

SJSM Vision Weekend 2024



After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

– Gen 15:1

God said earlier in Genesis 12:2, that his descendants will be so numerous! Abraham will become a great nation. His name will be great.

And in Genesis 13:14, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land which you see I will give to you and to your descendants forever.”





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He took him outside and said, “**Look up at the sky and count the stars—** if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” – Gen 15:5



The October 1995
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magazine with
SJSM's vision on
the cover.

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Seeking | Caring | Serving | Witnessing

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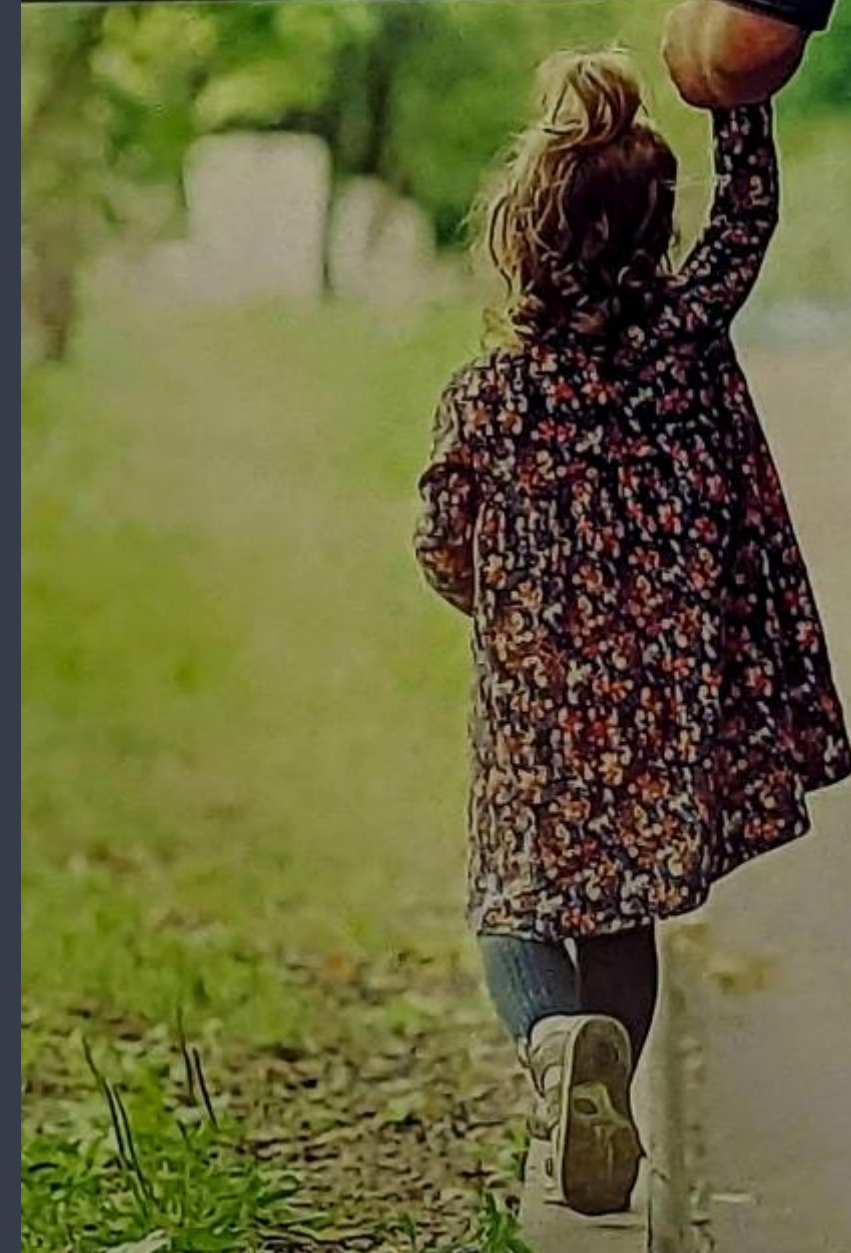
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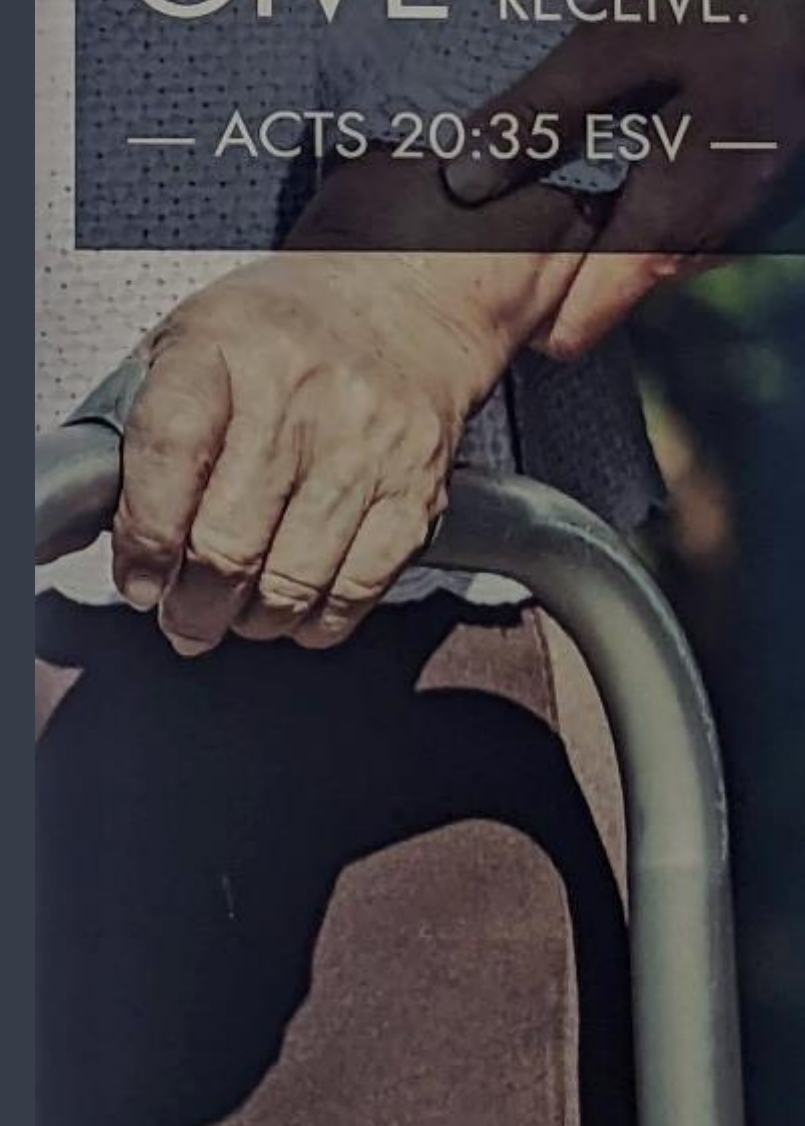
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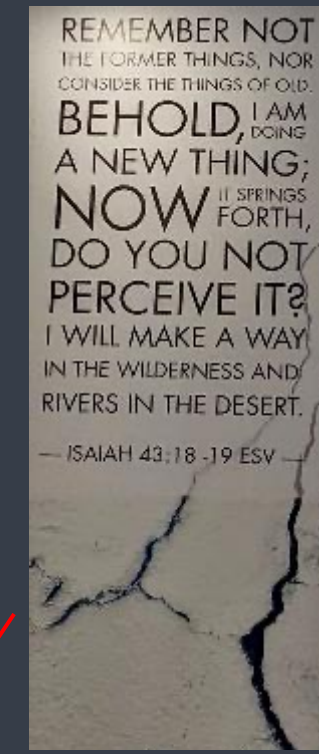
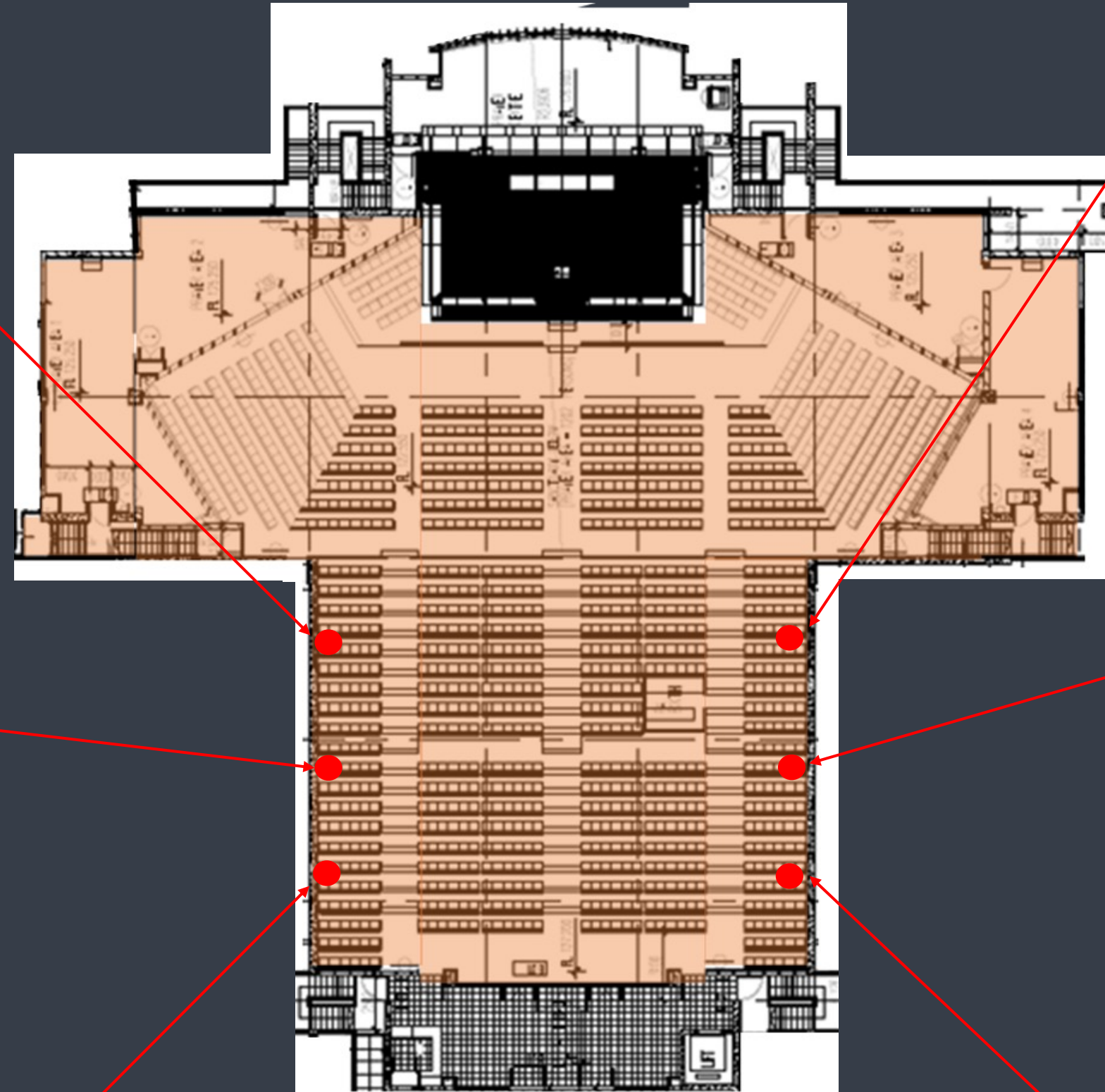
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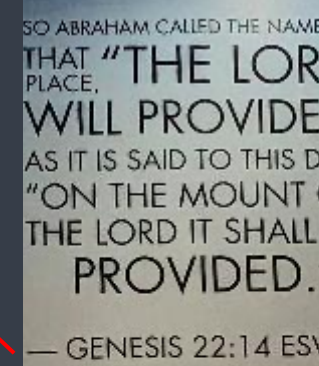
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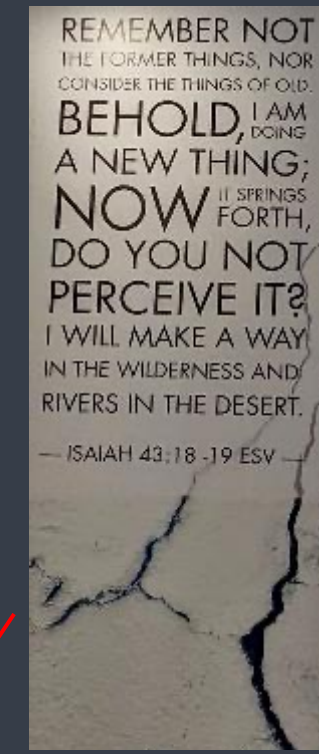
