

The figurative light & darkness

Growing in God's light

Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the **day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all **sons of light and sons of day**. **We are not of night nor of darkness**; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.**

1 Thes 5:1-6

Children of Light vs. Children of Darkness

Day of the Lord like
a thief in the night

Peace
& safety

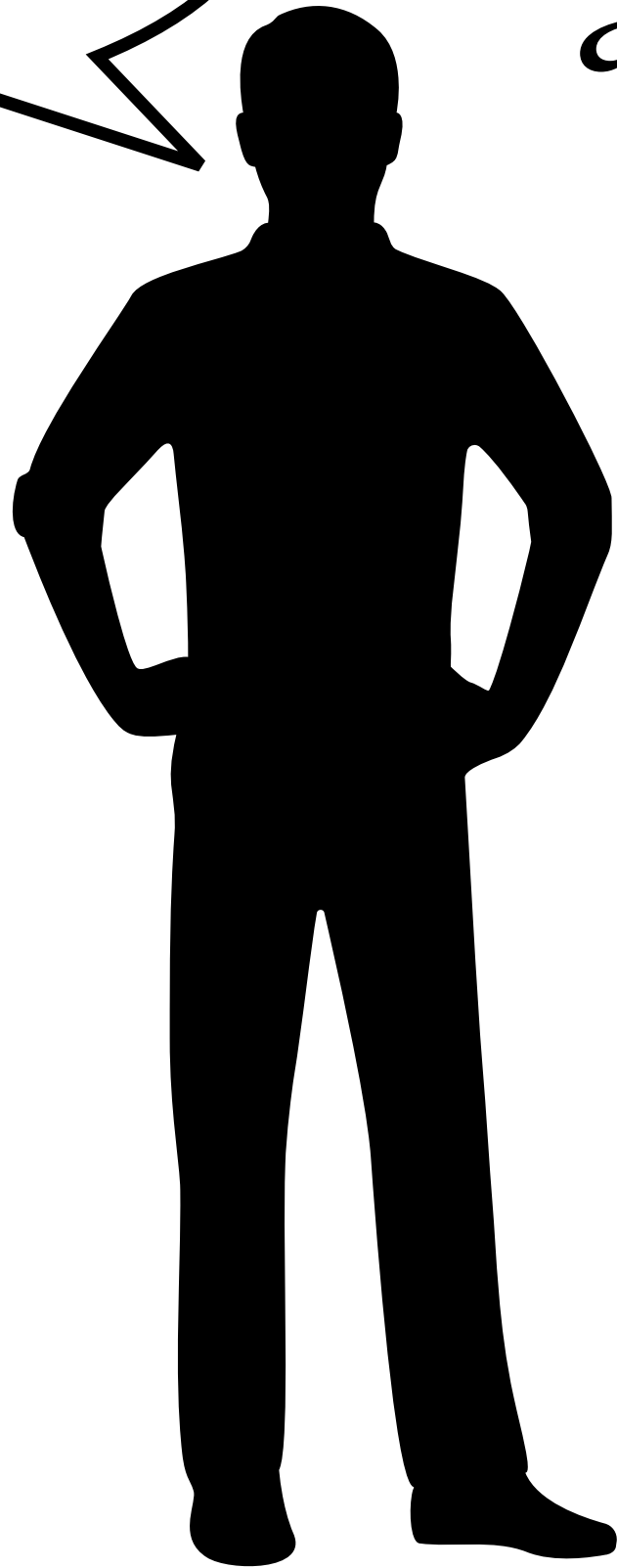
Don't know
signs



Don't learn
secrets of KoH

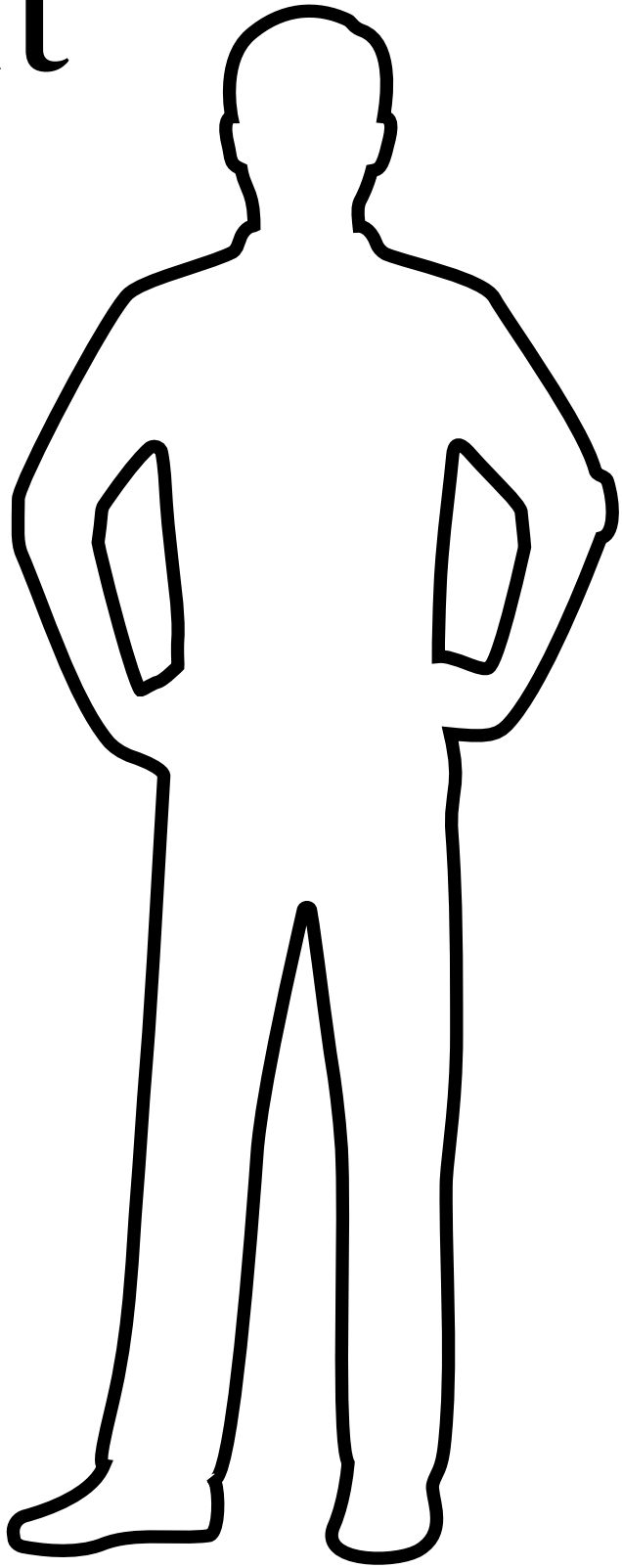


Death



“Them”

Versus



“You”

Know signs



Learn secrets
of KoH



Life

The figurative light

- Light shines, expels darkness, & is required for life
- Darkness = no light
- In the Bible, what do you think we are talking about being enlightened or in the dark about?
- Have you ever felt like you were in the dark about a part of God's word or will?



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Jn 1:1-5

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path. (Ps 119:105)**

**The unfolding of Your words
gives light; it gives understanding
to the simple. (Ps 119:130)**

So we have the **prophetic word** made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to **a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

2 Pt 1:19

**But the path of the righteous is like
the light of dawn, that shines
brighter and brighter until the full
day. The way of the wicked is like
darkness; they do not know over
what they stumble.**

Prv 4:18-19

**... being darkened in their
understanding, excluded from
the life of God because of the
ignorance that is in them, because
of the hardness of their heart;**

Eph 4:18

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

Jn 3:19-21

Be delayed and wait, blind yourselves and be blind; they become drunk, but not with wine, they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord has poured over you a spirit of deep sleep, He has **shut your eyes, the prophets; and He has covered your heads, the seers. **The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book,** which when they give it to the one who is literate, saying, “Please read this,” he will say, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, “Please read this.” And he will say, “I cannot read.” Then the Lord said, “**Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote ...**”**

