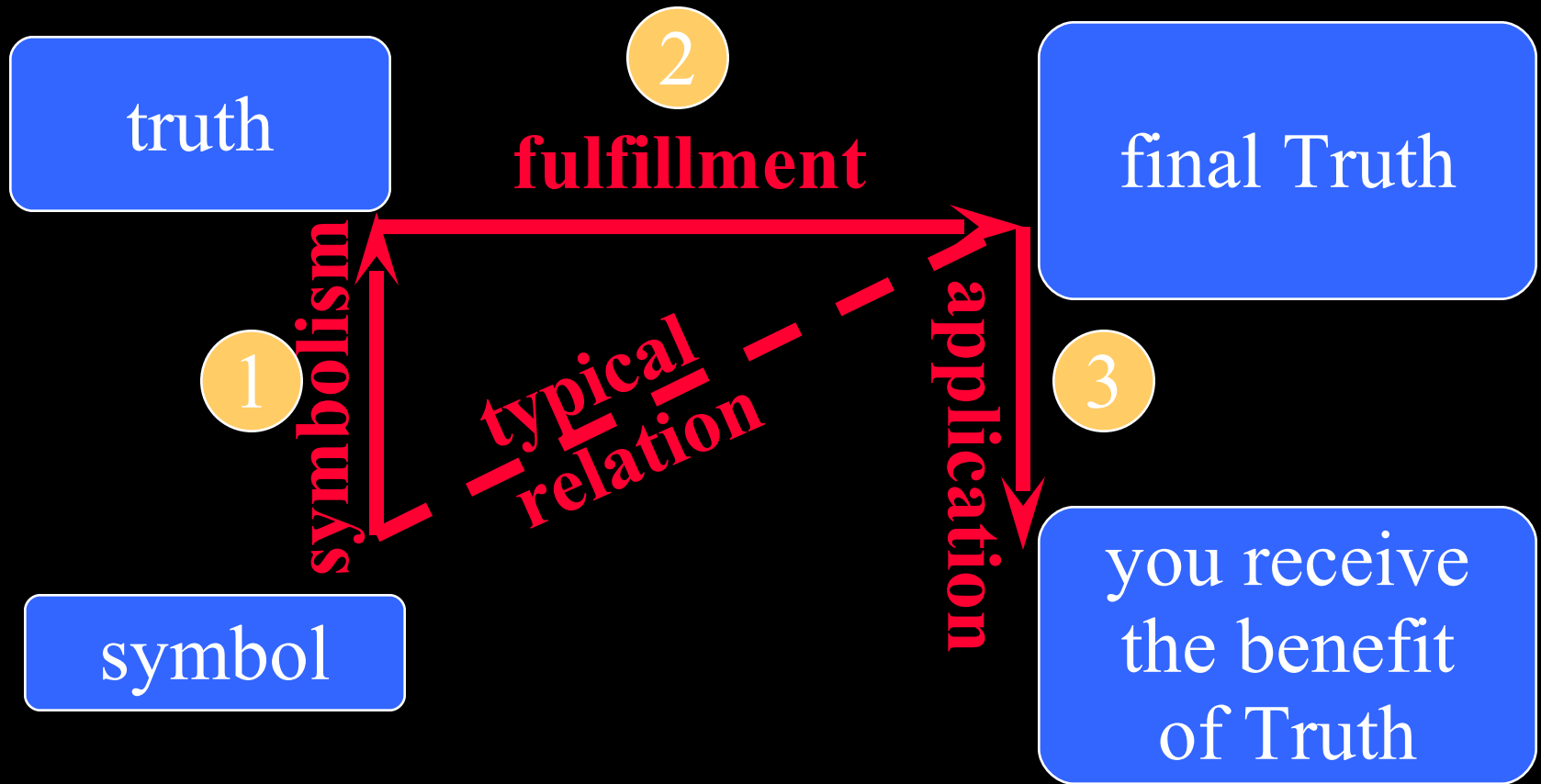
- ◆ Tabernacle / temple
- ◆ Dwelling of God
- ◆ Covenants
- ◆ Laws
- ◆ Appearances of God (theophany)

