

## Introduction

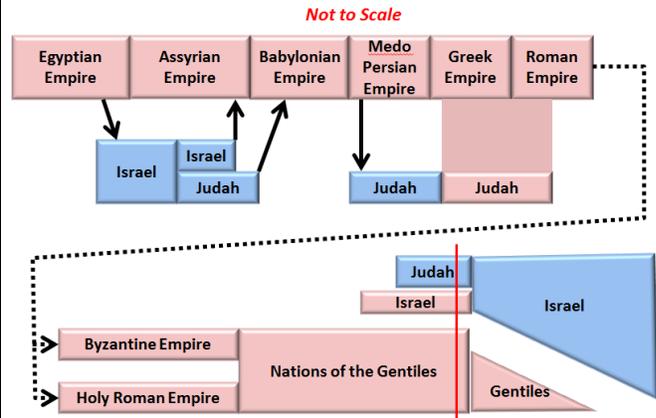
- We are missing most of the message: 1Ne 1:1
  - Goodly parents teach their children in ALL their learning – They don't leave it to church or school
  - Highly favored people experience many afflictions
  - Lord has differing degrees of favoritism.
  - Lord has favorites
  - Highly favored people have great knowledge of goodness of God.
  - Highly favored people have great knowledge of mysteries of God
  - Highly favored people make records of their experiences
- Truth Changed and Removed: 1 Nephi 13:26, Rev 12:15
- Language is Essential to Truth, Omni 1:17
  - Newspeak in 1984 by George Orwell
- Not Understanding Leads to Destruction, Isaiah 6:9-11; 2Ne 16
- Why doesn't God speak plainer? Matthew 13:9-16

## How to Understand Symbolism

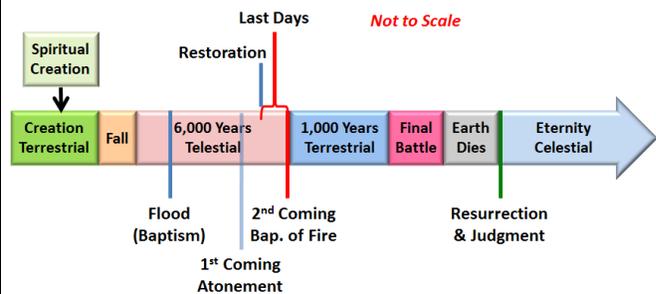
- God Uses Symbolism In Many Layers
  - Direct words & metaphorical words and phrases
  - Stories & metaphorical stories
  - Colors, Numbers, Animals, Landscape, etc.
- Understanding Symbolism
  - Receiving revelation is one thing, understanding revelation is another
  - Need teacher, Practice, Know history, Know scriptures, Know gospel, especially the fullness, Need the Holy Ghost
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
  1. Church – Form or system of worship - discipleship
  2. Of Jesus Christ – At the center of our worship
  3. Of Latter-day – Living in last days of telestial world
  4. Saints – Those who are sanctified, or becoming sanctified (pure and holy)
- Three-fold focus of our worship (what we study & pursue)
  1. Mission, teachings, character, and atonement of Christ
  2. Events and processes of the last days of telestial world as the earth and people are prepared for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, and how to survive both temporally & spiritually in that period
  3. Becoming a saint – pressing forward on path of spiritual progress to become pure & holy like Christ
- Principles of Religious Symbolism
  - Symbolism takes lifetime to learn - Practice makes perfect
  - Most keys are in scriptures - Know your scriptures
  - DC 88:118
  - Holy Ghost required to unlock many meanings

- "... I did liken all scriptures unto us, (1 Nephi 19:23)
- Duality – often more than one meaning

## World History, Past and Future



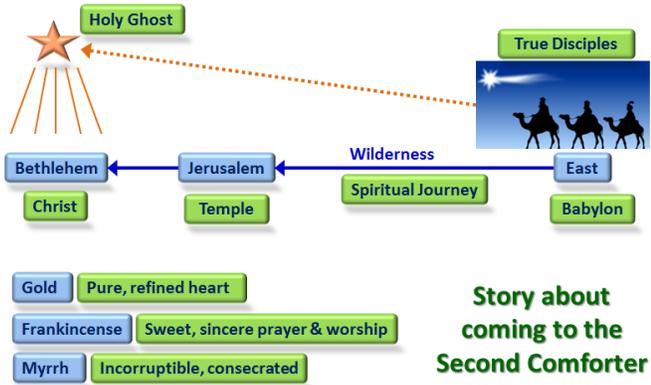
## Earth's Lifetime



## Pattern of Exaltation

- Pattern of Exaltation (See big drawing)
- Pattern of Exaltation Taught Everywhere
  - Layout of Solomon's Temple, Endowment, Lehi's journey to promise land, Jaredite's journey to promise land, Israelites journey to promise land, Latter-day Saints journey to New Jerusalem, Wise men's journey to find Jesus, Entire Book of Mormon structure, Throughout Scriptures
- Lehi's Journey to Promise Land (See big drawing)
- Lehi's Dream
  - Fountain of filthy water = Lies, lusts, and other temptations – Satan is source (see Rev 12:15)
  - Family not knowing where to go = Confused by fountain
  - Great & spacious building = Riches, honors, fame, MLM
  - Iron rod = word of God, Triad of Truth
  - Path = gospel plan, spiritual growth, New & everlasting covenant, becoming celestial,
  - Tree of life = Christ, Atonement, state of grace, forgiveness, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comforter, Zion, spiritual gifts
  - White = purity, holiness, victory (over Satan & self)
  - River of filthy water = Addictions, lasciviousness, etc.
  - Mists of Darkness = False doctrines and promises