Is 29:9-13

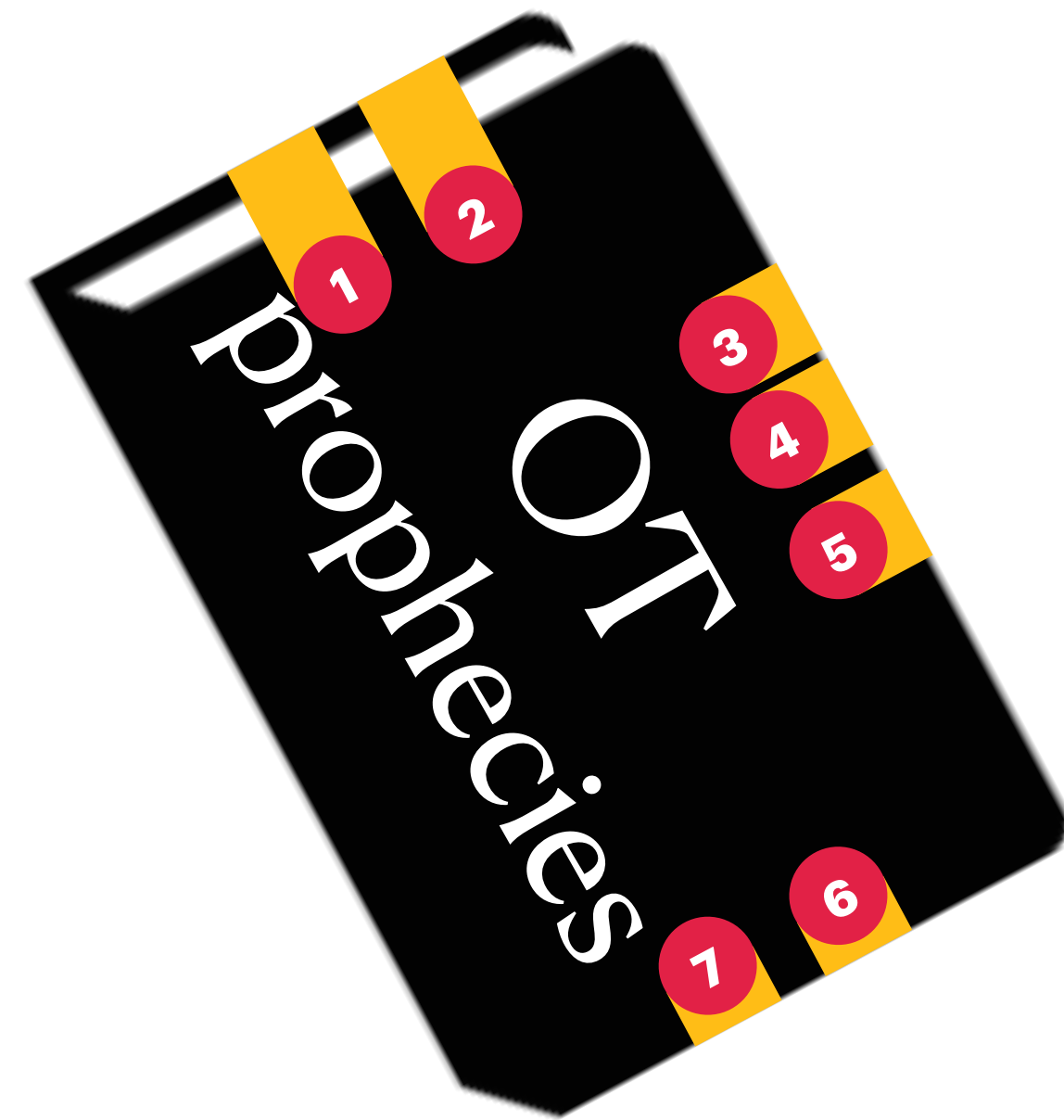
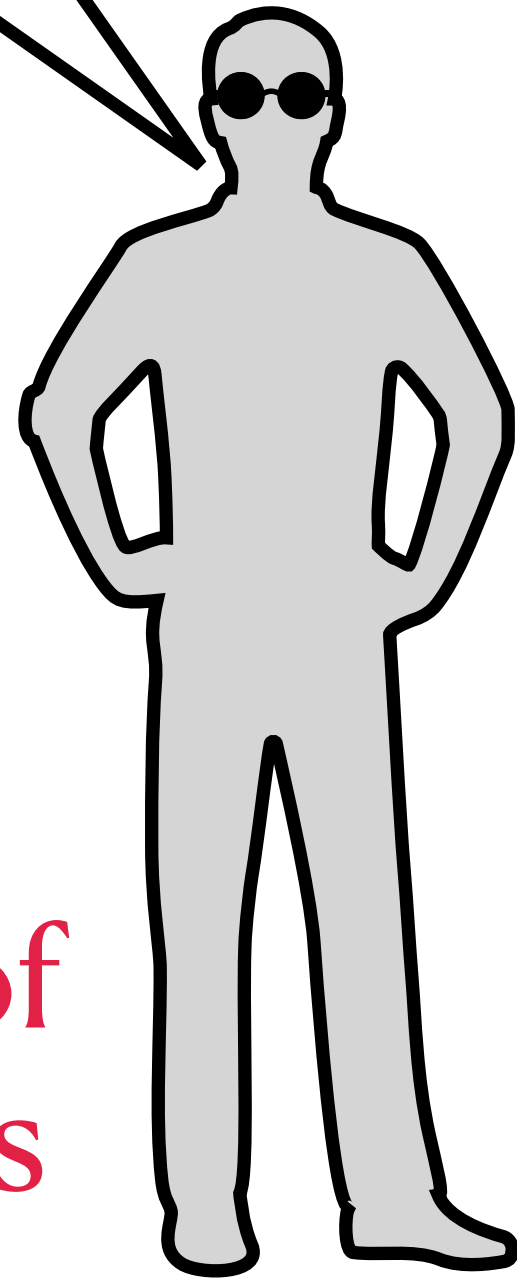
The prophecies as a sealed book