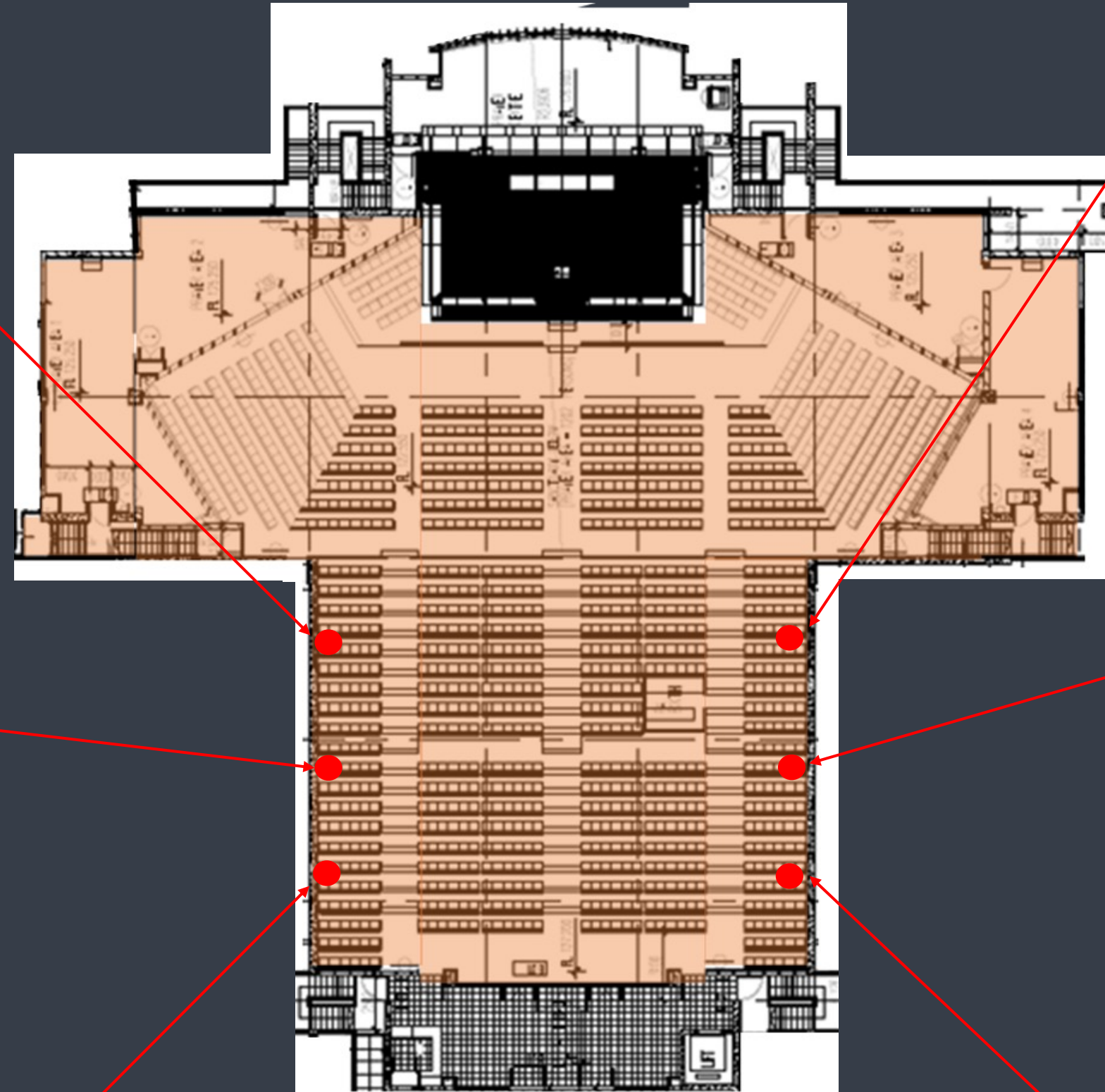
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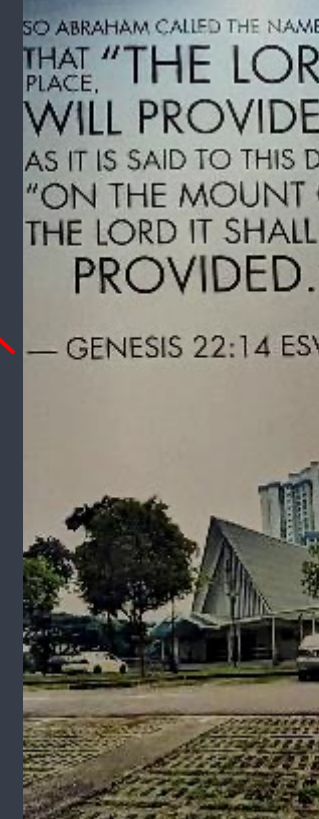
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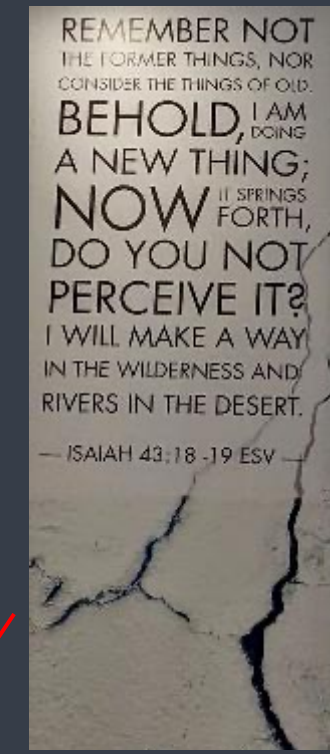
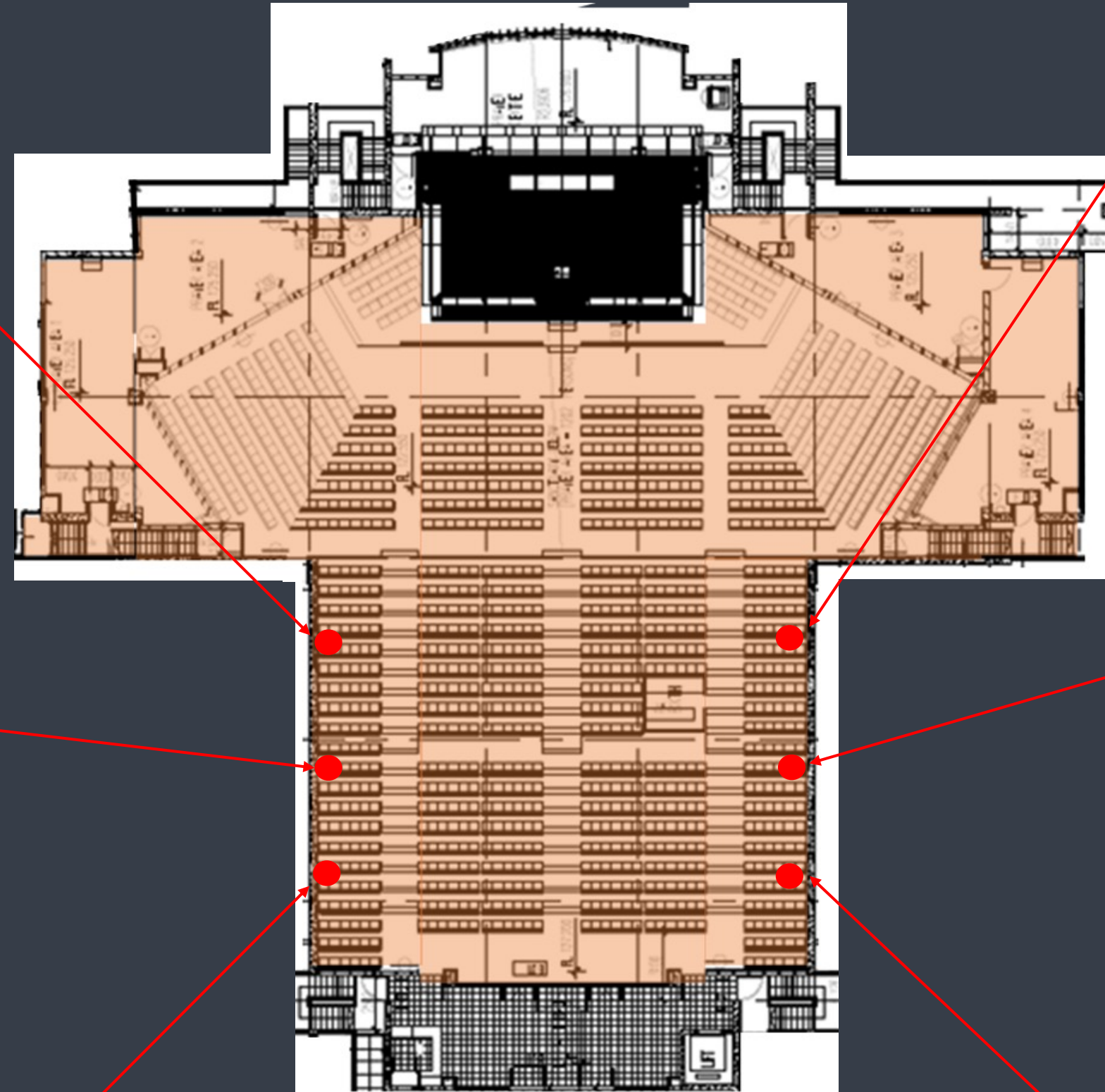
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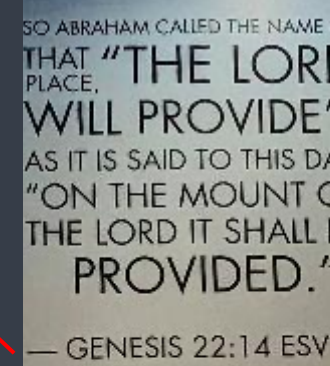
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When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall do him no wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; **for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.** - Lev 19:33-34

