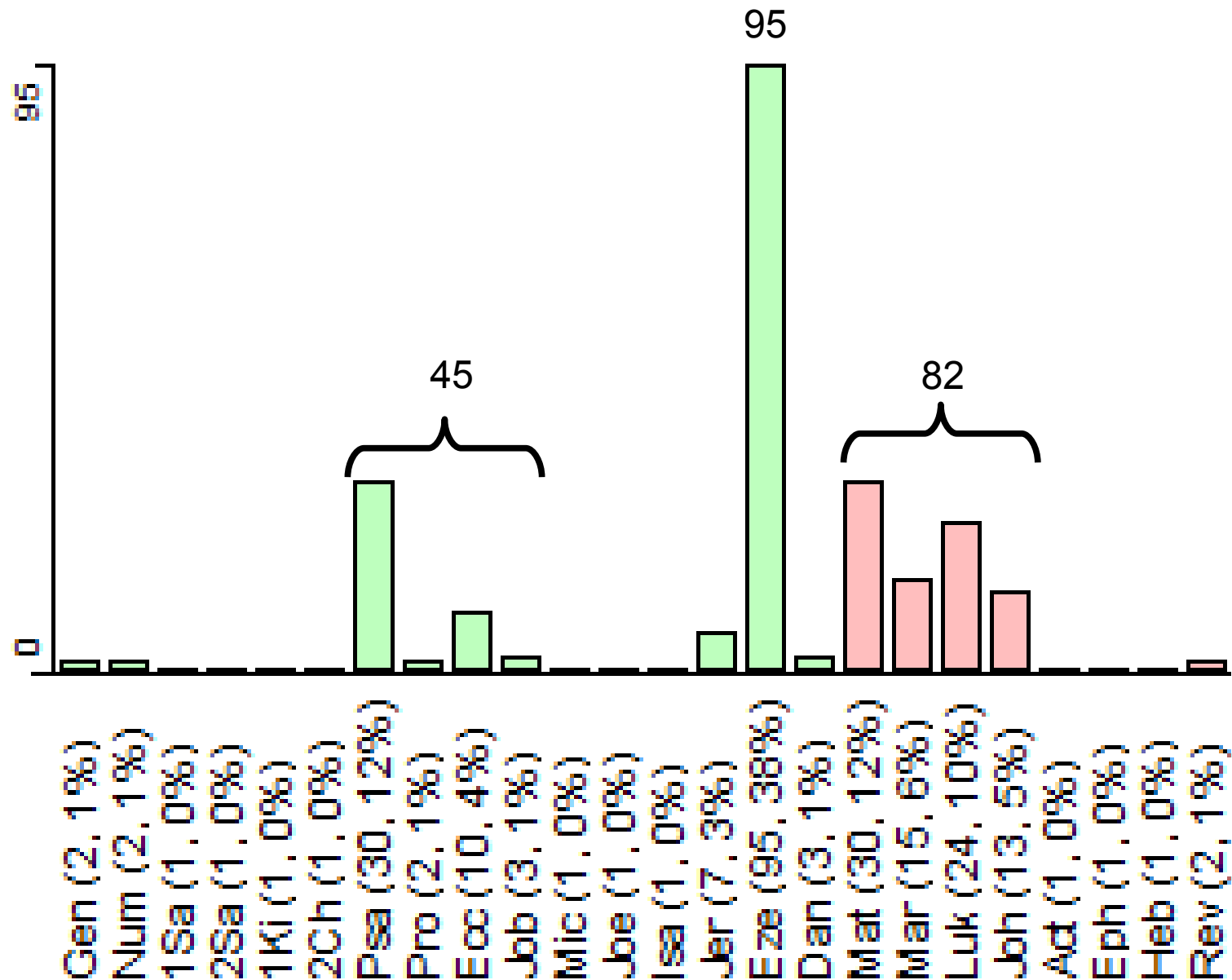


Treasure Hunt

- What portions of the OT would most immediately come to mind to a first-century Jew who hears the title, “Son of Man”?
- What is the general meaning of the Hebrew idiom “Son of X”?
- How does this explain the popularity of the term in the wisdom literature?
- Where in the OT is the term used of the Messiah?
- Why must the Messiah be a man?
- What is the relative chronological order of the wisdom references, the application to Ezekiel, and the instances in Daniel?
- How does the use of the term to describe our Lord compare with its use to describe Ezekiel?
- Why is the term appropriate in Matt 8:20?

