

The figurative lampstand

The secret beginning of God's
work

The promised coming of the light

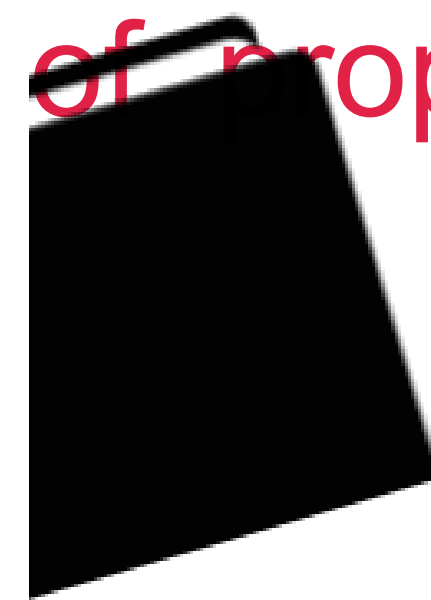
Man's teachings

lip service Shine

Rv 5:1-3

Blind
sleeping

believers ignorant
of prophecies



Rv 10:8-11

Rv 6, 8
Curse



Open Book

Darkness

Come

Light

Rv 22:18-19

Final kingdom and
people of God

**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

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Dawn → Day

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ... As for the

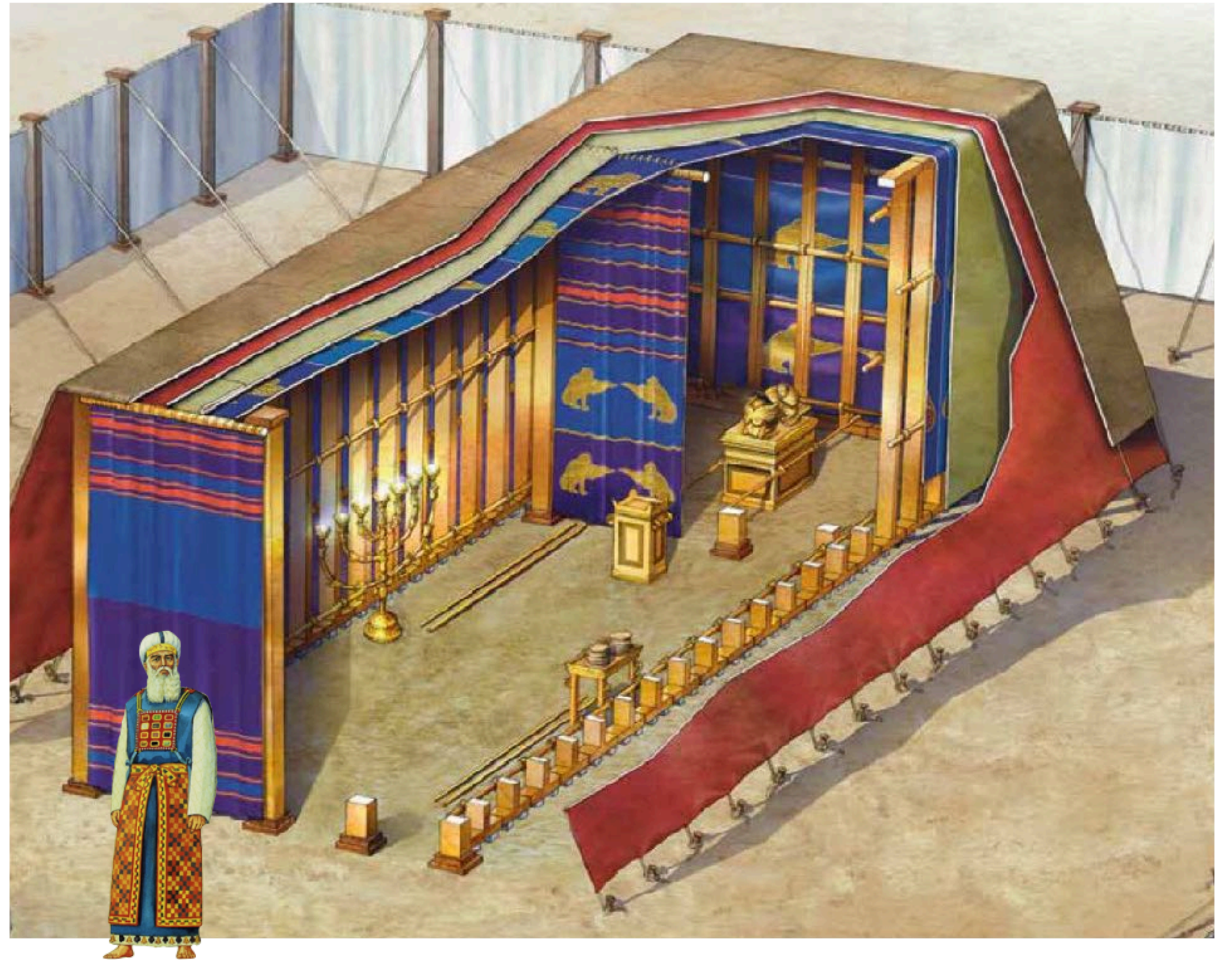
mystery of the seven stars which you saw
in My right hand, and the **seven golden
lampstands**: the seven stars are the angels
of the seven churches, and the **seven
lampstands** are the seven churches.

