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14:22; 15:32, 41
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* Acts 19:1; 1 Cor.
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1:26, 28]

Paul at Ephesus

19 And it happened, while ^aApollos
was at Corinth, that Paul, having
passed through ^bthe upper regions, came
to Ephesus. And finding some disciples
² he said to them, "Did you receive
the Holy Spirit when you
believed?"

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and persuaded
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³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.
(Eph 3:3–5)

1. God's will is a mystery unless He reveals it.

- “But, as it is written, what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.” (1 Cor 2:9-10)

2. He revealed it to Jesus' apostles and prophets

- “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.” (Heb 1:1-2)

3. The authority of the apostolic and prophetic teachings are equal to Christ's

- “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the one who sent Me.” (John 13:20)

4. The apostles and prophets wrote down their teachings that carry the same authority as their spoken words.

- “And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things... And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Pet 1:15, 19)

5. The Bible carries as much authority as Jesus Himself.

- “The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.” (John 12:48)

Creation

“Who foreordained us unto adoption as sons...” Eph. 1:5

Abraham

“and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him” (Gen 18:18) Gal. 3:8

David

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.” (Ps 22:27)

Isaiah

“It is too light a thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.” (Isa 49:6)

Jeremiah

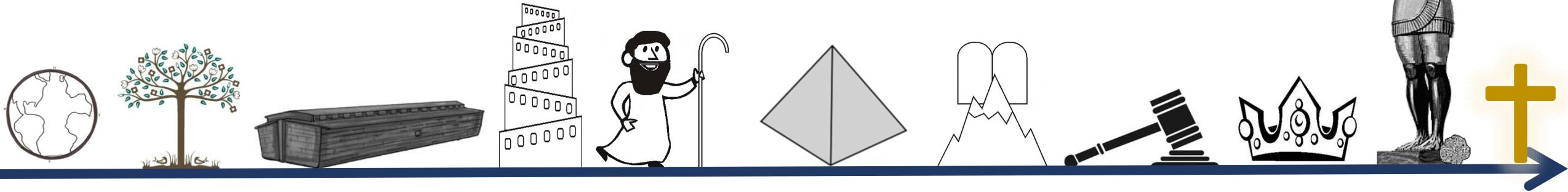
“unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth” (Jer 16:19)

Daniel

“And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;” (Dan 7:14,18)

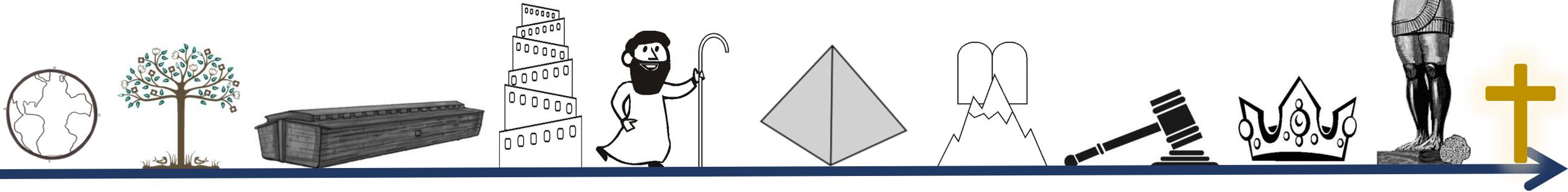
This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:6)

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So I ask you not to lose heart
at my tribulations on your
behalf, **for they are your
glory.**

(Eph 3:13)