## C. Typology

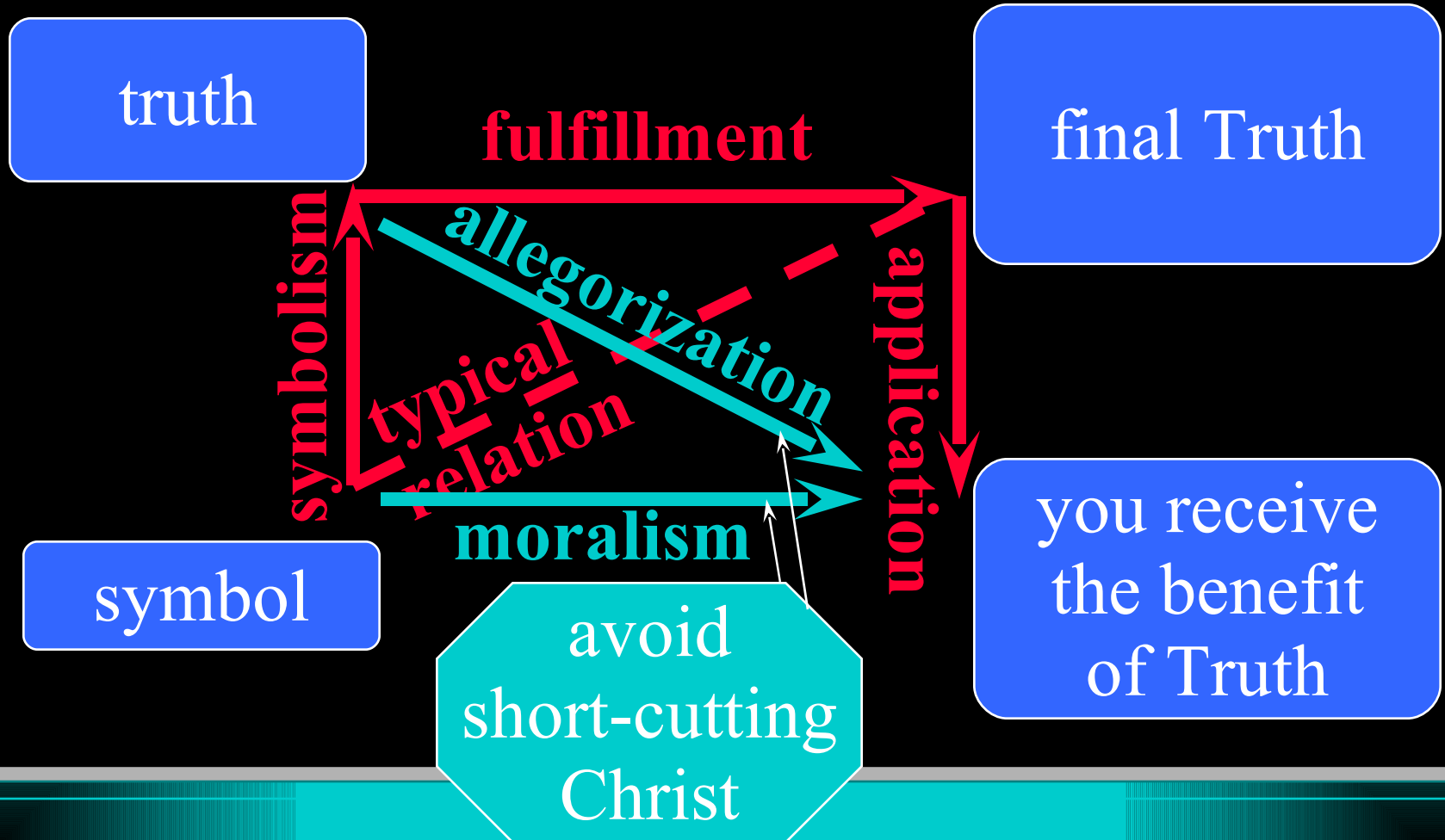
# An Example: Sacrifices



# Clowney's Triangle of Typology



# Avoiding the False Routes



# Step 1: What Did It Mean Then?

- ◆ What did it symbolize then?

truth

symbolic  
reference



1

symbol



Attend to  
context.

