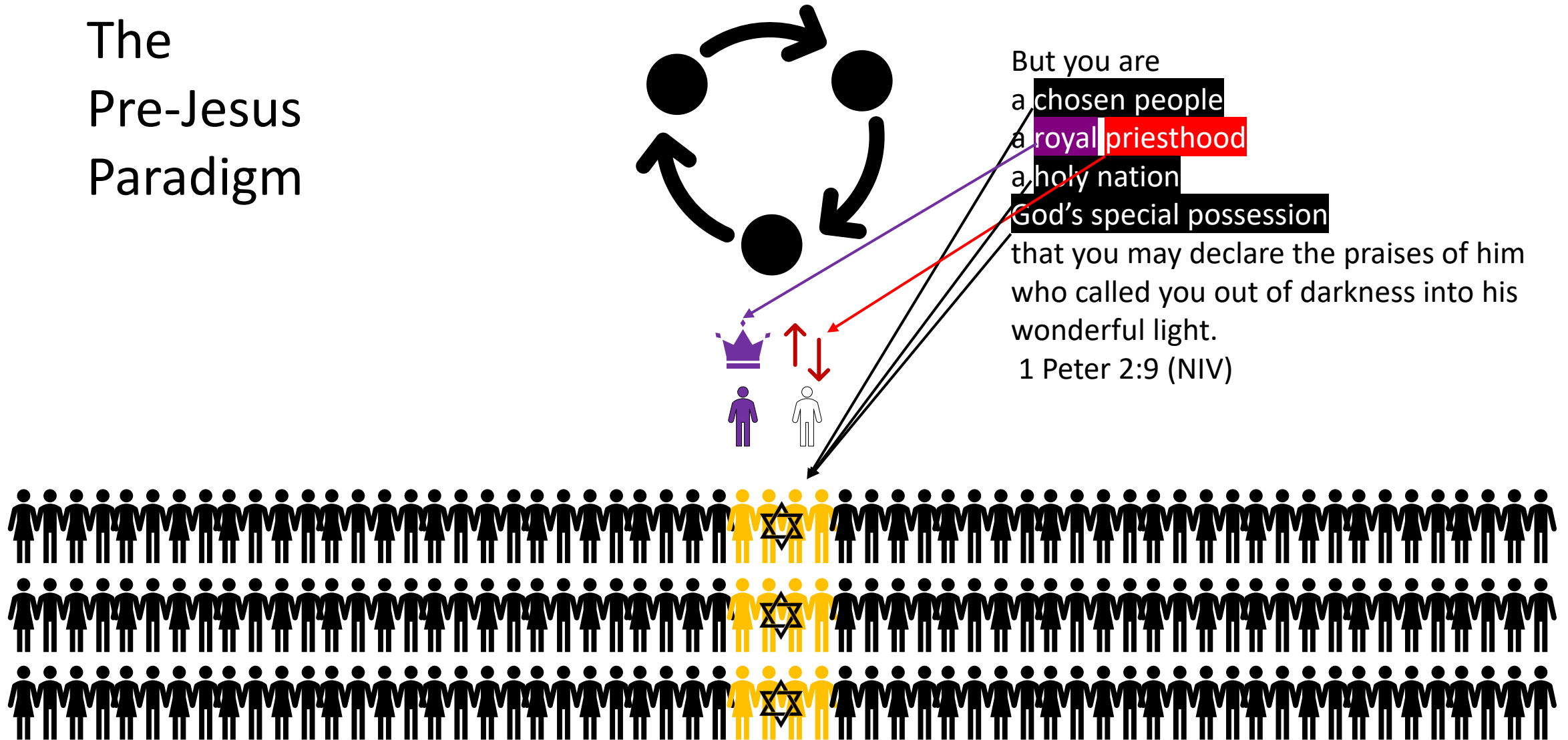


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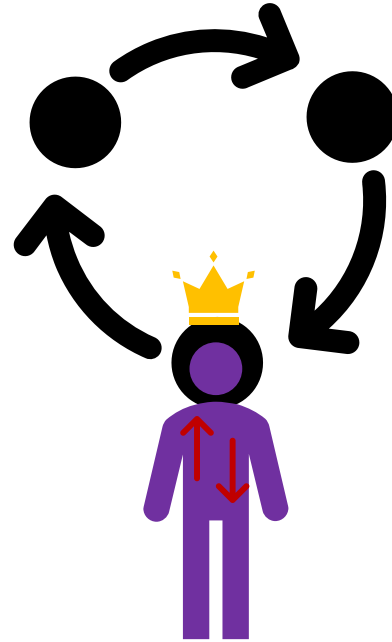
“I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring **all nations** on earth will be blessed.”

