

# GREEK VS. HEBREW: “WHY” VS. “WHICH”



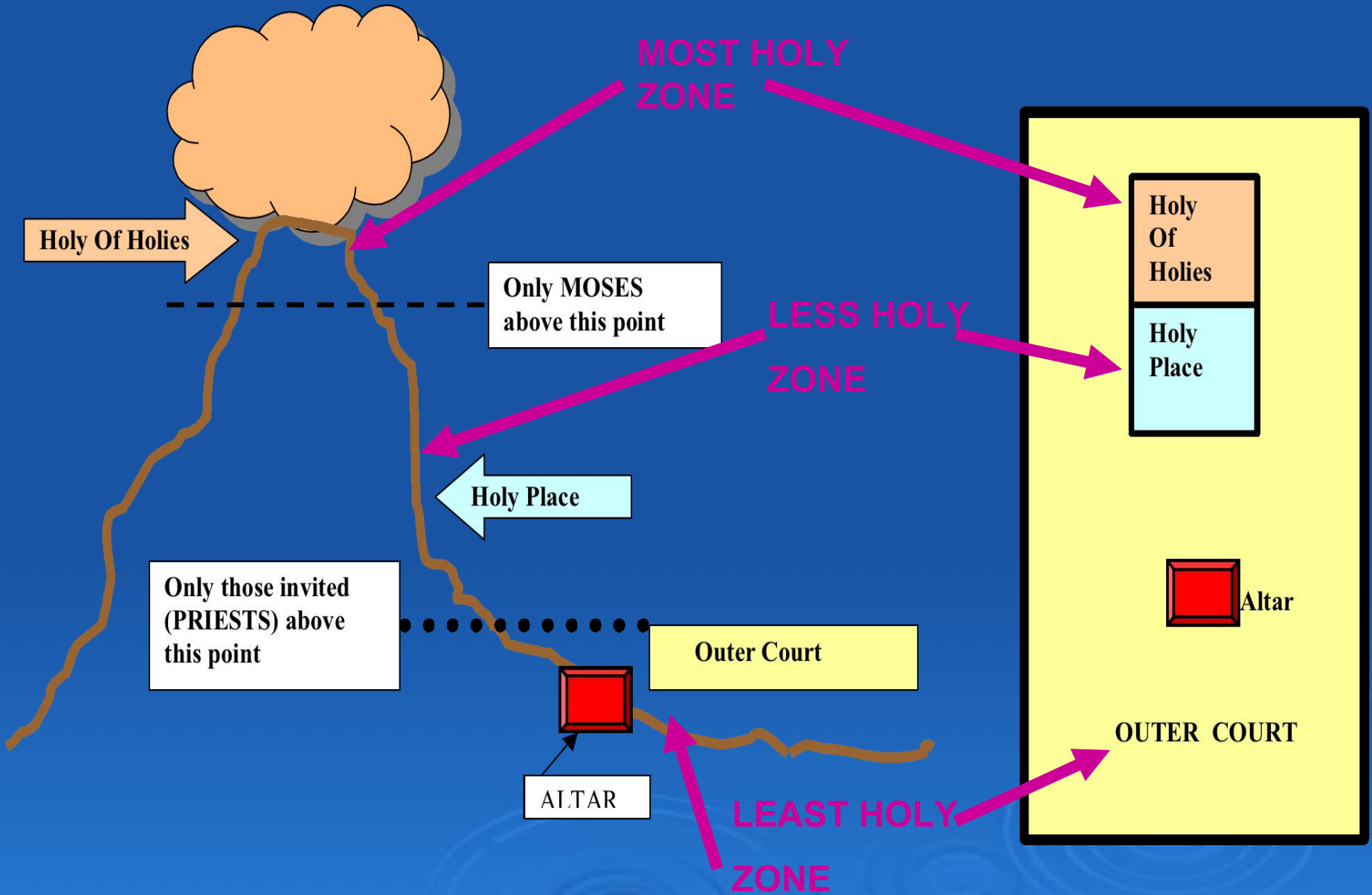
*Aristotle*



- Greek = Rational/logical thinking
- Hebrew = Analogical thinking
- Greek = modern Western culture
- Hebrew = ancient Biblical culture
- Greek thinking is NOT evil or wrong!
- Answers to our questions about Scripture are NOT found in the search for “why?”
- They are found in the search for established God-patterns and principles

