



HE'S COMING

Rapture of the Church and Return of Jesus

3 Comings of Jesus Christ – 1 Past, 2 Future

Past

1. Jesus came the first time – born as the Christ child

Future

2. Jesus will come to get His bride, the Church (Rapture)

3. Jesus will come with His bride (Second Coming)

John 14:1-3



Rapture

1 Thess. 4:16-17
1 Cor. 15:51-58



Glorious

Appearing

Matt. 24:30

Rev. 19:11-21



Church Age



3 1/2 years

Great Trib



Millennium

2 Thess. 2:6-10

Future
Ages

Pre-Tribulation Rapture View

Second Coming of Jesus

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation 19:11-16

Satan's final defeat

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." And I saw the beast (Antichrist) and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Revelation 19:17-19

*The same inspired Word of God which so wonderfully describes the grace of God and the salvation which is available to all who believe is equally plain about the judgment of all who reject the grace of God. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Satan bound in the abyss

And the beast (Antichrist) was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Revelation 19:20-21, 20:1-3

Millennial (1000 year) Reign of Jesus

Revelation 20:4-10

Millennial Reign of Jesus

- Like Rapture and Second Coming, this event is mentioned all over the Bible.
- There are at least 1,845 references in the Old Testament and 17 books give prominence to the reign of Jesus on earth during the Millennial Kingdom.
- There are at least 318 references in 216 chapters of the New Testament and 23 of its 27 books give prominence to the event.

Source: Dr. Chuck Missler

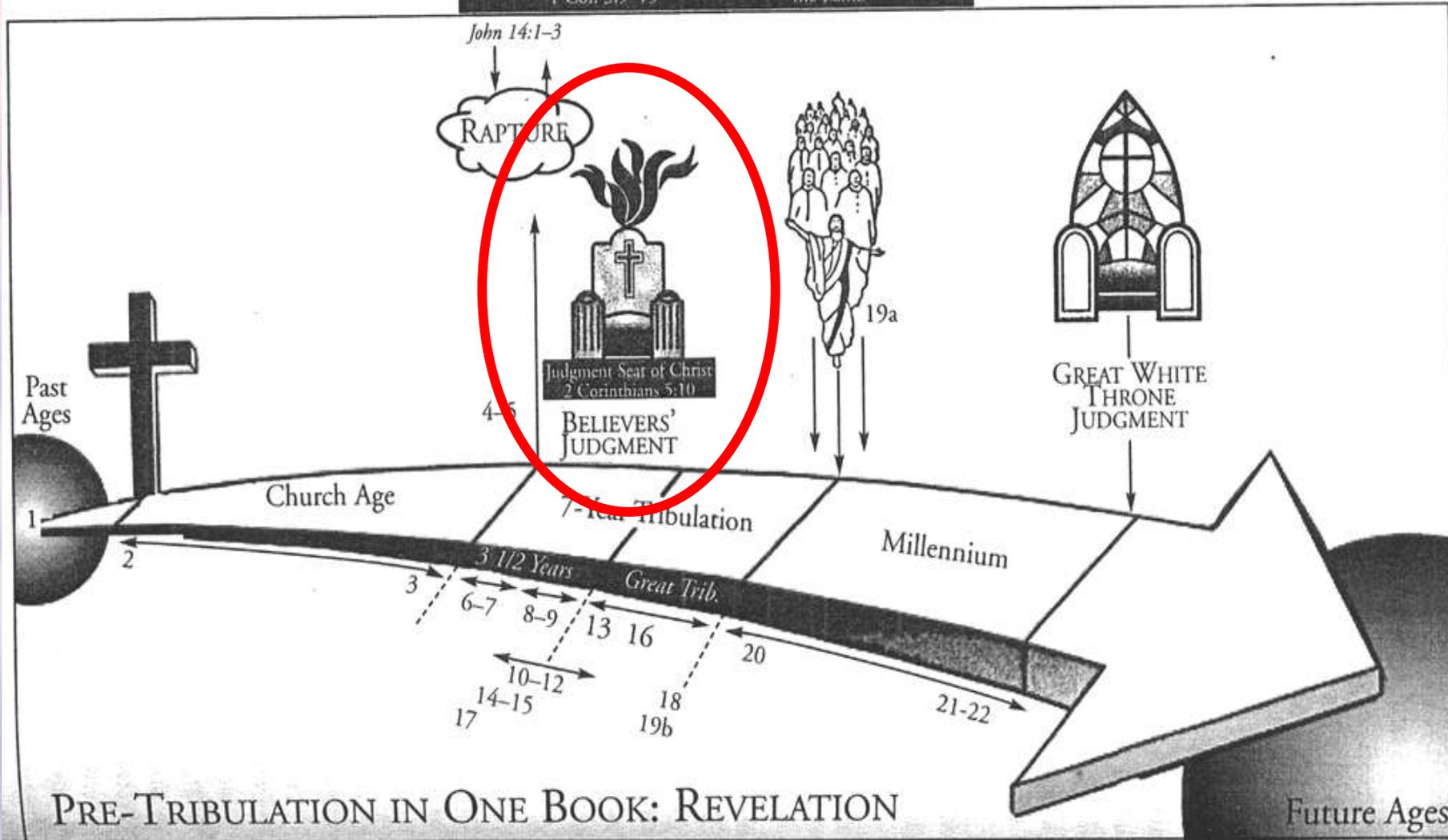
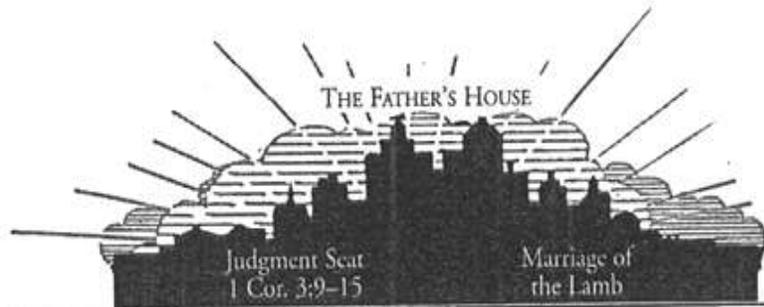
Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4-6

