



Understanding Death, Underworld and End-Timeline



I. Understanding Death.

1. The Certainty of Death.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin [3:23] is death ...

Hebrews 9:27 It is appointed for men to die once,
but after this the judgment.

I. Understanding Death.

2. The duration of our lives on earth.

A. From Adam to Noah,
the lifespan was

hundreds of years

[Genesis 3 to 5].

**When A & E sinned, it was the beginning of
the deterioration of their bodies and physical earth.**





- I. Understanding Death.
 2. The duration of our lives on earth.
- B. From Noah to Moses

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.”



- I. Understanding Death.
2. The duration of our lives on earth.
- C. From Moses to-date

Psalm 90:10 The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years ...

80 is the average of 60 & 100
Most people die between the ages of 60 & 100

I. Understanding Death.

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.

Ecclesiastes 7:17 Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish:

Why should you die before your time?

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.

We die before 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.

3. Dying before our due time -
our full life.

We die before
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.”

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.

We die before our due time when we are

B. foolish

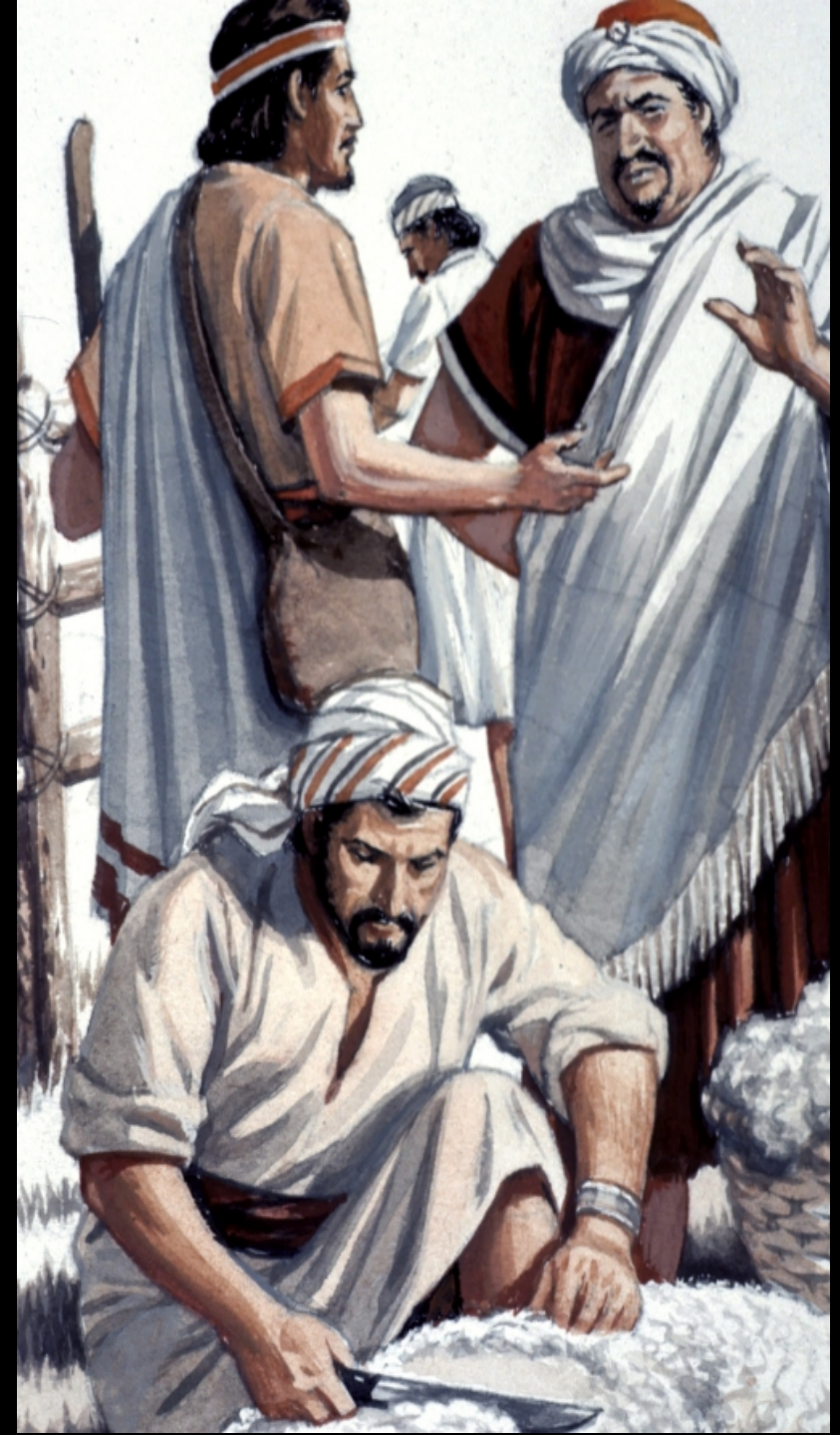
Luke 12:20-21

20 But 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."

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EG: **Nabal** - 1 Samuel 25:25

Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel
Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is
his name, and folly (foolishness) is with
him!....