Man's teachings
lip service

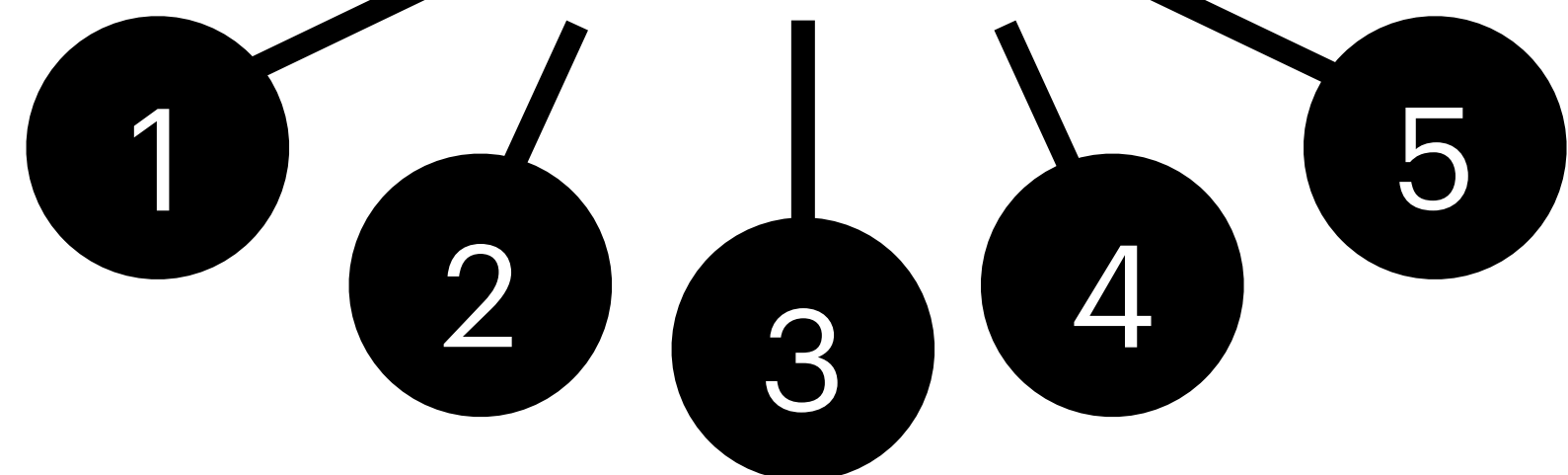
Is 29:9-13

Blind
sleeping
believers

Ignorant of
prophecies



Darkness



- When God has sealed the prophecies, everyone remains blind, asleep, and in the dark.
- In this ignorance, leaders with false confidence in their own interpretations form sects giving lip service to God, yet their hearts are far from Him.

Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed.” ... On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, and **out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.**

Is 29:14, 18

Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you.” Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe. ... He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth. Then He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