## Symbolism of the Wise Men

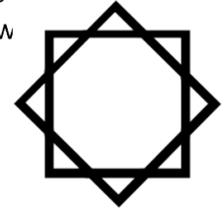
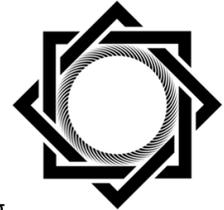


### Discrete Symbolism

- Symbolism of Numbers (see big chart)
- Symbolism of the Heavens
  - Sky (heavens) = Infinity or eternity
  - Sun = Father (Celestial)
  - Moon = Christ (Terrestrial) Reflected light. Illuminates earth when sun is gone
  - Stars = Children of God (Job 38:7, etc.)
  - Special guiding star = Holy Ghost (Rules Telestial)
  - Bright stars = Prophets
  - Constellations given to Enoch, teach about Christ
  - Signs shown in heavens (Acts 2:19, etc)
- Symbolism of Water
  - Many uses and many meanings: Cleansing, blood, peace, commotion, danger and punishment, etc.
  - He leadeth me beside the still waters. (Psalms 23:2)
  - wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.(Isaiah 57:20-21)
  - Chaos motif (Luke 8:23)
  - ... this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly... therefore (Isaiah 8:7)
- Symbolism of Names
  - Many names for Jesus Christ (Hebrew: Jehoshua Messias) = Jehovah Saves, Anointed One
  - Beth = home, house, place; Bethlehem = house of bread; Bethabarah = home of crossing
  - El = God; Jah or iah = Lord or Jehovah
  - Elijah = My God is Jehovah; Daniel = God is my judge; Bethel = House of God
  - Babel = Gateway to God; Obediah = Servant of Lord
  - Sodom = Burning; Gomorrah = submerged
  - Pilate gave people choice. They chose Barabbas (son of the father) over Christ, the real Son of Father
- Colors
  - White – purity, clean, innocent, victory, righteous
  - Black – dark, evil, calamity, death by famine
  - Red – evil, violence, war, death by violence
  - Green – life, alive, eternal life

- Blue – heavenly, that which is above the earth
- Purple – royalty
- Pale (pale, sickly green) – death by war, pestilence and famine

- Seal of Melchizedek
  - 8 pointed star symbolic of Christ
  - Christ is the bright and morning star (Rev 22:16)
  - Stars are children of God
  - 8 is number of new beginning
  - Christ is the source of our new beginning through his atonement and the New and Everlasting Covenant
  - Found in modern temples



- Star of David
  - Alchemy triangles symbolize fire & water (2 baptisms)
  - Merging of male and female, bridegroom and bride: Christ and his followers, Eternal marriage (exaltation)
  - Tradition about shield of David, 6 points, 6 sided protection of Lord (N, S, E, W, Up, Down)
  - Zion is a temple (Mountain of Lord's House)
  - Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven = Rule of God (3) in earth and heaven
  - Second coming of Christ and Second comforter
  - The Lord hath brought again Zion ...hath brought down Zion from above ...hath brought up Zion from beneath. (DC 88:99-100)



### Parables

- Parable of Good Samaritan
  - Certain man = you
  - Jerusalem = Heaven
  - Jericho = Mortality
  - Thieves = Satan et al
  - Clothing = Glory
  - Wounds = sin & injury
  - Half Dead = Spiritually dead but not physically
  - Levite = ordinances
  - Priest = Leaders
  - Samaritan = Christ
  - Compassion = Charity
  - Wine = Blood to cleanse
  - Oil = Spirit to heal
  - Beast = Atonement
  - Inn = State of Grace
  - Money = Price of sin
  - Inn Keeper = God
- Parable of Ten Virgins
  - Clearly a parable of the last days (verse 13)
  - All virgins are members of Lord's kingdom or church (10 = complete portion or Lord's portion)

## Language of Symbolism - (Roald Peterson – Oct 2015)

- Not half and half. 5 is the number of choice - they were wise or foolish because of their choices
- All were waiting for Christ (bridegroom). All took their lamps. All fell asleep. All awoke in time.
- The difference was foolish virgins had no extra oil
- The extra oil allowed the wise virgins to enter the marriage (they had prepared)
- When the foolish virgins obtained more oil, it was too late (today is the time to prepare to meet God)
- Definition of extra oil is not given in the parable
- Key to this parable given in D&C 45:56-57

### Stories

- King Benjamin (Mosiah 2-5)
  - People come as families to the Temple
  - Live in tents = on a spiritual journey
  - Orient tent doors toward the Temple = make homes an extension of the Temple
  - Benjamin = son of the right hand, title for Christ
  - Listen to King Benjamin = hear words of Christ
  - Everyone asks for and receives full remission of sins, and experiences the mighty change of heart
  - If we want these blessings, we should follow this pattern and study the words of King Benjamin
- Woman at the Well
  - Samaritan = Mixed Israelite blood, lost & apostate
  - Woman represents each of us mixed blood Israelites (or the world)
  - 5 husbands = choice of other gods or pursuits (5000 years of the apostasy for the world)
  - Current boyfriend = current god or pursuit– haven't made final choice (same with world)
  - Intrigued by words of Christ, recognizes him as Messiah, gathers others, and receives gospel = Gentiles then and now more interested in gospel
- Raising of Lazarus
  - Lazarus = Each of us
  - Dead 4 days = Spiritual death of fallen mortal state
  - Others opened tomb = Missionaries prepare people
  - Christ calls Lazarus = Christ calls to us via Holy Ghost who speaks the words of Christ
  - Lazarus comes forth = We enter gospel path (alive)
  - Others remove death clothes and feed Lazarus = Members of church teach converts, replace doctrines of death with doctrines of life
- Story of Ten Lepers
  - In Luke 17 we read about 10 lepers who asked Jesus for mercy. Leprosy = sin
  - As they went about their lives their initial request for cleansing was granted
  - Only one returned to give thanks and praise Jesus
  - 10 = the Lord's people, members of the church
  - 9 lepers are more interested in communion with the community than the fullness of the gospel