Genesis 26:4 (NIV)

God through the prophet Joel:

“I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, **both men and women**, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

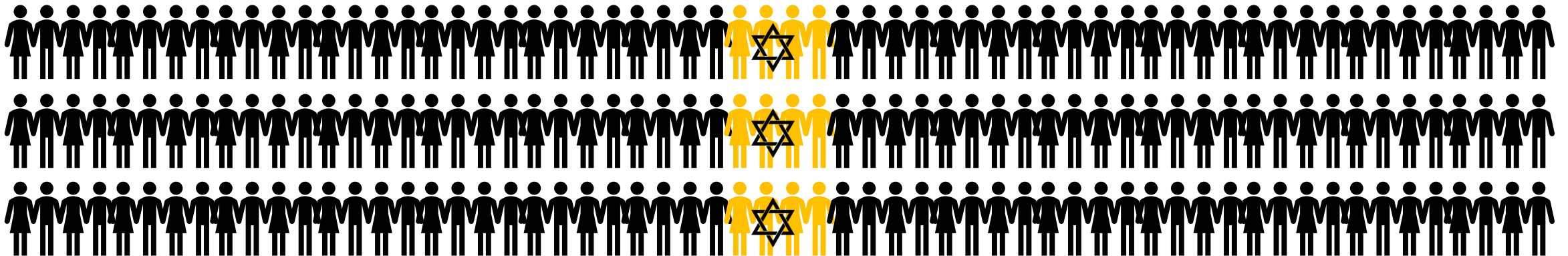
Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)



Jesus to His followers:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)



The Prophesied “Shift”

- Paul living amidst the scattered believers (Rom 2:28-29)

A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit...

- James to scattered believers (James 1:1)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations...

- Peter to scattered believers (1 Peter 2:9-10)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

