




SUDDENLY!
THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

An hourglass with sand falling from the top bulb into the bottom bulb, positioned on the left side of the frame. Below the hourglass, an open book is visible, showing text on its pages. The background is dark and textured.

God's Dealings with Man

1 Cor 10:32

- Mankind - Genesis 5:2 - Gentiles - Noah's Flood
- Abram - Hebrews - Israel - Jews
- The Church - Every believing Gentile or Jew



Significant Signs of the Time of the End

- The Rebirth of Israel as a Nation
- Increasing lawlessness
- Increasing in knowledge (Daniel 12:3)
- Increasing attacks on Christians, Christianity, Churches, etc.
- Growing apostasy, lies and deceptions
- Nations against nations
- Natural calamities - EQs, extreme weather
- The longing for the Rapture

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1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath (of God) to come.

The Rapture delivers us from the Wrath of God to come.

It is a fulfilment of the Promises of God for the Church!

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The difference between:

1. trouble in general because of:
 - the fallen-ness of Man (**John 16:33**);
 - persecution-martyrdom of believers (**2 Timothy 3:12**; **1 Peter 2-4**).
2. the wrath of God both in the OT and especially specifically in the 7 Years Tribulation Period.

God's wrath begins with Seal Judgments and ends with Bowl Judgments

Revelation 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous:

seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.



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The Principle in scriptures that:

God delivers the righteous from His Wrath

The Lord always rescues the righteous before His judgment i.e. the righteous saints are always saved, preserved, rescued from God's judgment.

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1. The Lord raptured Enoch (Genesis 5) [type of Church in pre-Tribulation Rapture] and later rescued Noah and his family (Genesis 6-8) in the Ark through the Flood [type of remnant Jews and believing Gentiles in the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation]

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2. 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's only one righteous i.e. **LOT**



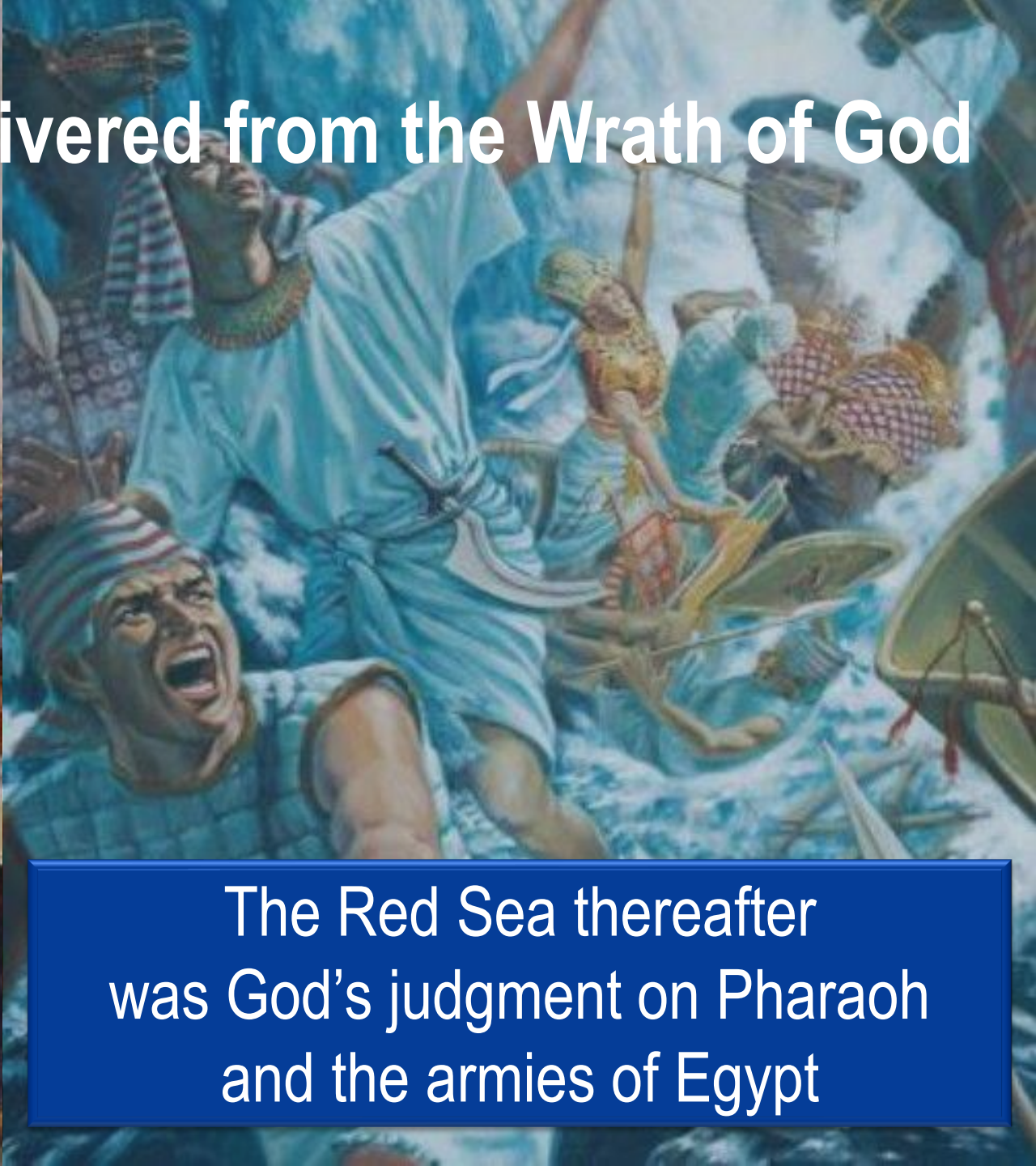
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3. Israel at the Red Sea



