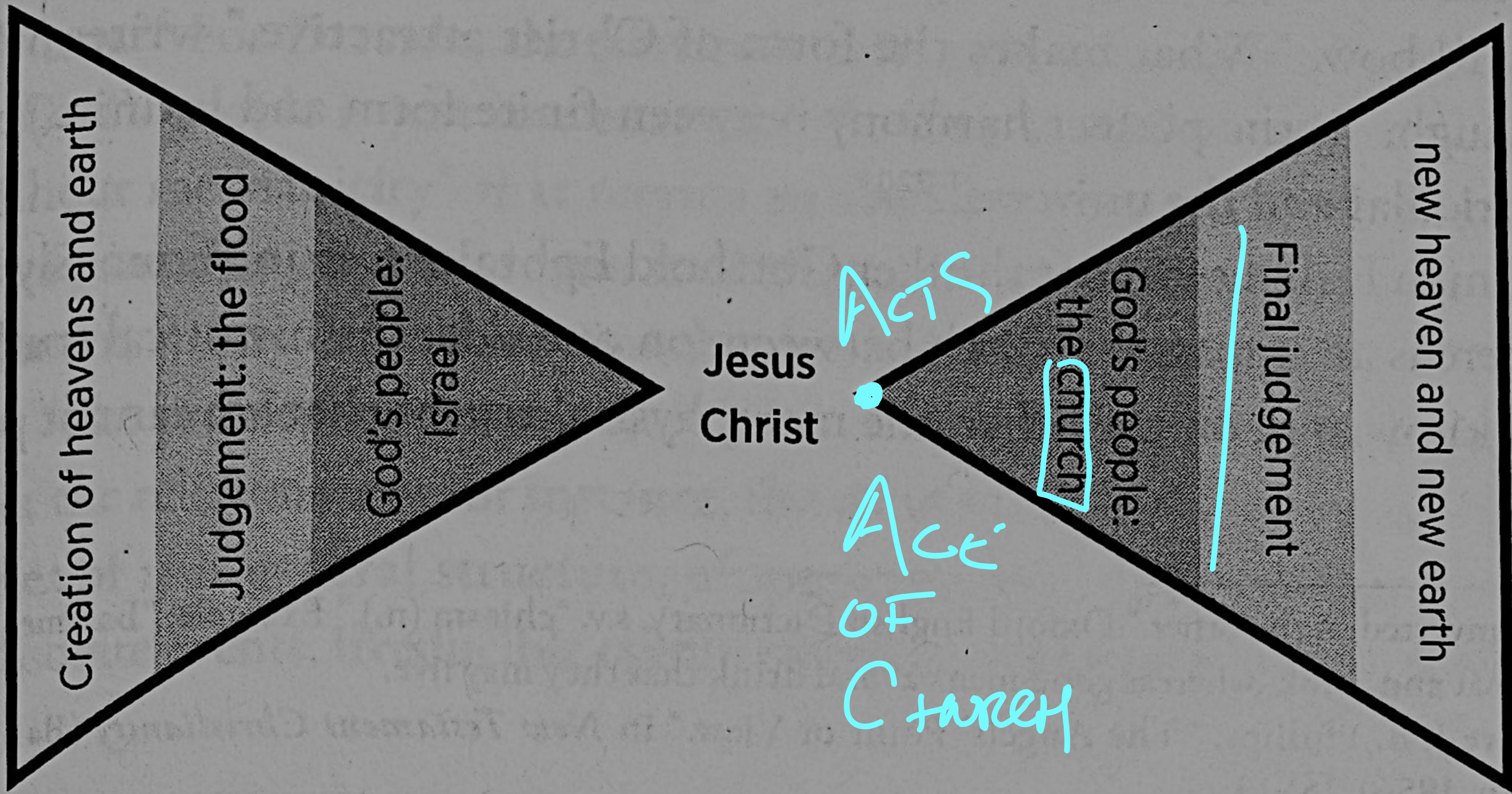


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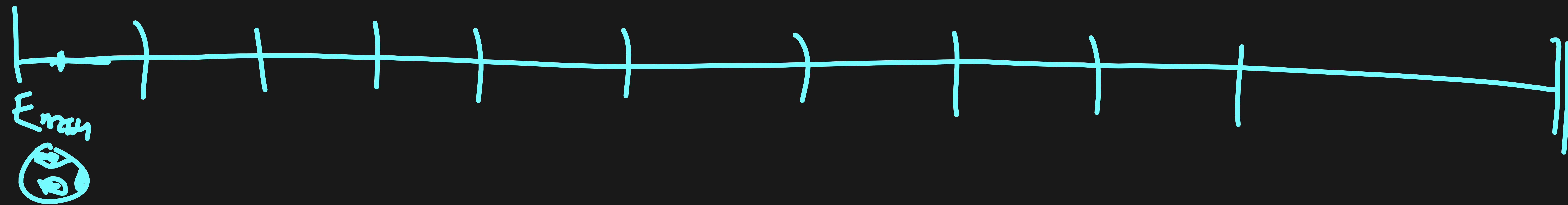


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narrowing focus

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When we lower the stakes of the
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AGE OF
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BEAR WITNESS"

AGE OF ME
"You"

Self-Discovery

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- Meaning isn't outside of us, it's inside of us.
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This and 6 related terms used 39x in Acts.

