



Heb-Rex

General
Epistles &
Revelation

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HEBREWS



Introduction

“The impressive grandeur of the Epistle to the Hebrews has left an indelible mark on the literature and theology of the Christian church.”

DE Hiebert

“In a unique fashion it exalts the person & work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In doing so, it makes immensely valuable contributions to the doctrines of His Incarnation, His substitutionary death, & His priesthood.”

Z Hodges

**“I consider Hebrews -- not
Romans -- the pinnacle of
theological treasures in the
Bible.”**

G Riddle

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Background:

A problem

**“A library has been written on:
who wrote it, where it was written,
and where was its destination, and
no answer can be given to any of
these inquires What God has
been pleased to hide from us, we
should be content not to know.”**

Scroggie

HEBREWS

➤ **Author - Anonymous**

PROBLEMS

- 1. No intro with author & recipients**
- 2. No mention in early writers**
- 3. Earliest reference -
Clement of Alexandria**
- 4. Internal evidence not helpful**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Few 1st person ref. - 13:18-19, 22-23**
- 2. Audience knew him - 13:18-24**
- 3. 2nd generation Christians - 2:3**
- 4. Knew audience - 5:11-6:12,
10:32-39, 12:4-5, 13:1-9, 19, 23**
- 5. OT scholar (LXX)**
- 6. Greek rhetorical style**

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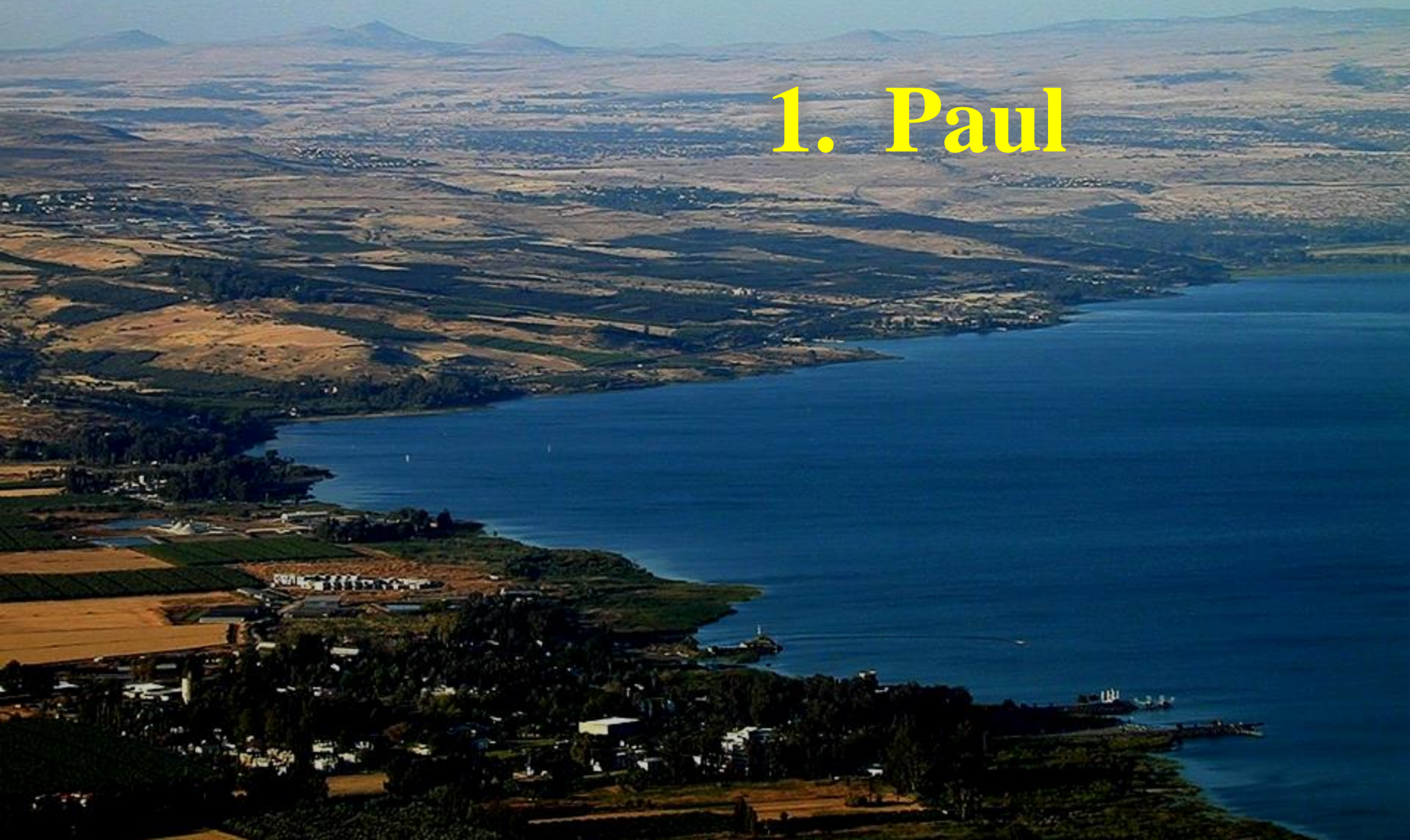
- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Alexandria, Egypt - Paul**
- 2. N. Africa - Barnabas**
- 3. Italy & W. Europe - against Paul**
- 4. Later history - mixed**