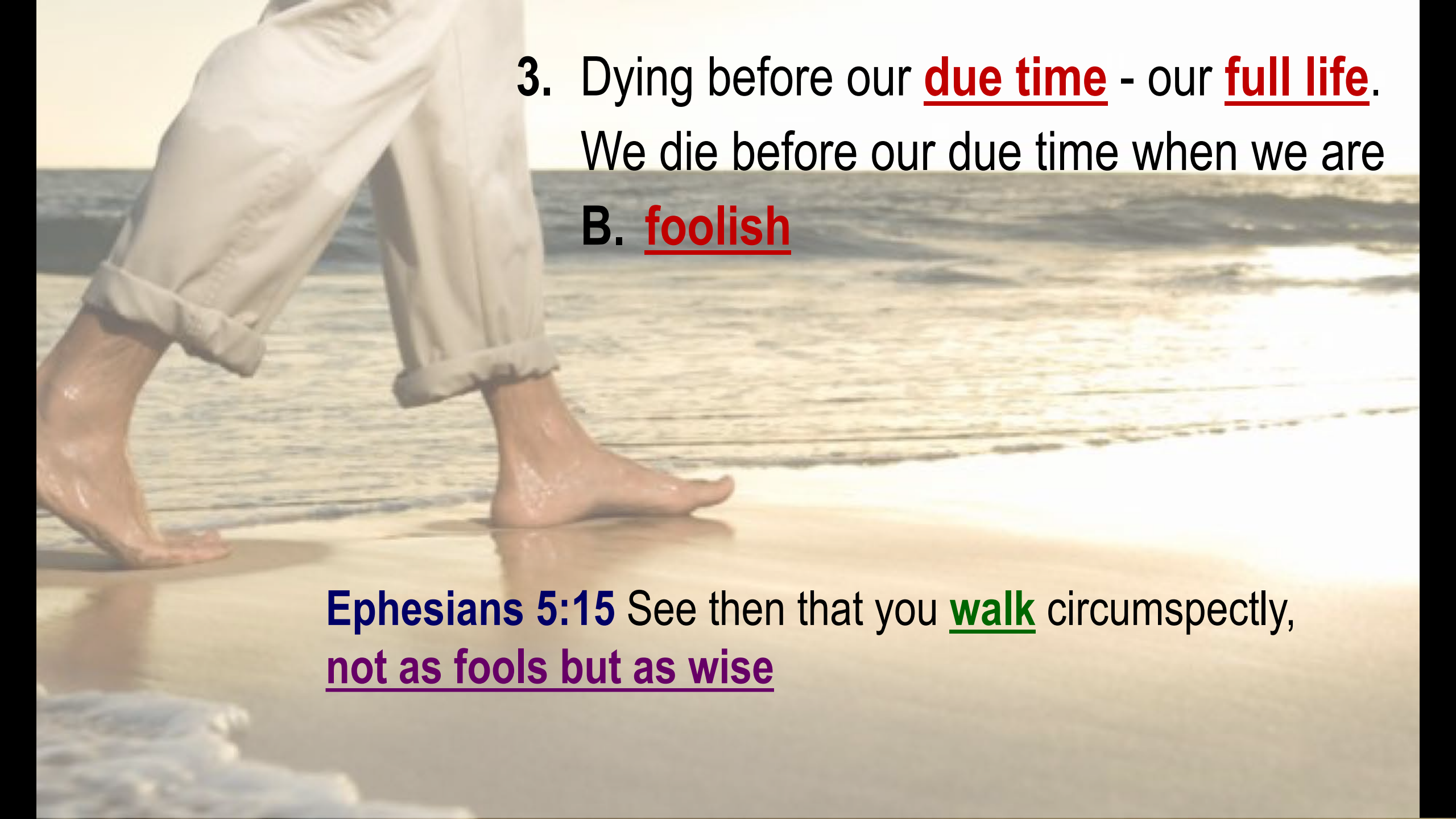


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EG: **Nabal** - 1 Samuel 25:37b-38

37 ... when the wine had gone from Nabal,
and his wife had told him these things, that
his heart died within him, and he became like
a stone. 38 Then it happened, after about ten
days, that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.



A person is walking barefoot on a sandy beach at sunset. The person's legs, wearing light-colored trousers with the cuffs rolled up, are visible in the foreground. The wet sand reflects the warm, golden light of the setting sun. The ocean waves are visible in the background.

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.
We die before our due time when we are
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Ephesians 5:15 See then that you walk circumspectly,
not as fools but as wise

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.

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B. foolish

Matthew 7:26-27

26 “But everyone who hears 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.”



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The example of Ahithophel.
God turned his counsel
to Absalom into foolishness and
he then hanged himself.

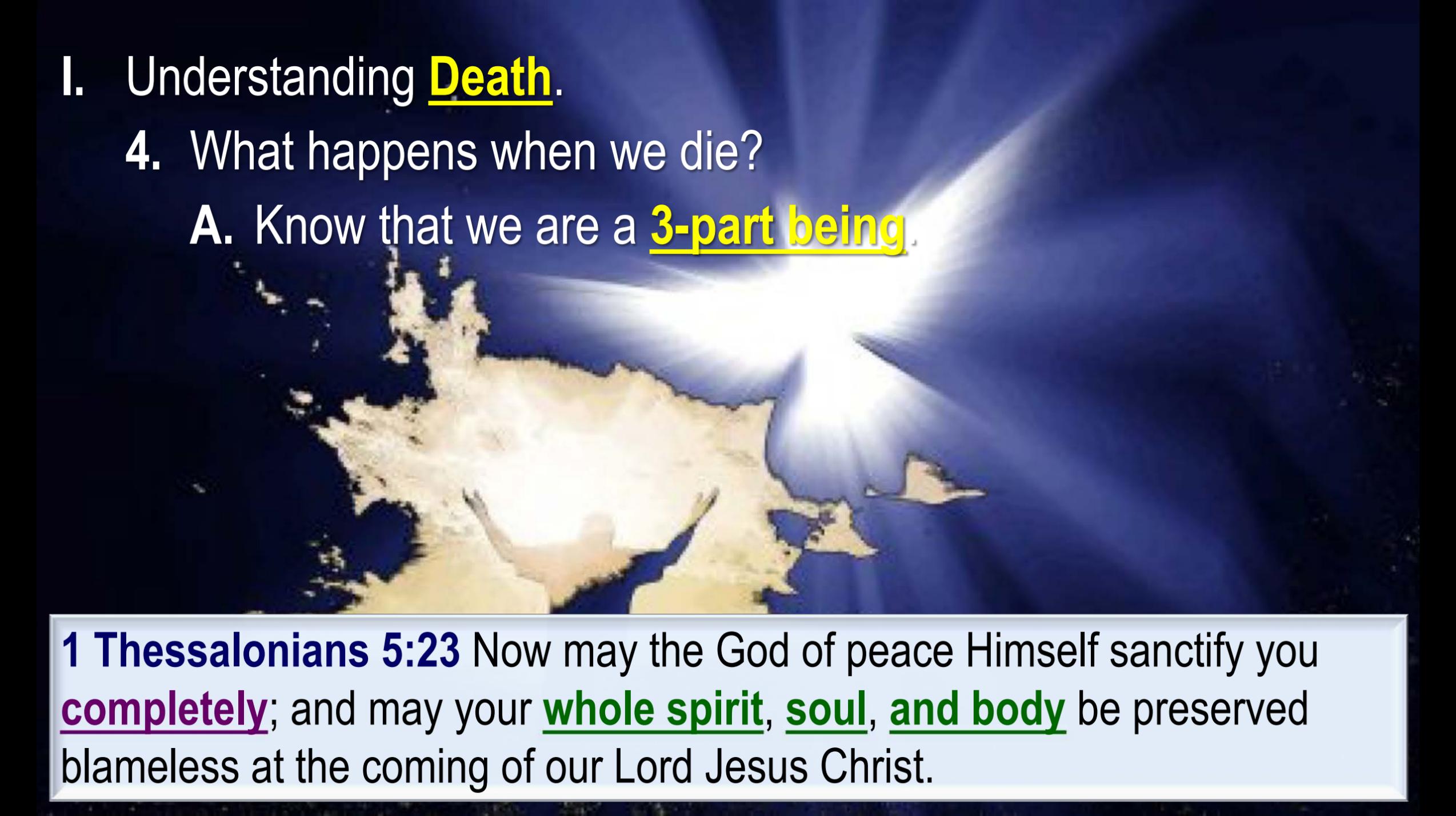
FOOLISHNESS = When we ignore the Laws of God and
the Principles of Life to our own peril!