Instances of “Son of Man”



Hebrew idiom “son of X”

Jon 4:10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and **perished in a night** [was the son of a night]:

1Sa 10:27 But the **children of Belial** [worthlessness] said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

2Sa 1:4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are **dead** [sons of death] also.

Num 23:19 God *is* not a **man** אִישׁ, that he should lie; neither the **son of man** בֶּן־אָדָם, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Messiah as the Perfect Man

Psa 8:4 What is man אנוש, that thou art mindful of him? and **the son of man בן-אדם**, that thou visitest him?

Psa 80:17 Let thy hand be upon the man ישי of thy right hand, upon **the son of man בן-אדם** whom thou madest strong for thyself.

Why must Messiah be a man?

- He is **king**:

Deu 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* **king** over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set **king** over thee: **thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.**

- He is **redeemer**:

Lev 25:48 After that he is sold he may be **redeemed** again; one of his brethren may **redeem** him: 49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may **redeem** him, or *any* that is **nigh of kin** unto him of his family may **redeem** him;

“Son of Man” in Daniel

Messiah:

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the **Son of man** came **with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and **glory**, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

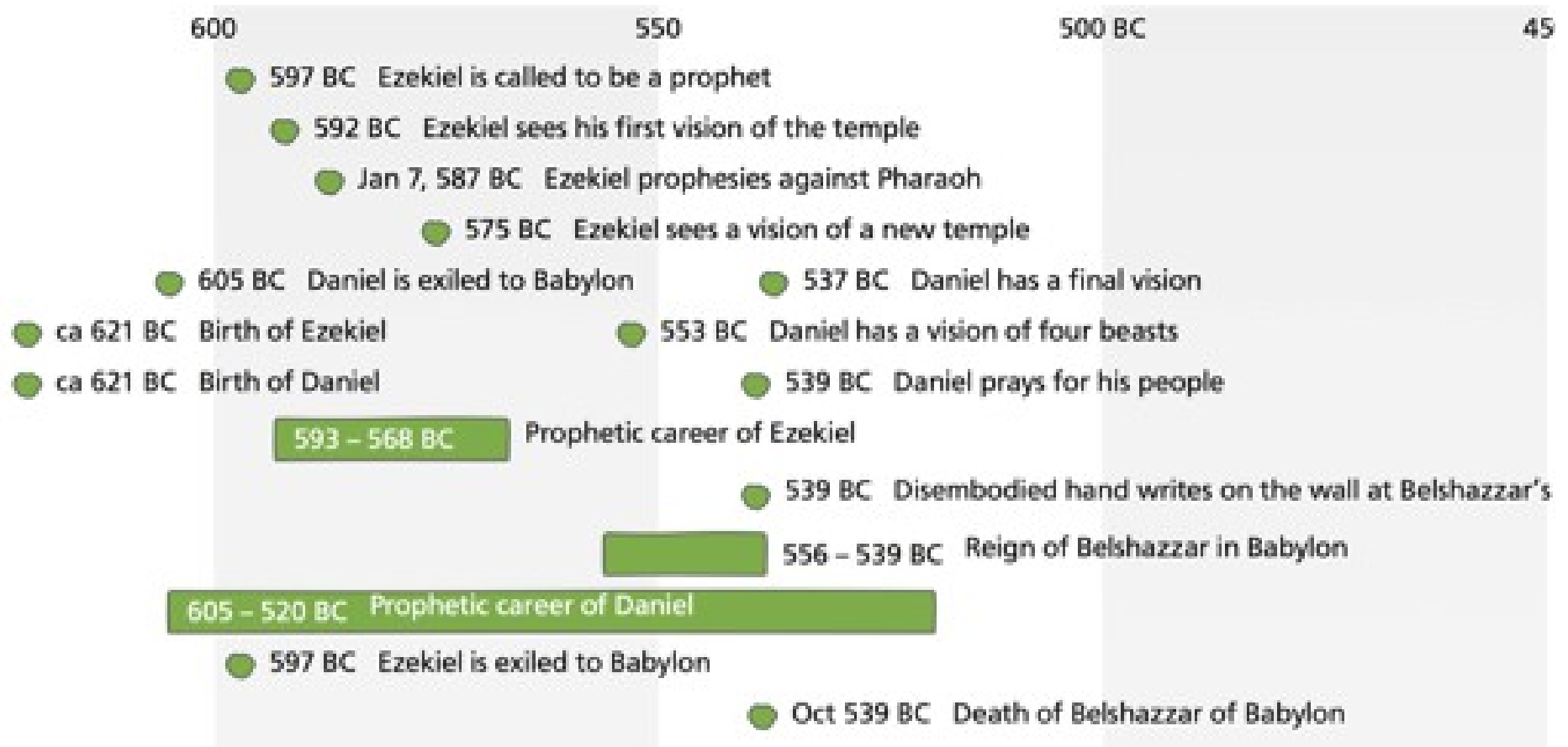
Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man** in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man **coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and **great glory**.

