

Trees, Plants and Grasses of the Bible

PART 1

Key principle

► 1 Corinthians 15:46

“that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual”

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...it is not the spiritual which is first but the **physical**,
and then the **spiritual**.

Back to Genesis

► Gen 1:9-13

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

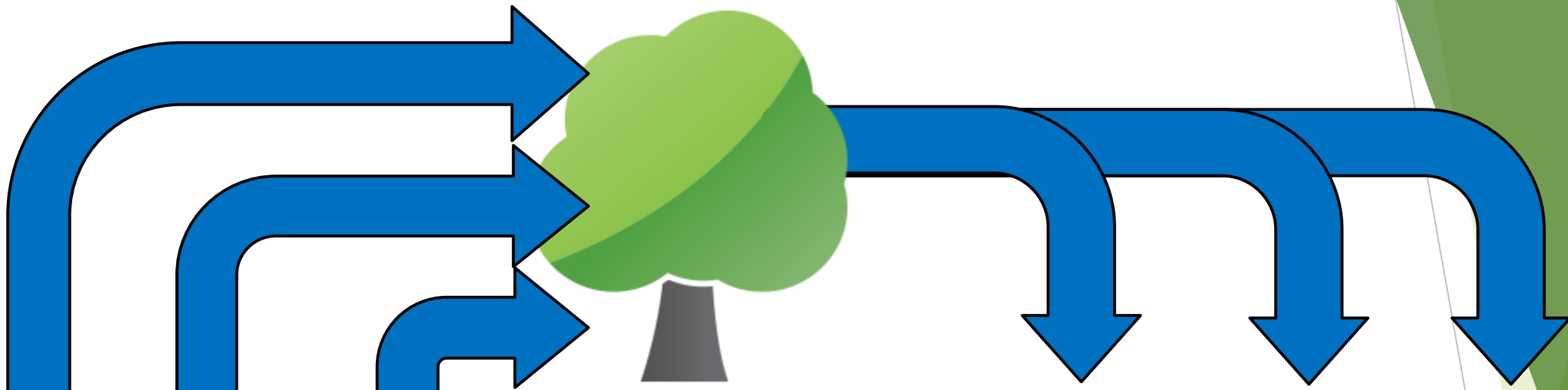
13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.



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			Trees	Stars		Beasts		



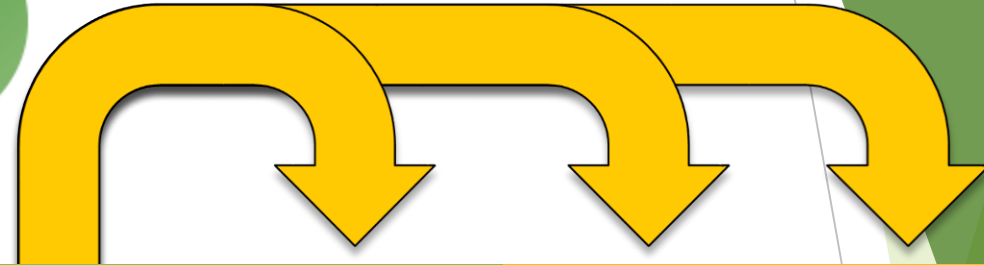
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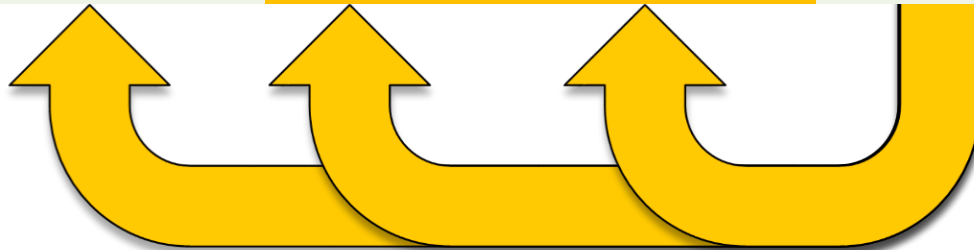
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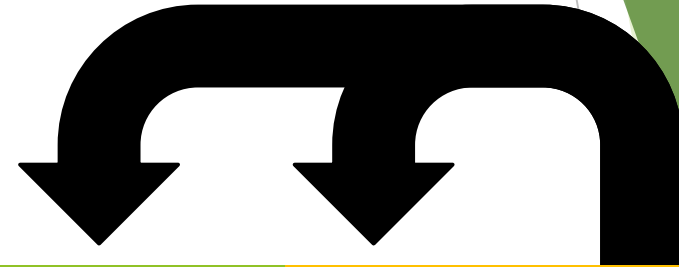
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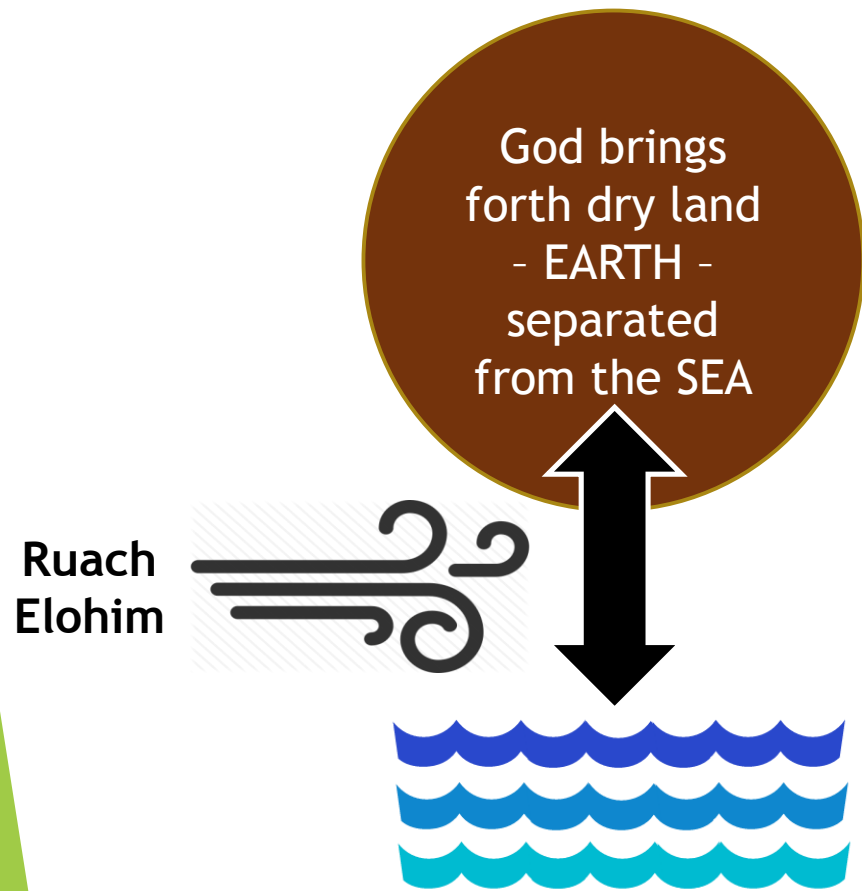