SUGGESTIONS

1. Paul



PAUL AUTHORSHIP

➤ Support

- 1. Author in prison? - 10:34**
- 2. Doctrinal similarities**
- 3. Reference to Tim - 13:23**
- 4. Closing benediction**

➤ Evidence Against

- 1. No Naming**
- 2. Literary style**
- 3. Apostle to Gentiles**

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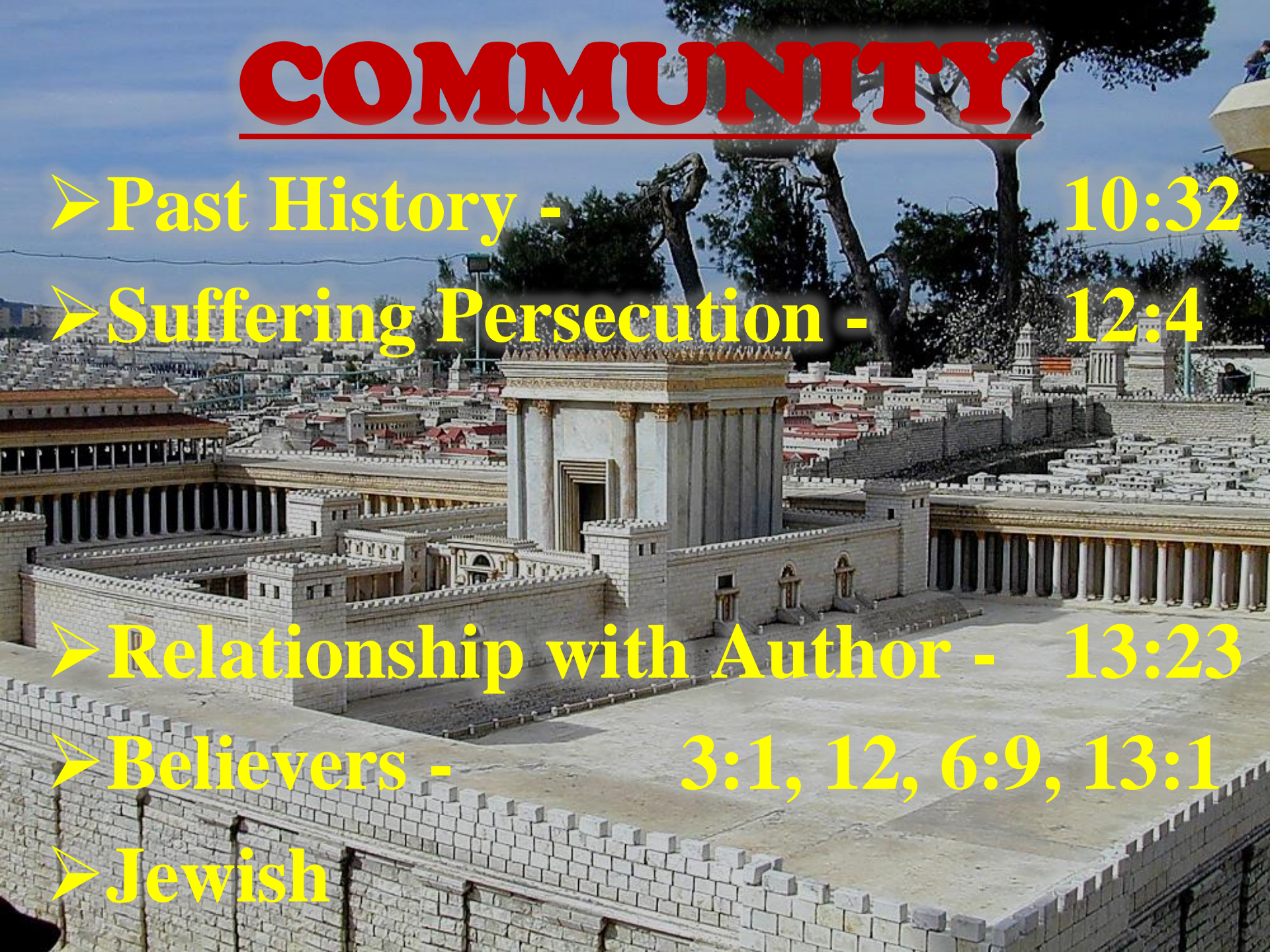
1. Paul
2. Barnabas
3. Luke
4. Apollos
5. Anonymous

