

(I) Understanding **Death**

1. The **Certainty** of Death.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

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Genesis 5 From Adam to Noah ... The Life Span were Hundreds of Years!

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Psalm 90:10

The length of our days is 70 years - or 80, if we have the strength ...

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- 3. Dying before our **Due Time**.

Ecclesiastes 7:17

Do not be <u>overly wicked</u>, nor be foolish: Why should you <u>die before your time</u>?

We die <u>Before</u> our due time when we are :-

a. Overly wicked

Genesis 38:7

But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD killed him.

We die <u>Before</u> our due time when we are :-

b. Foolish

Psalm 14:1

The **fool** has said in his heart, "There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good."

Luke 12:20 - 21

²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Ephesians 5:15 – 17

15See then that you walk circumspectly, not as <u>fools</u> but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Matthew 7:24 - 27

²⁶"But everyone who <u>hears</u> these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

The example of Ahithophel.

God turned his counsel to Absalom into foolishness and he then hanged himself.

Foolishness =

when we ignore the Laws of God and the Principles of Life

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1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you <u>completely</u>; and may your <u>whole spirit</u>, <u>soul</u>, <u>and body</u> be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are a 3-part being

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the <u>dust</u> of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the <u>breath of life</u> [spirit]; and man became a <u>living being</u> [soul].

4. What happens when we die?

- Upon **DEATH**, the body returns to dust and ashes.
- Non-issue whether we are buried or cremated.
- Non-issue whatever rituals performed once the person is dead.
- The spirit and the soul then leave the body.

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- (i) Prior to Christ's Resurrection, they go to <u>Paradise</u>.
- (ii) After Christ's Resurrection, they go to <u>Heaven</u>.

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For the unrighteous dead, the person goes to <u>Hades / Sheol</u> until the 2nd Resurrection.

Revelation 20:5 - 6; 11 - 16



(II) Understanding the Underworld

1. Hades [Greek]: Sheol [Hebrew]

- this is the place of the departed unrighteous dead.
- o they remain here until the 2nd Resurrection i.e. after the 1000 year millennial reign of Christ on earth.

2. Paradise

- this <u>was</u> the place of the departed <u>righteous dead</u>.
- o after Christ's Resurrection,
 He descended to paradise to set them
 free from their captivity under satan
 and led them up to Heaven.

Ephesians 4:8 – 10

⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9(Now this, "He ascended" what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Paradise is **NOW** empty

Luke 16:19 – 26

¹⁹"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

Luke 16:19 – 26

²¹desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

Luke 16:19 - 26

²³And being in torments in **Hades**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

Luke 16:19 - 26

²⁵But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

3. Tartarus

Genesis 6:1 - 4

¹Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

Genesis 6:1 – 4

³And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [Tartarus] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment

Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness [in Tartarus] for the judgment of the great day

This is the place of the fallen angels who sinned by demonizing men who then had sex with the women to produce the giants ...

4. The Bottomless Pit

Revelations 9:1

Then the fifth angel sounded:
And I saw a star fallen from heaven
to the earth. To him was given the key
to the bottomless pit.

4. The Bottomless Pit

Revelations 9:11

And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

Locked and only Released during the 5th Trumpet of Revelation 9 for a short time are:

"Locusts – Scorpion – Horses" demonic beings under a demonic principality whose name

- > in Hebrew is Abaddon
- > in Greek is Apollyon
- > in English is Destroyer

Revelations 20:1 – 3

¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the **bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. 2He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Revelations 20:1 - 3

³and he cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Where Satan will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit for 1000 years (during the Millennium reign and rule of Christ)

5. Lake of Fire (Gehenna)

- > This is the Ultimate Hell.
- At the moment, this place is EMPTY.

The first 2 persons to be cast into the Lake of the Fire will be the Anti-Christ (Beast) and the False Prophet.

Revelation 20:10

The <u>devil</u>, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are.

And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

This will be followed by :-

- The goat nations Matthew 25:41, 46
- The devil himself Revelation 20:10
- Principalities of Death and Hades

Revelation 20:14

Then Death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire.

This is the second death.