3. Dying before our due time - our full life.

Also due to the consequences of the Law of Sin & Death.

- Sickness and diseases causing pre-mature deaths in babies, children and some adults.
- Accidental deaths due to own faults or that of others.
- Fights, murders, killings and wars.
- Natural calamities resulting in deaths.
- Wrong time, wrong place.

**If we're not under the Blood,
everything reverts to the natural realm!**



I. Understanding Death.

4. What happens when we die?

A. Know that we are a 3-part being.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand sifting sand through their fingers. The sand is falling in a stream, creating a soft, out-of-focus background. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting like a beach.

I. Understanding Death.

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Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [spirit]; and **man** became a living being [soul].

4. What happens when we die?

A. Know that we are a 3-part being.

1. BODY

2. SOUL

Personality

A. Hebrew: Nephesh

B. Greek: Psuche


3. SPIRIT

A. Hebrew: Ruach

B. Greek: Pneuma

4. What happens when we die? Death is separation.

B. Upon **death**, the **body** returns to dust & ashes.

A close-up photograph of a human hand, with fingers slightly curled, set against a dark, textured background that resembles dust or ash. The lighting highlights the skin's texture and the fine particles in the air.

Ecclesiastes 12:7a Then the dust
will return to the earth as it was ...

- Non-issue whether we are buried or cremated.
- Non-issue whatever rituals are performed once the person is dead.

4. What happens when we die?

Death is separation.

C. The spirit and the soul then leave the body.

D. The spirit returns to God.

Ecclesiastes 12:7b And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

James 2:26a For as the body without the spirit is dead ...



4. What happens when we die?

Death is separation.

E. Where the soul goes depends on whether we die as righteous dead or unrighteous dead.



I. Understanding Death. Death is separation.

5. The righteous dead.

A. Prior to Christ's resurrection, they go to paradise.

Luke 16:19-26

19 There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.



5. The righteous dead. Death is separation.

A. Prior to Christ's resurrection, they go to paradise.

Luke 16:19-26

22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 And 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.'

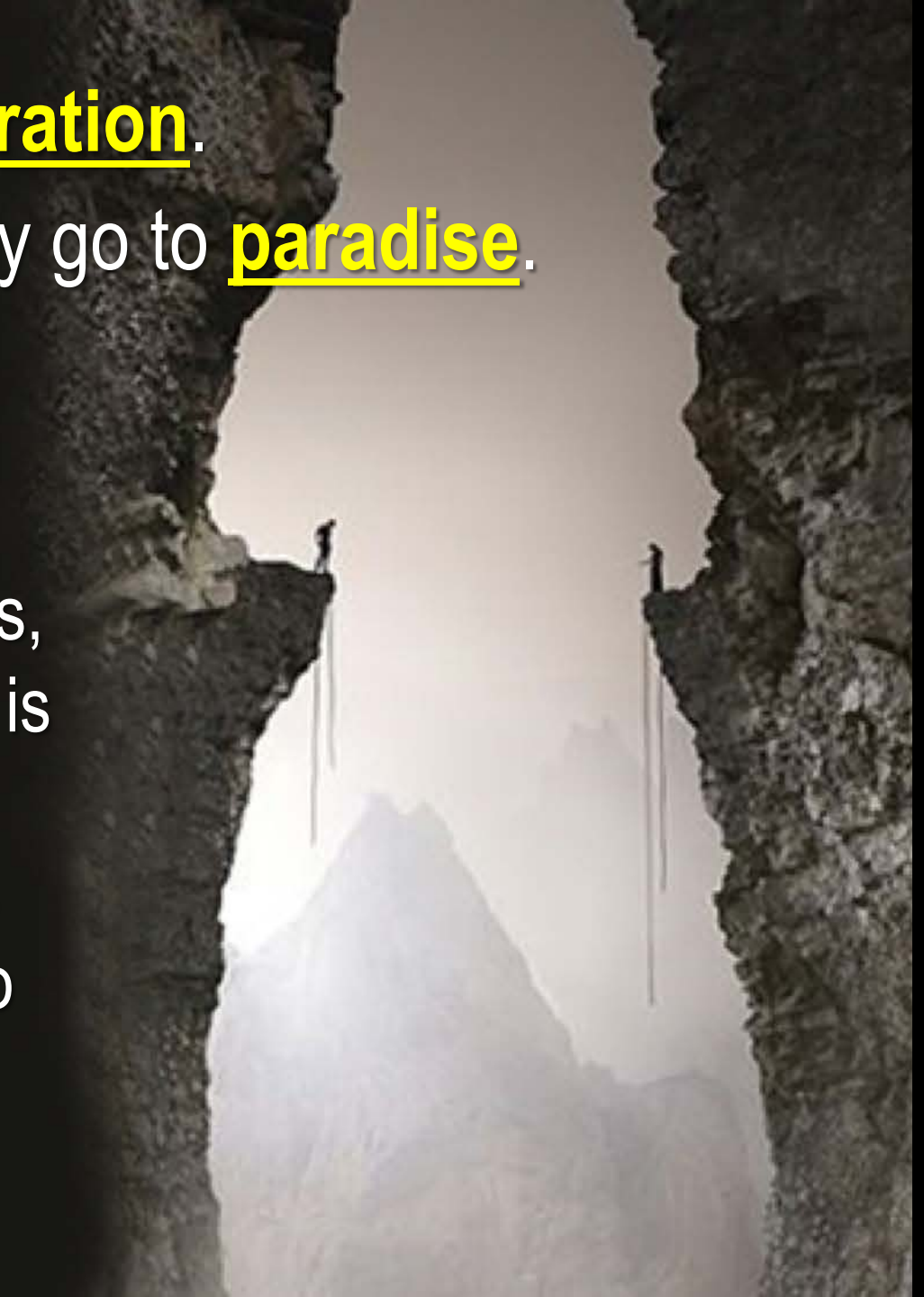


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Luke 16:19-26

25 But 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. **26** And 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.'