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- **Audience** - **Jewish Believers**

COMMUNITY

- Past History - 10:32
- Suffering Persecution - 12:4
- Relationship with Author - 13:23
- Believers - 3:1, 12, 6:9, 13:1
- Jewish



JEWISH

- **No Gentile References**
- **OT Authority**
- **Jewish Topics**
- **Jewish Personalities**
- **Title**

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Traditional View

A House Church





Hierapolis

Saraykoy

Beylerbeyi

Pamukkale

D-320

Laodicea

Izmir Bulvarı

Kocadere

Ankara Bulvarı Denizli-Ankara Yolu

Honaz

Denizli

Colossae

Kovunallı

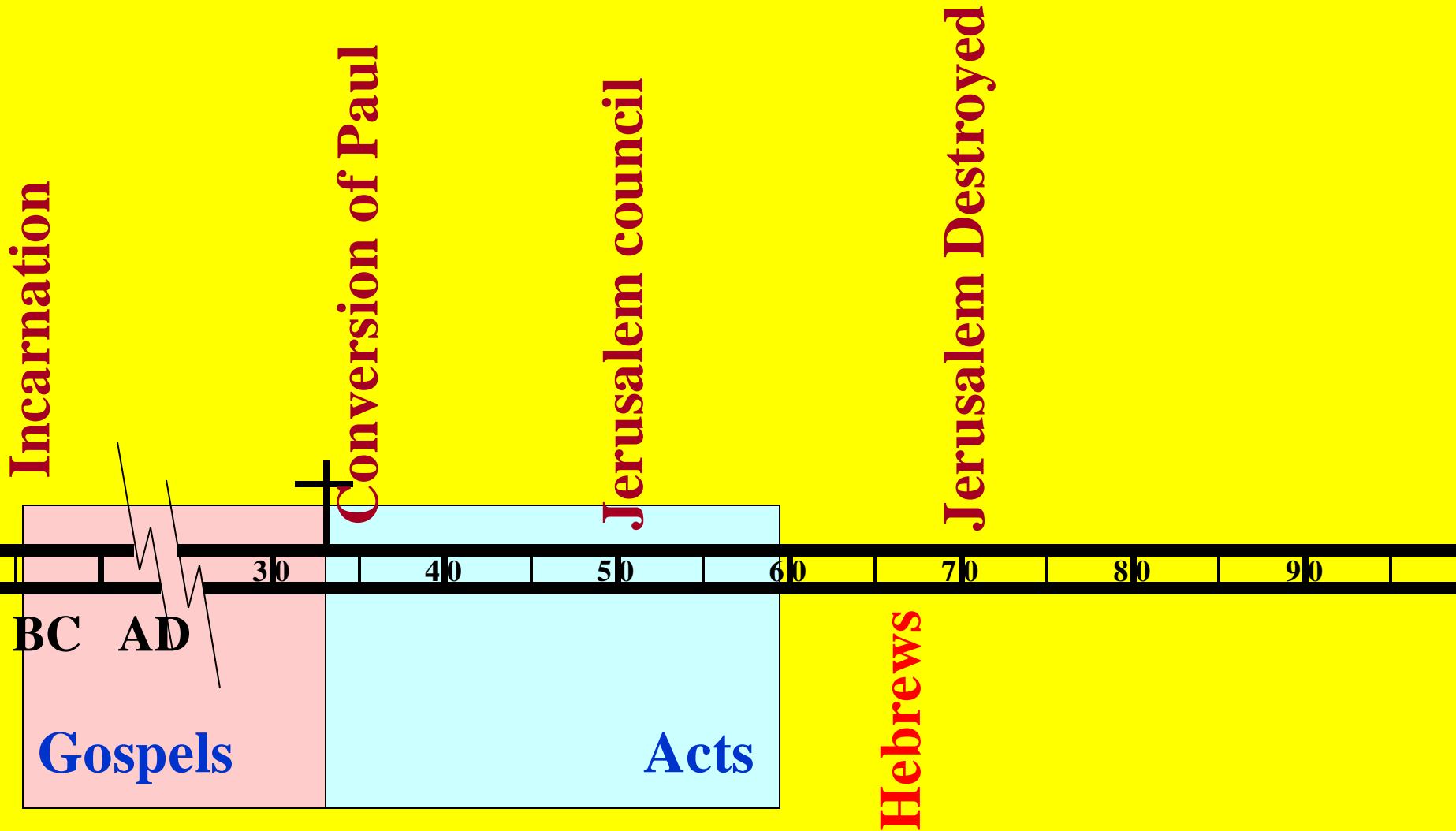
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1. Superiority of Christ