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# Illustration of Step 1 (Truth)

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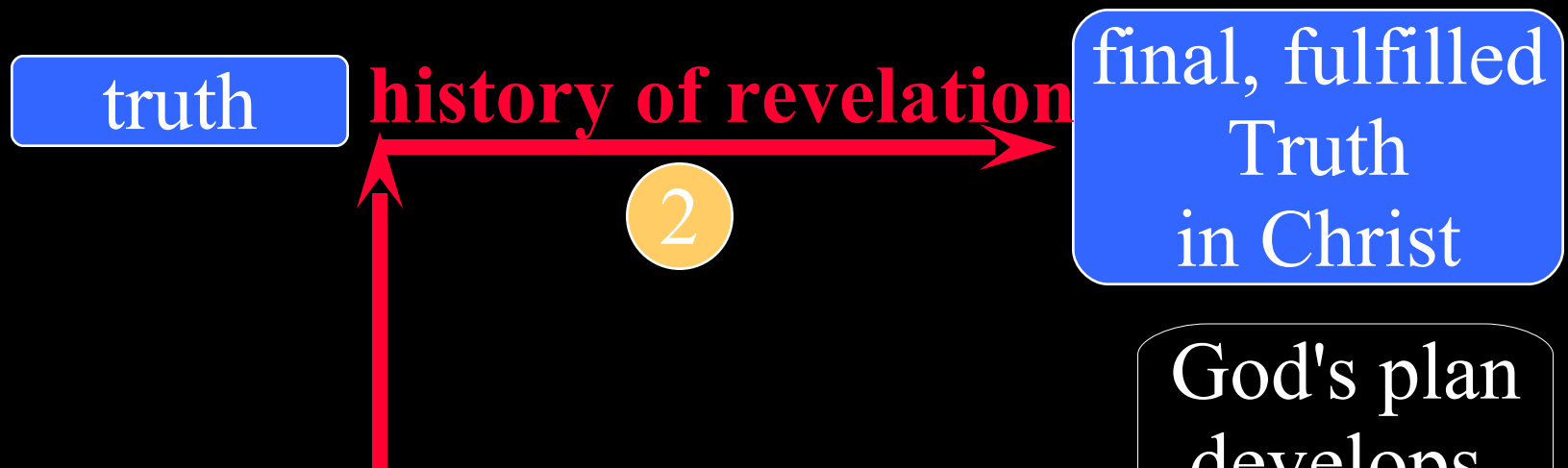
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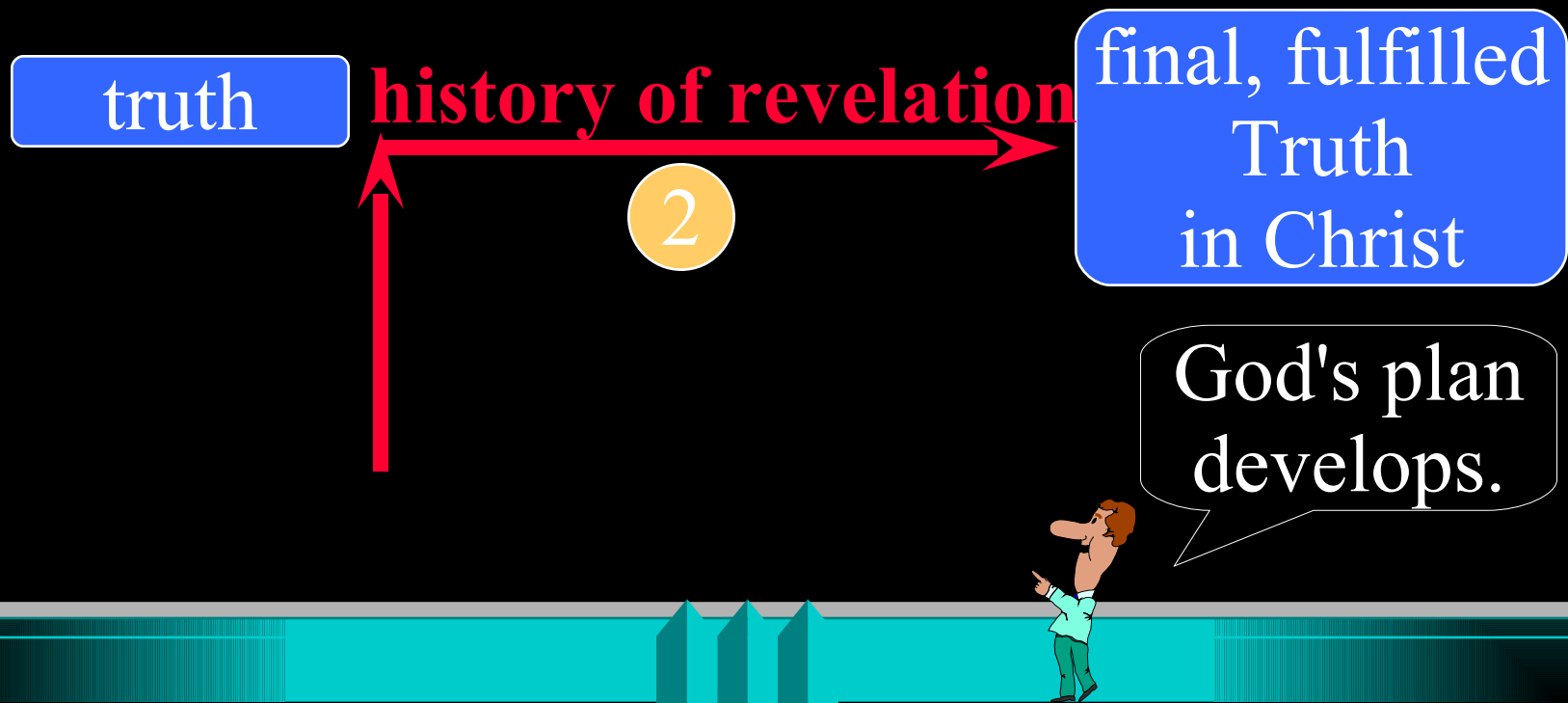
# Step 2: Go Forward in History