Used often in legal contexts

Used eventually for those who witness at the cost of their life

This is why the word for witness - μάρτυς (martyrs) is eventually used for martyrs of the faith.

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Millennials Gen X Boomers Elders

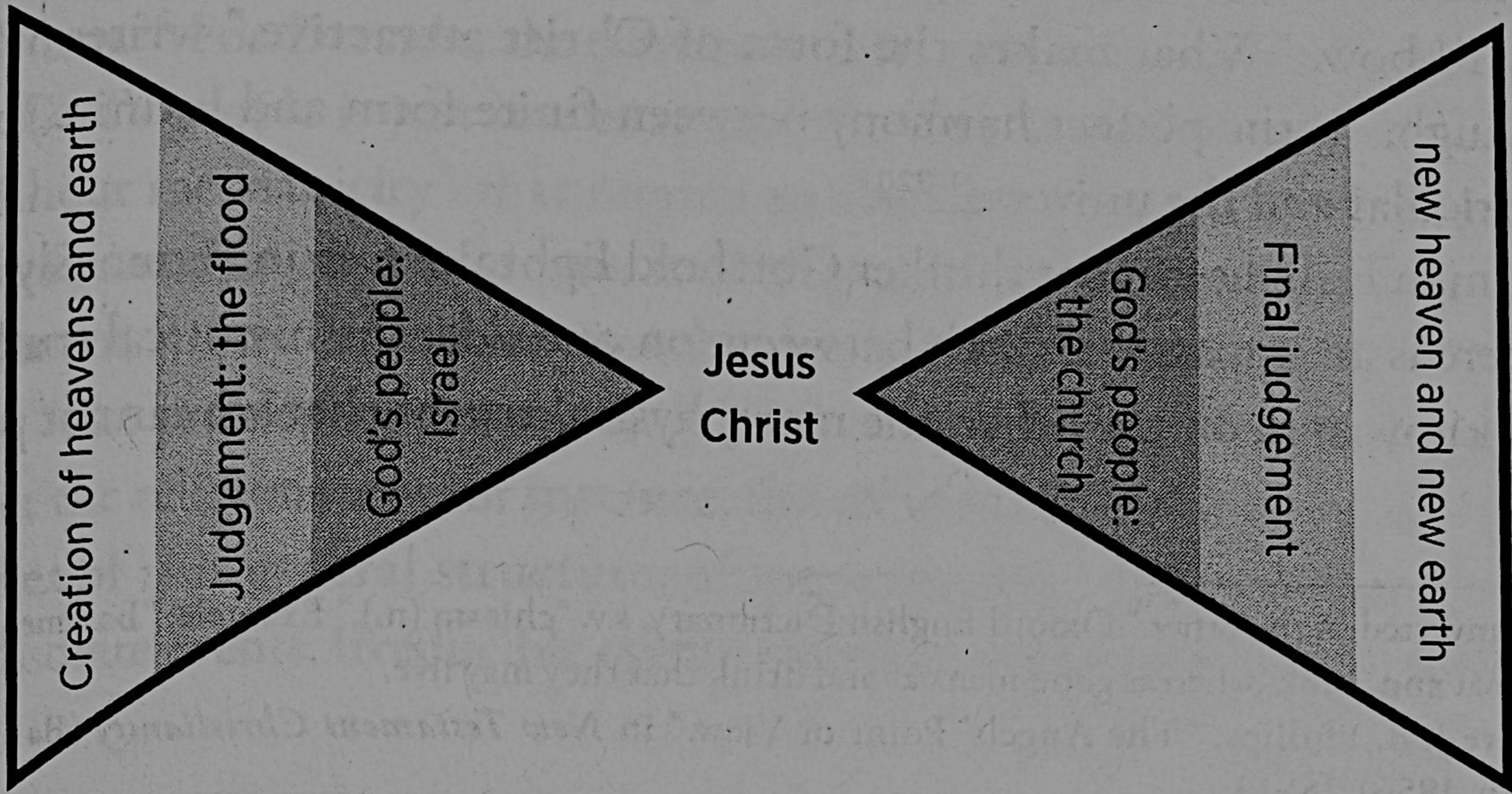


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