CHRISTOLOGY

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1. Superiority - 1:4, 3:3
2. Earthy Life - 2:17
3. Atonement - 7:27
4. Present Ministry - 7:25
5. Names - 1:2, 4, 3:1

**“Hebrews is to Christology
what Romans is to Soteriology
or Revelation is to Eschatology”**

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CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Superiority of Christ**
- 2. OT Emphasis**

OT EMPHASIS

- 1. Divine Authorship**
- 2. LXX Quotations**
- 3. OT Topics**
- 4. OT Personalities**

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- 3. Literary Structure**
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Exposition

MAIN IDEA

**Superiority of Christ &
the Faith-Life in Him**

OUTLINE

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| I. | Superiority of Christ | 1:1-10:18 |
| II. | Response of Faith | 10:19-13:25 |

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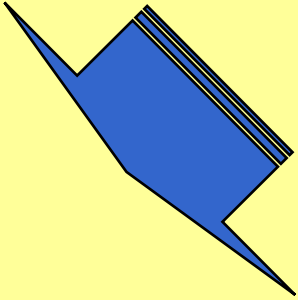
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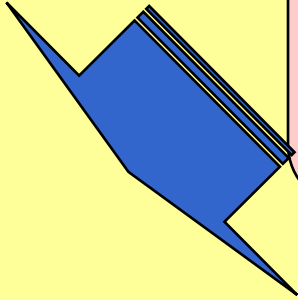
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REVELATION

- 1. Need - incomprehensibility**
- 2. History - progressive**
- 3. Description - unveiling**
- 4. Objects - believers**
- 5. Instruments - prophets**
- 6. Means - portions & ways**
- 7. Sources - general & special**

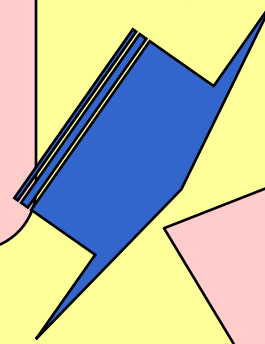
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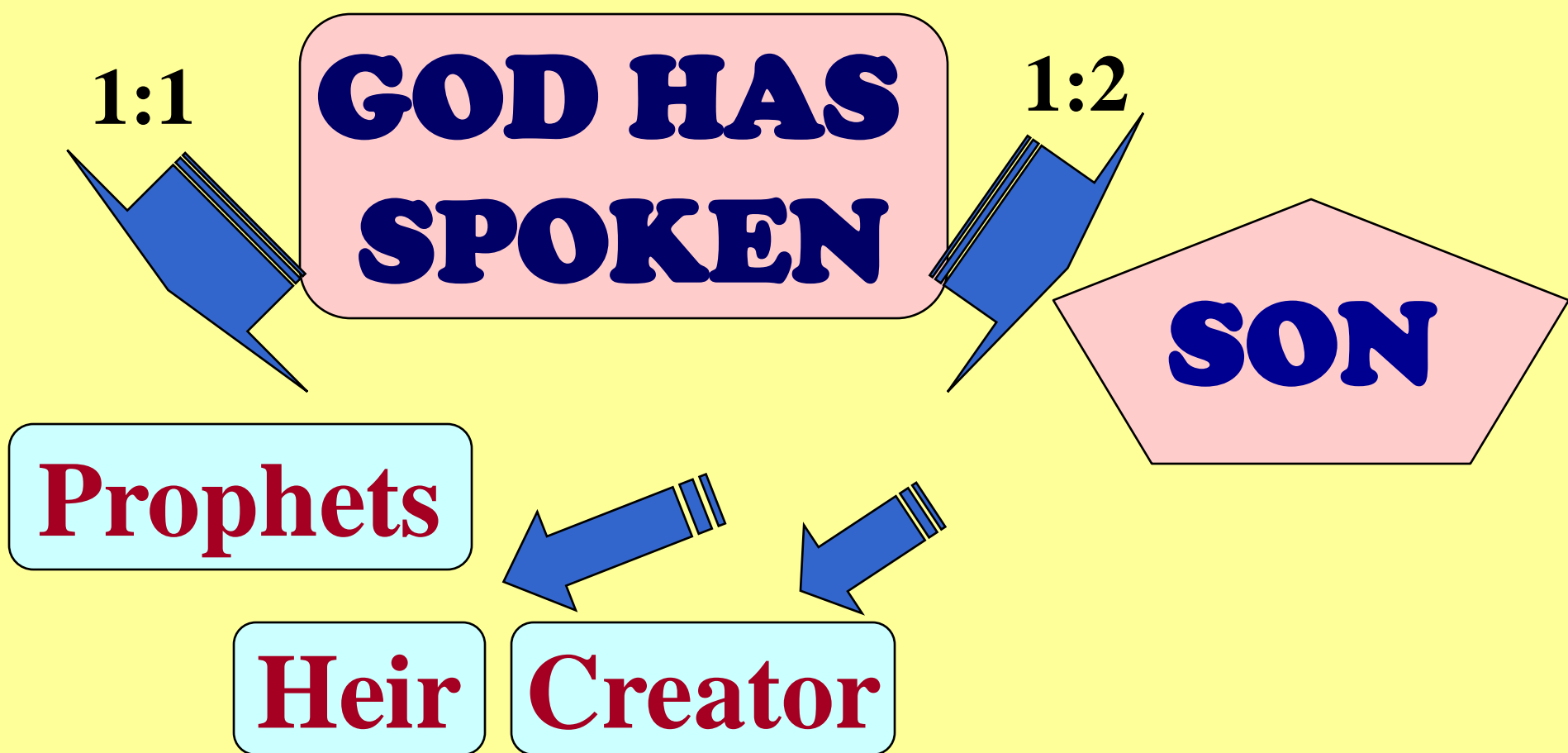
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SON

