

**WE HAVE STUDIED THREE GREAT PERIODS OF GOD
BLESSING HIS PEOPLE WITH GROWTH**

&

**THREE GREAT PERIODS OF MAN REJECTING GOD'S PLAN
AND DESTROYING GOD'S WORK**

THE BIBLE WORD FOR THESE REJECTIONS & DIVISIONS IS

APOSTASY

or

FALLING AWAY

**TONIGHT WE WILL STUDY THE
FOURTH PERIOD OF GROWTH AND DIVISION**

1906 TO 1952 IS THE GROWTH PERIOD

&

1952 TO 1980 IS THE DIVISION PERIOD

THIS IS THE FOURTH GREAT APOSTASY

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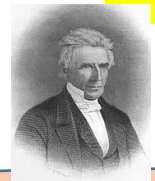


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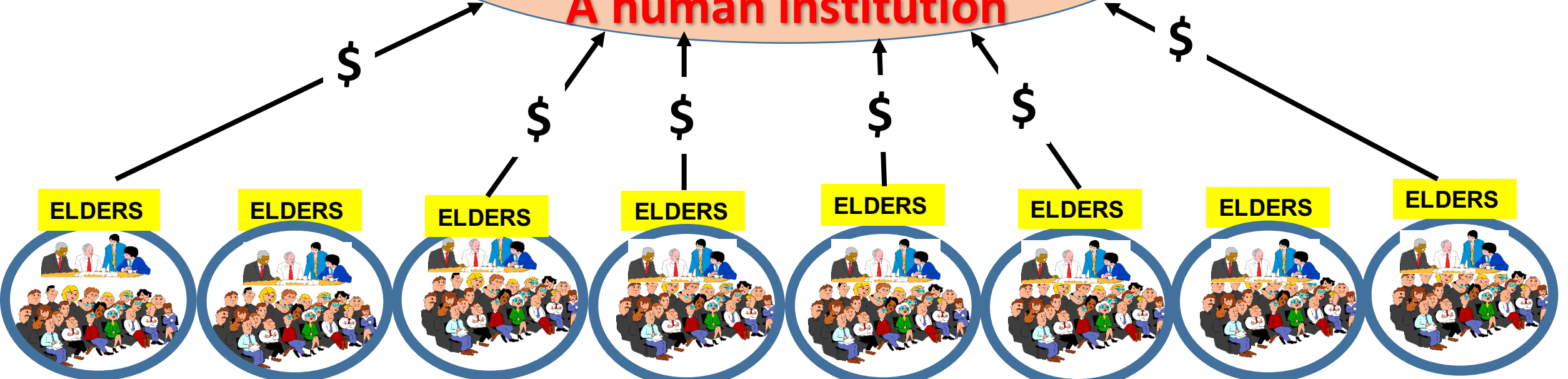


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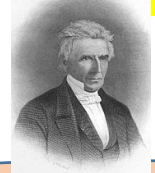
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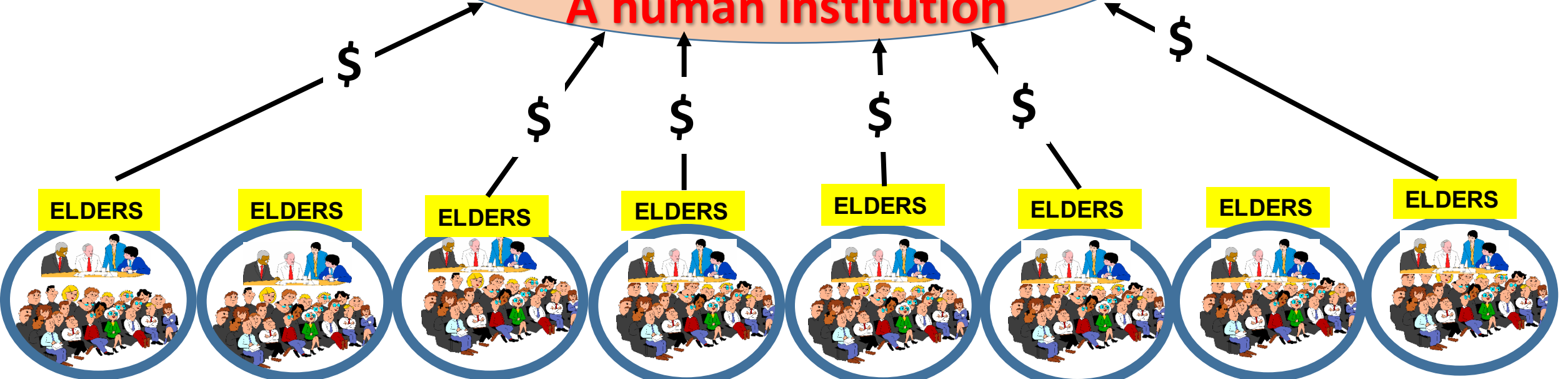
IF WE CAN HAVE A MISSIONARY SOCIETY WITHOUT BIBLE AUTHORITY THEN WE CAN ALSO HAVE OTHER THINGS



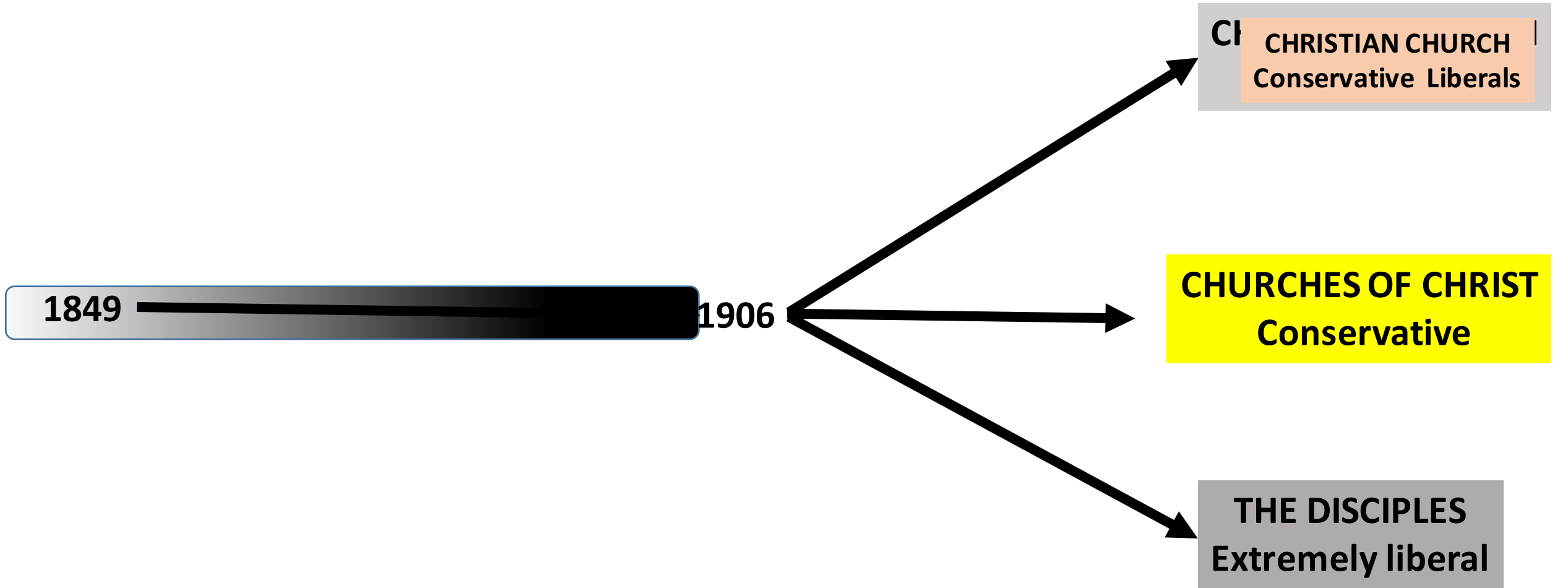
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THREE MAJOR GROUPS IN THAT DIVISION
And
ONE MINOR ONE