- ◆ What does it anticipate?



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- ◆ What greater manifestation of truth did it embody and anticipate? (Look at context.)



# Illustration of Step 2 (Fulfill)

- ◆ What does it anticipate?

God gives food

**history of revelation**

2

Christ is  
the final  
Spiritual food

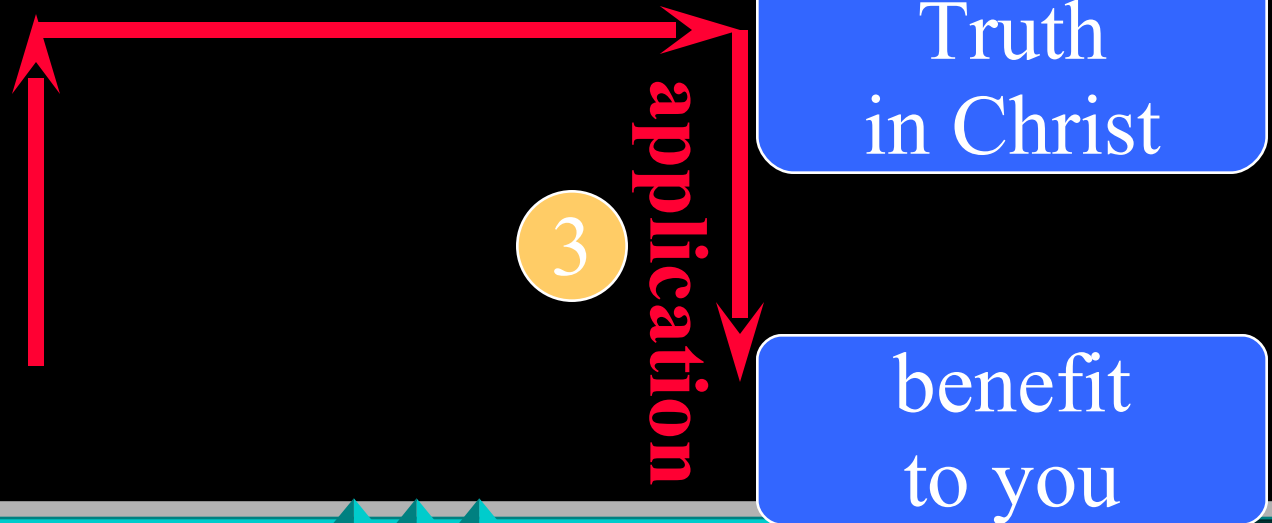
God's plan  
develops.



