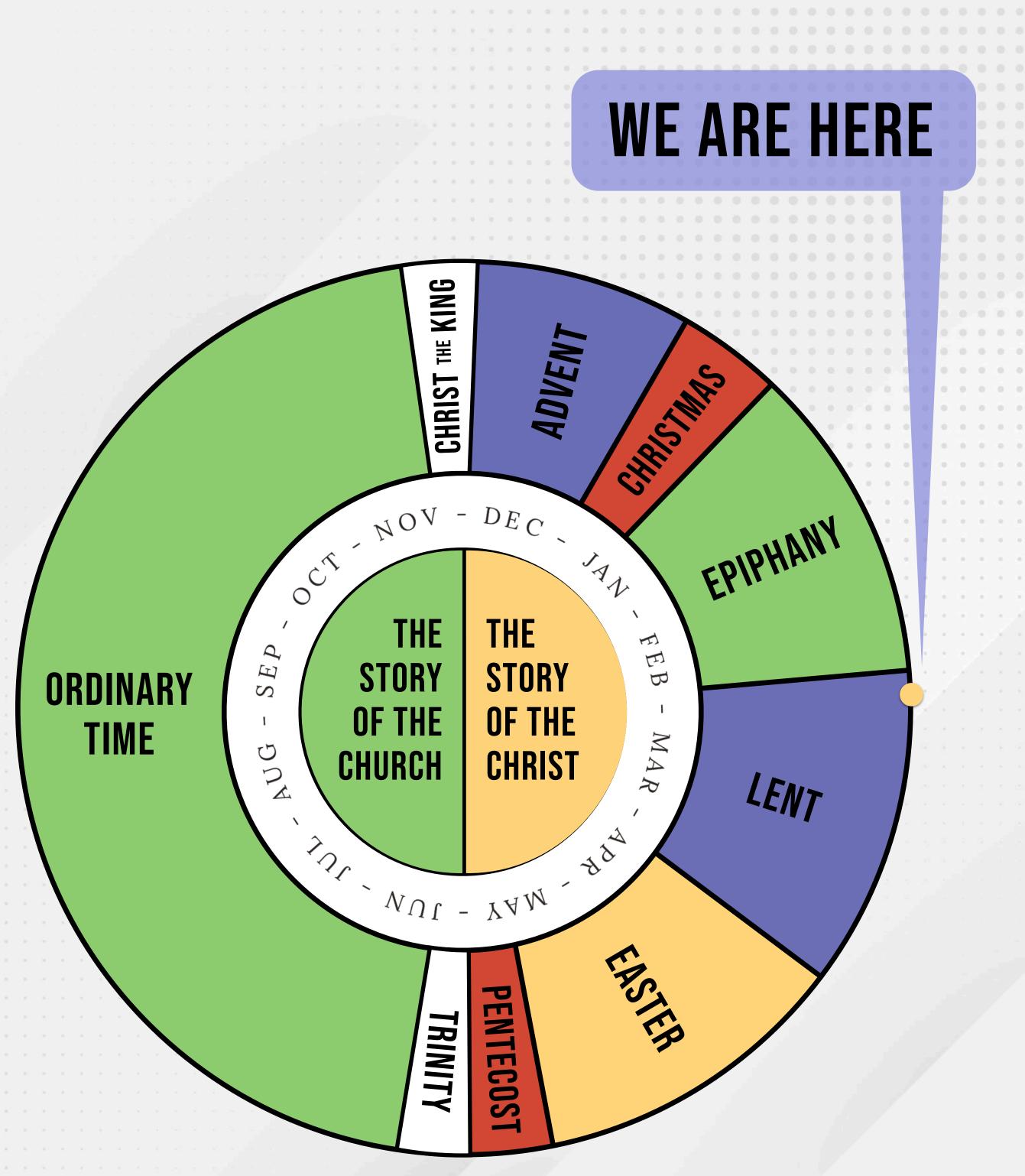


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THE SEASONS OF THE **CHRISTIAN CALENDAR** Advent: Anticipation Christmas: Incarnation **Epiphany:** Revelation Lent: Crucifixion **Easter: Resurrection** Pentecost: Ascension Trinity: Magnification Ordinary Time: Mission Christ the King: Conclusion





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The meaning of the cross is not singular, but kaleidoscopic.

Each turn of a kaleidoscope reveals a new geometric image. This is how we must approach our interpretation of the cross-through the eyepiece of a theological kaleidoscope. That the word kaleidoscope is a Greek word meaning "beautiful form" makes this all the more apropos. I believe it is safe to assume there are an infinite number of ways of viewing the cross of Christ as the beautiful form that saves the world.





Jesus fulfills & exceeds every template that humankind has for a Savior. He embodies the concept of Rescuer perfectly & eternally.



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¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:



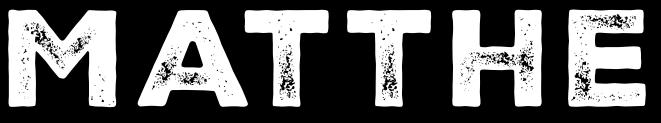




¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."







²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.







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The light sprang up again, and there on the brink of the chasm, at the very Crack of Doom, stood Frodo, black against the glare, tense, erect, but still as if he had been turned to stone.

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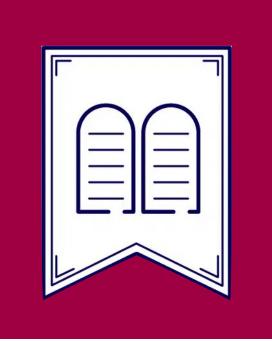
Then Frodo stirred and spoke with a clear voice, indeed with a voice clearer and more powerful than Sam had ever heard him use, and it rose above the throb and turmoil of Mount Doom, ringing in the roof and walls.

"I have come," he said. "But I do not choose now to do what I came to do. I will not do this deed. The Ring is mine!" And suddenly, as he set it on his finger, he vanished from Sam's sight.