Ez 2:8-10, Ez 3:3-4

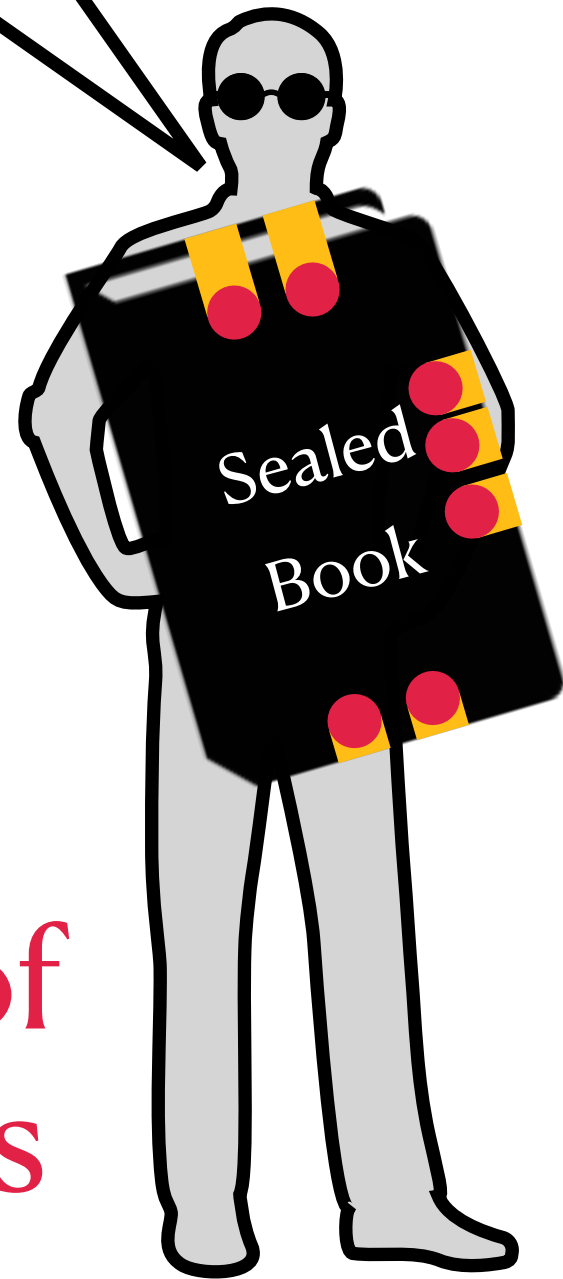
The promised coming of the light

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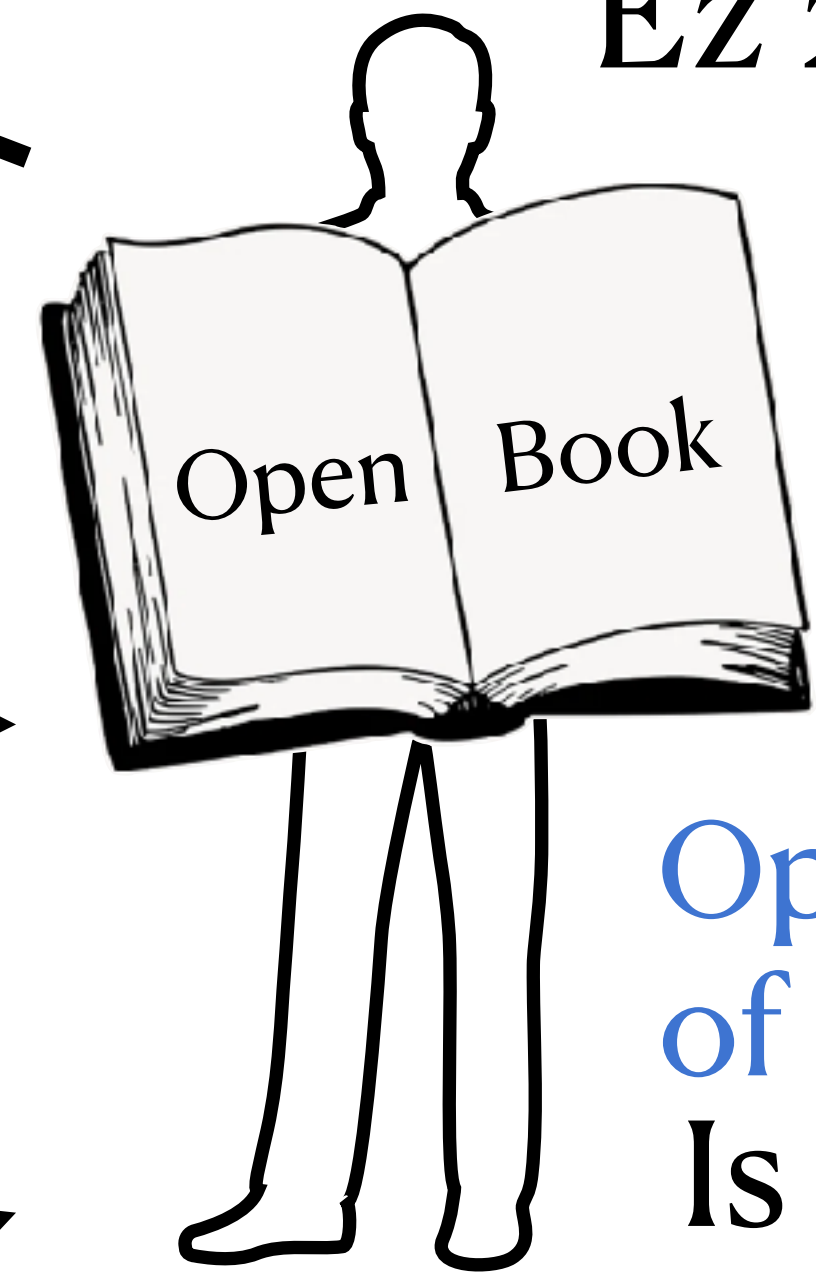


