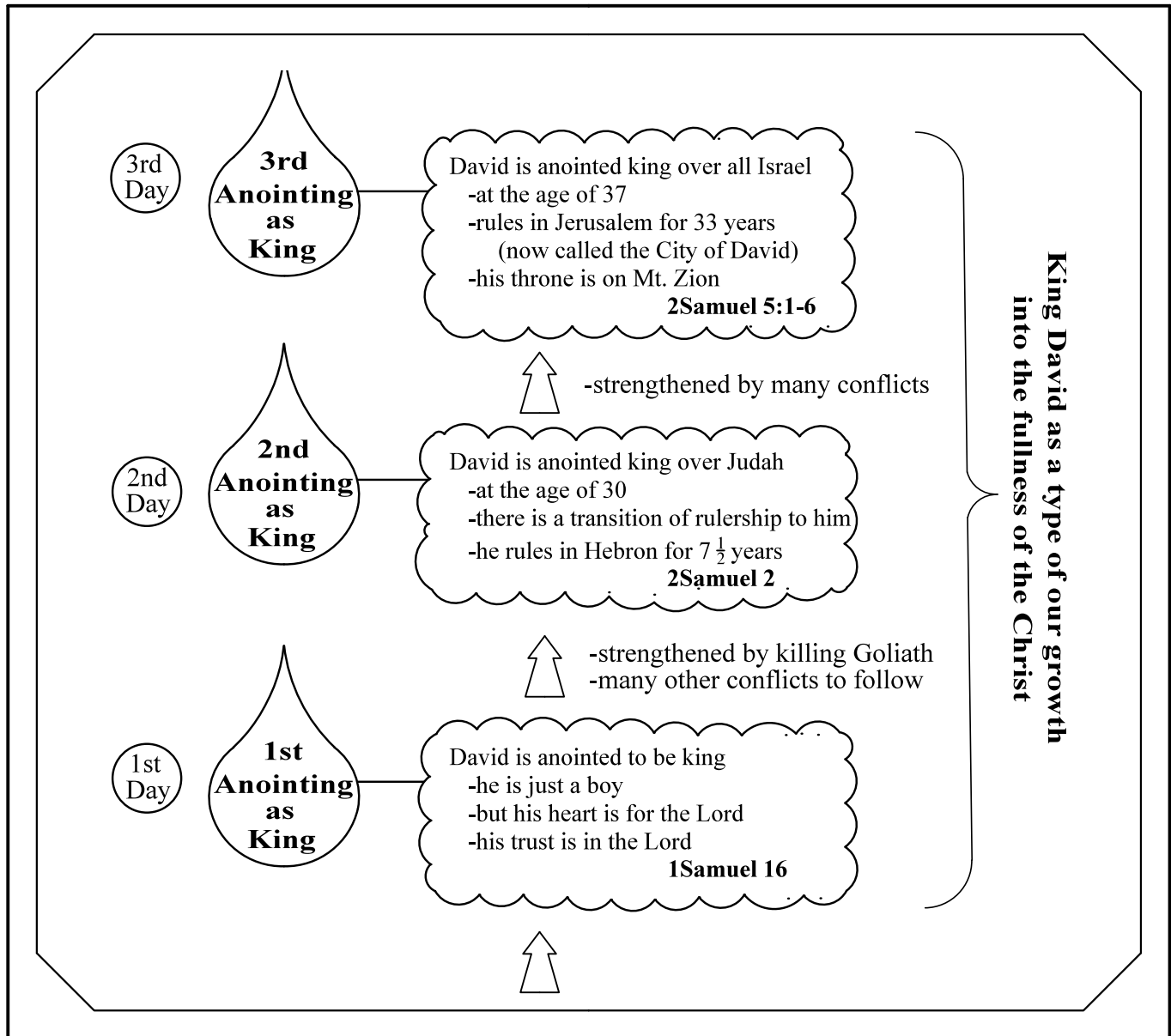


# The Three Days Journey



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# Bible Concepts

## Lesson 6

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#### Introduction:

*These Bible studies are meant to be a simple straightforward presentation of Bible truths as a tool to help you to understand the Word, It is however only by the Holy Spirit (who leads us into truth) that you will be able to see the extent of what is here. Religious traditions make the word of God ineffective, so the Word is my focus rather than a particular denominational doctrine, (Mark 7:13). I am so blessed that He has enabled me to see the part that I do. I believe the Father would have me to share these delights with others who seek to closely know Him as well. These lessons are to encourage you on into a deeper relationship with God.*

*[Bracketed words within verses are my comments inserted to add clarity. I have also CAPITALIZED some words in the verses for emphasis.]*

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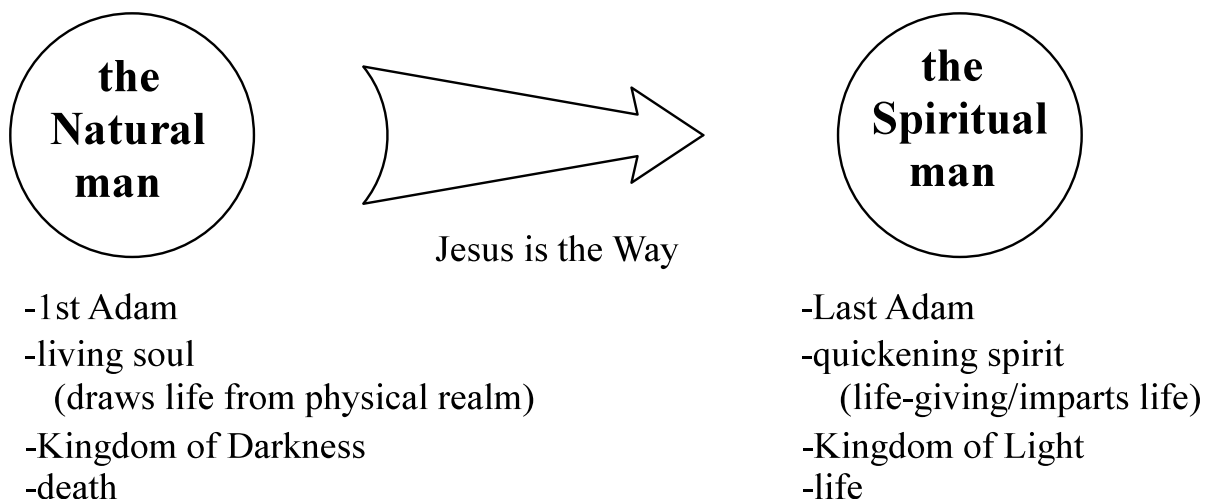
#### Part 1:

#### Using Previous Lessons to Show What “The 3-Days Journey” Is All About

This lesson will tie together many patterns of the previous lessons. As we look at patterns remember to not read more into a pattern than the intent.

Also, some concepts are presented differently in different places. For example, just because a lion may represent Jesus as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, this does not mean that a lion always represents Jesus. In a different context a lion may represent Satan, who roams as a lion seeking to devour. You need both the Word and the Spirit to discern.

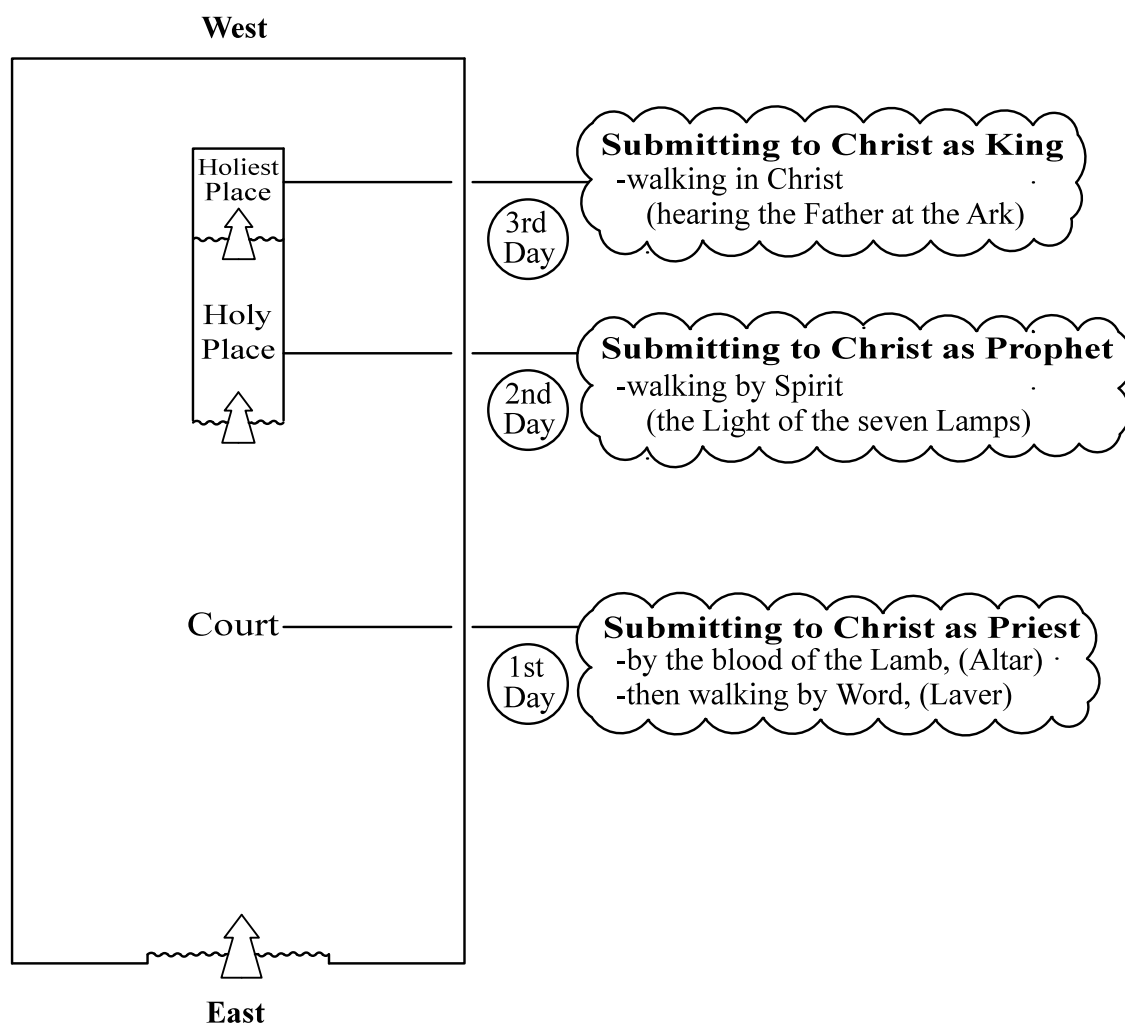
Each lesson has presented a process of change from the nature of the carnal mind to the mind of Christ. Each of the last four lessons showed that we must enter through three different areas to come into the fullness of Christ. The first lesson was just a broad overview. As we move along we always look to Jesus who is the Way. Each of these three areas that we enter into is a “Day” in our journey.



