



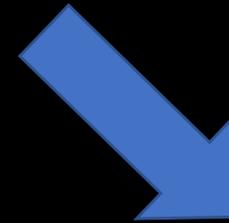
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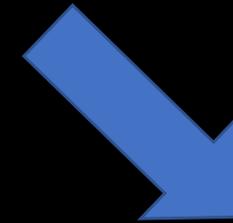
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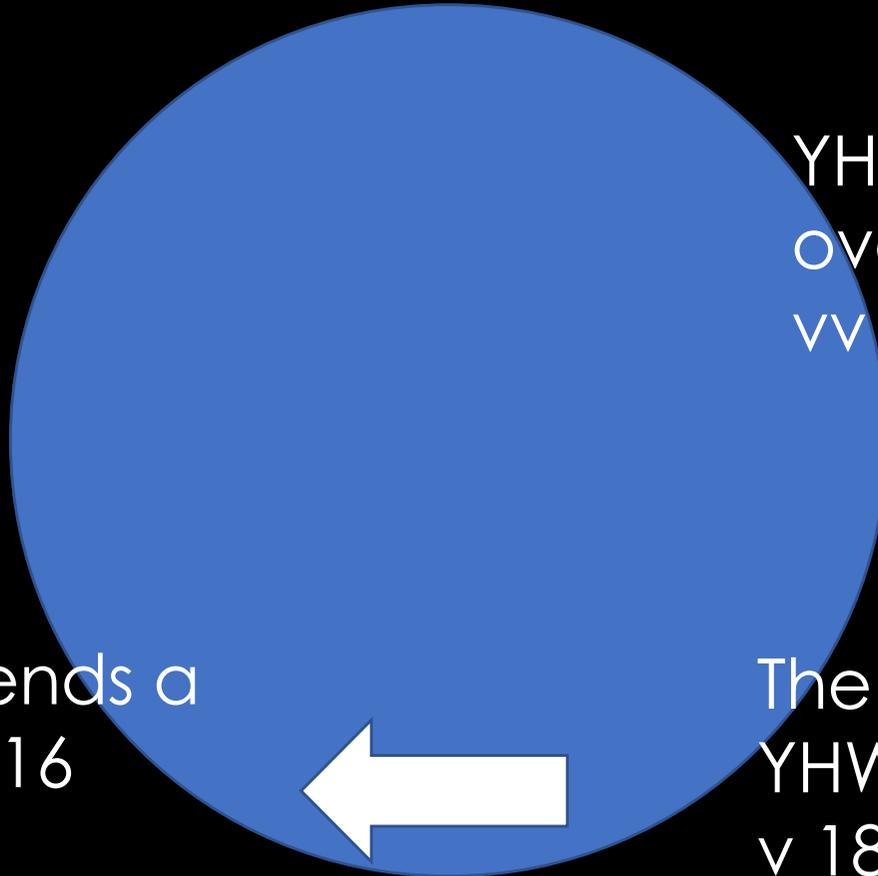