Shine

Is 9:1-2, Ez 3:4

Son of man
eats open book

Ez 2:8-10



Curse

Is 5:20

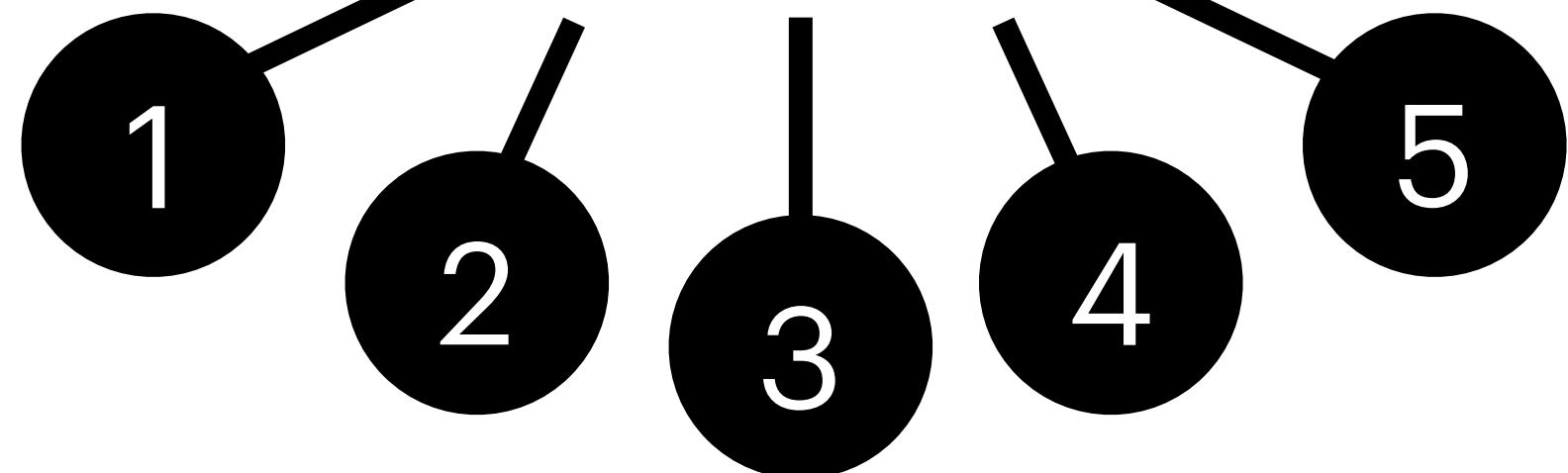
Open eyes
of the blind

Is 29:14, 18

Come

Light

Darkness



Jesus—the light of the world (Jn 8:12)

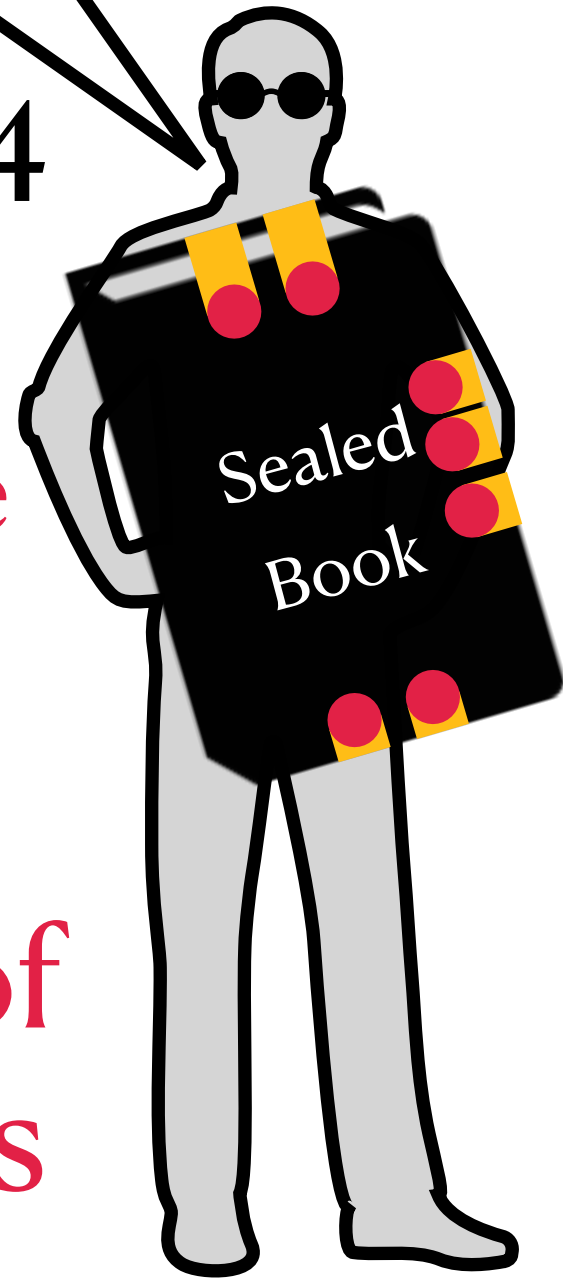
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Mt 15:7-9, 14