Each “day” in the journey is not a 24-hour period, but rather a “step” in growth into Christ our Head. This “Day” is used as a “type” throughout the Bible. A “Day” has a distinct beginning and a distinct end. The end of one “day” ushers in the beginning of the next.

The two major keys to unlock God’s plan are found clearly in the divine patterns of the Feasts, and of the Tabernacle, (**Hebrews 8:5**). That is why I did a lesson on each. His plan has always been to have man be in His image, to reproduce that image throughout the earth, and then to have them rule, (minister His life), in all three realms of creation. Jesus was the first man to come into His express image. Jesus was one with the Father. The Son is now as the Father. They both are as the sun. They have life from within and can impart that life to creation. Creation on the other hand needs life from without to be sustained.

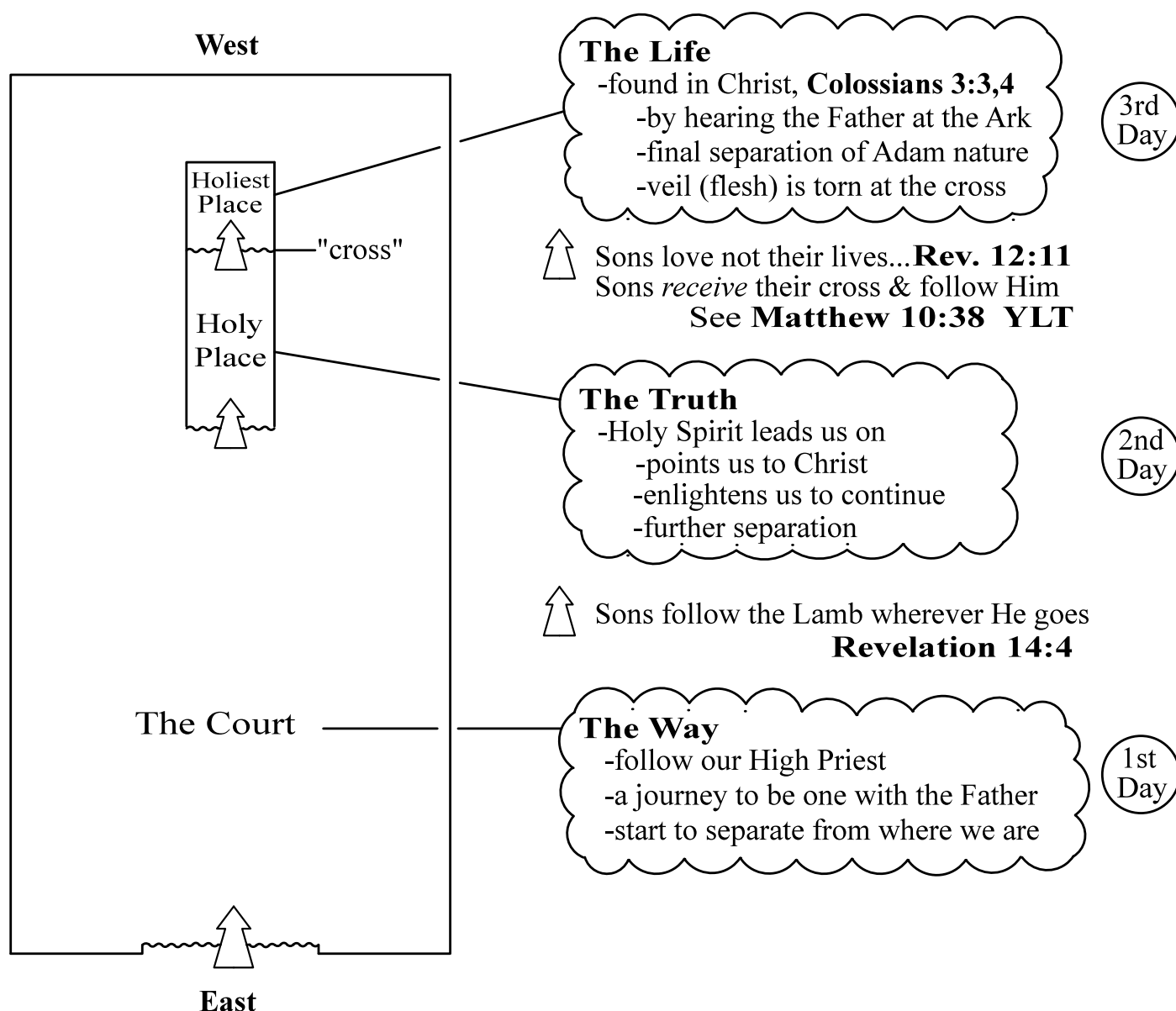
Once Jesus became the Son in the express image of the Father, he then sent the Holy Spirit to reproduce His life in the earth in others. He is Christ the Head and is raising up many like Him to be Christ the Body. It is a process. He is the first Son. The Holy Spirit is raising up many other Sons to rule with Him. Jesus Christ is the forerunner for us, (**Hebrews 6:20**). He is the elder brother with many more brothers to follow, (**Romans 8:29**). There are three major steps, (called “Days”), in this journey to become mature in Christ. They are shown in the Tabernacle pattern below.



Now take a closer look using the following two scriptures.

*"Jesus told him, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. No one can come to the Father except through me..."*  
**John 14:6 NLT**

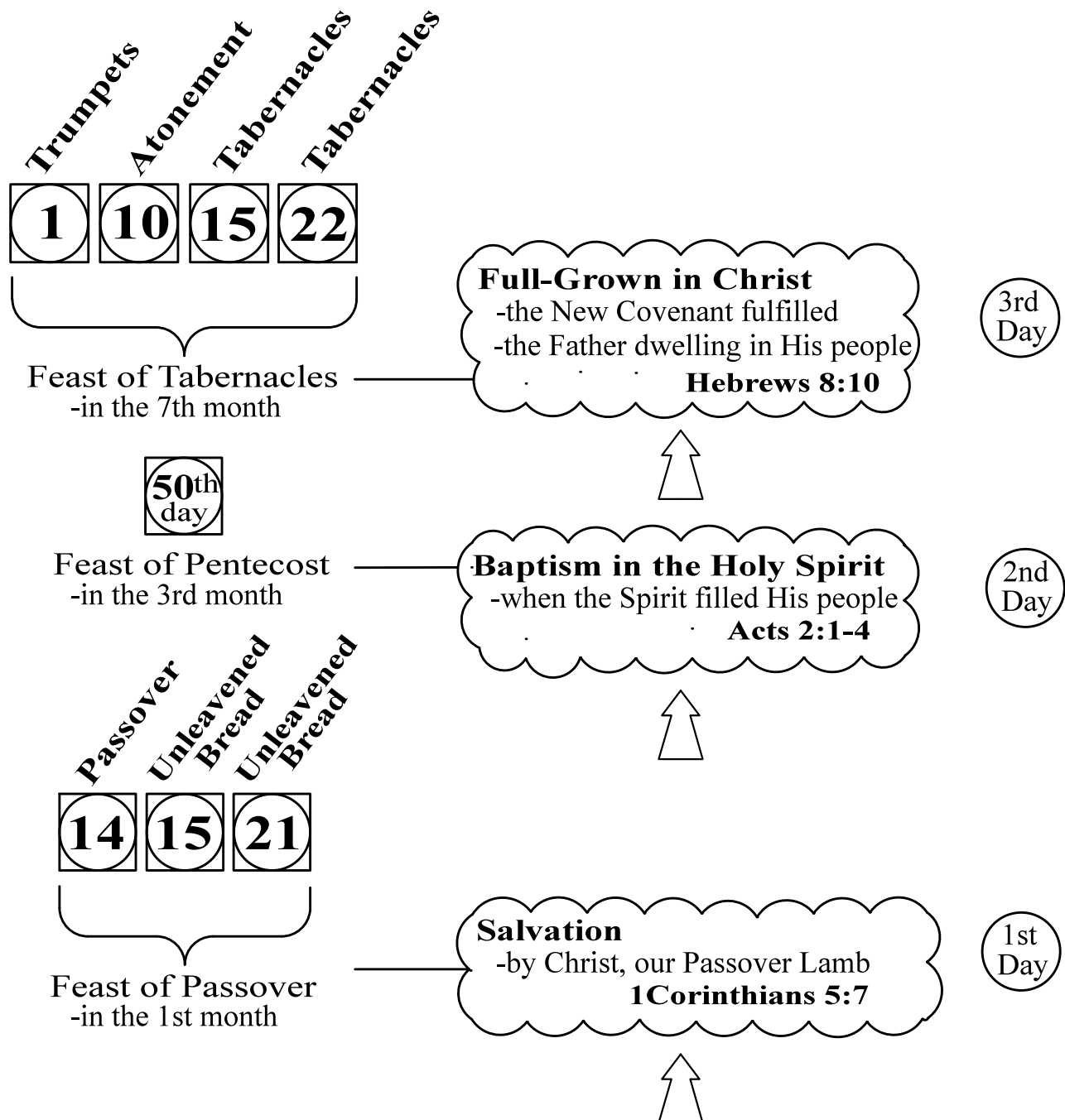
*18..."we who have fled to him [Jesus Christ] for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope [the resurrection] that lies before us. 19. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary [Holiest Place]. 20. Jesus has already gone in there for us. HE HAS BECOME OUR ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST in the order of Melchizedek."*  
**Hebrews 6:18-20 NLT**



The scripture below confirms that the life of Christ, (in us), is the goal, and that this growth in Him takes time. The three major steps in this growth process are the “three days journey”. In George Lamsa’s Translation you’ll see the same pattern in the Feasts.