# Step 3: Apply to Us

- ◆ How do we benefit?

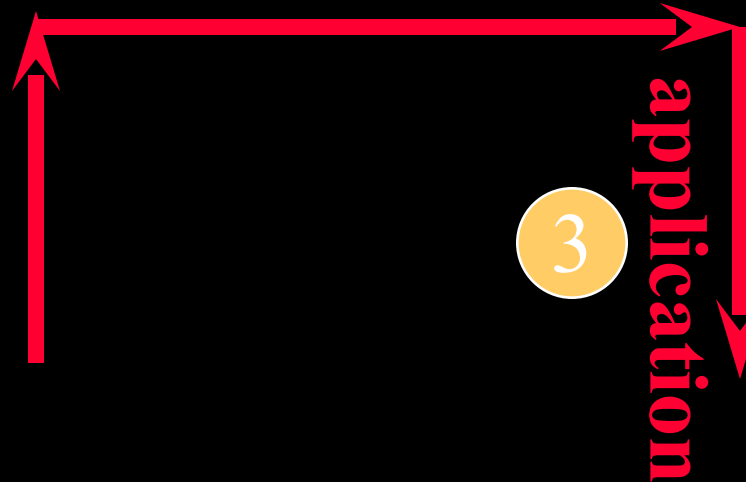
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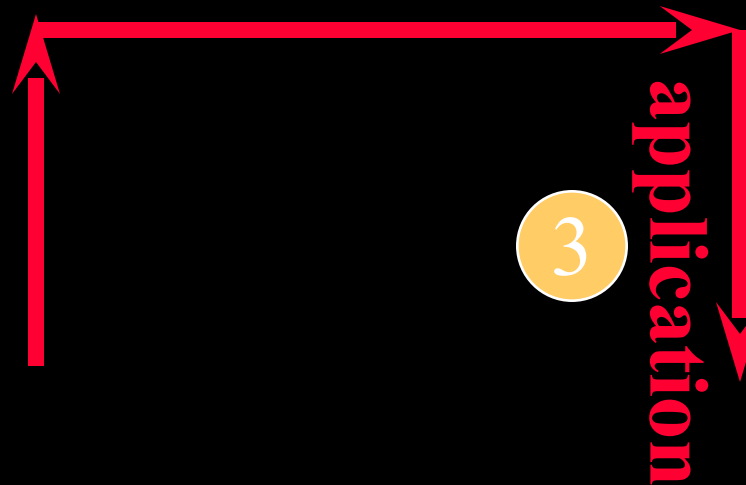
final, fulfilled  
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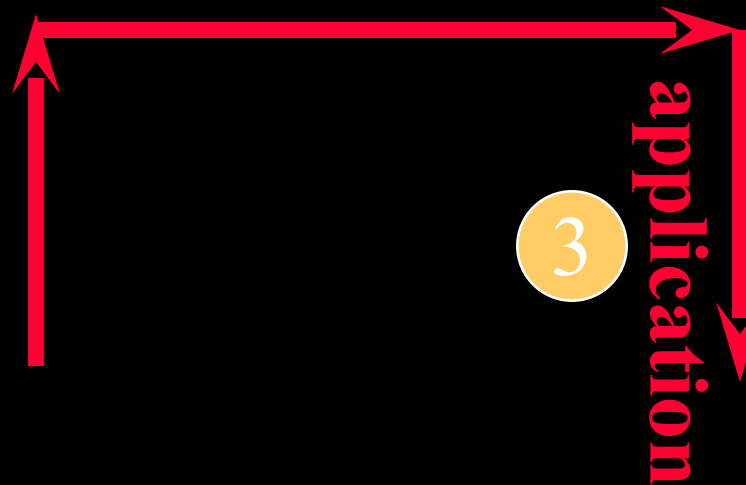
