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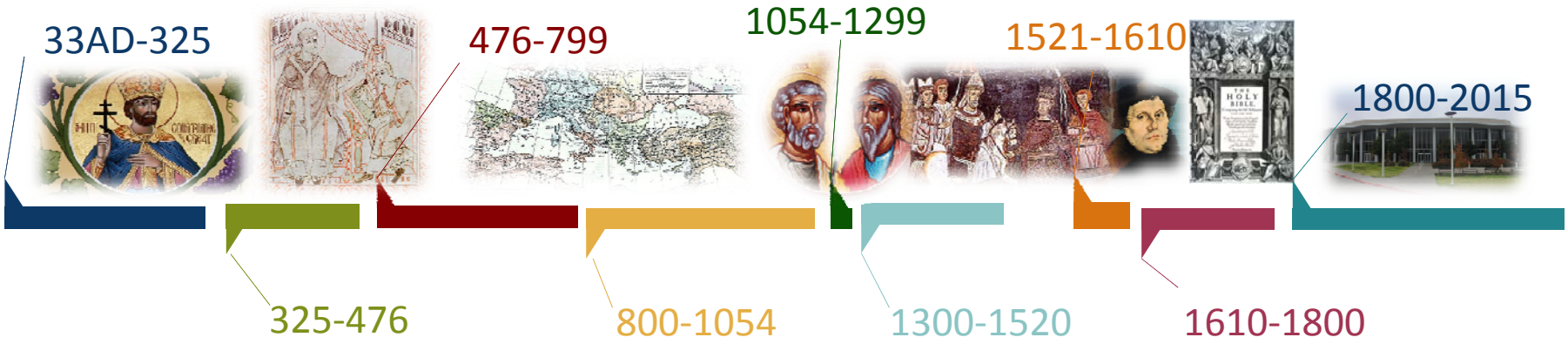

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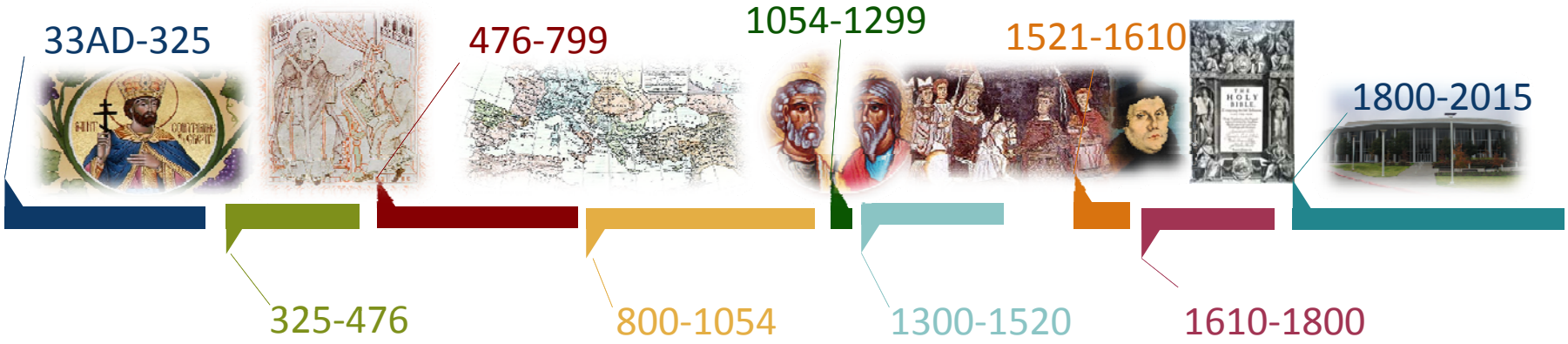