5. The righteous dead. Death is separation.

B. After Christ's resurrection, they go to the Presence of God.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Philippians 1:23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.





5. The righteous dead. Death is separation.

C. All children who die before their accountable age,
go to heaven.

2 Samuel 12:23 But now
that he (the child) is dead ...
Can I bring him back again?
I (David) will go to him,
but he will not return to me.

I. Understanding Death. Death is separation.

6. The unrighteous dead.

The unrighteous dead goes to Sheol / Hades until the 2nd resurrection.

Revelation 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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Revelation 20:4-6

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

6. The unrighteous dead. Death is separation.

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Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

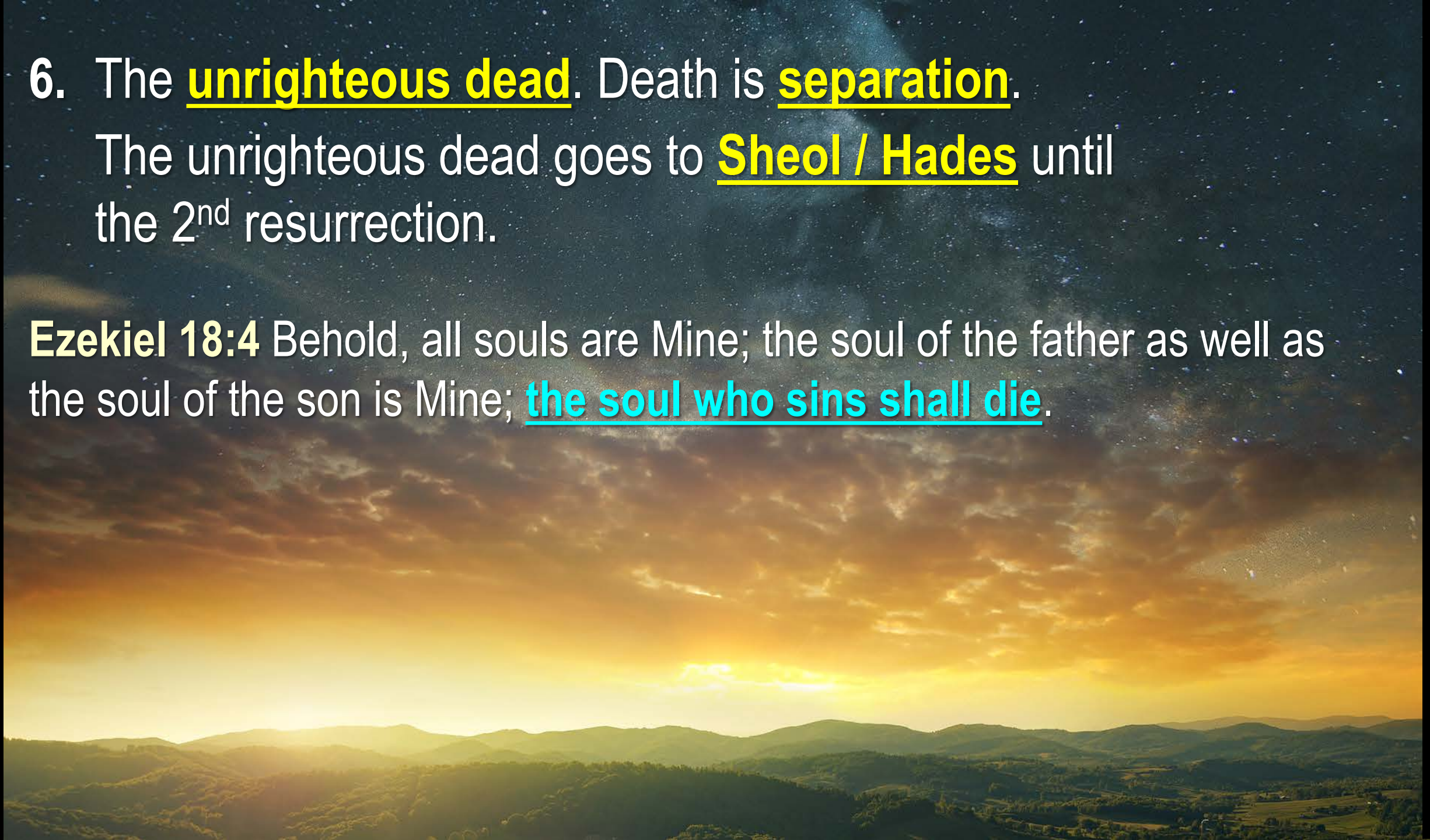
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Revelation 20:11-15

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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the 2nd resurrection.

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as
the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.



I. Understanding Death.

7. Animals do not have spirit.



Isaiah 31:3a Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not spirit.