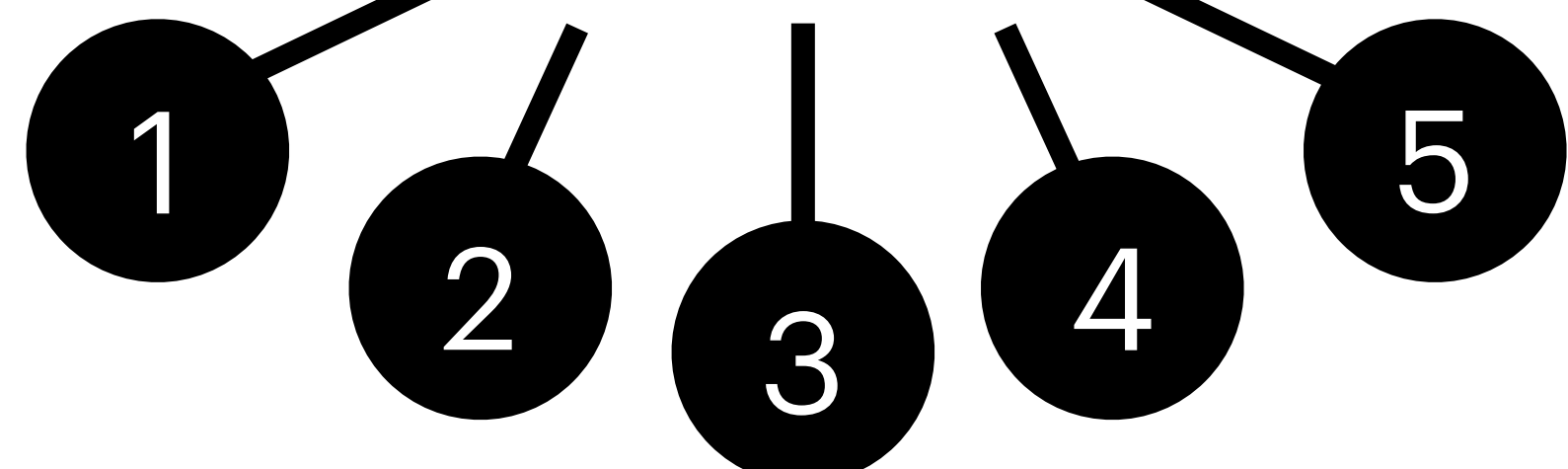
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Jn 1:1-5, 11, Jn 3:19-21

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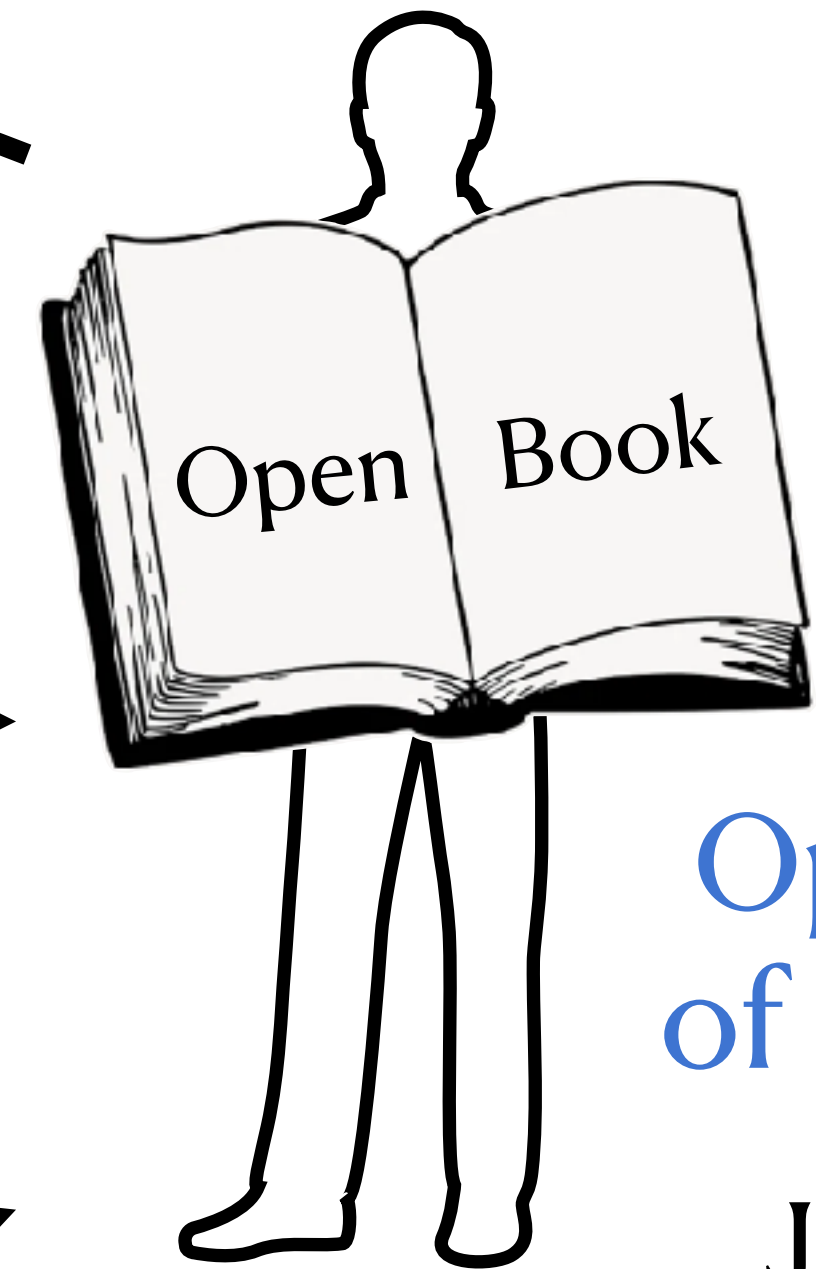
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True "Son of man"
Jesus = "New Ezekiel"

