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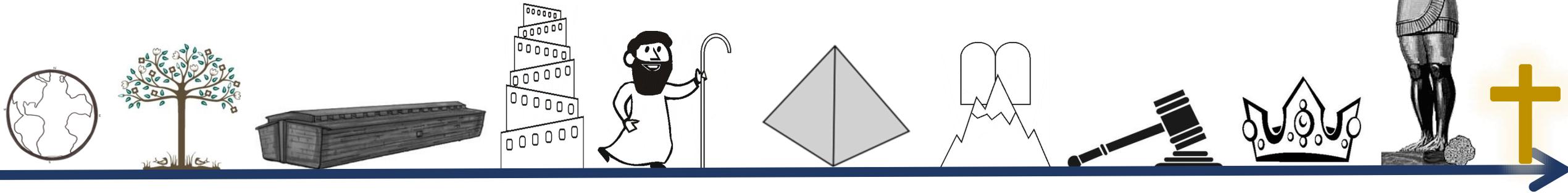
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Paul at Ephesus

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

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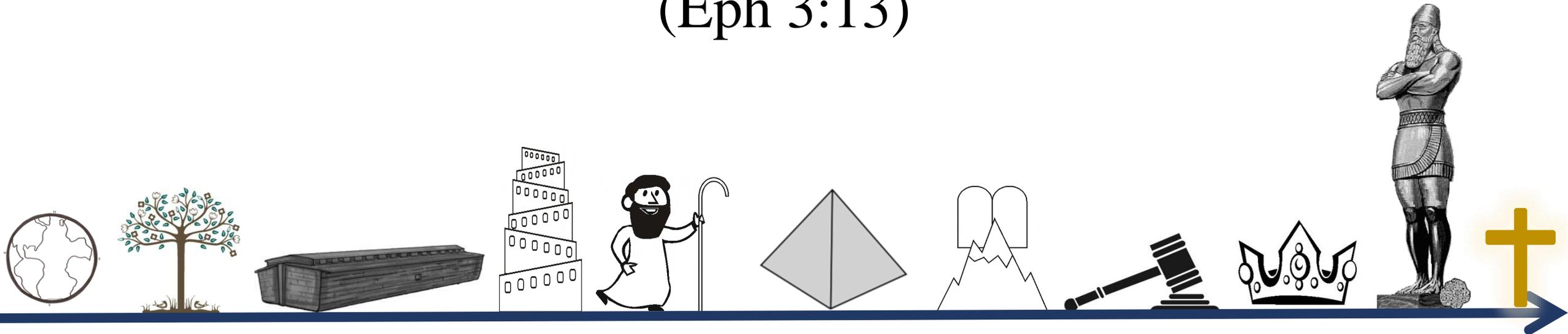
It was revealed to them that they [the prophets] were **serv**ing **not themselves but you**, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, **things into which angels long to look.** (1 Pet 1:12)



and to bring to light for everyone **what is the plan** of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that **through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
(Eph 3:9–10)

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

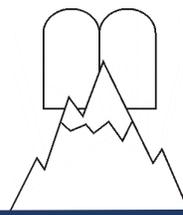
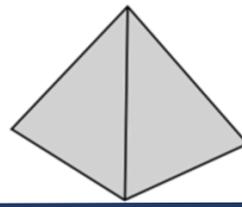
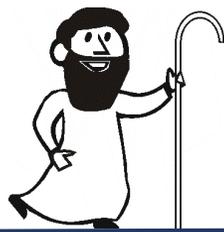
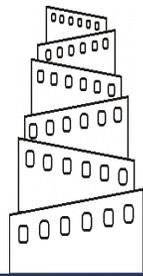
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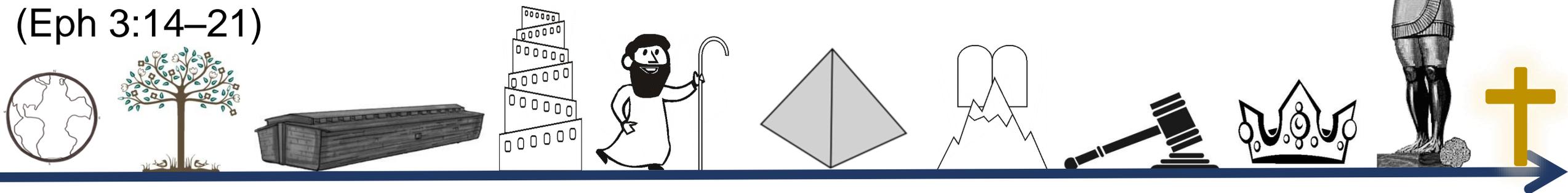


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This is a reference to the great mystery, **the gospel**, that God sent Paul to reveal (see 3:6)