Events which precede the thousand years are:

- (a) the Second Coming of Christ
- (b) the beast and the false prophet thrown into the fiery lake
- (c) the armies destroyed
- (d) Satan bound and locked in the Abyss
- (e) thrones of judgment introduced
- (f) the martyred dead of the Tribulation resurrected

-Bible Knowledge Commentary



PRE-TRIBULATION IN ONE BOOK: REVELATION

Future Ages

The Judgment Seat of Christ does not determine one's salvation

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10

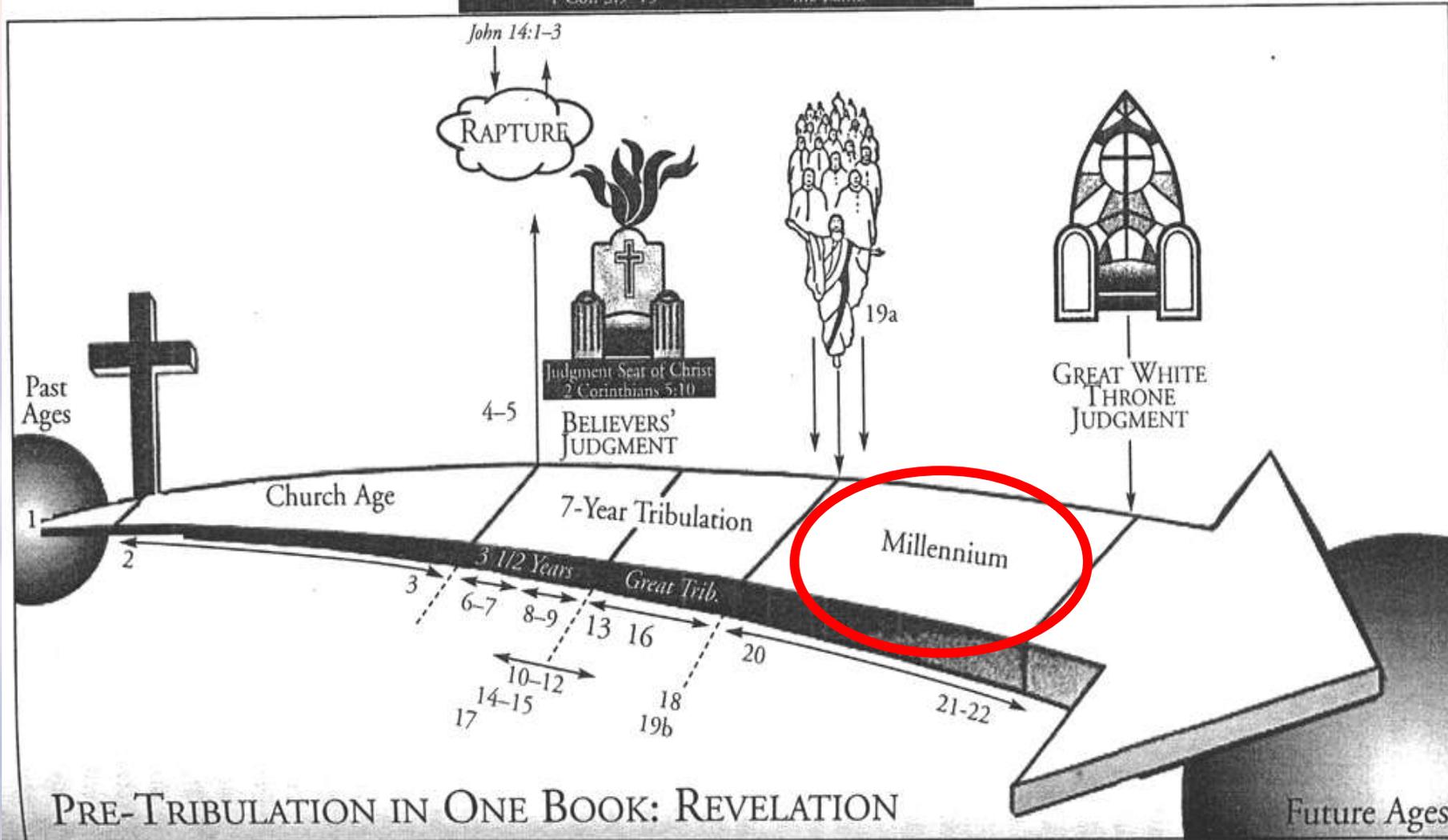
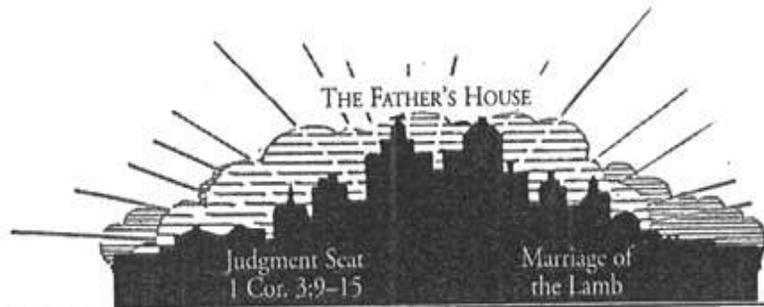
The Judgment Seat of Christ does evaluate a person's earthly deeds

“According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

The Judgment Seat of Christ does evaluate a person's earthly deeds

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.” Colossians 3:23-25



PRE-TRIBULATION IN ONE BOOK: REVELATION

What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

- The Jewish Temple of the millennial kingdom is described in detail in Ezekiel chapters 40-44.
- The glory of the Lord will fill the Temple (Ezekiel 43:5).
- The law given by God through Moses will still be kept, including the sacrifices (Ezekiel 43:19-27).
- The Levites will still minister in the Temple (Ezekiel 44:9-11).
- The laws and statutes delivered by Moses will be obeyed (Ezekiel 44:24).
- The sabbaths and feasts of Israel will still be kept, including the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ezekiel 45:21), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Ezekiel 45:25).
- It will be well known by all that Jesus Christ gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for all mankind.

What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Isaiah 11:6-9

What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. They will build houses and inhabit them; they will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; for as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, and My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, and their descendants with them. It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD. Isaiah 65:20-25

What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD (Jerusalem) will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war.