Prophets

Heir

Creator



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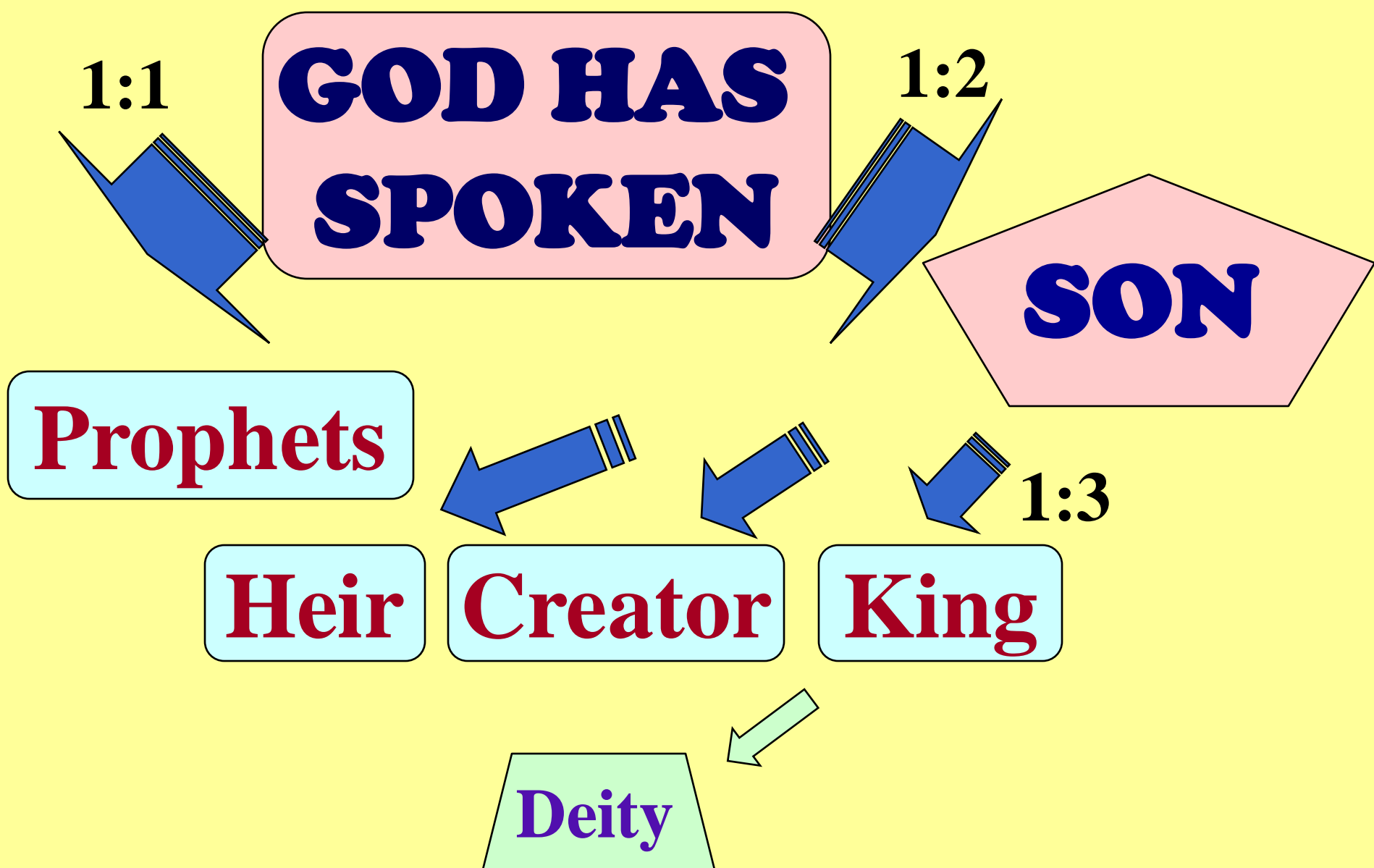
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