Mt 11:27

Jn 8:44

Revelation of
the OT



Open eyes
of the blind

Jn 9:39-41

Light

New kingdom &
people of God
(Christianity)

And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Jn 9:39-41

**We must work the works of Him
who sent Me as long as it is day;
night is coming when no one can
work. While I am in the world, I
am the Light of the world.”**

Jn 9:4-5

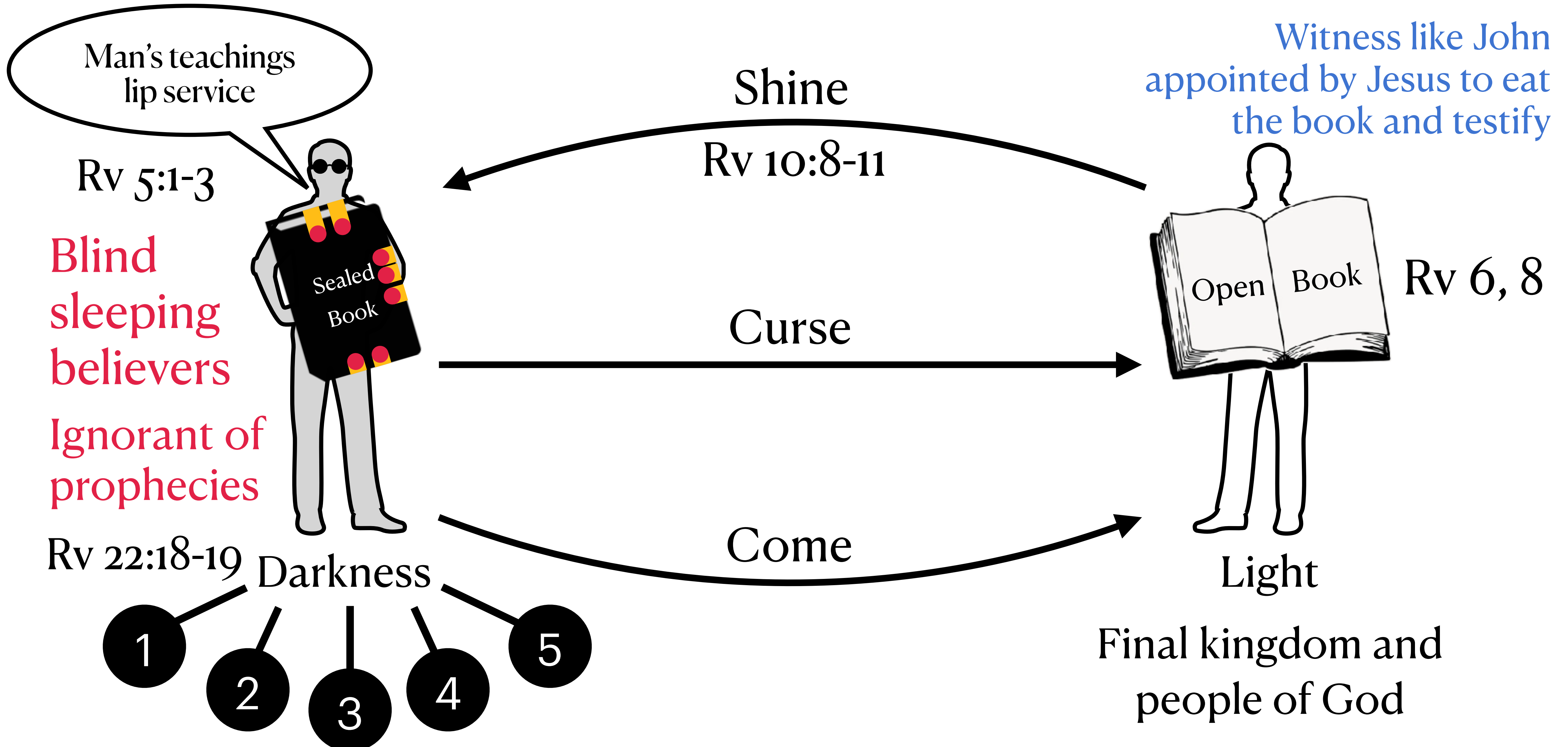
I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

Rv 5:1-3

Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.” So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, “Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. And they said to me, “You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.”

Rv 10:8-11

The promised coming of the light



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Summary and conclusion

- Light is understanding of God's word and will; darkness is ignorance.
- Even though God leaves everyone (especially Satan) in the dark by sealing His prophecies in symbolic language, the time comes when He opens the book and appoints a messenger to shine the light of the fulfillment and of His will.
- Those who humble themselves and receive that light become children of light, but the children of darkness refuse the light and try to prevent others from receiving it too.



Let's pray 🙏