Micah 4:1-3

What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He (Jesus Christ) will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The LORD our righteousness.’”

Jeremiah 23:5-6

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The LORD our Righteousness

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What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles). This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. Zechariah 14:16-19

What happens after the Millennial Kingdom?

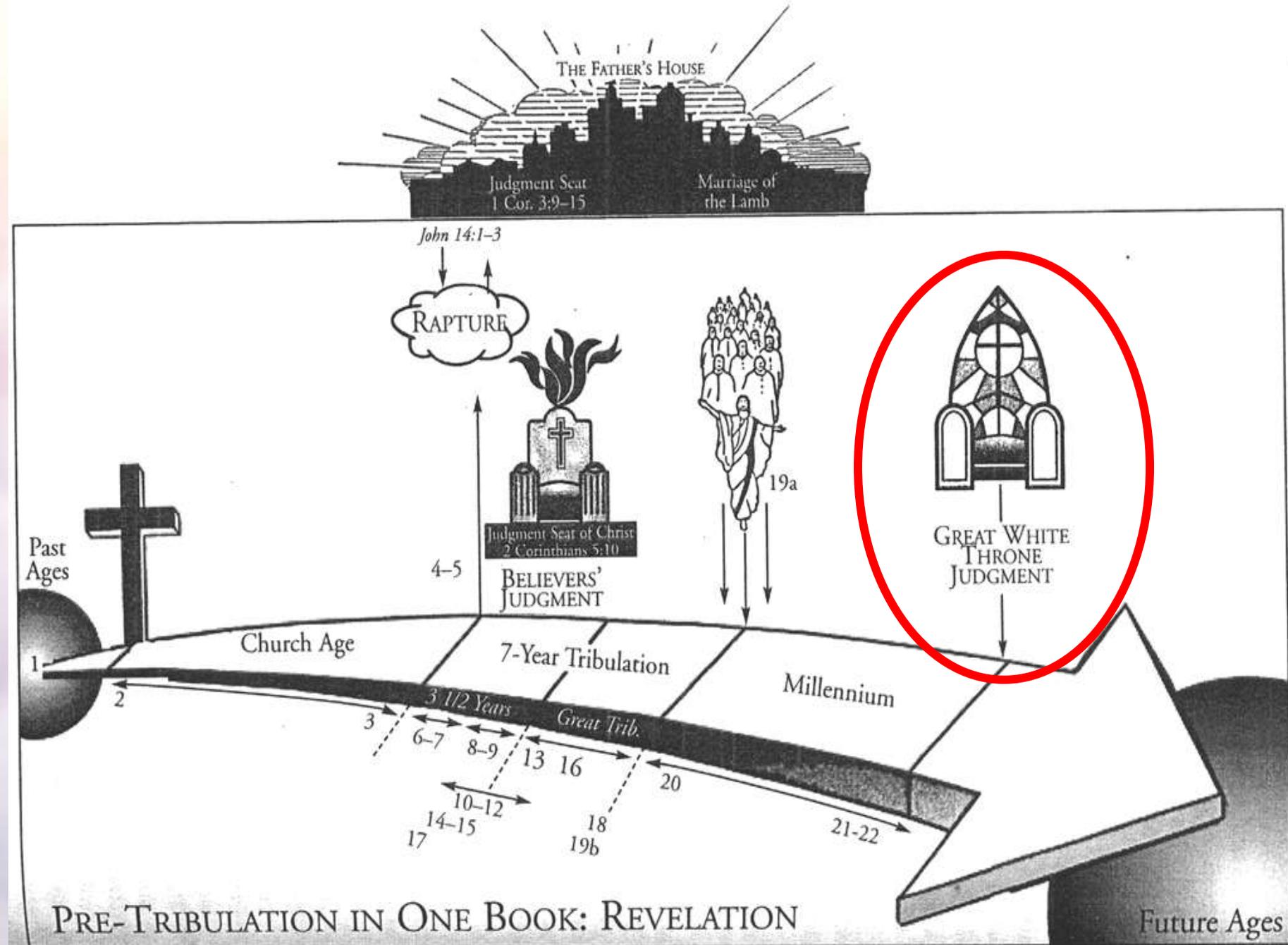
When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:7-10

