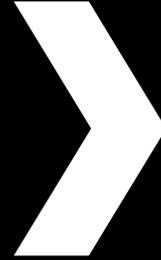
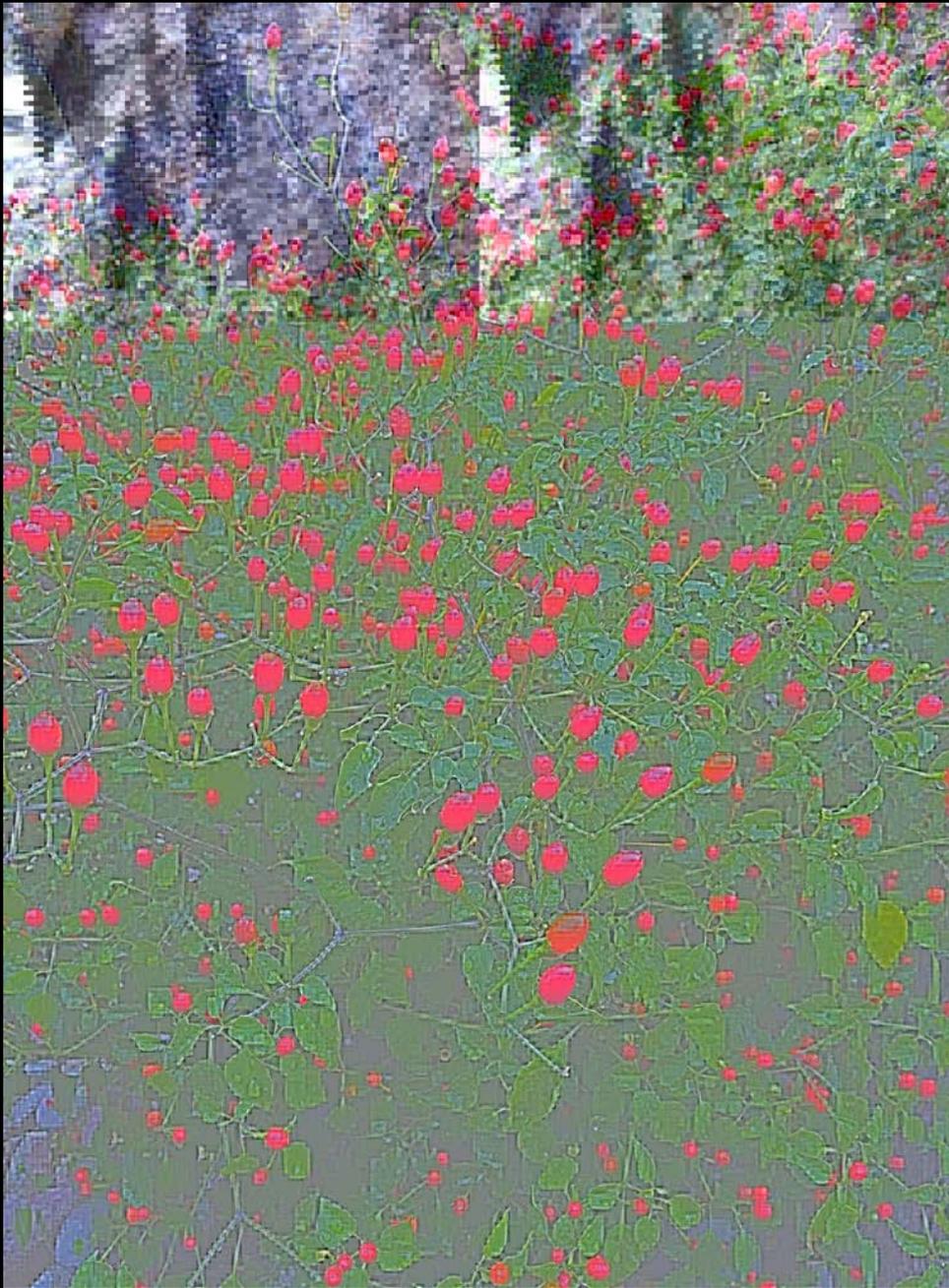


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- 1) Remember the “writer”: the Apostle John (recursive)
- 2) Appreciate the “age”: 1st century (Domitian)
- 3) Recognize the “genre”: apocalyptic/prophetic
- 4) Recall the “audience”: the 7 churches in Asia

Summary from Week One

(Revelation 1:1-8)

Grace to you and peace ... (from the Godhead)

1. Because of who Christ is → ruler of the kings of the earth!
2. Because of who Christ has made you to be in His kingdom → priests to the world!
3. Because God is the alpha and omega → He owns (invests) each day!

Am I turning toward ... or away from the “whole Christ?”

1. Importance of ...
 - Seeing oneself “in light of Christ” (v9-12a)
 - Seeing the “whole Christ” (v12b-16)
2. Receiving one’s “commission in Christ”
(v17-19)

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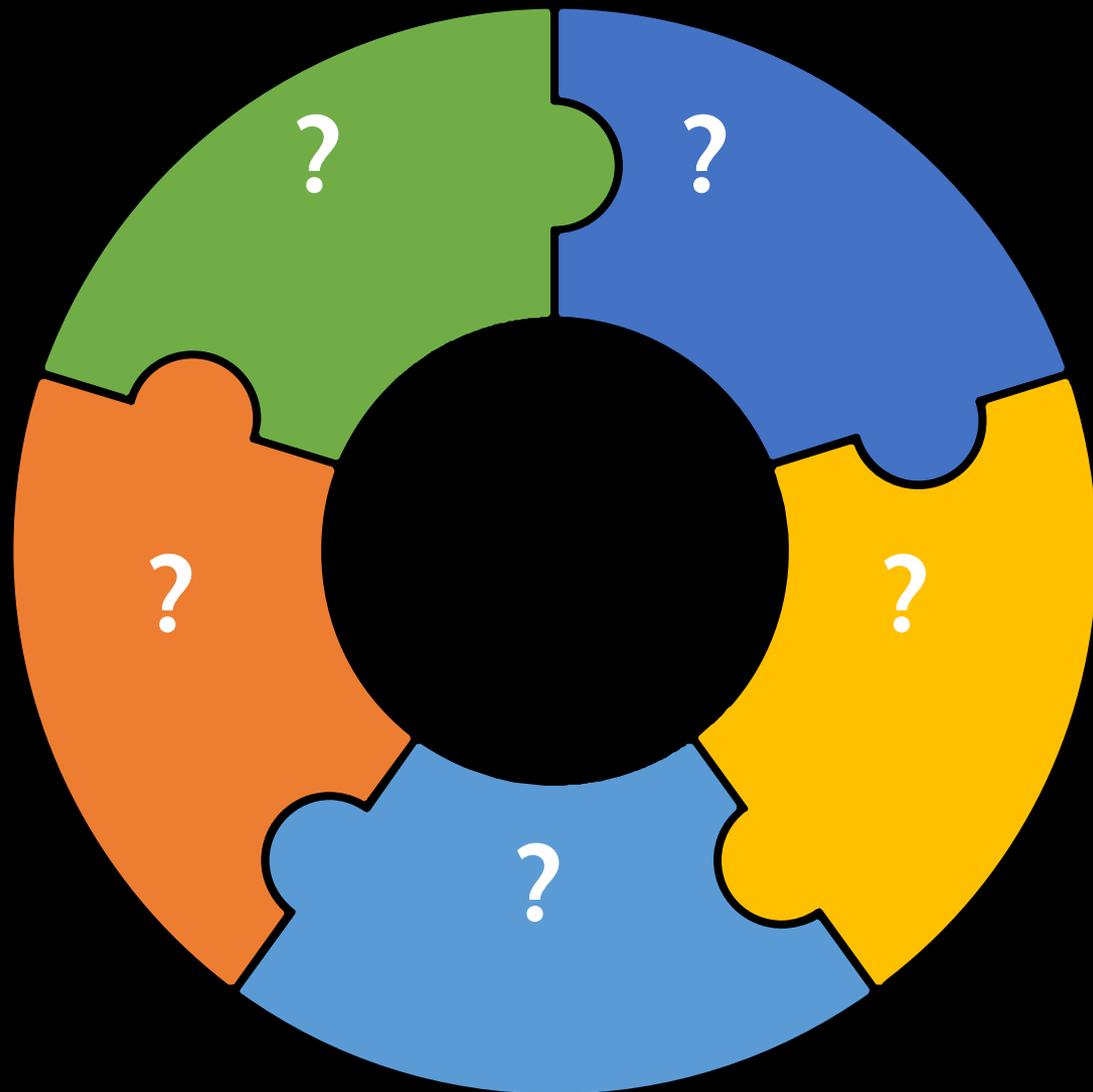