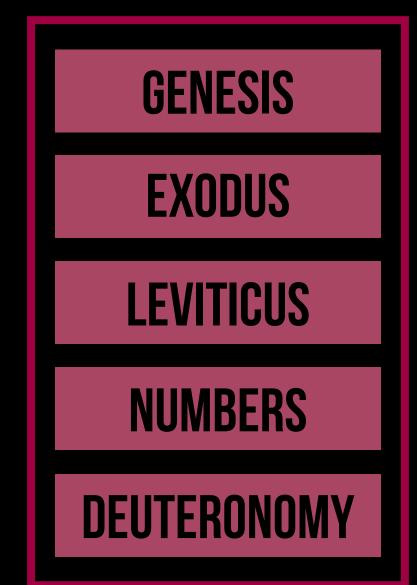




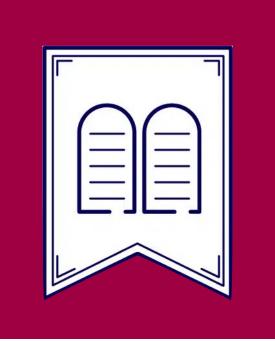
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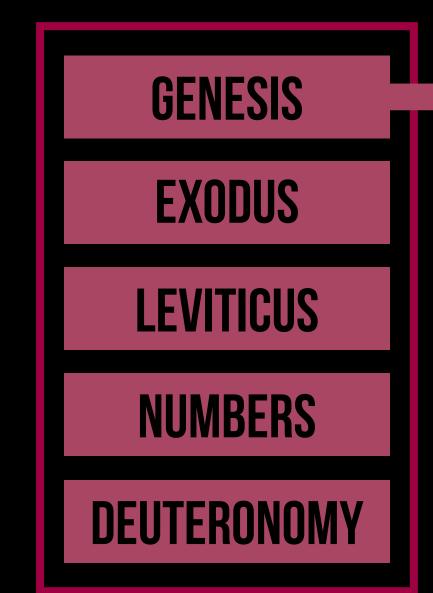
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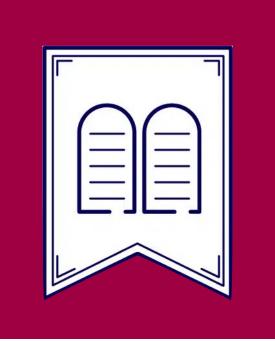
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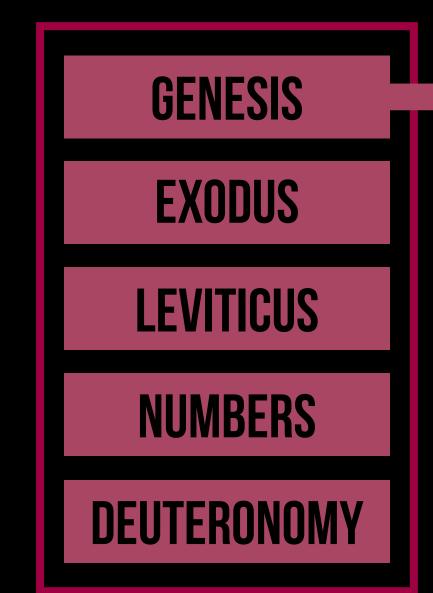
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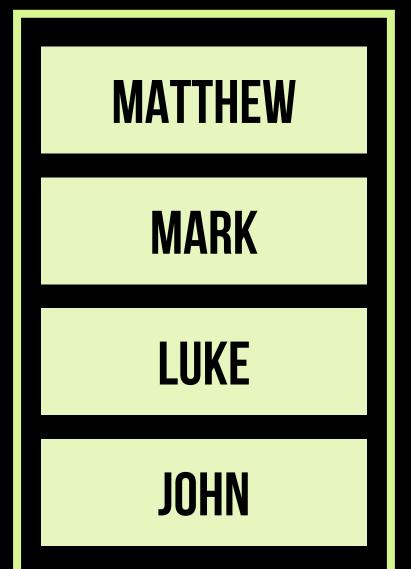
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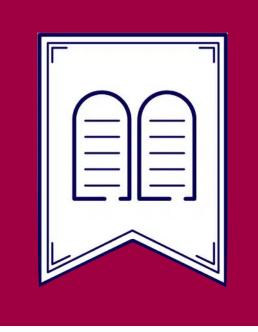




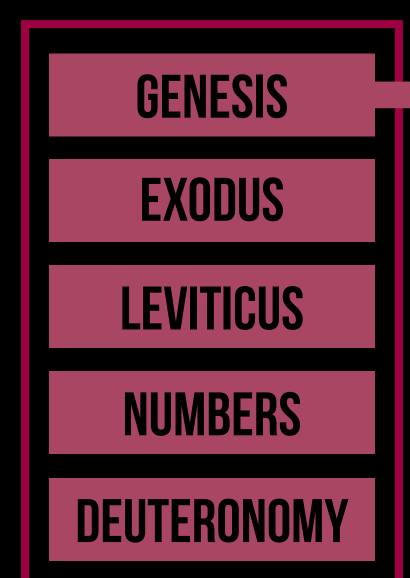




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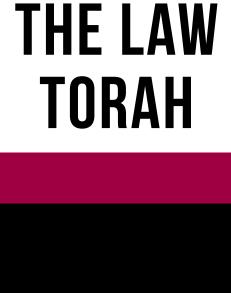
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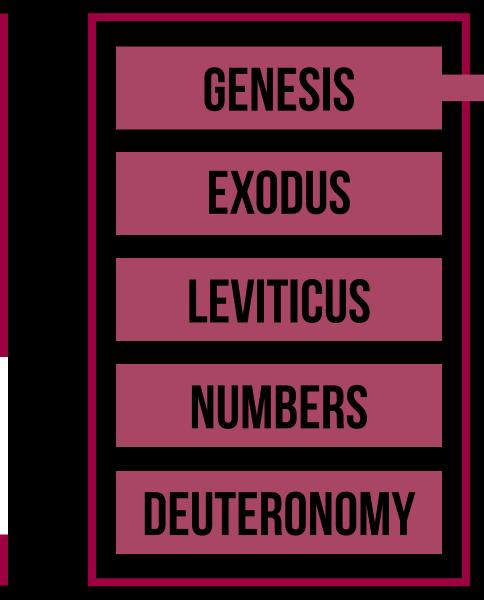


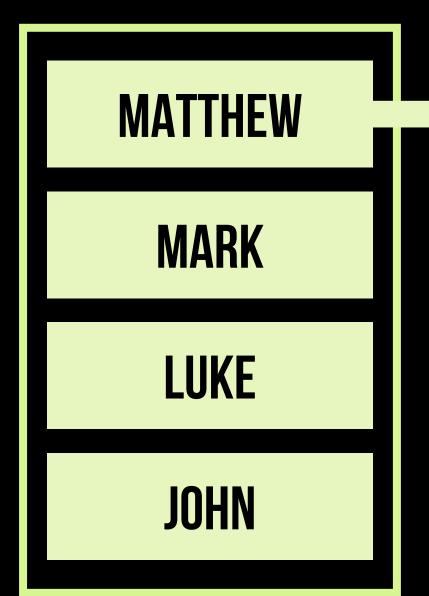
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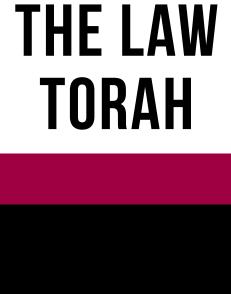
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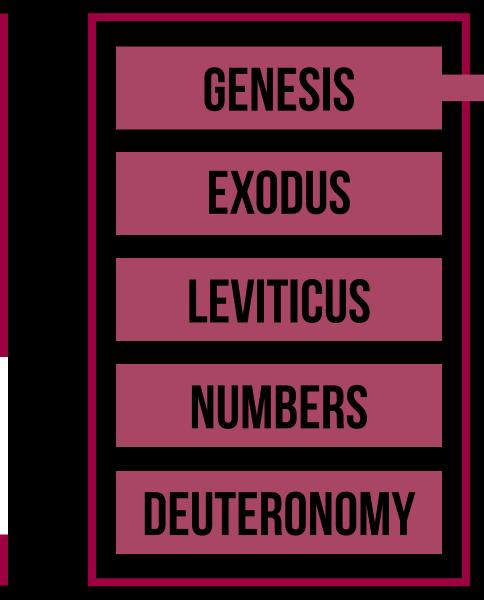
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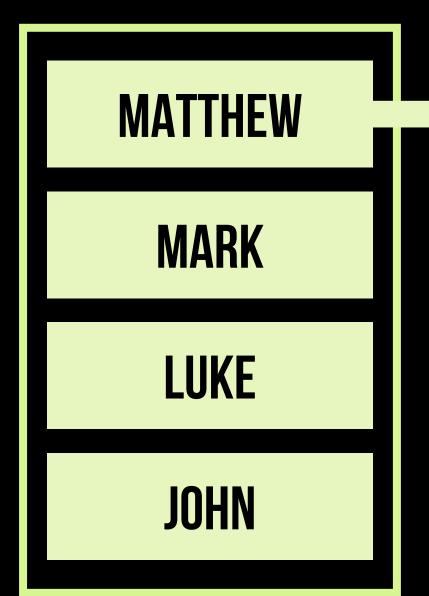