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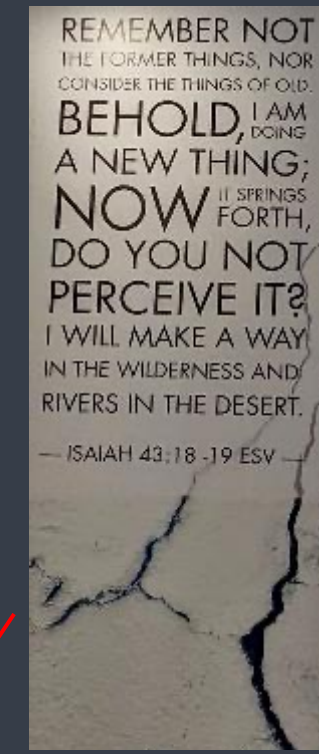
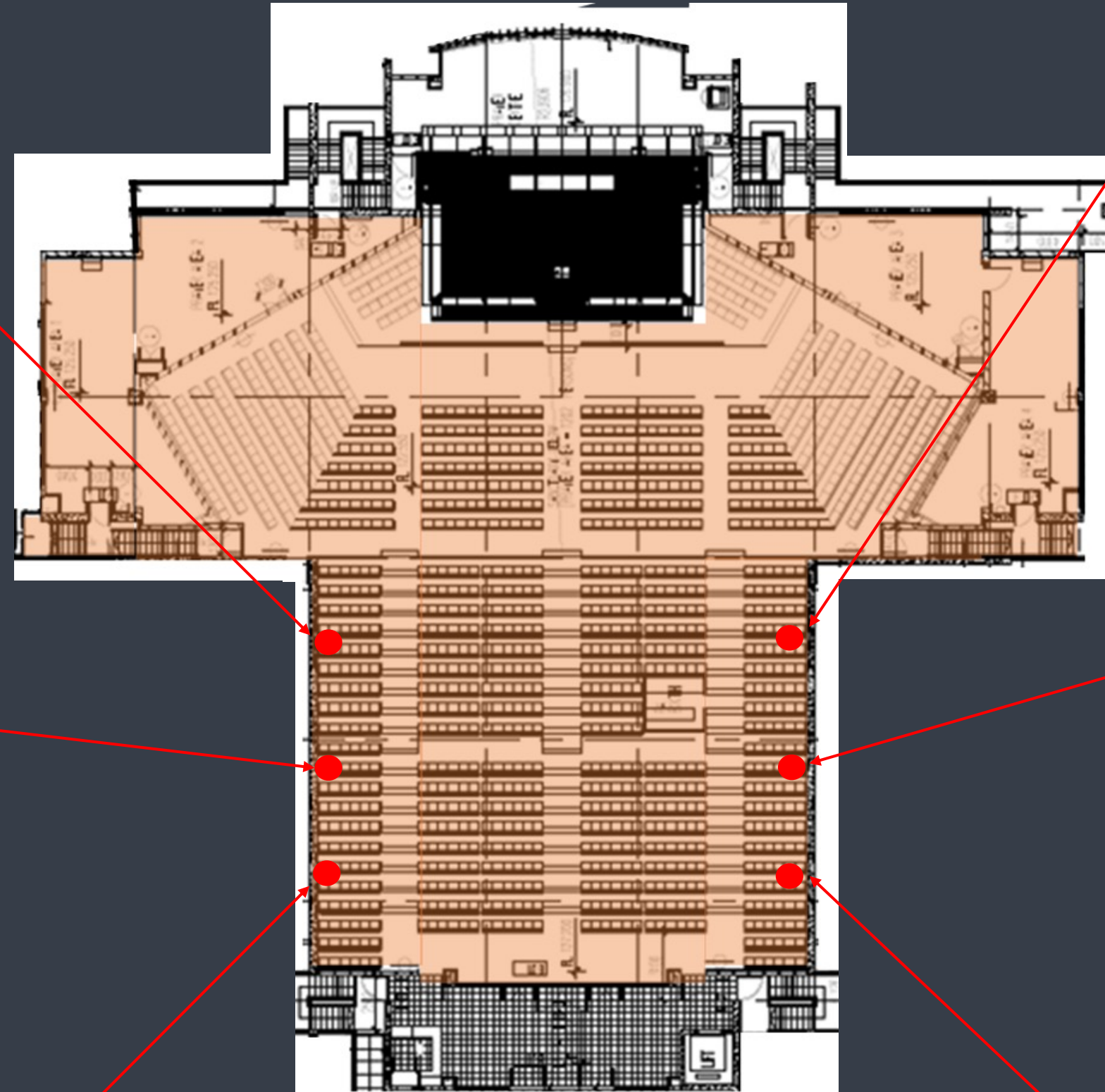
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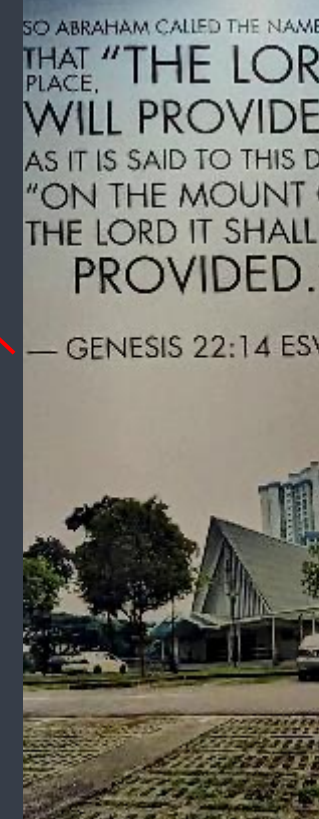