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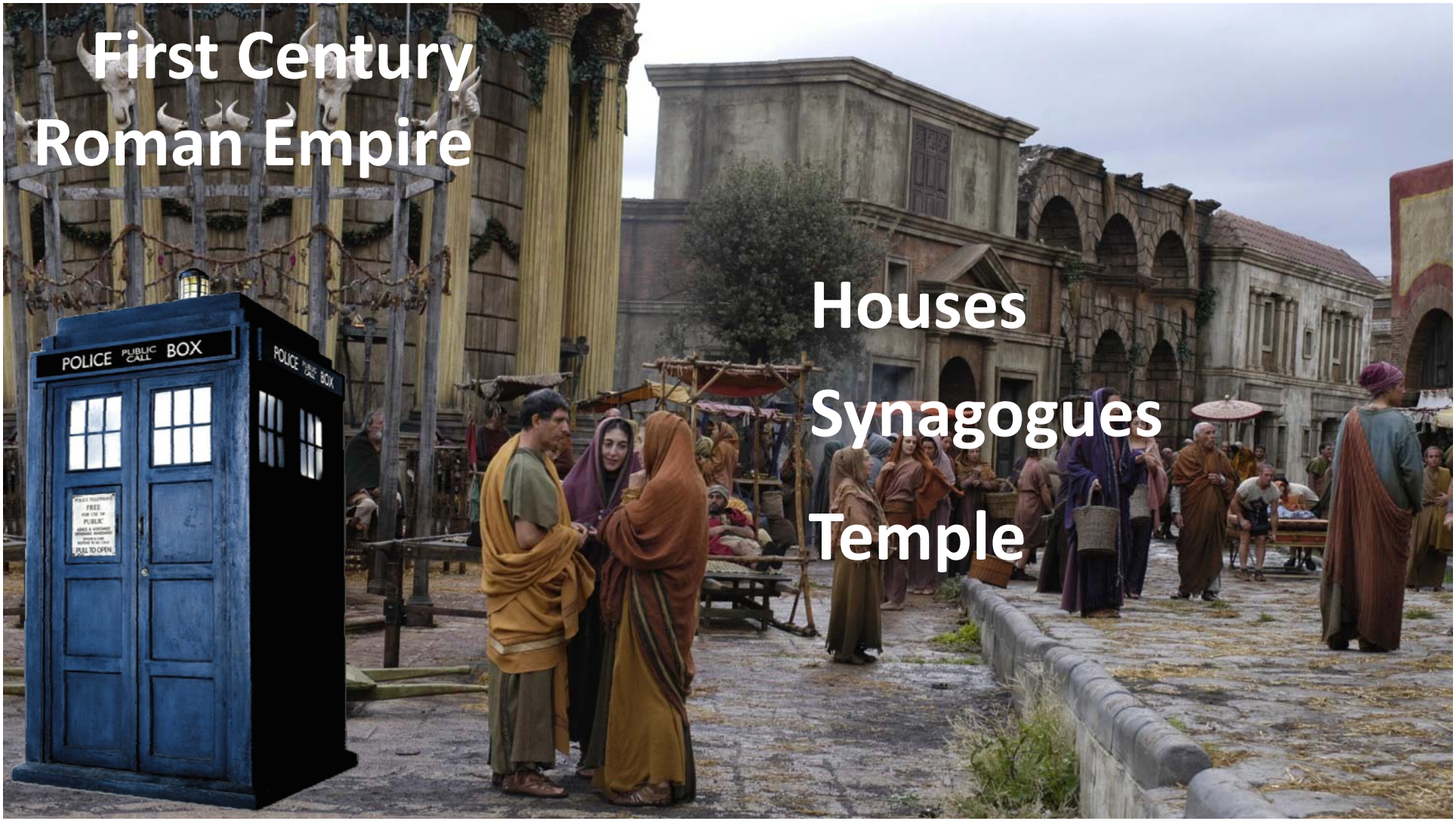
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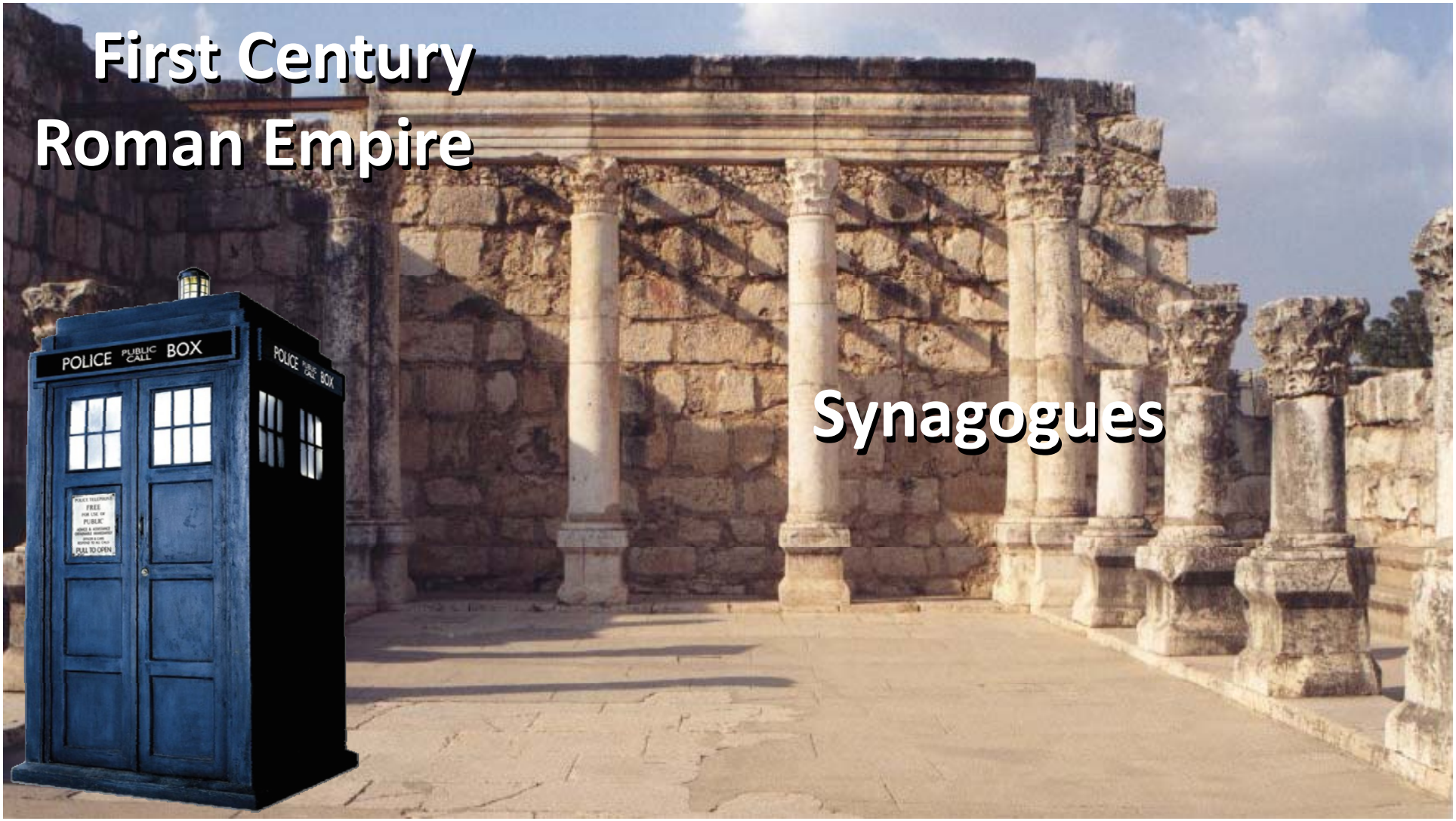
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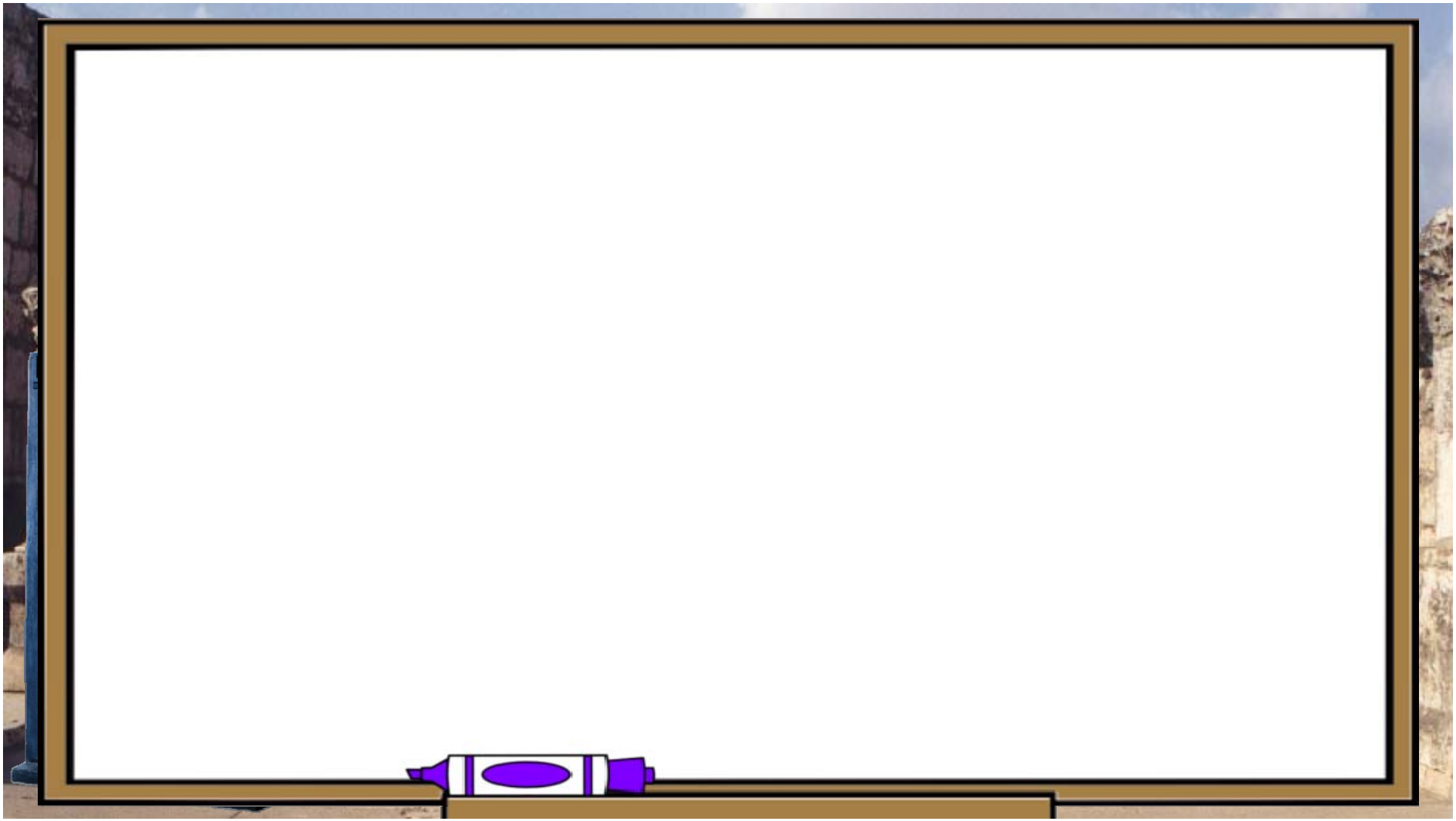