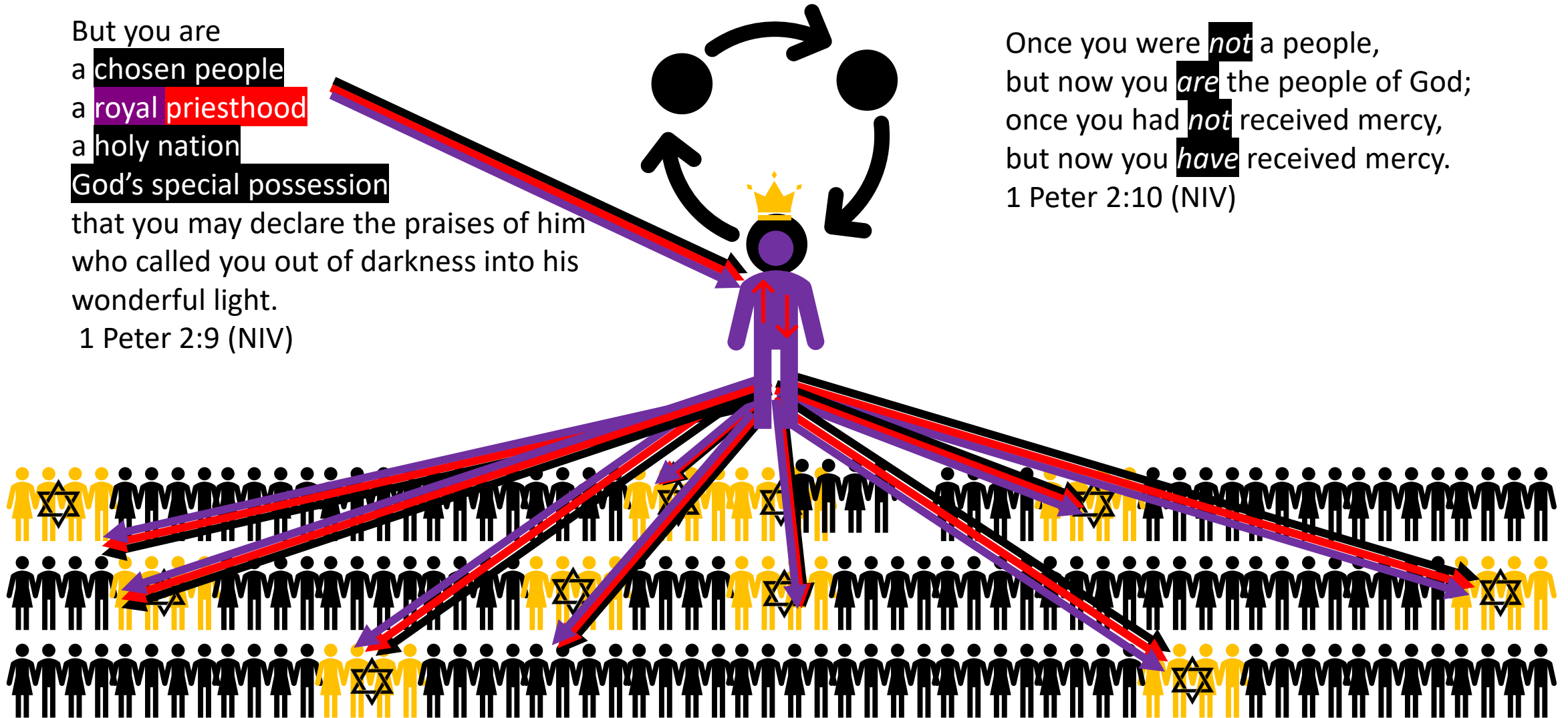
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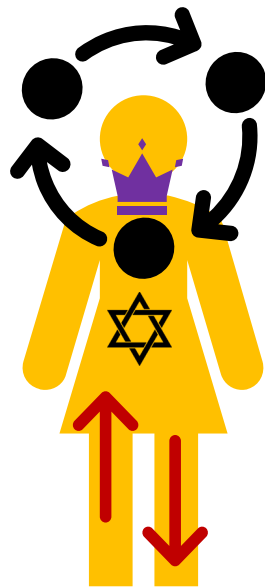
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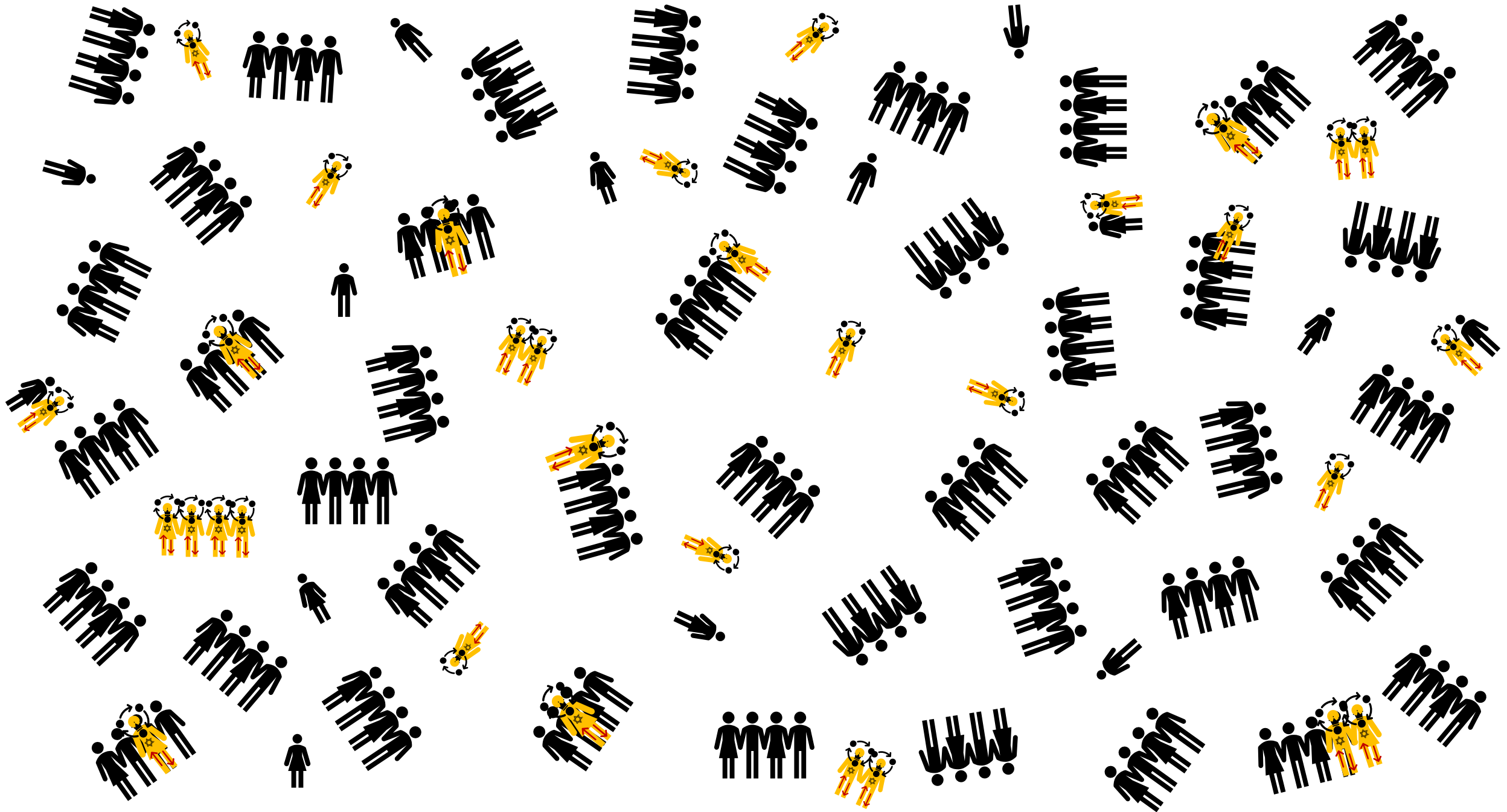
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