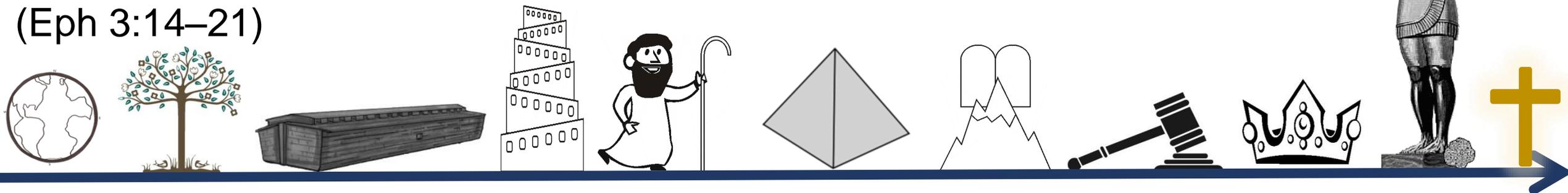


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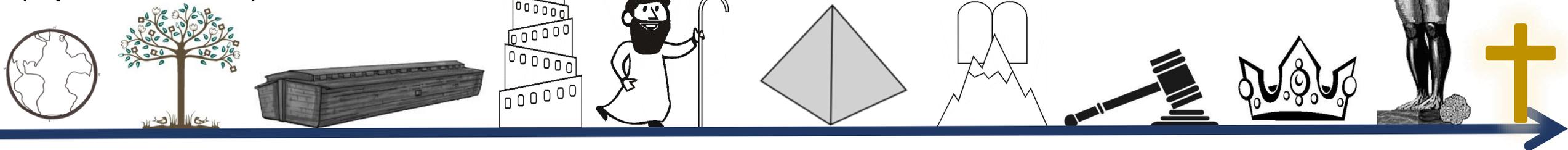
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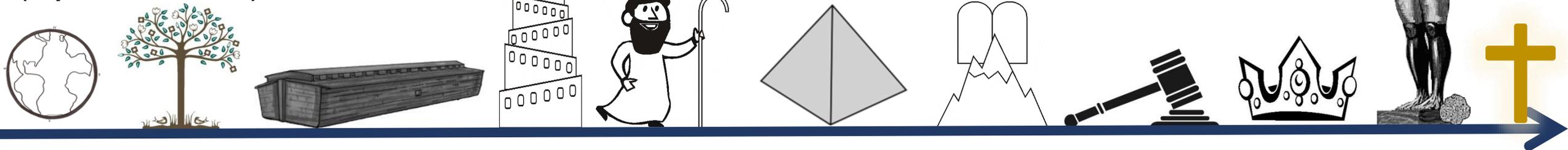
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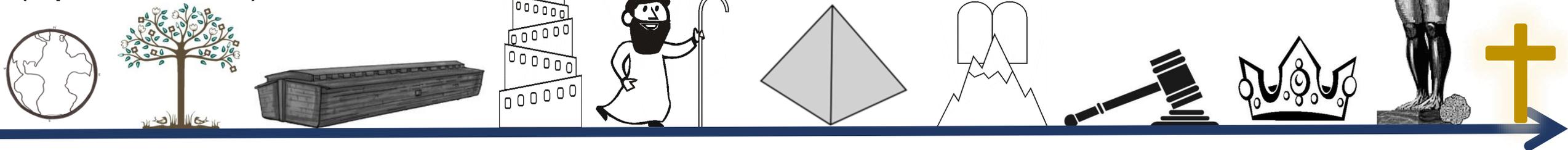
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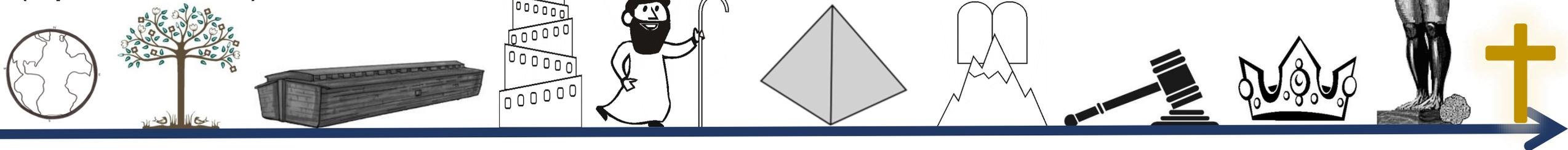
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THIS STRENGTH OF CONVICTION SHOULD LEAD TO A STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND ACTION THAT GLORIFIES GOD.

REMEMBER, WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP!

(Eph 2:10)

Unity in the Body of Christ (Eph 4:1-3)

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Things to note:

- **Unity is important, but it is a specific type of unity Paul calls us to**
- **There is a worthy and an unworthy manner by which we must seek this unity**
- **Unity is contingent upon the calling first**
- **Humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another is in imitation of God's planning and patience.**

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HUMILITY: a humiliation of mind

GENTLENESS: mildness, meekness

PATIENCE: literally 'long wrath' ("macro – large" & "thumos – wrath/passion")

BEARING: literally 'to hold again and again'

BOND: shackles, ligament, connections, or joint-tie