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1906

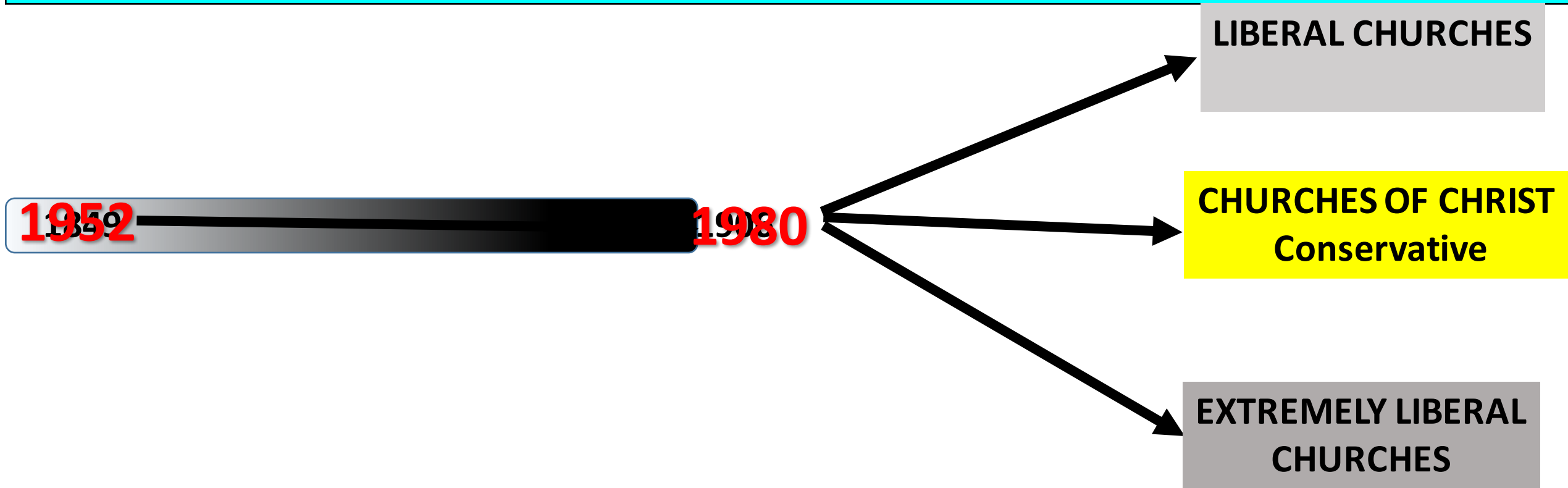
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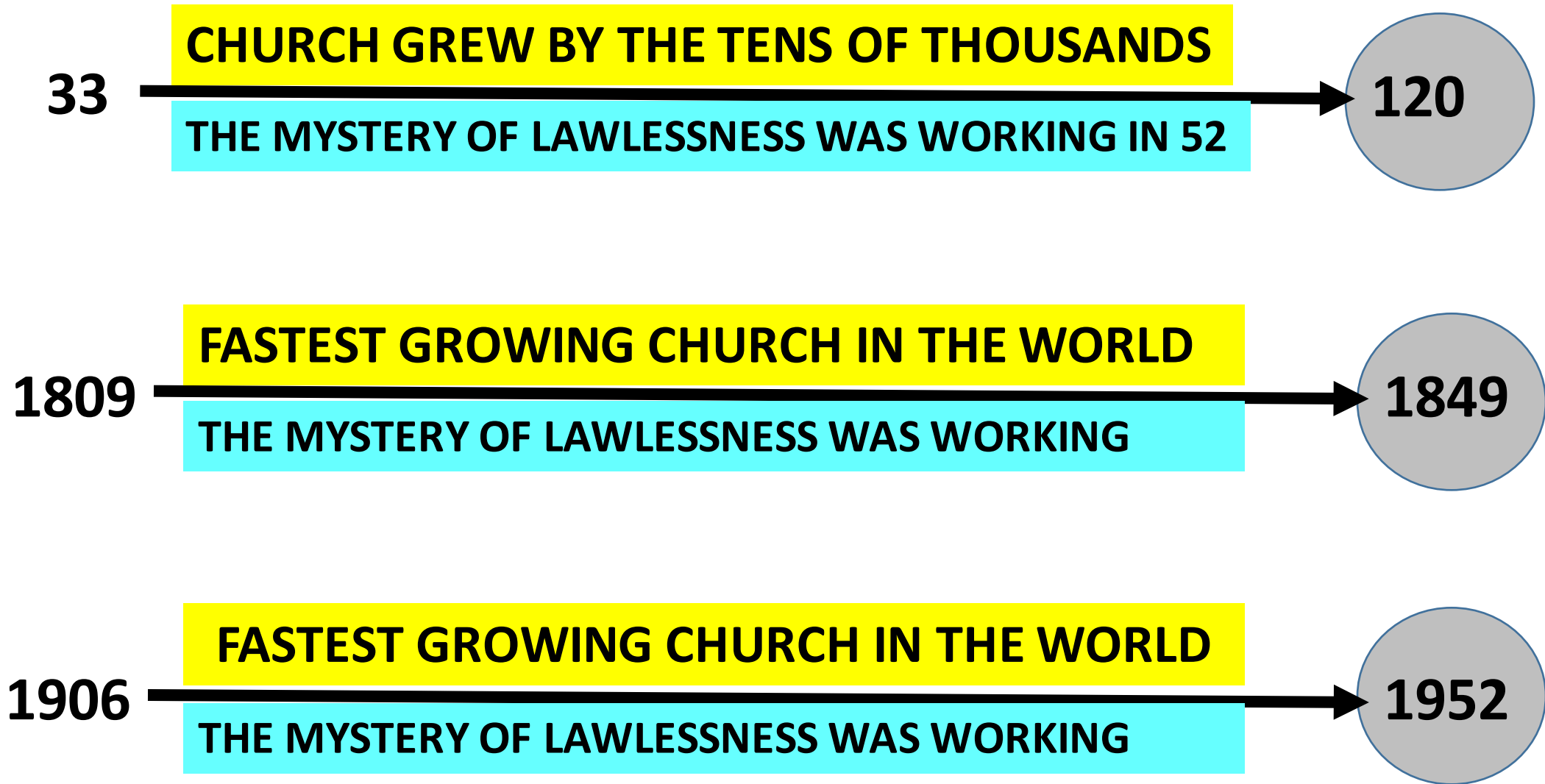
THE DISCIPLES
Extremely liberal

***THE SAME THING WAS REPEATED
IN OUR GENERATION***

***ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS
CHANGE THE DATES
TO 1952 - 1980***



COMPARING THE THREE PERIODS OF APOSTASY



THE FOURTH APOSTASY BEGINNING IN 1952

WE KNOW HOW FAST THE CHURCH GREW IN THE N.T. TIMES WITH THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION

WE KNOW THAT BETWEEN 1809 – 1849 IT BECAME THE FASTEST GROWING CHURCH WITH THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION



ONCE AGAIN BETWEEN **1906 - 1952** IT BECAME THE FASTEST GROWING CHURCH WITH THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION

1906 ----- 1952

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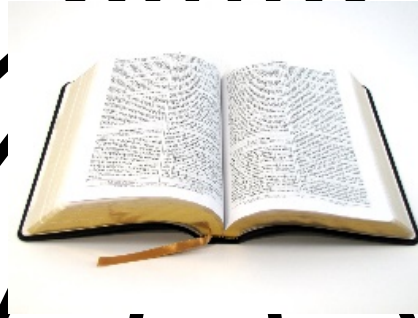
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ONCE AGAIN IN 1952 - MEN CAME UP WITH A NEW IDEA IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THE CHURCH PREACH THE GOSPEL

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IT WAS A TV PROGRAM CALLED THE HERALD OF TRUTH



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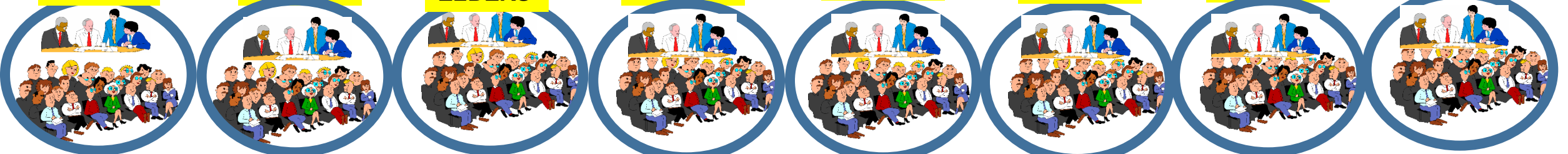
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FROM ALL THE CHURCHES.

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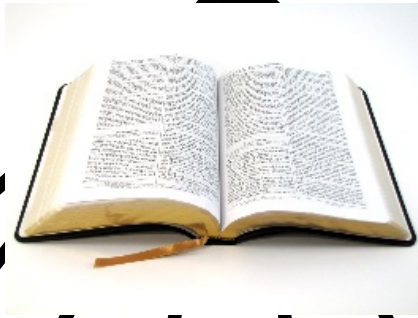
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INSTEAD OF USING A HUMAN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEY DECIDED TO USE A CHURCH AND ITS ELDERS



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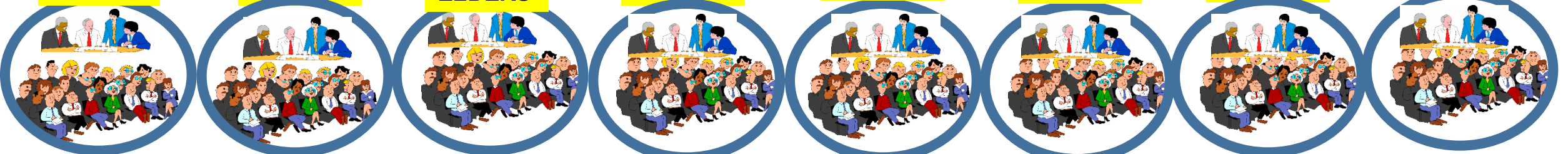
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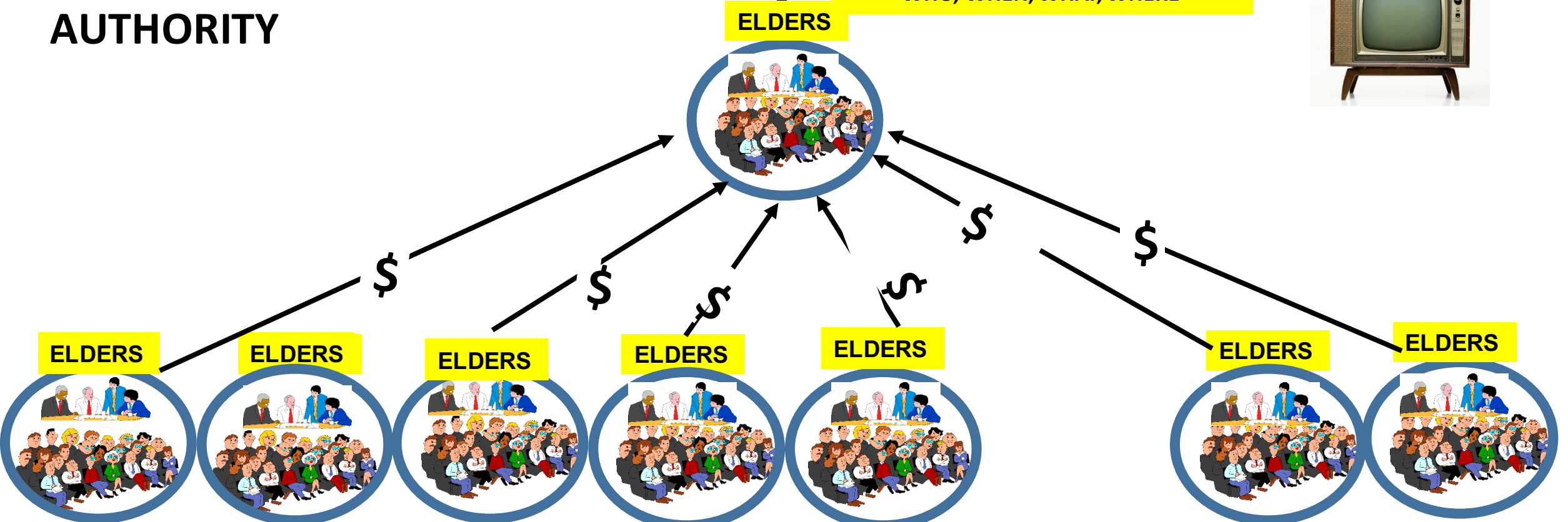
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**NO BIBLE
AUTHORITY**



