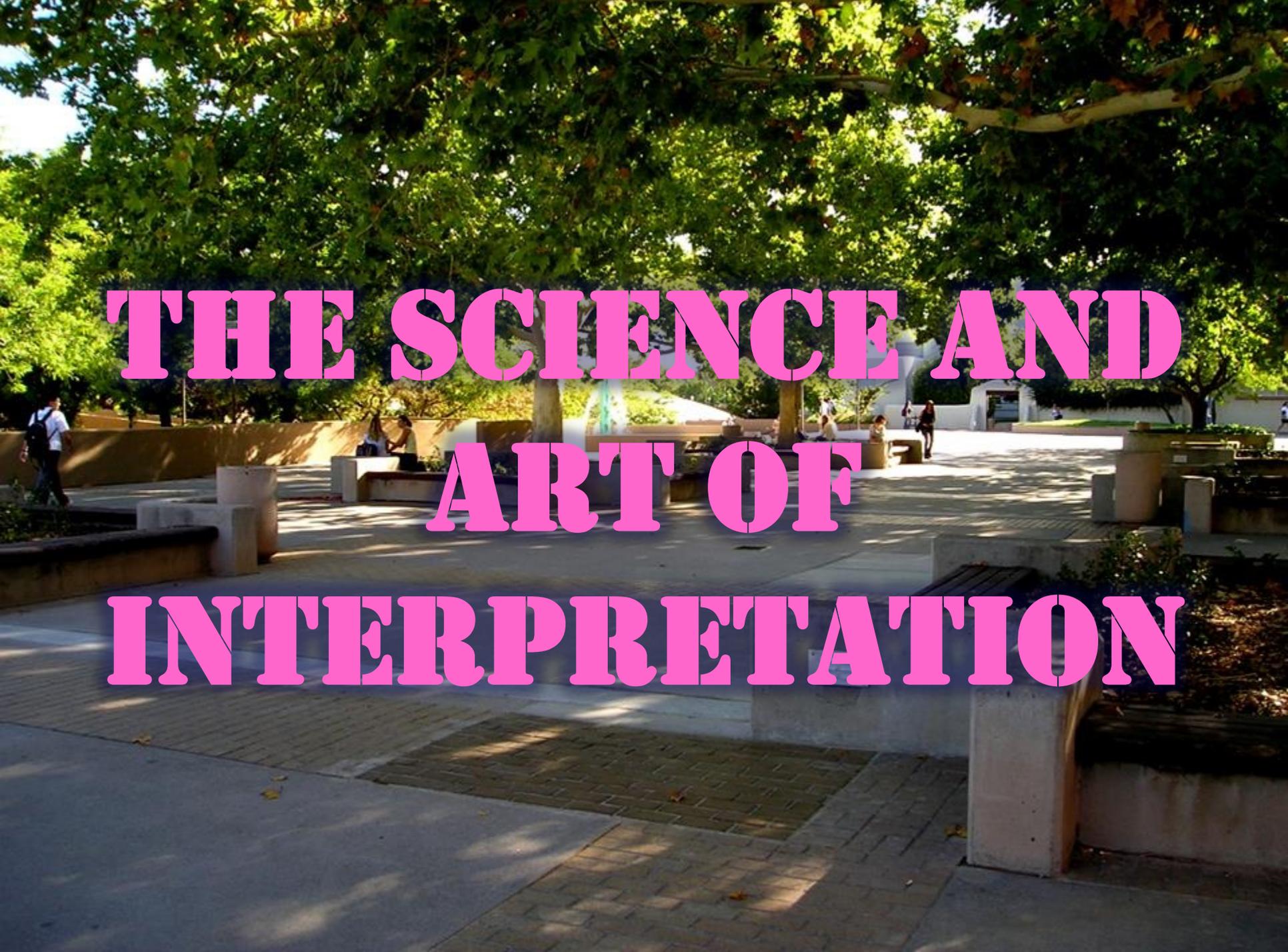


HERMENEUTICS





**THE SCIENCE AND
ART OF
INTERPRETATION**

HISTORY





I-24 & I-40



- Warnings
- Directions
- Information

**“He who doesn’t learn
from history is bound to
repeat it.”**

Santayana

HISTORY

➤ Jewish -

460 BC-AD 550



JEWISH PERIOD

460 BC – AD 550

✧ Beginnings - OT

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- ❖ Translates
- ❖ Interprets
- ❖ Expounds

JEWISH PERIOD

460 BC – AD 550

✧ Beginnings - OT

✧ Alexandrian - LXX

ALEXANDRIAN

- ❖ Greek Philosophy integrated
- ❖ Septuagint Translated
- ❖ Allegorical Method



ALLEGORISATION

- **Greek Philosophers - to avoid immoralities of Greek gods**
- **Alexandrian Jews - to harmonize Judaism & Greek philosophers**
- **to solve difficult OT issues - Lots incest, Noah's drunkenness, Jacob's wives, Judah & Tamar**

JEWISH PERIOD

460 BC – AD 550

- ✧ **Beginnings - OT**
- ✧ **Alexandrian - LXX**
- ✧ **Qumran - Separatists**



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JEWISH PERIOD

460 BC – AD 550

- ✧ **Beginnings - OT**
- ✧ **Alexandrian - LXX**
- ✧ **Qumran - Separatists**
- ✧ **1st Century - Tradition**
- ✧ **Rabbinic - Talmuds**

HISTORY

- Jewish - 460 BC-AD 550
- Patristic - 95-590



PATRISTIC PERIOD

95 – AD 590

- ✧ Apostolic Fathers - various
- ✧ Alexandrian - allegory

ALLEGORISATION

- **Greek Philosophers - to avoid immoralities of Greek gods**
- **Alexandrian Jews - to harmonize Judaism & Greek philosopher**
- **Apostolic Fathers - to explain OT anthropomorphisms & types**
- **Alexandrian Christians - to avoid Scripture difficulties**