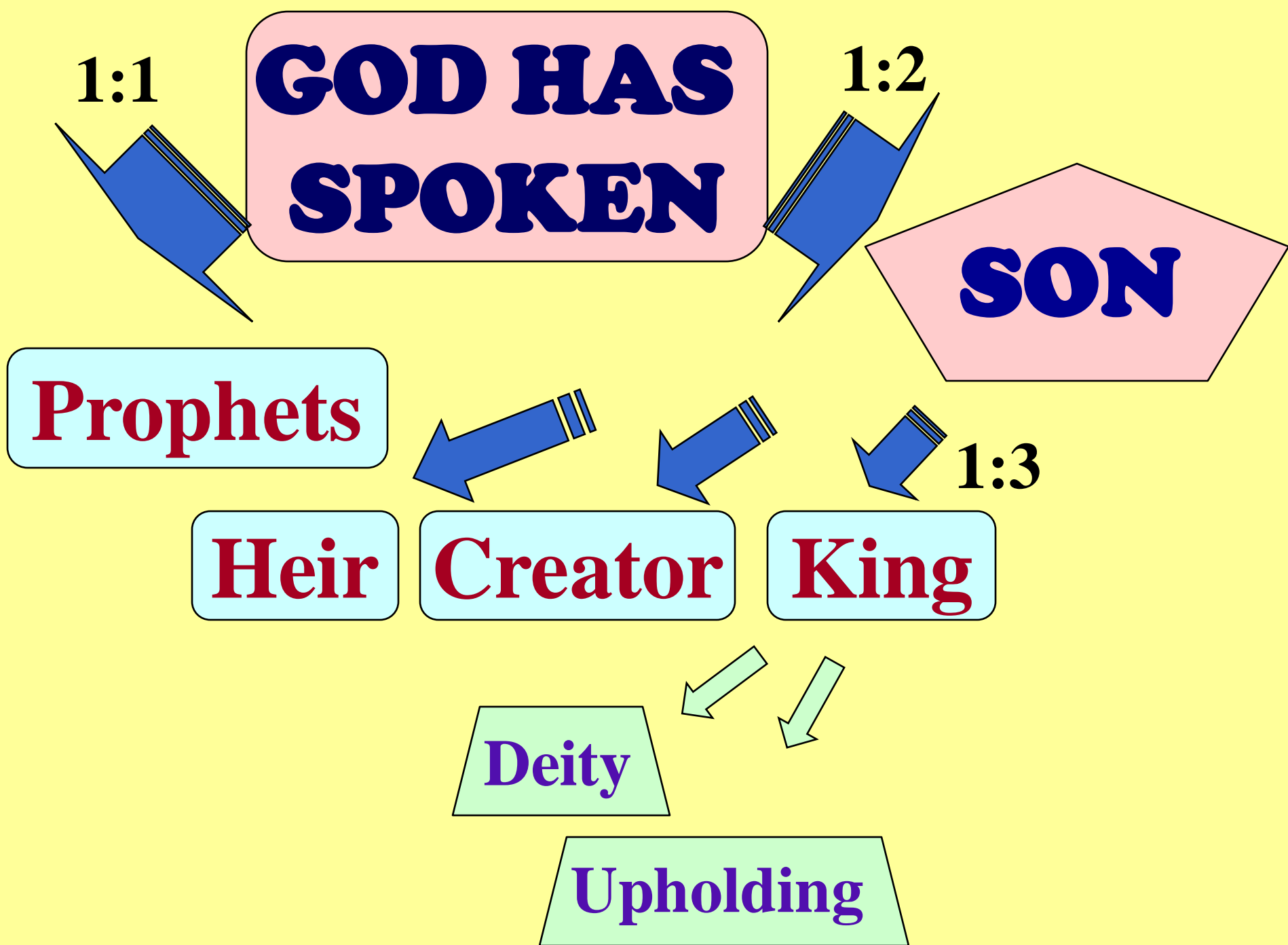
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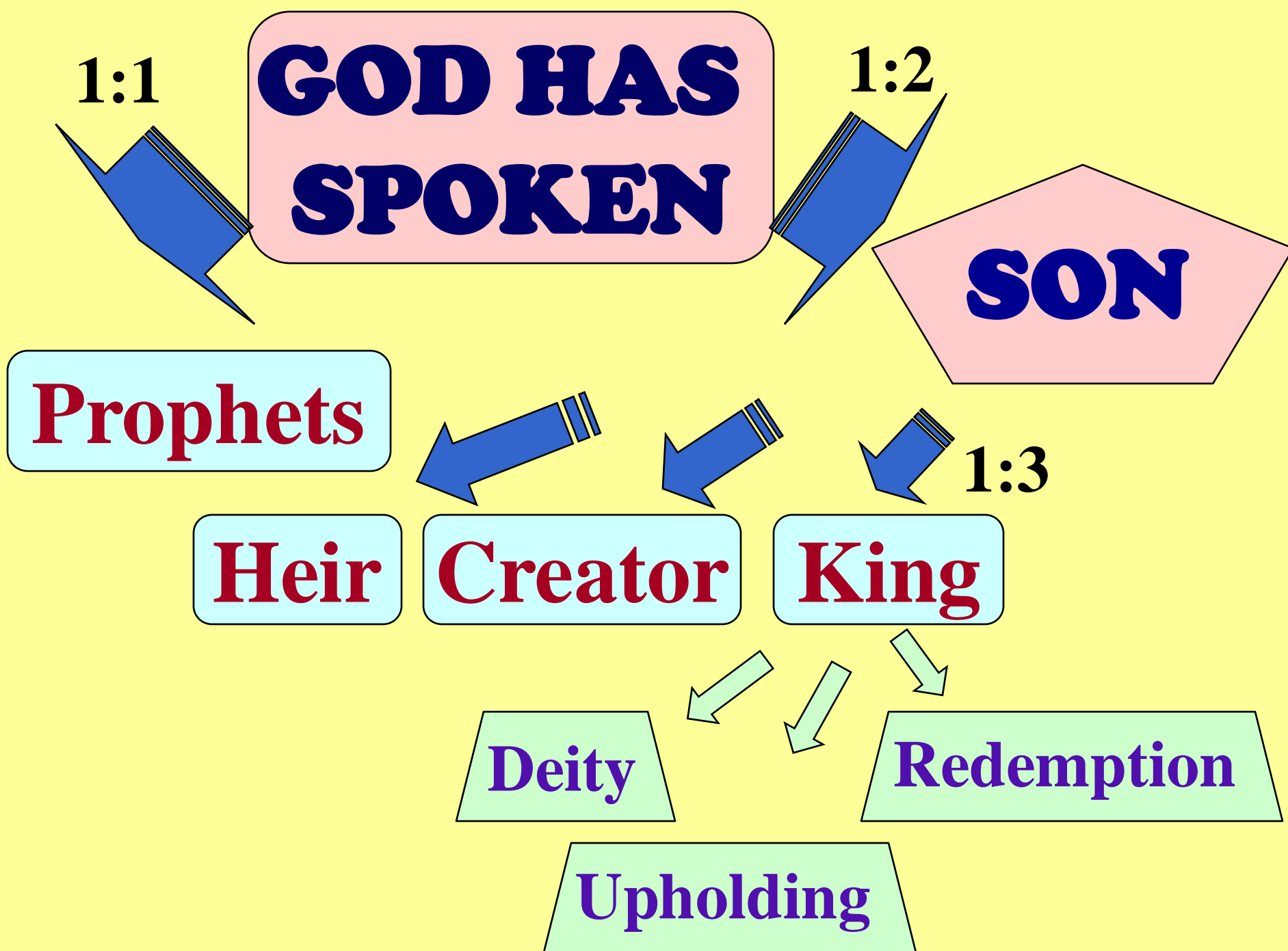