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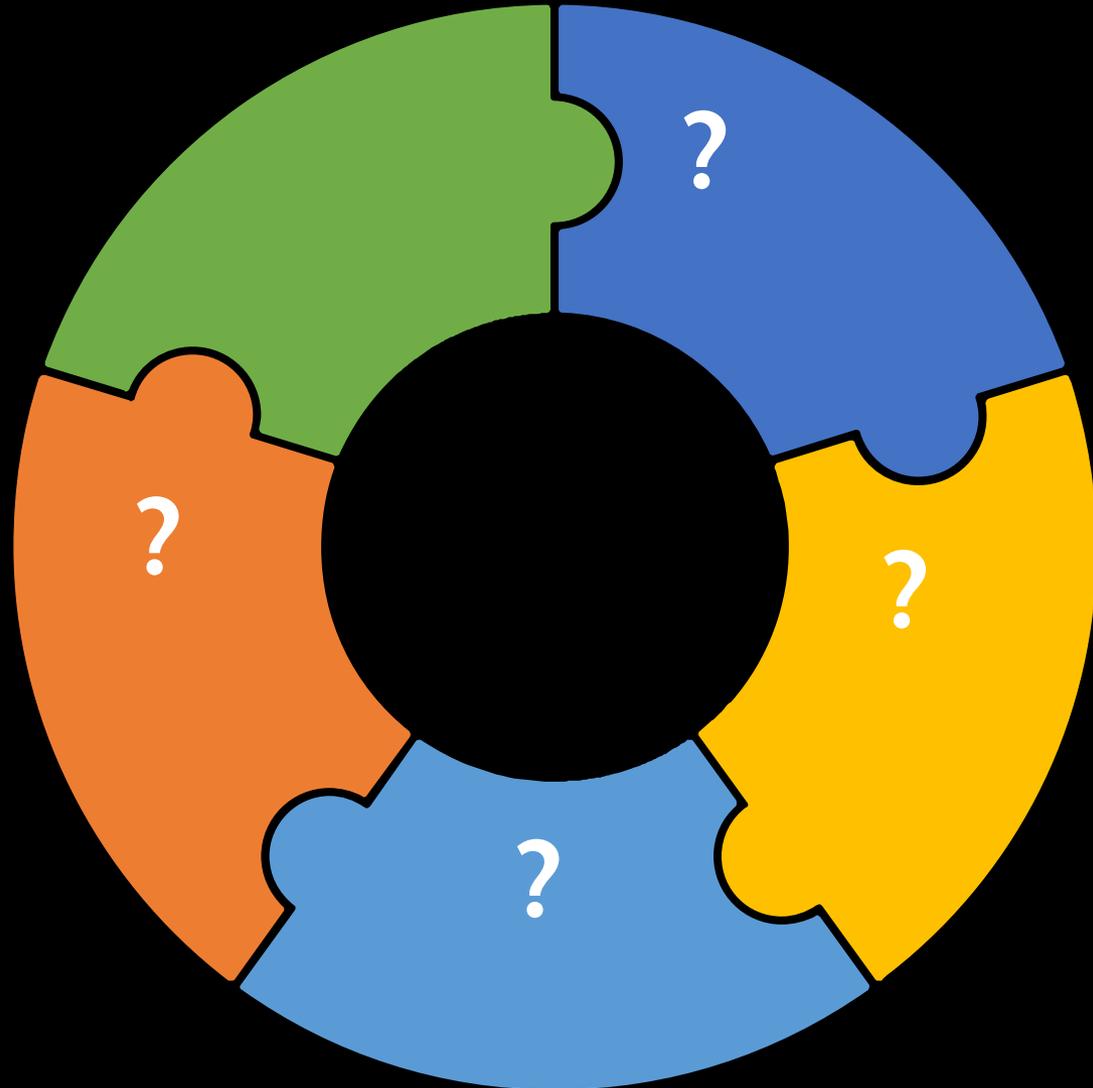


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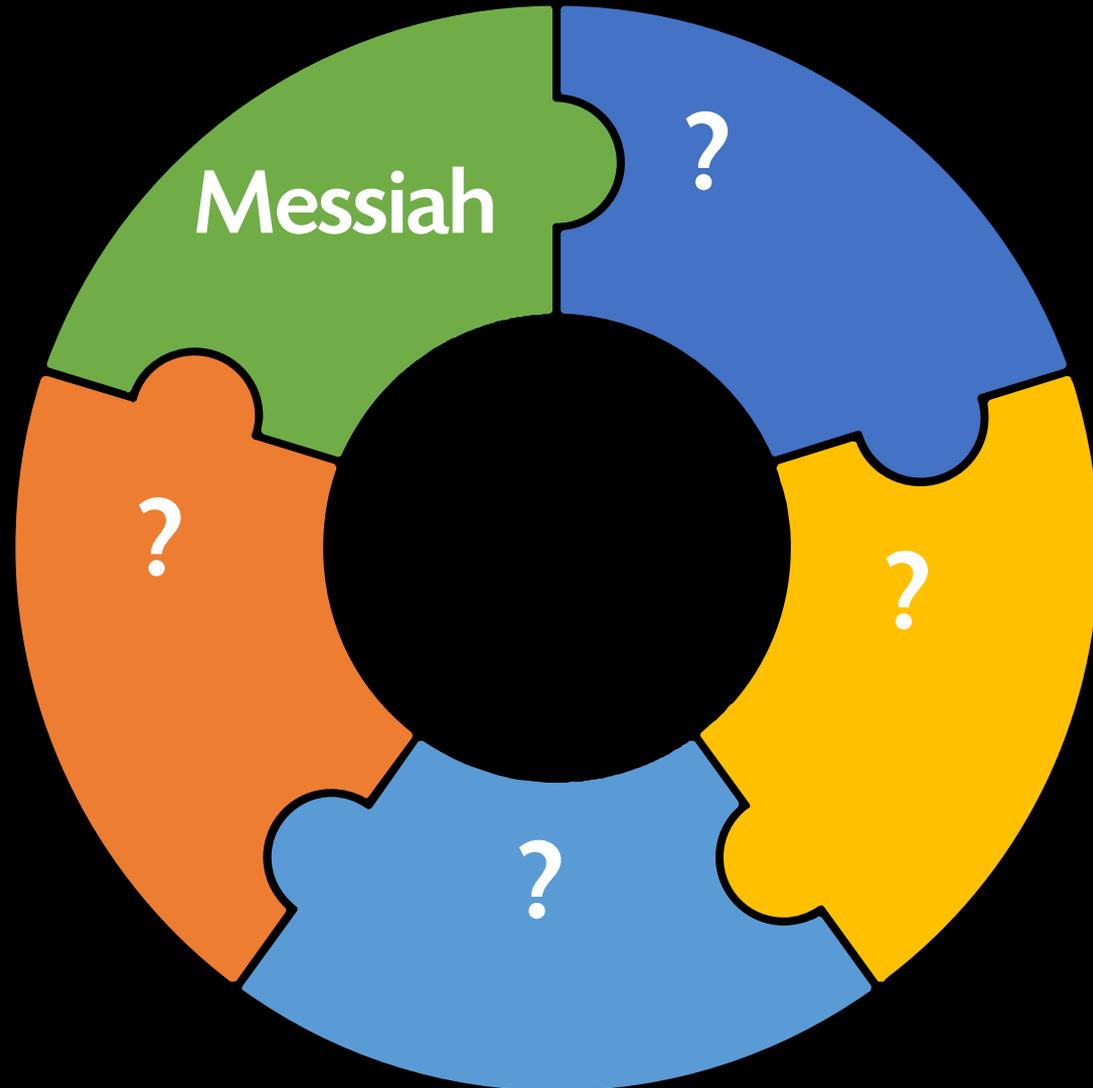