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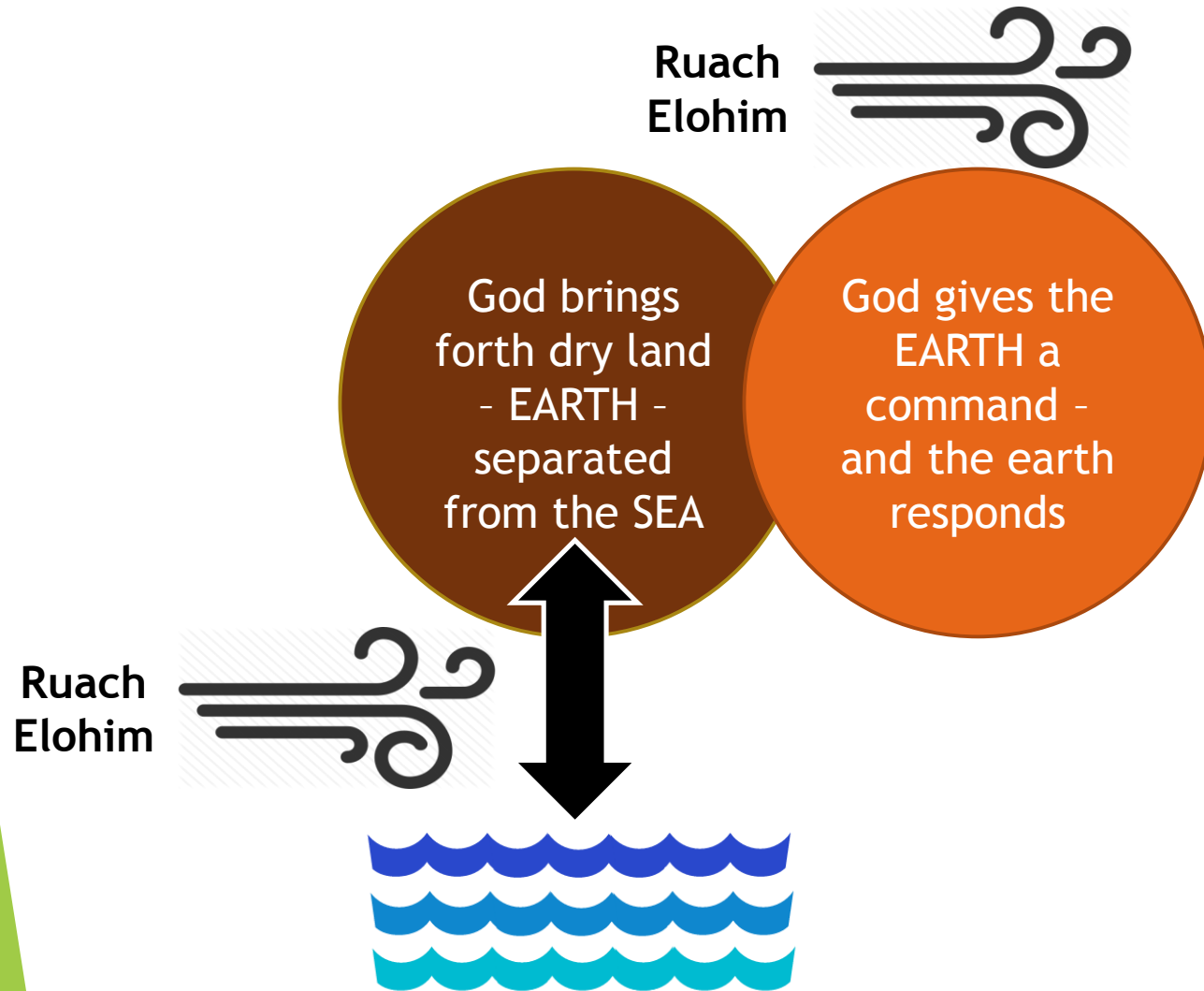
Remarkable Day 3

- ▶ Twice Elohim saw that “it was good” in one day
- ▶ The separation of the earth and sea was not enough
- ▶ Elohim did not create the plants - it was the work of the earth in obedience to His command
- ▶ This difference *matters* - from a principles perspective