II. Understanding the Underworld.

1. Hades [Greek]; Sheol [Hebrew].

A. This is the place of the departed unrighteous dead.

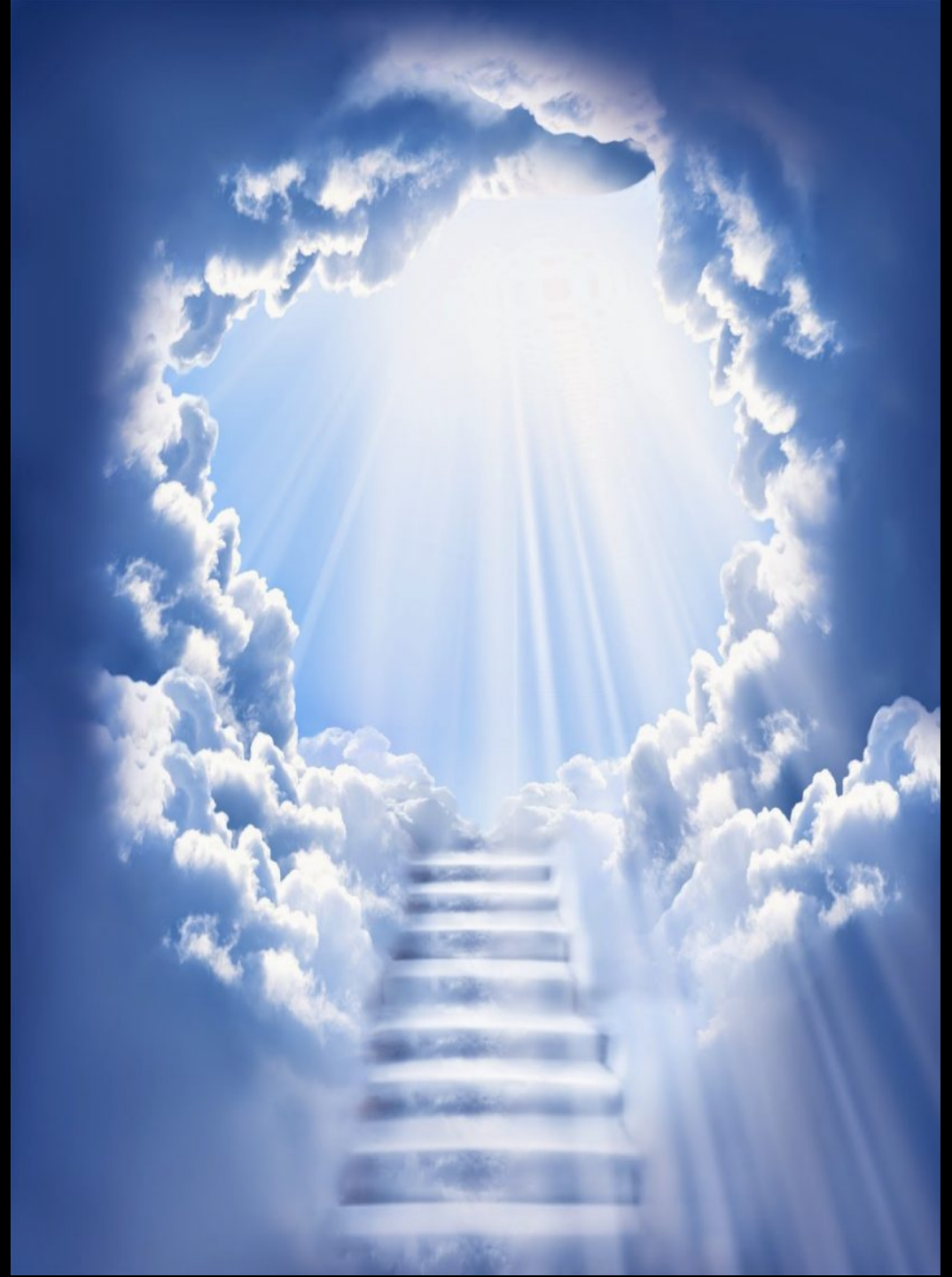
B. They remain here until the 2nd resurrection
i.e. after 1000 years millennial reign of
Christ on earth.



II. Understanding the Underworld.

2. Paradise.

- A. This was the place of the departed righteous dead.
- B. 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

8 Therefore 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? **10** He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Paradise is NOW empty



II. Understanding the Underworld.

3. Tartarus.

Genesis 6:1-4

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



II. Understanding the Underworld.

3. Tartarus.

Genesis 6:1-4

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.”

4 There 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.

II. Understanding the Underworld.

3. Tartarus.

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.





II. Understanding the Underworld.

3. Tartarus.

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 ...

II. Understanding the Underworld.

4. The bottomless pit.



Revelation 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.

A. **Revelation 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.

4. The bottomless pit.

B. Satan bound for 1000 years.

Revelation 20:1-3

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; **3** and 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 ...

II. Understanding the Underworld.

5. Lake of Fire - Gehenna.

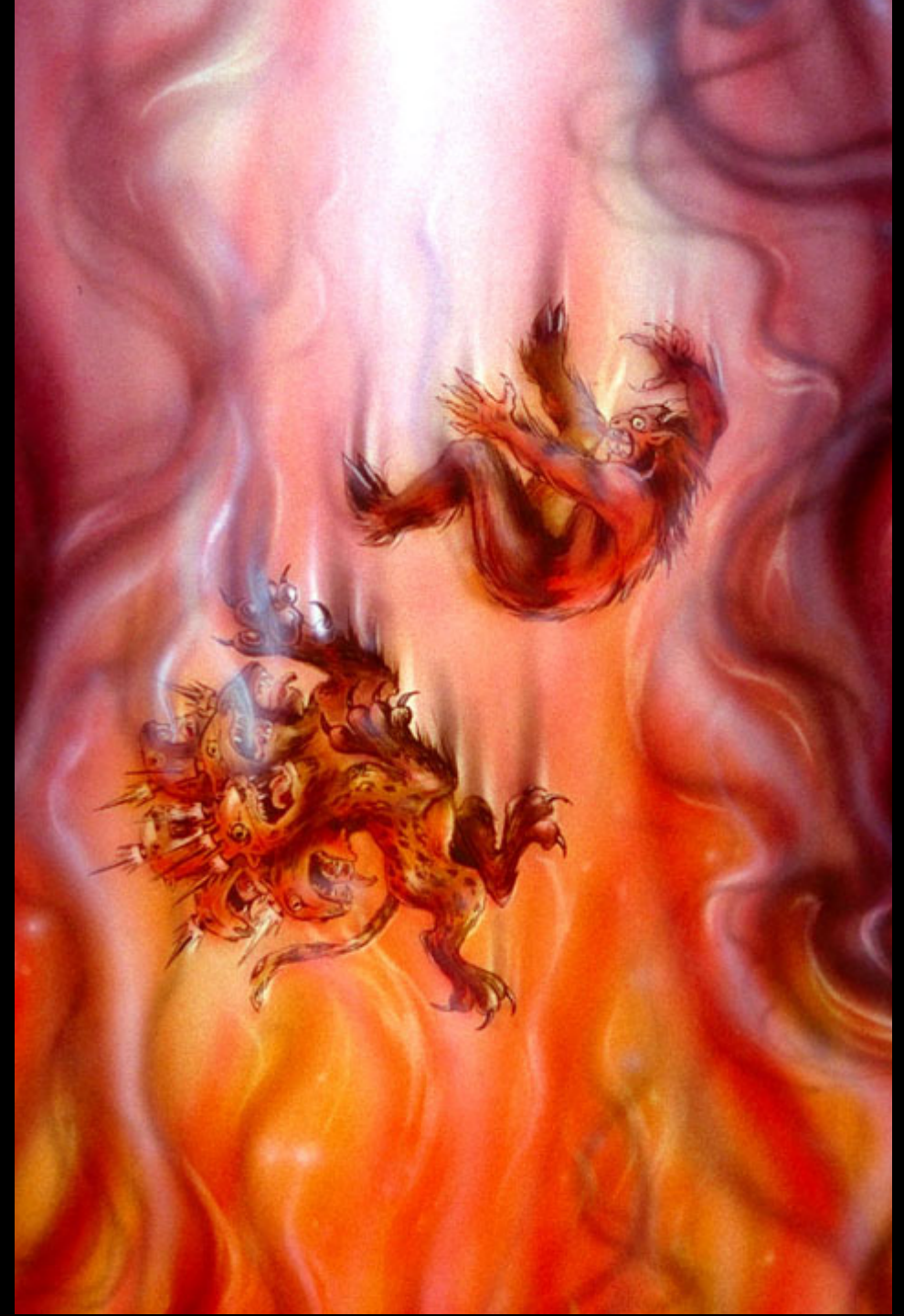
- This is the ultimate hell.
- At the moment, this place is **EMPTY**.