*“11. And he has assigned some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as pastors [shepherds] and some as teachers; 12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying [building up] of the body of Christ, 13. Until we all become one in **faith** and in the **knowledge** of the **Son of God**, and **BECOME A PERFECT MAN ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULNESS OF CHRIST**,...”*

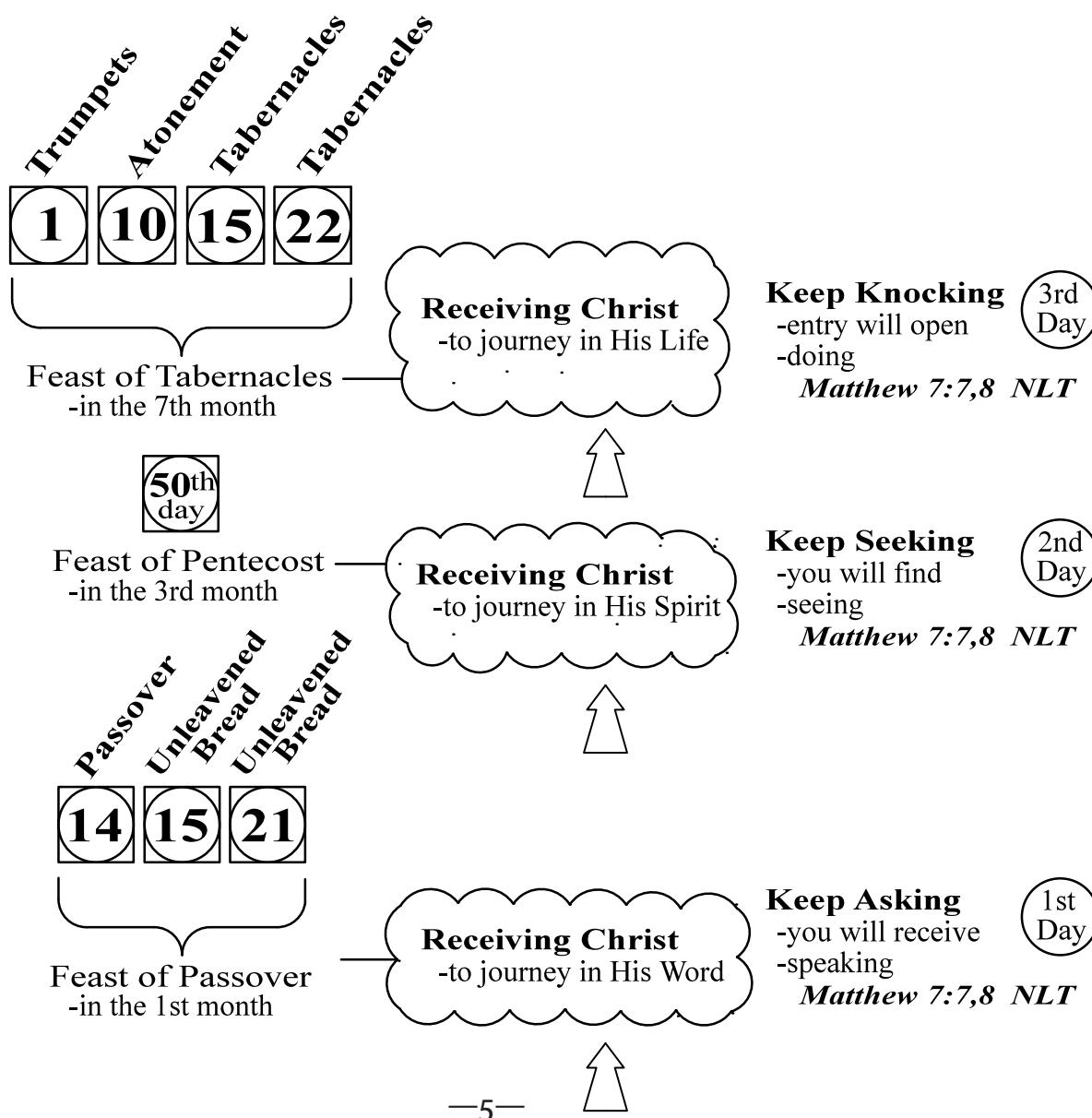
*Ephesians 4 (GLT)*



The High Priest takes the blood of the sacrifice in the Court through the Holy Place and into the Holiest Place to present to the Father. (The Father dwells in the cloud over the Mercy Seat of the Ark in the Holiest Place.) The High Priest does this to obtain forgiveness of sins for himself and for the people, (**Hebrews 9**). This sacrifice was repeated each year on the Feast of Atonement, the 10th day of the seventh month of the religious year (**Leviticus 23:27**). The Feasts were celebrated at the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle & Feast patterns reflect the same truths.

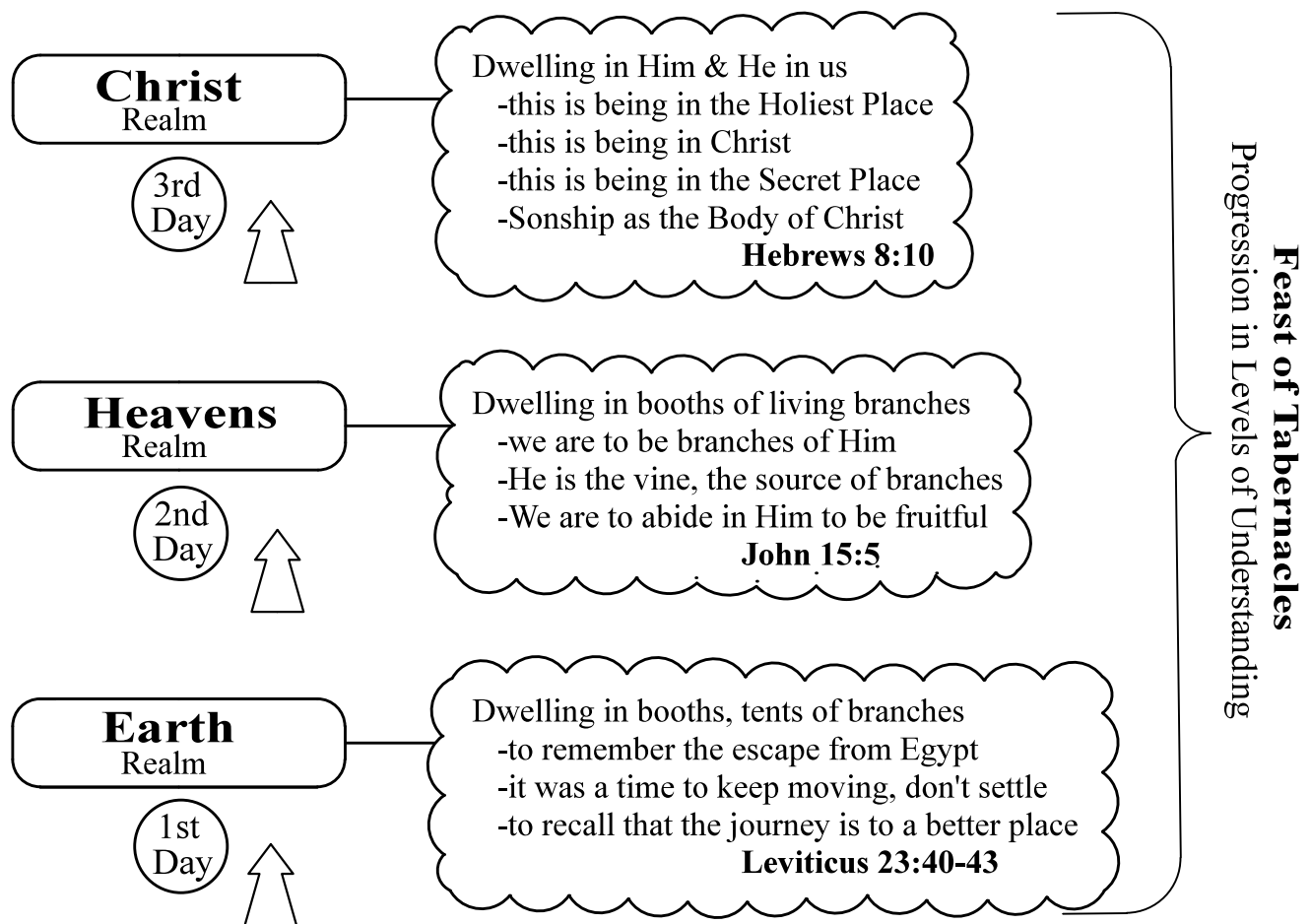
But Jesus fulfilled this earthly pattern of both in the heavens realm. The earthly pattern of the Tabernacle & their Feasts were then no longer needed. When Jesus died the veil to the Holiest Place was torn from top to bottom allowing access to the Father. We are now called to be Priests, and Kings too, (**Revelation 1:6**). Receive all of Him.

“11...his own people [religious leaders] did not receive him; 12. BUT AS MANY AS DID RECEIVE HIM TO THEM HE GAVE AUTHORITY TO BECOME SONS OF GOD—to those believing in his name,...”  
**John 1 YLT**



In the last verse Young's Literal Translation accurately translates what He gives us to become Sons of God as "authority" and not "power". Military men & machines have "power", but the Commander of them has the "authority" to tell them when & where & how to use their power. It is better to have authority than to have power.

Like "wheels within wheels" there are many levels of truth within the patterns and sections of both the Tabernacle and the Feasts. Here are three levels of truth within the Feast of Tabernacles. The "Earth Realm" is the realm of natural, (carnal), reasoning. The "Heavens Realm" is the realm of spiritual understanding. The "Christ Realm" is where "only the Father could have shown that to you", (as an example see **Matthew 16:16, 17**).



Just as the entrance cloths to each area of the Tabernacle had the same three colors on the same white cloth with the same gold threads woven within, so also are the three witnesses of God present in each of these three realms, but in varying degrees. Think of the three witnesses as the Word, the Spirit, and the Christ. As you move on in your journey of growth in the Lord you don't abandon the witness of the previous "day's journey", but rather it works in your life in a higher way. You grow more and more into the mind of Christ.

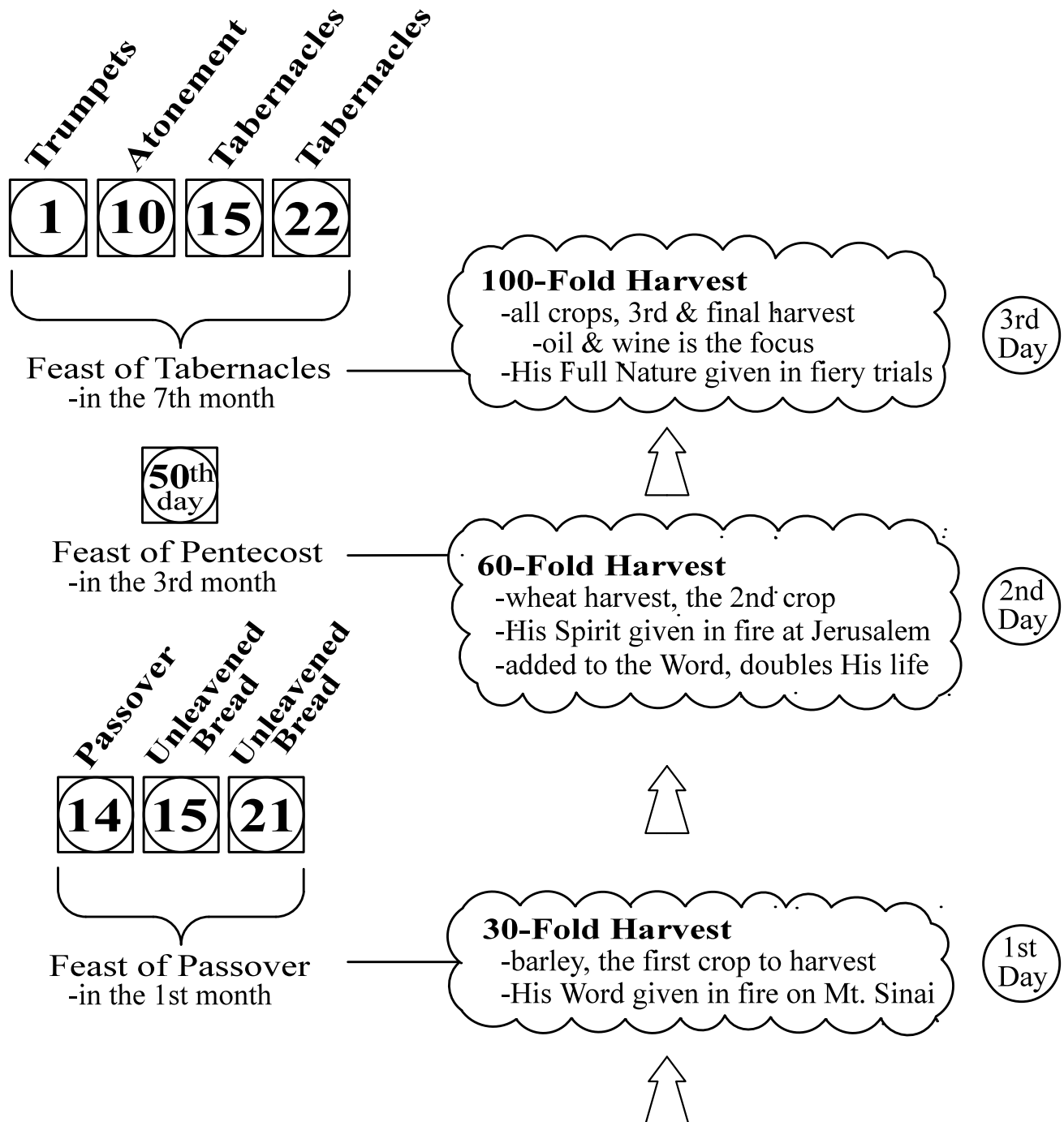
For example, once you receive the Holy Spirit as an infilling, then the Word is still very much an important part of your life, but it is then seen in a new light.



