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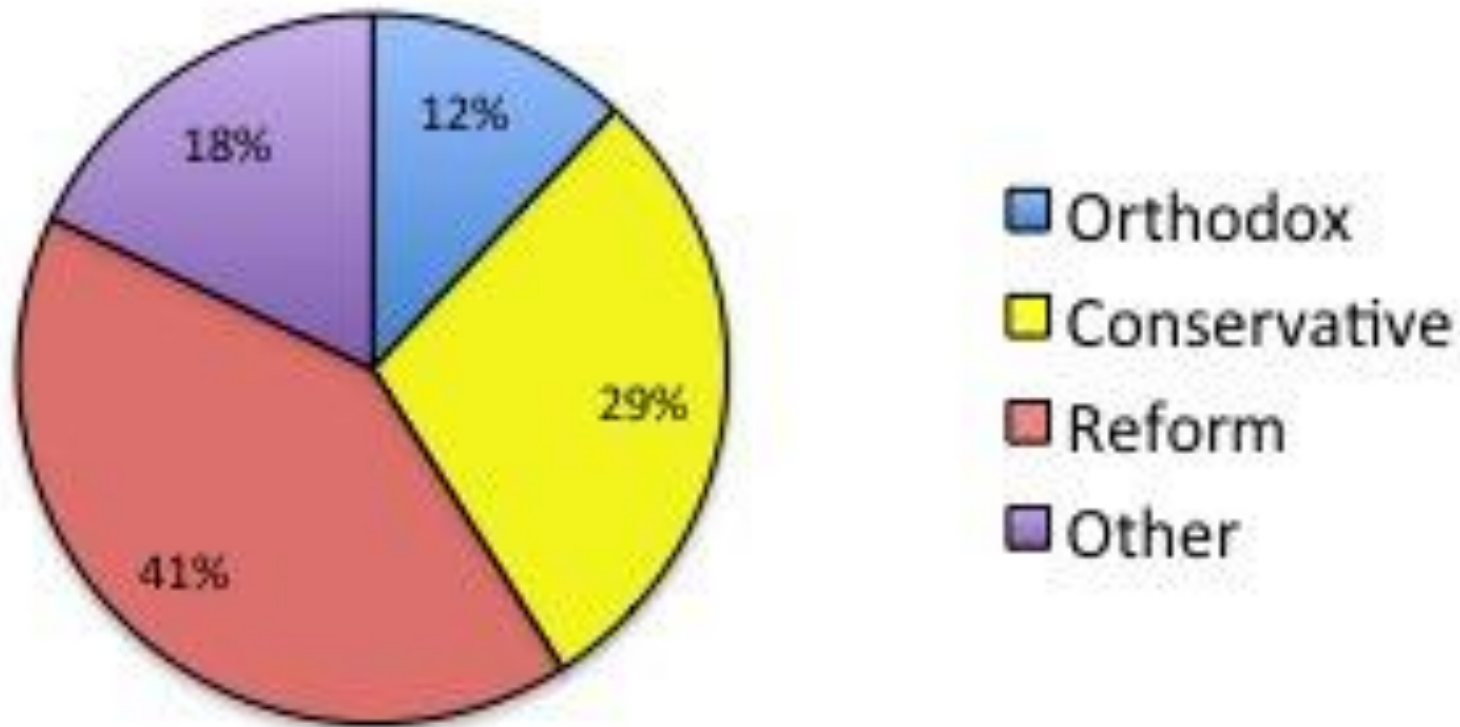
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U.S. Jewish subdivisions



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**I agreed with 13 of them!