PATRISTIC PERIOD

95 – AD 590

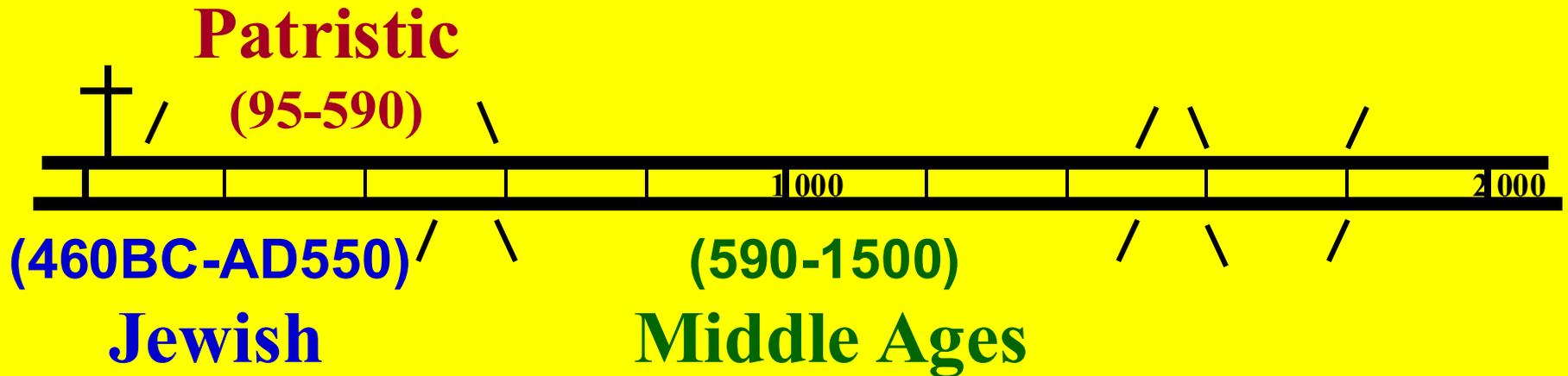
- ✧ Apostolic Fathers - various
- ✧ Alexandrian - allegory
- ✧ Antiochene - literal
- ✧ Later Fathers - various

HISTORY

- **Jewish - 460 BC-AD 550**
- **Patristic - 95-590**
- **Middle Ages - 590-1500**



HISTORY



MIDDLE AGES

✧ Allegorical
Prominent



Amiens Cathedral

4-Fold Interpretation

- ✧ **Literal - plain sense**
- ✧ **Allegorical - what believed**
- ✧ **Tropological - what to do**
- ✧ **Eschatological - what hoped**

“The Middle Ages was a vast desert so far as biblical interpretation is concerned”

Klein, Bloomberg, Hubbard

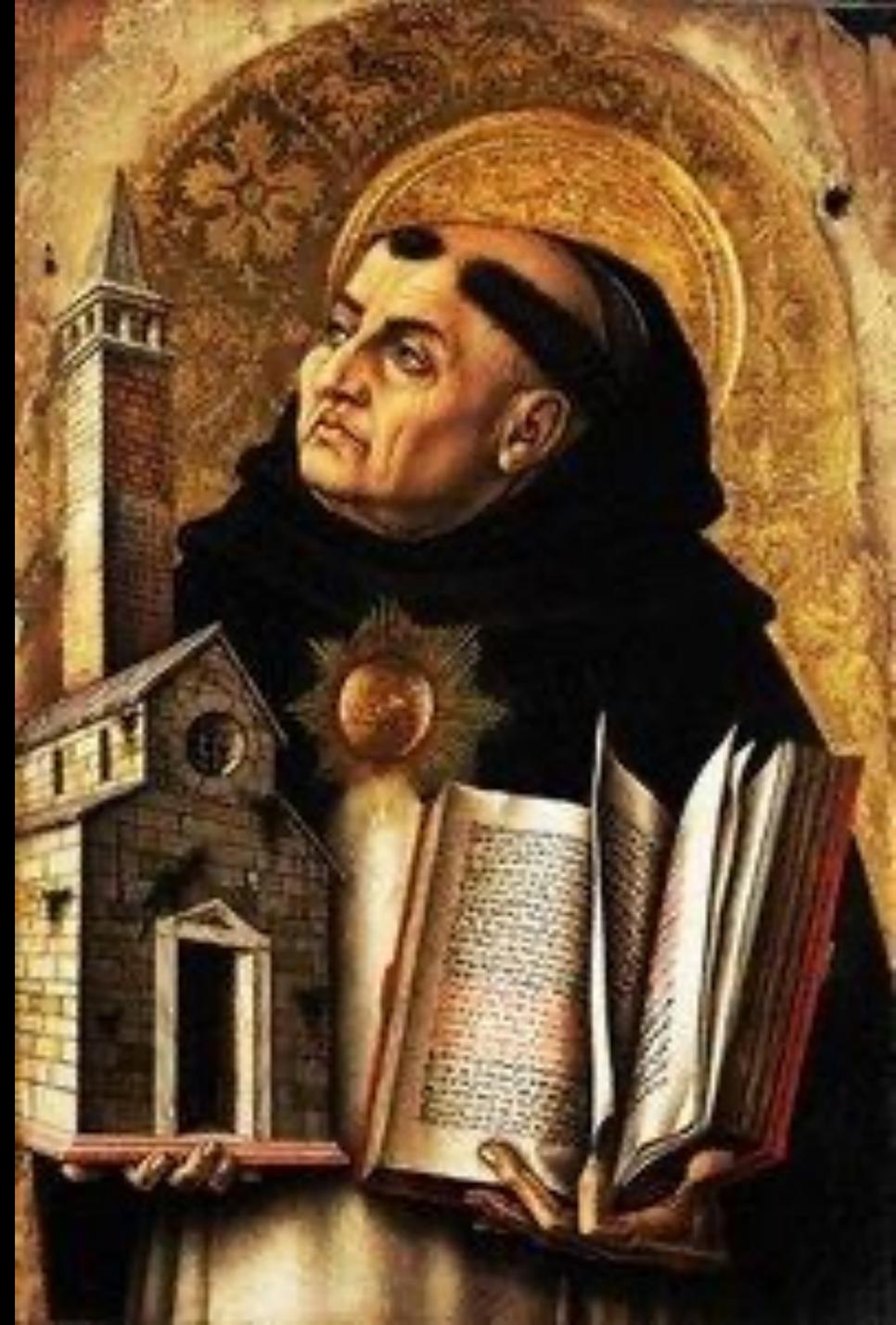
MIDDLE AGES

- ✧ Allegorical
Prominent
- ✧ Tradition Began
- ✧ Literal Survives
- ✧ Scholasticism
Started



Amiens Cathedral

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)



HISTORY

- Jewish - 460 BC-AD 550
- Patristic - 95-590
- Middle Ages - 590-1500
- Reformation - 16th



REFORMATION

➤ Reformers -

Hermeneutical Reformation



**“Allegories are
empty
speculations
and as it were
the scum of
Holy Scripture”**

**Martin Luther
(1483-1546)**



John Calvin
(1509-1564)