Rv 1:12, 20

Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it. (Ex 25:8-9)

The lampstand in the Holy Place

- This tabernacle, which was a symbol for the future (Heb 8:5, Heb 9:9-10), was divided into two rooms: the **Holy Place** and the **Most Holy Place**.
- The golden lampstand, with its seven lamps, was in the Holy Place.
- God commanded the priests to keep the lamps lit using olive oil so they burn in the darkness, from evening until morning (Ex 27:20-21).



After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I

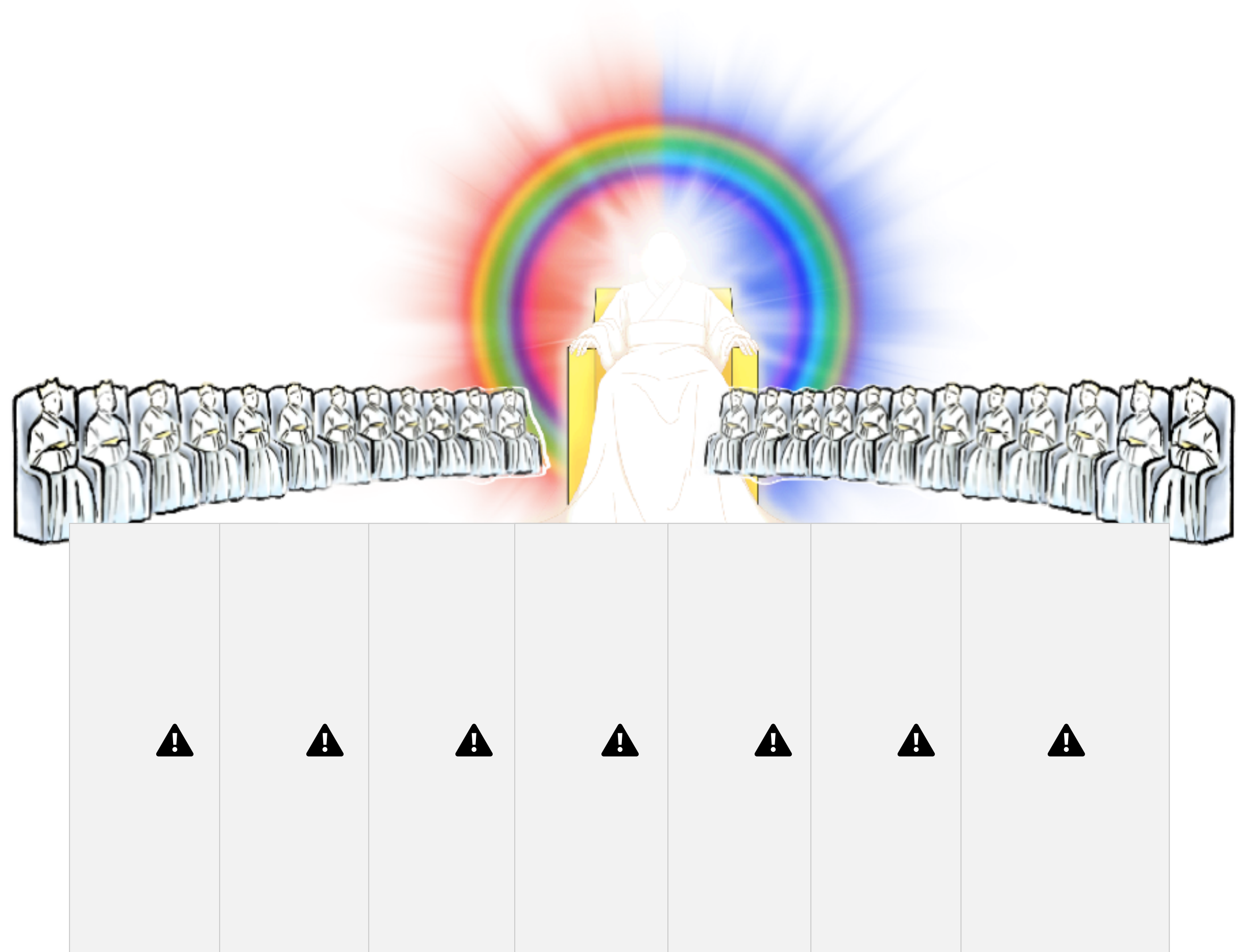
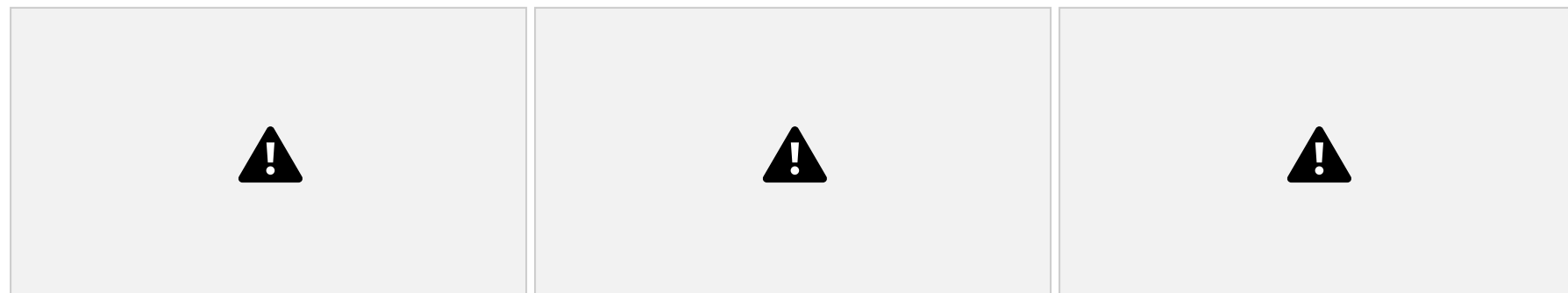
had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “**Come up here**, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” Immediately **I was in the Spirit**; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance ... And there were **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

