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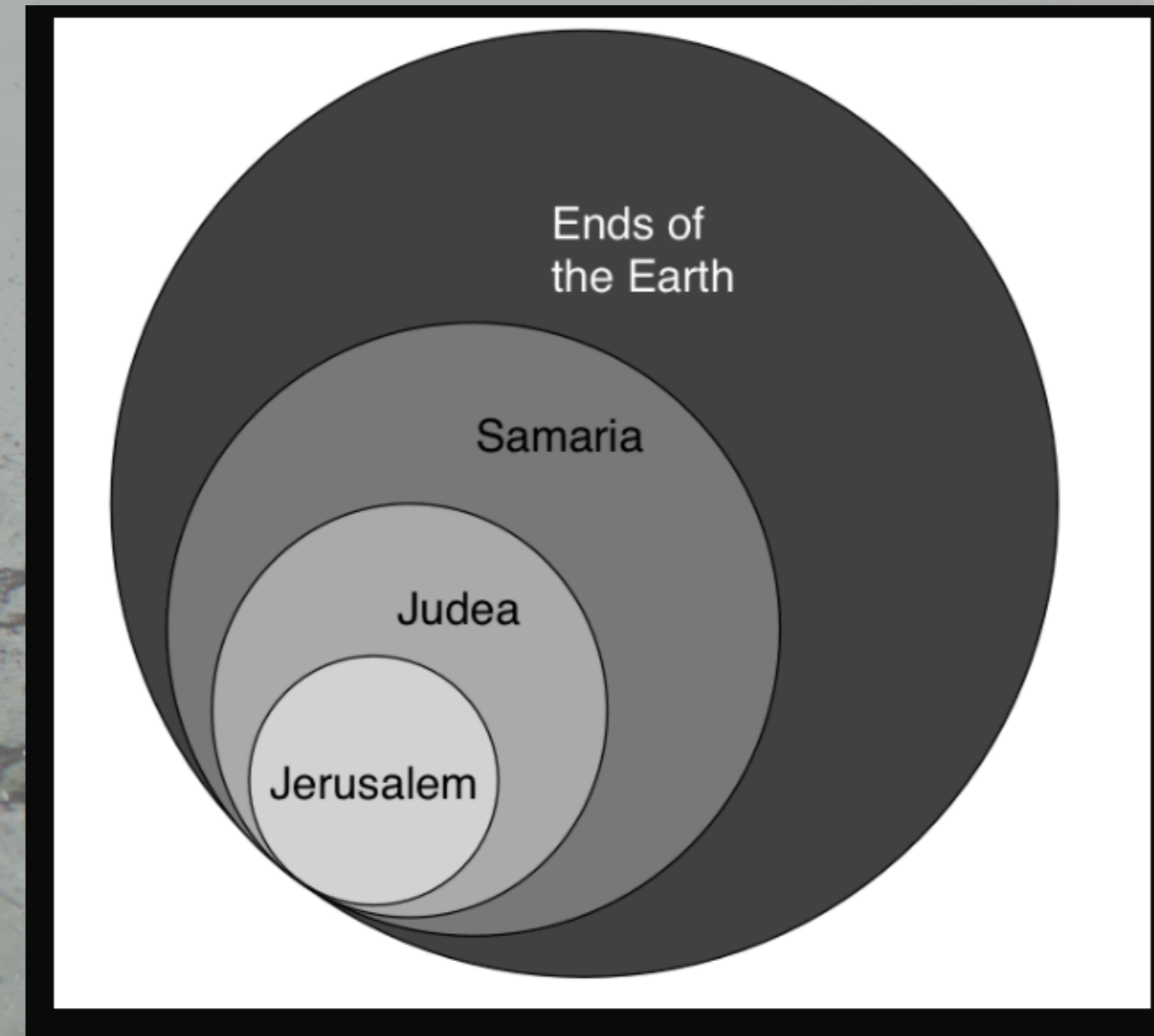
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THE PICTURE OF THE TRUE CHURCH – a family that meets together, shares & follows the teachings of God's Word

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Bringing the Gospel in word and action will be hard!

But do we have a choice?

Acts 2: 37-38

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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