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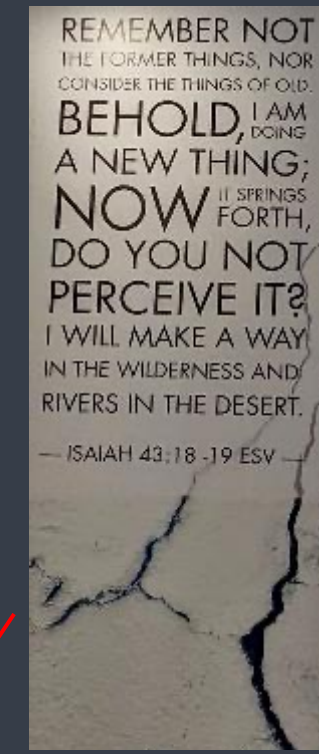
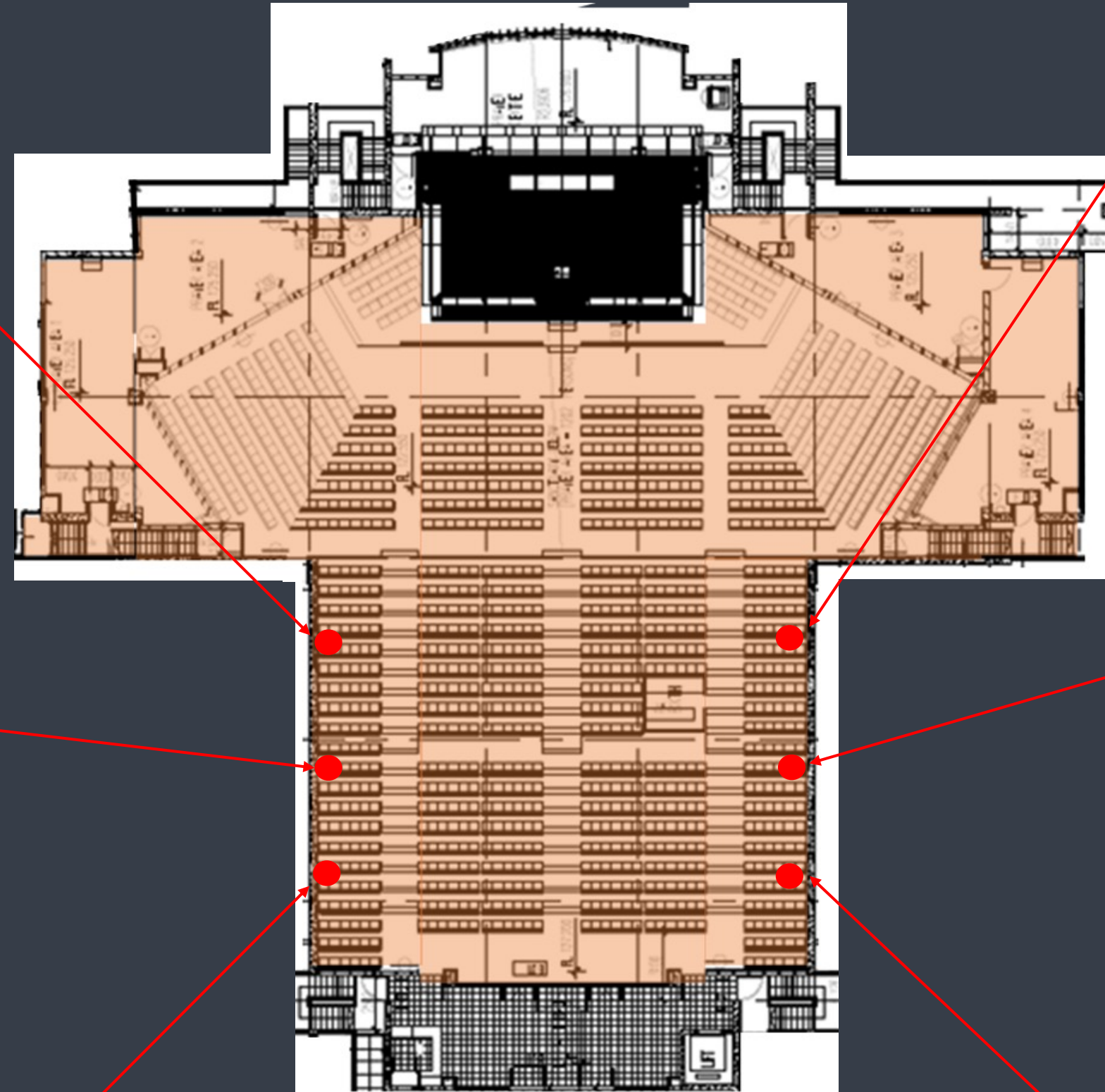
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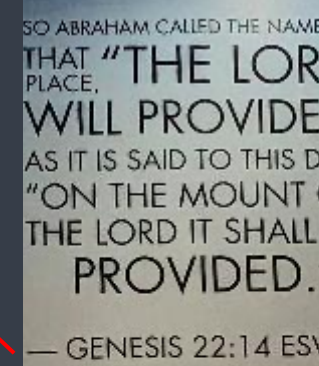
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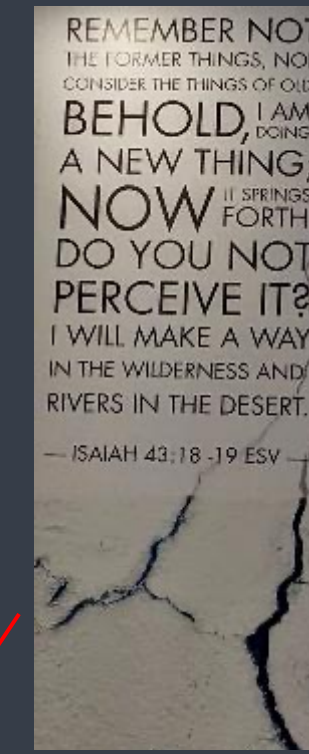