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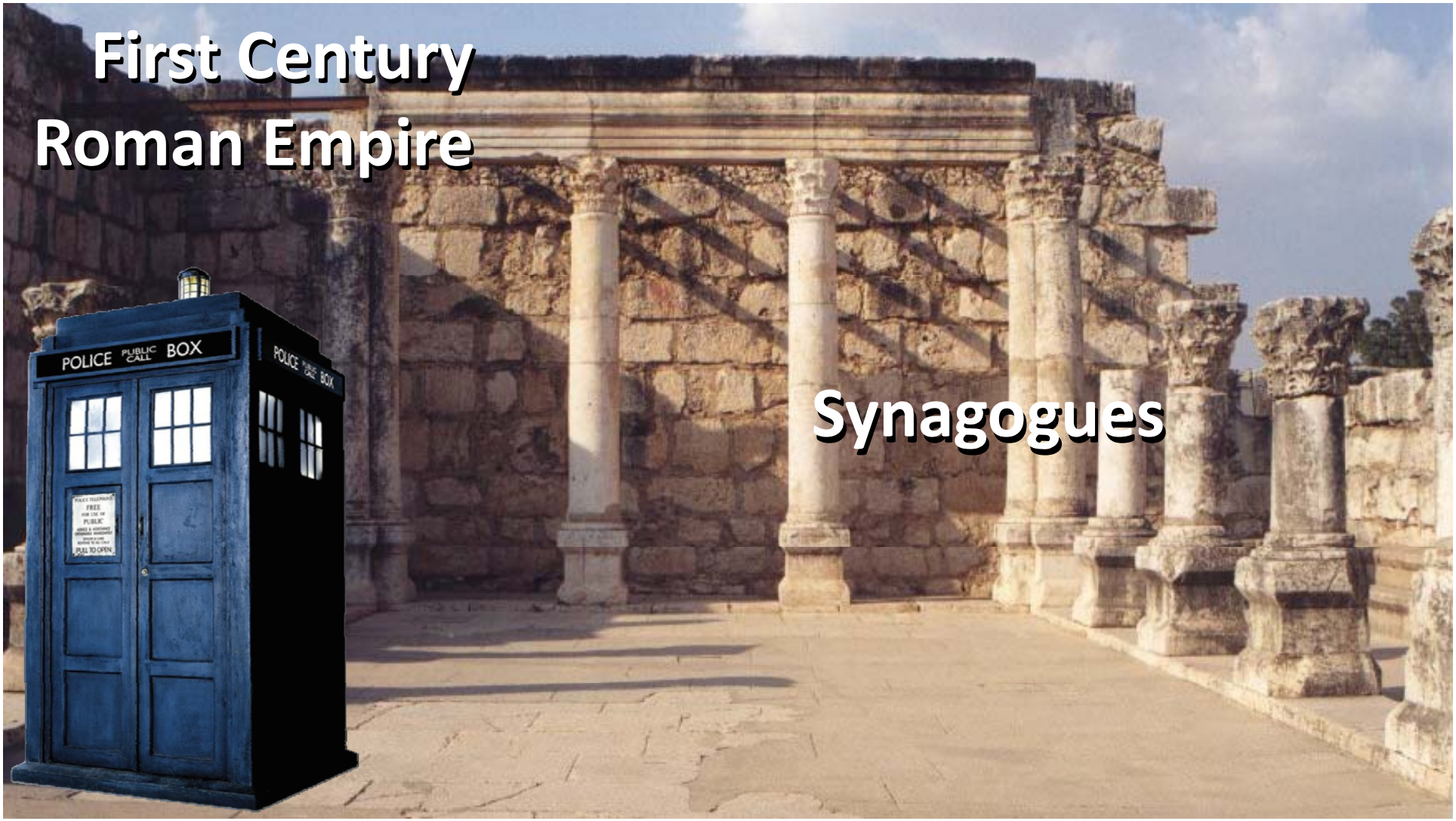
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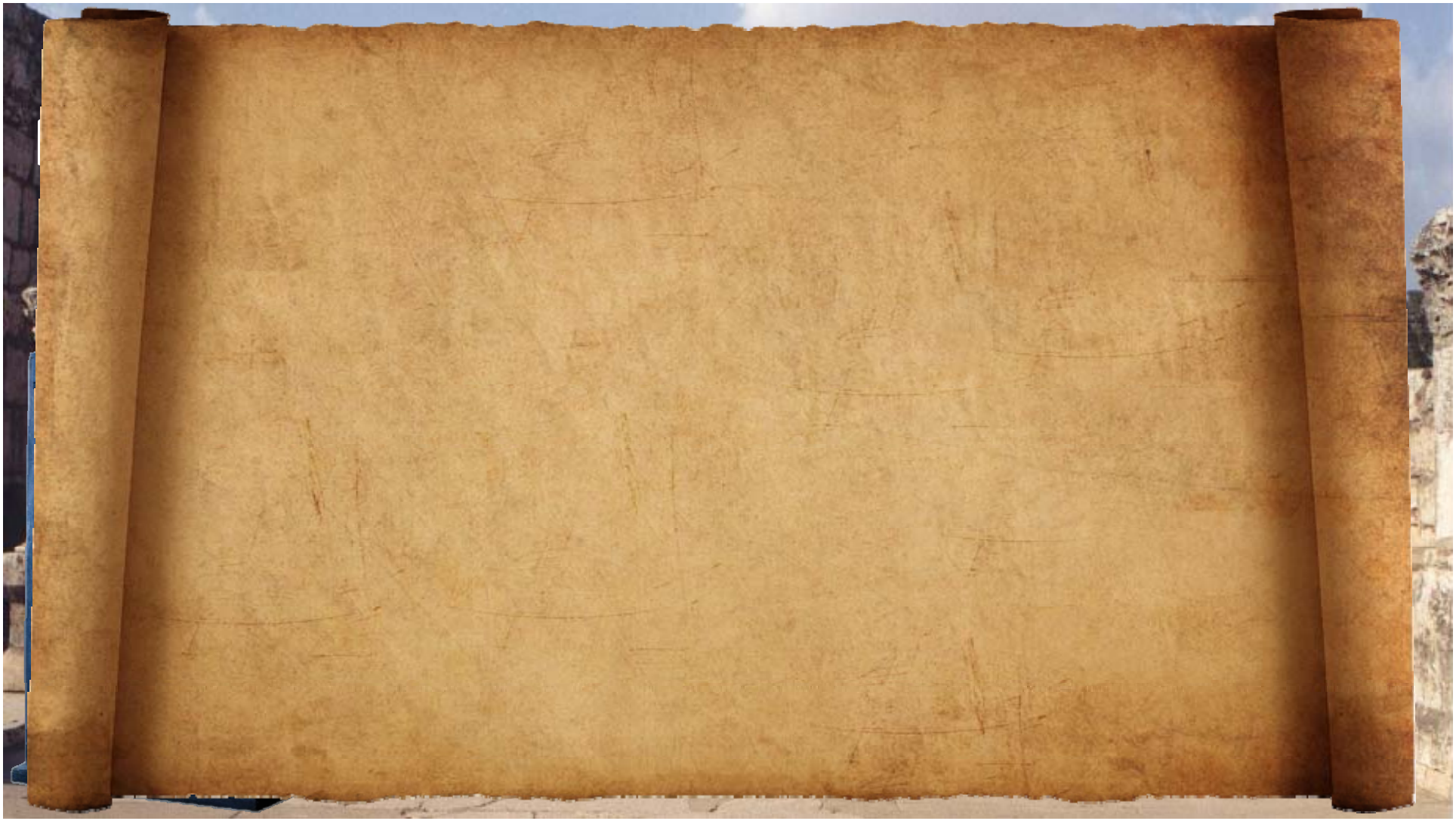