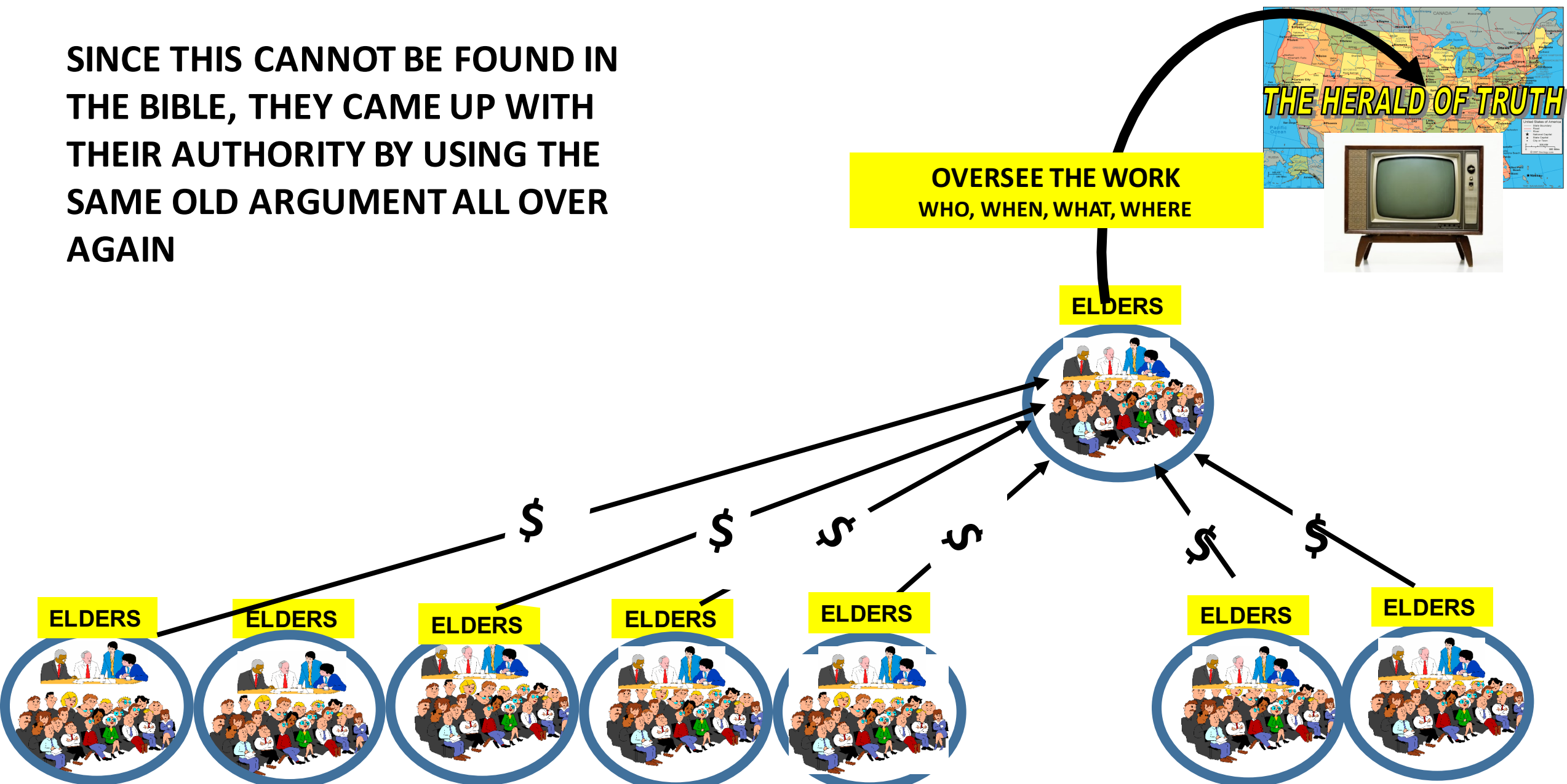
**THESE ELDERS WOULD
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THE HERALD OF TRUTH



THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF SPONSORING CHURCHES

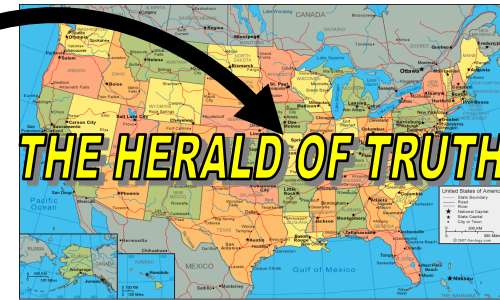
SINCE THIS CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE, THEY CAME UP WITH THEIR AUTHORITY BY USING THE SAME OLD ARGUMENT ALL OVER AGAIN



WE ARE ALREADY DOING IT WITH ORPHAN HOMES SO IT IS ALRIGHT

ORPHAN HOME

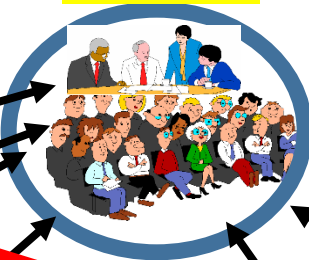
IF YOU CAN DO IT WITH AN ORPHAN HOME THEN YOU CAN DO IT WITH PREACHING



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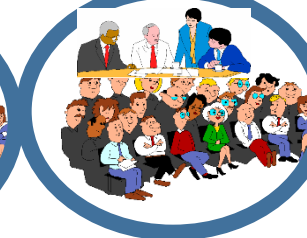
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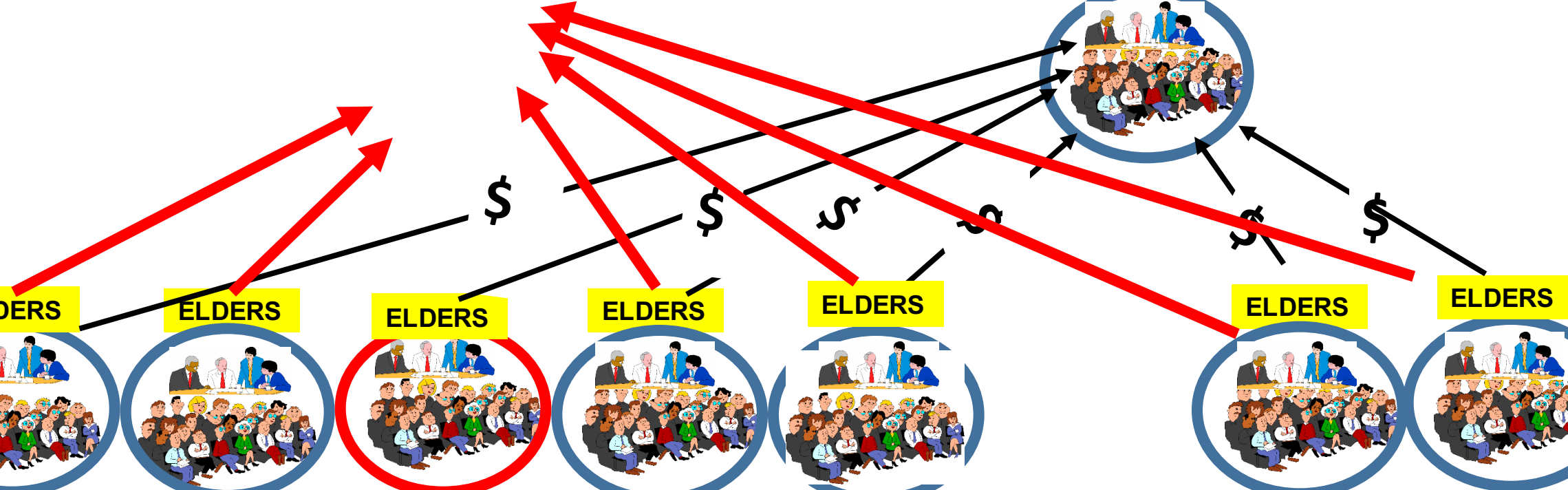
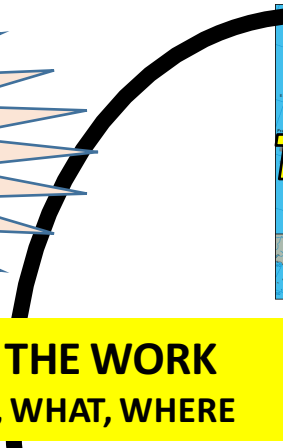
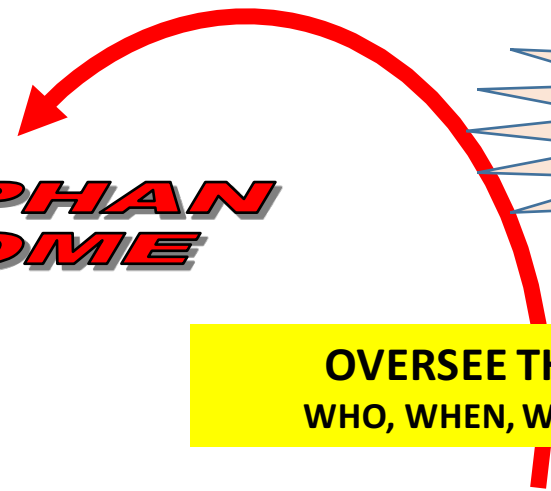
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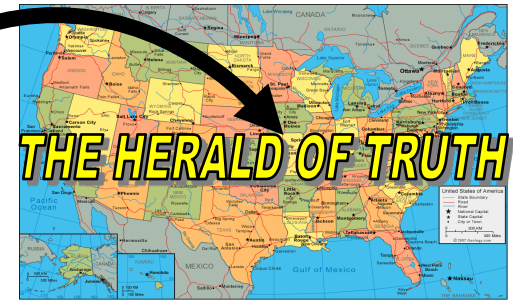
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THEN SPONSORING CHURCHES BEGAN TO MULTIPLY IN ORDER TO DO EVERYTHING