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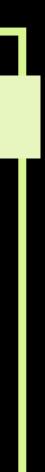
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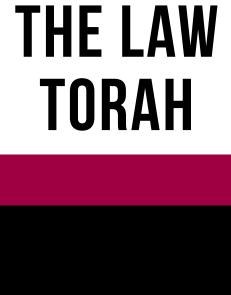
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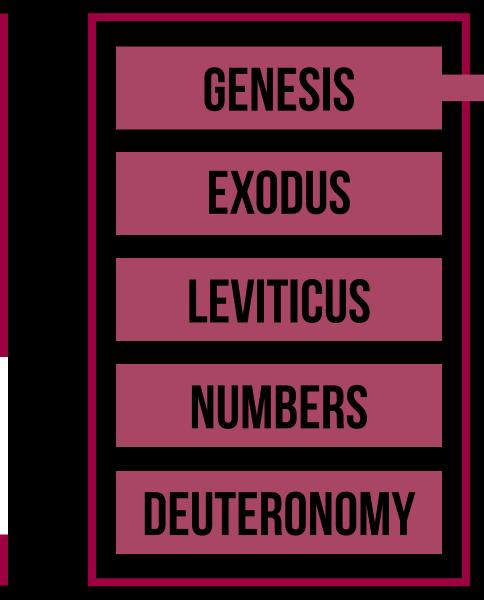


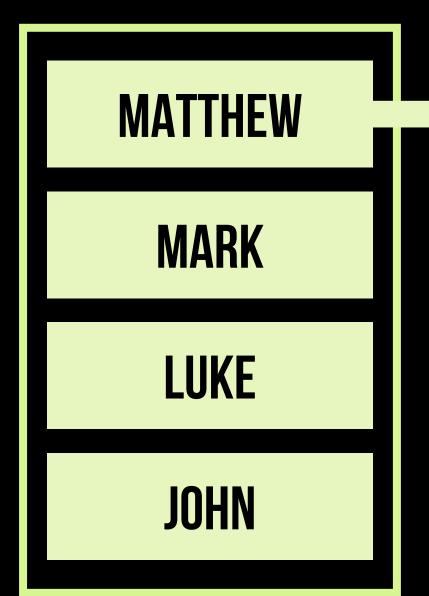




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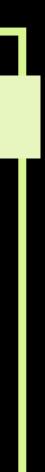
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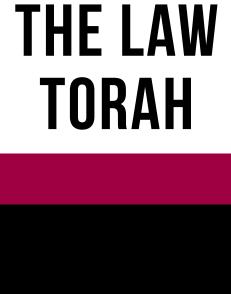
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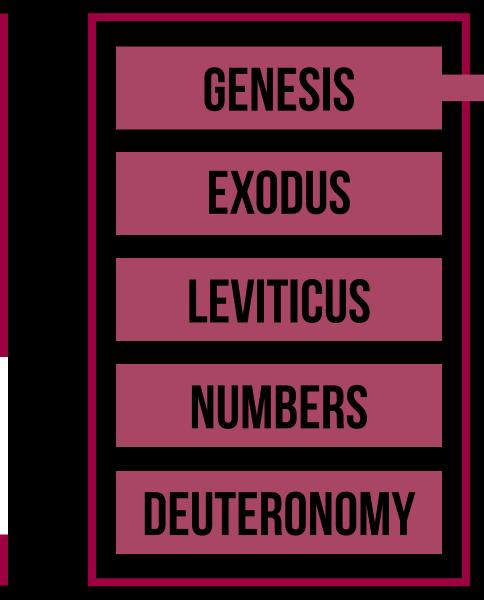


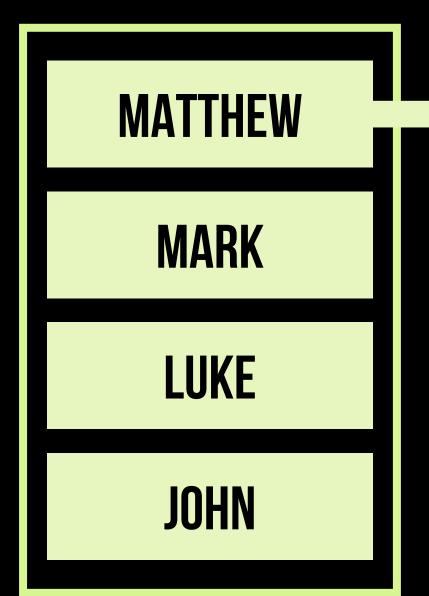




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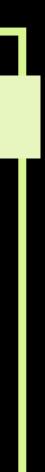
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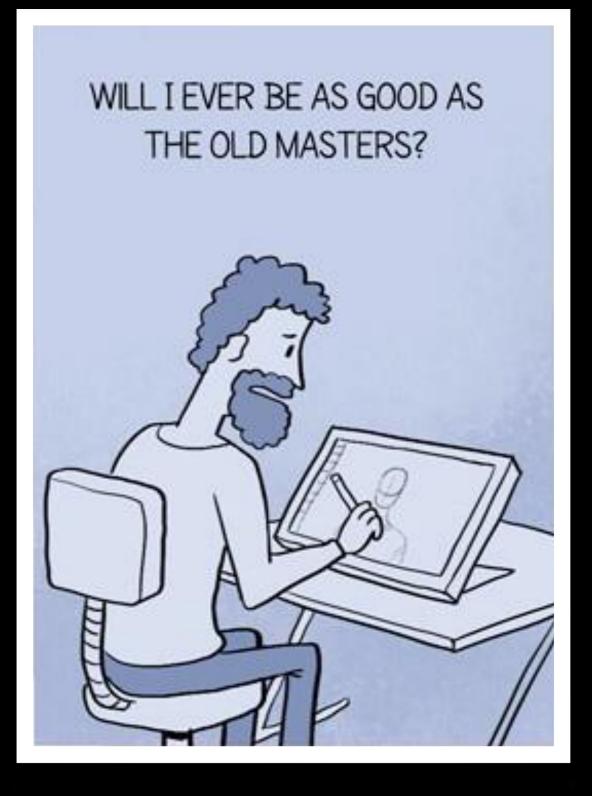