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (the "*Shema*")

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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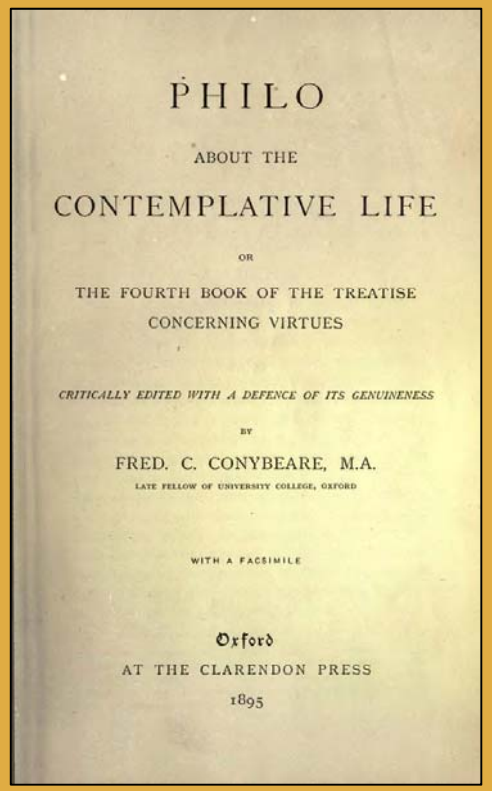

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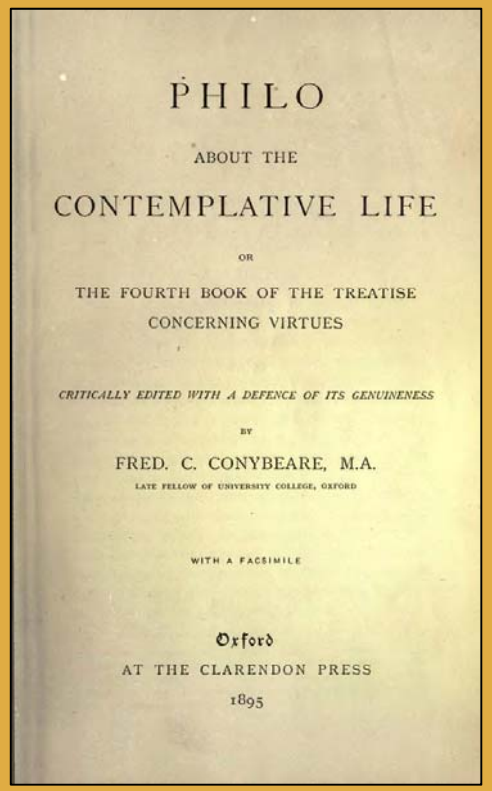