Rv 4:1-5

Seven lamps in the spiritual

heaven

- John saw 7 lamps burning before God's throne and said these were the "7 spirits of God" (Rv 4:5).
- Rv 5:6 also mentions the "7

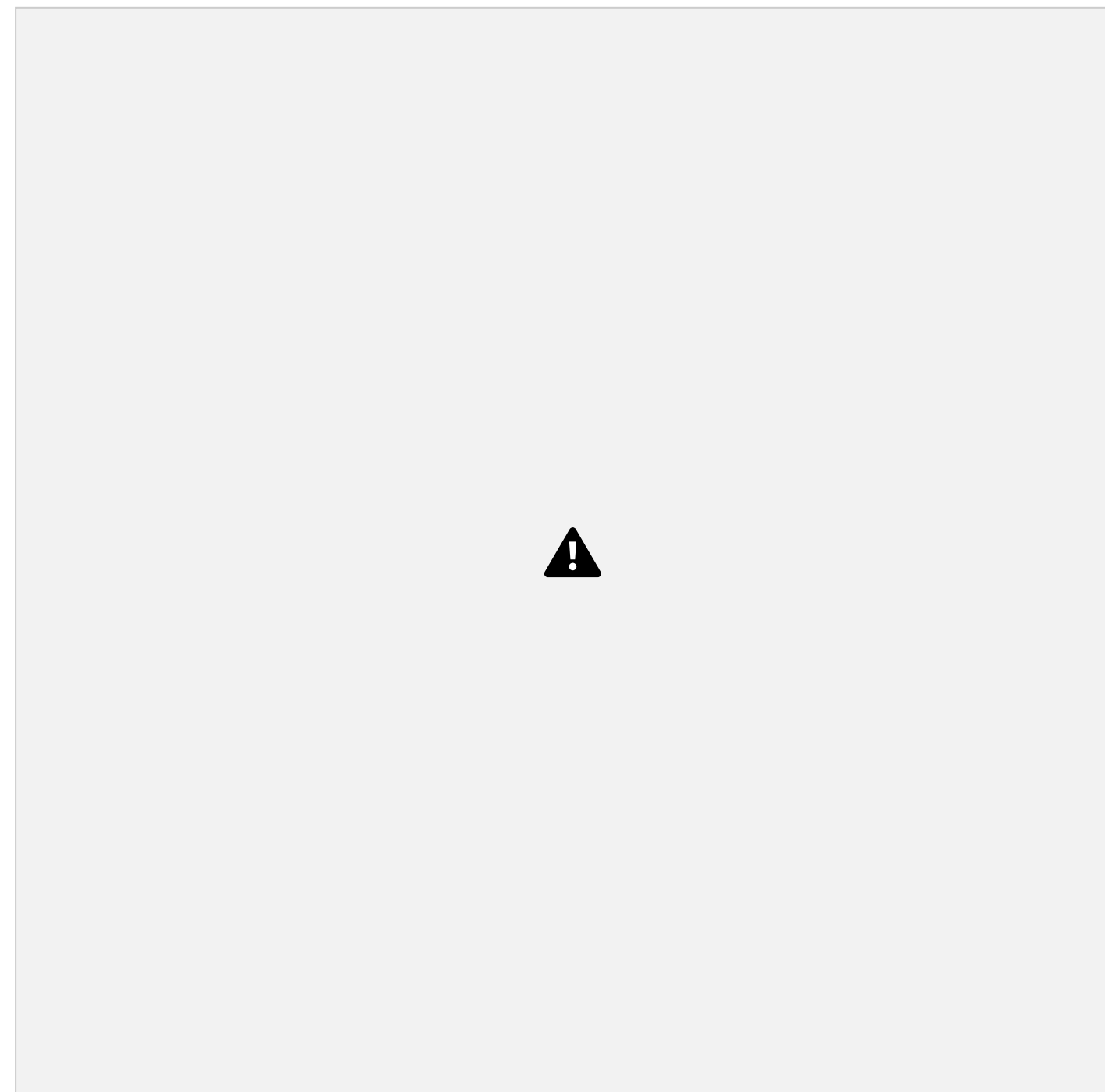




spirits of God sent out into

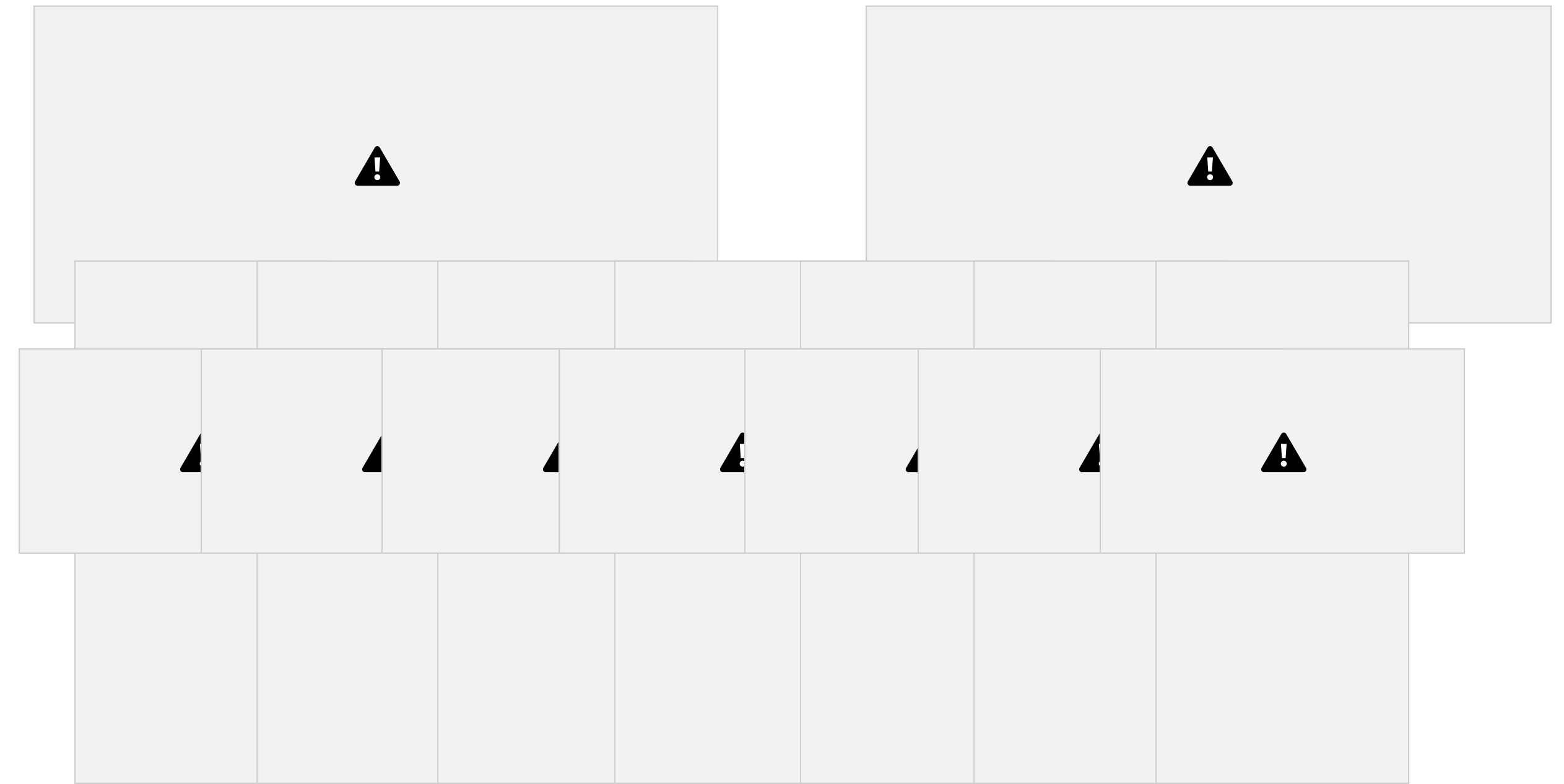
all the earth” but describes
them as 7 eyes.

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figurative lampstand

- These spirits are described as lamps and eyes because God sends them out to enlighten peoples' hearts, enabling those people to shine the light of God's word and see the reality of God's fulfillment.
- When the 7 spirits are working in a believer's heart → he or she becomes a lampstand.
- *The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. (Mt 6:22)*