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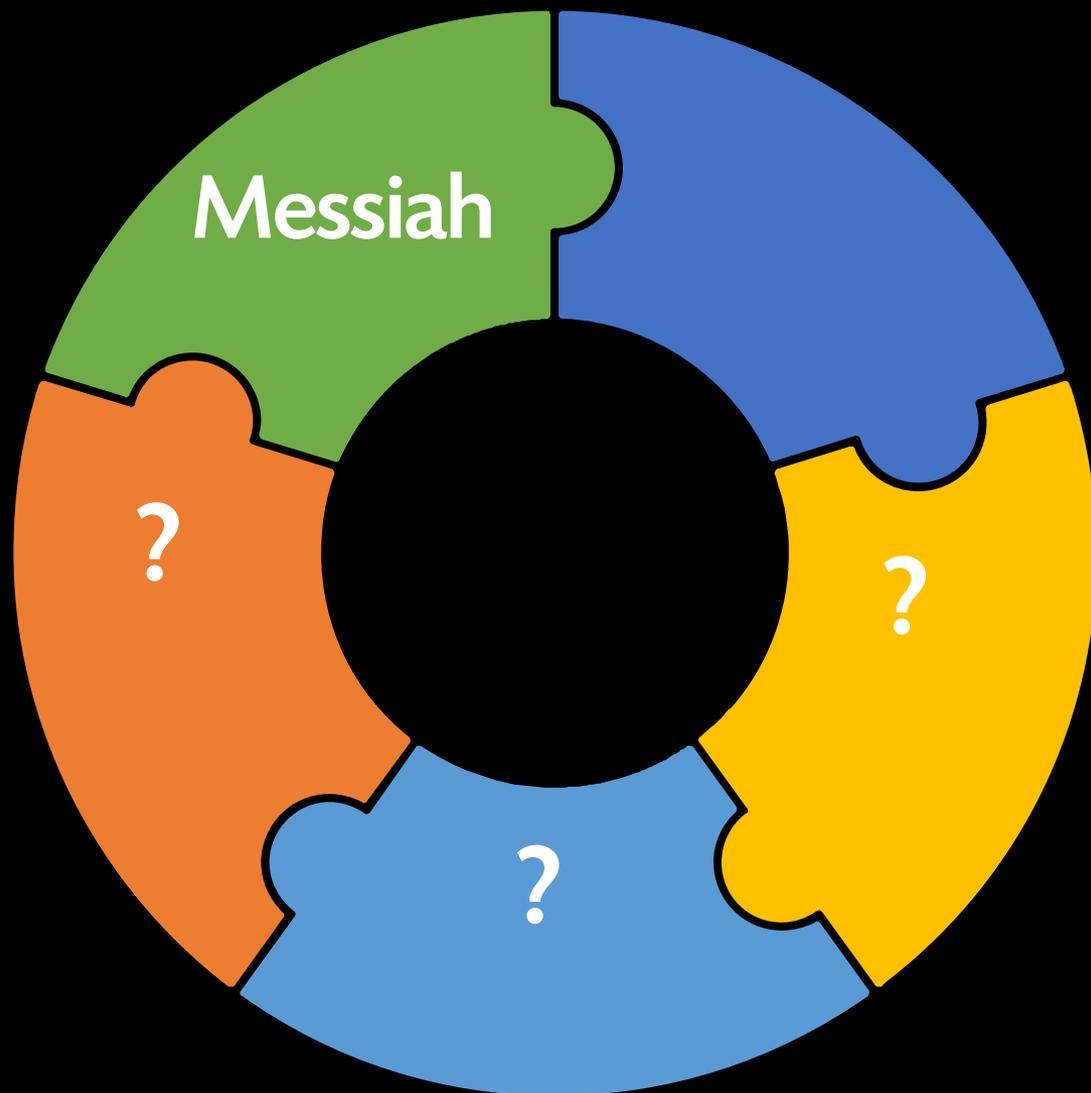
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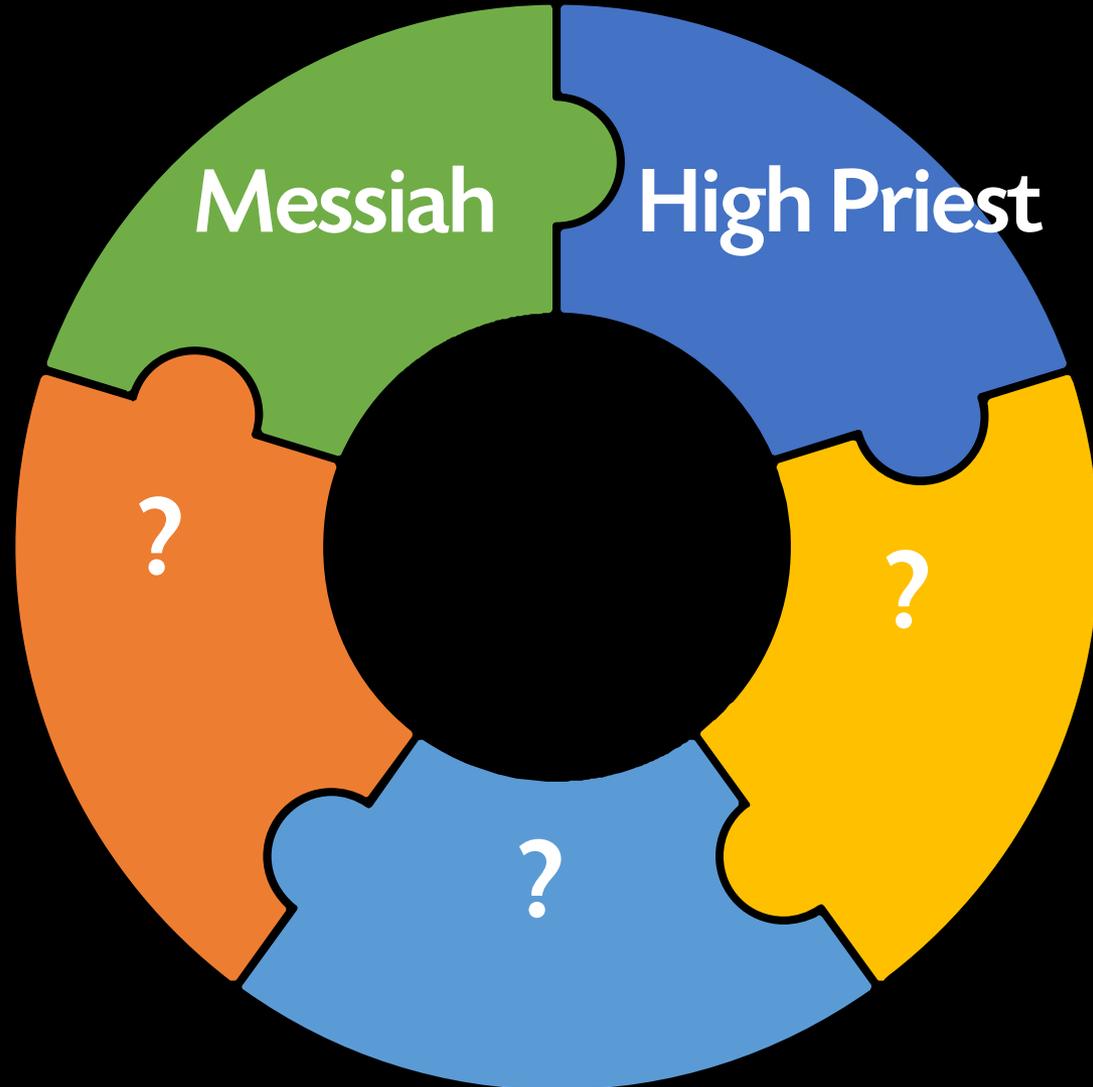