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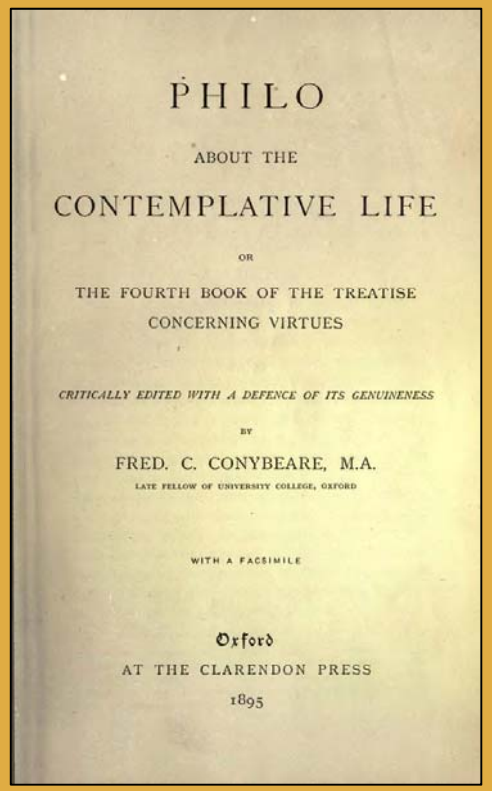

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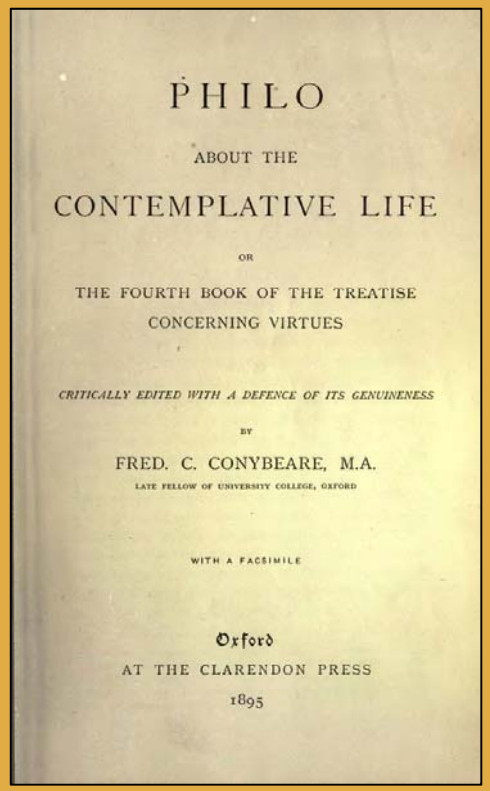

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A community meal, then "They rise up all together and standing in the middle of the refectory form themselves first into two choirs, one of men and one of women, the leader and presenter chosen for each being the most honored among them and also the most musical. Then they sing hymns to God composed of many measures and set to many melodies, sometimes chanting together, sometimes taking up the harmony antiphonally…Then when each choir has separately done its own part…they mix and become a single choir.

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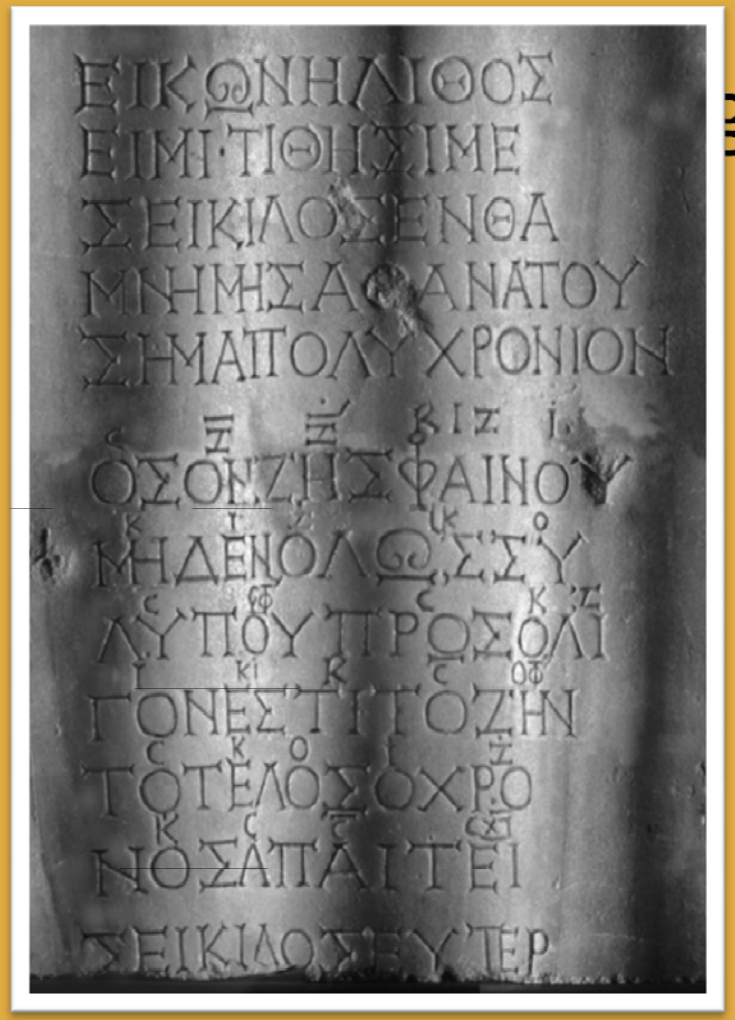