Mat 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the **Son of man** sitting on the right hand of power, and **coming in the clouds of heaven**.

Daniel:

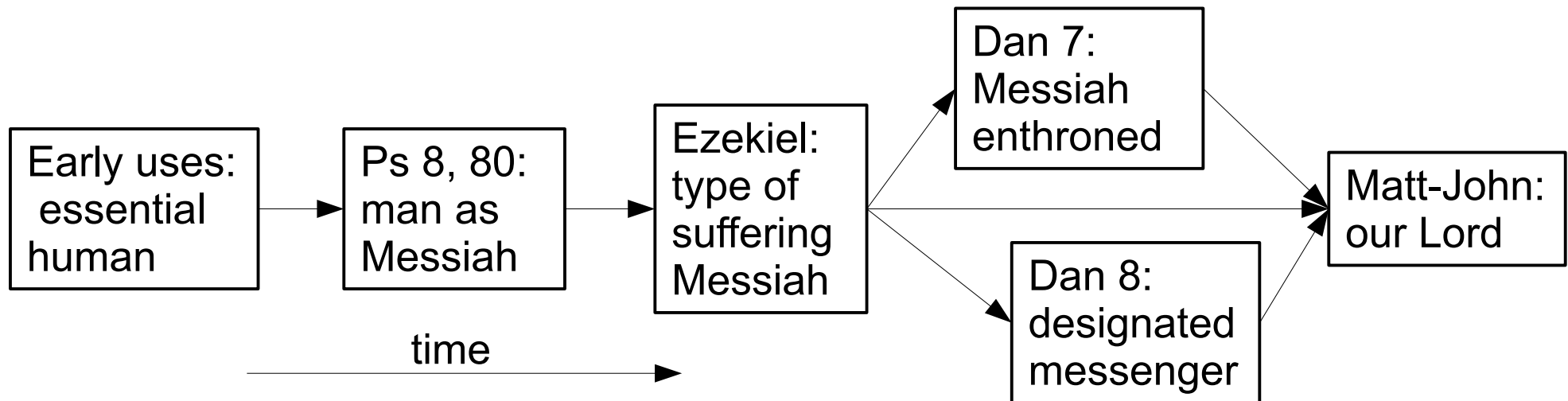
Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, **O son of man**: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision.

Which came first, Daniel or Ezekiel?



- Ezekiel's career falls entirely *within* Daniel's
- Belshazzar's reign is entirely *after* Ezekiel's ministry
- Daniel 7 and 8 are in the first and third years of Belshazzar, and thus well after Ezekiel