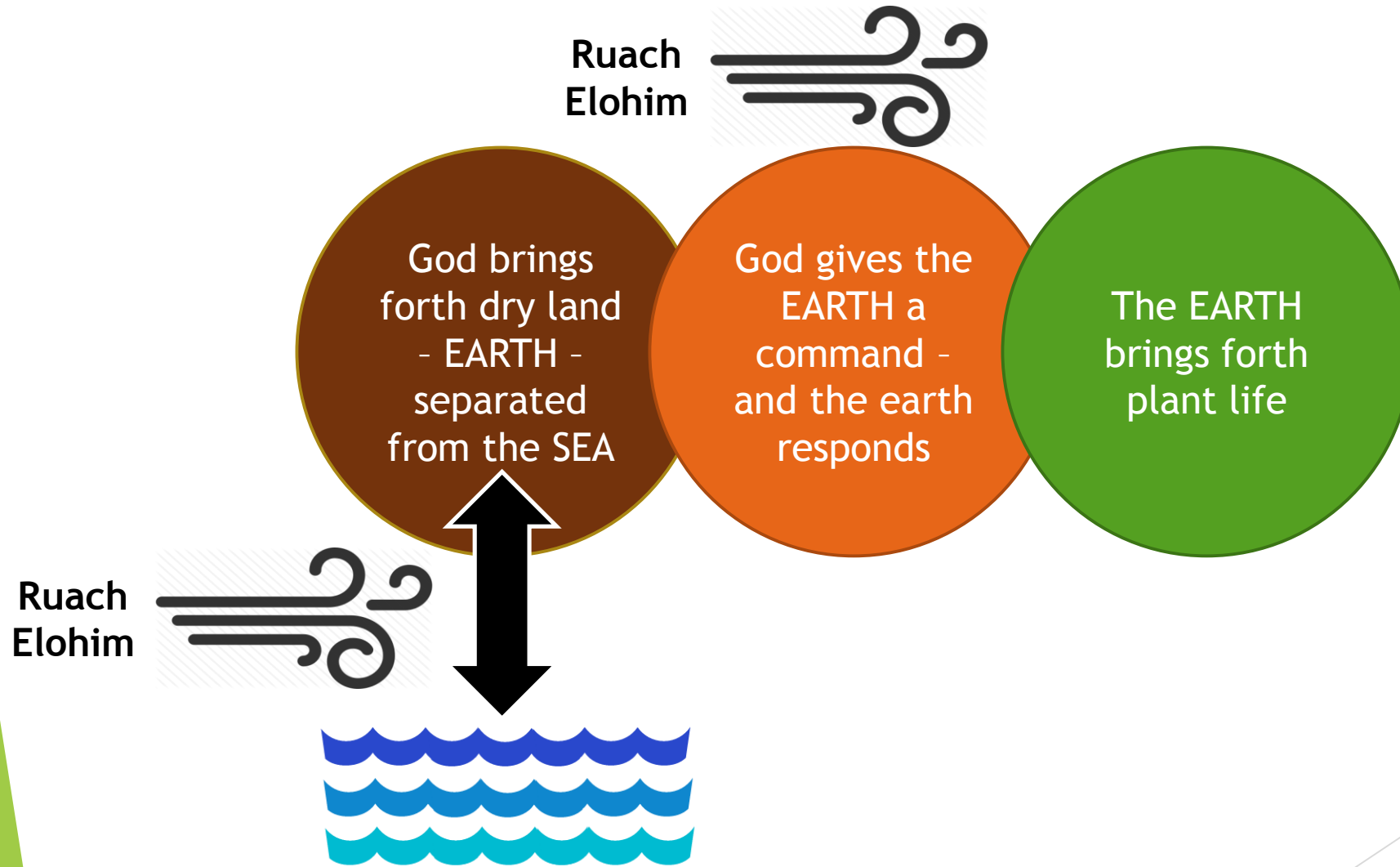
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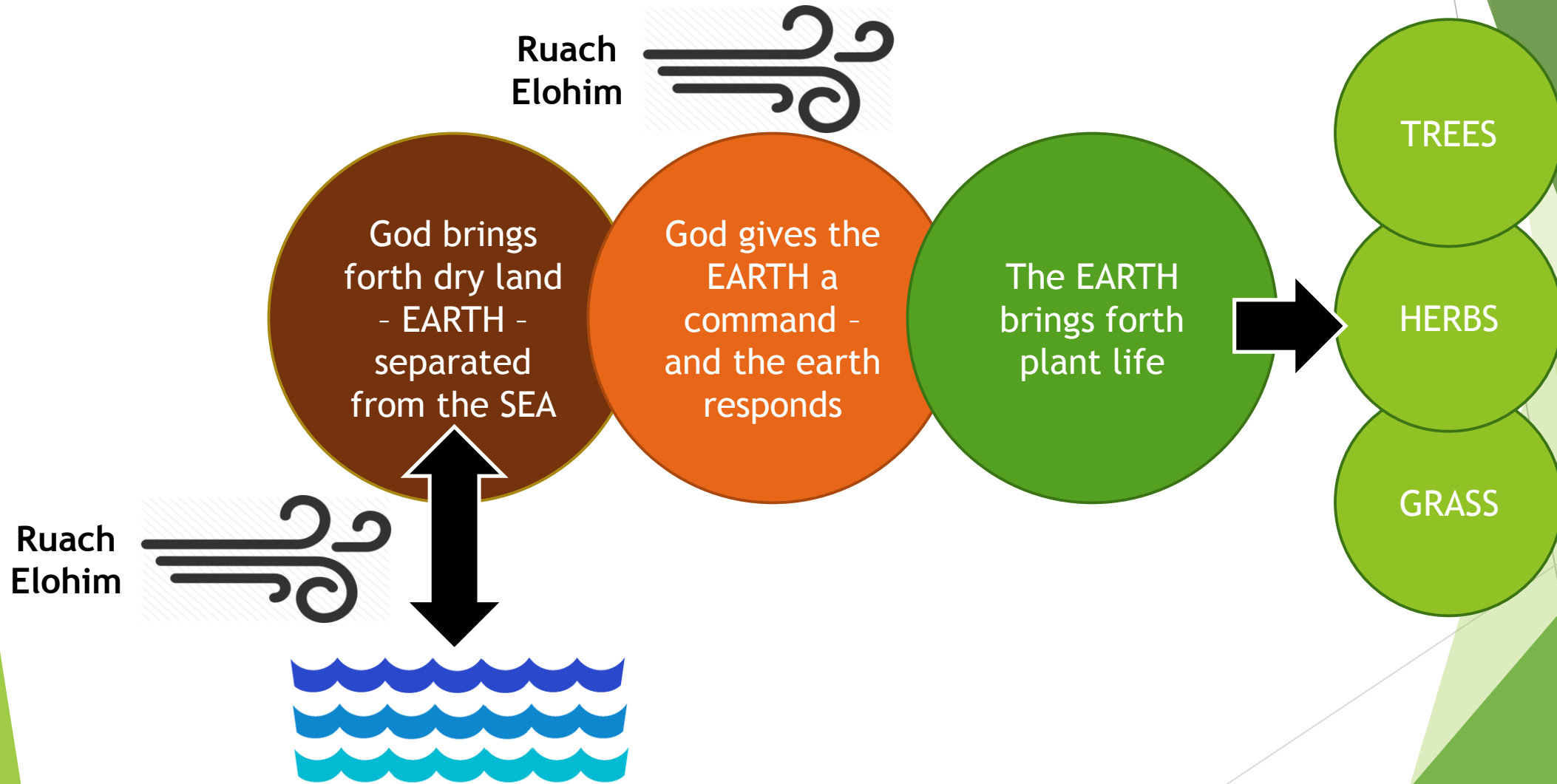
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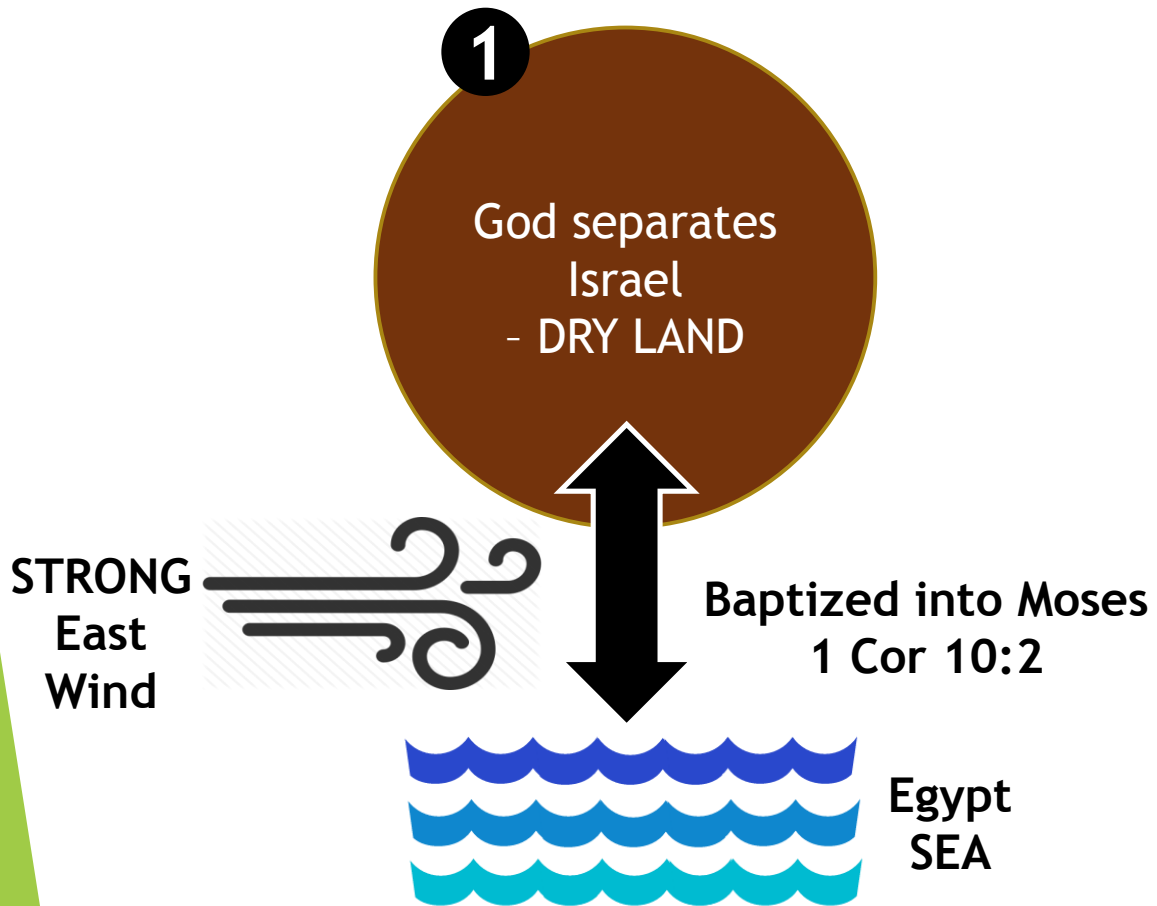