This three days journey to maturity in Christ can be seen as degrees of harvesting His life into your own...apprehending that for which you were apprehended, (**Philippians 3:12**), as shown in the verse and diagram below.

*"The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a HARVEST OF THIRTY, SIXTY, or even a HUNDRED TIMES as much as had been planted!"*

**Matthew 13:23 NLT**





Now we will emphasize a distinction between the first two days in the journey and the last day, (hinted at in Lesson No. 3). It is the difference between walking with the Mother or walking with the Father. The verses here are references for the diagram that follows.

*“...the Father of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, 15. OF WHOM THE WHOLE FAMILY [Bride/Church] IN HEAVEN [spiritual realm] AND EARTH [natural realm] IS NAMED,...”*

**Ephesians 3 KJV**

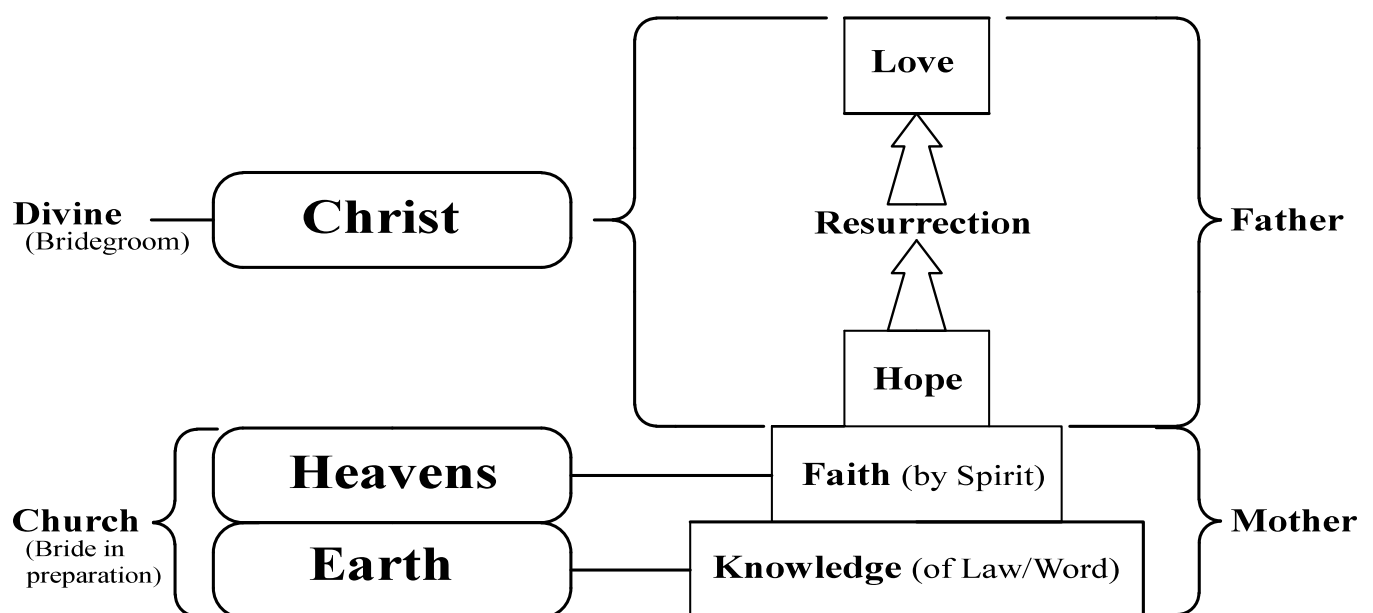
*“23. The son of the slave-wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God’s promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God’s own fulfillment of his promise. 24. These two women serve as an illustration of God’s two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law [Word] that enslaved them. 25. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law [Word]. 26. But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly [spiritual] Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and SHE IS OUR MOTHER [who also covers the Law/Word, the Earthly Realm as well as the Spirit, the Heavenly Realm].”*

**Galatians 4 NLT**

*“44. “No one can come to me unless THE FATHER who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45. It is written in the Prophets [quoting Isaiah 54:13]: ‘They will all be taught by God [the Father].’ EVERYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE FATHER AND LEARNS FROM HIM COMES TO ME.”*

**John 6 NIV**

In the present transition of the church age ending, (and the Kingdom age of sons beginning), there are a growing number of people who are hearing direct from the Father in greater measure.

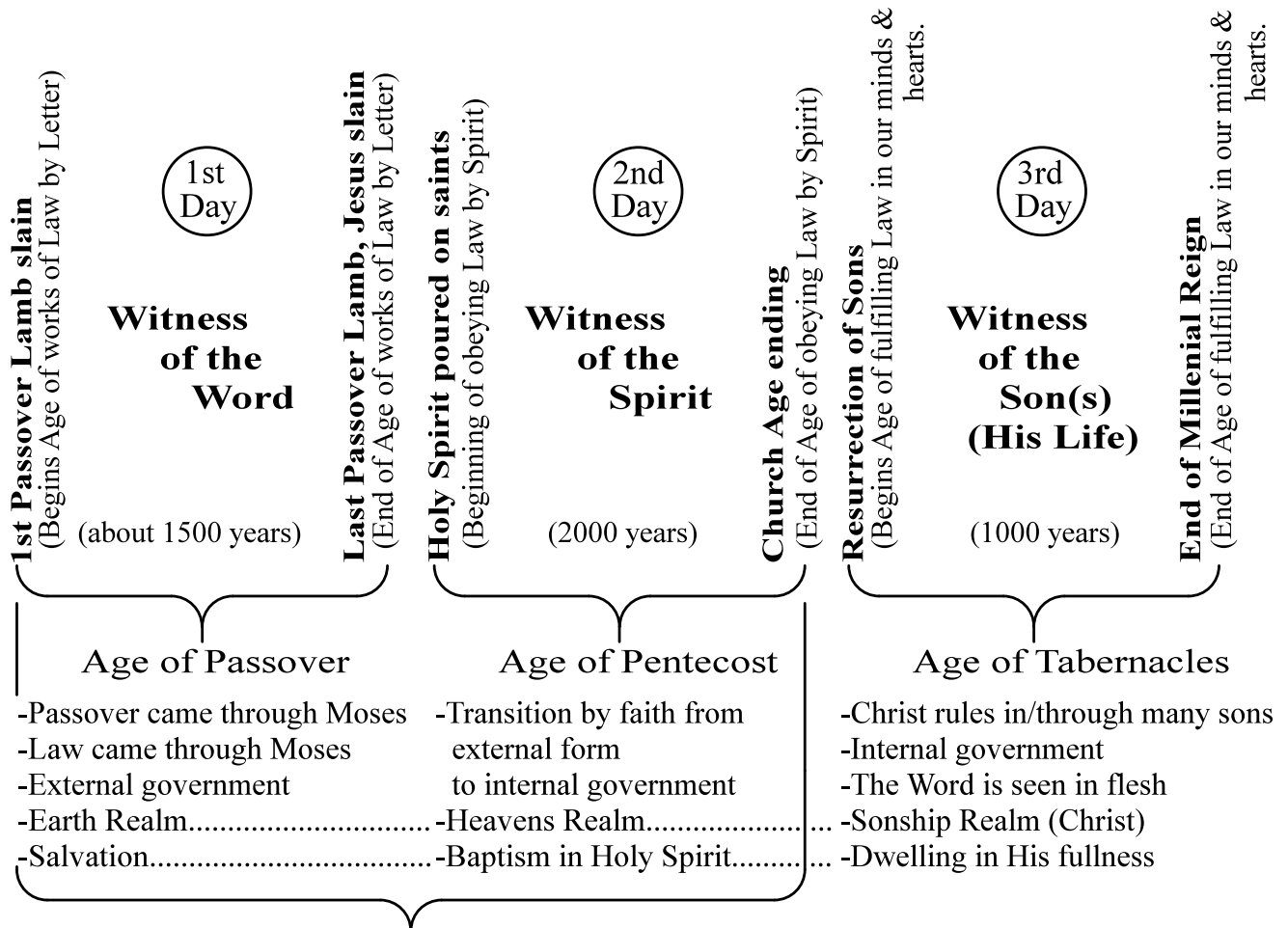


## Part 2: The End of the First Two Days, the “Church Age”:

Below we have a “broad sweep” picture of the three days journey toward perfection in Christ. It can be seen both globally and within you as a progression of God’s work to create a man as a temple to be His permanent home. This man is Jesus Christ, Head and Body. Jesus is the first Son in the express image of the Father. He is the fulfillment of the Law & the Prophets...the Word & the Spirit. He is the Father’s nature seen fully in a man. His Body is the company of Kings who submit to Him as the King of Kings. They are the Sons, moving on in hope into the full measure of the Holy Spirit & Resurrection mentioned below...to have His life come forth fully in them at all costs. And what does it cost?...the cross, (**Galatians 2:20**).