5. Lake of Fire - Gehenna.

A. The **first 2 persons** to be cast into the Lake of Fire will be the **Anti-Christ (beast)** and the **false prophet.**

Revelation 20:10 The **devil**, 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.



5. Lake of Fire - Gehenna.

B. This will be followed by

- (1) The devil himself [Revelation 20:10].
- (2) The goat nations [Matthew 25:41, 46].
- (3) Principalities of Death & Hades.

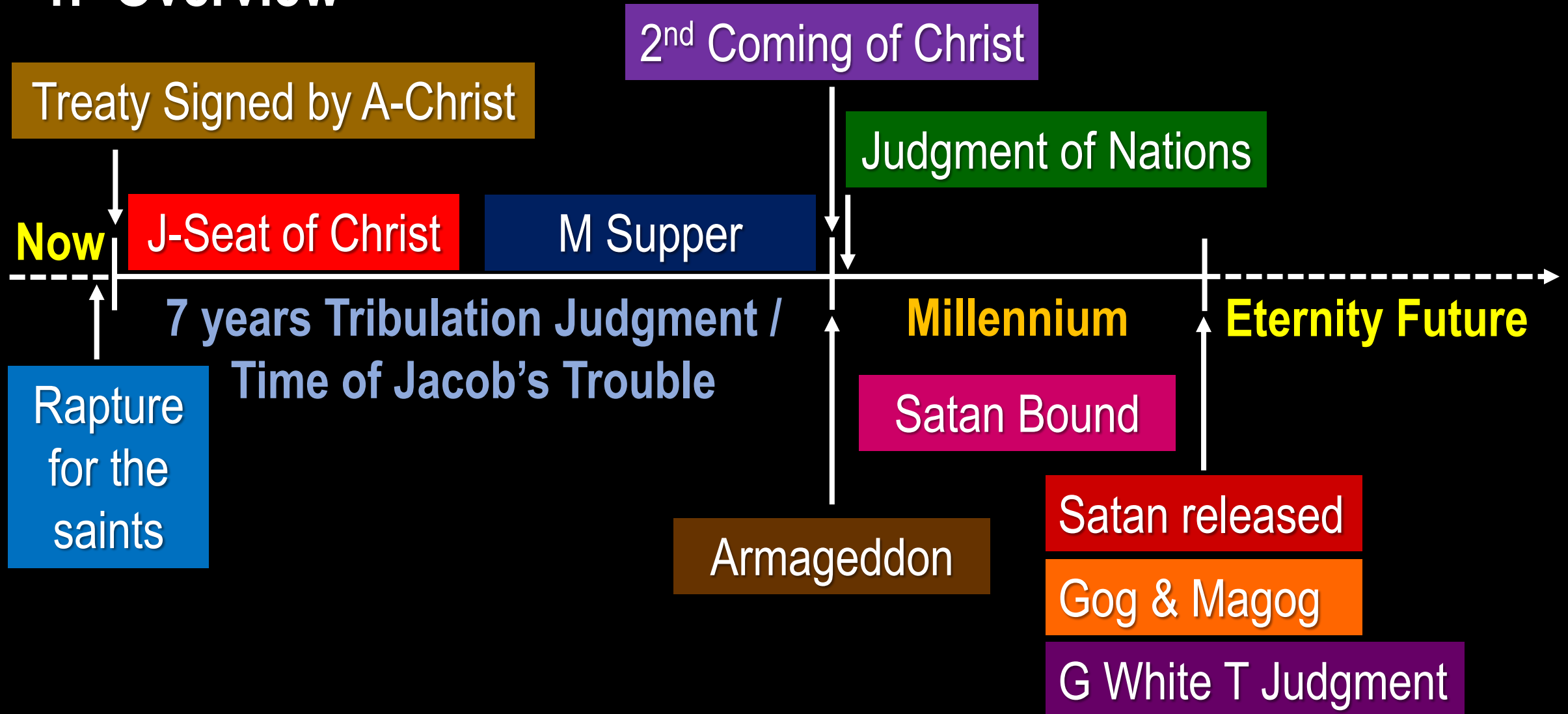
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14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire.

This is the second death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

III. Understanding End-Timeline. (1 Corinthians 10:32; Daniel 9:24-27)

1. Overview



III. Understanding End-Timeline.

2. The catching away [rapture] of the overcomers and OT saints before the 7 years tribulation judgment.

Why is this so?



III. Understanding End-Timeline.

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**





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A. Noah & the Ark

Genesis 6-8

Before the great flood, the Lord rescued Noah and his family. He would have rescued all who heard and responded to Noah's preaching but none did.

This is a **principle** throughout **scriptures**

B. Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 18-19

The Lord revealed to Abram
what He was going to do.

The Lord will always spare the righteous.

In the end, there is only one righteous i.e. **Lot**.





This is a **principle** throughout **scriptures**

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.

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1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:9 - we are saved from God's wrath.

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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.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 - Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Revelation 6:15-17 (after 6th Seal is broken)

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from

the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the

wrath of the Lamb! **17** For the great day of His wrath has

come, and who is able to stand?"