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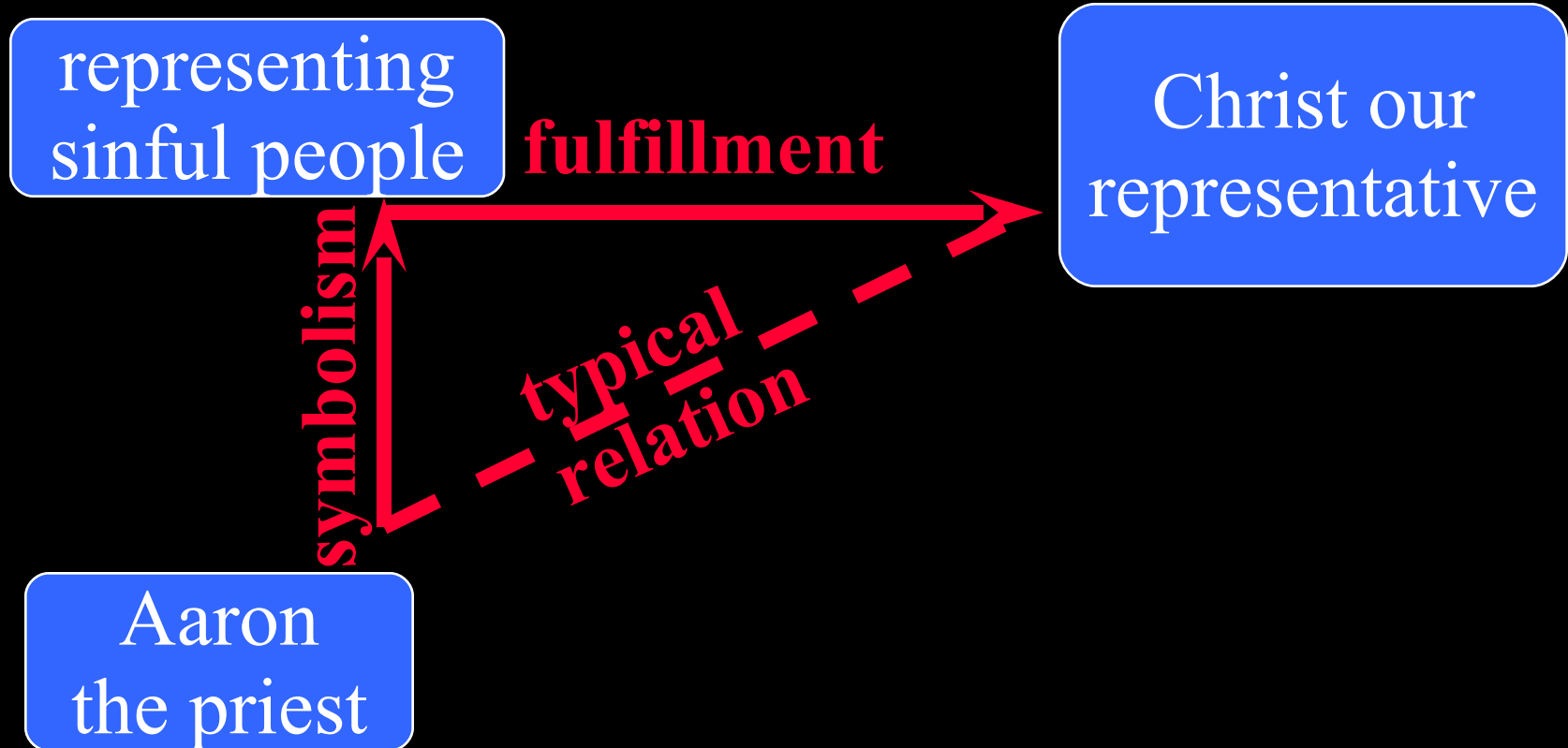


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## D. Examples

# An Example: Priests



# Penalty for Molech Worship (Lev. 20:1-5)