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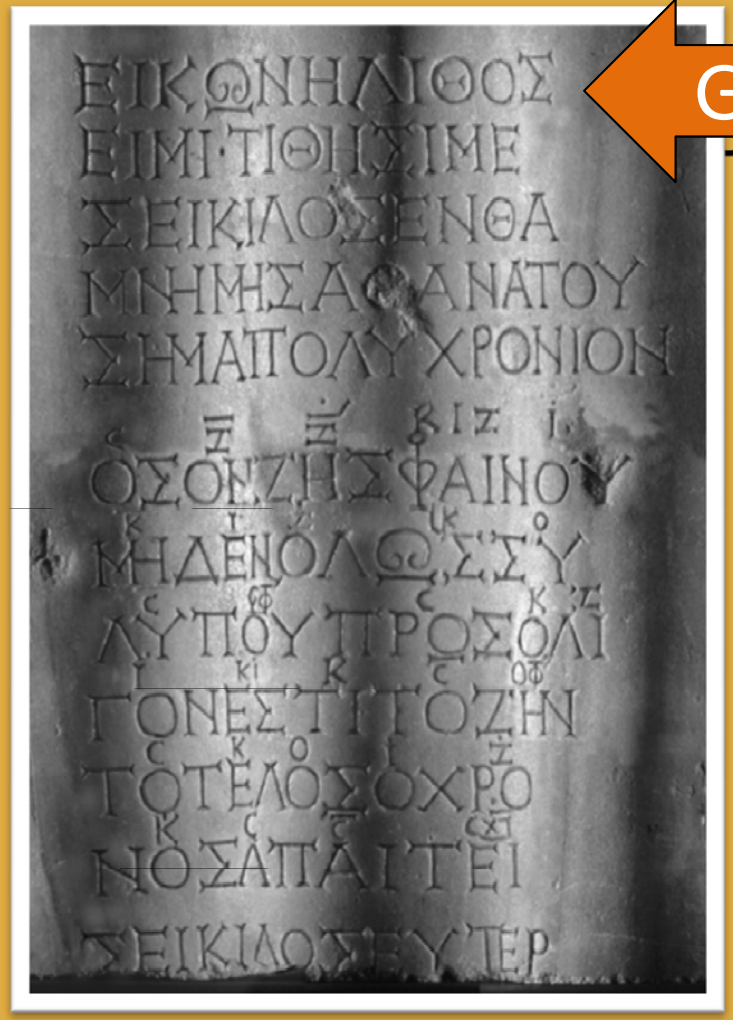

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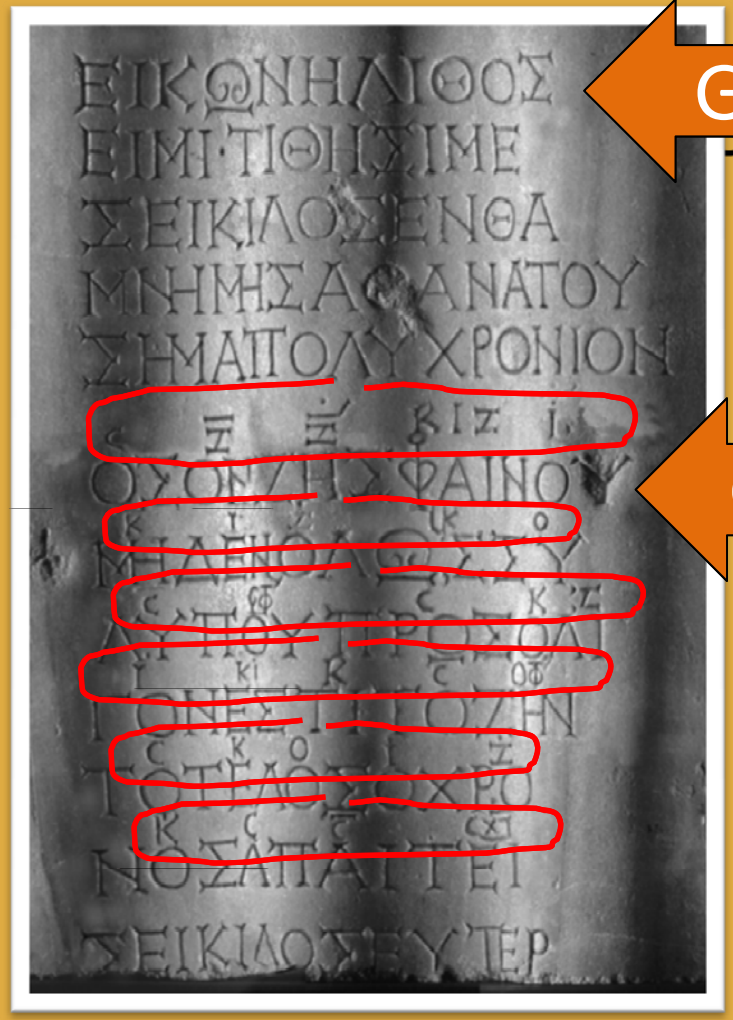

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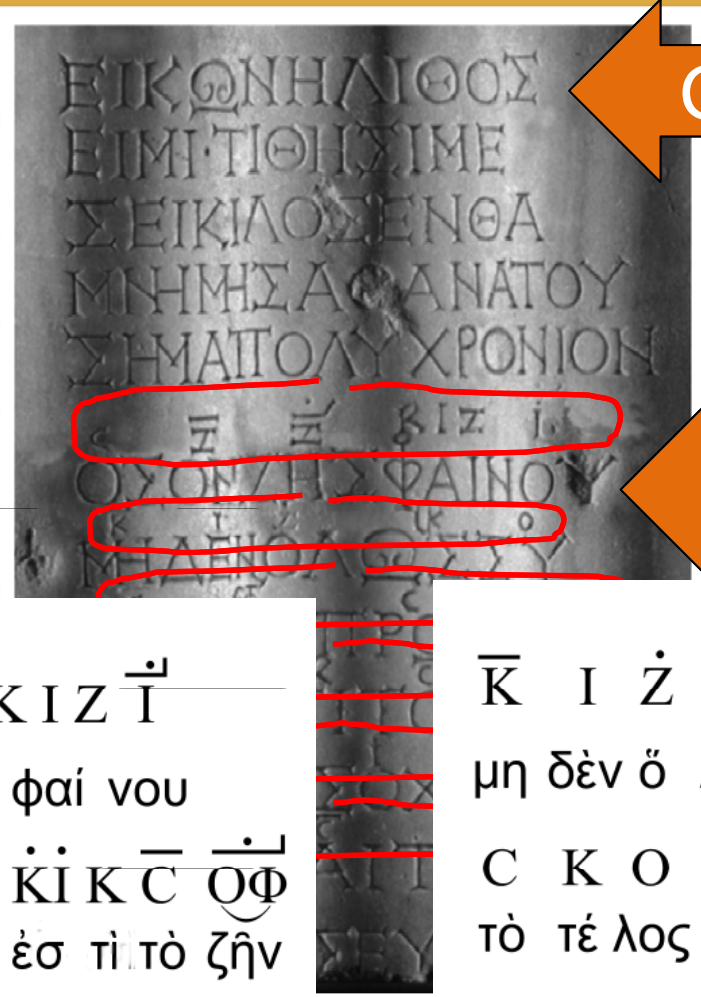