REFORMATION

➤ **Reformers -**

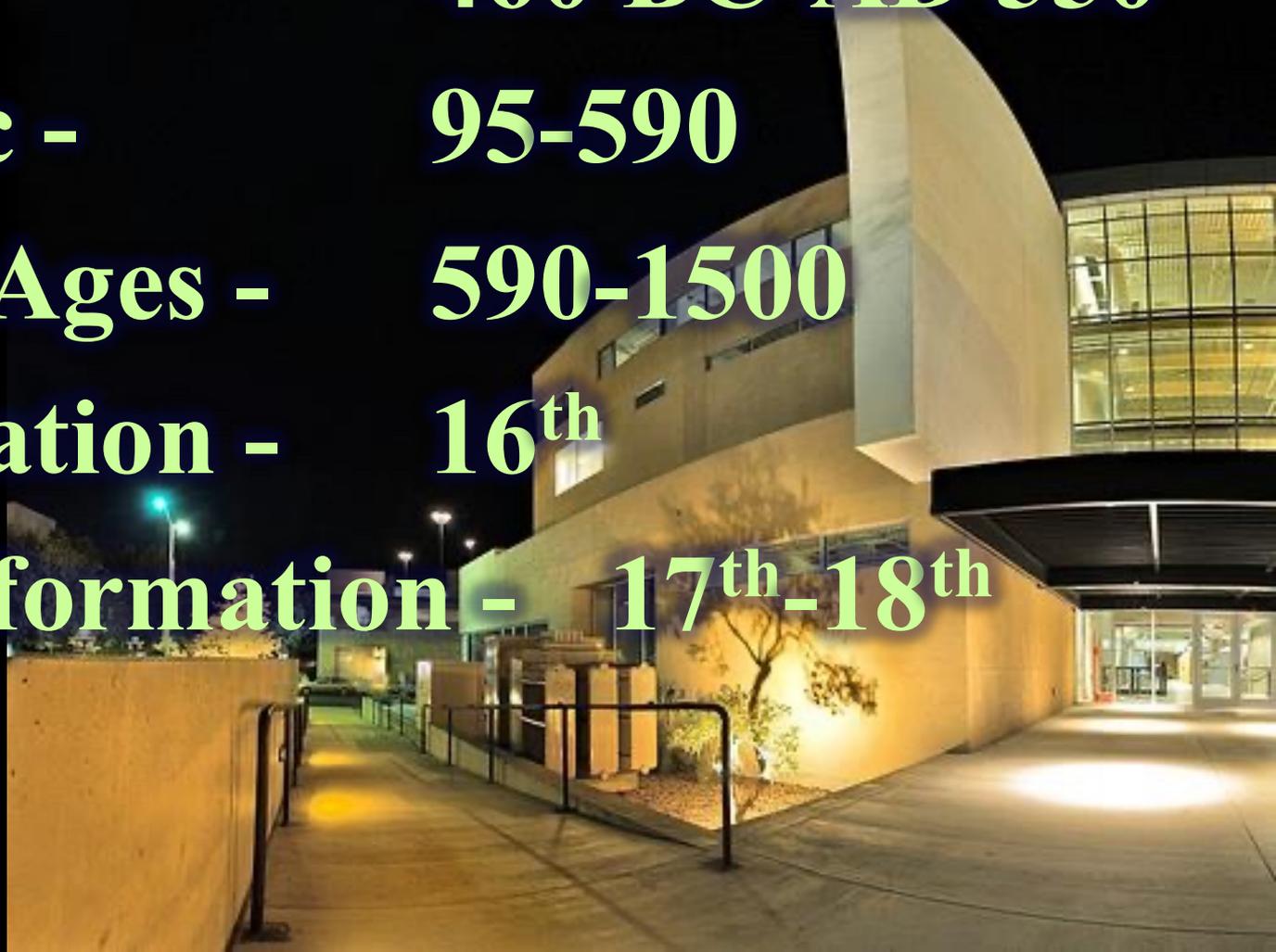
Hermeneutical Reformation

➤ **Catholic Counter Reformation -**

Tradition

HISTORY

- Jewish - 460 BC-AD 550
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- Middle Ages - 590-1500
- Reformation - 16th
- Post-Reformation - 17th-18th