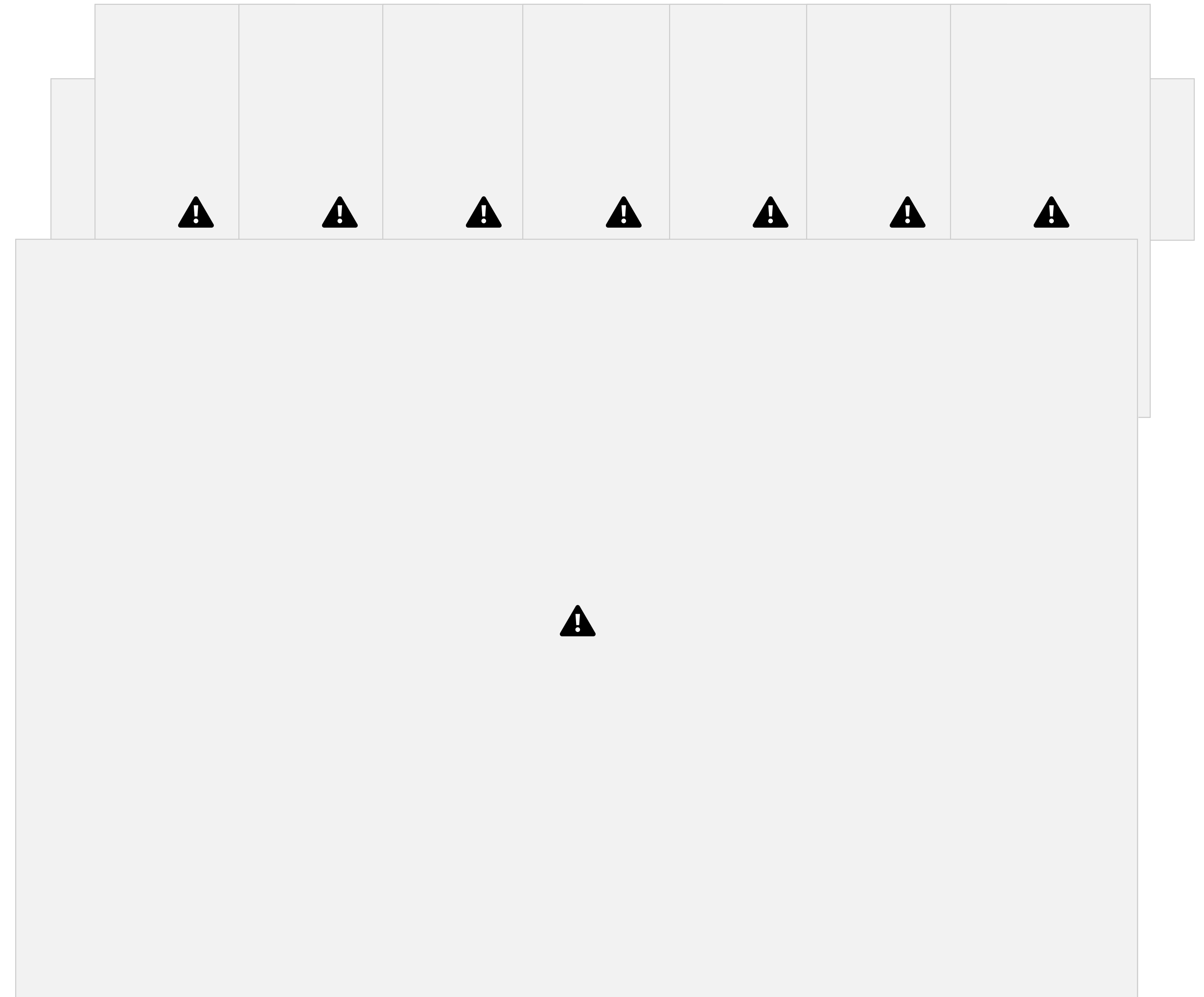
For to us God revealed them through

the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 1 Cor 2:10-11

The work of the 7 lamps at the

fulfillment

- In the time of Moses, the golden lampstand in the Holy Place was a copy & shadow of the 7 lamps in heaven.
- Just as the ark of the covenant and the Most Holy Place pointed to Jesus, the lampstand pointed to a secret earlier beginning of the work of the 7 spirits of God at the time of the fulfillment.



“Behold, I am going to send **My messenger,
and he will clear the way before Me. And
the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly
come to His temple; and the messenger of
the covenant, in whom you delight, behold,
He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts. ...**

**“Behold, I am going to send you **Elijah the
prophet** before the coming of the great and
terrible day of the Lord.”**

Mal 3:1, 4:5

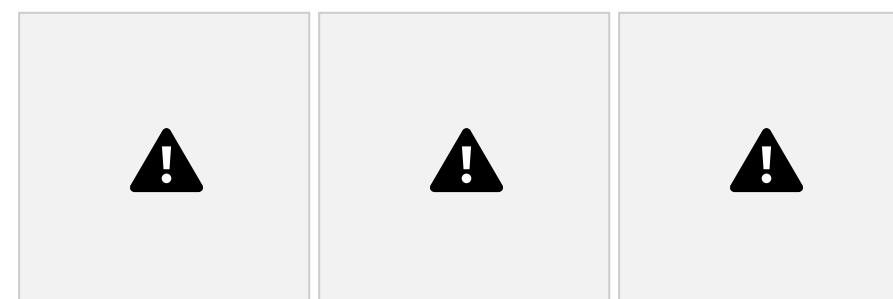
The secret beginning of God's work at the 1st coming