- For the one who returned, Christ was the center of his thoughts, desires, and worship = few who seek Christ and receive second comforter. And he was a stranger
- Also symbolic of tenth that will remain after the cleansing of the land. These will be the Lord's true disciples, his true portion (see Isaiah 6:9-13)

### • Story of Joseph

- Joseph sold into slavery among the Gentiles = Ephraim and Manasseh apostatize, are taken captive, and lost among the Gentiles
- Joseph rises to prominence in Egypt = Joseph prospers among the Gentiles
- There is a famine = the gospel has been lost
- Israel hears that there is food in Egypt = an ensign has been raised and gospel is being proclaimed
- Israel receives food from Joseph = gospel taught to the other tribes by Ephraim and Manasseh

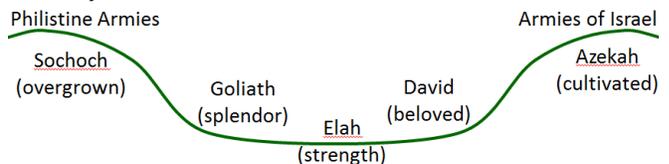
### • Israel's Escape from Egypt

- Israelites are in bondage = people fallen in sin
- Israelites follow Moses out of Egypt = we follow teachings of latter-day prophets to escape sin
- Pharaoh's armies = Satan's armies
- Israel escapes through parting of the Red Sea and Pharaoh has no more power = receive a remission of sins through baptism of water and spirit
- Israel rejects opportunities to enter promised land and see the face of God = rejects fullness of gospel
- Wander 40 years and die in wilderness = members of church who live out their lives somewhere between Babylon and Zion

### • Jacob Receives the Birthright

- Jacob (Israel) bargains with Esau (Firstborn) for birthright – we bargain with Christ for birthright
- Mother helps Jacob make Isaac's favorite food as an offering = church helps us prepare hearts, etc.
- Jacob speaks to his blind father as if he were Esau = we speak words at the veil as if we were Christ
- Isaac feels the lambskin on Jacob's arms and thinks he is Esau = father feels our hands and arms to see if we feel like Christ, the firstborn
- Isaac gives Jacob birthright blessing = if God is satisfied that our offering, words, and feel is like Christ, then he will give us the birthright blessing

### • Valley of Decision – David vs Goliath



- Philistines = armies of Satan, not cultivated; Israel = Armies of God, cultivated; Goliath = power and temptation of world; David = Christ (and each of us); David armed as a shepherd = Christ performed Atonement with humility and submission to will of the Father; This gave Christ power to save mankind

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without sword, etc.; David eventually became king = so did Christ

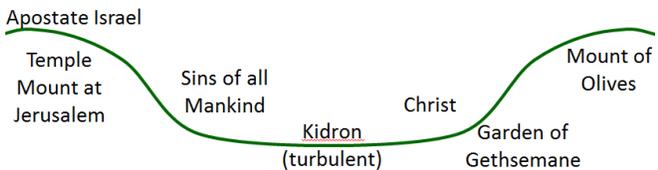
- David said, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand...that all the Earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear..." (1 Sam 17:45-47)

## • Valley of Decision – Jehovah vs Baal



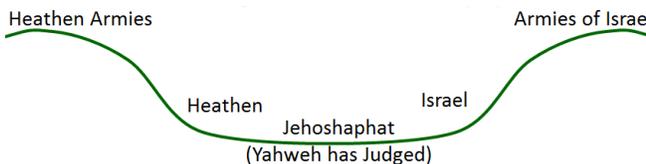
- Repaired broken down altar = Israel reestablished in last days; Altar of 12 Stones = Israel; Bull = Christ; Wood = cross; 12 barrels of water = baptism for Israel; Fire = baptism of fire; Stones consumed = Israel accepted by God; Trench = empty grave = resurrection; Prophets of Baal killed at brook Kishon (snare or lure with temptation) = Death to those who lured into Baal worship
- And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (1 Kings 18:21.)

## • Valley of Decision – Atonement



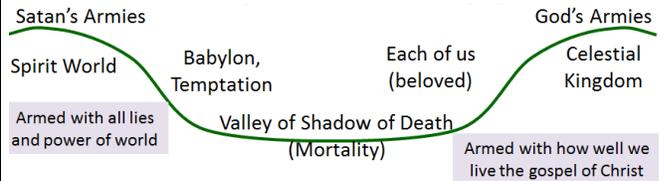
- Valley of the Kidron = the spiritual valley where Christ descended below all things; Performed in Garden = repairing the Fall which happened in Garden of Eden; The greatest contest in all universe, all of Heaven and all of Hell watched;
- He that ascended up on high, as also he descended below all things, in that he comprehended all things, that he might be in all and through all things, the light of truth; (DC 88:6)

## • Valley of Decision – Armageddon



- 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.
- 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. (Joel 3:12-14)