**PREACHING IN GERMANY
STARTING HOSPITALS
COWS FOR KOREA
ALL KINDS OF THINGS**

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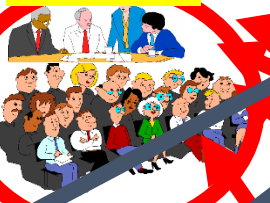


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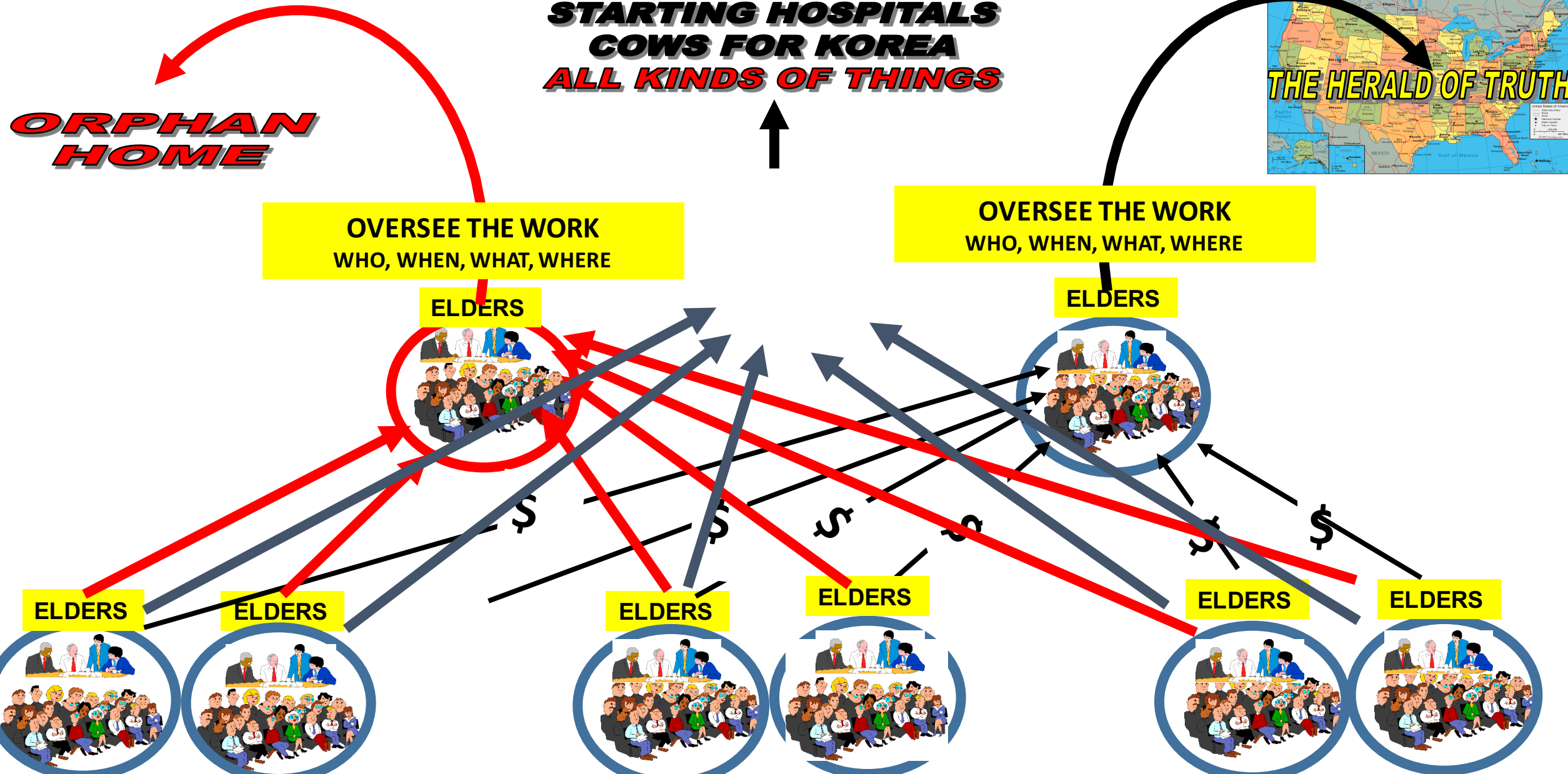
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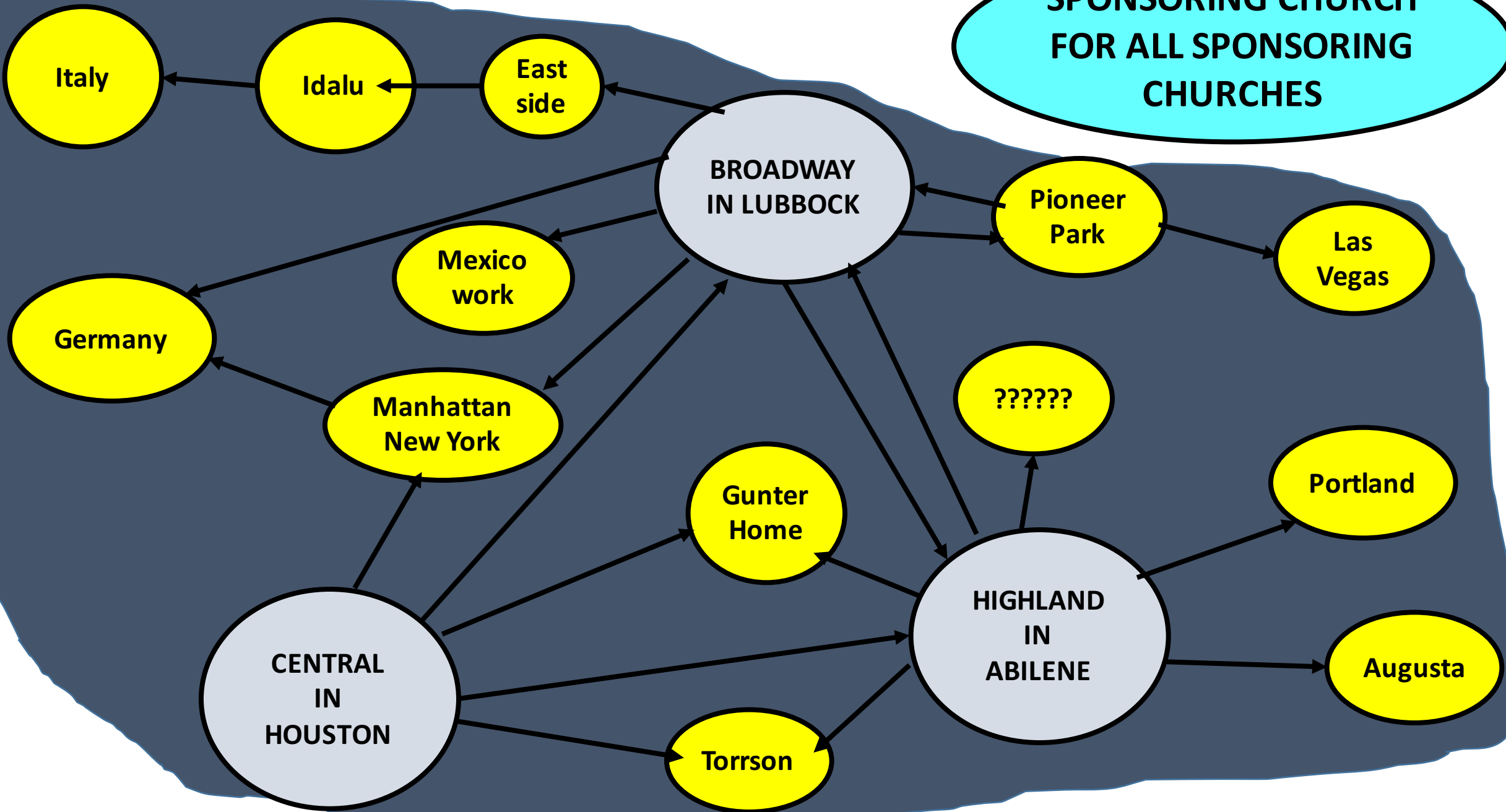
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**SPONSORING CHURCH
FOR ALL SPONSORING
CHURCHES**