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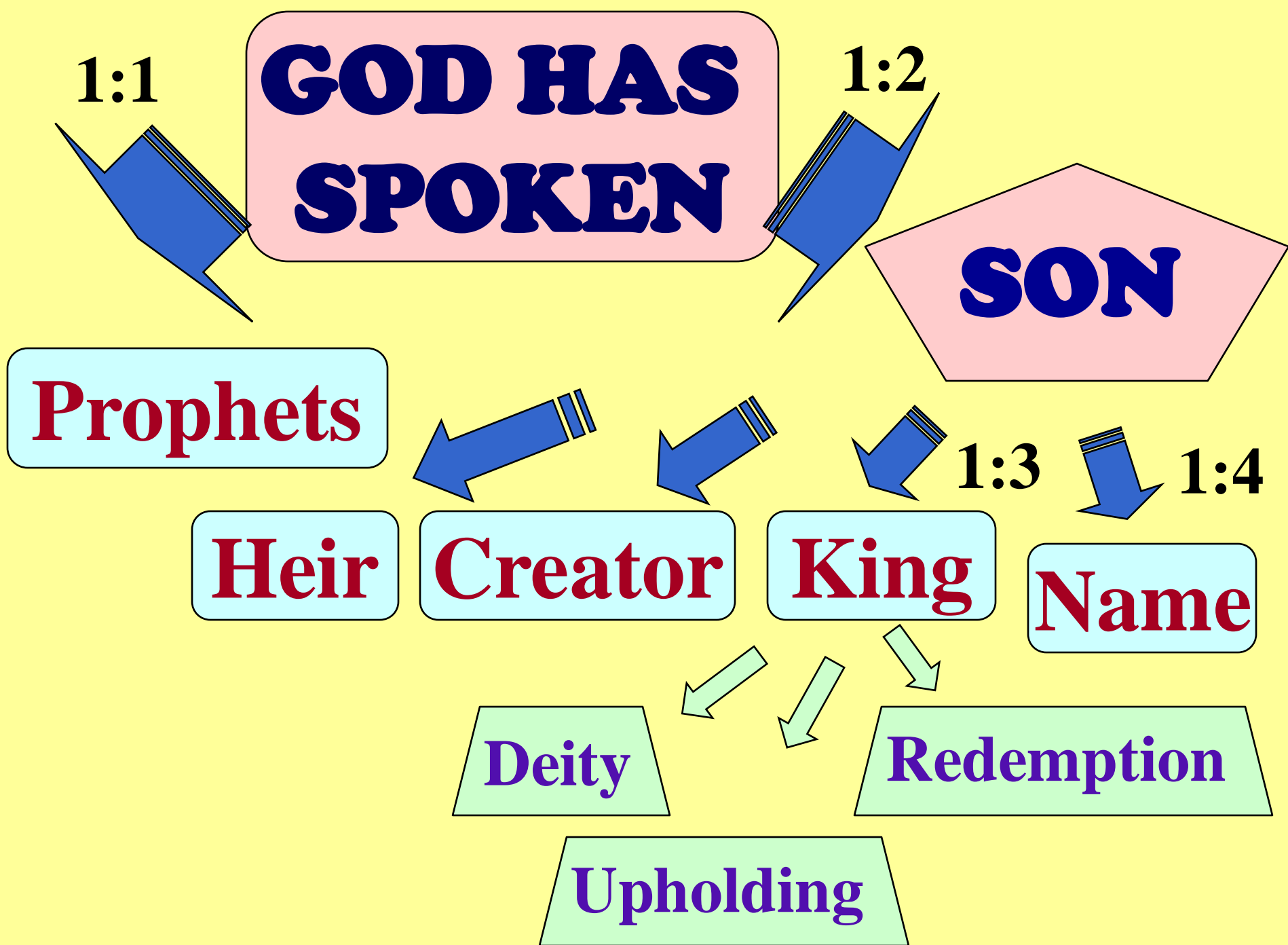
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1:1-4 TEACHING