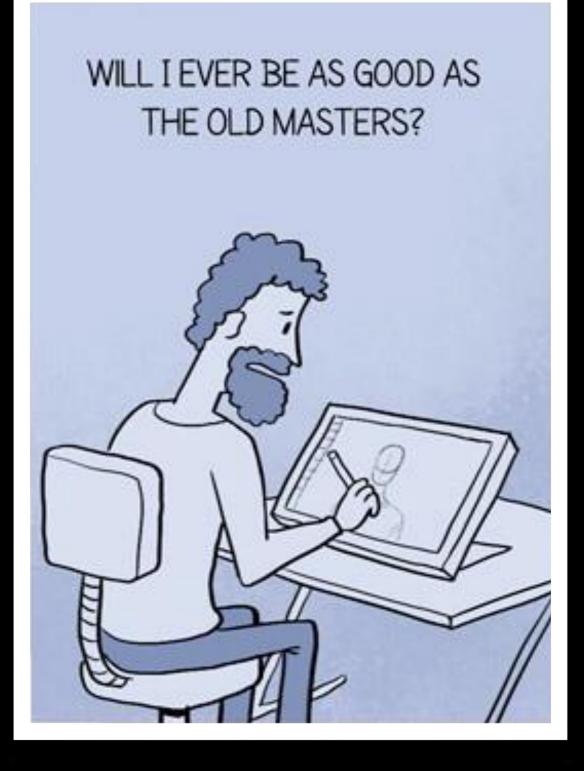




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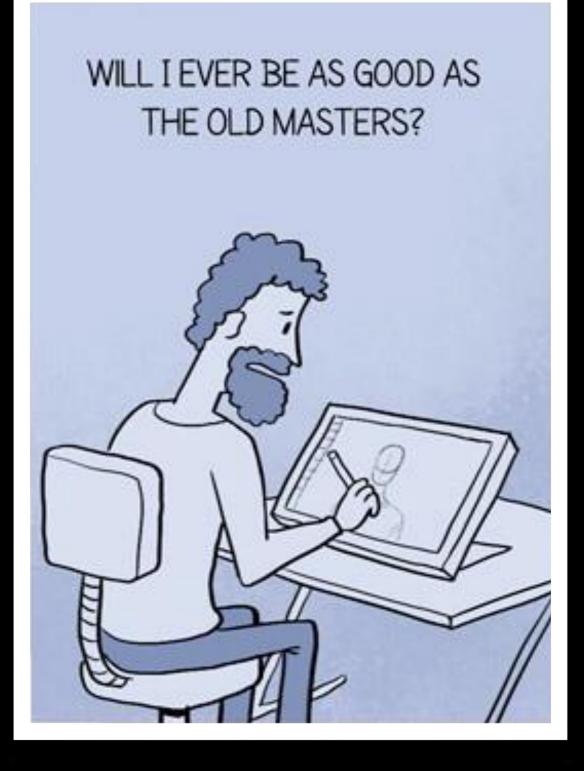




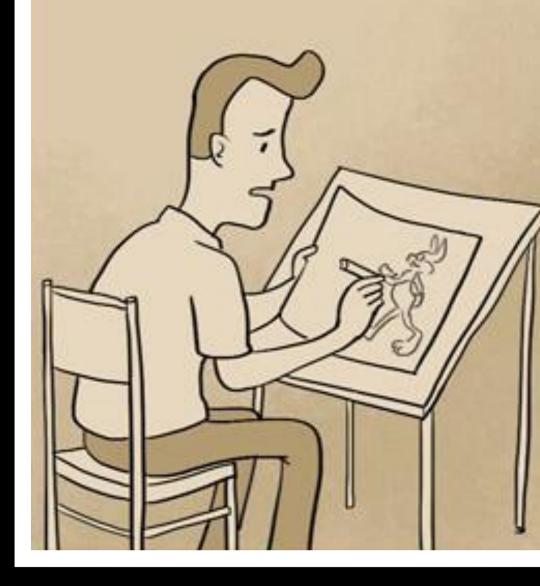
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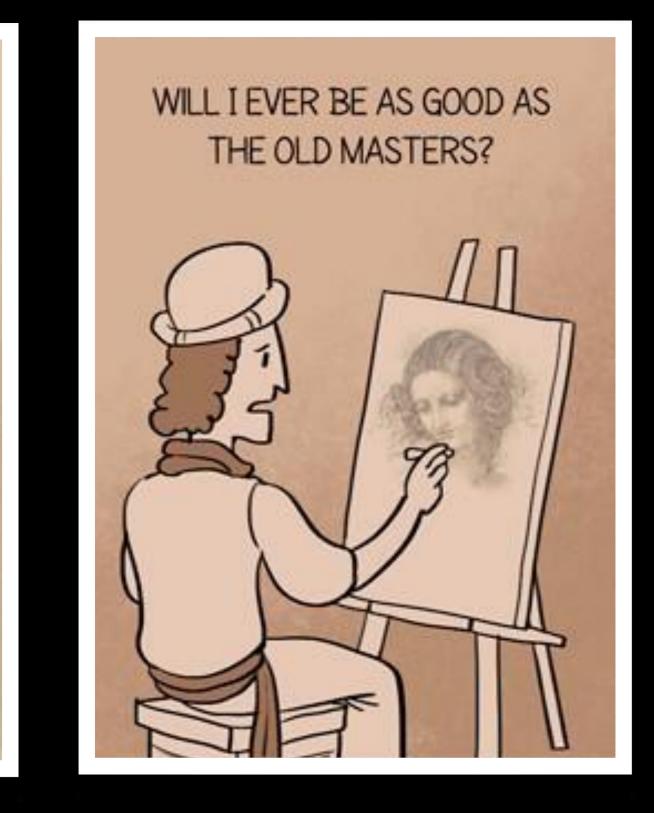