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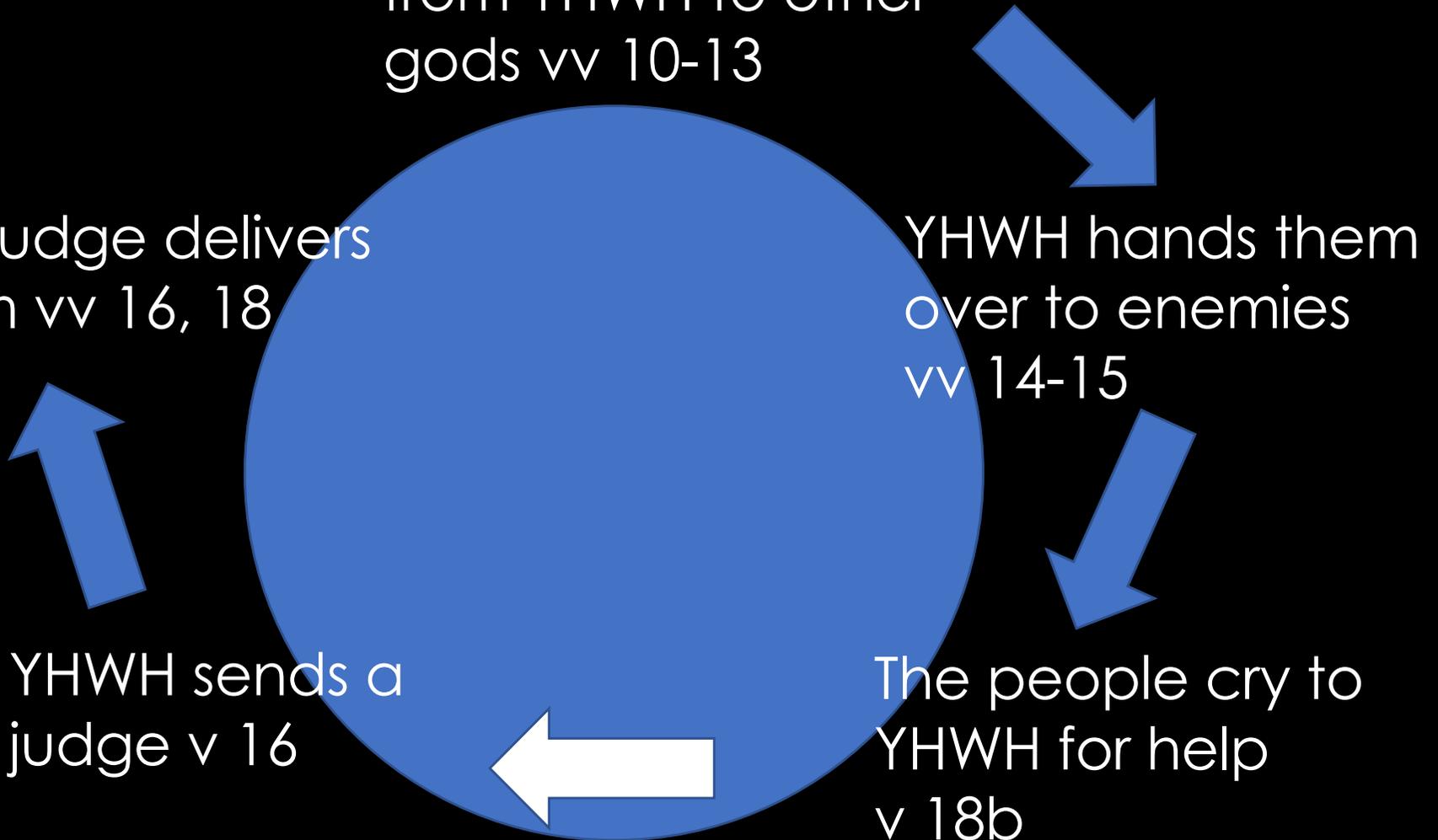
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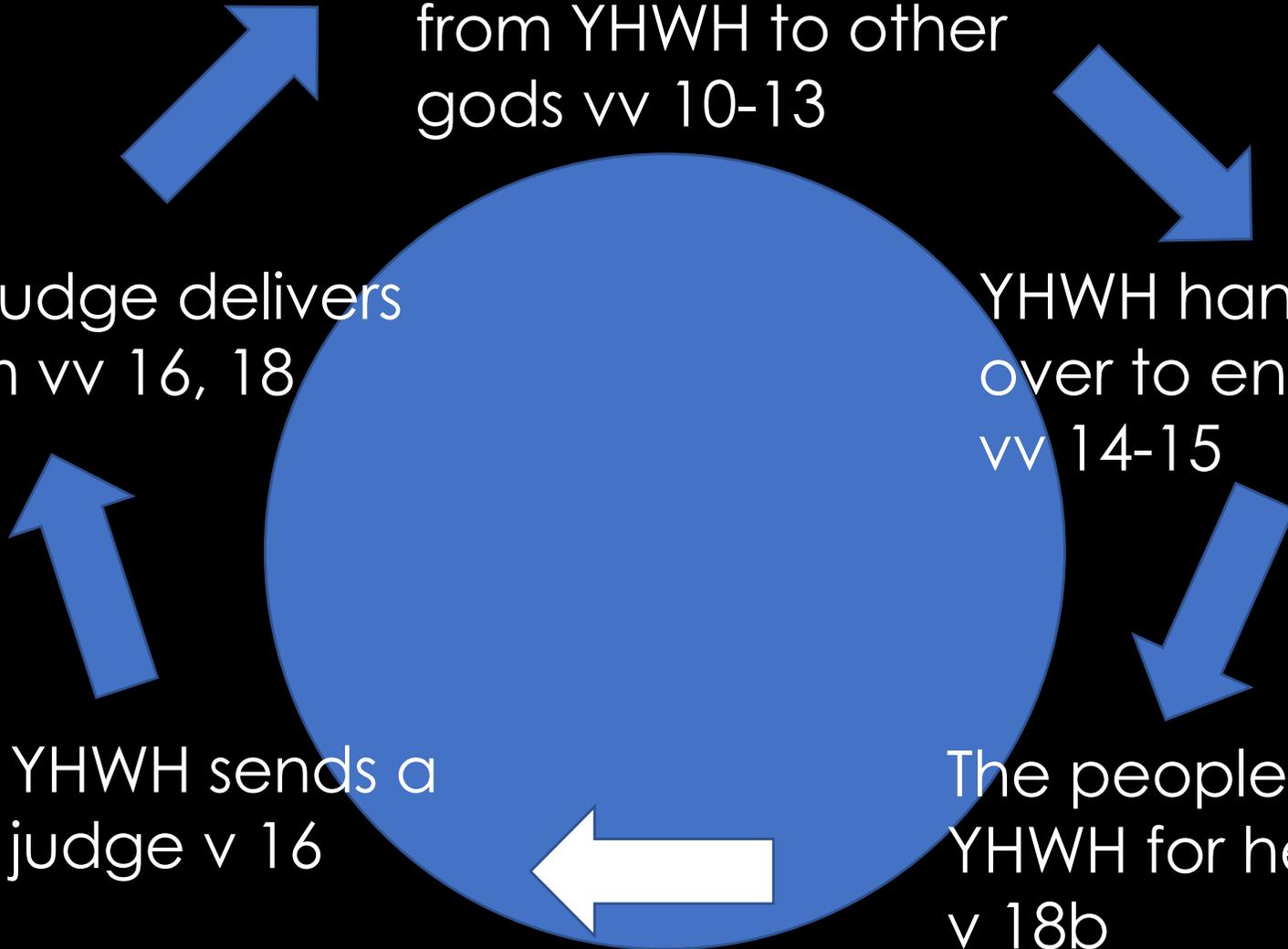
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Judges 4:11

Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses' brother-in-law, and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaananim near Kedesh.

Notice the names...

- Jael = YHWH is God
- Deborah = Bee
- Barak = Lightning
- Jabin comes from 'knowledge'
- Sisera—servant of (the god) Ra (?)

Jael acts like a mother

- covers Sisera with a blanket v 18
- gives Sisera yoghurt v 19 (5:25)
- is asked to lie for Sisera v 20

God works through Jael's violence

- Deborah's prophecy 4:9
- YHWH acts through Barak
4:14-15
- God subdues Jabin and his army
4:23

God works through Jael's violence

- 'So may all your enemies perish,
LORD! But may all who love you
be like the sun when it rises in its
strength.' 5:31

God works through Jael's violence

- God engages with the world...
 - ...as it is
 - ...for judgement

Judges 5:28-20

Through the window peered Sisera's mother; behind the lattice she cried out, 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why is the clatter of his chariots delayed?' 29 The wisest of her ladies answer her; indeed, she keeps saying to herself, 30 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoils: **a woman or two for each man**, colourful garments as plunder for Sisera, colourful garments embroidered, highly embroidered garments for my neck—all this as plunder?'

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. **That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.**

Luke 10:13-15

'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgement than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.'

God works through Jael's violence

- God engages with the world...
 - ...as it is
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 - ...for redemption

God works through Jael

- probably not an Israelite
- perhaps associated with other gods
- not apparently significant
- Jael as a basis for our praying for change