Development of the “Son of Man” Title



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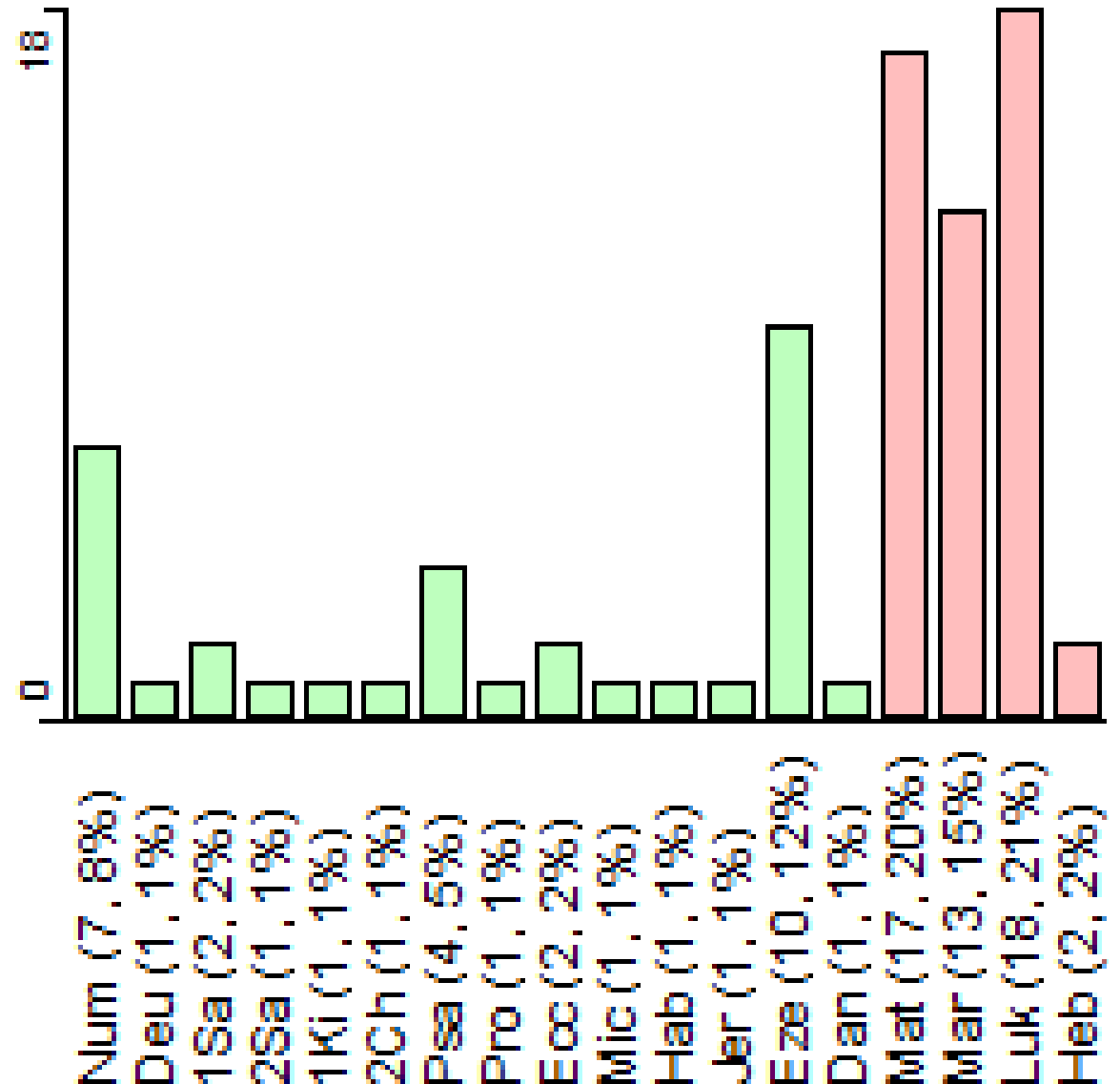
The Calls of Ezekiel and our Lord

Time	Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year , in the fourth <i>month</i> , in the fifth <i>day</i> of the month, ...	Luk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age ,
Location by a river	... as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, ...	Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.
Heavens opened	... <i>that the heavens were opened</i> , ...	Matt 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him,
Visions of God	... and I saw visions of God .	Matt 3:and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Ezekiel, the Lord, and Parables

Ezekiel: Eze 20:49
Then said I, Ah Lord
GOD! they say of me,
Doth he not speak
parables?

Our Lord: Mat 13:3 And
he spake many things
unto them in parables,



Priests as Sin-Bearers

[Moses to Eleazar and Ithamar:] Lev 10:17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it *is* most holy, and *God* hath given it you **to bear the iniquity of the congregation**, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

Num 18:23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and **they shall bear their iniquity**: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

Exo 28:36-38 And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
... 38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that **Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things**, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Ezekiel and our Lord as Sin-Bearers

Eze 4:1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jerusalem: 2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set *battering* rams against it round about. 3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel. 4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it **thou shalt bear their iniquity**. 5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: **so shalt thou bear the iniquity** of the house of Israel. 6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and **thou shalt bear the iniquity** of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year. 7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the **LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all**. ... 12 he was numbered with the transgressors; and **he bare the sin of many**, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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