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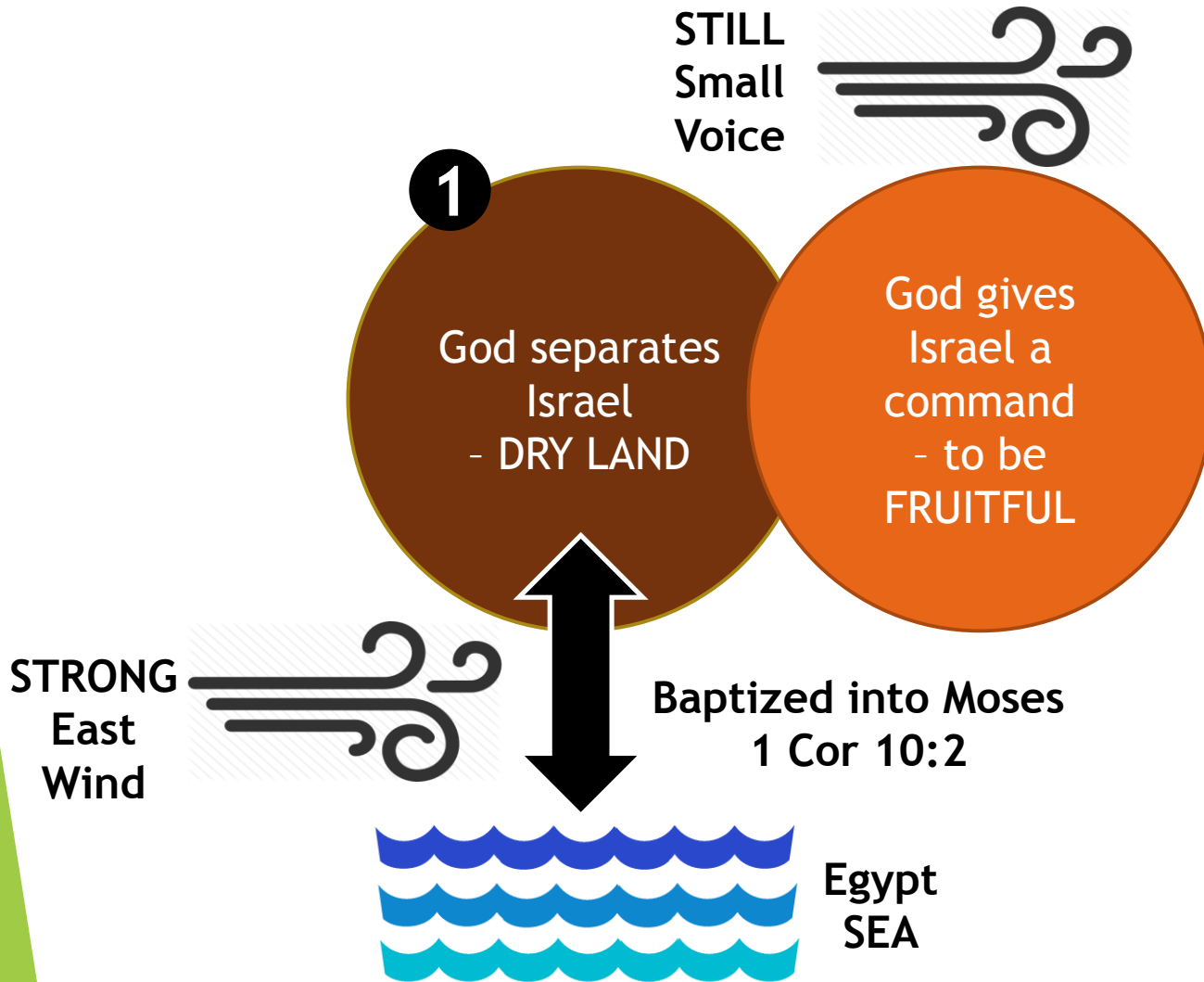
- ▶ Hebrew “yabbashah” used in Genesis 1:9-10 – dry, waterless land, land without plants
- ▶ Used again in Exodus 14-15 and almost exclusively elsewhere referring to the Exodus

PASSAGE	Dry Land	Sea
	Exo 14:16, 21, 22, 29 15:19	Exo 14:23, 27, 28 15:1, 4, 9-10, 19
Passengers:	Israelites	Egyptians

