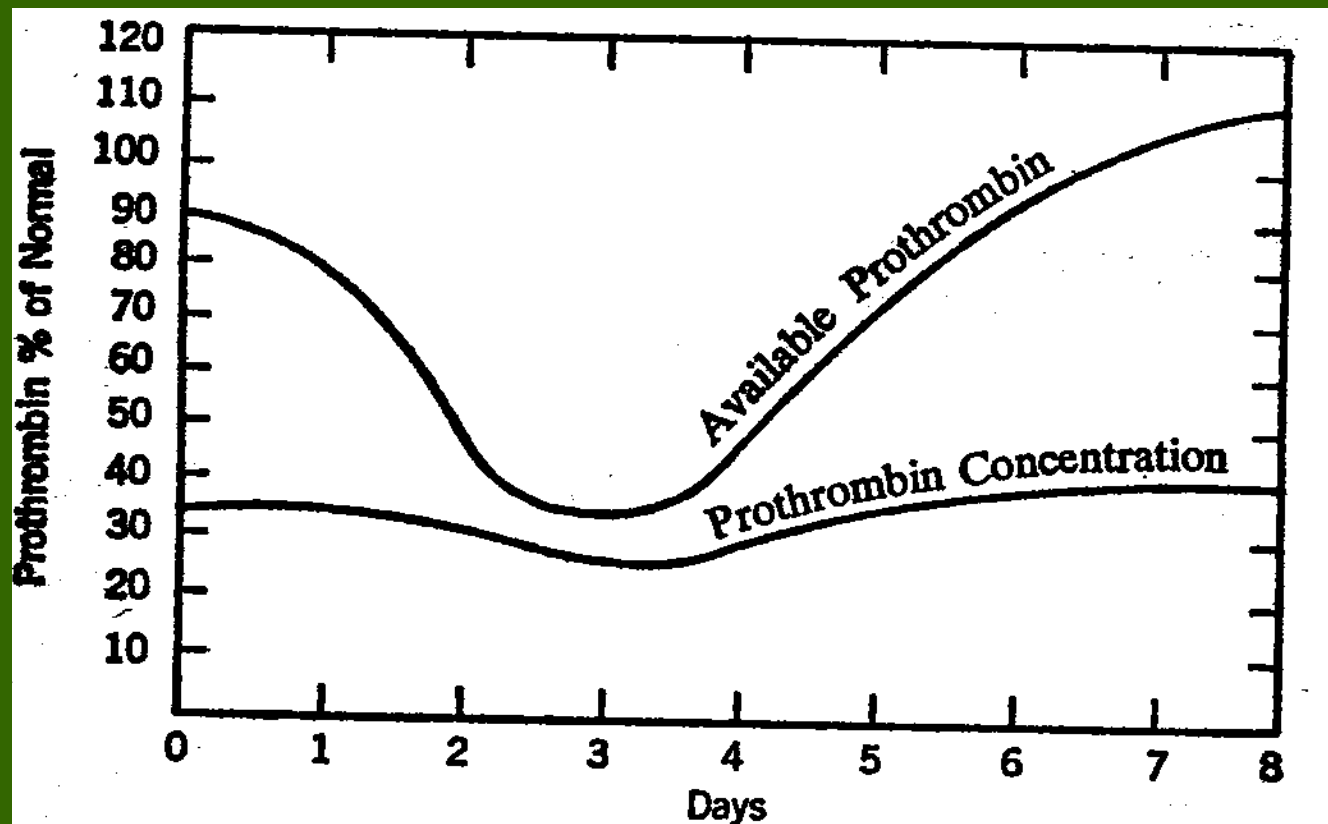


Why Circumcision on the 8th Day?