Revelation 20:15

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

And all else not found written in the Book of Life will be thrown into the Lake of Fire.

- (I) Understanding Death
- (II) Understanding the Underworld
- (III) Understanding End Time-Line

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- 2. The **Body of Christ**
 - i.e. the Righteous Saints
 - i.e. the Overcomers

will be raptured before the 7 years Tribulation Judgment.

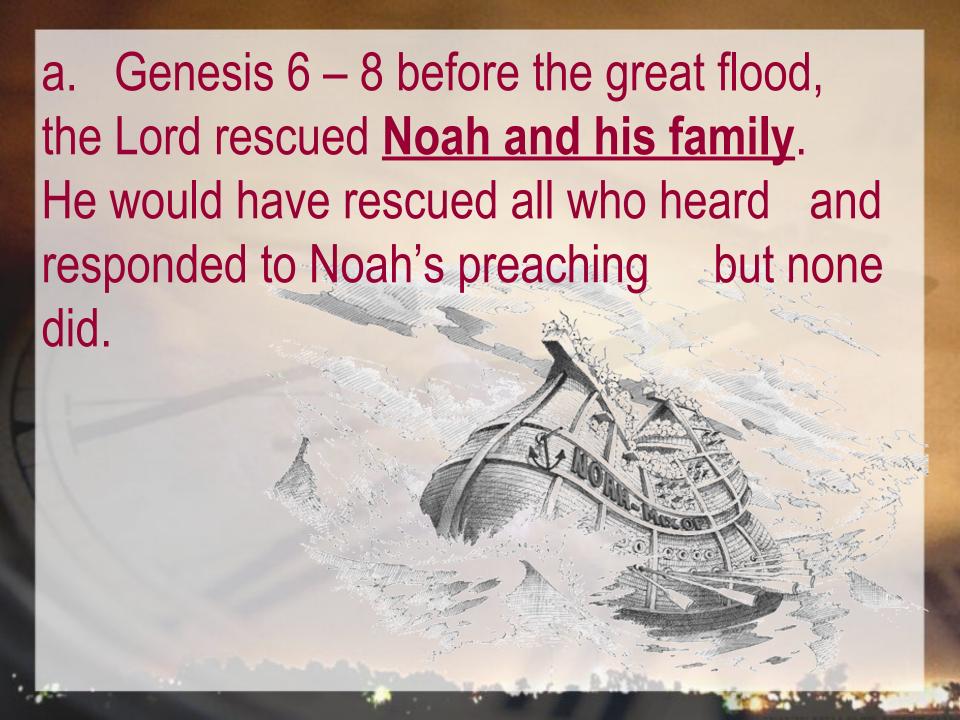
The 7 years Tribulation Judgments are terrible times

The first 3-1/2 years is known as the Lesser Tribulation. The last 3-1/2 years is known as the Greater Tribulation.

3. The Lord always

Rescues the righteous before the judgment i.e. the righteous saints are always saved, preserved, rescued from judgment.

This is a Principle throughout Scriptures



b. Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 18

The Lord revealed to Abram what He was going to do

The Lord will always spare the righteous

In the end, there's only one righteous i.e. Lot

c. Israel at the Red Sea

Exodus 14

The Red Sea was parted for Israel.

The Red Sea thereafter was judgment on Pharaoh and the armies of Egypt

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

2 Peter 2:9

.. the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations [tribulations] and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment

Note the Different Raptures

- 1. Enoch
- 2. Elijah
- 3. The Lord Jesus Christ
- 4. Catching away of the Church & OT Saints
- 5. The Great Multitude at Mid-T Rev 7
- 6. The 144,000 after Mid-T Rev 14:1 5
- 7. The Two Witnesses on the day before Christ's Second Coming Rev 11:3 12

During the 7 Years Tribulation,
The Gospel is continuously Preached!

The 144,000 Messianic Jews to the whole world resulting in the salvation of the Great Multitude Followed by the Two Witnesses And The Ministry of The ANGELS

CONCLUSION

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning
His promise, as some count slackness,
but is longsuffering toward us,
not willing that any should perish but
that all should come to repentance.