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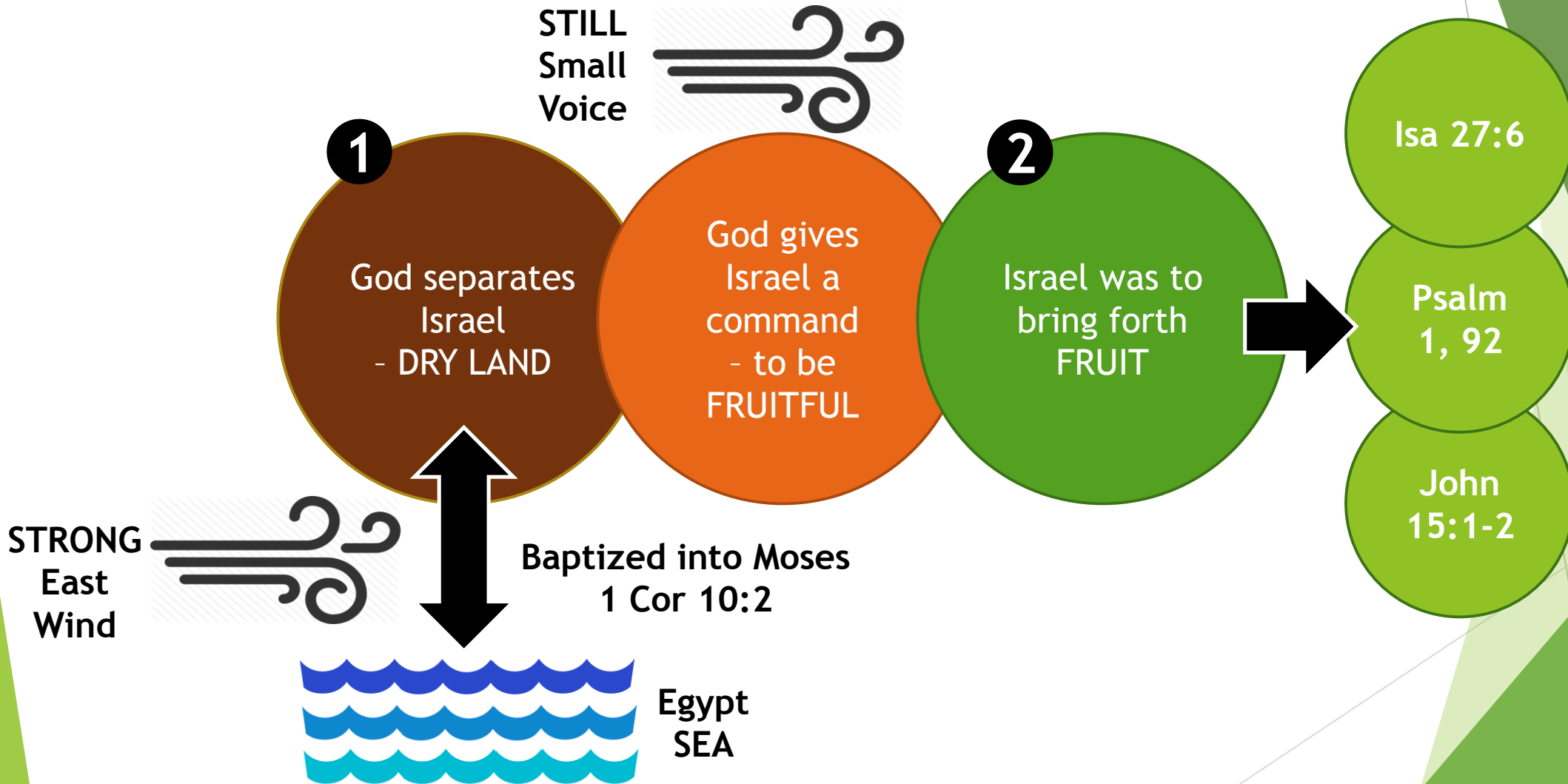
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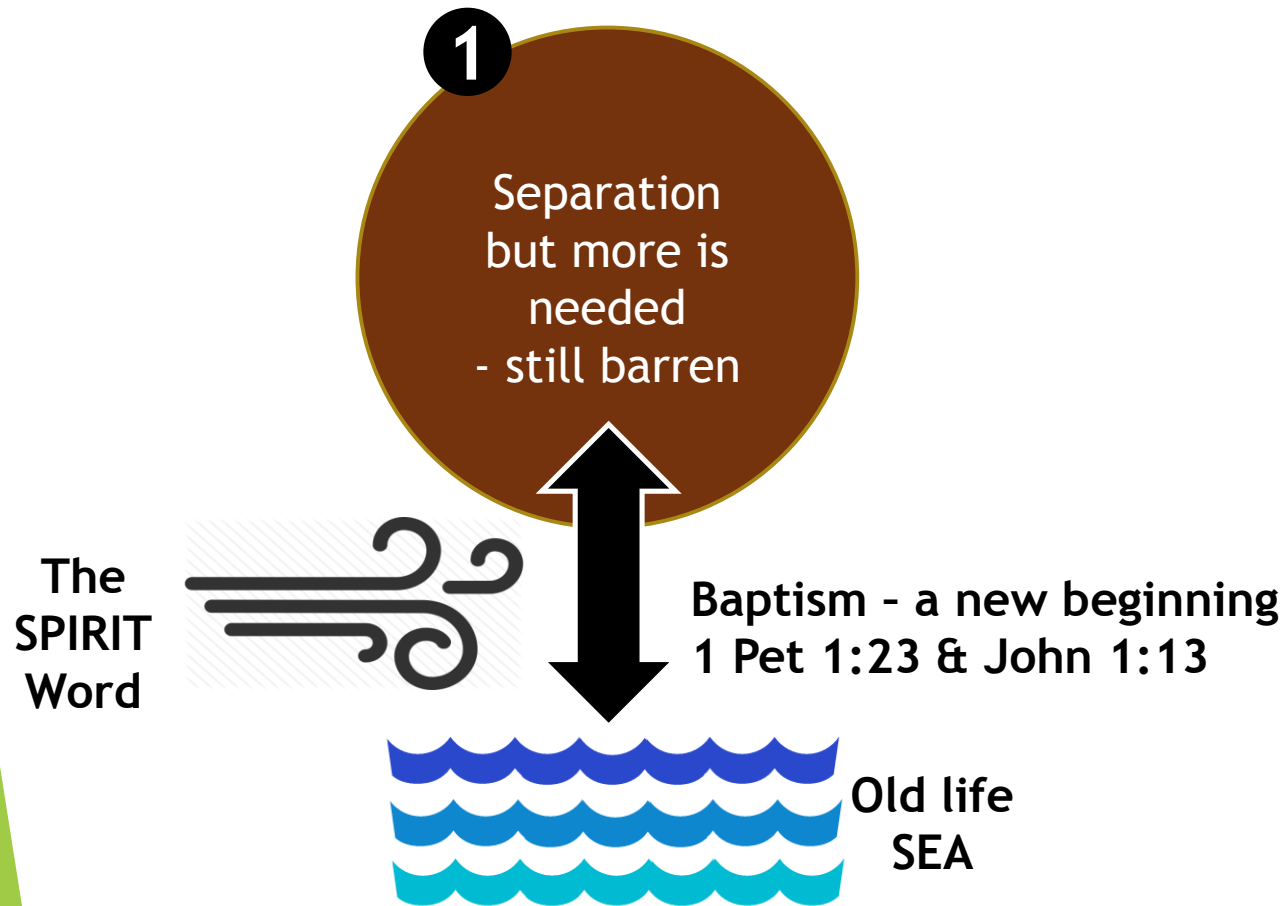
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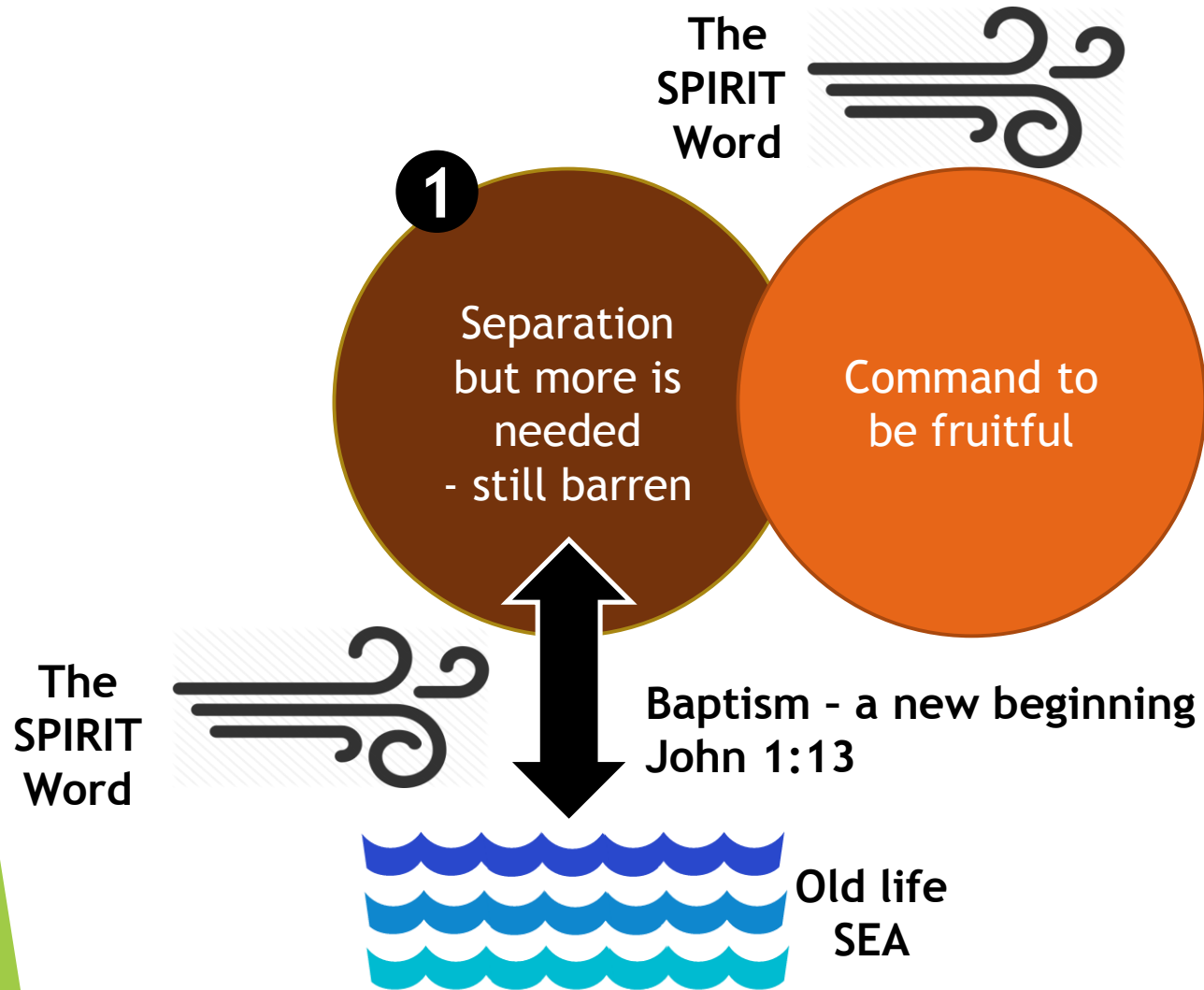