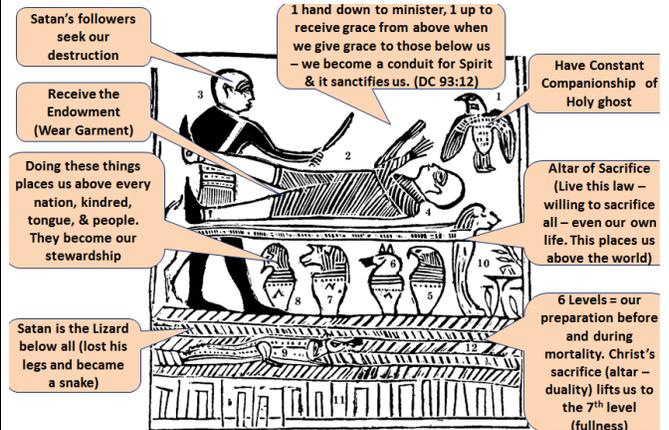
## • Valley of Decision – Mortals vs World



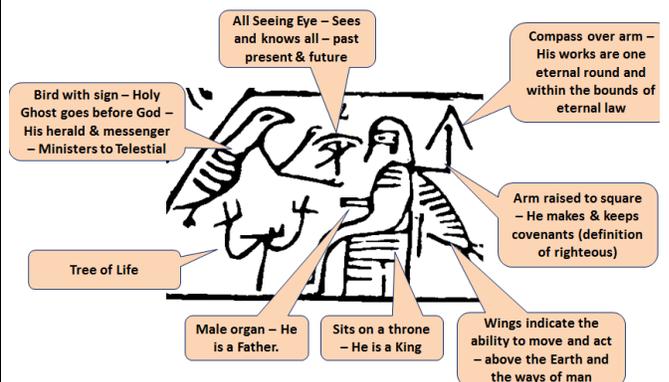
- (1 Sam 17:45-47)

## Miscellaneous

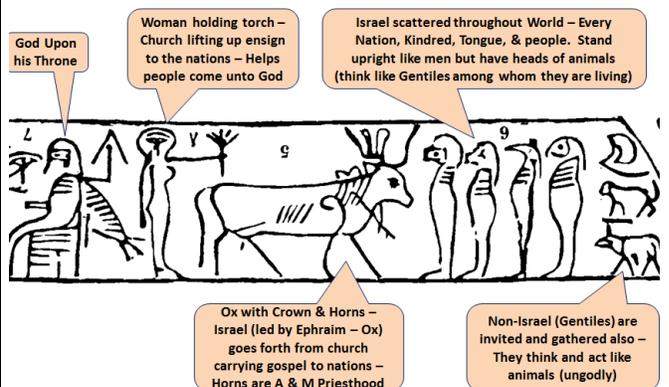
### • Facsimile 1 - Doing the Works of Abraham



### • Facsimile 2 - Attributes of God



### • Facsimile 2 - Coming to God



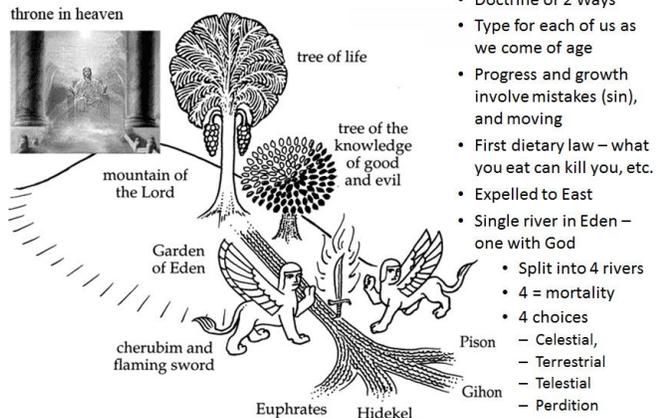
### • Egyptian God Osiris

- Throne = King,
- 8 layers of green
- Shepherd crook (right)
- Flail (left)

- White death clothes
- Green skin
- 4 people are his subjects
- Servant bird before him
- All seeing eye in bird
- Women behind him
- Beard

## Temples

### • Eden – Empty Paradise – Fall Forward



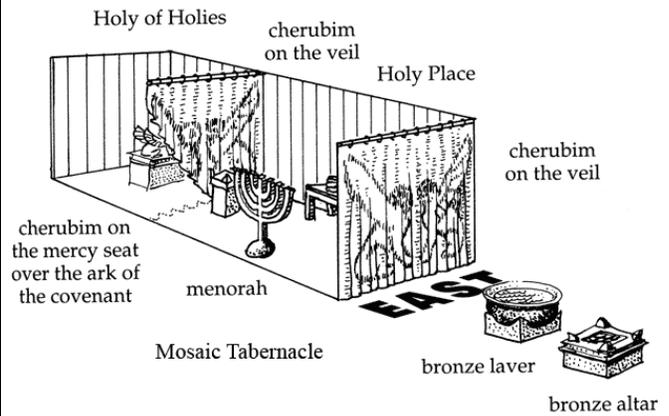
- Doctrine of 2 Ways
- Type for each of us as we come of age
- Progress and growth involve mistakes (sin), and moving
- First dietary law – what you eat can kill you, etc.
- Expelled to East
- Single river in Eden – one with God
  - Split into 4 rivers
  - 4 = mortality
  - 4 choices
    - Celestial,
    - Terrestrial
    - Telestial
    - Perdition