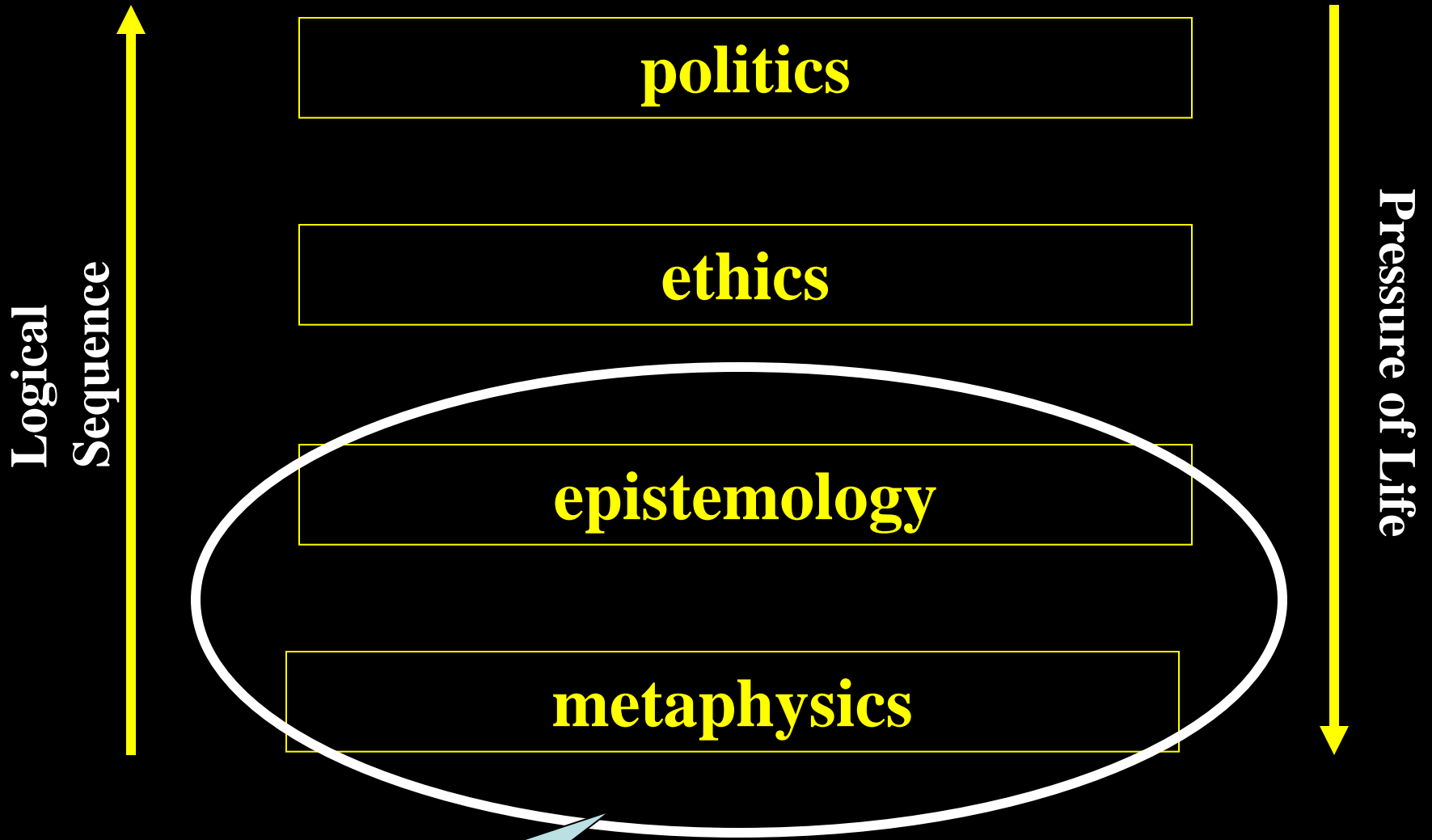
Clotting factor #1: Vitamin K not manufactured in the baby's intestinal tract until the 5th to 7th day.

Clotting factor #2: Prothrombin peaks at 110% of normal on the 8th day.