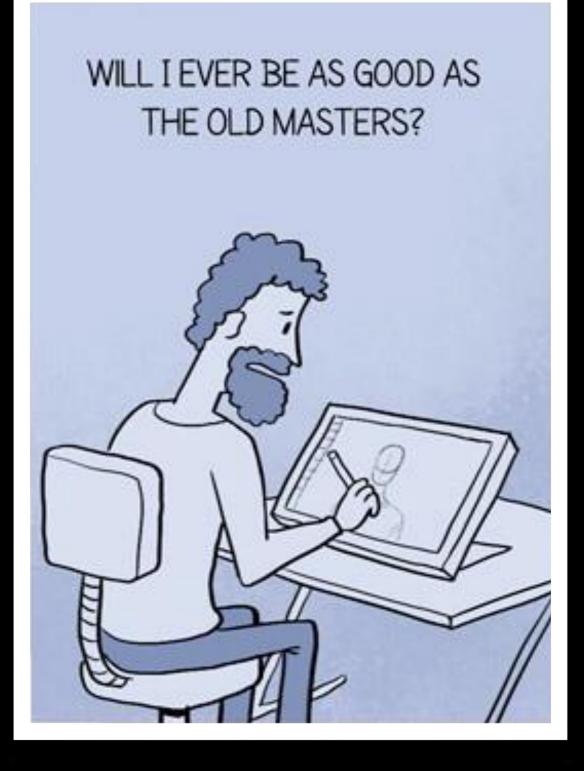




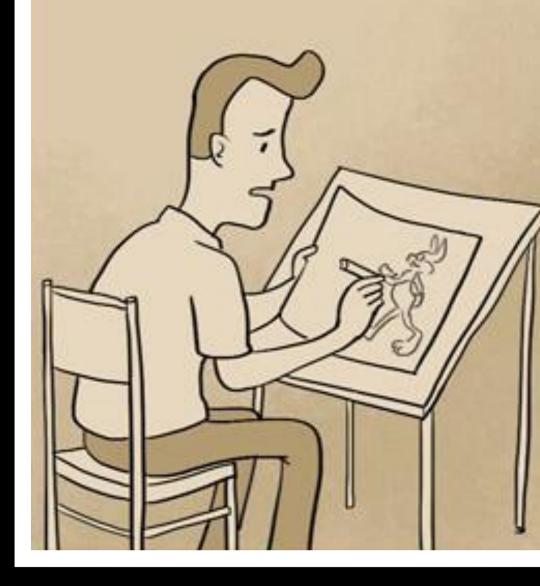
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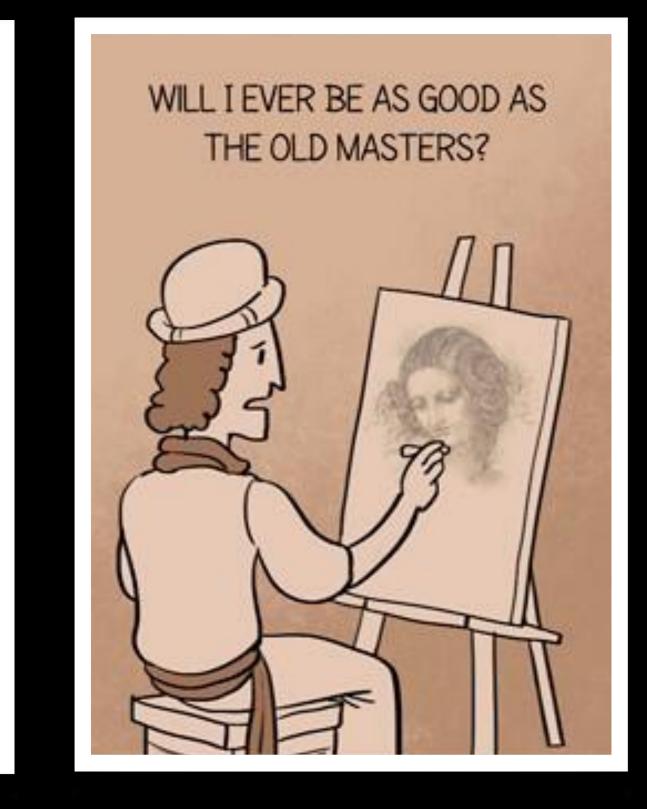






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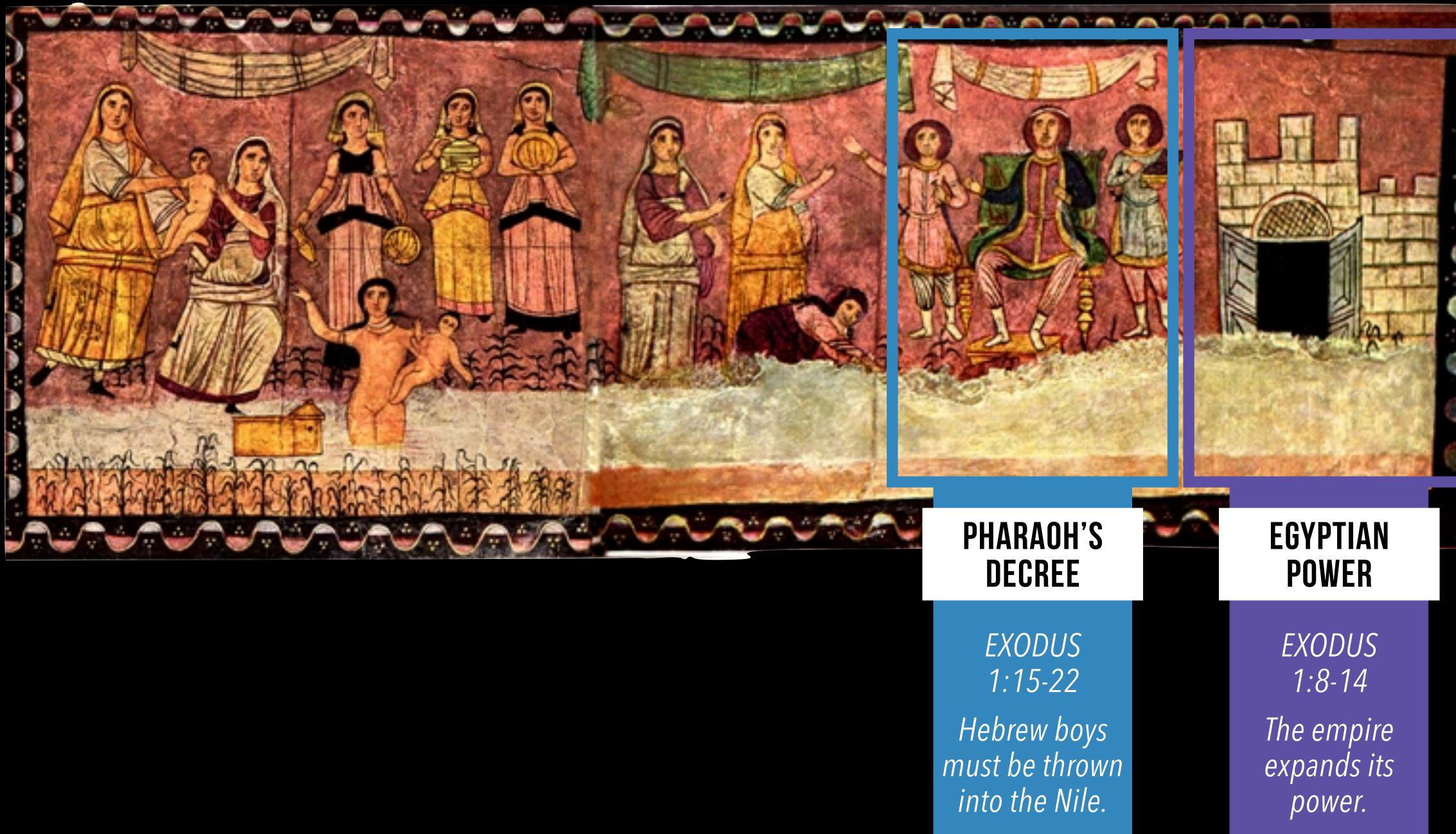