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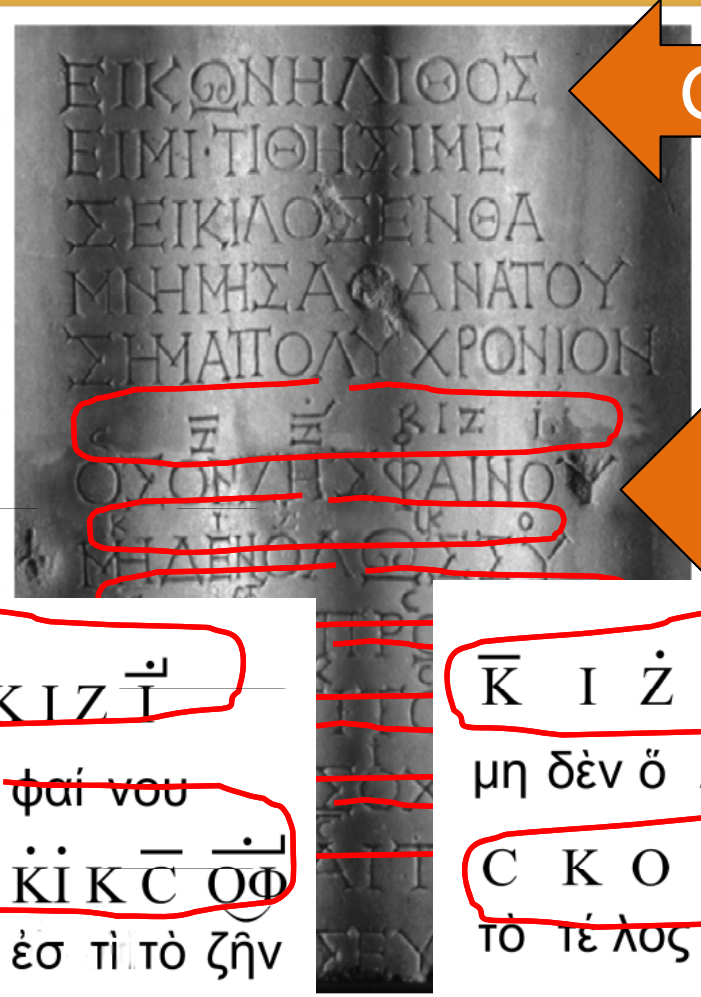

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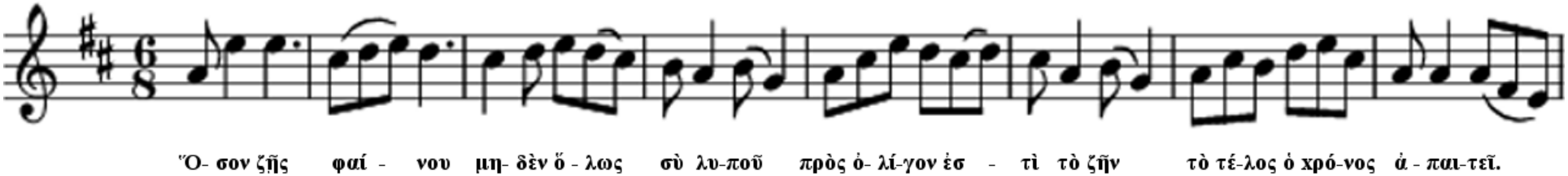

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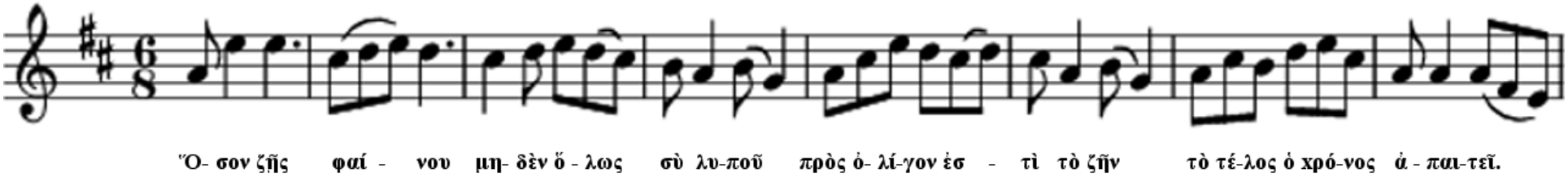

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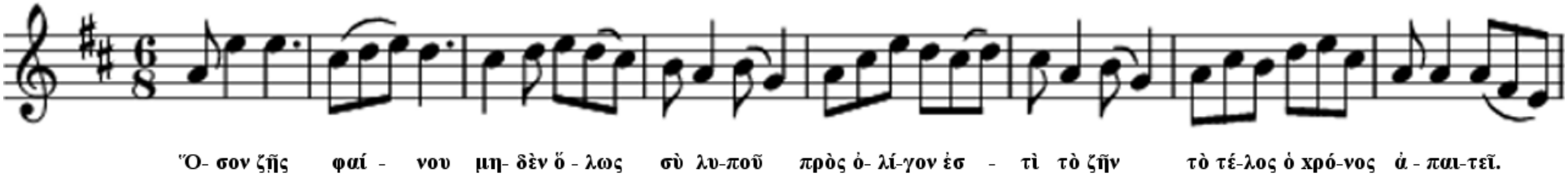