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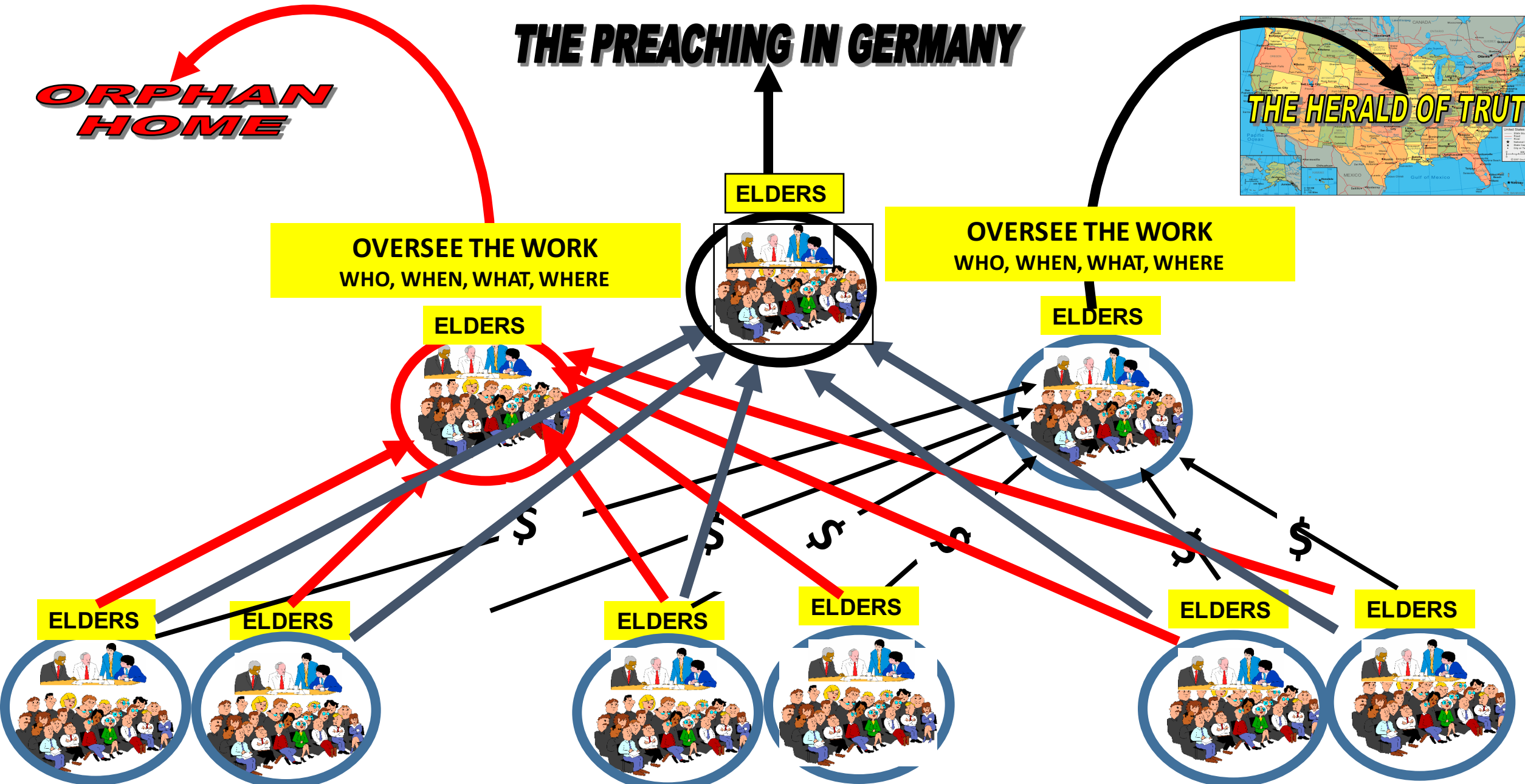
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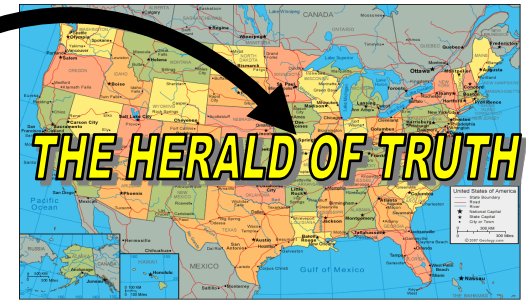
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IT WAS THIS TYPE OF ORGANIZATION THAT
WE OPPOSED
BUT
GUESS WHAT THEY CHARGED US WITH

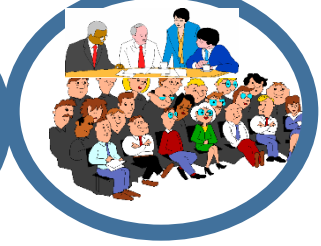
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ON THIS SUBJECT?

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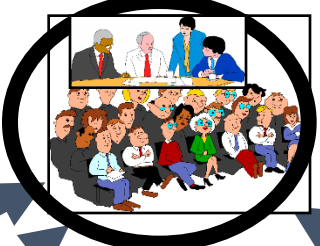
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LET'S STOP RIGHT HERE, GET OUT OUR BIBLES
AND SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM REALLY IS

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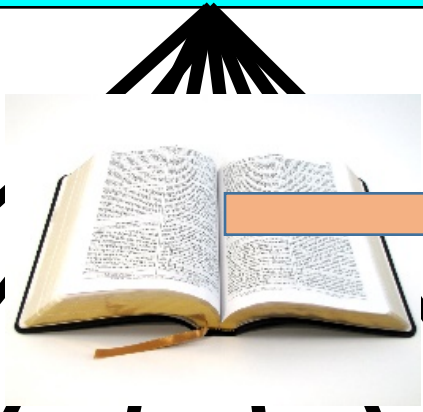
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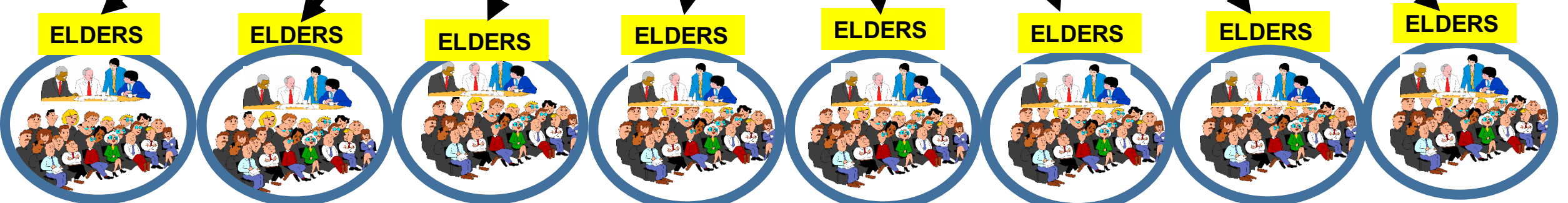


ALL CHURCHES ARE EQUAL - NO CHURCH CONTROLLED ANY OTHER

EVERY CHURCH FUNCTIONED UNDER ITS OWN ELDERS AND THEY WERE ALL RULED BY THE BIBLE. EACH ELDERSHIP ONLY RULED THE CHURCH WHICH WAS AMONG THEM.