*God is going to place Mankind in a perfect environment of peace and prosperity for a thousand years. Satan will be bound. Righteousness will abound. Yet, at the end, when Satan is released, most people will rally to him when he calls the nations to rebellion against Jesus. The Millennium will prove that what Man needs is not a new society but a new heart. – Dr. David Reagan

Great White Throne Judgment

Judgment of unbelievers who have died

Occurs after Millennial Kingdom of Jesus



John wrote, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life (βιβλω της ζωης), he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:11-15

*Lake of fire = Gehenna, hell, a place of torment

Paul wrote, “Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Philippians 4:3

Jesus said, “He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.””

Revelation 3:5

John wrote, “It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.”

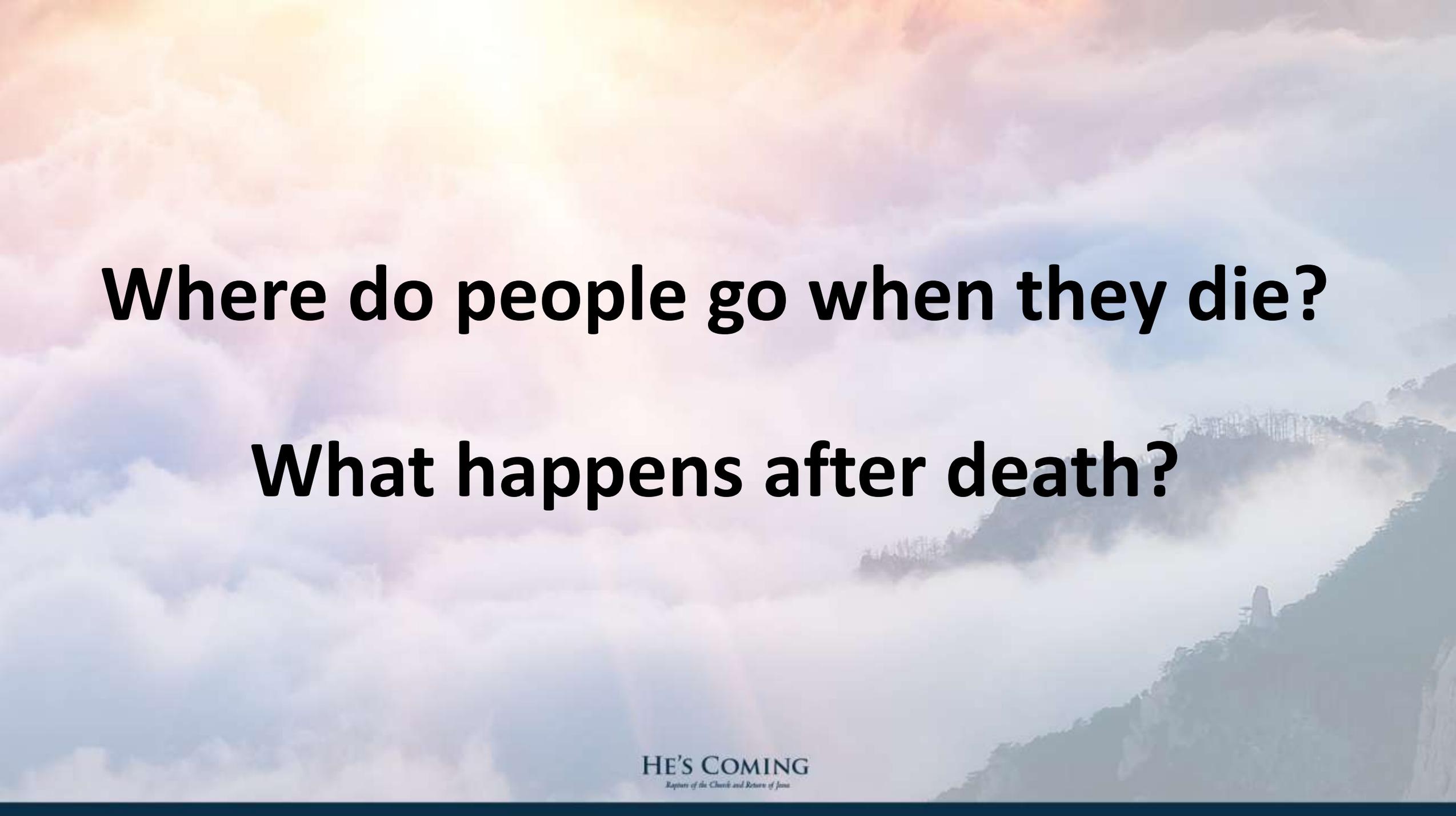
Revelation 13:7-8

Eternal Destinations

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:1-8

New Heaven and New Earth

John wrote, “I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” Revelation 21:22-27



Where do people go when they die?

What happens after death?

Jesus has the authority to give Eternal Life

- And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Matthew 28:18

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

- Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.”

John 17:1-2

What is Eternal Life?

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3

γινώσκω [ginosko] v.; translated as know, perceive, understand; experiential relationship. – Enhanced Strong's Lexicon

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

1 John 5:11-12

What is Eternal Life?

A relationship - not a location or an activity or a duration.

Common New Testament word for “eternal” is *aiónios*, which carries the idea of *quality* as well as *quantity*. Eternal life is not really associated with “years” at all, as it is independent of time. Eternal life can function outside of and beyond time, as well as within time. - <http://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-eternal-life.html>

Eternal life, as defined by Jesus, involves the experience of knowing the only true God through His Son (Matthew 11:27). It is a personal relationship of intimacy which is continuous and dynamic. A person who knows God has an intimate personal relationship with Him. And that relationship is eternal, not temporal. Eternal life is not simply endless existence. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Where does the Bible mention Eternal Life?

- Only occurs in the Old Testament in Daniel 12:2
- Matthew 7:13-14
- Matthew 19:29
- Matthew 25:46
- Luke 18:18-30
- John 3:16
- John 5:24
- John 6:51
- John 8:51
- John 10:10
- John 11:25-26
- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
- 1 Peter 5:4
- Revelation 3:5-9
- Revelation 21:3-4

Q: What happens to people after death?

4 Common Beliefs:

- Annihilation
- Paganism