(With one asterisk)**



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First Century Judaism

Pharisees

Sadducees

Essenes

Nazarenes

(Acts 24:5, 14)



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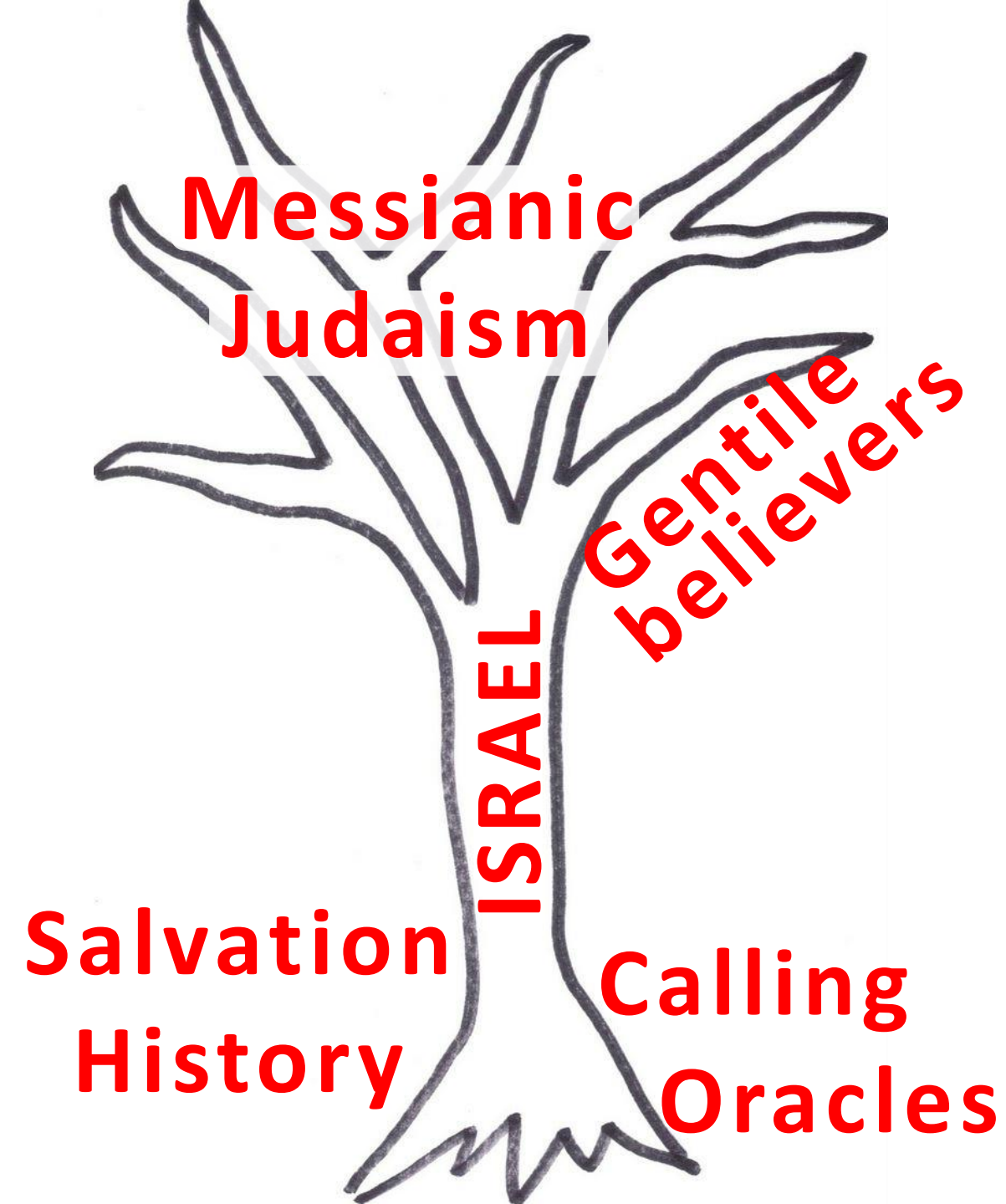
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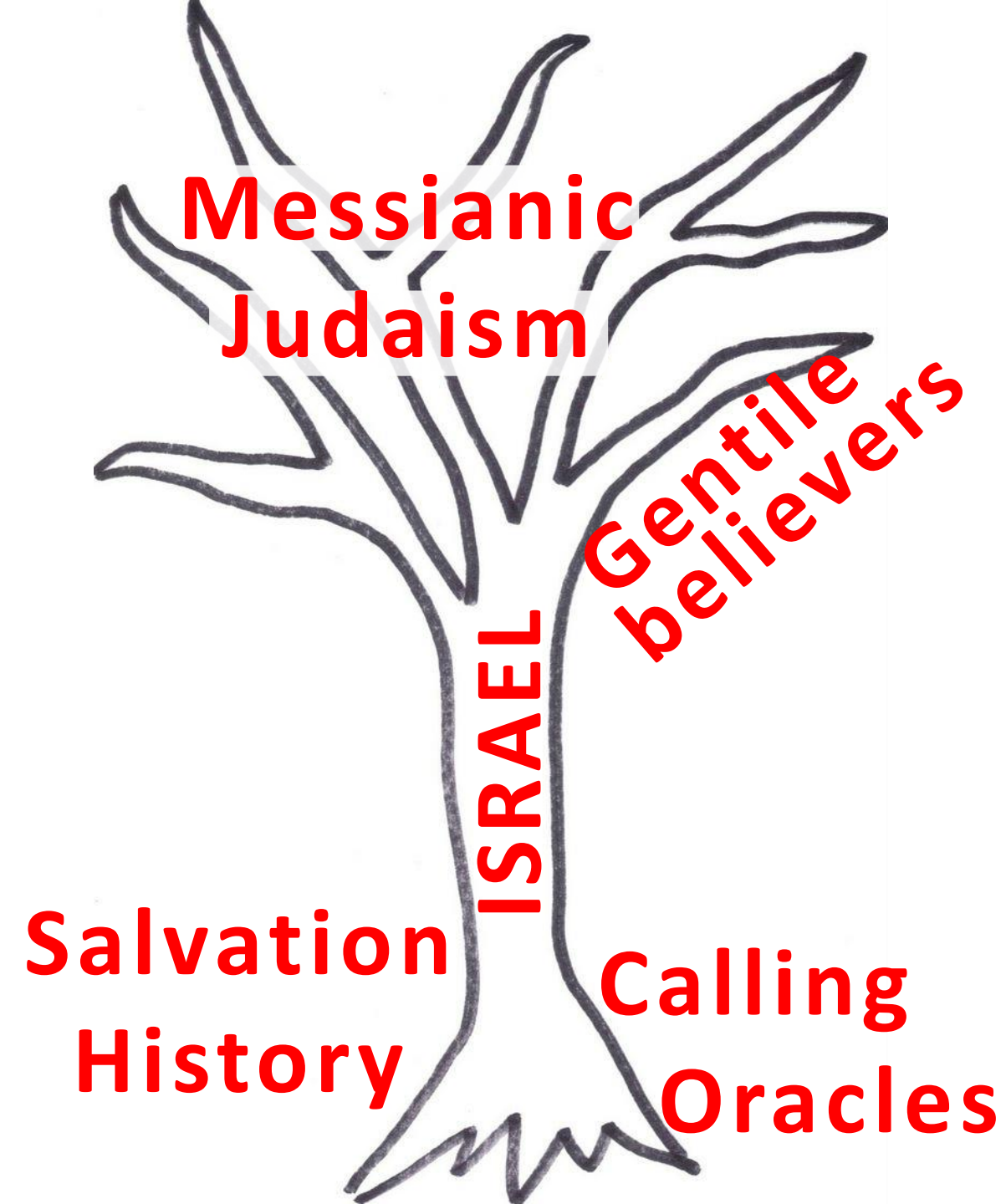