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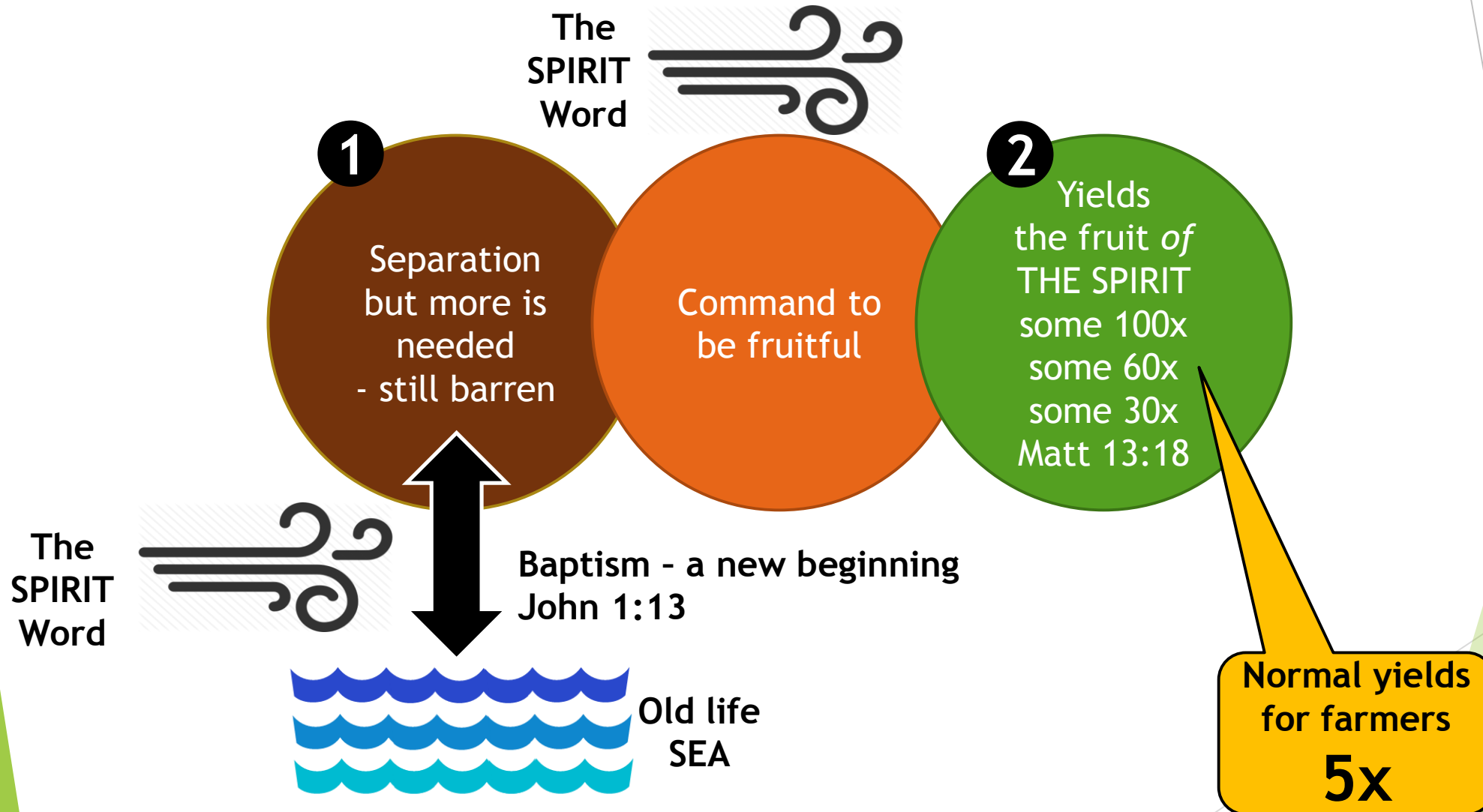
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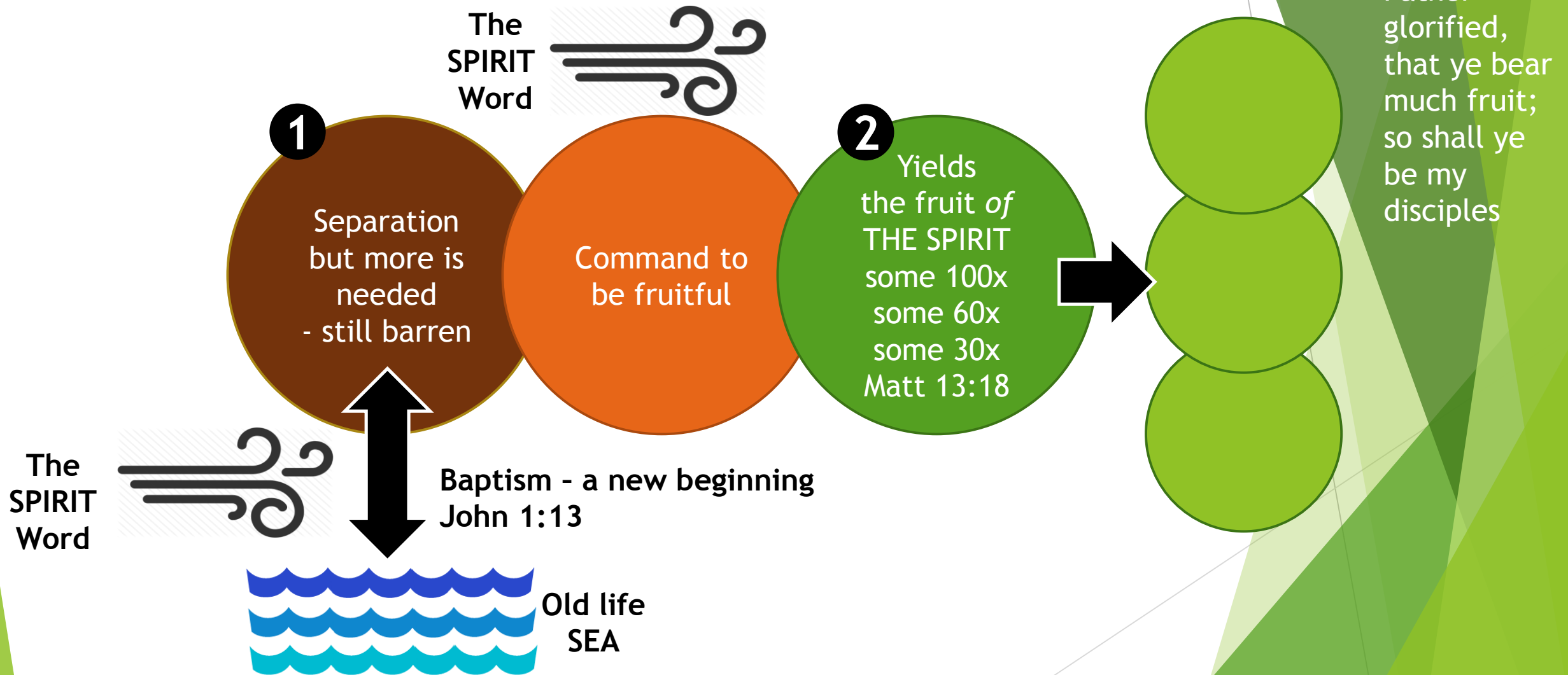
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The plant kingdom