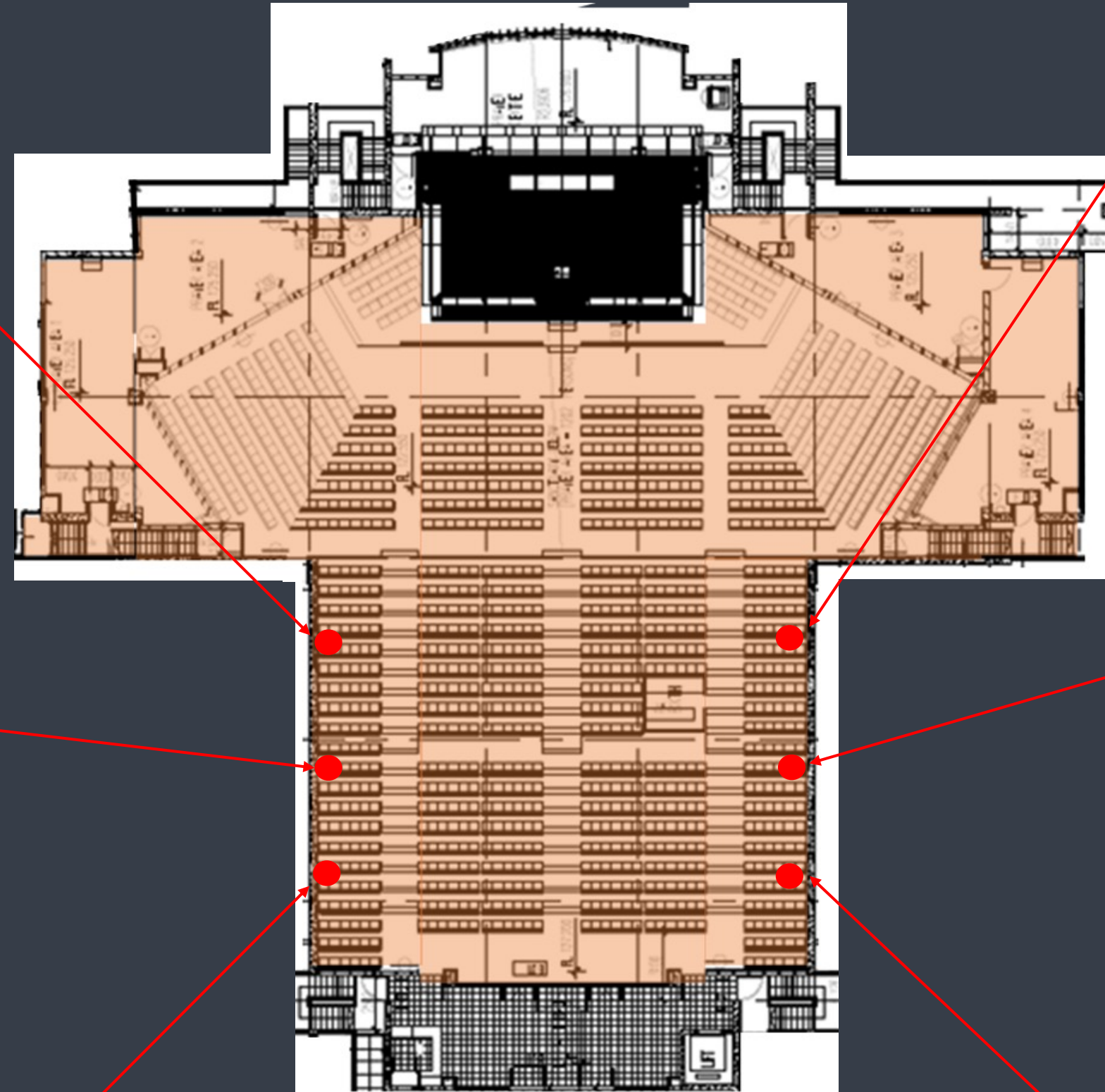
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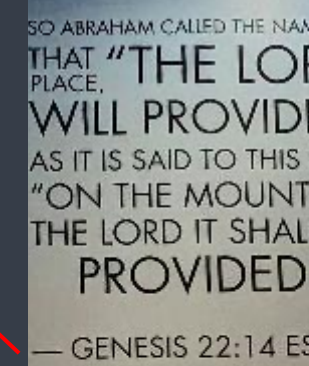
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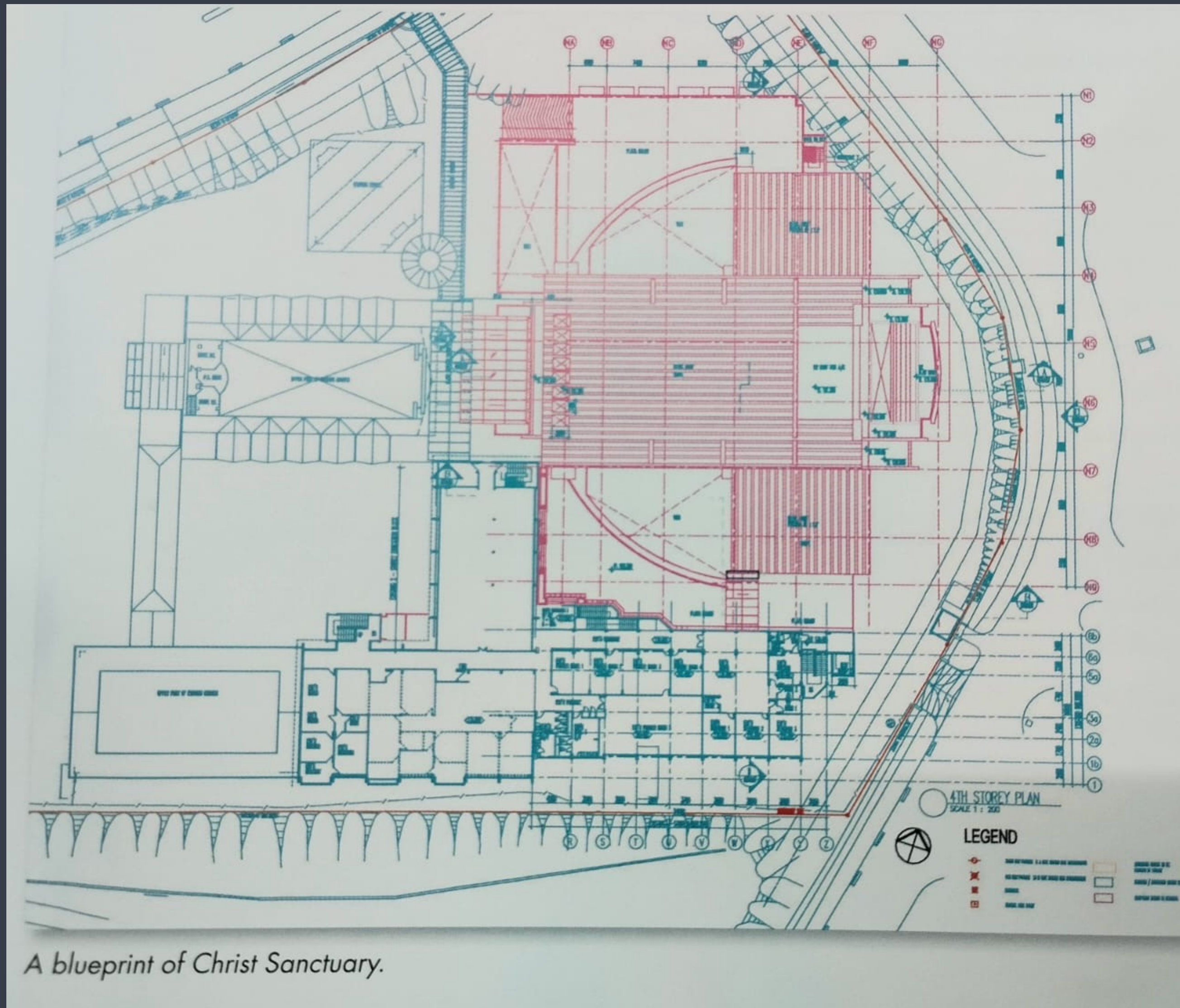