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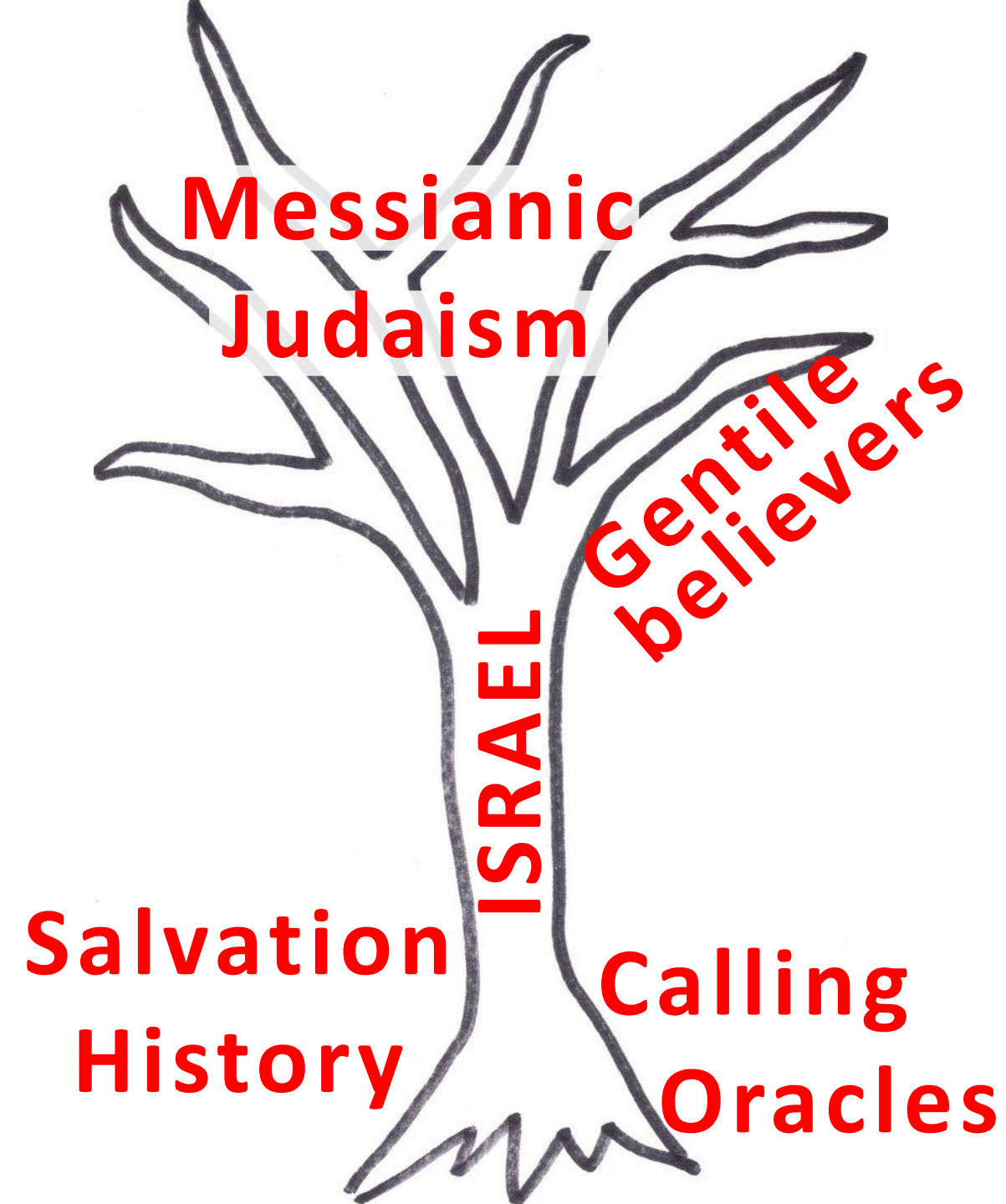
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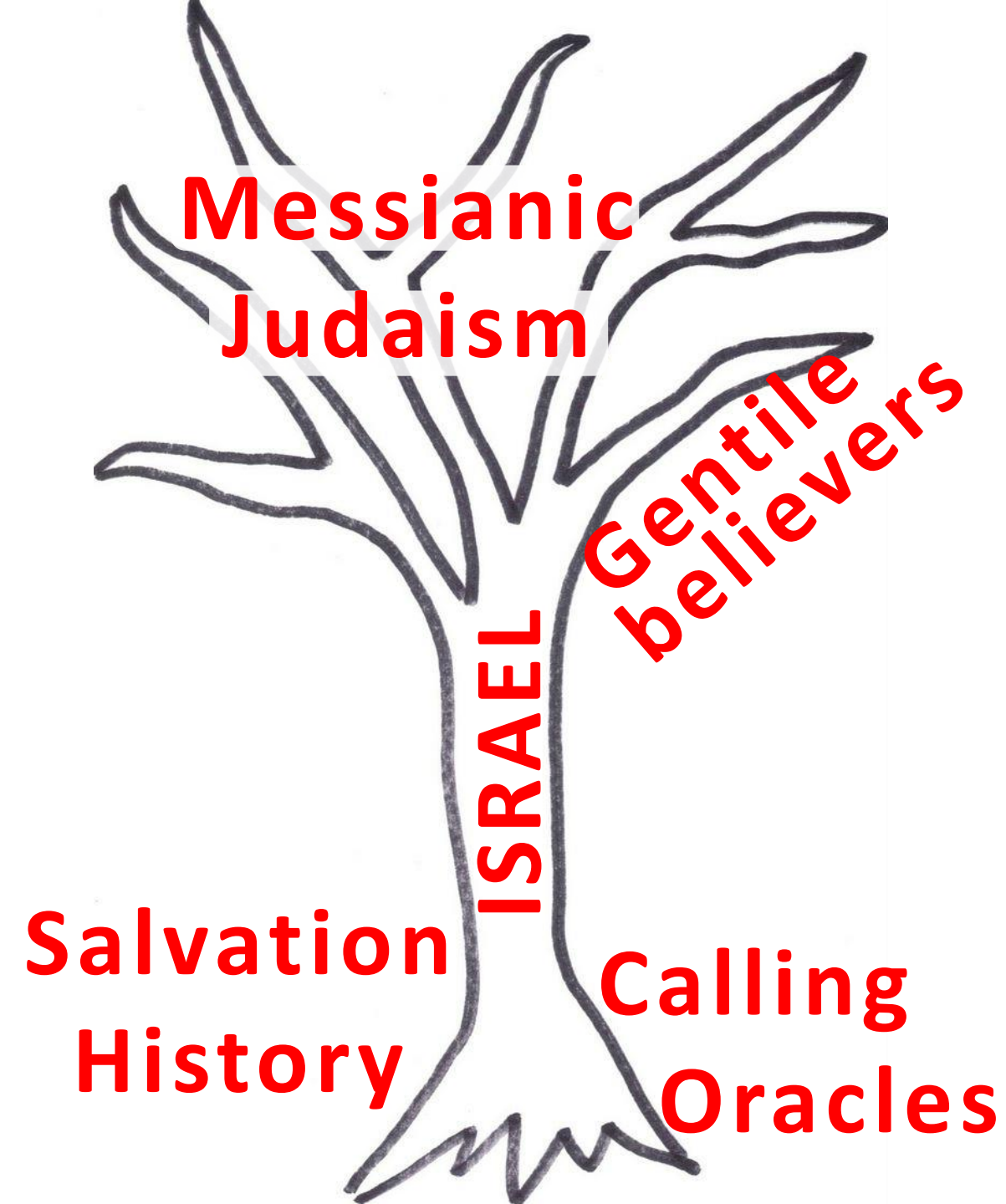