4. During the 7 years tribulation, the gospel is continuously preached!

A. At the start of this 7 years, the 144,000 Messianic Jews to the whole world resulting in the salvation of the Great Multitude.

B. Followed by the 2 witnesses.

C. And the ministry of the angels.



5. The end-time harvest in 3 phases:

A. Brought in by the church prior to being caught away / rapture.

B. Result of ministry of the 144,000 during the first 3-1/2 years of the tribulation.

C. The ministry of the angels during the 2nd half of the tribulation.



6. There are 7 different raptures:

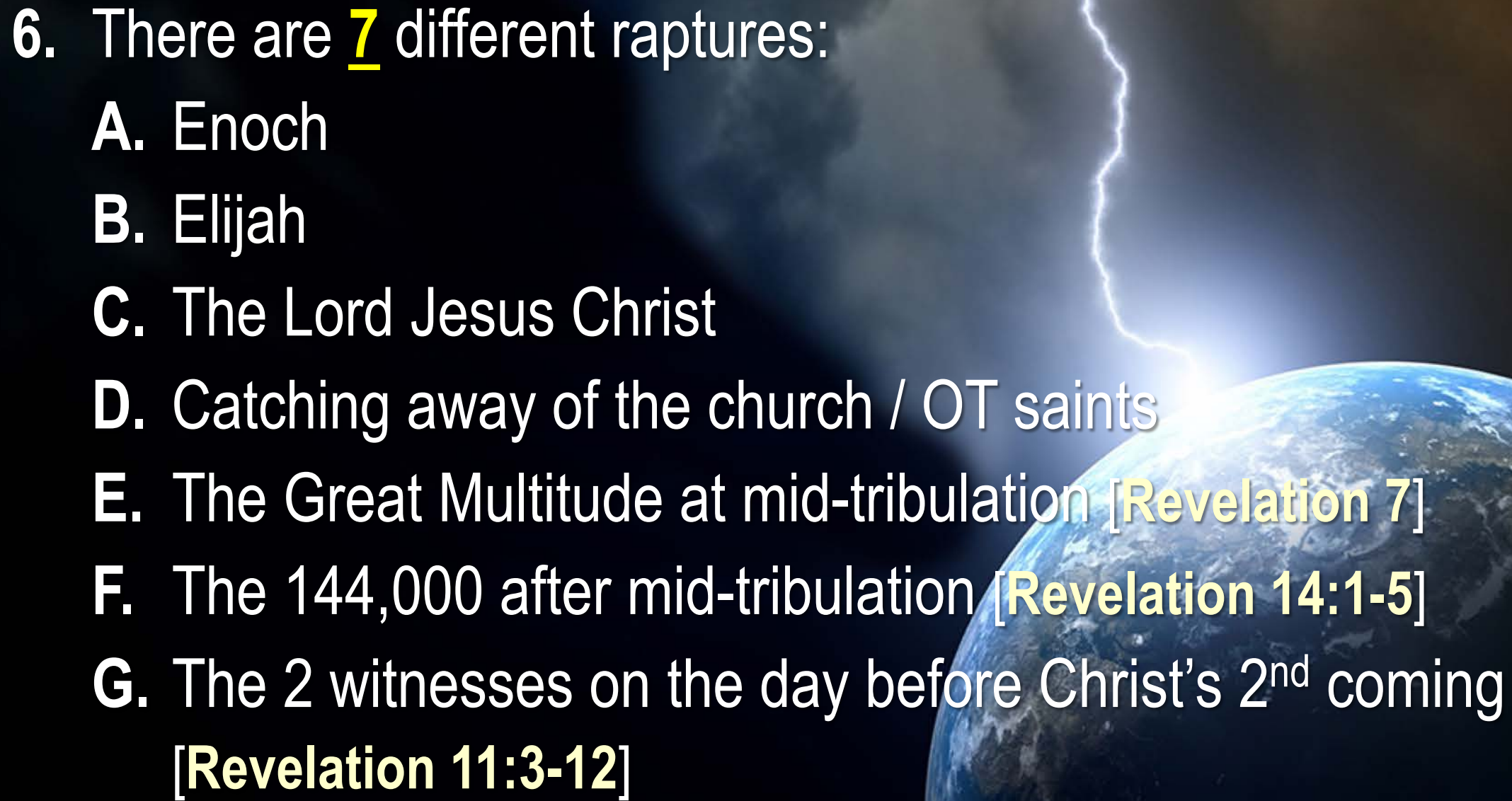
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- Different phrases used in the scriptures:

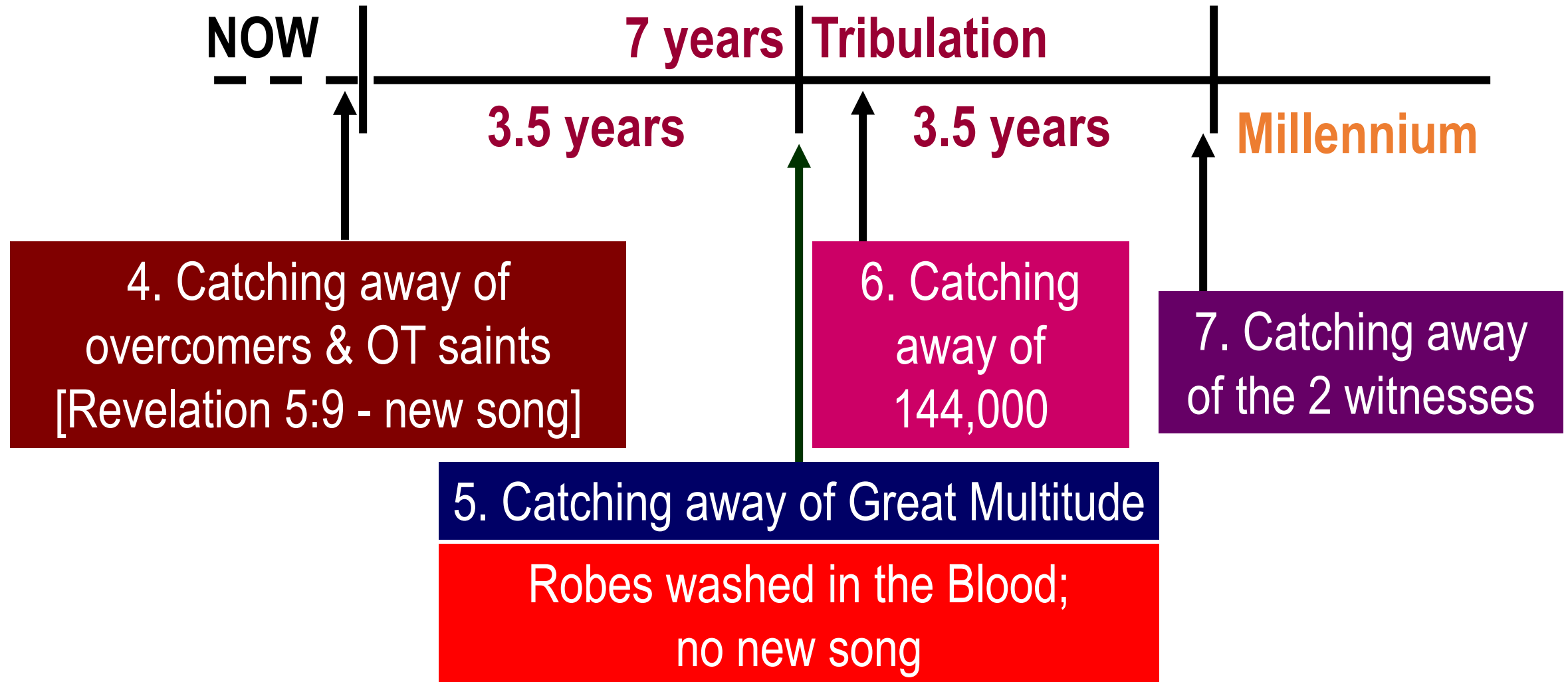
John 14:3 - received unto the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - caught up to meet the Lord in the air