# MOUNT SINAI

# THE TABERNACLE



HIGH PRIEST



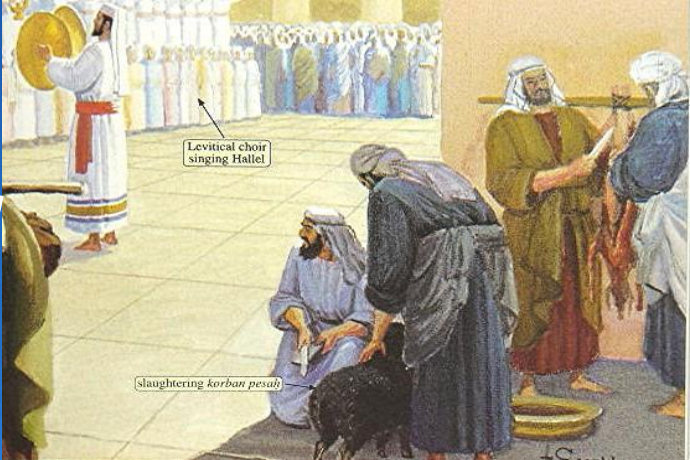
COMMON PRIESTS

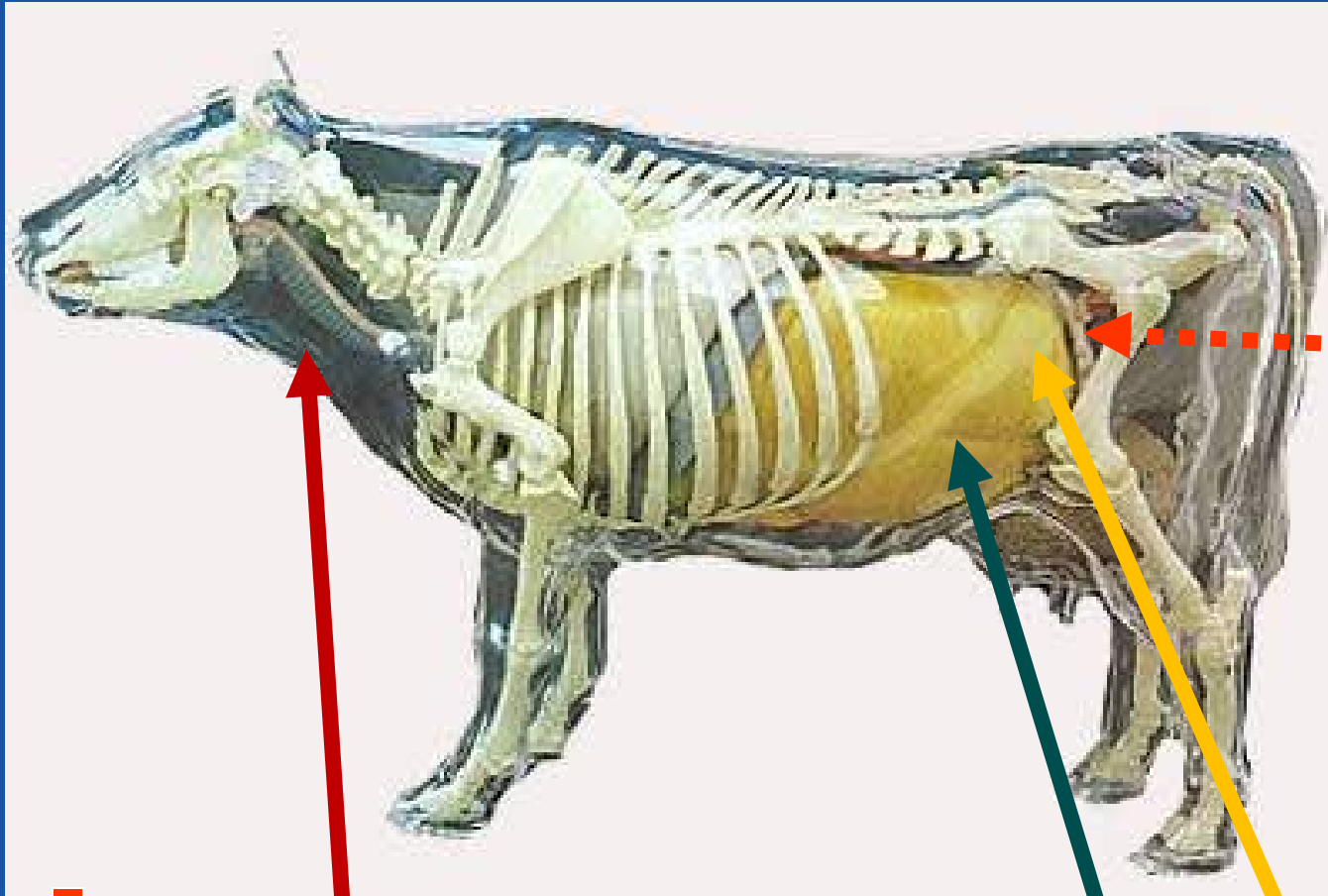


OUTER  
COURTYARD

LEAST HOLY

LEVITES (AND PEOPLE)





ENTRAILS



FAT

HEAD

ALTAR

ENTRAILS  
UNDER THE  
HELEV FAT

OUTER  
COURTYARD

HOLY  
PLACE

HOLY  
OF  
HOLIES

# KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

- “WHY” are the parts of the sacrificial animal laid on the Altar as they are?
- Because it conforms to the rules of the structure of the Priesthood.
- “WHY” is the Priesthood structured as it is?
- Because it conforms to the pattern of the Tabernacle design.
- “WHY” is the Tabernacle built the way it is?
- Because it conforms to the pattern of HOLY ZONES on Mt. Sinai.

# KOSHER EATING REFLECTS THE “*HOLINESS PATTERN*”

- Generally, scholars conclude that the dietary laws are either:
- 1) Irrational, arbitrary, superstitions
- 2) Allegory and symbolism



# TYPICAL CONCLUSIONS FOR “WHY” THE DIETARY LAWS

- **MAIMONIDES**      Kosher eating is for health reasons
- **PHILO**            Kosher eating is allegorical  
*“.....fish with fins and scales symbolize endurance and self-control.....Reptiles...signify people who give in to their desire and passions.....”*

KASHRUT is a kind of protection for Israel from paganism

# HOLINESS IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DIETARY LAWS

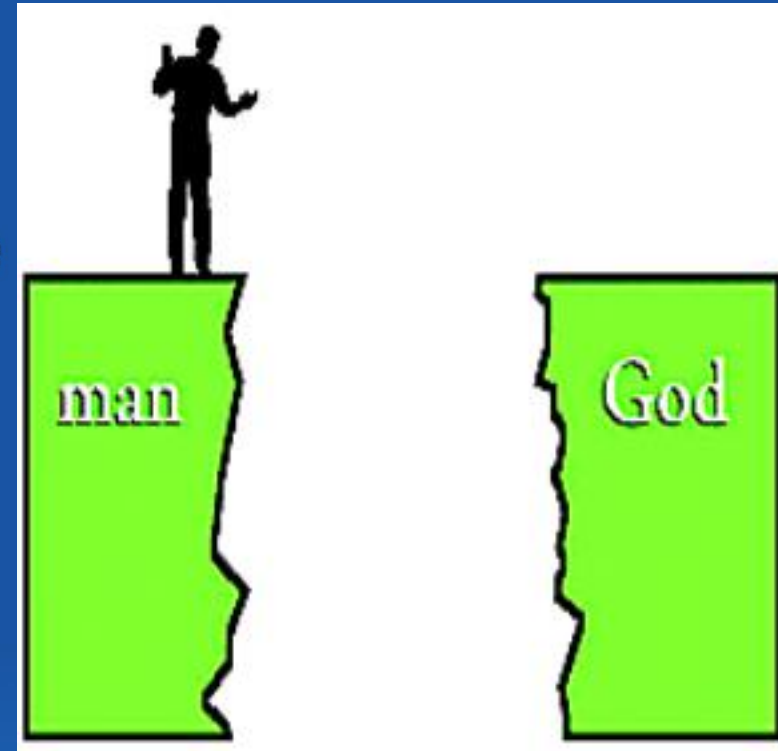


- Lev. 11:44: “.....*be holy for I am holy..*”
- Lev. 11:47: “...*to distinguish (separate) between the clean and the unclean....*”
- We DO NOT find verses which say the laws are symbolic, or kosher diet is about health, or lifespan, or that certain animals are inherently evil or unhealthy