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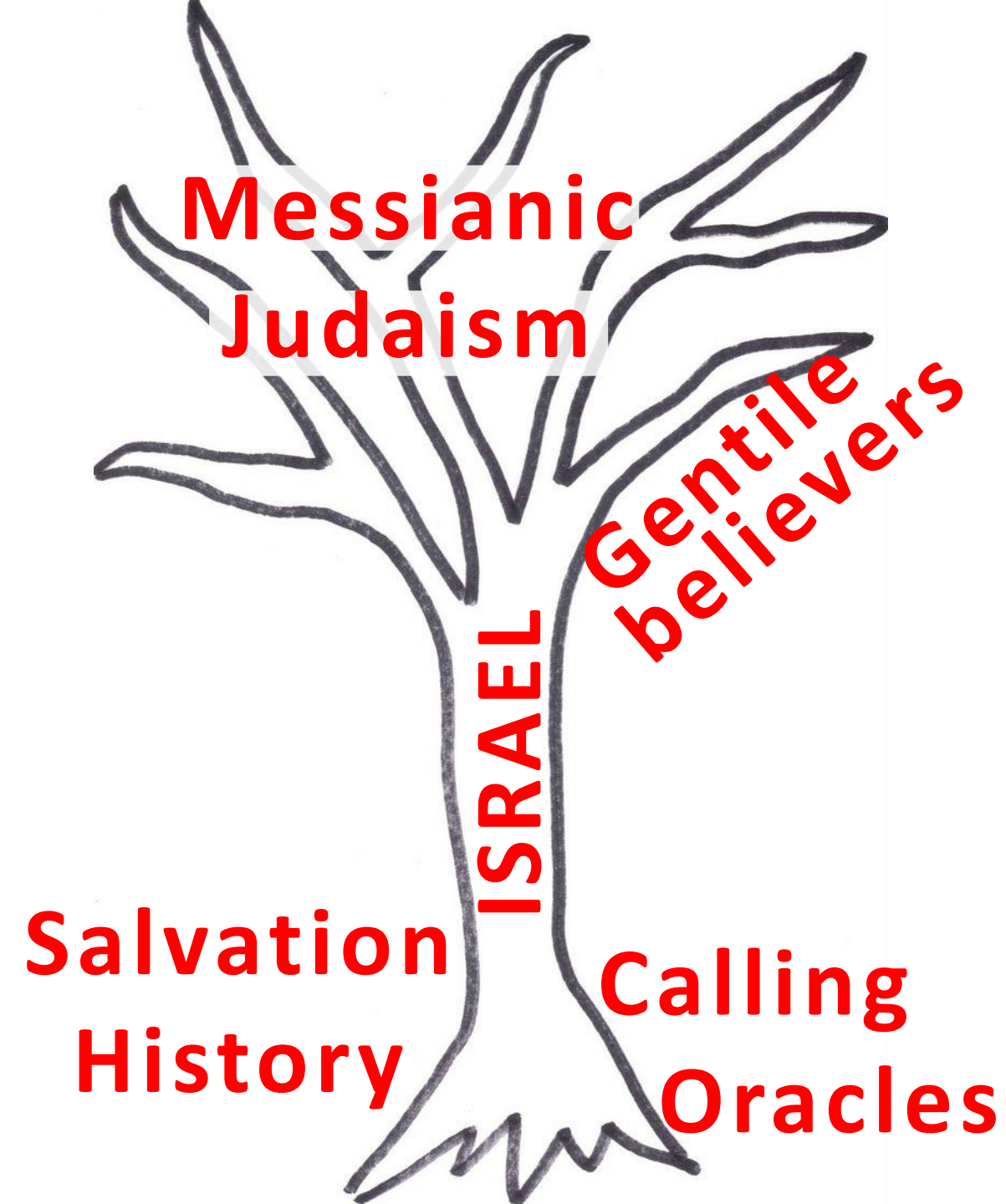
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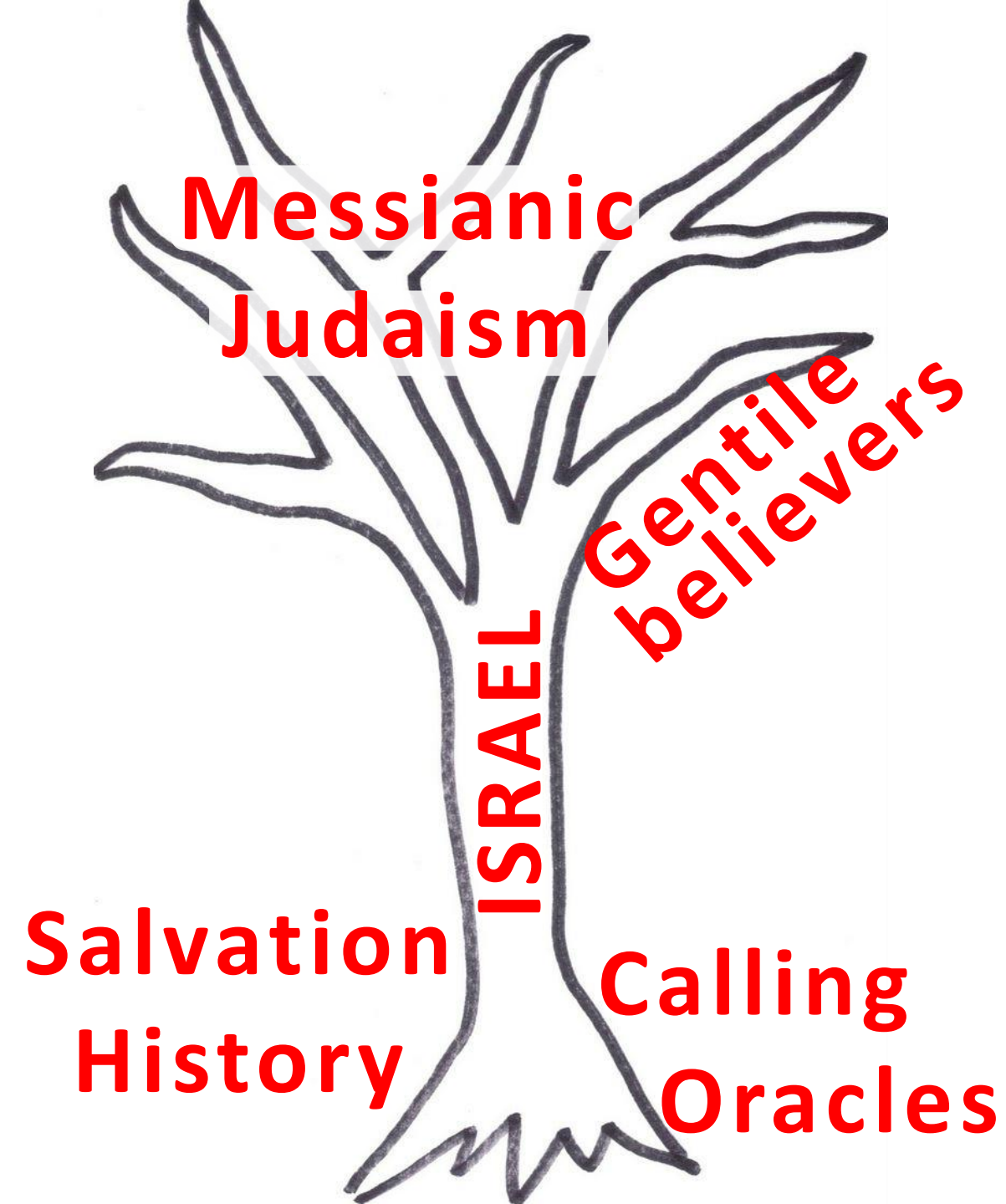