2 Thessalonians 2:1 - gathered together with the Lord

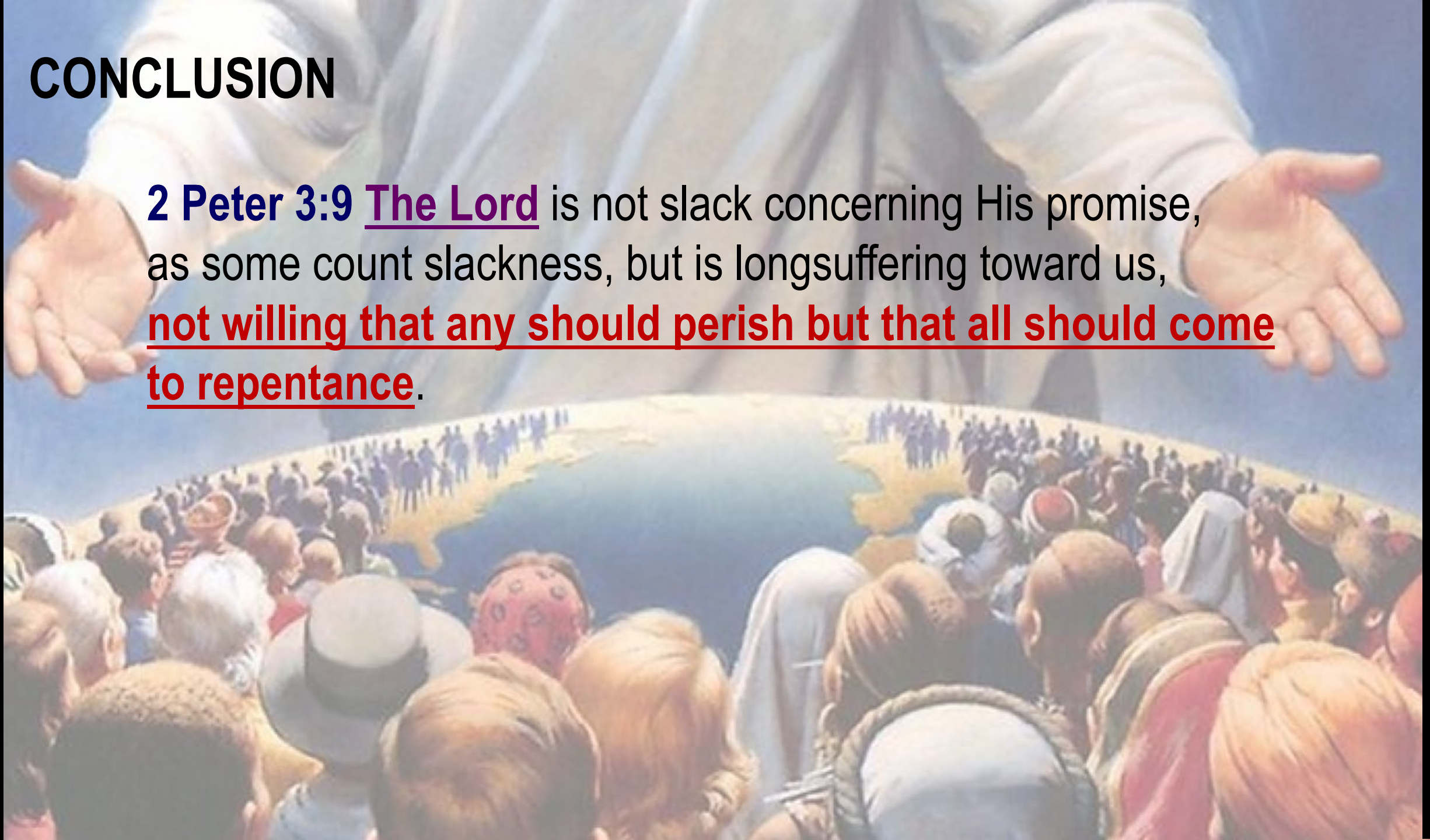
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6. There are **7** different raptures:
- A. Enoch
 - B. Elijah
 - C. The Lord Jesus Christ
 - D. Catching away of the church / OT saints
 - E. The Great Multitude at mid-tribulation [**Revelation 7**]
 - F. The 144,000 after mid-tribulation [**Revelation 14:1-5**]
 - G. The 2 witnesses on the day before Christ's 2nd coming [**Revelation 11:3-12**]

III. Understanding End-Timeline - The last 4 Raptures



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.



A religious painting depicting Jesus with outstretched arms, looking down at a large crowd of people. The scene is set outdoors with a bright, hazy sky. The crowd consists of many people, some wearing traditional head coverings like turbans. The overall tone is one of divine presence and outreach.

BOTTOM-LINE

How shall we respond?

1. Live our lives in the light of eternity
2. Be alert to divine appointments to share the Gospel