FRAGMENTATION

✧ **Literalists**

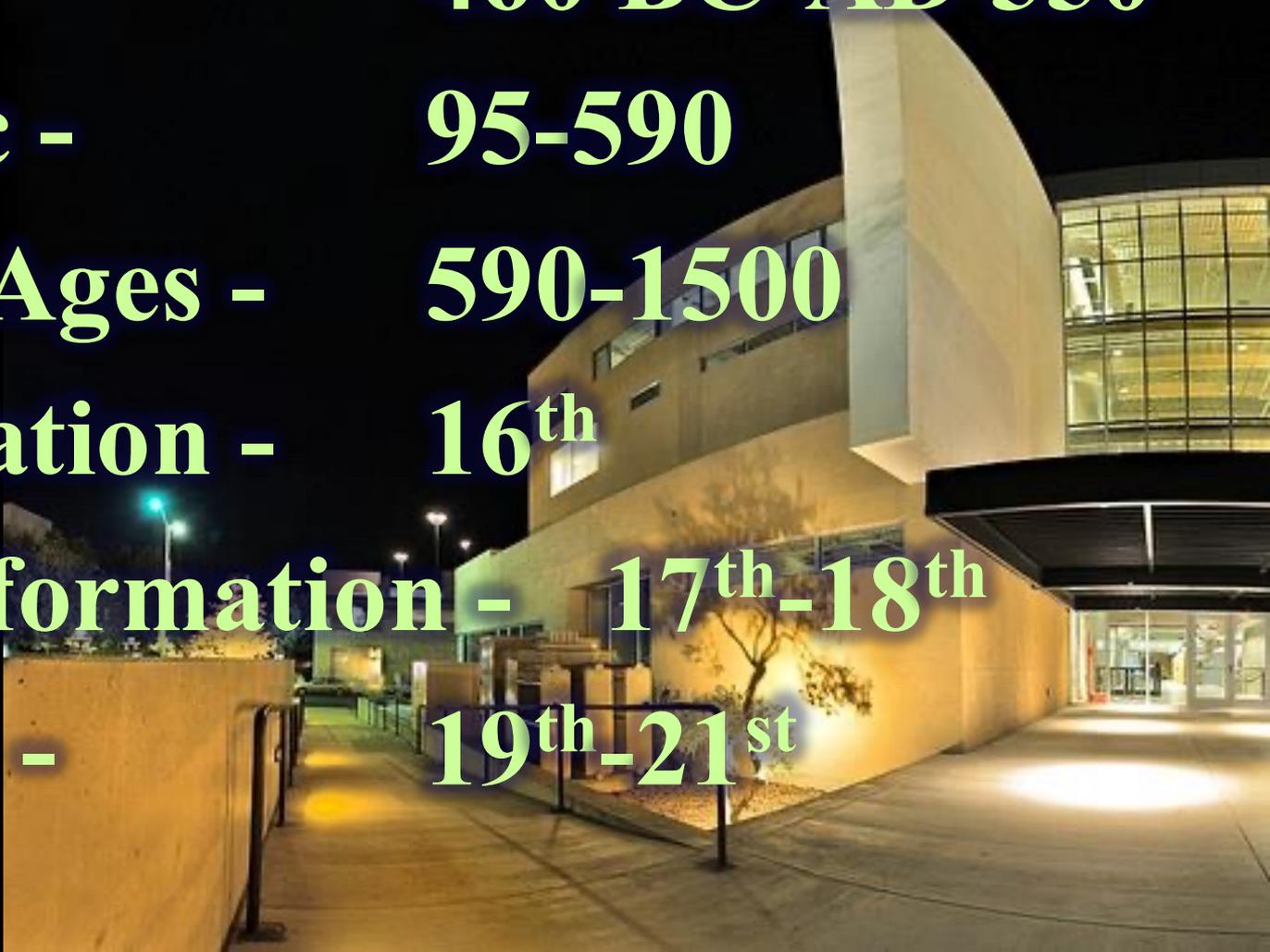
✧ **Rationalists**

✧ **Pietists**

✧ **Creeds**



HISTORY

- Jewish - 460 BC-AD 550
 - Patristic - 95-590
 - Middle Ages - 590-1500
 - Reformation - 16th
 - Post-Reformation - 17th-18th
 - Modern - 19th-21st
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19th CENTURY