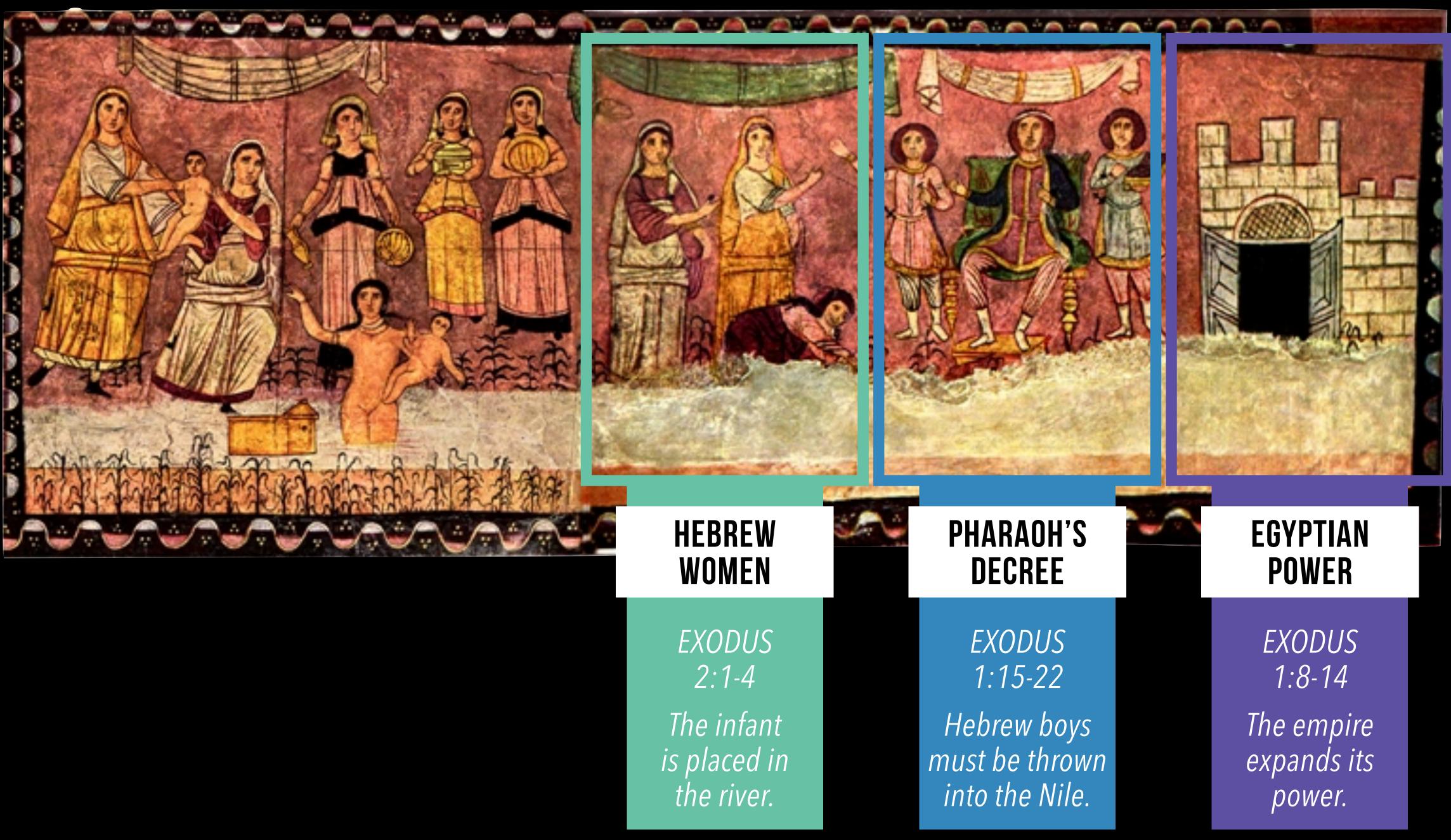


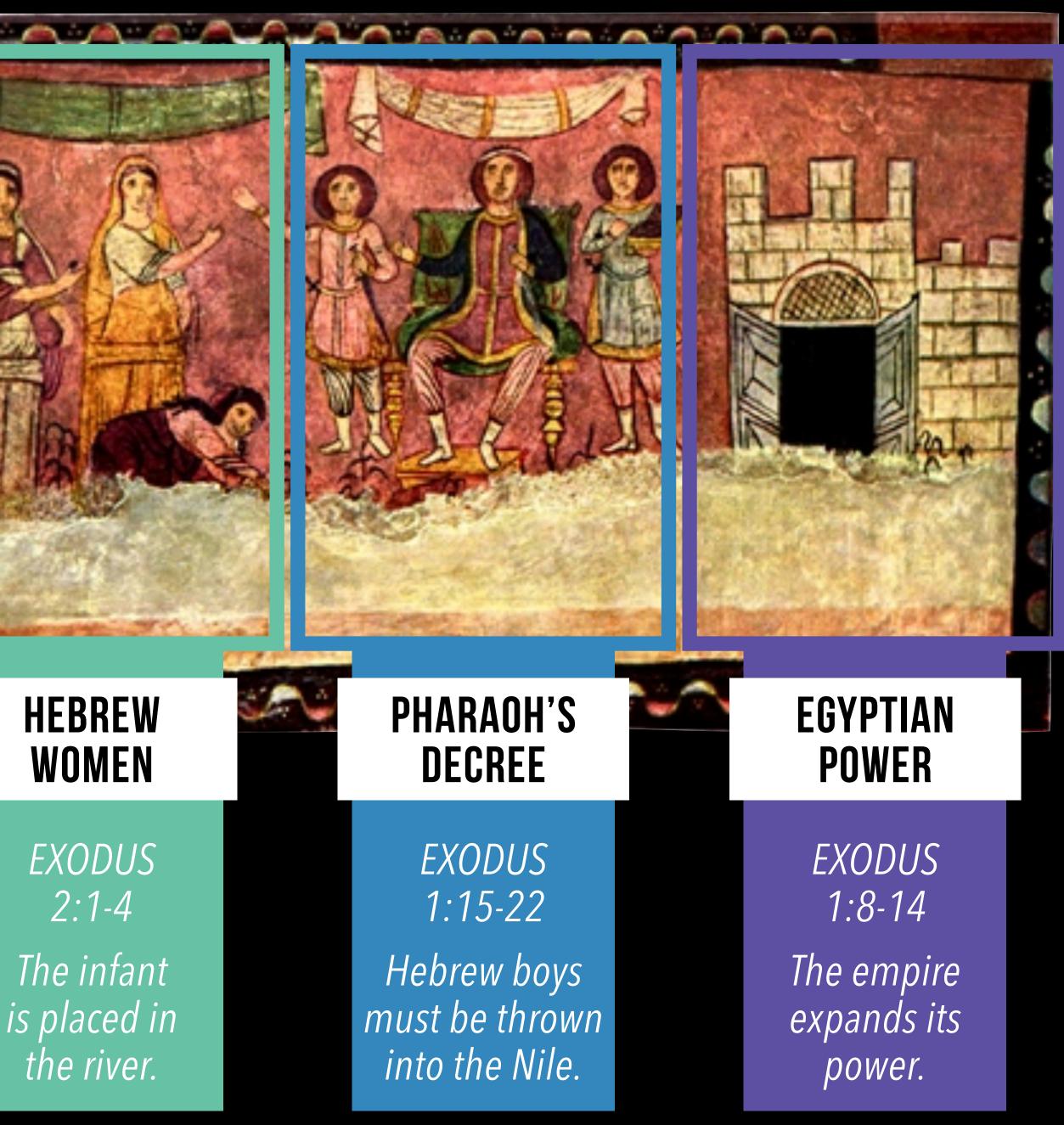


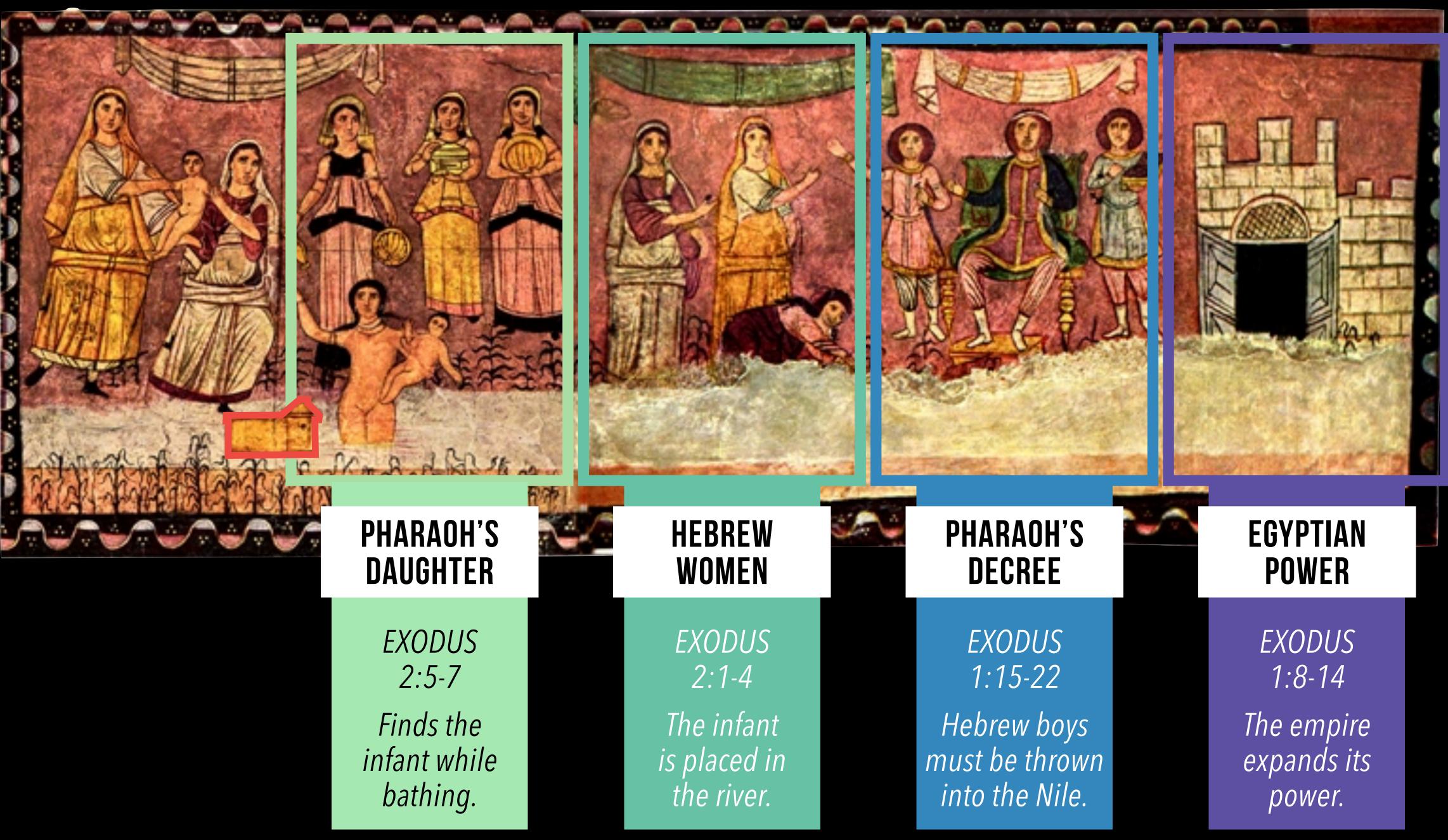