The Most Holy Place at the 1st coming

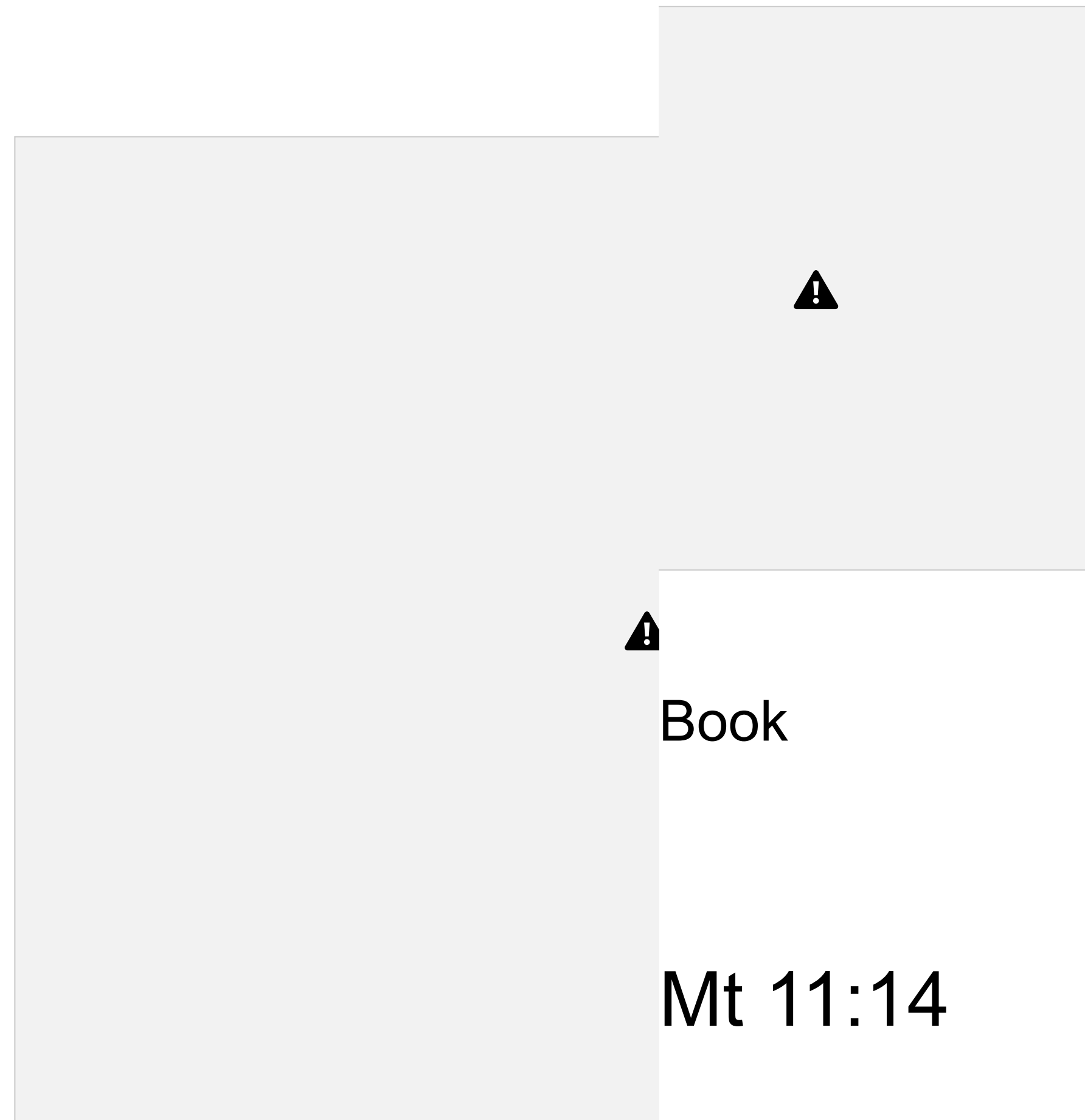
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Time of the



Jesus

Light Jn 8:12



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Mt 11:14

Mt 4:12-17

Jn

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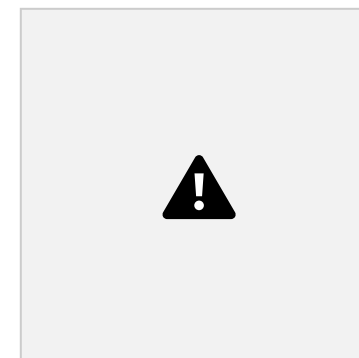
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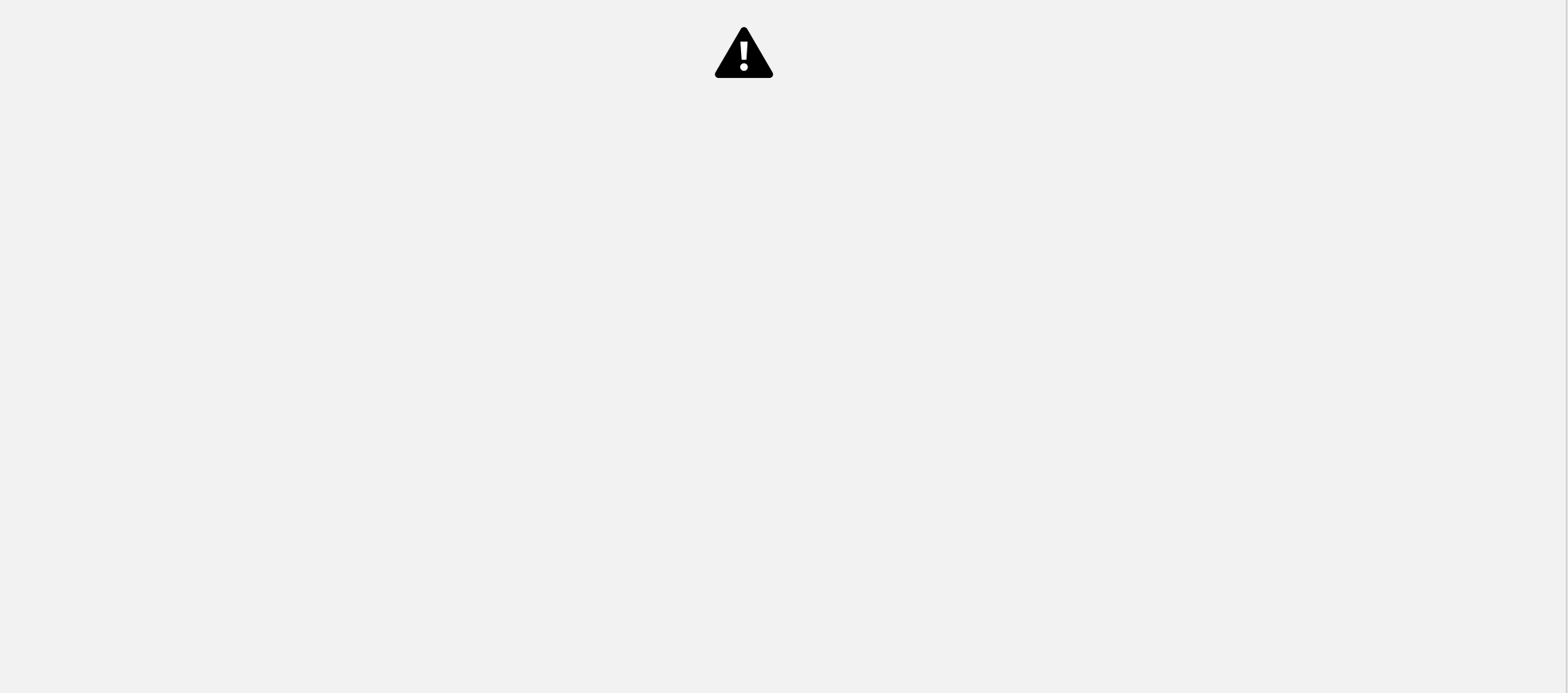
We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; **night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the Light of**