### • Nakedness

- Adam & Eve's story represents our experience with birth, childhood, disobedience, & returning
- Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were naked but not ashamed (Gen 2:25)
- Placed in a state of innocence (unknowing)
- Previous Celestial glory and knowledge were gone
- Could not hide anything from God's all seeing eye
- When they fell their eyes were opened, they knew they were naked, (Gen 3:6-7)
- Eyes open = knowledge and awareness
- Compared to God, they had no glory = fallen, sinful
- Tried to hide their shame with aprons they made
- Aprons were green – the color of life – and covered procreation organs – now they could have children
- Why fig leaves? Figs seeds are almost uncountable
- Our efforts to cover our own sins – even though we gain new capabilities – always fail
- Before expelling them from the garden God gave them clothing made of animal skins
- Some traditions say they were lamb skins
- They could only cover their nakedness (sins) with the covering (skin) of a sacrifice provided by God
- Even though we may cover our sins (nakedness) with the atonement of Christ, we still lack glory
- If we are to return home to the wedding feast we must have a wedding garment (celestial glory)
- By following the path back to God through Christ we add the atonement, then terrestrial, then celestial glory

- This is shown in the endowment by receiving the garment, then robes for our left and right shoulders
- When we meet God at the veil he can easily discern whether or not we have received a remission of our sins through the atonement, and received celestial glory through the process of sanctification

### • Temple – The way back to Tree of Life



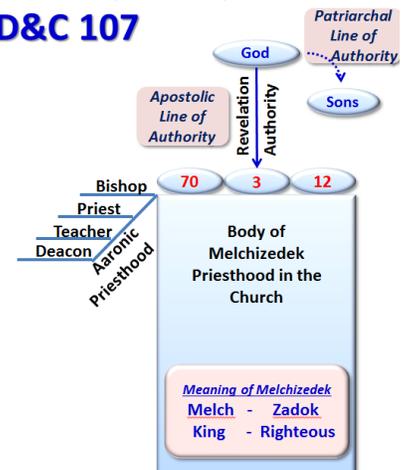
### • Solomon's Temple (See big drawing)

### • Symbolism of Ordinances

- Baptism for the remission of sins
- Washing away our sins
- Burying sinful person, bringing forth new person
- Initiatory – begin the re-clothing process (glory)
- Washed from guilt of those around us
- Anointed with spiritual gifts for our progress
- Endowment – Pierce veil and see God (DC 93:1)
- Learn the way and receive power to progress
- Everything is symbolic of what you must become
- Temple marriage – Make a celestial marriage
- Join two split intelligences back into one
- Initiate the patriarchal order in your family

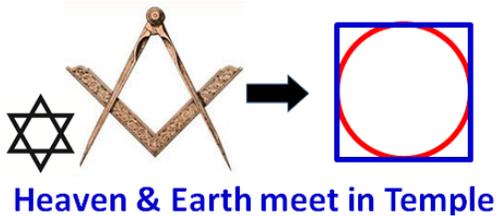
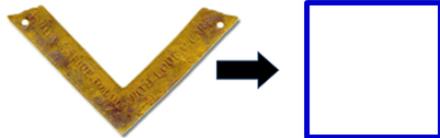
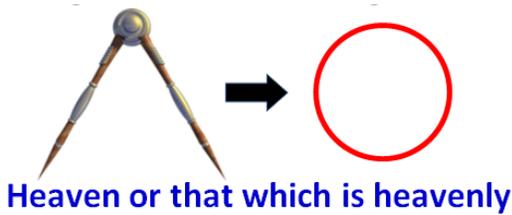
## Priesthood – D&C 107

- 2 orders of priesthood
- Melchizedek rules church
- Aaronic is an appendage
- Four offices in Aaronic
- First presidency presides over Melchizedek, etc.
- 12 apostles equal in authority to 1<sup>st</sup> Pres.
- 70 equal in authority to 12
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Connected to God via revelation & authority
- Patriarchal authority established in Temple marriage
- Patriarch presides over family



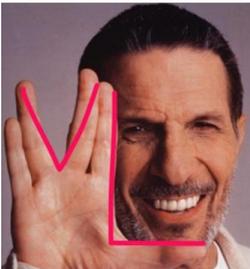
### • Square & Compass

- Symbolic of God planning and designing Heavens & Earth
- Some explanations are found in LDS endowment



### Vulcan Salute

Spock's Vulcan salute from Star Trek comes from ancient Israel

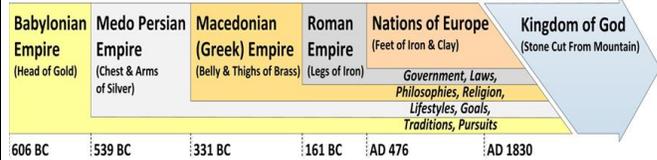


- Hebrew letter Shin stands for El Shaddai (Almighty God), Shekinah (Fire of God's Presence), & Shalom (Peace)
- Also Square and Compass

- Book of Daniel – Living in Babylon
  - Israelites Living in exile from their homeland
  - After 70 years of exile most never returned – they stayed in Babylon and Persia – They had made it their home – Most who come to mortality do the same
  - Attributes of faithful Israelites
  - Dietary laws – physical and spiritual
- Golden Idols & Fiery Furnaces
  - Lesson: if we would survive the fiery cataclysms that will consume Babylon in the last days – and walk with Christ, we must not worship gold (money) or any of the things it can buy – we must only worship God
- **Surviving The Lions' Den**
  - Wicked people make laws to trap the righteous
  - Satan tries to get people to worship government
  - Look to the government in all things
  - People who rely upon their God or other nongovernmental sources are condemned
  - God will preserve the righteous
  - The wicked will be cast into the pit they dug for the righteous (Same with Satan after judgement)

We need to learn to rely upon God and his counsels rather than government or others

#### • Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



#### • Daniel's Vision of Beasts (Chap 7)

- Beasts are Same kingdoms as Neb.'s vision
- 10 horns on last beast = Rome splits into kingdoms of Europe (10 = Christian nations)
- Another horn arises, subdues 3 horns, and rules, persecutes Saints until Adam Ondi Ahman
- Ancient of Days is Michael (Adam Ondi Ahman) (DC 138:38; DC 116)
- Christ comes to Adam Ondi Ahman and gives the kingdom (stone) to the Saints – They stop losing!