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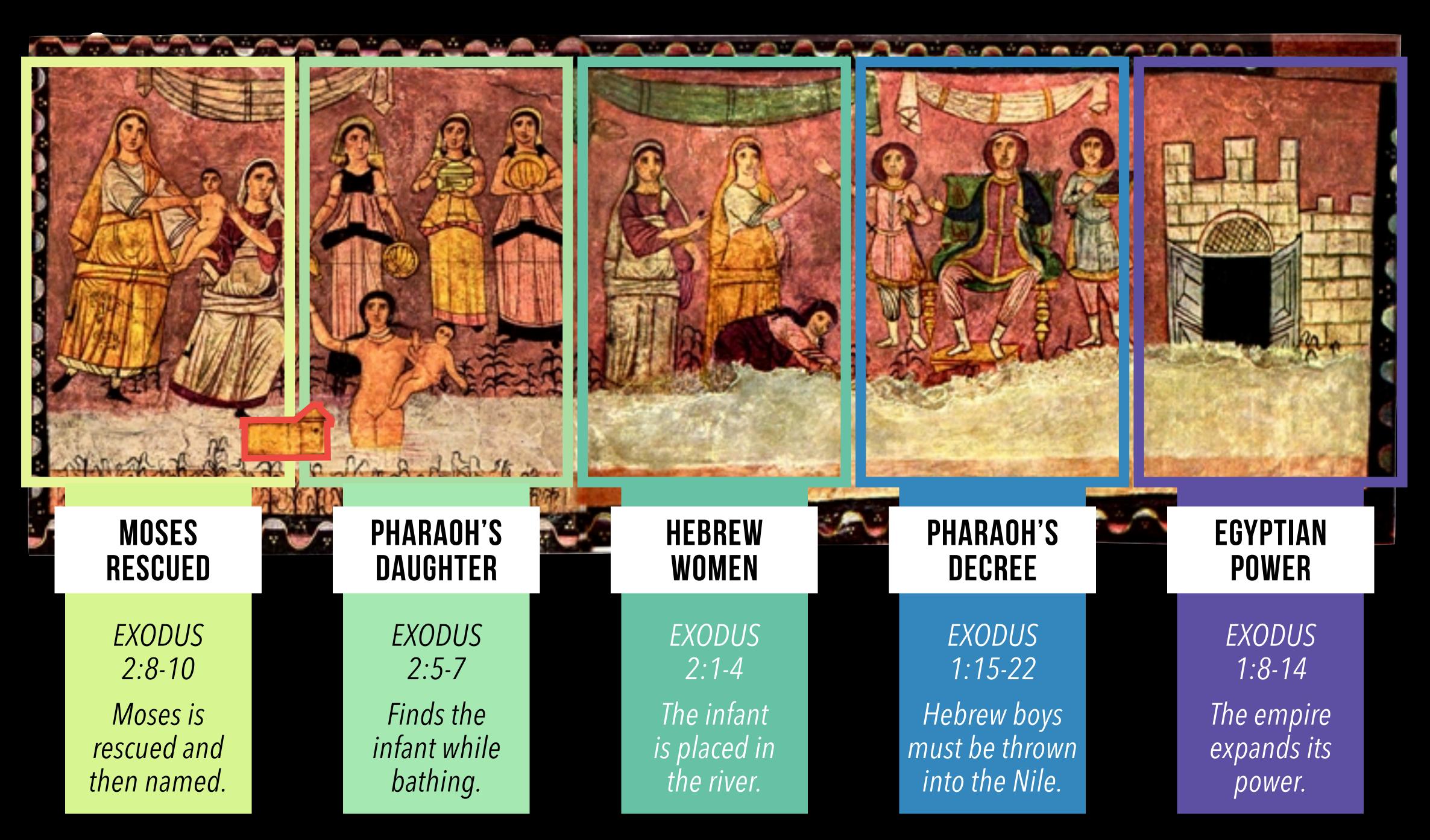