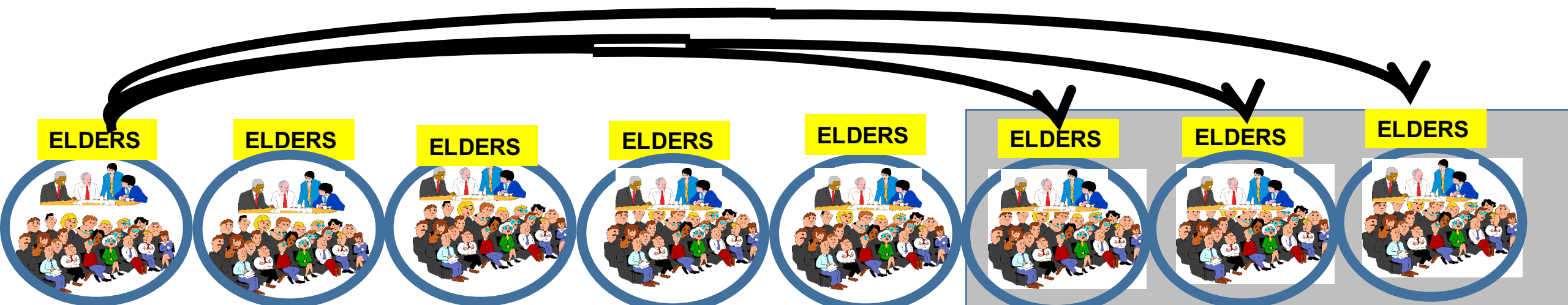
1 Peter 5:1-3
The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,** serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;



THE BIBLE GIVES TWO EXAMPLES OF CHURCHES CO-OPERATING TO HELP EACH OTHER ONE CHURCH SENT RELIEF TO MANY CHURCHES IN NEED

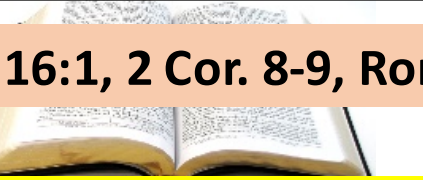
NOTE: One church, Antioch, sent relief to many churches in Judea. They did not send it to some large church so that church could oversee the funds in doing some big work in some other part of the world. They sent to the churches IN NEED.

Acts 11:27-30
And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, **determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.** 30 This they also did, and sent it **to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.**



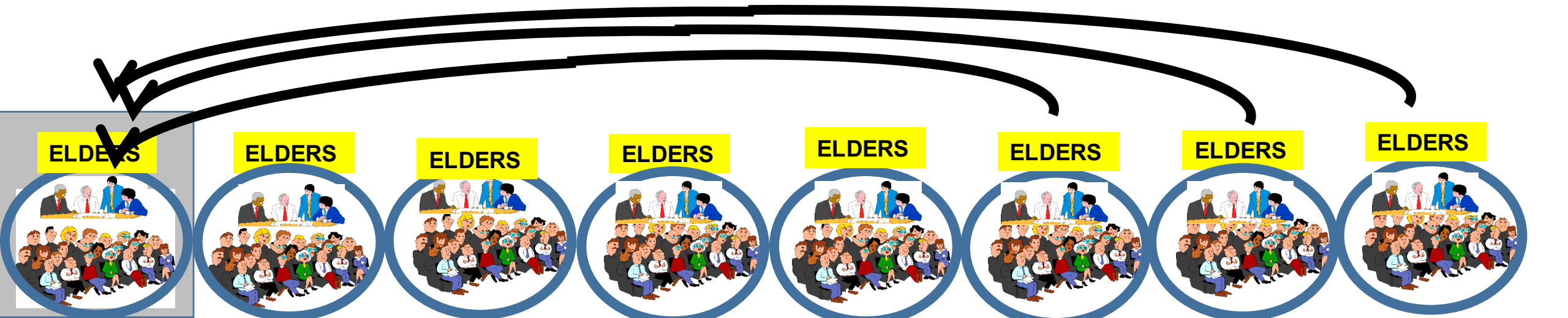
The second example is many churches helping one church in need

1 Cor. 16:1, 2 Cor. 8-9, Rom. 15



2 Cor 8:13-14 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack — that there may be equality.

Rom 15:25-26 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. 26 For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.



HERE IS THE BIBLE PLAN IN ACTION TODAY

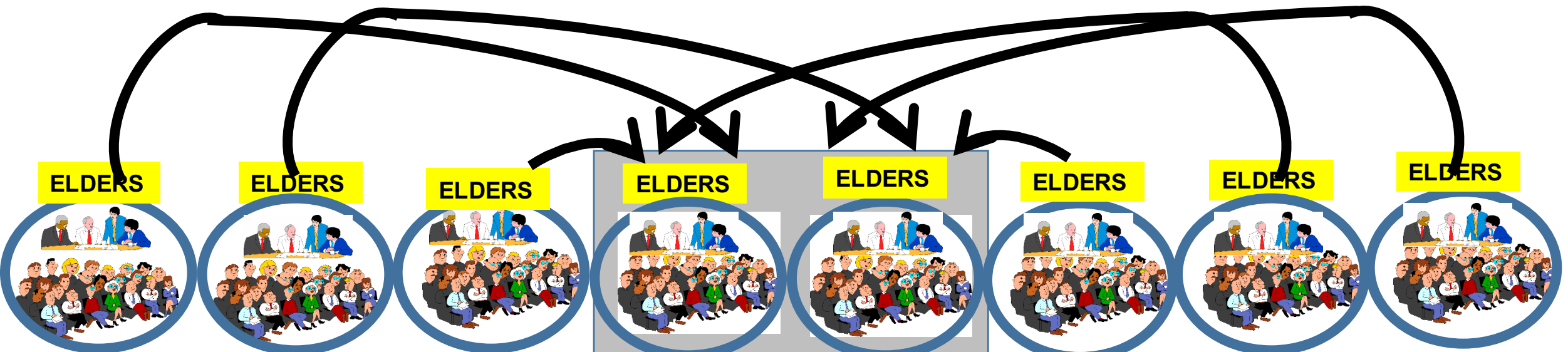
FROM THE ELDERS OF THE SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST, GONZALES, LA

Dear Brethren,

We feel a compelling need to write this letter. The response to the needs of the fourteen families who were flooded during THE GREAT FLOOD OF 2016 has been overwhelming.