#### • Daniel's Further Visions (Chap 8-12)

- Daniel continues having visions which get progressively more detailed
- Chapter 8 gives names of some of the kingdoms
- Chapter 9 tells of events leading to coming of Christ – remember to interpret days as years
- Chapters 10 – 12 chronicle events leading up to the second coming of Christ. If you want to understand, prepare to spend a lot of time, earn lots of history
- The main message is that God is executing his plans, and he knows all things, beginning to end

#### • Book of Revelation

- Uses Old Testament Symbolism
- Goes hand-in-hand with the book of Daniel
- Starts off with messages to the seven churches
- 7 churches means all churches
- Before proceeding further read DC 77. It explains many symbols used in the book of Revelation
- Scroll with seven seals = God's plan for Earth throughout its 7000 years of temporal existence
- Each seal represents 1000 years, from the time of Adam through the end of the millennium. Very few non-LDS people figure this out – that's the blessing of receiving modern revelation
- In DC 77 we learn more about the 144,000
- They are high priests (Melchizedek priesthood)
- They're called and sealed up during the sixth seal
- Their mission is to bring people to the Church of the Firstborn (this is Zion or calling an election)
- Everything in revelation is symbolic; some things are literal
- When God has an emerald rainbow around the throne, that means life (green) emanates from him
- Wings signify ability to move and act
- Eyes signify the ability to perceive all things

- (Chap 12) Woman (church) clothed with the sun (celestial glory), moon under her feet (above terrestrial kingdom), with crown of 12 stars (guided by priesthood), with child
- Woman brings forth man child (kingdom of God) who was to rule all nations with iron rod (word of God)
- Great red Dragon (Satan) with seven heads (rules all governments) and 10 horns (complete portion of power – probably economic)
- 7 heads could also be the seven empires that afflicted Israel (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Holy Roman)
- Revelation Chapter 13
  - Beast (carnivorous government) rise up out of sea (people of world) with 7 heads, 10 horns, 10 crowns; has attributes of the Dragon and attributes of Daniels beasts = it's the same thing!
  - One head wounded unto death then healed = transition of Rome into Holy Roman Empire
  - Another beast out of the Earth (hell) with 2 horns (2 powers: government and church) using power of government to control what people believe
  - Just as first beast was multiple kingdoms, second beast probably is also (wherever people are forced to believe or join a church)
  - This is why Nephi described a great and abominable church that persecuted the Saints (1 Nephi 13, 14)

### Great Seal of United States



**Annuet Coeptis = "He (God) approves our undertaking"**  
**All seeing Eye of God (He oversees and will finish the pyramid with Zion)**  
**Unfinished Pyramid (Mountain or Nation)**  
**13 Rows → 13 States (13 Tribes)**  
**MDCCLXXVI = 1776**  
**Novus Ordo Seclorum = "New order of the ages"**

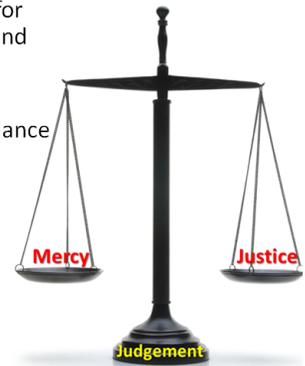
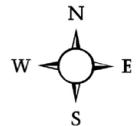
### Great Seal of United States



- Constellation of 13 stars (states joined & compact)
- E Pluribus Unum = "Out of Many, One" (Gathering)
- Olive branch of 13 leaves (peace) in right talon (preferred)
- Eagle looks right for peace
- Shield has 13 stripes (states) supporting the blue union
- 13 arrows in left talon (ready for war)
- bald eagle chosen for its long life, great strength and majestic looks, also believed to exist only on this continent

### The Cross

- Representation of Tree of life
  - Christ is fruit of tree (hangs on it)
- If laid down it provides 4 paths for every nation, kindred, tongue, and people to come to Christ
- Reversal of scattering of Israel
- Scale where Justice & Mercy balance
- Outstretched arms of Christ