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(Jn 3:12-19)*



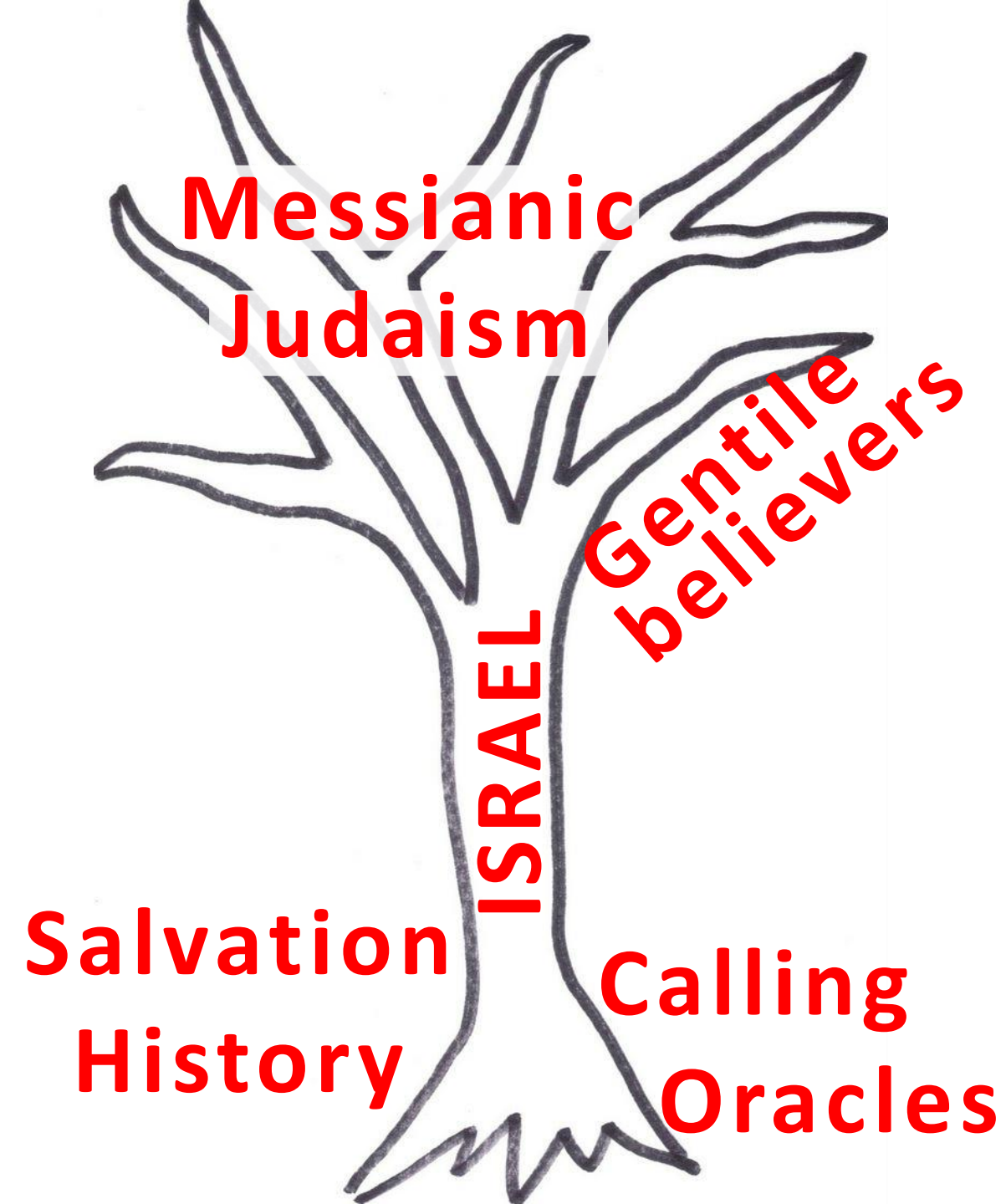
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Sukkot