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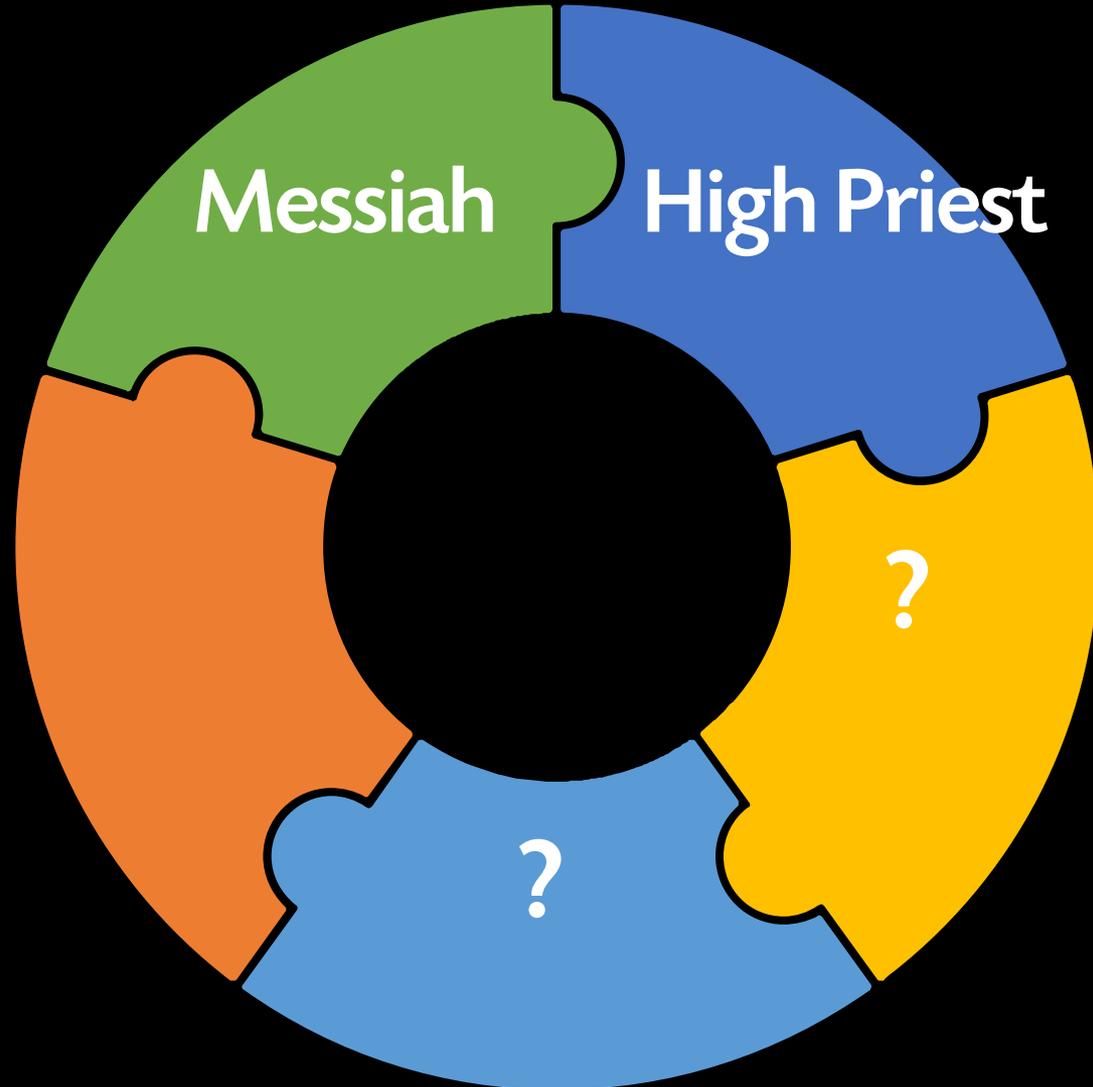
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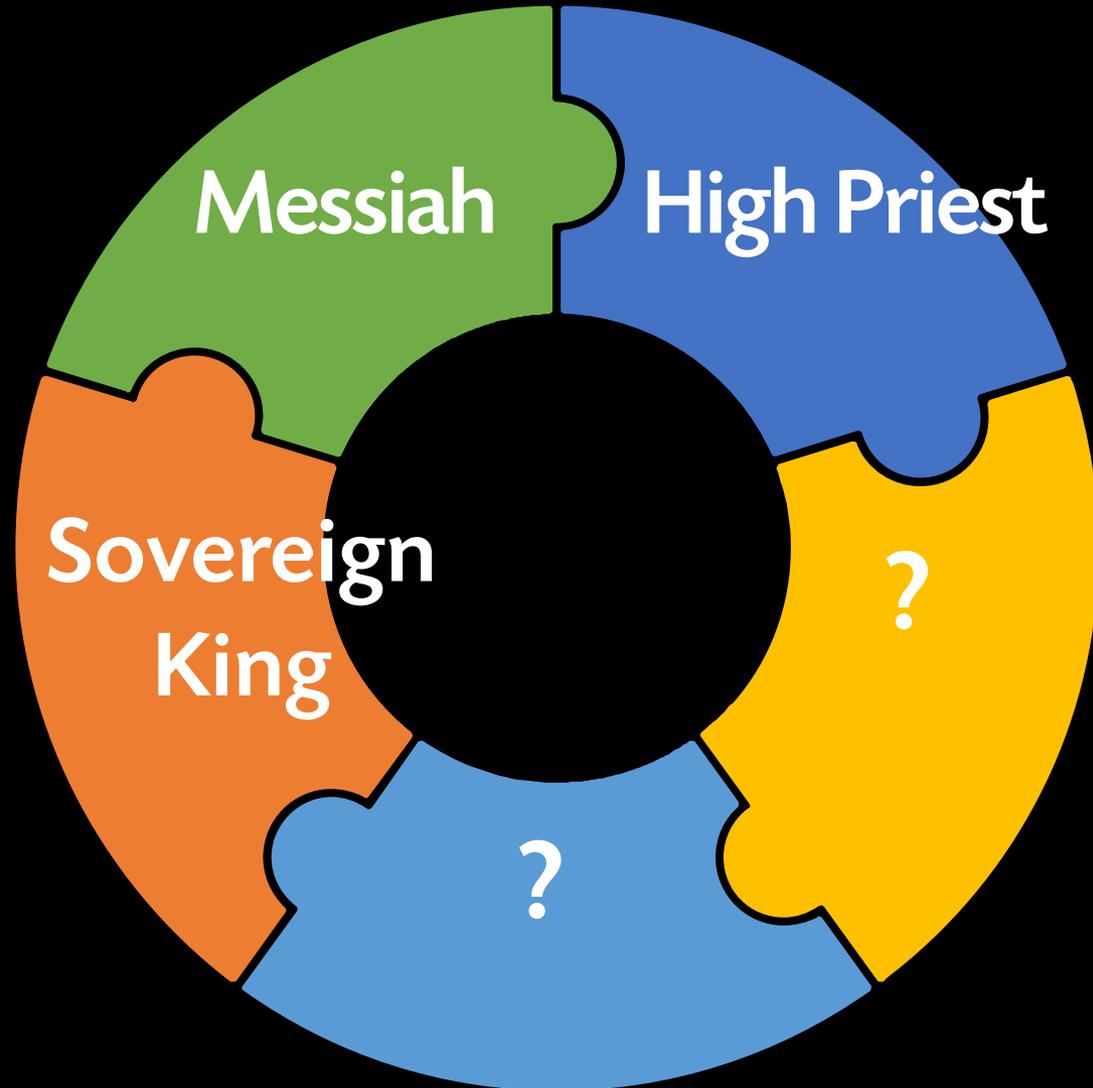
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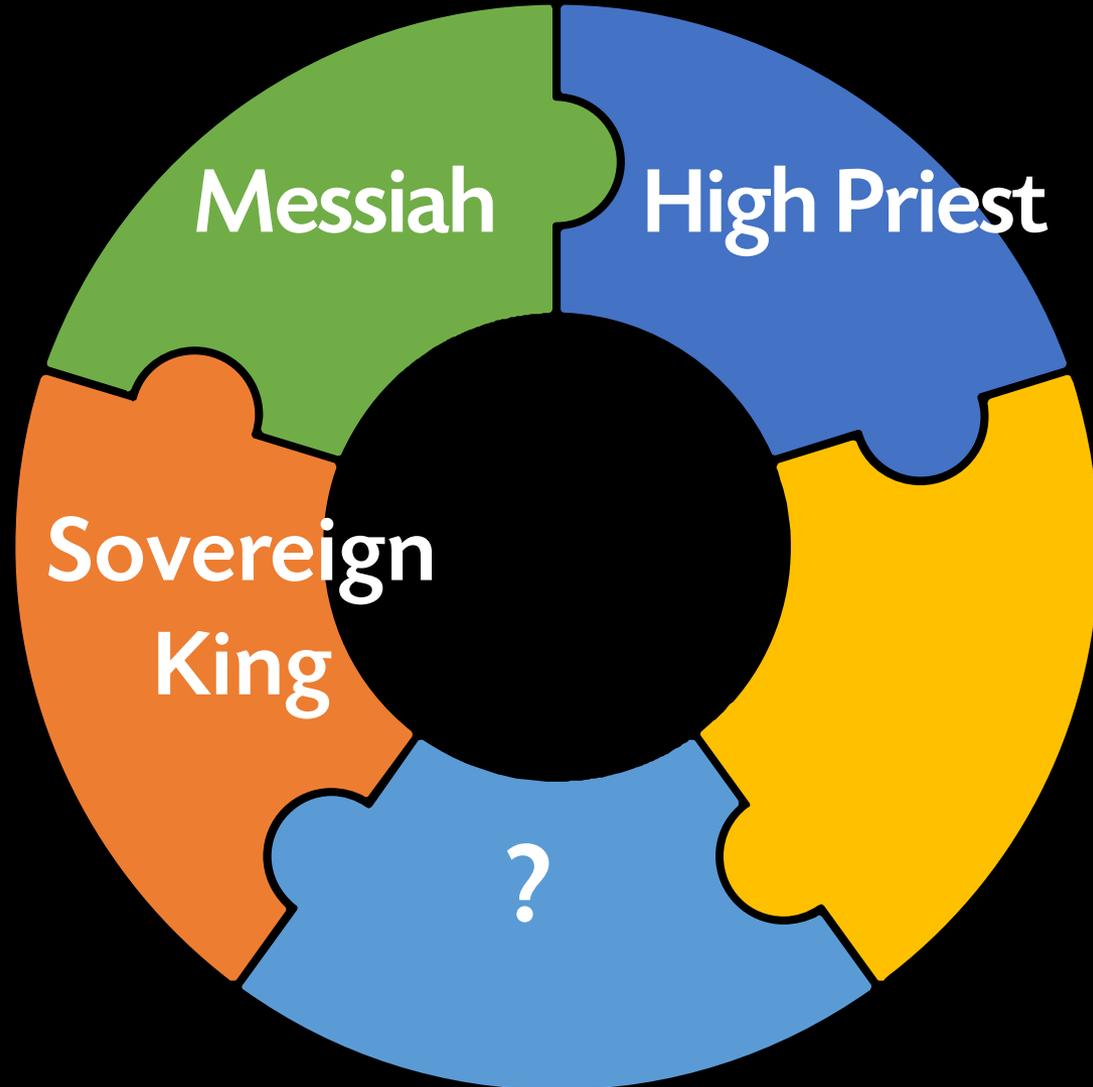