# YEHOVEH DIVIDES, SEPARATES, AND ELECTS

- UNITY is a misunderstood principle
- UNITY is used 7 times in all the Bible, 5 times in the New Testament
- Hebrew for unity is *ECHAD* which means ONE-NESS
- Greek for unity is *HENOTES* which means UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT
- Appears there is no Greek word to express the concept of *ECHAD*

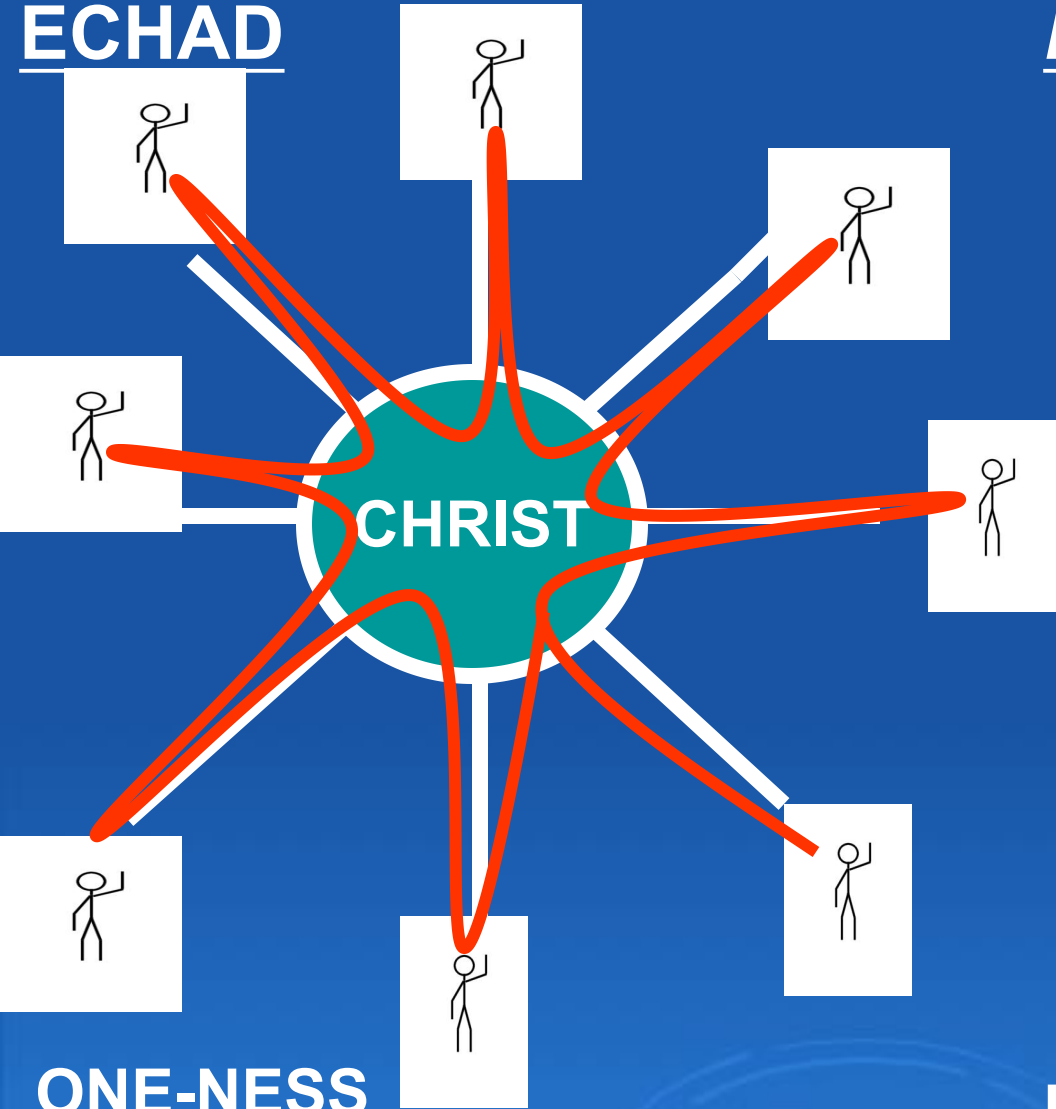


# UNITY THRU CHRIST

# UNITY AMONG MEN

ECHAD

HENOTES



ONE-NESS

UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

MAN TO CHRIST TO MAN

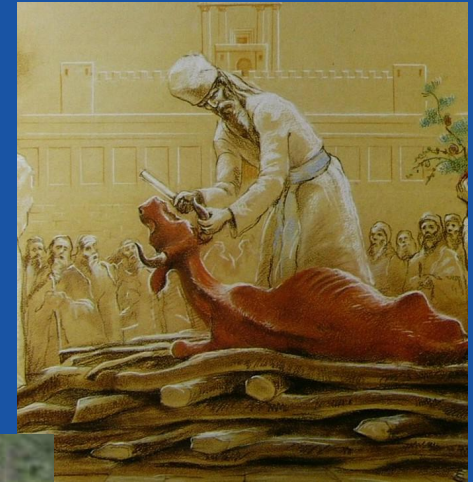
MAN TO MAN TO MAN

**MAN** ← **LIVING CREATURES**

**→ ANIMALS**



← **SACRIFICIAL** →



◀ **CLEAN** ▶



← **UNCLEAN** →



# SABBATH FOR ANIMALS?

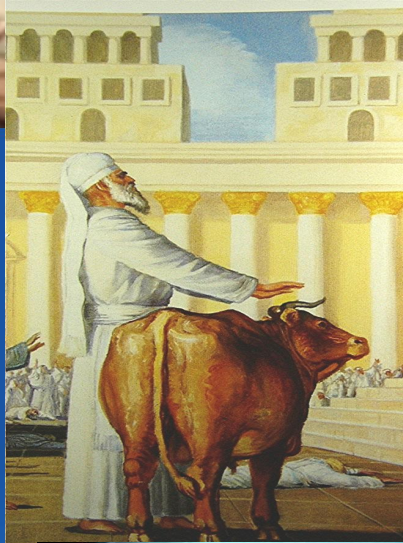
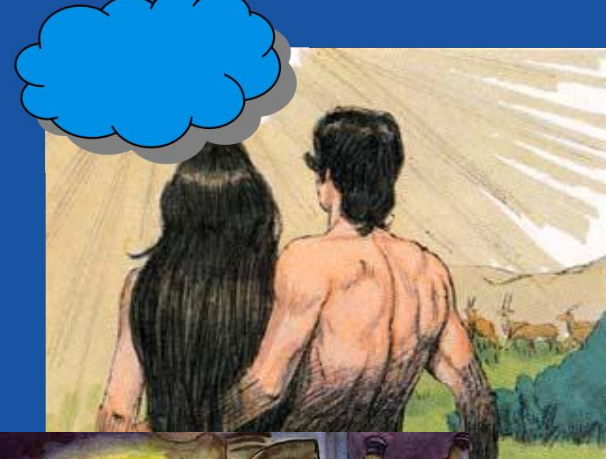
- BEHEMAH = Domestic land animals
- Ex.20:10 “ ....*the 7<sup>th</sup> day is a Sabbath....you shall do no work.....nor your animals.....”*
- Bad translation (not animals or cattle) instead is “BEHEMAH”
- Gen.9:8-11 “....*I now establish my covenant.....with every living creature...birds, livestock, wild animals...*”
- Noachide covenant with ALL animals
- Sabbath covenant ONLY with Behemah

# PATTERN



**MAN'S  
DOMINION OVER  
ANIMALS**

**GOD'S  
DOMINION  
OVER MAN**



**ANIMALS  
SET ASIDE  
FOR  
HOLINESS**

**MEN SET  
ASIDE FOR  
HOLINESS**



**REFUSES  
TO SUBMIT  
TO MAN**

**REFUSES  
TO  
SUBMIT  
TO GOD**



# PURITY OF YEHOVEH PROTECTED VIA CLEAN / UNCLEAN RULES

- QUESTION: WHY THE DIETARY RULES?
- ANSWER: IT CONFORMS TO THE PATTERN OF HOLINESS
- Is SIN the same thing as UNCLEANNESS?
- NO!
- IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE: UNCLEANNESS MUST ALWAYS BE SEPARATED FROM GOD'S HOLINESS!