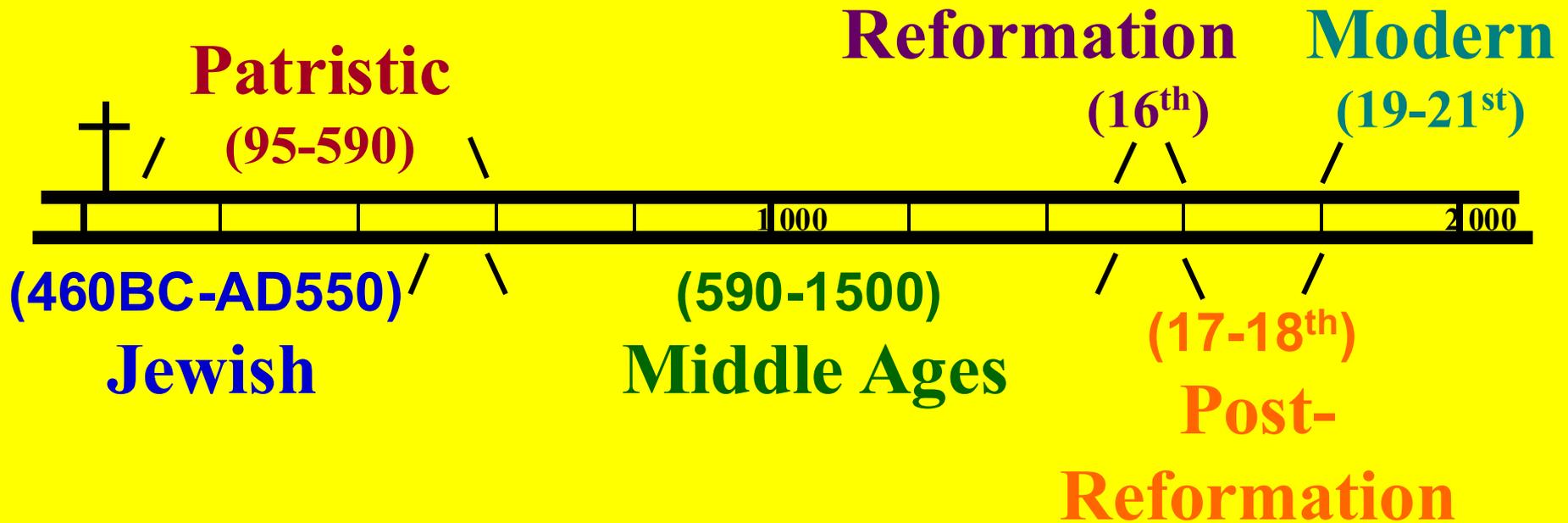
✧ Subjectivism & Liberalism

✧ Historical
Criticism

✧ Exegetical
Works



HISTORY



APPROACHES

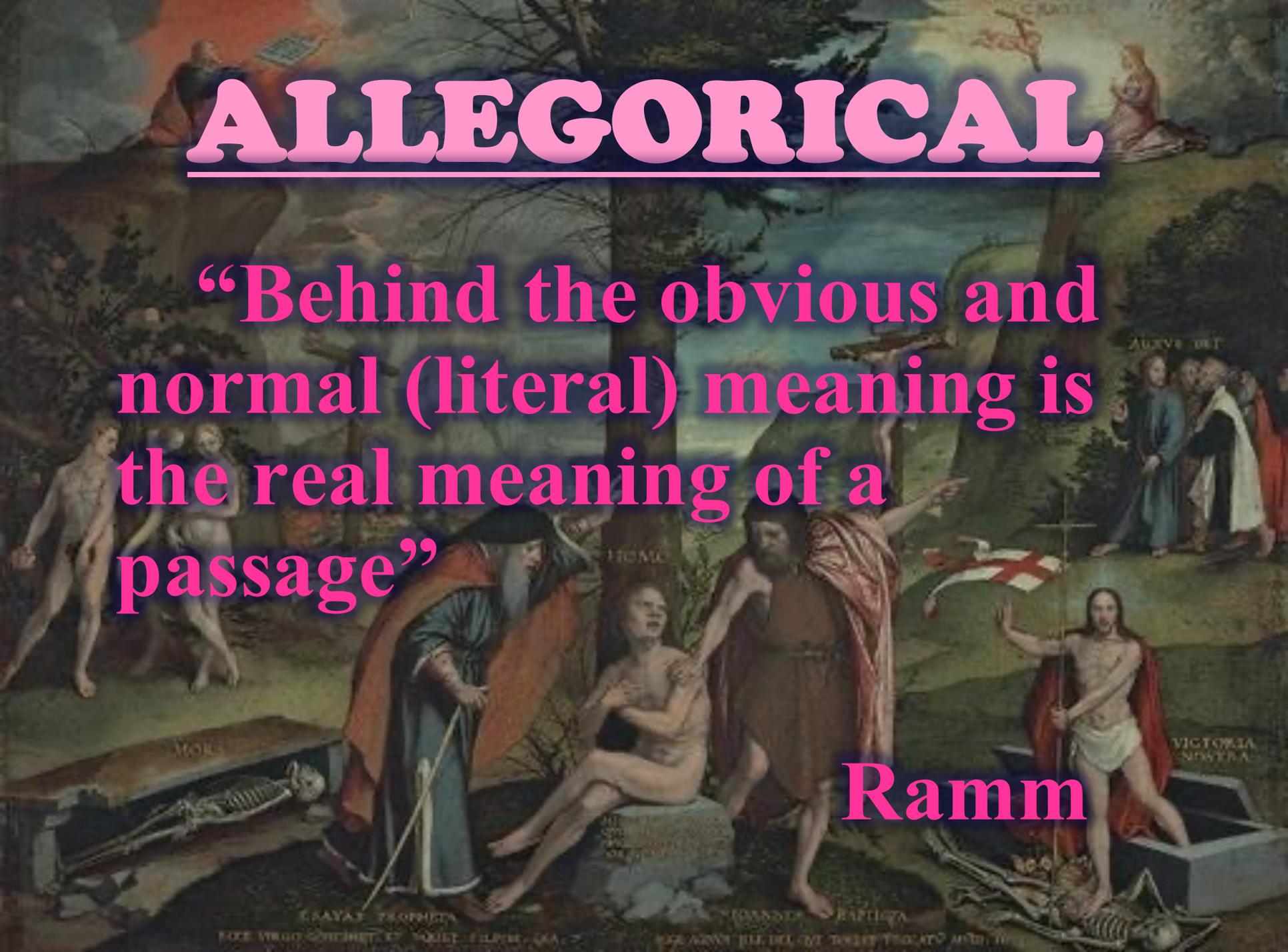


Wells in Somerset

ALLEGORICAL

“Behind the obvious and normal (literal) meaning is the real meaning of a passage”

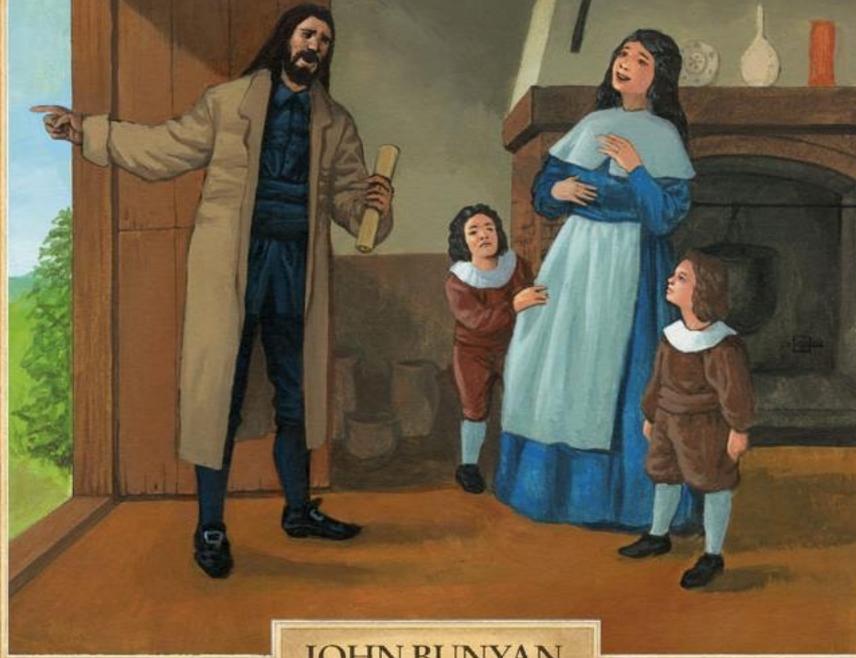
Ramm



ἀλληγορέω

- ἄλλος = other
- ἀγορευειν = to speak
- **To speak in a way other than what is meant**