THE LORD'S WORD FOR SJSM

The Lord gave Bro Ken Newton a vision of a city with many streets and on the main road are long buses which are not easily manoeuvred. These buses though not filled with people, do not stop at the bus-stops because the drivers are more concerned with observing their schedules rather than think of the people waiting there. Hence these people are left behind and ignored. Bro Ken saw also many people living in houses along winding side-streets far off from the main roads. Because of the long walk to the main road they do not think of going on one of these buses.

(d) That He will give us spiritual eyesight and discernment to recognise people in need and with hurts and God would touch these with the gospel of Christ, that people tucked away in 'cul-de-sacs' will be found and saved to the Lord.

(e) That God's plan for SJSM is to be a truly caring and compassionate people for Him and this will mark us off as the church that the Lord intends.



A blueprint of Christ Sanctuary.

“ The building was a major issue for the AGM and I was not having a sense of settledness. I found the Lord saying, ‘A different design will reflect My purpose for SJSM.’ The key thought was that this impressive building did not fit the ministry that the church was called to. The building needed to be more accessible and welcoming to the public housing residents in the neighbourhood.

Our intercessors also were sounding a caution that the new sanctuary design must have God’s approval and their sense was that it should not overpower and ‘distract’ from the old sanctuary.”

Bp Rennis Ponniah, in “God’s Guiding Hand, The SJSM Story”

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dektos – can be translated as welcome (Lk 4:24, 9:5)