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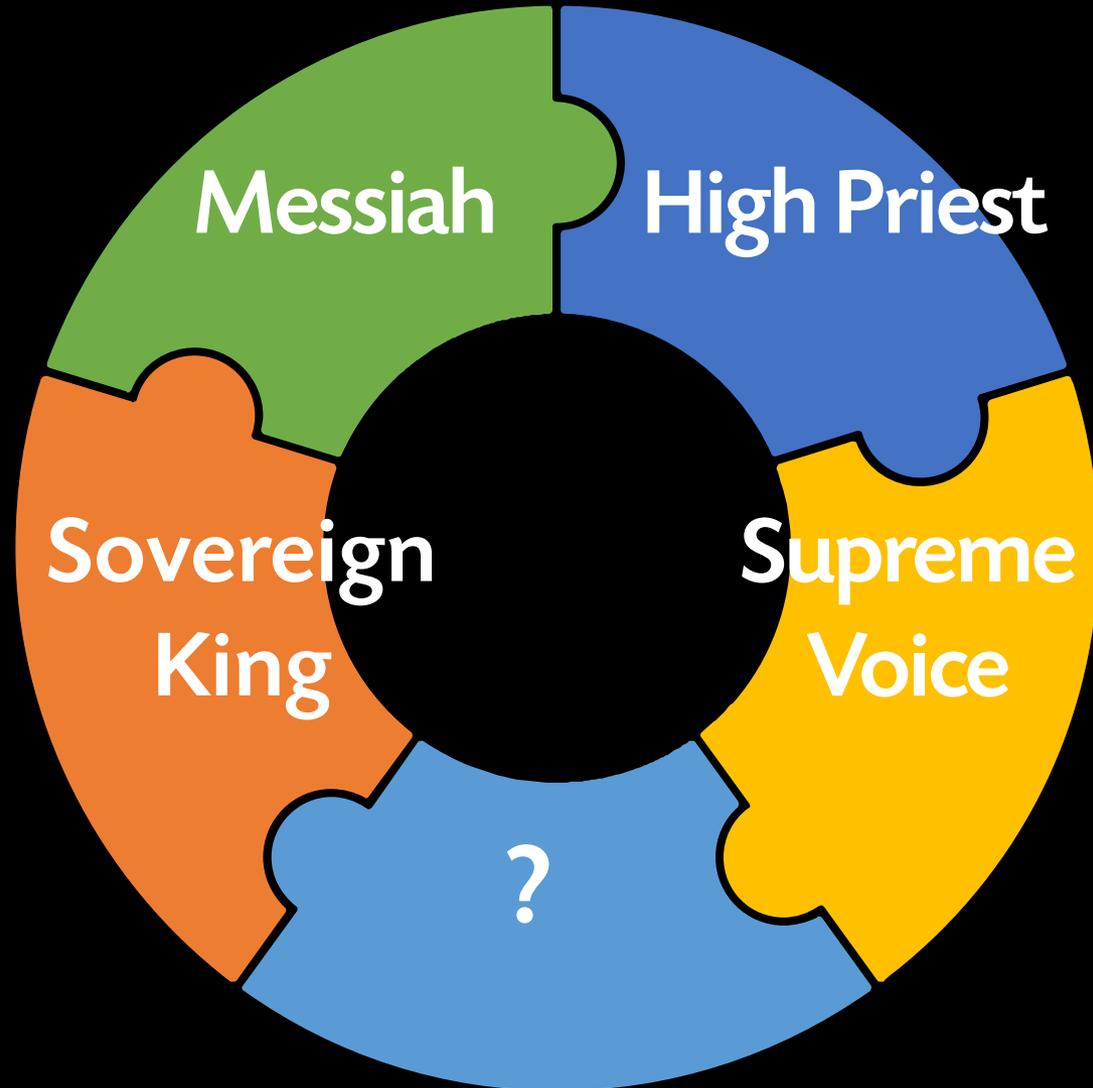
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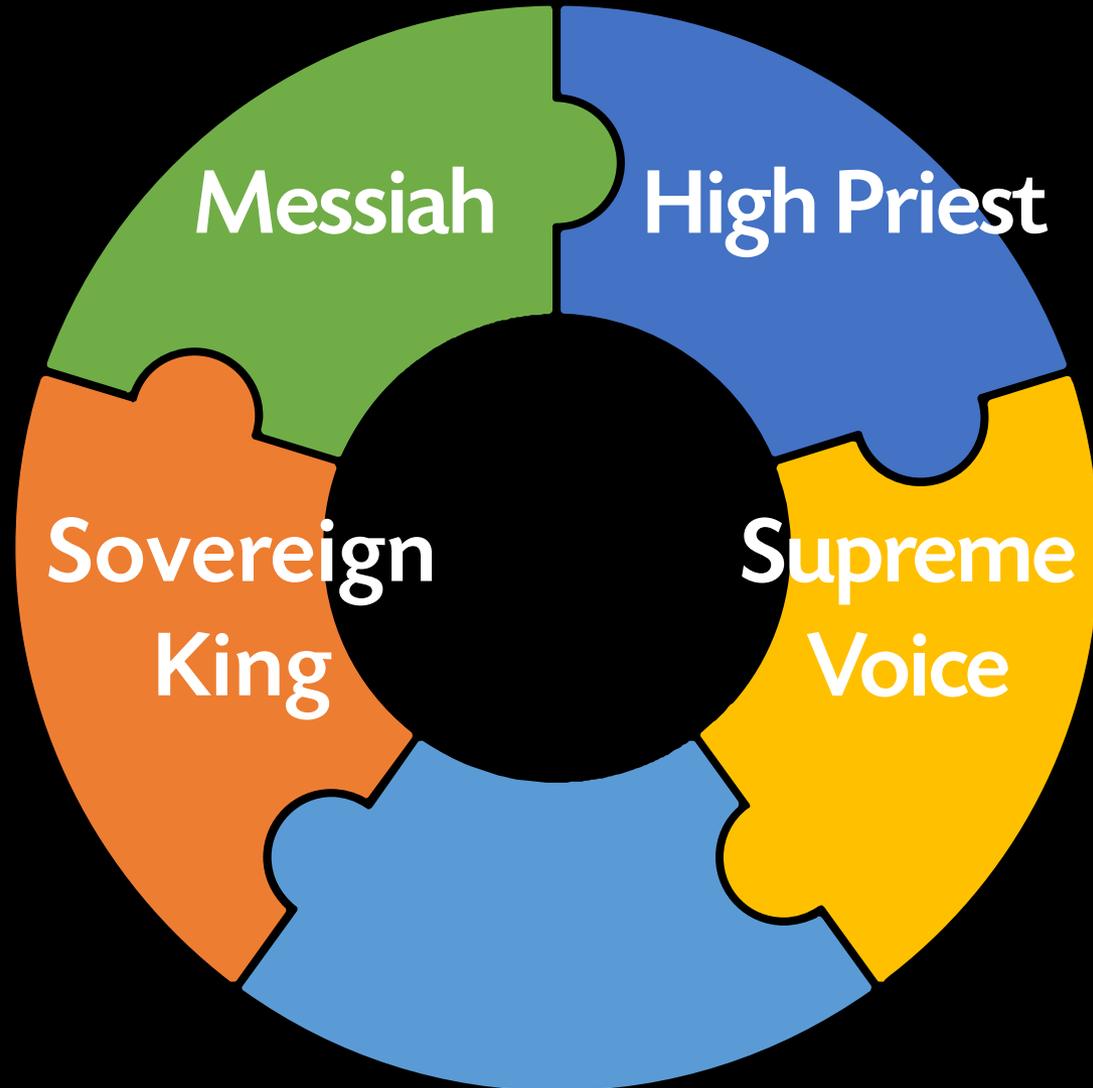