We are trying to be very wise in using these funds---focusing on needs and not extras and "luxuries". We have a stack of checks that have not been used.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MORE CHECKS! Again, we plan to return all unused checks and funds that are not needed. We don't think we will need to use too many more checks, but we have been "enlightened" concerning the unknowns caused by flood devastation.



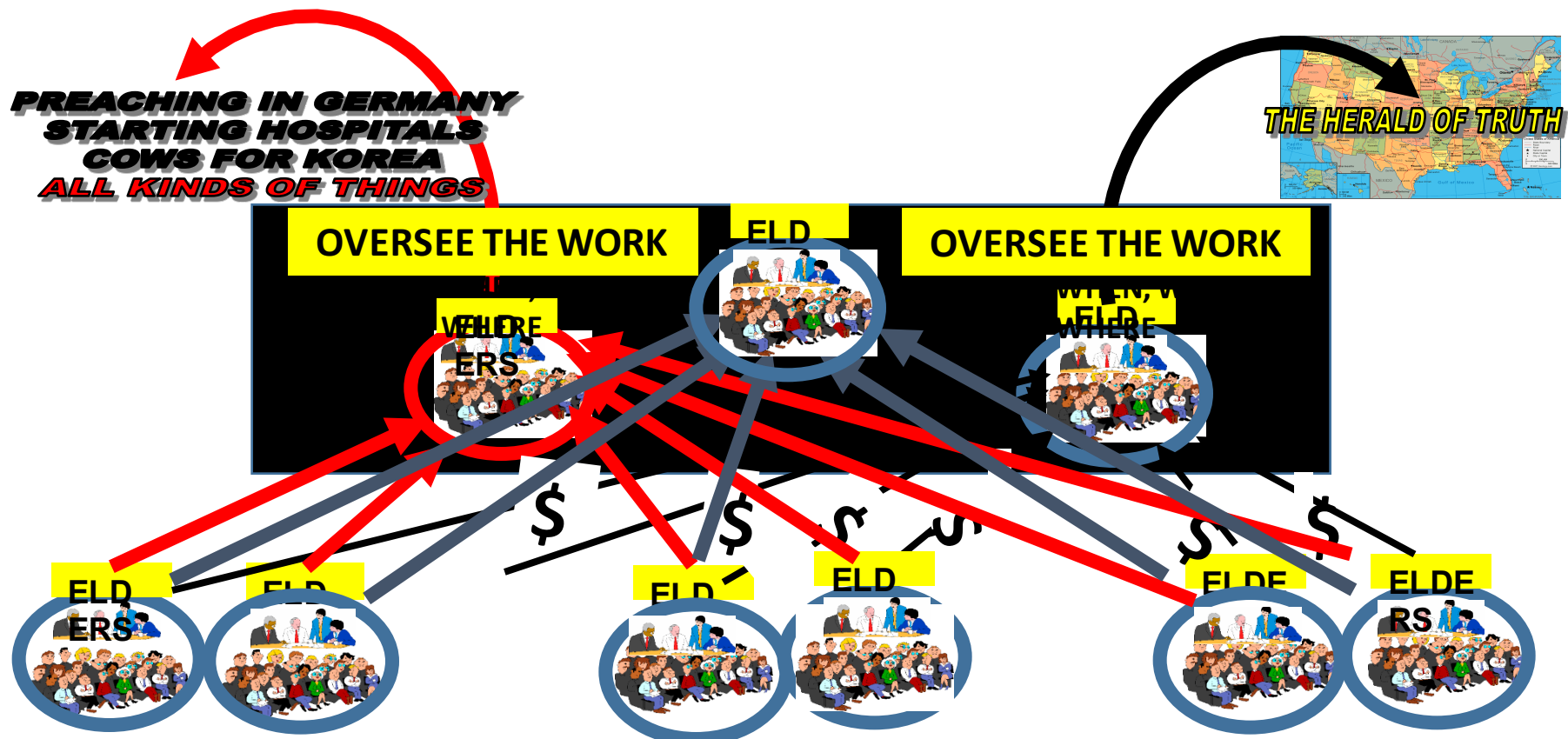
THIS IS WHAT IT IS WAS ALL ABOUT

It is called **SPONSORING CHURCHES** because one church sponsors or takes control of the work of other churches.

It is called **CENTRALIZATON** because the work of many churches is centralized under one eldership.

It is called **INSTITUTIONALISM** because churches turned their work over to a human institution or entity.

They used these things to do other things not authorized in the Bible and even changed the way we interpret the Bible.



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THESE CHURCHES ARE NOT AN ISSUE ANYMORE

LIBERAL CHURCHES

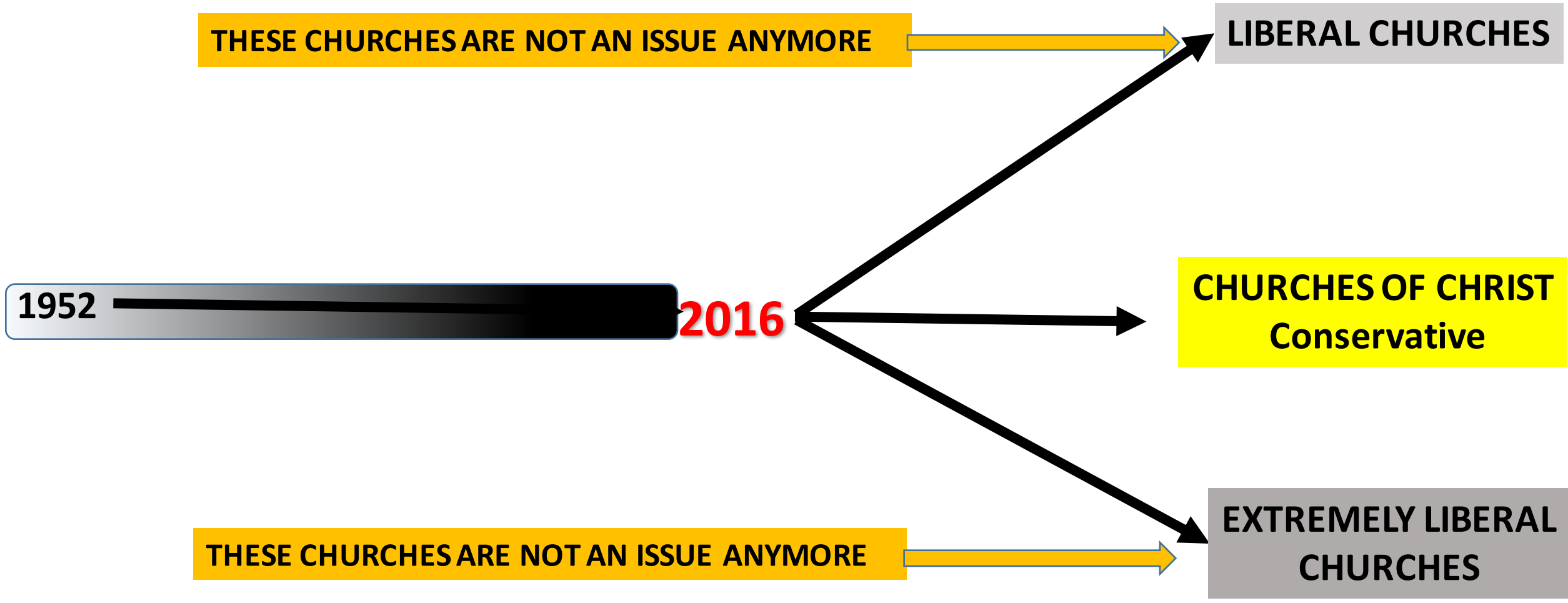
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CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Conservative

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