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to start at **10:45 am**
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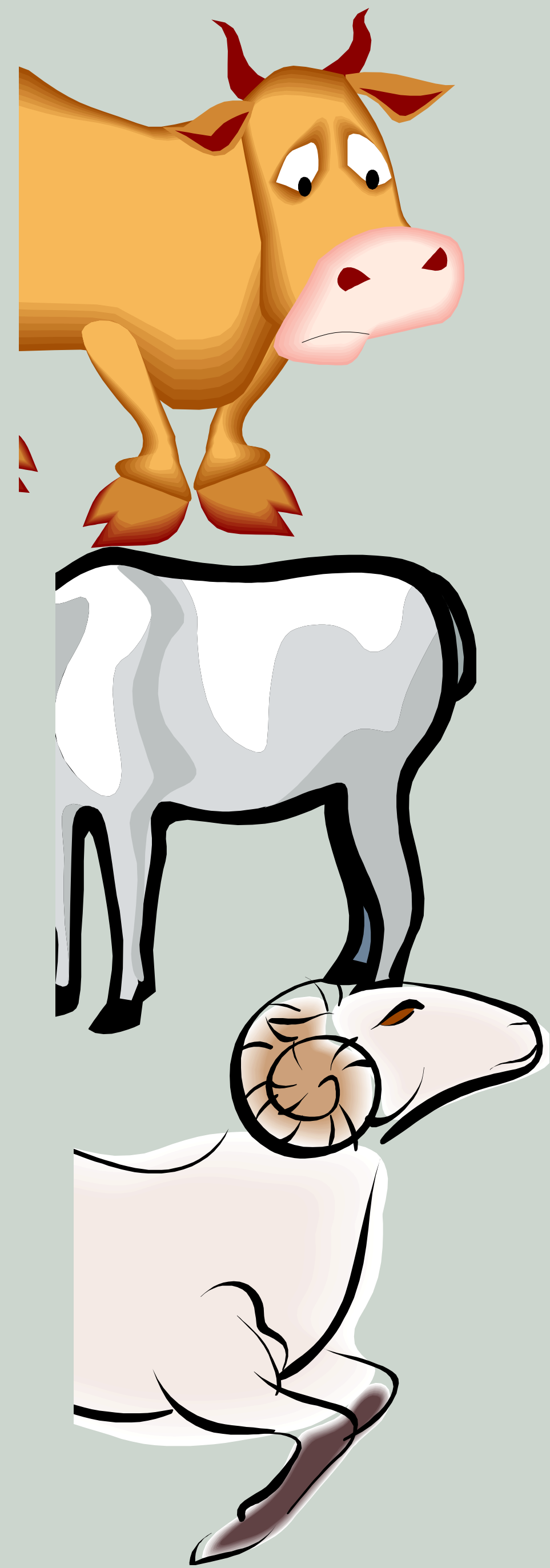
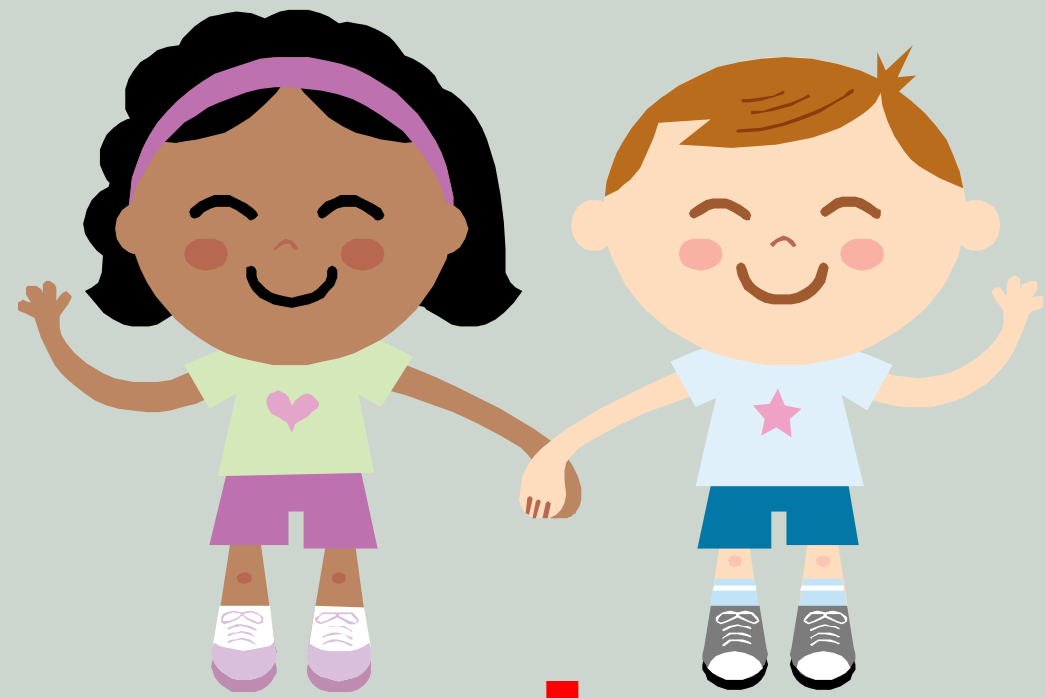
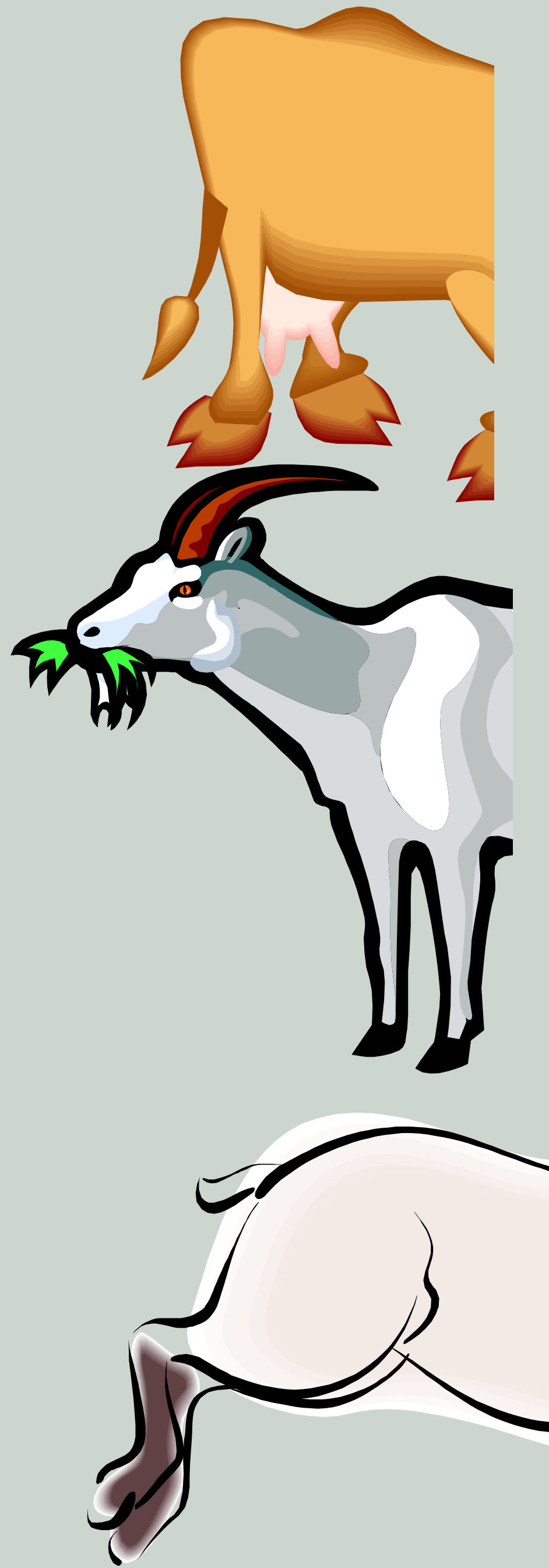
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– Gen 15:7

But Abram said, “Sovereign
LORD, how can I know that I
will gain possession of it?
– Gen 15:8

So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. – Gen 15:9-10





Those who have violated my covenant and have not fulfilled the terms of the covenant they made before me, I will treat like the calf they cut in two and then walked between its pieces. - Jer 34:18-19

As the sun was setting,
Abram fell into a deep sleep,
and a thick and dreadful
darkness came over him.

– Gen 15:12

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.” – Gen 15:17-21

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