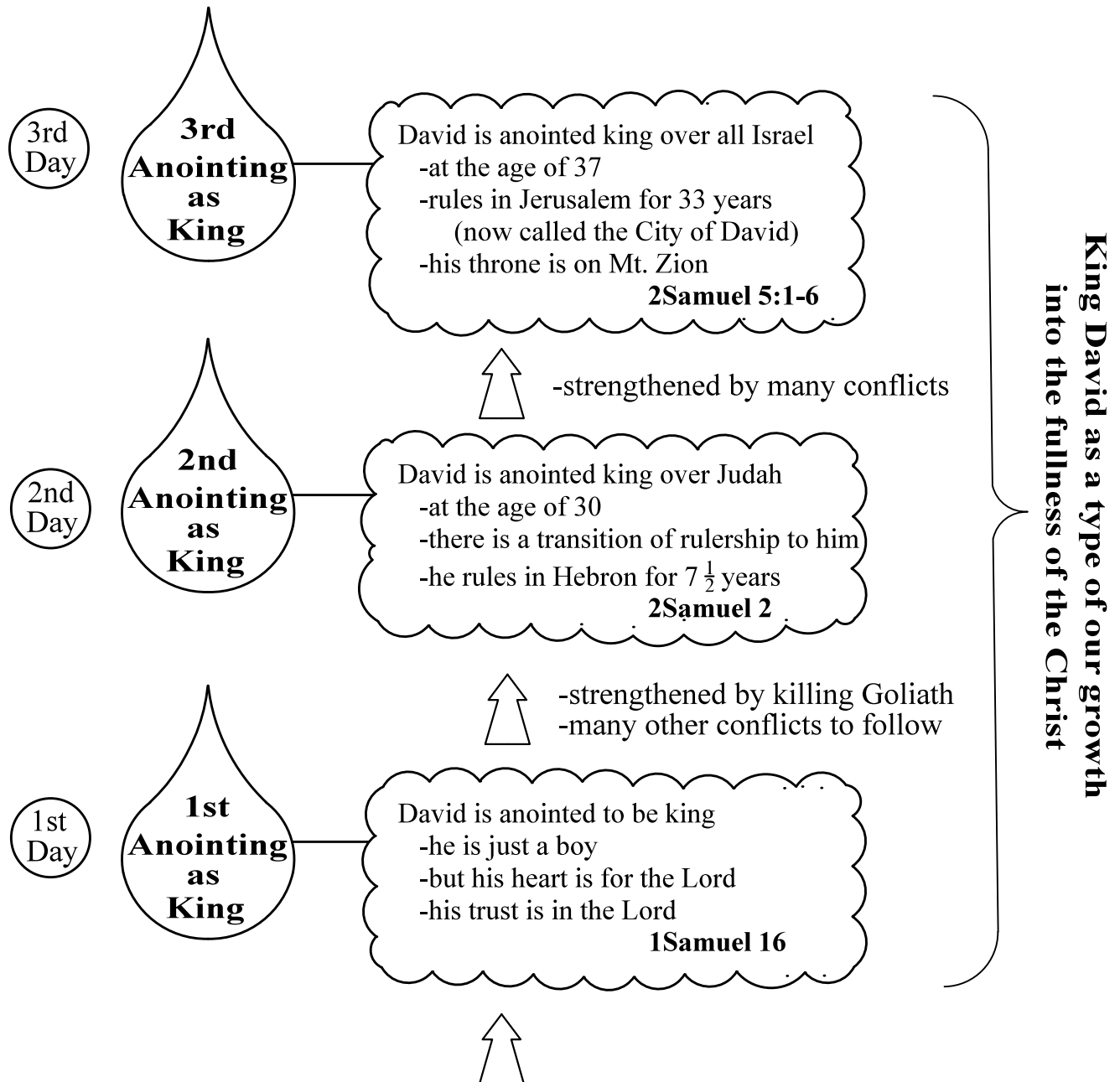
*“35. but those accounted worthy to obtain that age, and the rising again that is out of the dead, neither marry [the flesh nature and world systems built by them, including religious systems with their works], nor are they given in marriage; 36. for neither are they able to die any more [for they have already died fully to the first Adam nature]—for they are like messengers [now can minister His life fully for they are fully mature in Christ]—and THEY ARE SONS OF GOD, being sons of the rising again [resurrection]...38. and He is not a God of dead men, but of living, for all [those who] live to Him.”*

**Luke 20 YLT**



Note that 3500 years, is "3  $\frac{1}{2}$  days" (**2Peter 3:8 & Revelation 11**). The life of one age passes (into the next) as the higher life and greater harvest of a new age begins. Each new age is dramatically different in appearance & administration from the previous age. Each new age is a major expansion of the witness of the nature (love) of God in the earth.

I'll repeat the diagram of the last page with some added info soon, but first look at some other summaries including this three days journey below that King David walked. Notice that David was anointed three times to be king. To anoint means to consecrate or sanctify. It designates one who is set apart or appointed for a particular calling, (to minister His life), such as a priest or a king. This anointing was symbolically done by putting a special oil on their garments or forehead, (**Exodus 28:41-43**). This oil could not be used for common use but only as the Lord directed. Oil is the substance (heart) of the "fruit".



Each day in the journey has a special anointing to it. We must be exercised in that anointing before we are strengthened & matured enough to move on into further anointings. This growth in Christ is not our work, but His grace through faith, (**Ephesians 2:8**)...His life working in and through us. Our part is to receive Him, (yield, submit, trust, hear, & obey).

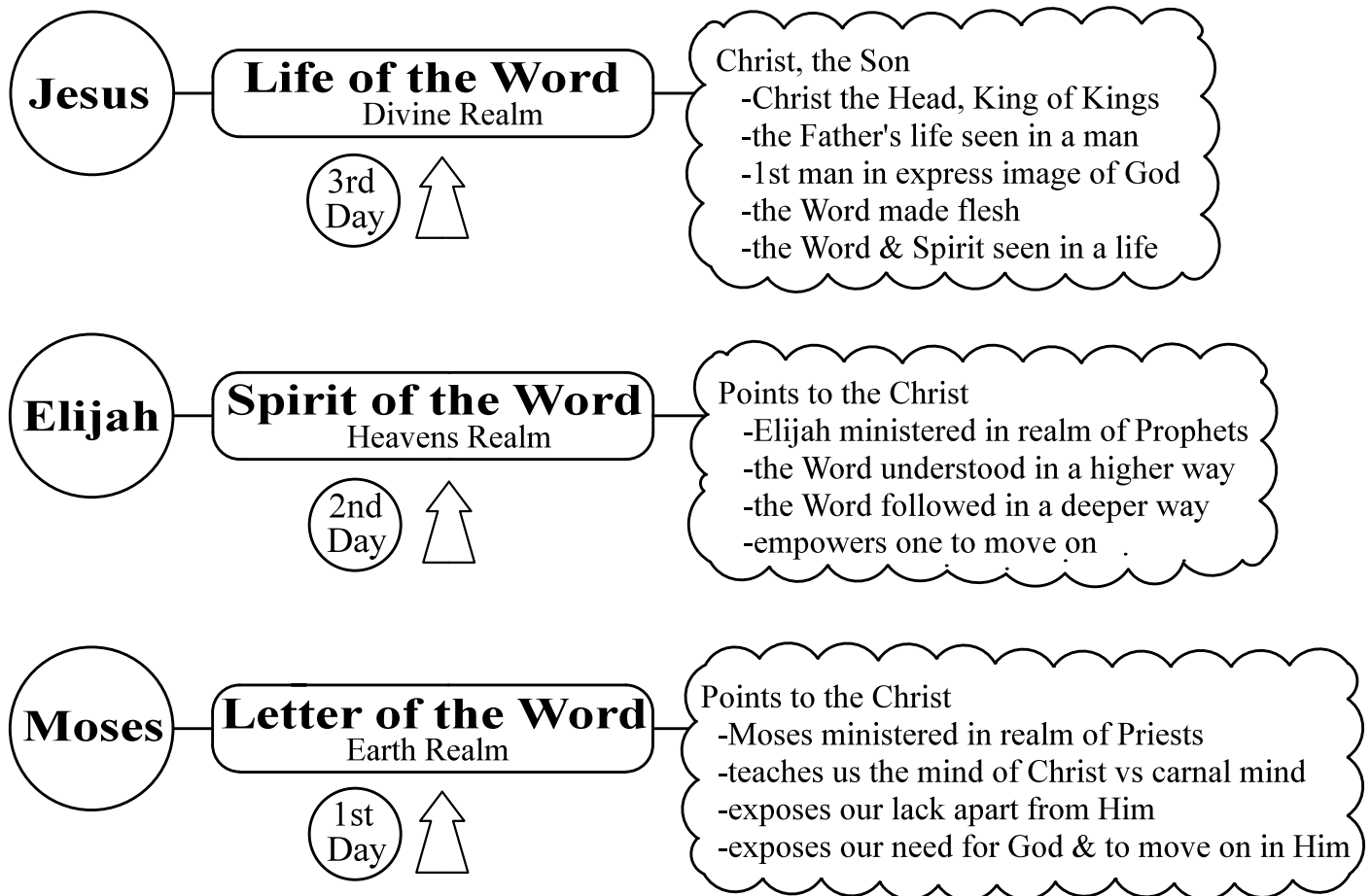
The third anointing is different from the other two in that it comes at a great price. It must be bought. We are exhorted to pay the price in **Proverbs 23:23** and to not sell [trade] it once purchased. What we are buying is the truth, which is Him...His life. What we exchange is our life for His. We buy this oil to enter into the Bridegroom's chamber, (**Matthew 25:1-12**). The first two anointings are free gifts to bring us to the third day.

The next scripture and diagram show in another way that the first two days speak of the third day, which is the goal of the journey.