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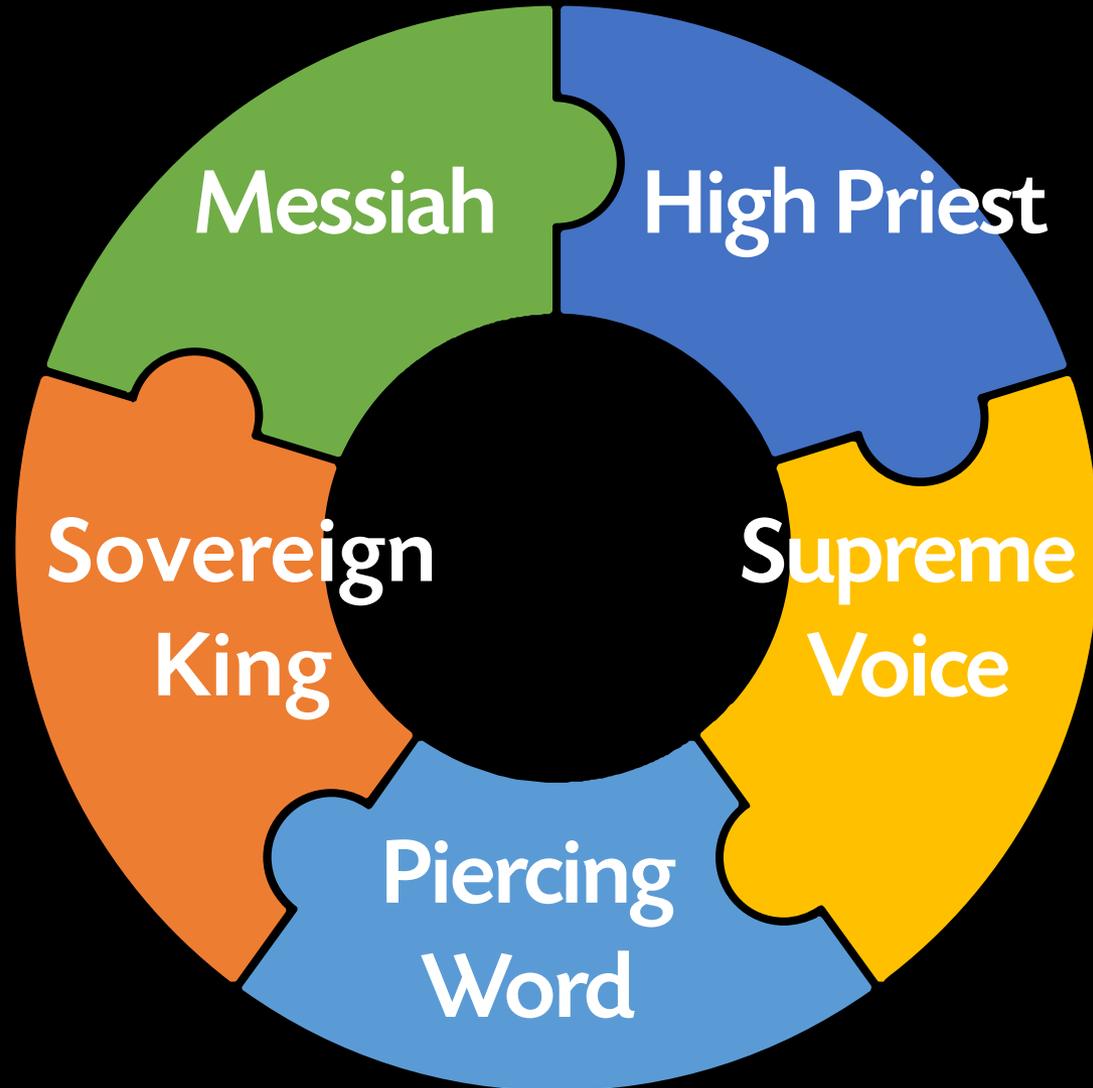


