

The Incomparable Christ:

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



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¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

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¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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- Surely blessing I will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you.

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Rabbi Eleazar:

“Lord of all the world, if you had sworn to them by heaven and earth, I would say that even as heaven and earth pass away, so shall your oath pass away. But now you have sworn to them by your great name, and just as your great name endures forever and ever, so shall your oath endure forever and ever”

(Babylonian Talmud, tractate *Berakhot* 32a)

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Legal Language

- *orkos* – oath .16
- *antilogia* – legal dispute .16
- *omnuein* – swear .13 and .16
- *kata* followed by noun in genitive signifies the guarantee of oath .13 .16

Legal Language

- *mesiteuein* – mediate and furnish guarantee (post bail) .17
- *epideiknunai* – ordinarily means to show, but here carries nuance of to give proof .17
- *Eis bebaiosiv* – confirmation .16
 - Phrase continues for centuries as legal guarantee in a transaction
- *ametathetos* – irrevocable .17 and 18

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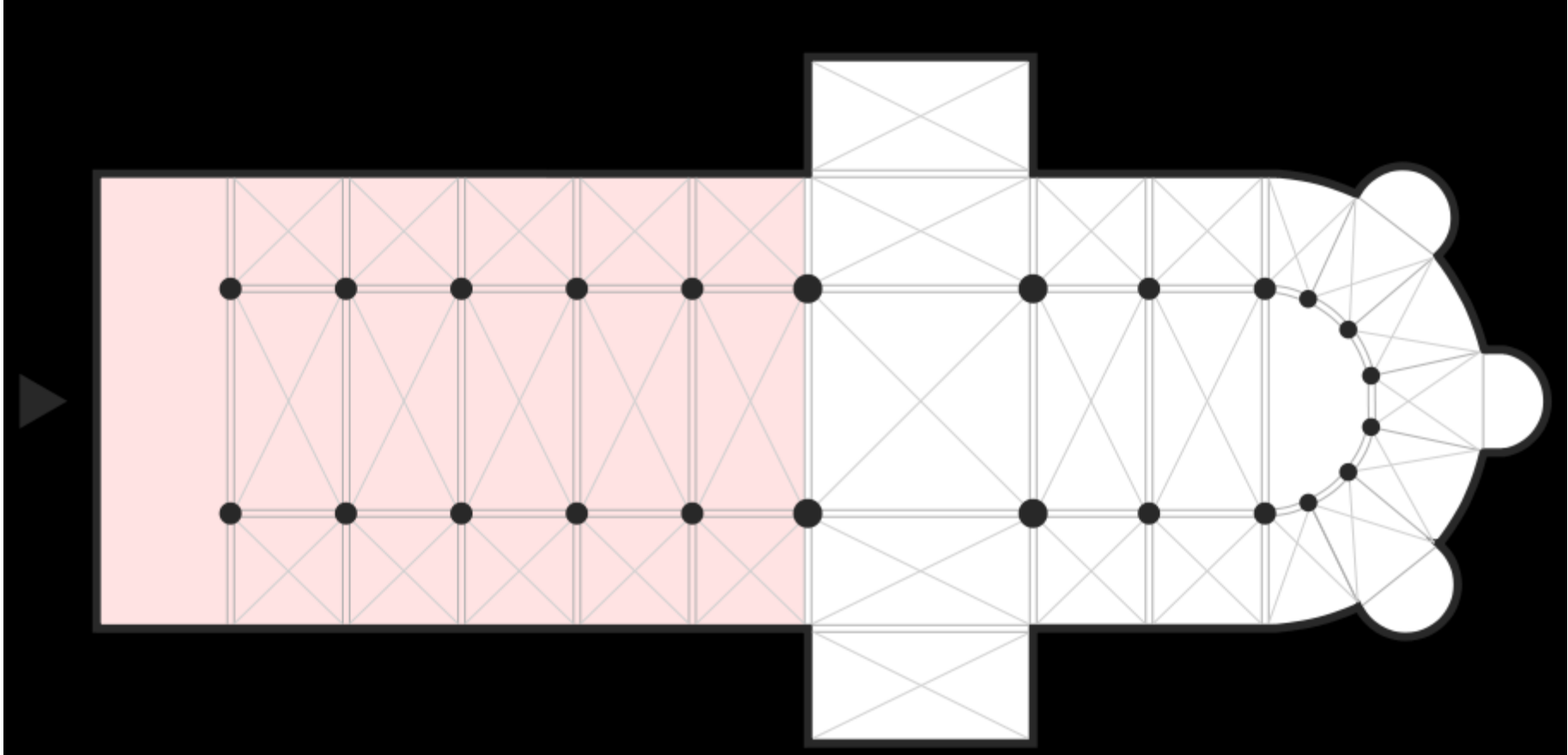
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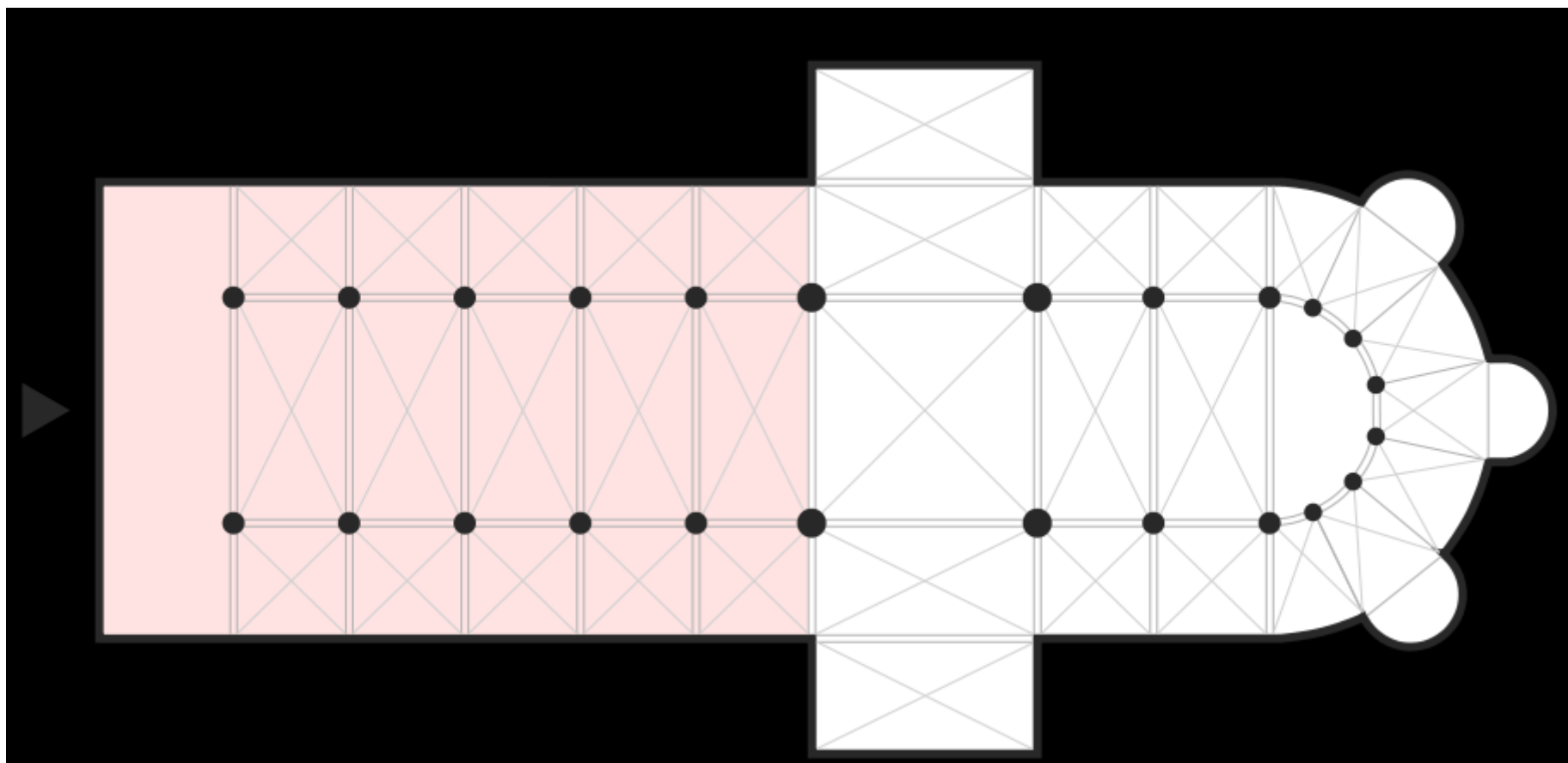
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- Our Hope Does not Float
- We are anchored to the presence of God
- Hope does not disconnect us from the world.

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