*"2. There he [Jesus] was transfigured before them {Peter, James & John}. His face shone like the sun [the Father], and his clothes became as white as the light [clothed in the righteousness of God]. 3. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

**Matthew 17 NIV**

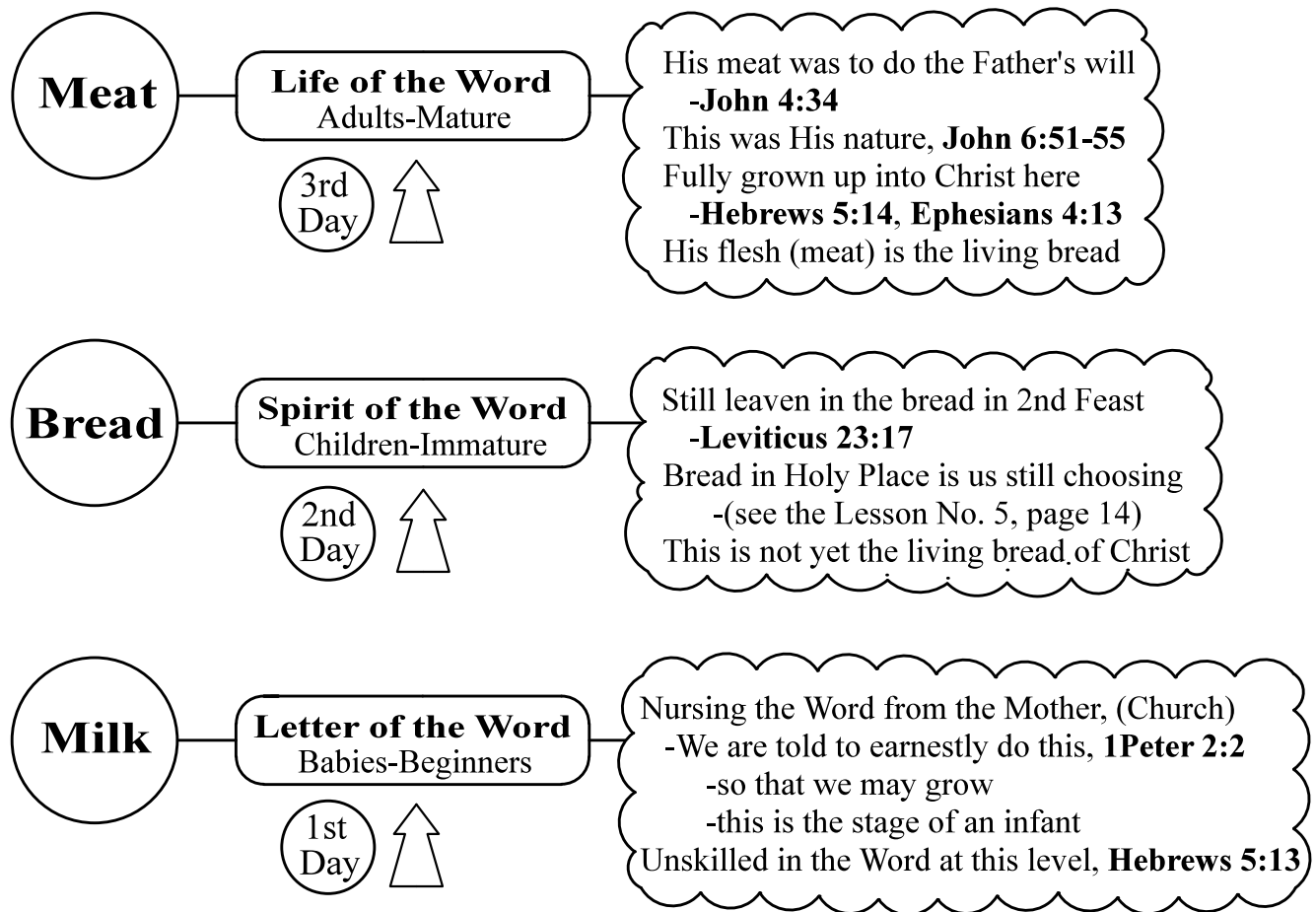
## The Transfiguration



This concept of the three days journey repeats over and over again many dozens of times in different ways in the Bible. The message is the same however. We do not possess eternal life until we cease to change. Right now we can go back & forth between the first Adam nature and the last Adam nature. The day will come for the overcomers when they will be like pillars in the temple that go no more out. Until that day we need to be diligent to make our calling and election sure.

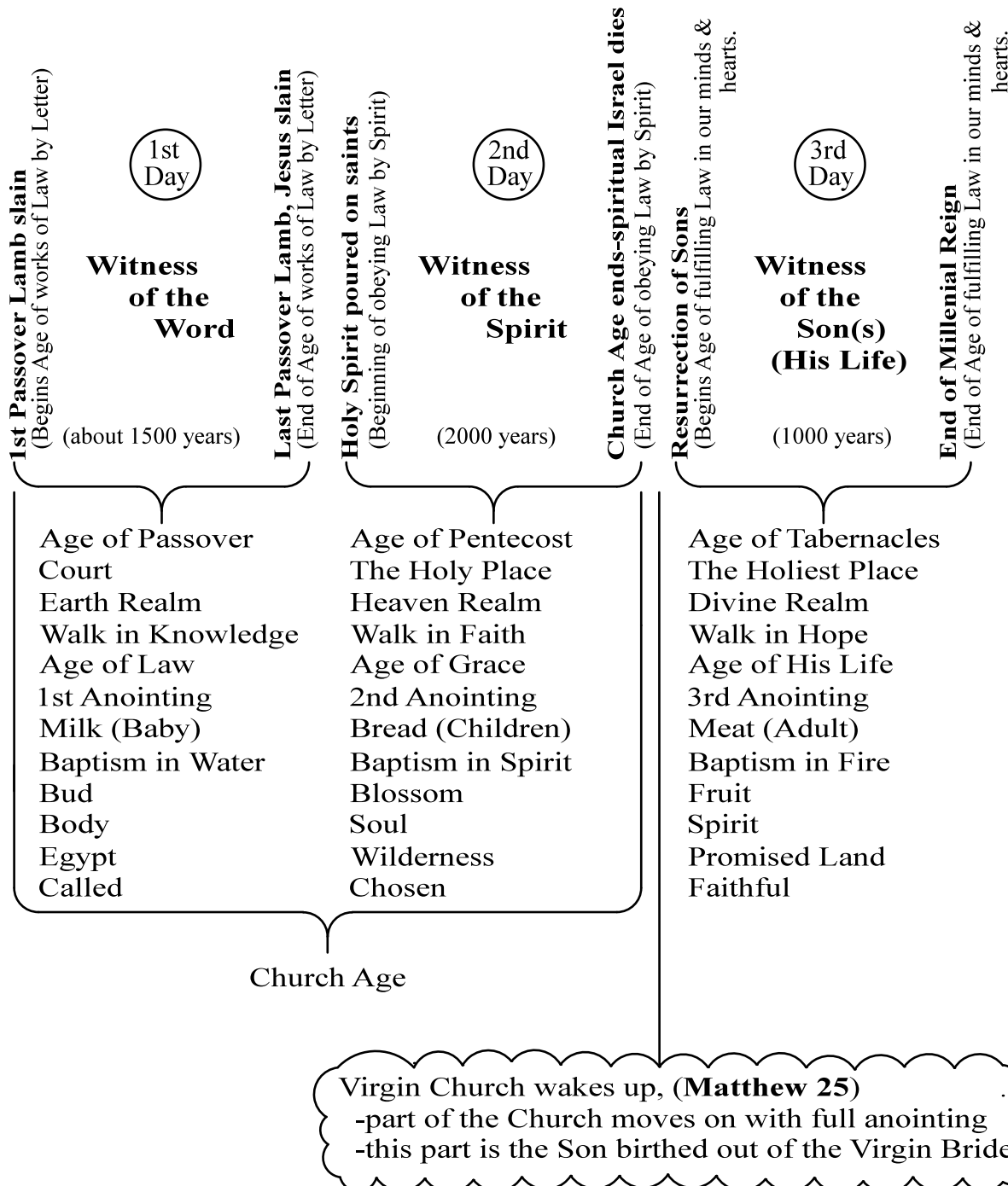
On the next page I summarize several more patterns of this concept. I will not take the time to expound on each of the others listed there or to present the many more that are not. I have listed them to whet your appetite...to alert you to spot them in the Word.

Meanwhile, below I show how several scriptures interweave to display the same concept of the three days journey another way. This should help you to grasp a higher level of truth when you come across the words “milk”, “bread” and “meat” in the Word.



Now we return to our diagram of the three ages. I will shed further light on it as the three days journey. There is a witness of God...a presence of God...an anointing of God in each “day”. That is why many people refuse to leave the day that they are in. What they taste of the Lord is enough for them. The sad thing is that they also do not want others to leave where they are at.

*“Woe to you scribes! for you have taken away the keys of knowledge [of the Word that faith may be built to move on into the fullness of His life]; you did not enter, and those who were entering you hindered.”*  
**Luke 11:52 GLT**



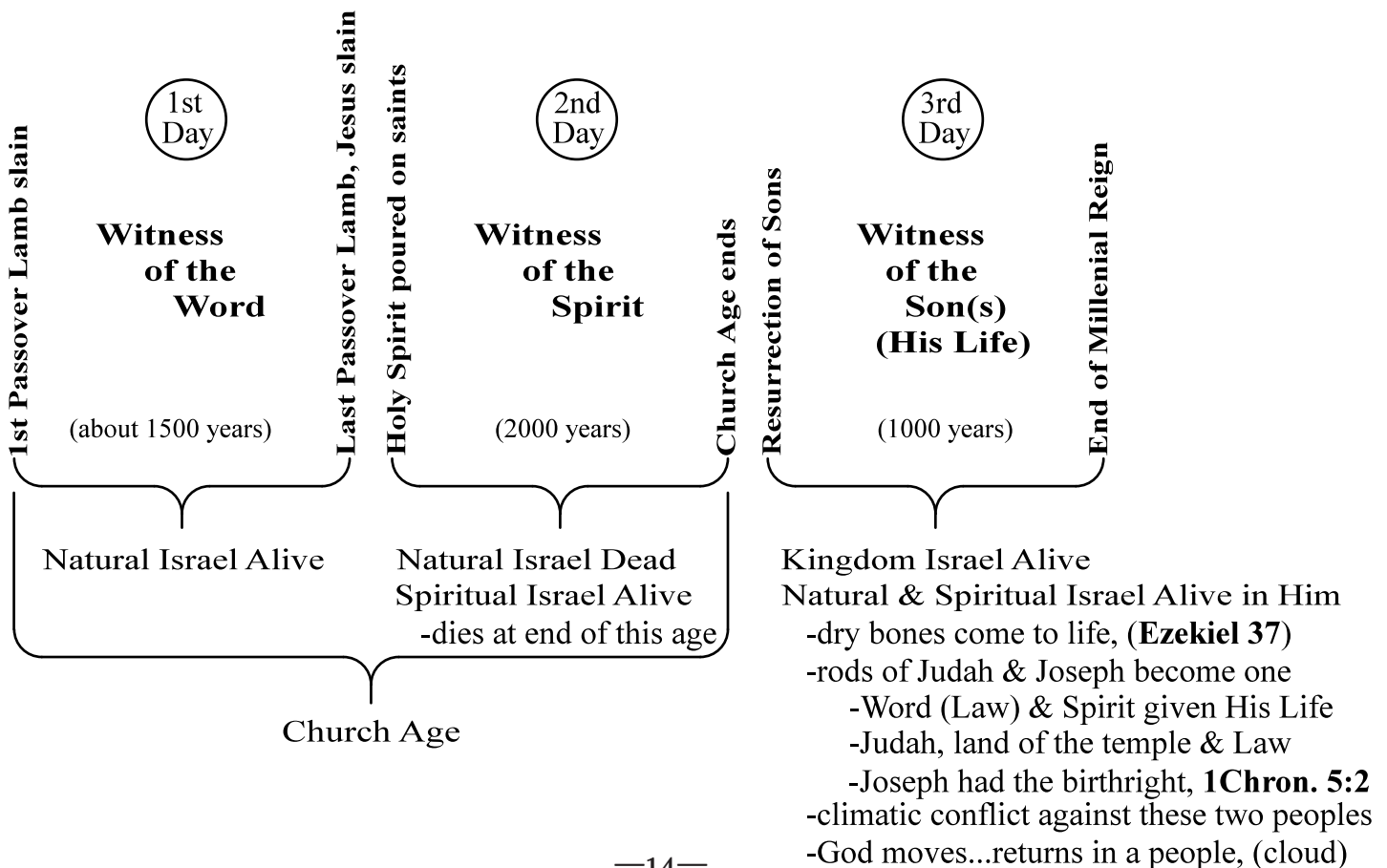


Now I'll simplify the diagram and focus how natural Israel fits into this pattern. This too is a teaser, for it would take an entire lesson to do it justice. For now though read **Genesis 48 & 49**. The King of a Kingdom that would never end was to come through Judah, and Jesus, (the "Anointed One"), fulfills that. Yet the birthright (which has been the line for the promised seed) was to come through Ephraim, the youngest son of Joseph, (**1Chronicles 5:1,2**).