Gen 1:11-12 CJB

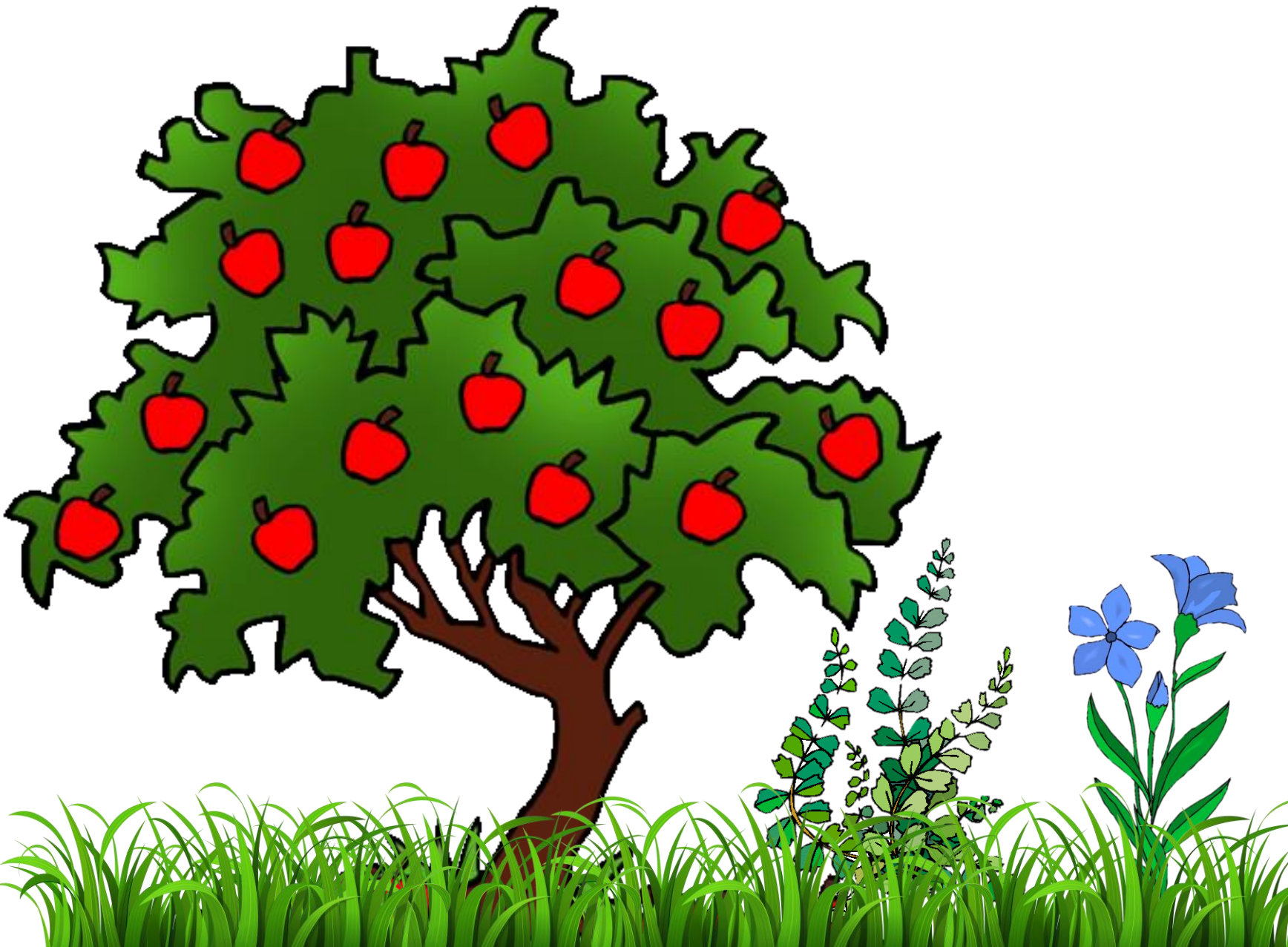
COMMAND

God said,

“Let the earth put forth grass,
seed-producing plants,
and fruit trees, each yielding its own kind of seed-bearing fruit, on the earth”;
and that is how it was.

RESPONSE

The *earth* brought forth grass,
plants each yielding its own kind of seed,
and trees each producing its own kind of seed-bearing fruit...



EARTH

TREES
3 **PRODUCING SEED
AND FRUIT**

PLANTS
2 **PRODUCING SEED**

GRASS
1



GRASS

1



**PLANTS
PRODUCING SEED**

2



**TREES
PRODUCING SEED
AND FRUIT**

3



Num 18:12 All the best of the **oil**, and all the best of the **wine**, and of the **wheat**, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the Lord...