- Reincarnation
- Immortality

A: Every person has a future

“These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:46

Death is not annihilation – human souls are eternal

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God’s righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.”

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

Death is not reincarnation

“And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment” Hebrews 9:27

Death is not purgatory

“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight— we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

What happens after death?

- **Old Testament era believers in God and the coming Messiah**
 - After death, they go to “Abraham’s bosom” or “Abraham’s side”
- **Old Testament era non-believers in God and the coming Messiah**
 - After death, they go to Hades (Greek), also called Sheol (Hebrew), where they remain until the Great White Throne Judgment
 - Hades is a place of conscious punishment immediately after death for unbelievers

Jesus said, “Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.” Luke 16:22-23

New Testament age believers in the Savior Jesus

- After death, the souls of believers immediately go to Paradise
- **παράδεισος** [paradeisos] had the original meaning of “garden” or “hunting ground”
- And he (thief on the cross) was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:42-43
- “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.” 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

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- Jesus said, “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.” Revelation 2:2-7
- When do New Testament believers leave Paradise? When they return to earth with Jesus at the Second Coming, which occurs at the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom.

New Testament age non-believers in the Savior Jesus

- After death, people who have refused to surrender their hearts to Jesus for salvation go to Hades (Greek), also called Sheol (Hebrew), where they remain until the Great White Throne Judgment.
- Hades is a place of conscious punishment immediately after death for unbelievers.

New Testament believers who go to Paradise will face the Judgment Seat of Christ, which follows the Rapture of the Church

Paul wrote, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

Paul wrote, “But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.” So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.”

Romans 14:10-12

Final Thoughts About Eternal Life

- “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3
- Any arrogance or pride regarding one’s eternal salvation is a misunderstanding of the gospel message. The gift of salvation should bring humility to the forgiven sinner.
- What about my friend or loved one who died without an apparent faith in Jesus Christ?
- Can I be certain that I have eternal life, that my name is written in the book of life?
- How can I help others spend eternity with Jesus the Savior?

New teaching series begins next Sunday, June 5