How could that be? Are there to be two promised seeds...two Messiahs...two Anointed Ones? No! But first there is Jesus Christ the Head, and then Christ the Body is birthed, (happening now, but still hidden). Christ the Head, (from Judah), and Christ the Body, (from Joseph's son Ephraim), truly become one at the resurrection of the saints. That is when the rod of Judah, (authority in Christ the Head), & the rod of Joseph, (authority in Christ the Body as seen in his son Ephraim), become one.

When Israel split into two kingdoms after Solomon, the 10 northern tribes were called "Ephraim", because his was the predominant tribe there. It was also called "Israel". This was partly because most of Israel was there. Ephraim was known for its prophets...where the Spirit moved. Note that the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob was also to go with Ephraim. Also, from Ephraim would come a multitude of nations tagged with the name of this God, ("Christ"... "Christians"). The Christian nations of the world can trace their origin to the 10 northern tribes of Israel.

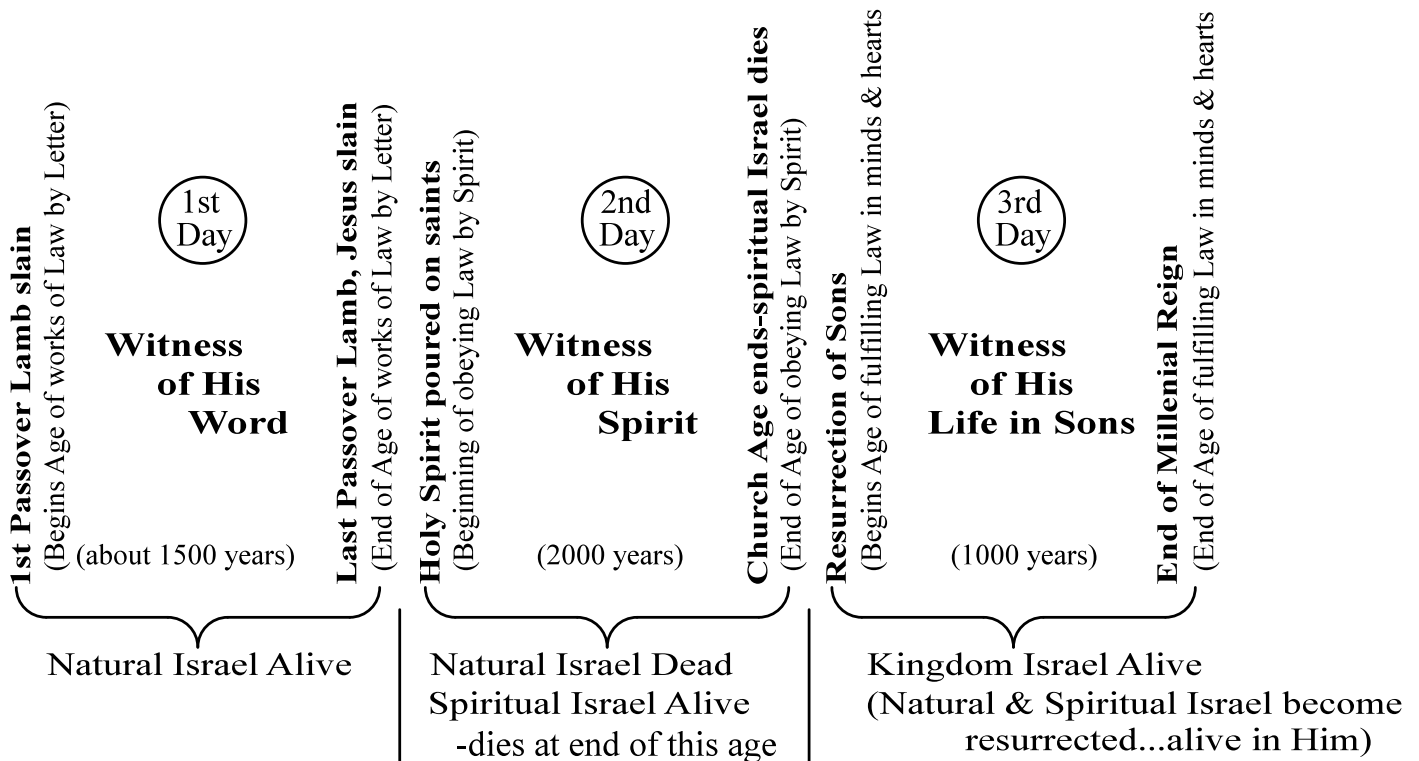
That too would be another lesson, but there is enough archaeological, historical, linguistic, and genetic evidence to show that to be the case. There are many good books on the subject. But enough of that all for now. This pattern is included in the next two diagrams.





## Transition Between Days

One Day fades as another Day dawns



Religious systems fully developed  
 -by carnal minds...corrupted  
 Traditions established  
 -makes Word ineffective, dead  
 -form without substance or life  
 -impressive form (valley)...but...  
 ...full of dead men's bones  
 Exodus from the synagogues  
 Many hear, "Come out.." **2Cor. 6:17, Rev. 18:4**  
 Rapid growth of remnant in Spirit  
 -people know where the life is  
 Religious leaders resist the change  
 -accuse of pride & deception  
 -many despise & reject those of the new day  
 -feel threatened, insecure by the new day  
 -old wine does not work in new wineskins  
 Transition has significant birth pangs  
 -Jesus' birth/baptism/resurrection/Holy Spirit  
 -Word age ended 70 years after birth of Jesus  
 -destruction of temple/priesthood/city/Judah

Sunset of 1st Day & Dawn of 2nd Day

Religious systems fully developed  
 -by carnal minds...corrupted  
 Traditions established  
 -makes Word & Spirit ineffective, dead  
 -form without substance or life  
 -impressive form (valley)...but...  
 ...full of dead men's bones  
 Exodus from the "churches"  
 Many hear "Come out.." **2Cor. 6:17, Rev/ 18:4**  
 Rapid growth of remnant in His Kingdom Life  
 -people know where the life is  
 Religious leaders resist the change  
 -accuse of pride & deception  
 -many despise & reject those of the new day  
 -feel threatened, insecure by the new day  
 -Son, (Benjamin), is sorrow for the Mother, (Rachel), but blessing for Father, (Jacob)  
 Transition has significant birth pangs  
 -Spirit age ending now, church system fades  
 -British helped get land/nation/city regained

Sunset of 2nd Day & Dawn of 3rd Day

### Part 3: What Happens on the Third Day:

Here is the foundational concept for what happens on the third day. It is very important to enter into this relationship with the Father. That is why the Bible is loaded with dozens of examples of a major change that happens on “the third day”. They are prophetic of our journey into maturity in Christ.

3rd  
Day

**Resurrection  
of  
Jesus Christ**

*"40...GOD RAISED HIM [JESUS] TO LIFE ON THE THIRD DAY. Then God allowed him to appear, 41. not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses."*  
**Acts 10 NLT**

It is on this third day of our journey that we step past the torn veil into the Holiest Place before the throne of the Father. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the firstfruit is paving the way for him to work in us that we might be part of Christ the Body and also come into this resurrection. That is what Hosea prophesies below.

3rd  
Day

**Resurrection  
of  
His People**

*"1. Come, let us return and go to the LORD who has smitten us, and he will heal us...2. After two days he will revive us, and ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP, and we shall live in his presence."*  
**Hosea 6:2 GLT**

It is on this third day that we bear the fruit of the divine nature. Then Creation may see the sons of God that they have been groaning to see, (**Romans 8:17-25**). It is on this third day that we are delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Trees speak of men's lives, (**Deuteronomy 20:19**), and Christ, the tree of life is evident in a people when they come to abide by the living waters. These waters come from the throne of God, (**Revelation 22:2**). The throne, (place of God's authority), is found in the Holiest Place. The third creation day is prophetic of these trees of life bearing the fruit of His nature..

3rd  
Day

**Fruit Trees  
bring  
forth fruit**

*"11. Then God said, "Let the land produce TREES...THAT BEAR FRUIT with seed in it, according to their...kinds."...it was so. 12...God saw that it was good. 13. And there was evening, and...morning—THE THIRD DAY." **Genesis 1 NIV***

The keys to unlock spiritual meanings of words are *always* found in the Word. It is essential to find these in order to understand higher levels of truth. That is why we look to the following verse to see that trees represent men's lives.

*"When thou shalt besiege a city a long time...thou shalt not destroy the [fruit] trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for THE TREE OF THE FIELD IS MAN'S LIFE) to employ them in the siege:"*

**Deuteronomy 20:19 KJV**

Now this opens up the understanding of verses such as the following one.

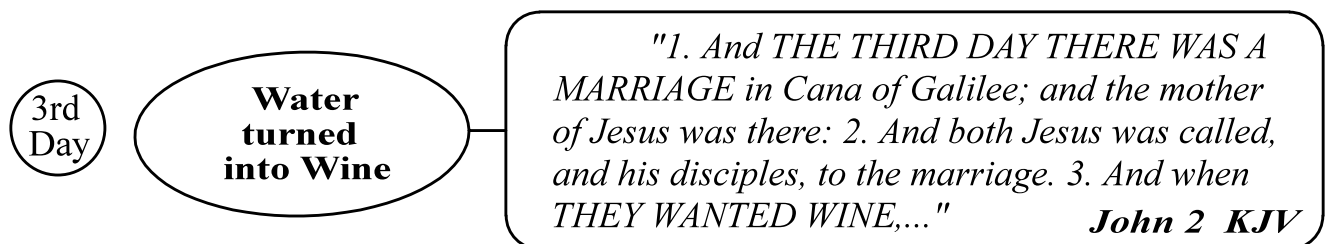
*"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; THAT THEY MIGHT BE CALLED TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF THE LORD, that he might be glorified.*

**Isaiah 61:3 KJV**

Christ, the tree of life, is to be our source. If we abide in Christ then our lives bear the fruit of His life, (**John 15:4**). We either draw our life from one tree or the other. One tree is the tree of knowledge of good & evil, (first Adam nature). The other is the tree of life, (Christ nature). We either seek to keep our life or to lose our life and gain His. If you choose to tap into Christ, (see **Ephesians 3:17 TLB**), then you are on the three days journey. The traveling on this road does not come without a fight from the first Adam nature.