- Theology Prop.
- Revelation
- Inspiration
- Progressive revelation
- Incarnation
- God's purpose
- Christ as creator
- Deity of Christ
- Revelation of God
- Foundation for Science
- Ultimate sacrifice
- Ultimate sovereign
- Preeminent

CHRISTOLOGY

- 1. Heirship - owner**
- 2. Creator - of all**
- 3. Deity - reflection**
- 4. Sustainer - creation**
- 5. Purifier - atonement**
- 6. Sovereign - ruler**
- 7. Name - character**

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the dark water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the distant hills are silhouetted against the twilight. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**Are you valuing anything
more than your walk with Christ?**

Sea of Galilee from Kursi

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b. 1st Warning	2:1-4
c. Superiority in Humanity	2:5-18

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SONSHIP

- **Of same nature**
- **Eternal Sonship**
- **Heir as Davidic Son**
- **Messianic Son**

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πρωτόκοκος

➤ Literally - Lk 2:7

➤ 1st in importance - Ps 89:27

Priority, Position, Title, Chief One

➤ Creation - Col 1:15

➤ Resurrection - Col 1:18, Rev 1:5

➤ 2nd Coming - Heb 1:6

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ANGELS

An angel with large, white, feathered wings stands on a rocky shore. The angel is wearing a long, flowing white robe and has long dark hair. The background shows a turbulent sea with white-capped waves crashing against dark rocks under a cloudy sky.

1. Not sons -

Son of Father

2. Worship Son -

Worshipped

3. Transitory -

Eternal

4. Consumable -

Immutable

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**1:10 And, “You, Lord, in the
beginning laid the foundation
of the earth, And the heavens
are the works of Your hands;
(Ps 102:25)**

**1:11 They will perish, but You
remain; And they all will
become old like a garment,**

**1:12 And like a mantle You will
roll them up; Like a garment
they will also be changed. But
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MINISTRY

1. Upholds Universe
2. Builds Church
3. Pours out H.S.
4. Intercedes for us
5. Our advocate



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