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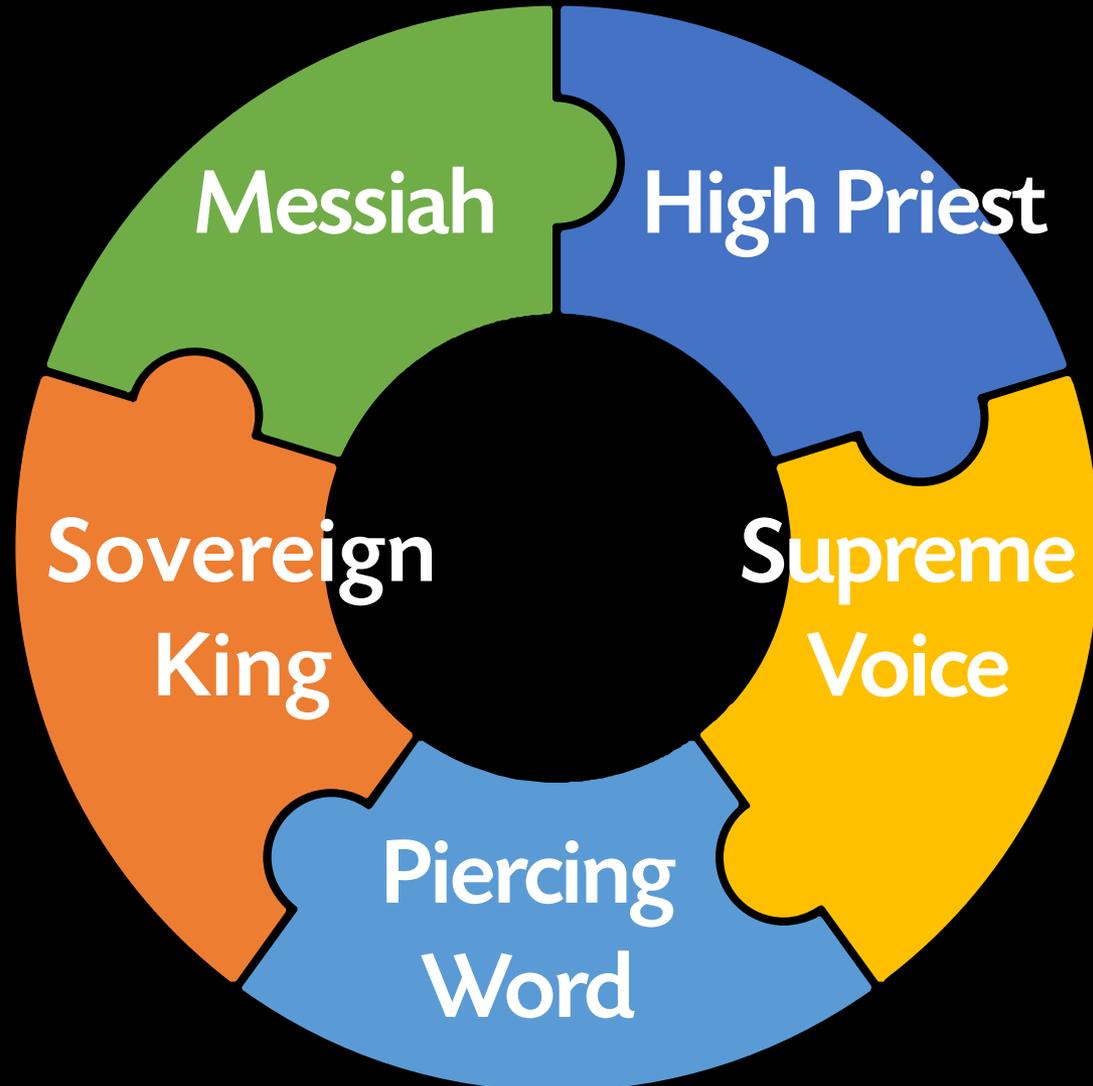
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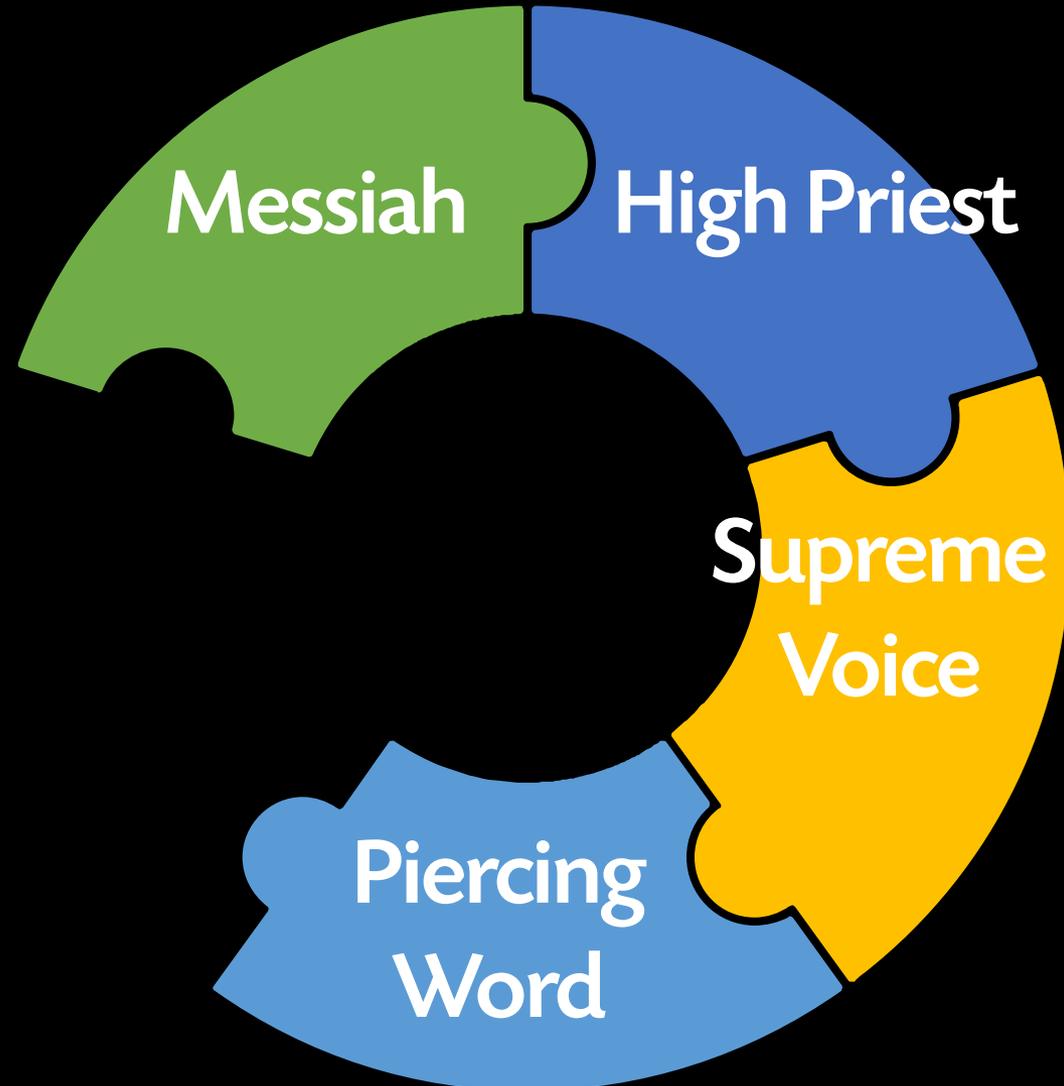
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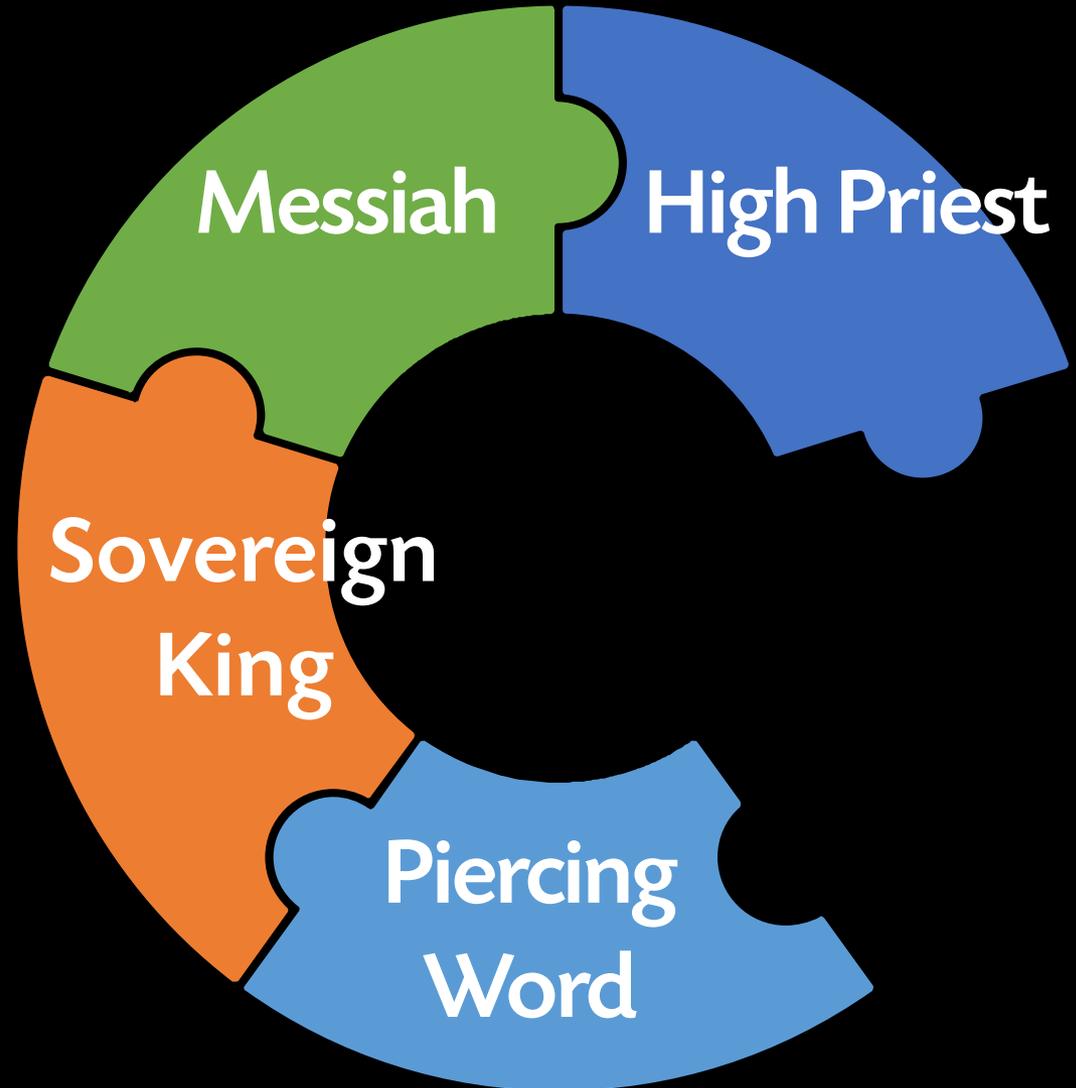
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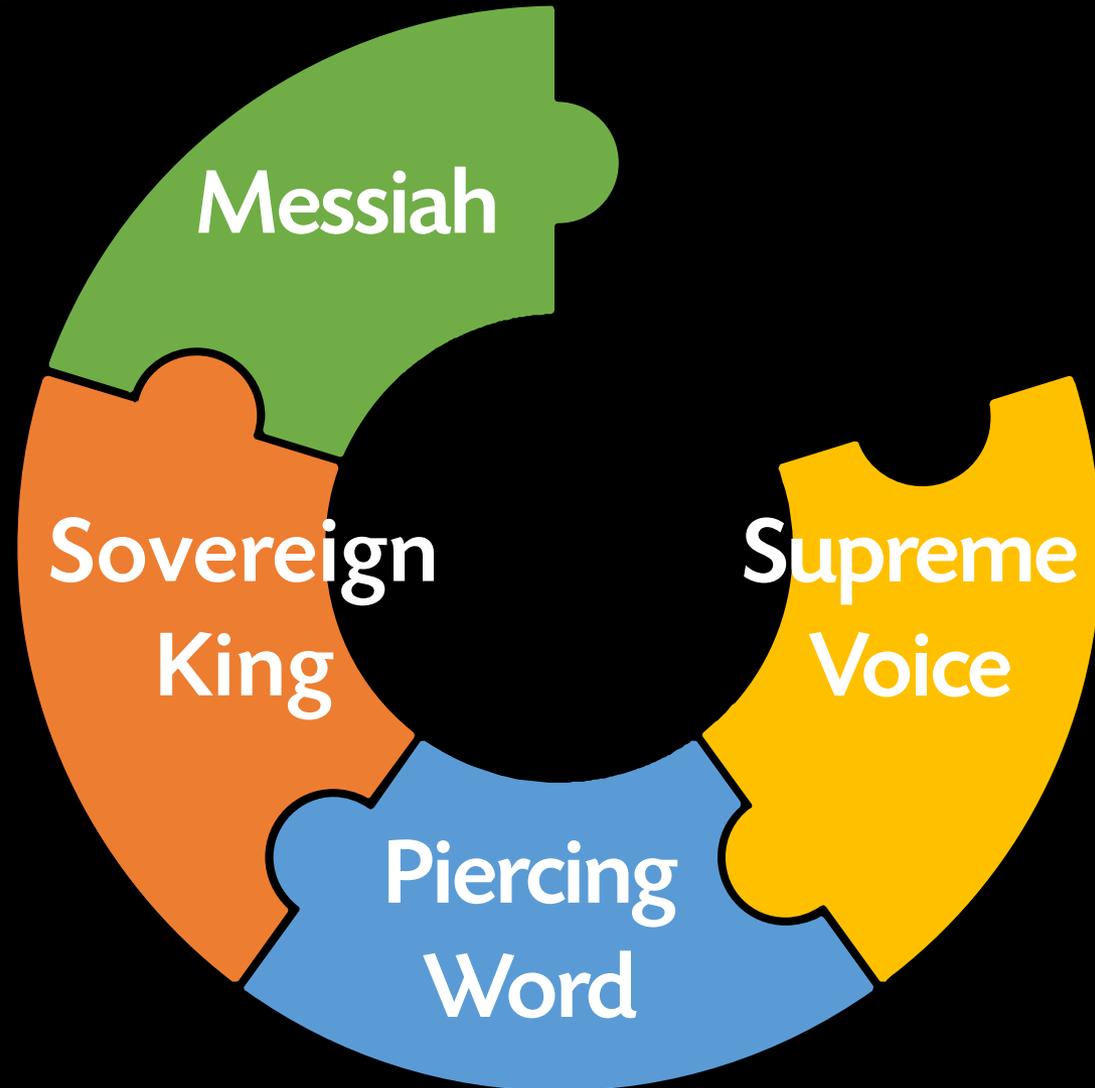
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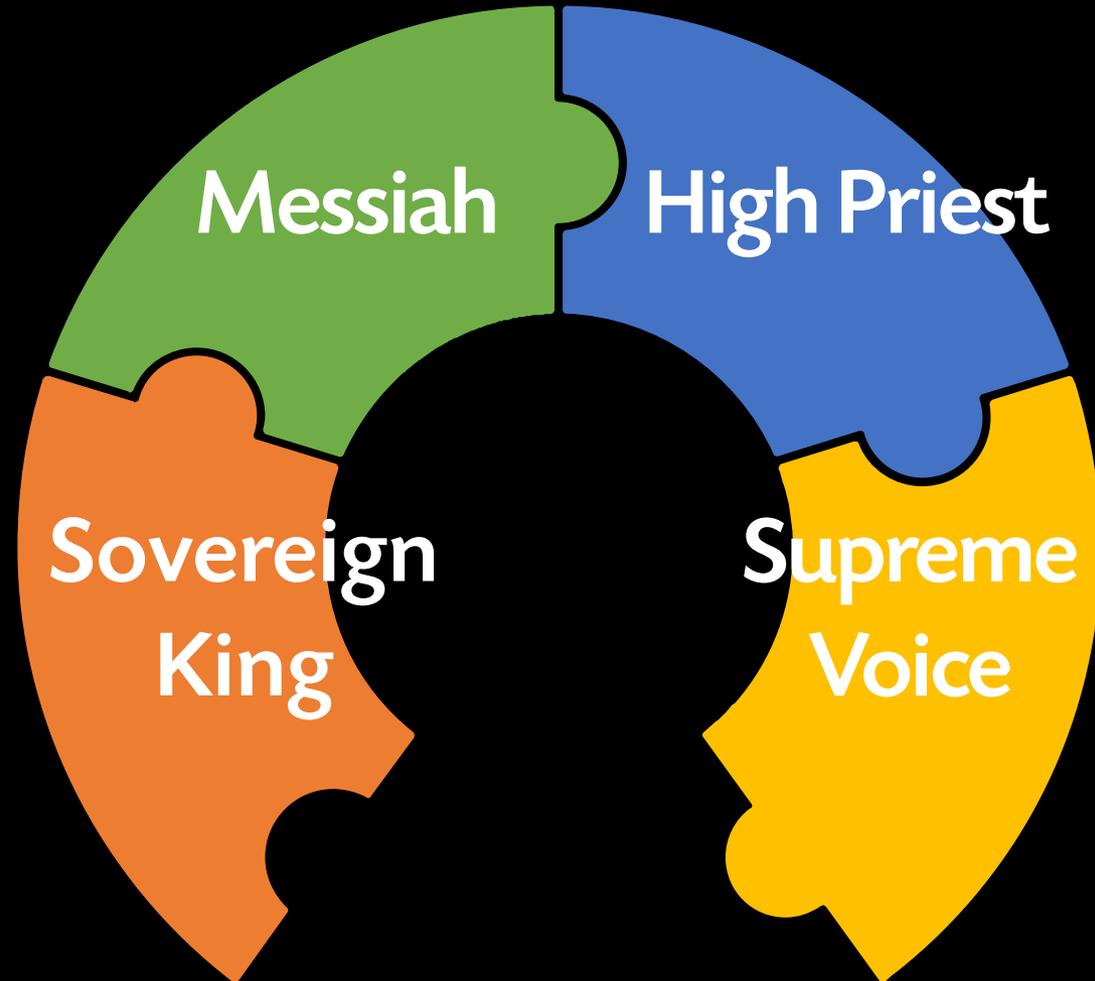