PILGRIM'S
PROGRESS 2
CHRISTIANA'S STORY



JOHN BUNYAN

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MIDDLE AGES

590 - 1500

Jerusalem

Literal =

Literal City

Allegorical =

Church

Tropological =

Human Soul

Eschatological =

Heavenly City

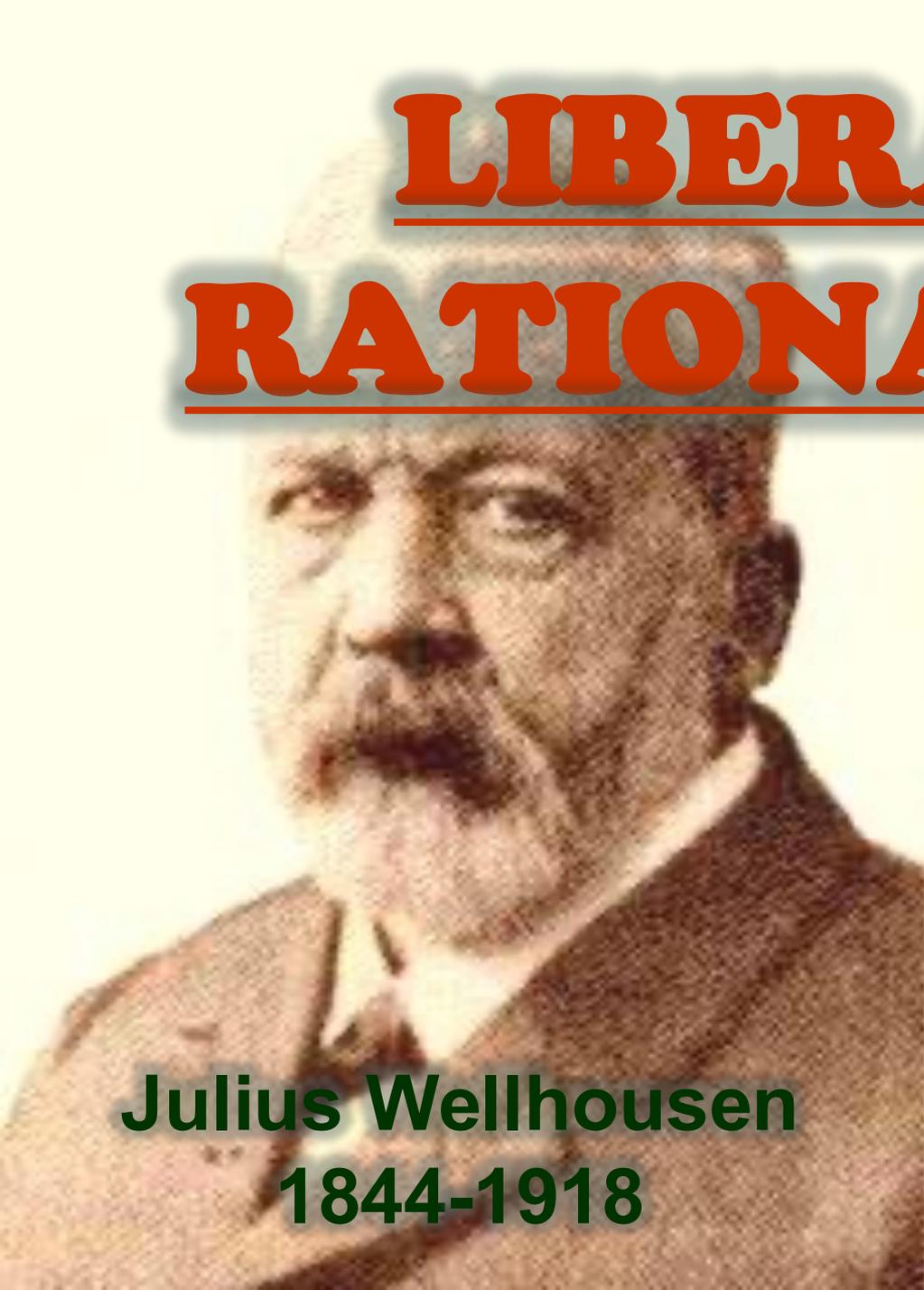
WEAKNESSES

- 1. Too Subjective**
- 2. Obscures Meaning**
- 3. Diminishes Historical Sense**
- 4. Overlooks Progress of Revelation**
- 5. No Verification**
- 6. Against Clarity of Scripture**

LIBERAL or RATIONALISTIC

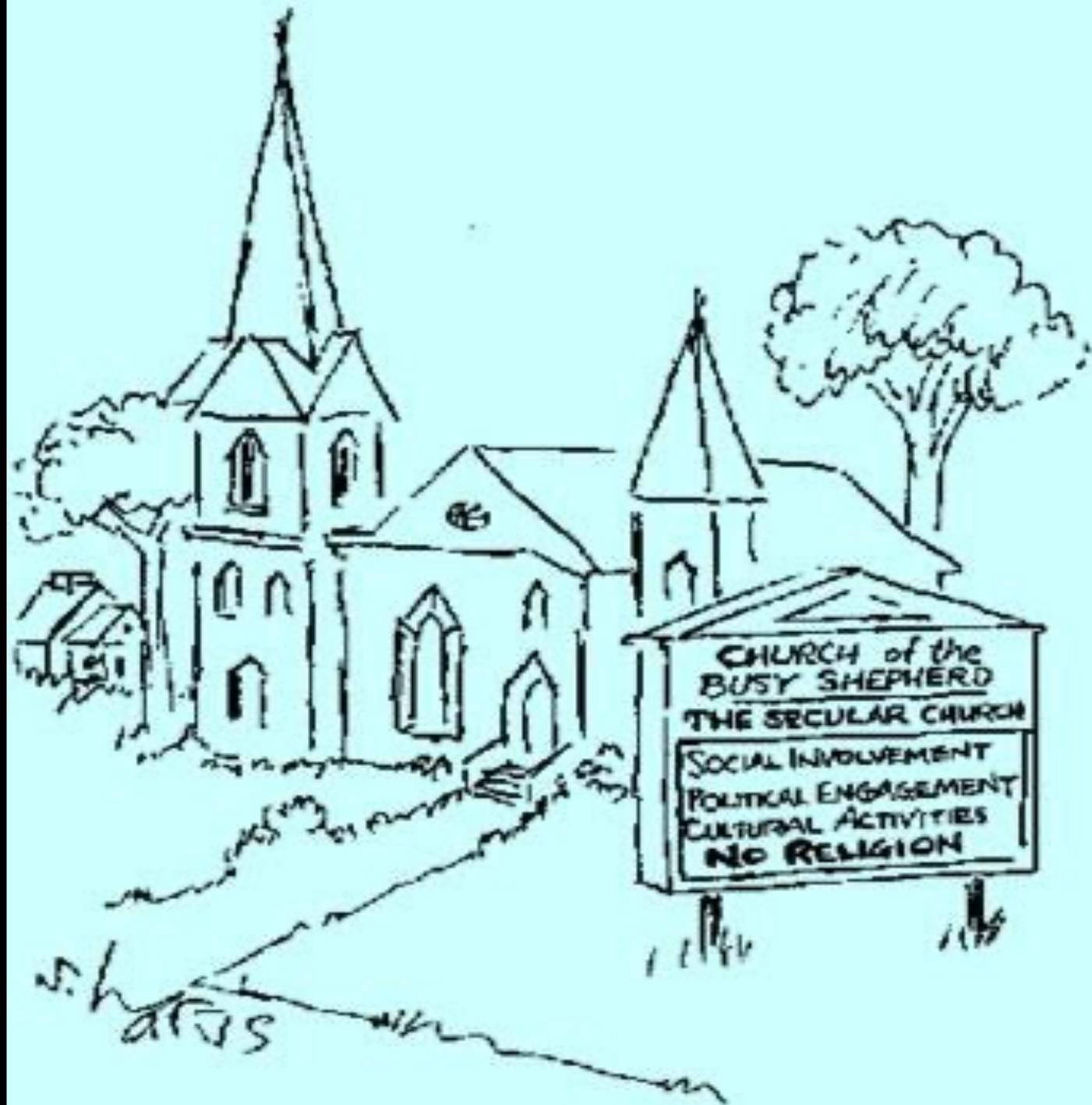
Reason
Overshadows
Revelation

Julius Wellhausen
1844-1918



LIBERAL

- ❖ **Naturalism Prominent**
- ❖ **Inspiration Redefined**
- ❖ **Supernatural Redefined**
- ❖ **Evolution of Religion**
- ❖ **Humanistic Influence**



OTHER SYSTEMS

1. Neo-Orthodox

NEO-ORTHODOX

- **Karl Barth (1886-1968)**
- **Between Liberal & Orthodoxy**
- **Revelation when God speaks**
- **Bible a witness to revelation**
- **Inspiration & Inerrancy denied**

OTHER SYSTEMS

- 1. Neo-Orthodox**
- 2. New Hermeneutic**

NEW HERMENEUTIC

- **Bultmann (1884-1976)**
- **Science priority**
- **Historical setting more than exegesis**
- **Mythological principle**
- **Demythological principle**