**Ankh**  
 Egyptian Cross  
 =  
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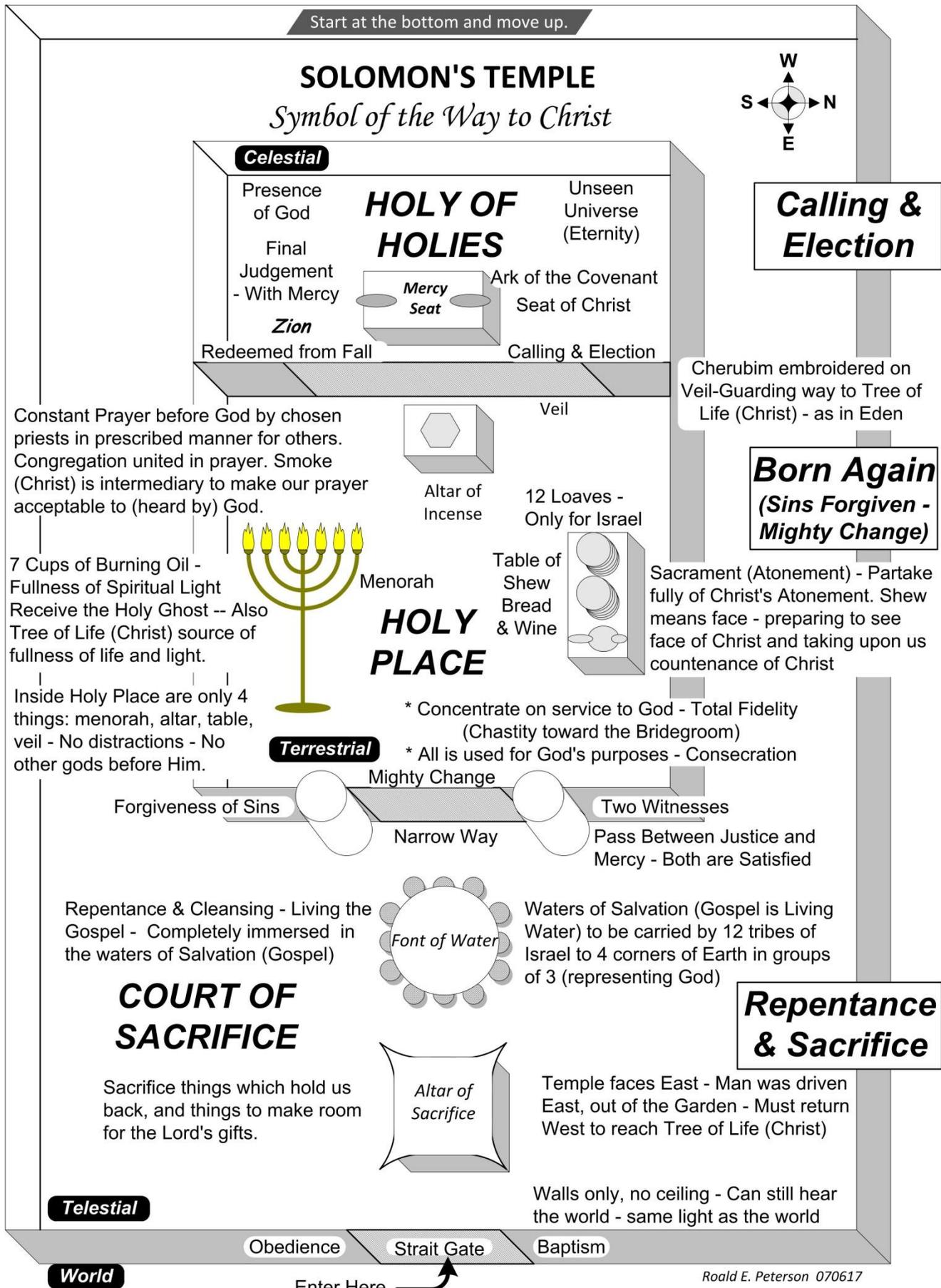
- Recommended Reading
  - Lost Language of Symbolism, by Alonzo Gaskill, 2012
  - Opening the Seven Seals, by Richard Draper, 1991
  - *The Last Days*, by Avraham Gileadi, 1991
  - *Unveiling Biblical Prophecy*, by Lenet Hadley Read, 1990
  - *Written by the Finger of God*, by Joe Sampson, 1993
- Recommended Movies
  - National Treasure (2004, Nicolas Cage)
  - National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets (2007)
  - The Da Vinci Code (2006, Tom Hanks)
  - Angels and Demons (2009, Tom Hanks)
  - Indiana Jones Movies (4)



## Number Symbolism

Number	Meaning	Examples
1	Unity, dedication, singleness of purpose	Oneness of Godhead, husband & wife, Christ and his followers, Zion people
2	Witnesses, superiority	Missionaries, Joseph and Oliver, the Godhead, Urim and Thummim, Wo wo, holy holy
3	Of God or Deity, superlative, equilibrium	Trinity, 3 witnesses to Book of Mormon, 3 kingdoms of glory, circle, 3 days of darkness, wo wo wo, holy holy holy
4	Mortality, mortal man, mortal earth	4 possible outcomes of mortality, rivers of Eden, 4 directions of earth, the cross, 4-dimensional space-time, every nation kindred tongue and people
5	Choice, opposites, division	Lehi's choices, 10 virgins, 5 opposites in endowment, 5 laws of heaven, right and left hand of God
6	Preparation, incomplete	6 days of creation, 6 days to prepare for Sabbath, Satan is incomplete , 666 Satan passing himself off as God
7	Wholeness, completeness, perfection	Follows preparation, whole creation, week, God + Man, Menorah, washing in river 7 times for leprosy
8	New beginning	Baptism at 8, Circumcision at 8, 8 Jaradite barges, 8 on Ark, 8 witnesses for plates, Lehi 8 years in wilderness
10	Lord's portion, complete portion, multiplier	Tithing, 10 virgins, 10 lepers, horns of beast in Revelation, 10 commandments, a multiplier
12	Priesthood, special witnesses of God	12 tribes of Israel, 12 Apostles, 12 oxen of baptismal font, total witnesses for gold plates, God x Man
Multipliers	7, 12, 10, 100, 1000,	7x7 70 144,000 40 - Increases meaning

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## Degrees of the Celestial Kingdom

Degree	Inhabitants	State	Ordinance	Fulfillment of Ordinance	Laws	Process to Attain	Examples
3	Gods (Exalted)	Perfect	Celestial Marriage	Sealed up to Exaltation (2nd Anointing)	Perfect Obedience to Laws of God	Learn Perfect Obedience (DC 132:37)	Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob (DC 131, 132)
2	Ministering Angels	Holy	Endowment	Receive 2nd Comforter	Consecration Chastity (To Bridegroom)	Sanctification by Holy Ghost	Brother of Jared  (Ether 3, Alma 13, DC 84: 19-24)
1	The Just	Innocent	Complete Baptism	Full Remission of sins, Bap of fire & HG, Mighty change of heart	Gospel, Sacrifice, Obedience,	Justification through faith in Christ (Remission of Sins)	Enos, King Benjamin's People, Alma (Enos 1:5-8, etc.)