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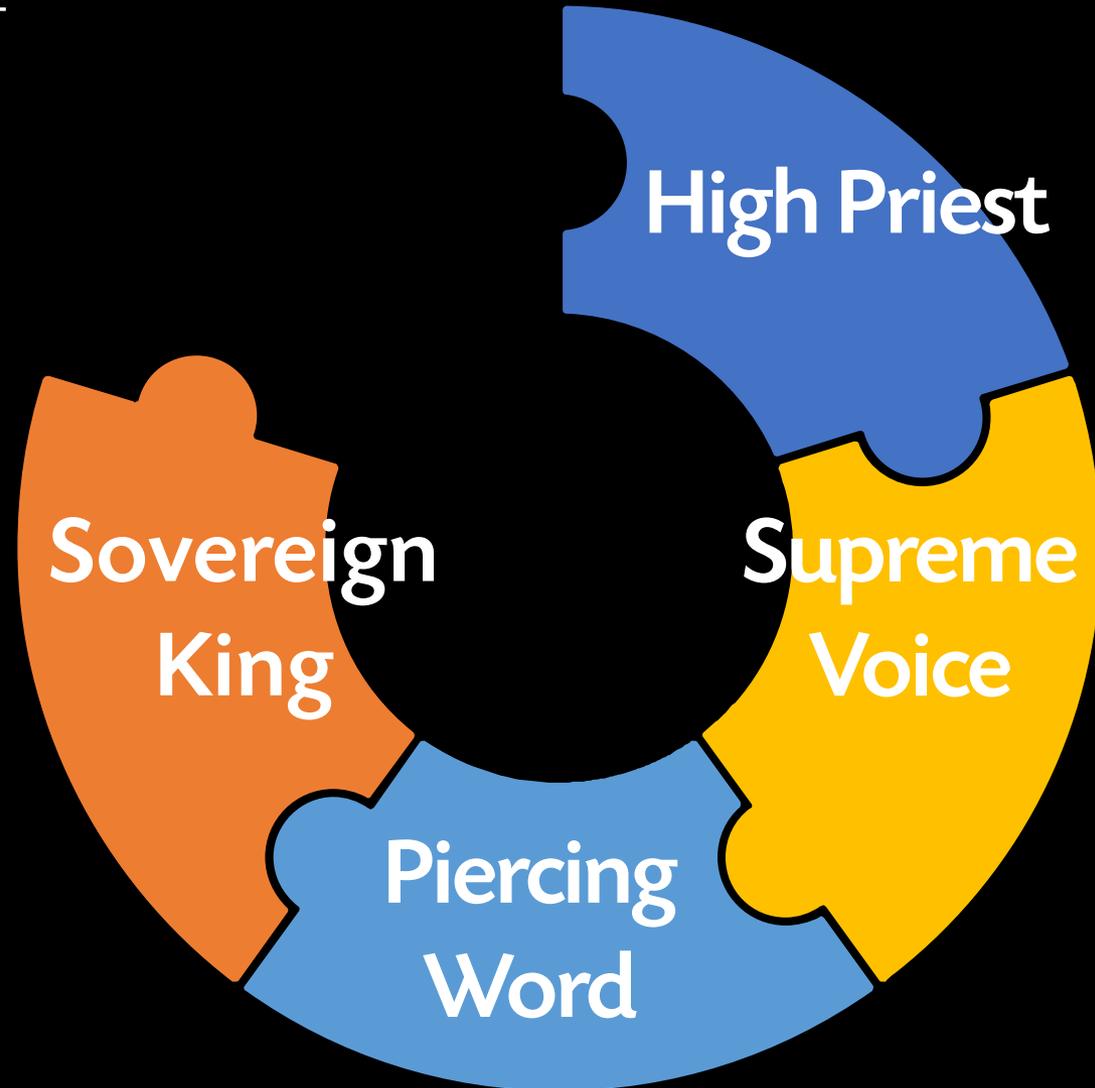
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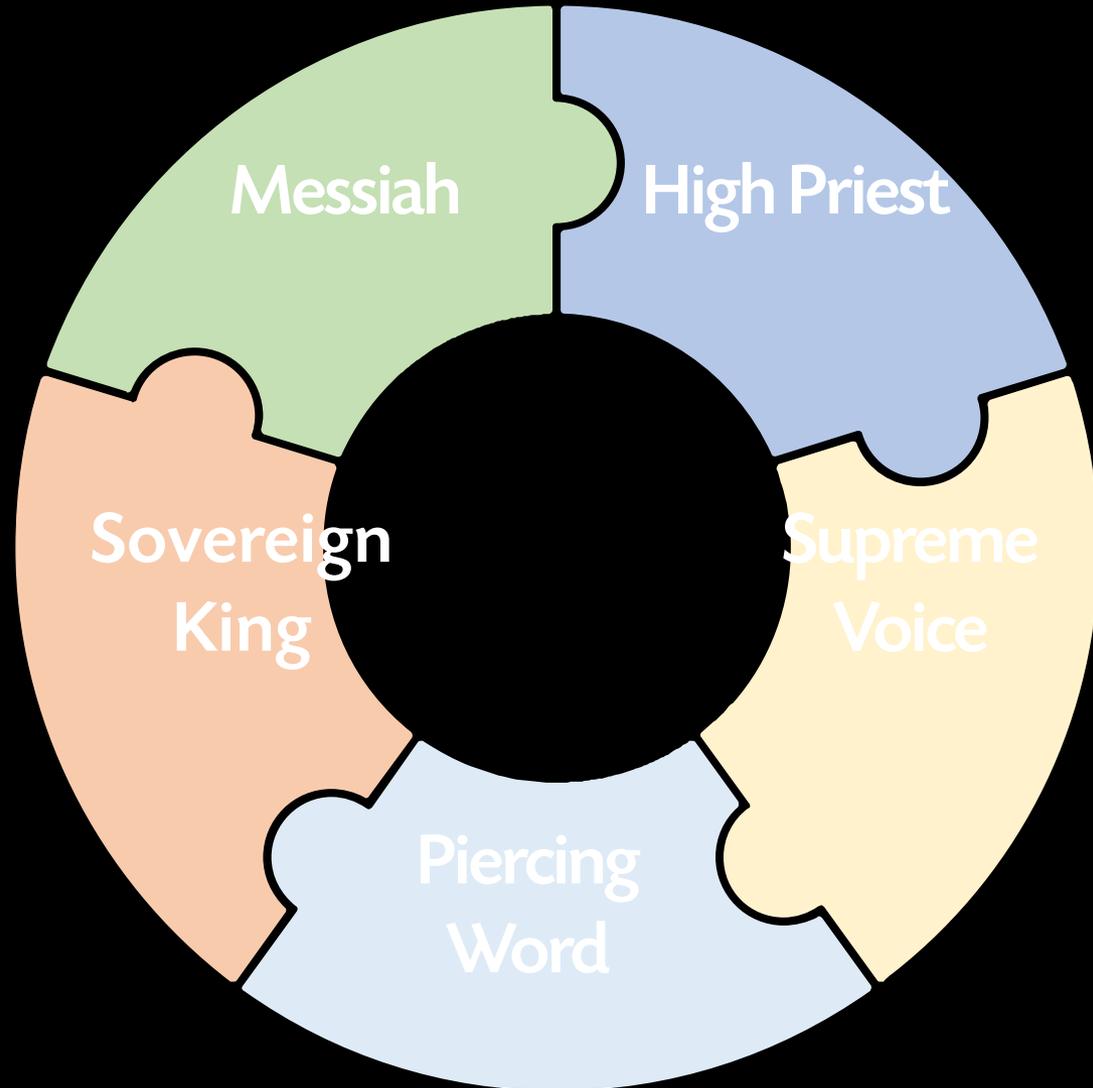
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Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this ...

John receives a commission and begins to write with ...

- A spirit "set free" to worship
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