GRAIN

1

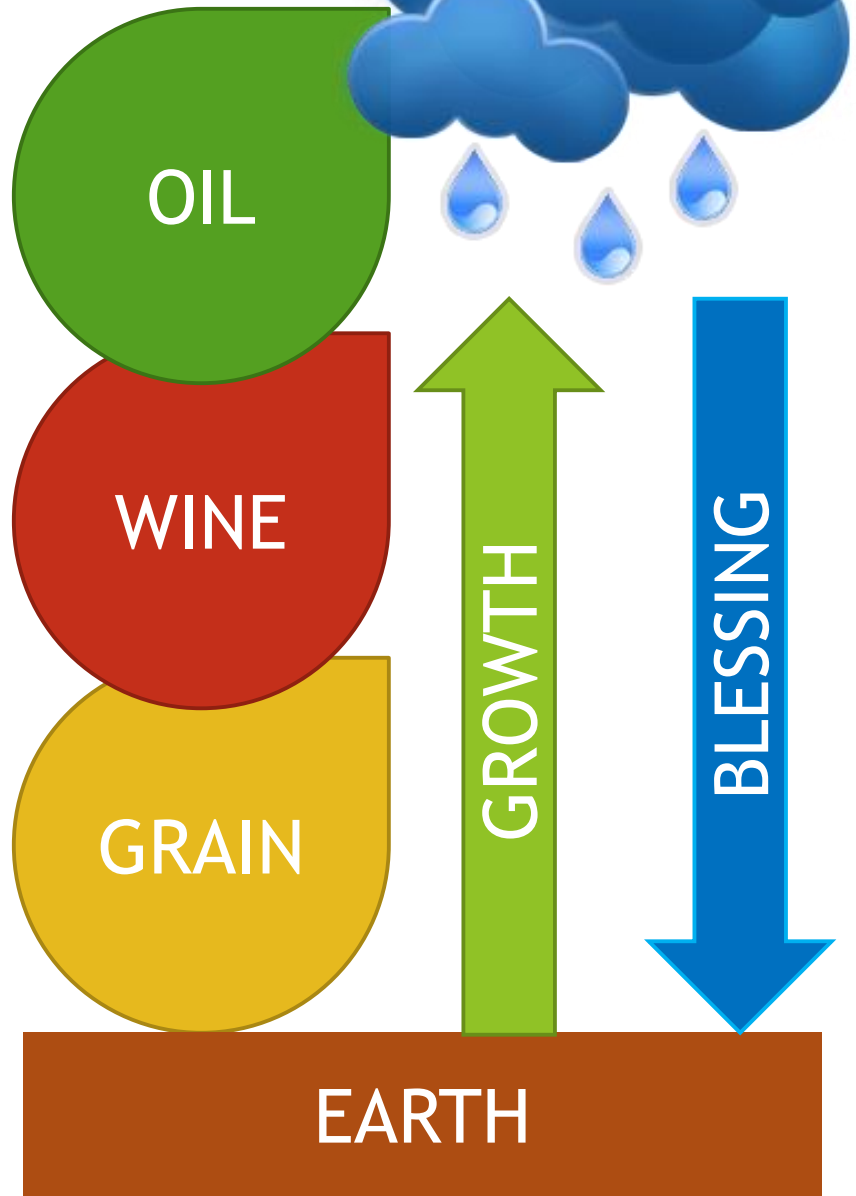
WINE

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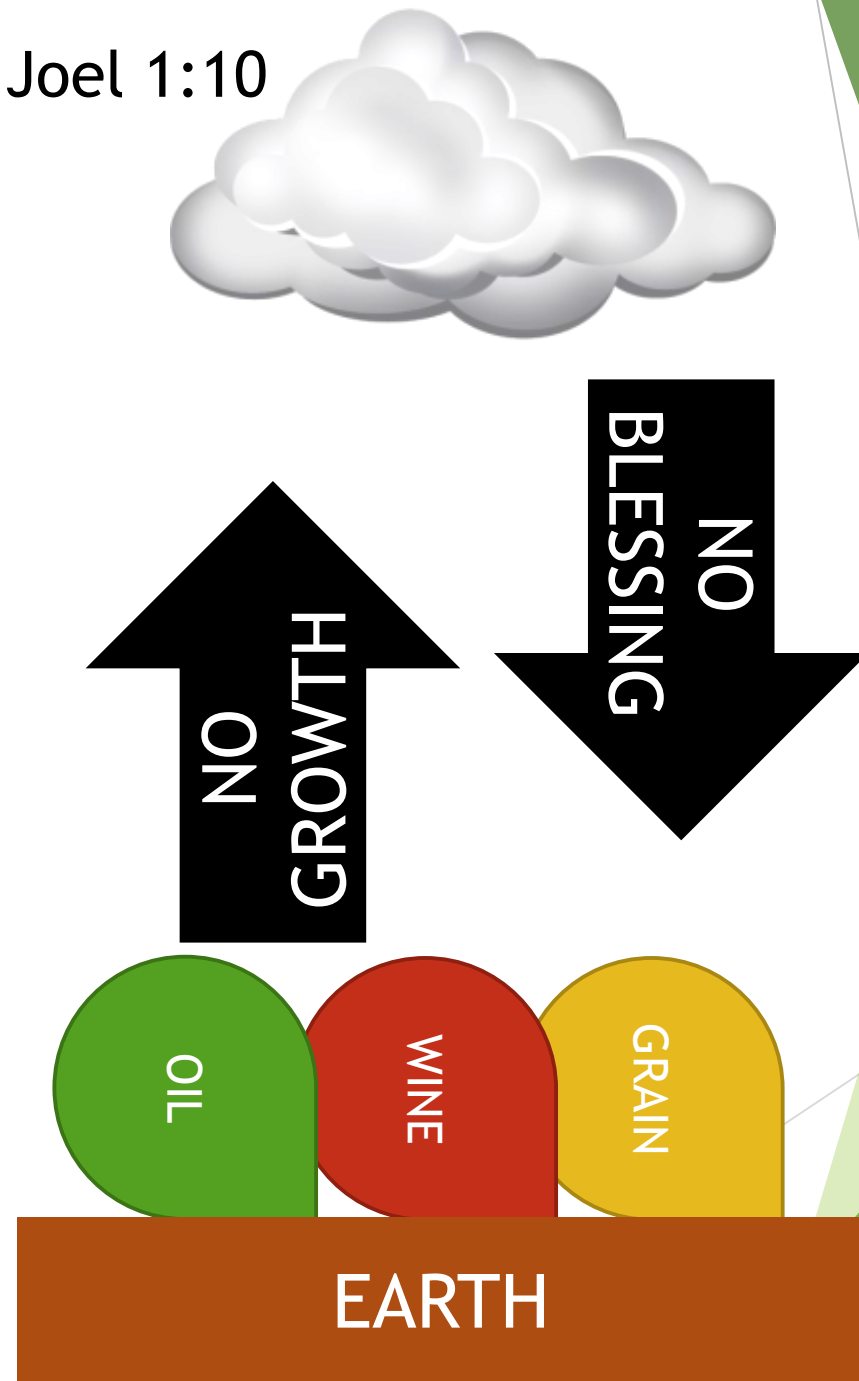
OIL

3

Joel 2:24



Joel 1:10



The application to natural Israel

- ▶ Israel's blessings for obedience and bringing forth fruit:
 - ▶ Deut 11:13-14 [also Deut 7:13, 12:17, 14:23, 2 Chron 31:5, 32:28]
- ▶ Her restoration after captivity:
 - ▶ Nehemiah 5:11
- ▶ Her restoration after the Northern Invader is vanquished:
 - ▶ Joel 2:19
- ▶ Extension of the principle into the Kingdom:
 - ▶ Jer 31:12

The application to spiritual Israel

Gal 5:22-23 NIV

love

joy

peace

patience

kindness

goodness

faithful-
ness

gentle-
ness

self-
control

3x3

The new creation in Christ

- ▶ What constitutes the new creation?
 - ▶ Gal 6:15-16
- ▶ Who we were doesn't matter - we are all "*of the earth, earthy*" [1 Cor 15:47]
- ▶ It matters what we become after the pattern of faith
 - ▶ Gal 3:29

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SEA

We emerge from the
water Gal 3:27



EARTH

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Being rooted &
grounded in the shared
faith of Abraham
Gal 3:29

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Mark 4:8 the good
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Matt 21:33-41



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Labouring in one vineyard - whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female
Gal 3:28

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Zech 4:3, 11-12
Rom 11
Rev 11:4



To produce the fruit
of the spirit
Gal 5:22-23

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Concluding thoughts

► Matt 7:15-20 CJB

15 “Beware of the false prophets! ...16 **You will recognize them by their fruit.** Can people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every healthy tree produces good fruit, but a poor tree produces bad fruit. 18 **A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, or a poor tree good fruit.** 19 Any tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire! 20 So you will recognize them by their fruit.

► James 3:17-18 CJB

But the wisdom from above is, first of all, pure, then peaceful, kind, open to reason, **full of mercy and good fruits**, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

And peacemakers who **sow seed** in peace raise a **harvest of righteousness**.

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