EXODUS 2:10

¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.





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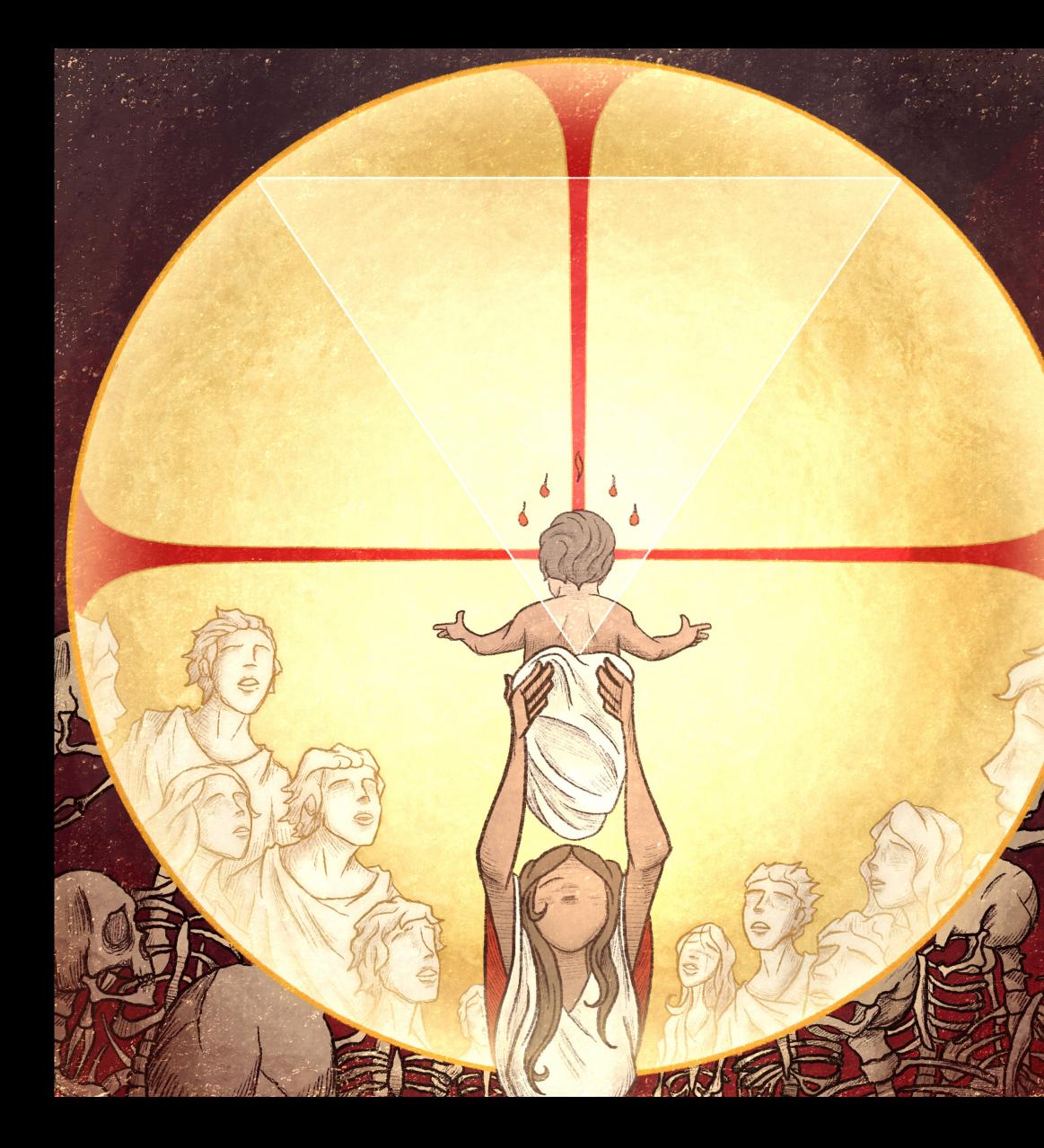






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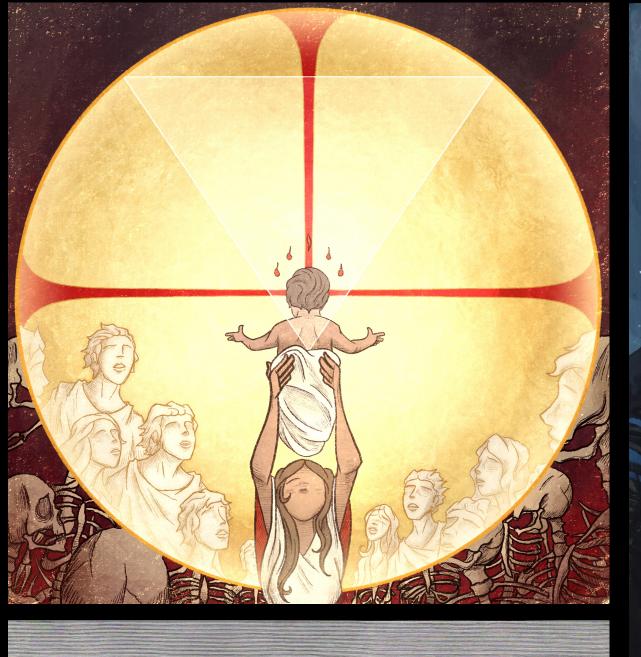


³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.





While Christians may disagree on the specifics of policy implementation, there is no room for disagreement about what is resoundingly clear throughout all of Scripture: All human life is sacred because every life reflects the glory of God.













As we consider the kaleidoscopic beauty of Christ we remember that our Saving Lord came in the vulnerability of infancy, and just like Moses, Jesus Himself needed to be rescued so that He could rescue us from the slavery of sin and death.





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Find someone with an "I'll pray" sticker. (Stickers are available at the tables in back.) Prayer Team members are in the front, in the back by the Care Room, and in the balcony.

Pray with us.