the world.

Jn 9:4-5

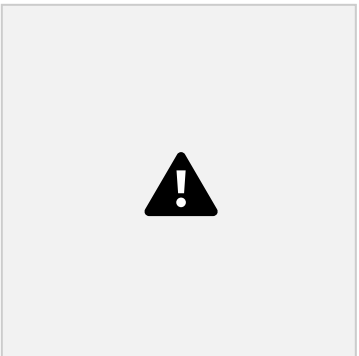
The secret beginning of God's work at the 2nd coming





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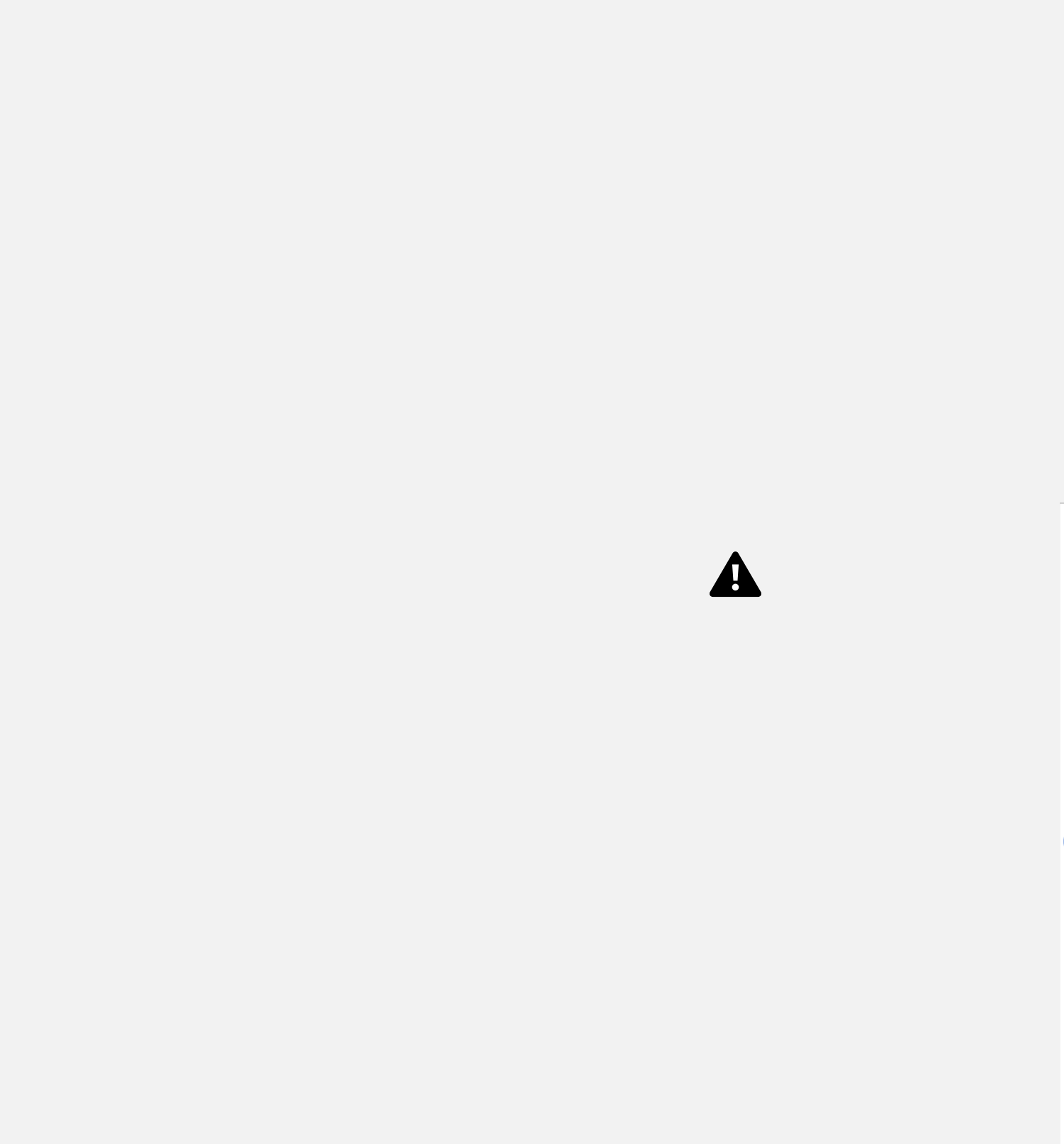
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Rv 6, 8



