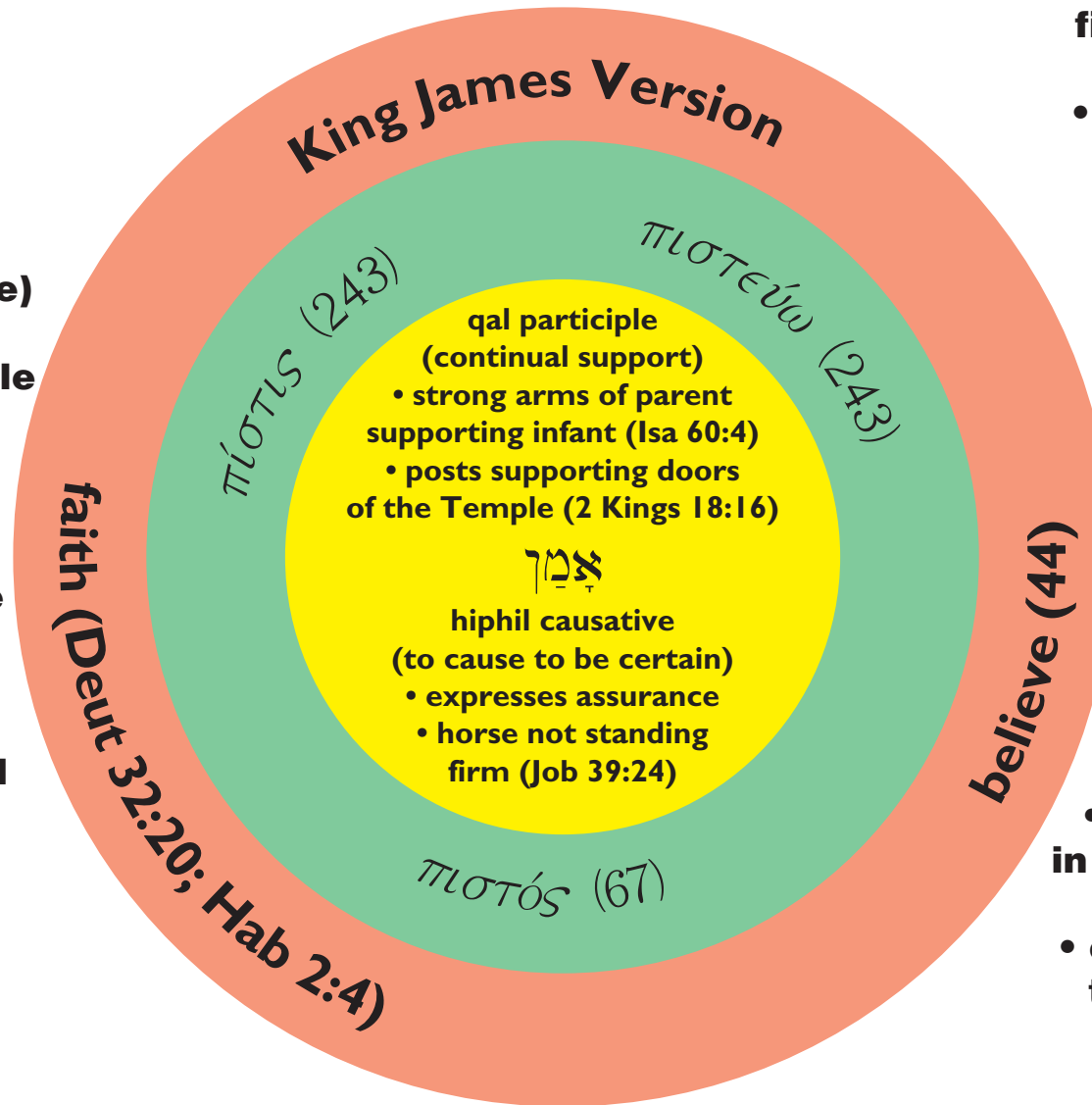


FAITH

is certainty that God will do as He says.

WORDS FOR FAITH

- "faith" and "believe" are rare in OT; almost 500 times in NT
- idea is frequent in OT (believe, trust, hope)
- examples of people with faith in OT; doctrine of faith in NT
- OT faith is same as NT faith (Paul, Hebrews)
- trust God's Word Psa 119:42
- usually faith in God Himself Prov 3:5



CONCEPT OF FAITH

- basic idea is firmness or certainty
- to believe is to hold on to something firmly—with conviction and confidence
- steadfastness is sought in the object believed
- a person who has faith becomes firm and reliable
- faith is confidence in a person or message
- certainty is based on trusting God's word and character
- biblical faith is not something possible or hopefully true but not certain