**“Endowments and sealings pertain to exaltation. Baptism is the door into the celestial kingdom.** All the ordinances of the gospel pertain to the celestial kingdom, and any person who is faithful to the covenant of baptism will be entitled to enter there, but no person can receive an exaltation in the celestial kingdom without the ordinances of the temple. **The endowments are for advancement in that kingdom,** and the sealings for our perfection, provided we keep our covenants and obligations.

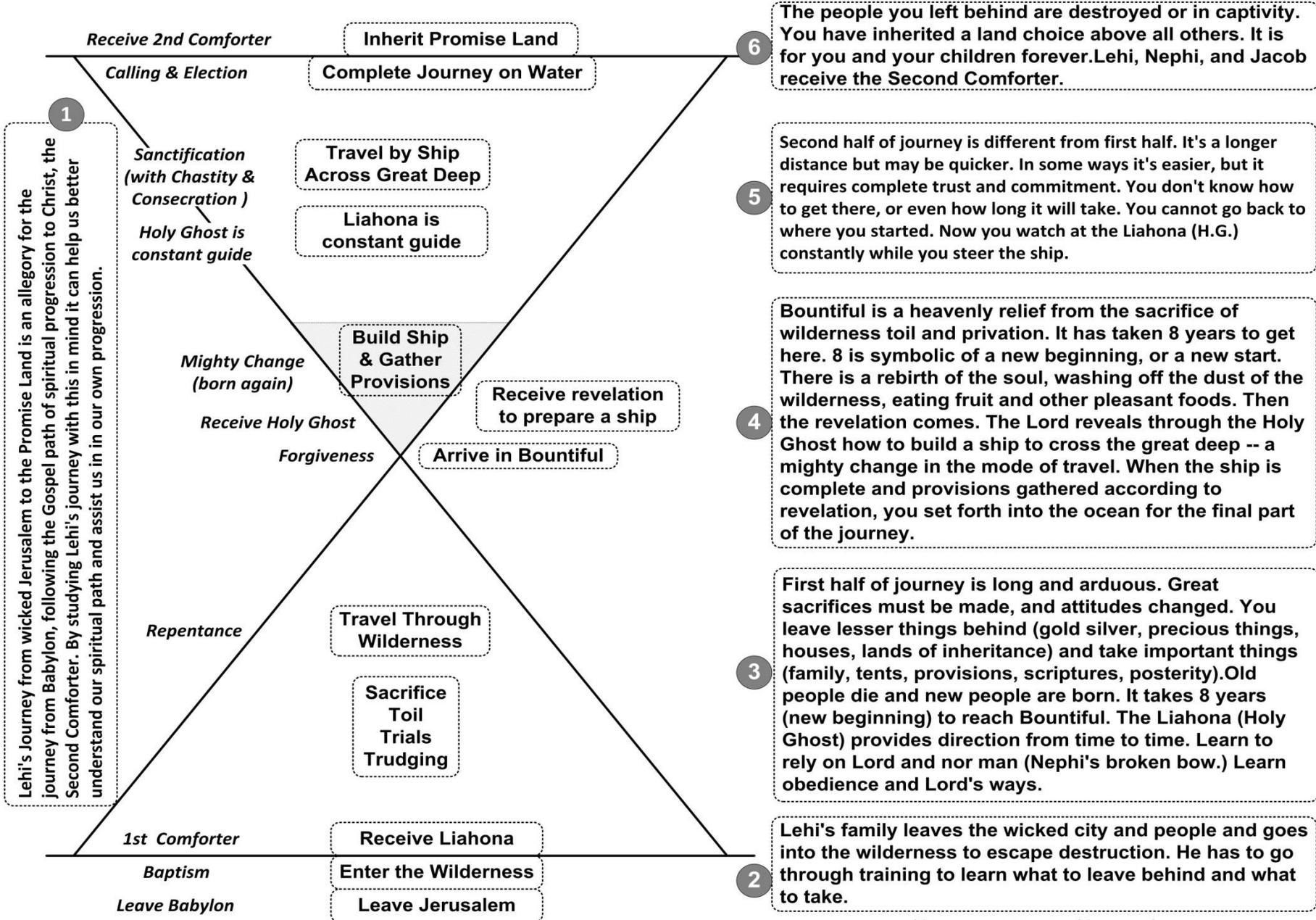
“People baptized, and who are not endowed in the temple of the Lord, may enter the celestial kingdom. But that does not mean that a baptized person is going to get the exaltation in that kingdom. He is not going to pass on to the fulness just by being baptized. He will not pass on to the fulness even after he has been baptized and received an endowment in the temple. He has also to receive the **other ordinances** so that he can become through his faithfulness and obedience a son of God....” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *DS*, 2:45)

“Since the celestial kingdom will have three heavens or degrees, no doubt all who will inherit the second degree, in addition to possessing all of the qualities of those who will possess the first, or lowest degree, **will receive an endowment in the temples of God for this purpose,** and will have "overcome by faith," and be sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true. They attained this by obedience to the sacred obligations of the endowment which they received by covenant.

As to exaltation, or the inheritance of the third heaven or degree in the celestial kingdom, we have the following revelation which gives the dominions and powers of the spiritual bodies, who, in addition to possessing all the qualities of those who possess the first and second degrees of this kingdom, will also be: [see D&C 131:1-4].” (Alvin R. Dyer, *Who Am I?*, pg. 547-548)

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