Faithful &

Rv 10:8-11
John figure
Witness



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Great light,

Rv 2:5 Repent!

food at the proper
time Mt 24:45-47

Most Holy Place

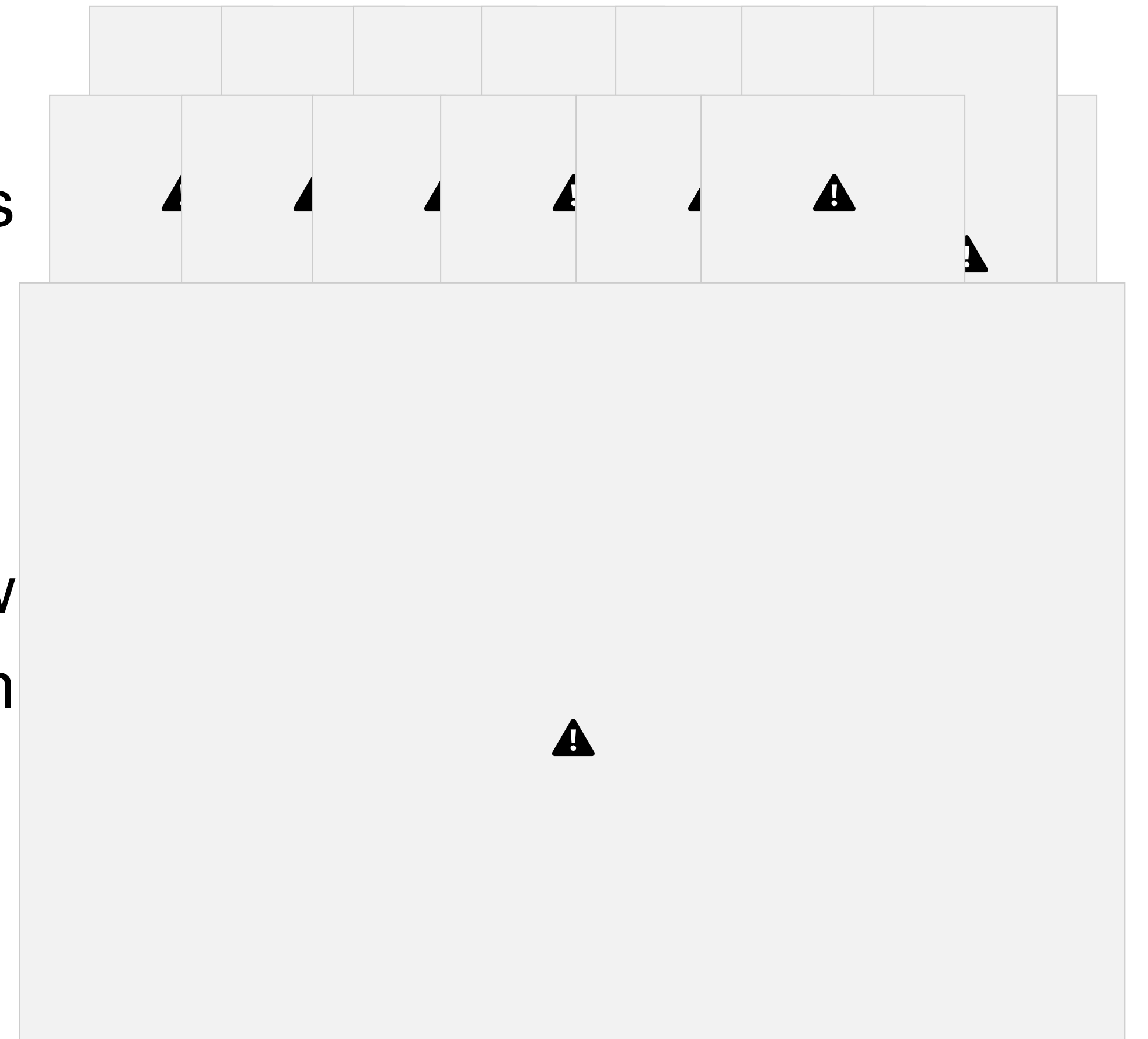
And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates

will never be closed;

Rv 21:23-25

Summary and conclusion

- We learned it is only through the work of God's spirit that we can understand the deepest things of God (His prophecies). If we are understanding those prophecies more and more, God's spirit must be working to lead us into His light.
- In Moses's tabernacle, which was a copy and shadow of the future, the lampstand in the Holy Place was lit in the darkness to light the way into the Most Holy Place.
- At the 1st and 2nd comings, the fulfillment of the



prophecies begins when God secretly sends the spirits of the seven lamps into the heart of a worker or workers who act as the lampstand in the Holy Place lighting the way to the Most Holy Place and its even brighter light of day.

Let's pray