Structure of Chapters 6 & 7

Chapter 6	Chapter 7
6:1-9,20-25 The commands & the procedures of learning them well	7:1-5,17-26 Holy war & the procedures of executing it
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Baal -- idol of Nature's Climate Cycle

*Cultic
prostitution
– to trigger
fertility*



*“blessings”
of rain,
fertility of
grain and
herds*

Rain, Fertility: needs of an agrarian economy

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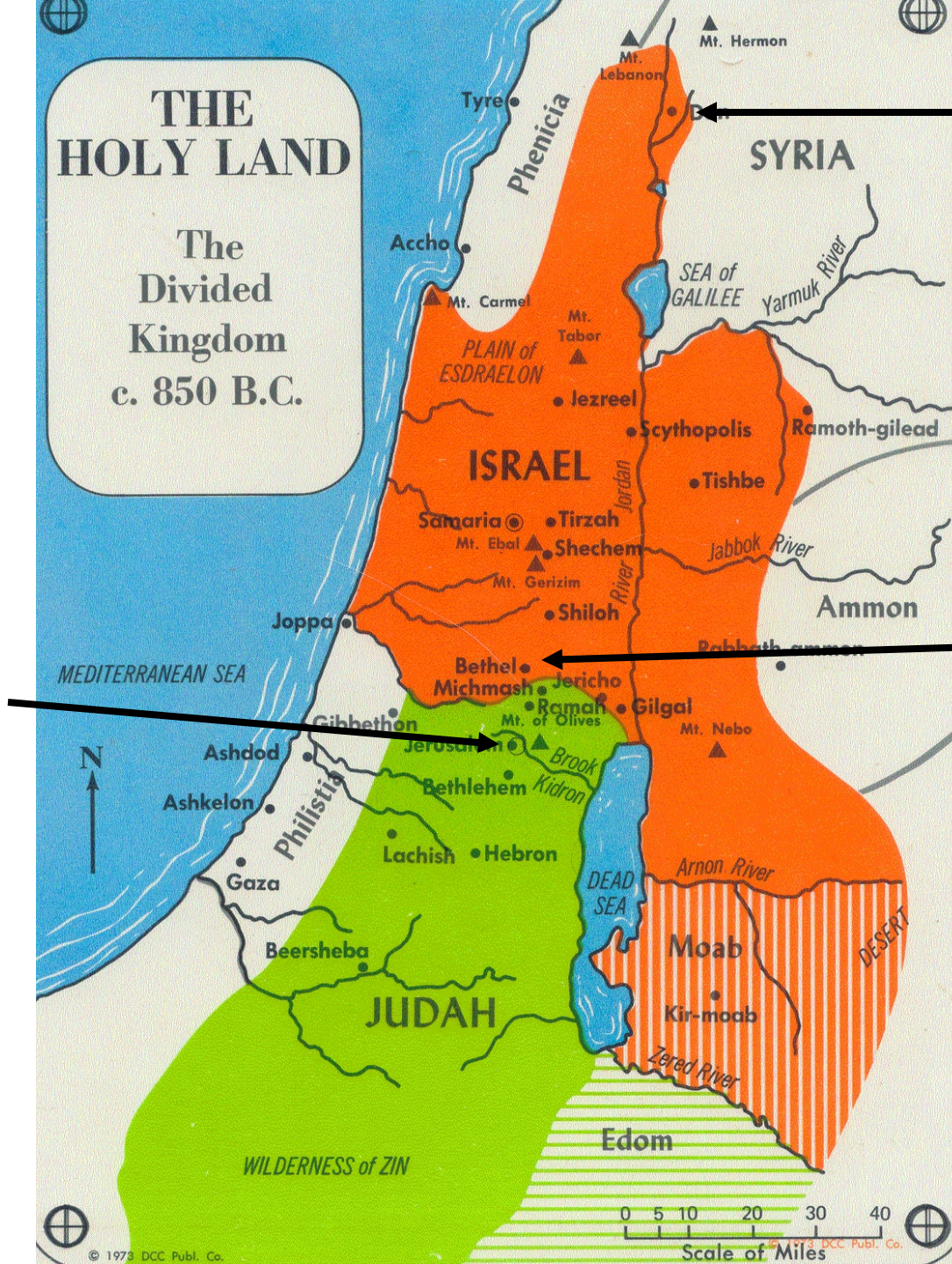
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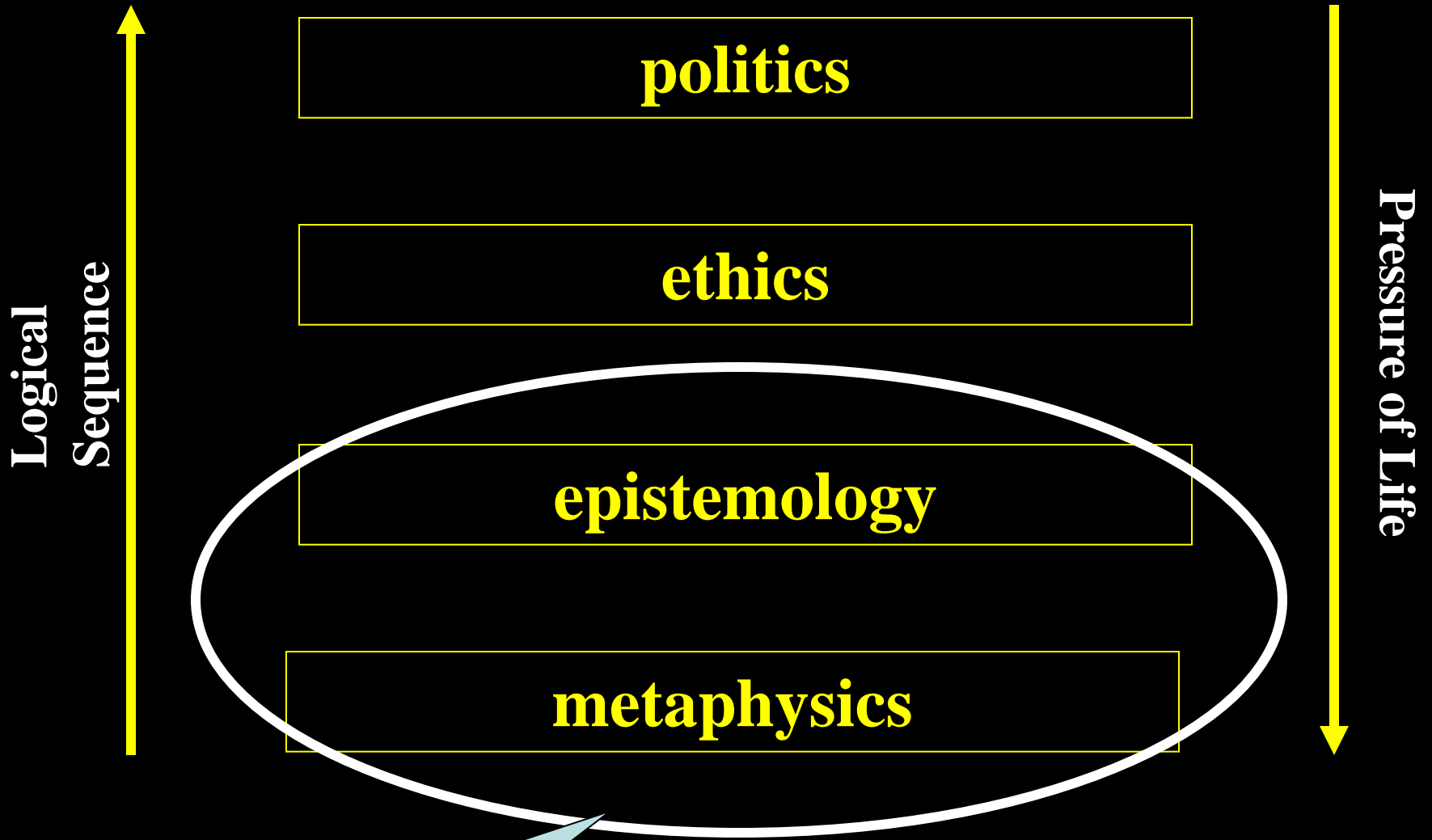
The Divided Kingdom
c. 850 B.C.

Jerusalem

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“The rebellious people are tired of . . .being the recipient of a name. They want to name themselves. . . .It is the desire to exclude God from His creation. And it is this solidarity in a name, this unity in separation from God, which was to keep man from ever again being separated on earth. . . .It was in this, man’s environment, built by man for man, with any other intervention or power excluded, that man could make a name for himself. . . .” Jacques Ellul, The Meaning of the City