OTHER SYSTEMS

- 1. Neo-Orthodox**
- 2. New Hermeneutic**
- 3. Devotional**
- 4. Dogmatic or Traditional**
- 5. Cults**

Hermeneutics of Cults

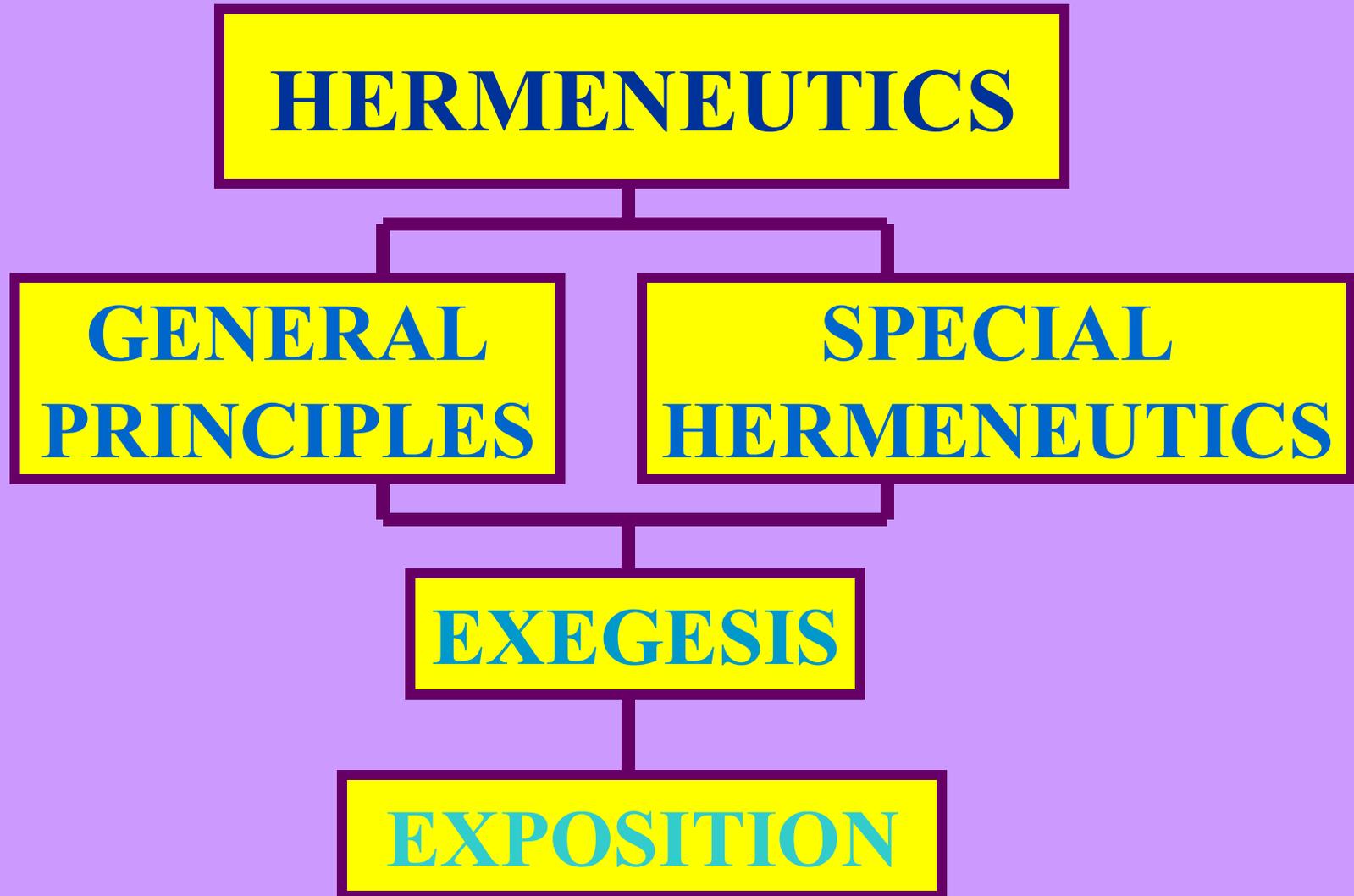


Theology of founder superimposed on Scripture

OTHER SYSTEMS

- 1. Neo-Orthodox**
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- 4. Dogmatic or Traditional**
- 5. Cults**
- 6. Other**

BIBLE HERMENEUTICS



SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

1. Narrative

2. Poetry

3. Wisdom

4. Prophecy

5. Typology

6. Epistles

7. Parables

8. NT Use of OT

9. Legal

WARRAWATTE



IMPORTANCE

- 1. Foundation for all Scripture**
- 2. Most common genre**
- 3. Meta-narrative = His story**

NARRATIVE

➤ Essence



NARRATIVE

- **The presentation of history or events in story form**
- **Gives reader the sense of being there -> experience**