Water/Light

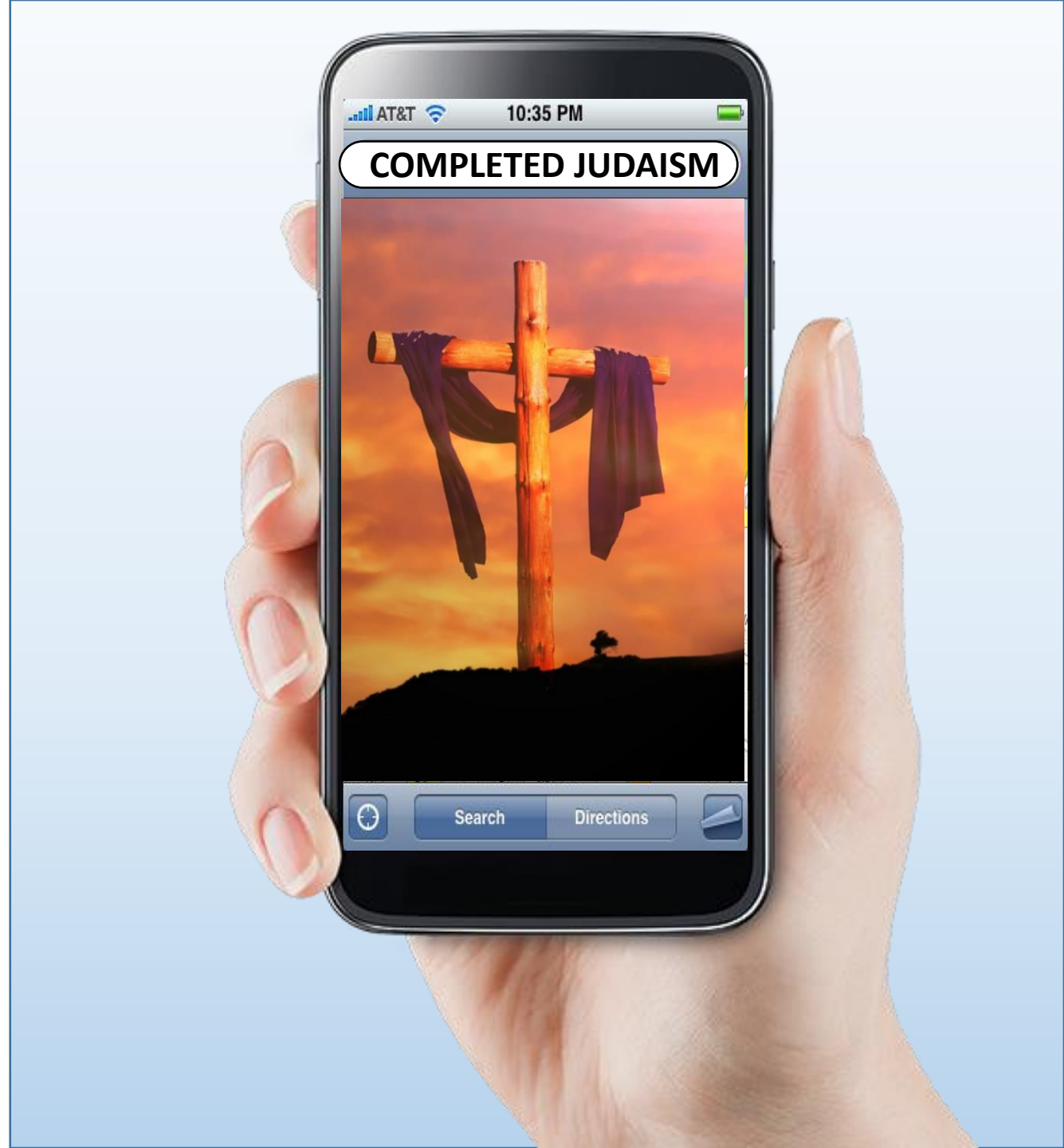
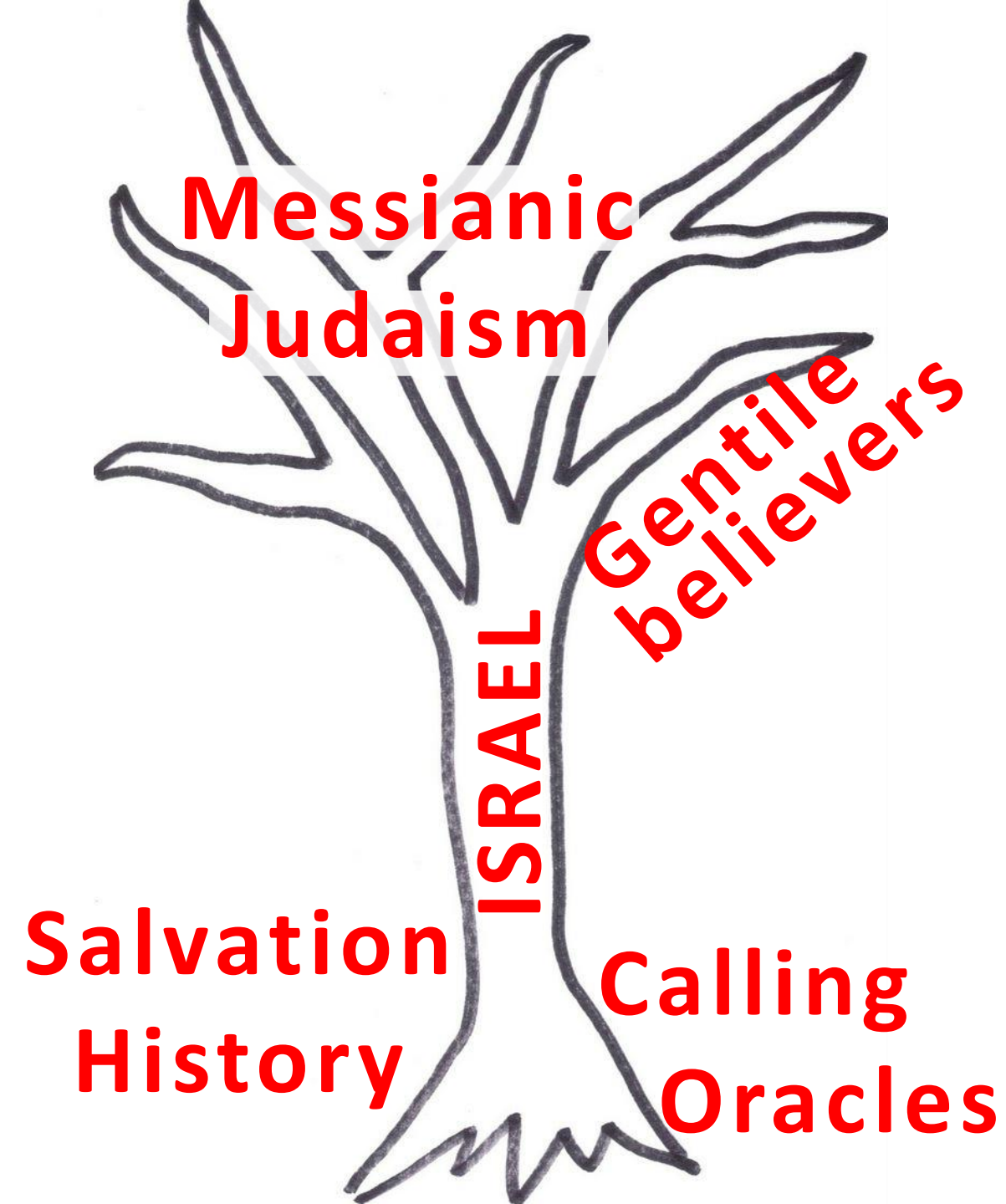
(Zech 14:6-8/Jn 7:37-8; 8:12)



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*Yom Kippur
(Lev. 16/Heb.)*



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My faith is in Jesus Messiah

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