The Father wants His image multiplied in the earth...to bear the fruit of His nature...to minister His life in all realms of creation. That is His plan. That is why we must come to be found in Christ, the third day of our spiritual journey.

It is on the third day that the water of the Word is changed into the wine of His life. This is what happens when the virgin bride comes into union with the bridegroom.



Verse 11 of this chapter tells us that this is the beginning of the fruit (glory) of the Father being manifested in the son.

The wine is what comes forth from grapes, fruit of the vine. The wine comes forth in the third feast, the Feast of Tabernacles. The spiritual meaning of wine is found here:

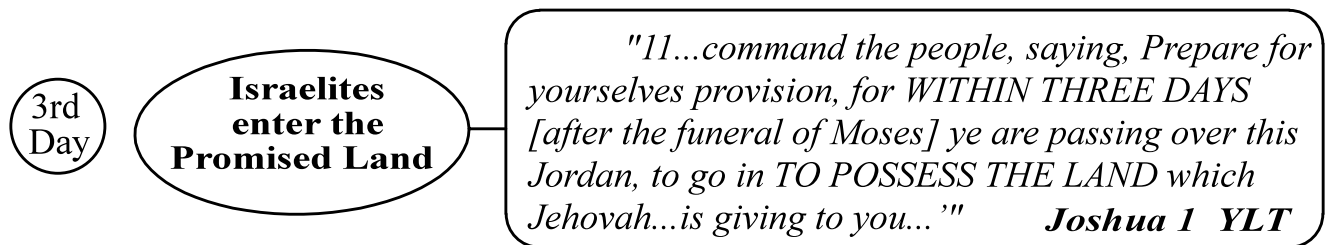
*"20. After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant [His life in a people] between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood [life], which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."*

**Luke 22:19 NLT**

From Part 2, (page 13), we saw that the Promised Land represents the third day of the journey. It is ours...but not without a fight. It is not our flesh but Him in us that does the fighting. We hear and obey. We yield. We submit. We let go of our ways. We forsake the carnal mind and embrace the mind of Christ. We strip off our former nature and put on a new nature, (His), as we enter the Promised Land of the third day.

*"22. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23. to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24. and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."*

**Ephesians 4 NIV**



As we enter into the third day we find that things are very different. Instead of hearing from the Mother Church and the church organization leaders, we start hearing directly from the Father. It is as different as it was going from the Age of Law (Word) to the Age of Grace of Truth, (Spirit)! Similar shock will arise with similar questions. What! No more animal sacrifices.....ceremonies....services?! What about our Feast Days...our programs? What about the Temple...our church buildings? What about the religious leaders with their paid positions and power? What will become of them? What about the "sheep" without their "covering"?

The leaven took over in each of the first two ages. Carnally minded men took control and built carnal religious systems. The life of God departed. They were left desolate, without their true husband. Those who supported these corrupt religious systems became married to them. They looked to the religious leaders and the religious systems and doctrines and traditions and forms rather than to the Lord.

Now at the transition to the Kingdom Age of Sons many see the systems of man crumbling, including the religious systems. They are hoping for a revival of what was in the beginning of the age. Some people want to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Others want the church to be like it was in the early days of the first apostles. They are looking backwards. God is moving forward doing a new thing...a much better thing. The beginning of this new age will not be like the days of the early apostles. It will be very different. Only those drawing near to the Father will be prepared to be part of the change. These are the overcomers birthed out of the womb of the mother virgin church. The virgin church is not any religious system. It is made up of saints everywhere who are virgins. They have not been impressed with religious systems. They want Him only.

## Part 4: The Third Day in the Journey Seen as an Event:

The third day of the journey is sometimes prophetically described in the Bible as an “event” rather than as a “day”. These events further detail what exactly happens in this third phase of the spiritual journey. I present some of these using scripture quotes. In others I just provide the references but summarize what I see in them.

One important difference between the first two days and the third is that on the third day of our journey we are hearing directly from the Father. It is so different than what we are used to! We are used to hearing the Lord through the Word or by the Spirit... typically through “the church”. By the church I mean the organized system of religion... preaching, teaching, elders, 5-fold ministry, etc. It was beautiful in its time, (Eccl. 3:11)

It took Samuel awhile to catch on that the Father was trying to get his attention for a higher calling. The Father wanted to talk with Samuel directly, not through a priest.

3rd  
Day

**Samuel  
understands to  
listen to Father**

*"8. So THE LORD CALLED A THIRD TIME, and...Samuel got up and went to Eli. Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy. 9. So he said to Samuel, "...say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'"* **1Samuel 3 NLT**

Another difference is that those who journey on to be steadfast in the “third watch” are the ones who enter into Christ. Those who are comfortable with the “mother church” do not see a need to separate to hear the Father. They miss the higher calling. They miss what they were chosen for. They don’t even see the day coming. After all, the third watch is a lonely place. Today is the day of transition. It is time to wake up and pay attention.

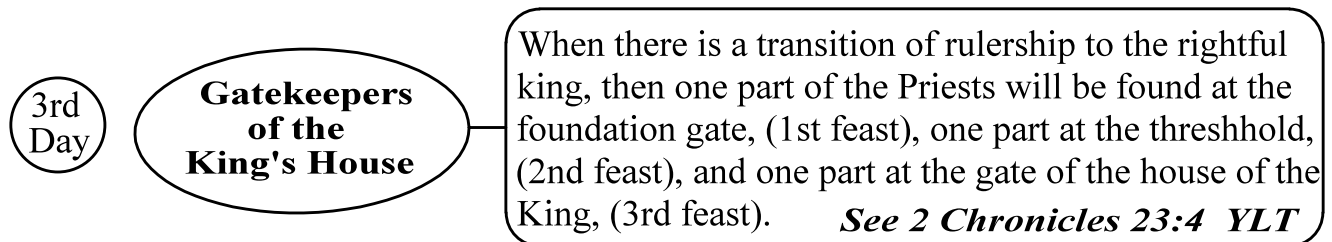
3rd  
Day

**Faithful  
unto the  
Third Watch**

The called and chosen are found in the first 2 feasts, but the faithful are those also endure to the end. These are given to reign. These dwell in the Father's house, (3rd feast). Those in the first 2 days are unaware of this day. **See Rev. 17:14 & Luke 12:29-45 YLT**



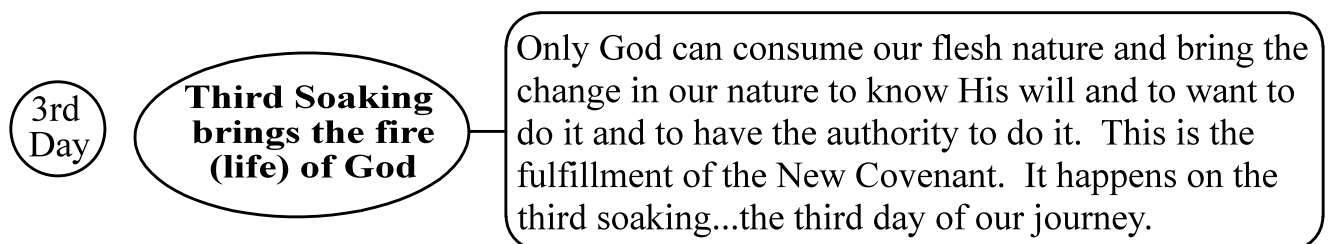
Where are you found at this transition of ages? We are all called to be priests and kings. As priests we want to move on into the fullness of Him, ministering at each gate as we hear from God. These places are steps in the three days of our spiritual journey. Those who are pressing into the third day are wanting to tabernacle in the Lord and to have Him dwell in them. They are wanting to enter the Holiest Place, where the Father dwells. They have this hope in them and so they purify themselves, (1John 3:3).



As we faithfully **ask** we are receiving the water of the Word. We start to see things His way and begin to abandon our ways. Thoughts, habits, and even who we spend time with begins to change. This is being a gatekeeper at the foundational level for the King's House, which house we are, (1Corinthians 3:9).

Then we desire more of the Lord and we **seek**. We are then soaked in the Holy Spirit. It is here that our eyes are opened to see the Word as a spiritual book. Many truths now open up to us. This washing of the Word by the Spirit brings us as gatekeepers to the threshold of hearing the Father. But it is not until we **knock**, (and keep knocking), that this inner part of the King's House, (Christ within us) begins to open up. Here we experience the fire of God's life. People see the change in us and believe because they can see the Lord made flesh in a person.

This process...this third soaking of the Word...is also represented by Elijah's sacrifice in a high place. It results in a baptism of fire that consumes the rest of our flesh nature. It is obvious then not only to ourselves but to others that God is real. It is then that He dwells in us and walks in us and His power & love are seen in us as it was with Jesus.



The scripture reference for this is shown on the next page.

“29...they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, [when incense was burned before the Holiest Place]... 30. And Elijah...repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down [that’s us, a mess before coming to the Lord]. 31. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: 32. And with the stones he built an altar [made of stones that represent the Lord’s people who will receive a change to a name that means “he will rule as God”],...and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain TWO MEASURES OF SEED [ a type of the first two Feasts]. 33...and said, . Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the...sacrifice.... 34. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, DO IT THE THIRD TIME. AND THEY DID IT THE THIRD TIME, [that makes a total of 12 barrels of water, one for each stone]. 35. And the water ran...about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah...came near, and said...37. Hear me, O LORD...that this people may know that thou art the LORD God... 38. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God...”

**1Kings 18 KJV**

God is a consuming fire, (**Hebrews 12:29**). When Elijah completed the second “day” of his journey, (a walk in the Spirit), then he ascended to God in fire, (**2Kings 2:11**). Elisha stayed with him from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho. It was at this third stop that Elijah ascended. Elisha received a double portion of the Spirit because he was steadfast in all three legs of the journey.

It is at the end of day when incense is totally burnt before the Holiest Place and the incense censer is taken into the Holiest Place. The incense represents not only the prayers of the saints, but a total surrender of the saints to the Lord, (**Psalms 141:2**). No flesh nature is allowed into the Holiest Place. This is what it means when it says that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, (**1Corinthians 15:50**). It is at this last part of the journey that there must be a purging by fire until we are one with the fire, His nature. This is shown below as a closing example to this Lesson.

**Ezekiel 5** and **Zechariah 13:8,9** both speak of the THIRD PART of God’s people being taken through a fire in order to be purified, (from the first Adam nature). This is so that God can inhabit them as His house to dwell in...His people. This is so that His life can be ministered to all realms of Creation. This theme echos in many scriptures, including **Daniel 12:10** and **1Peter 1:6,7**. I find the following verse to be a clear summary of them.

3rd  
Day

**Third Part  
cleansed  
by fire**

*"Those whose names are written down to escape the destruction of Jerusalem, [church age], will be washed & rinsed of all their moral filth by the horrors & the fire, [receiving your cross]. They will be God’s holy people."*

**Isaiah 4:2-4 TLB**



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