NARRATIVE

- **Essence**
- **Historical Narrative**

✧ **OBSERVATIONAL
SCIENCE →**

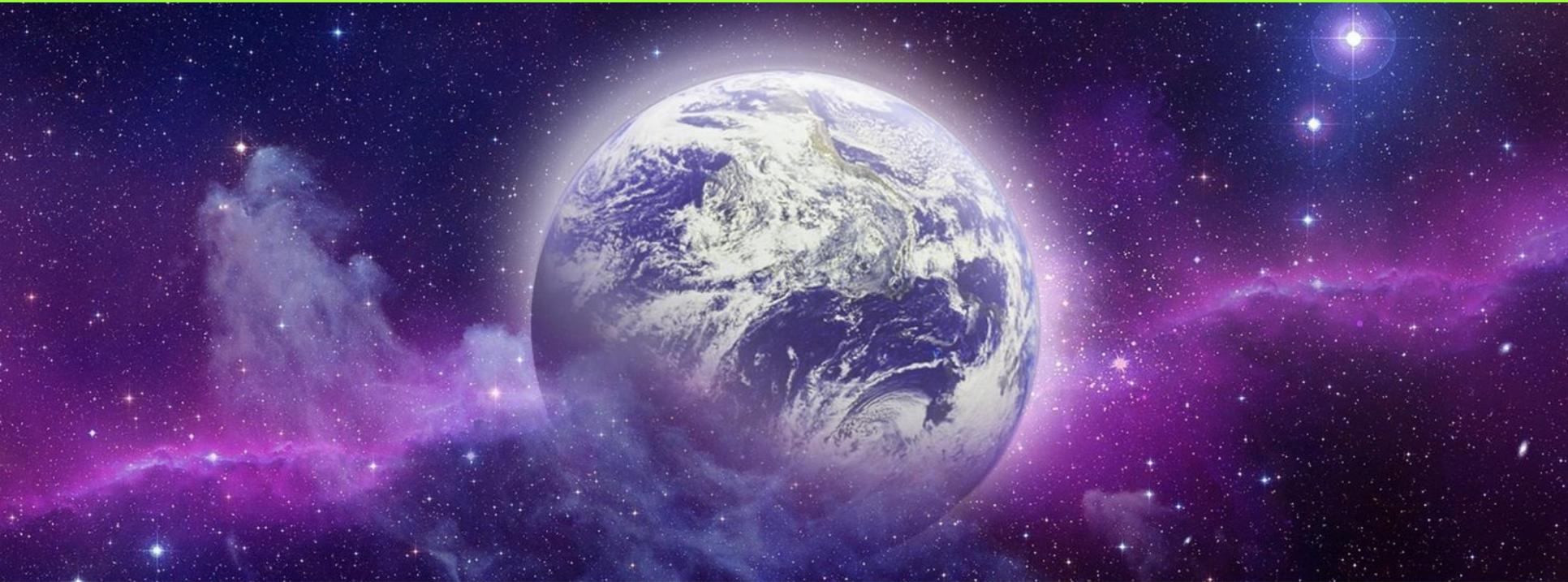
Observations in **Present**

✧ **HISTORICAL
SCIENCE →**

Traces of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event



✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + **Interpretation**

NARRATIVE

- **Essence**
- **Historical Narrative**
- **Selective**
- **Interpretive**
- **God's View**

ACTS 17:24-28

Act 17:26-27 and **He made** from one man **every nation of mankind** to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

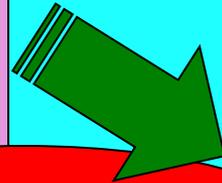
PHILOSOPHY

- 1. God as Creator is author**
- 2. God's Sovereign Plan**
- 3. Linear Concept**

HIS STORY

Revelation of His Glory

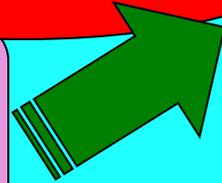
Israel



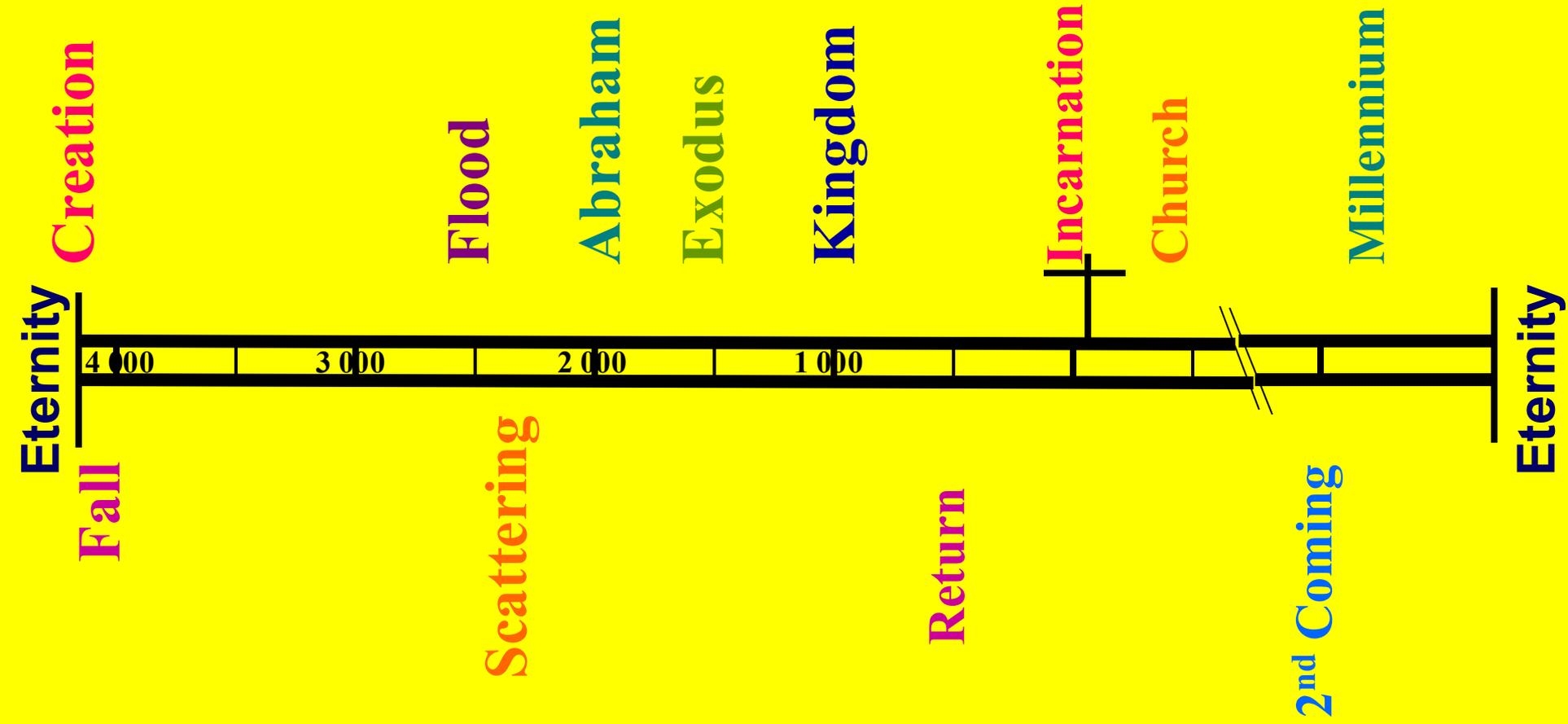
MESSIAH

Kingdom

Church



MAJOR EVENTS



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- 3. Linear Concept**
- 4. Involves Time & Geography**
- 5. Divine Purpose**

OCCURRENCE

- **Genesis, Exodus, Numbers**
- **Joshua, Judges, Ruth**
- **Samuel, Kings, Chronicles**
- **Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther**
- **4 Gospels**
- **Acts**

KINDS:



- Reports
- Epic
- Heroic Narrative
- Prophet Story
- Comedy
- Tragedy
- Romance
- Polemic
- Gospel

ELEMENTS



- ❖ **Setting**
- ❖ **Characters**
- ❖ **Plot**