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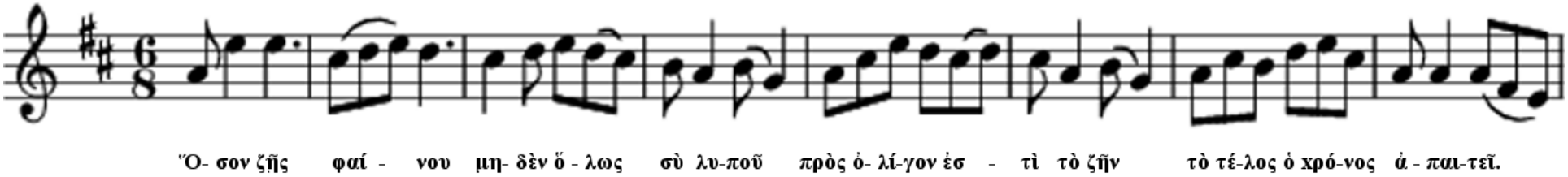

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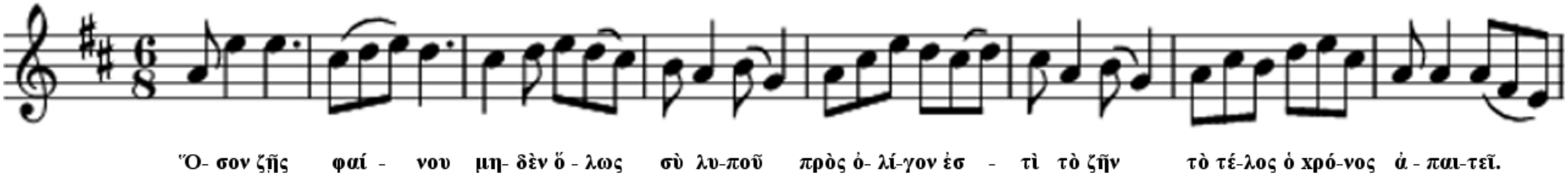

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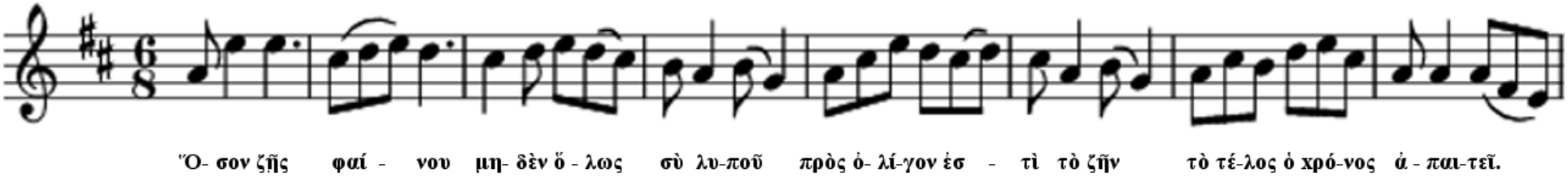

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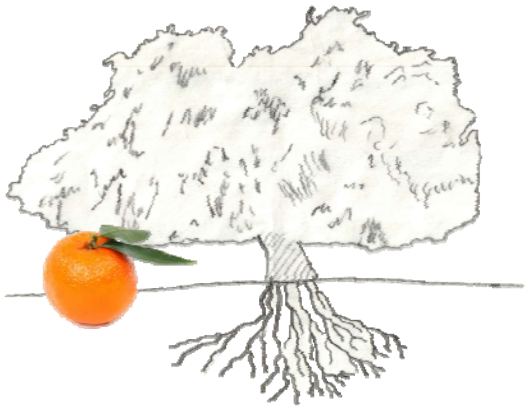

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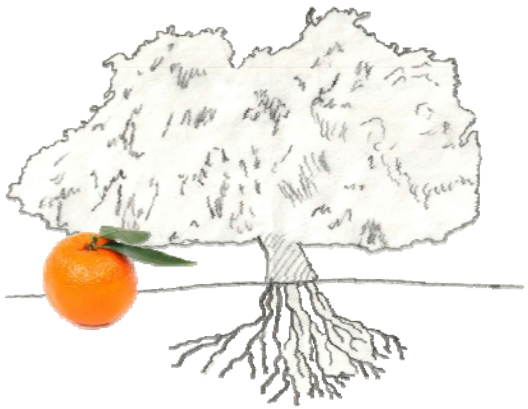

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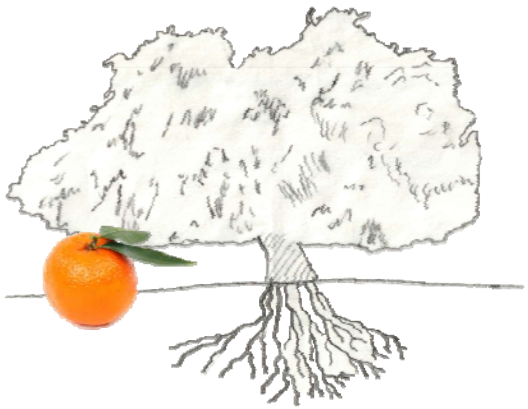

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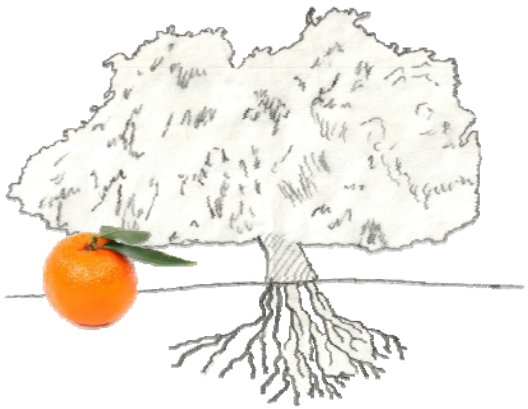

"What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up" (1 Cor. 14:26)

I will watch God change me through worship!

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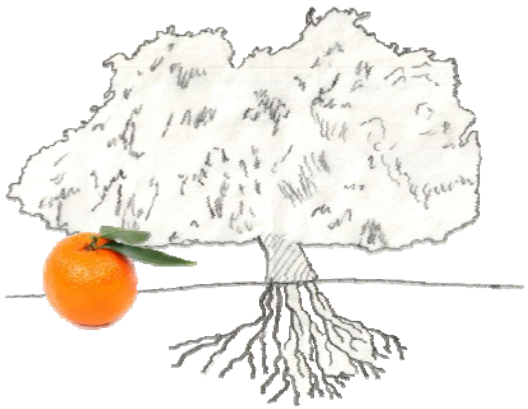

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!" (Ps. 100:1)

I am spending time in the Psalms and in Christian music!

Committing the Word of God to memory in 2015

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