Exodus 14

The Red Sea was parted for Israel



The Red Sea thereafter
was God's 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 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.



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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.

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Revelation 3:10

10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Greek: the Church taken out of, not through the Tribulation.



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Righteous =

- born again
- received Jesus as Saviour and Lord
(Romans 10:9-10)
- sealed with the Holy Spirit
- justified
- have the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus ...



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John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

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John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

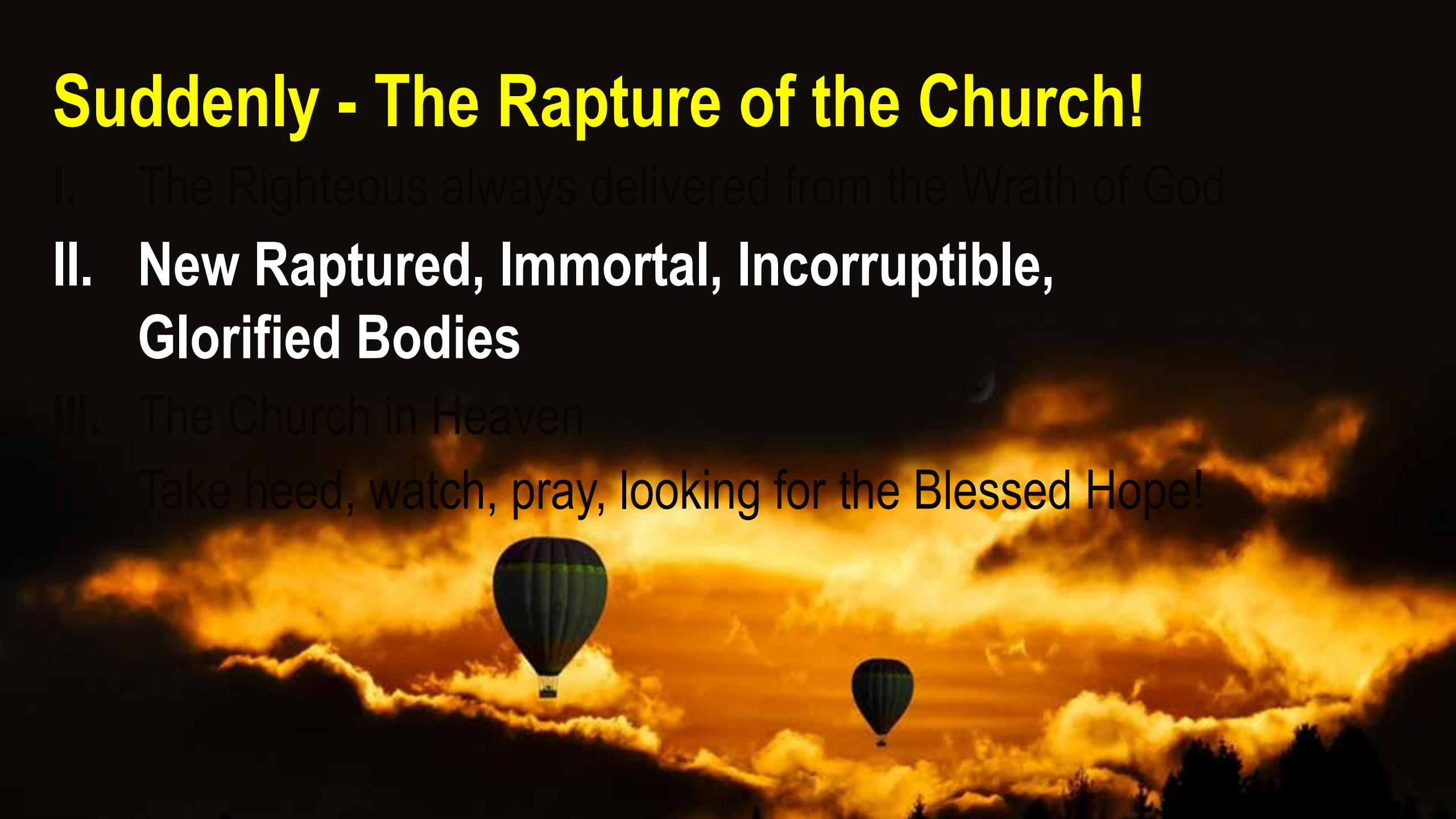
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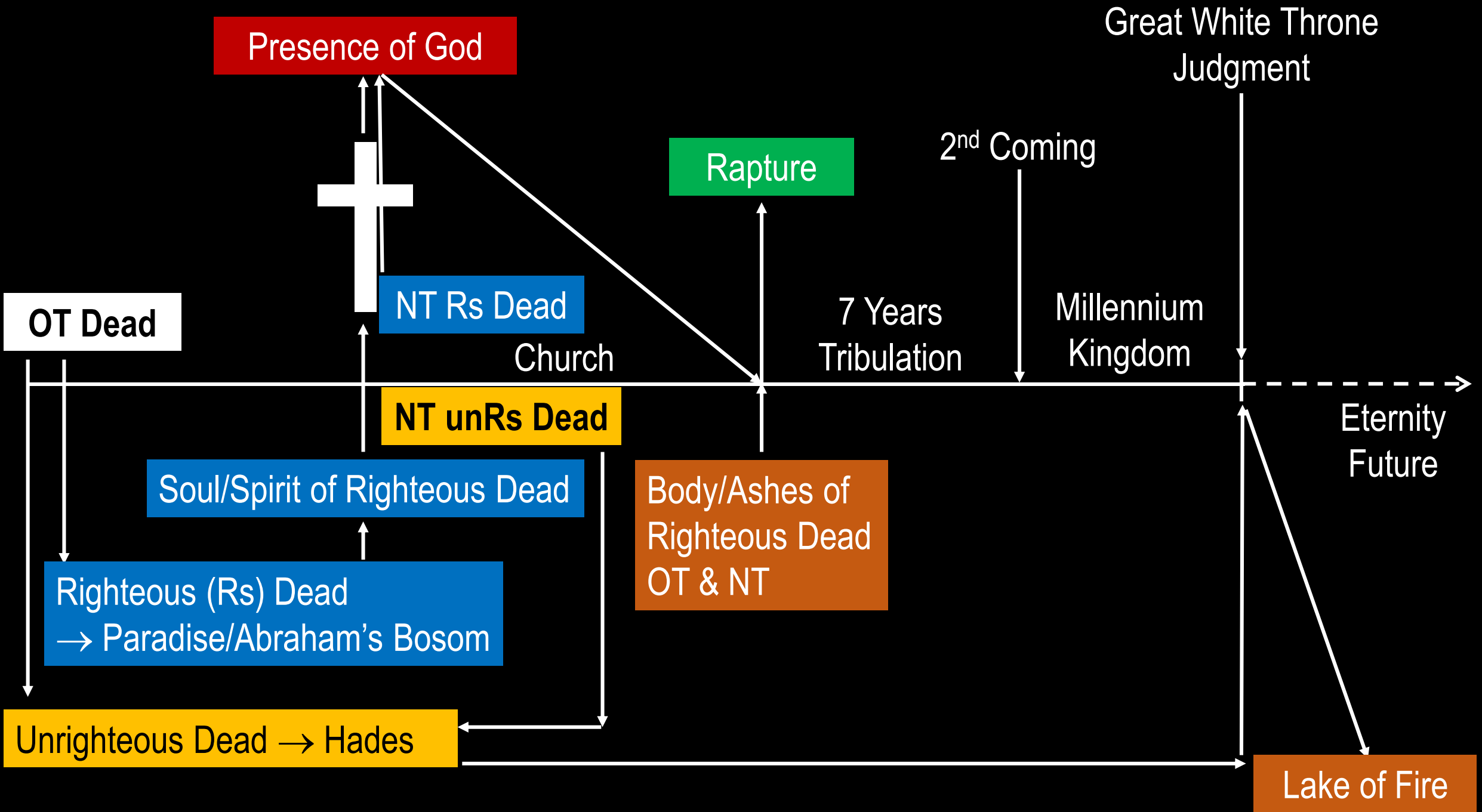
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II. New Raptured, Immortal, Incorruptible, Glorified Bodies

1 Corinthians 15:50-55

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

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53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” **55** “O Death, where is your sting?” O Hades, where is your victory?”



II. New Raptured, Immortal, Incorruptible, Glorified Bodies

Our bodies will be changed from:

- mortal to immortal;
- corrupt to incorruptible;
- flesh and **blood** (life force from blood) to flesh and **bones** (Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his **body**, of his **flesh**, and of his **bones**; Ephesians 5:32 This is a great **mystery**: but I speak concerning Christ and the church (KJV))

(life force from the Spirit of God - 1 Corinthians 15:45)

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Do not touch Me - John 20:17

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ”

Touch Me - John 20:27

Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”



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Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Glorified body after Jesus ascended to Father (Hebrews 9:11-12, 14)
@Rapture = Glorified Bodies

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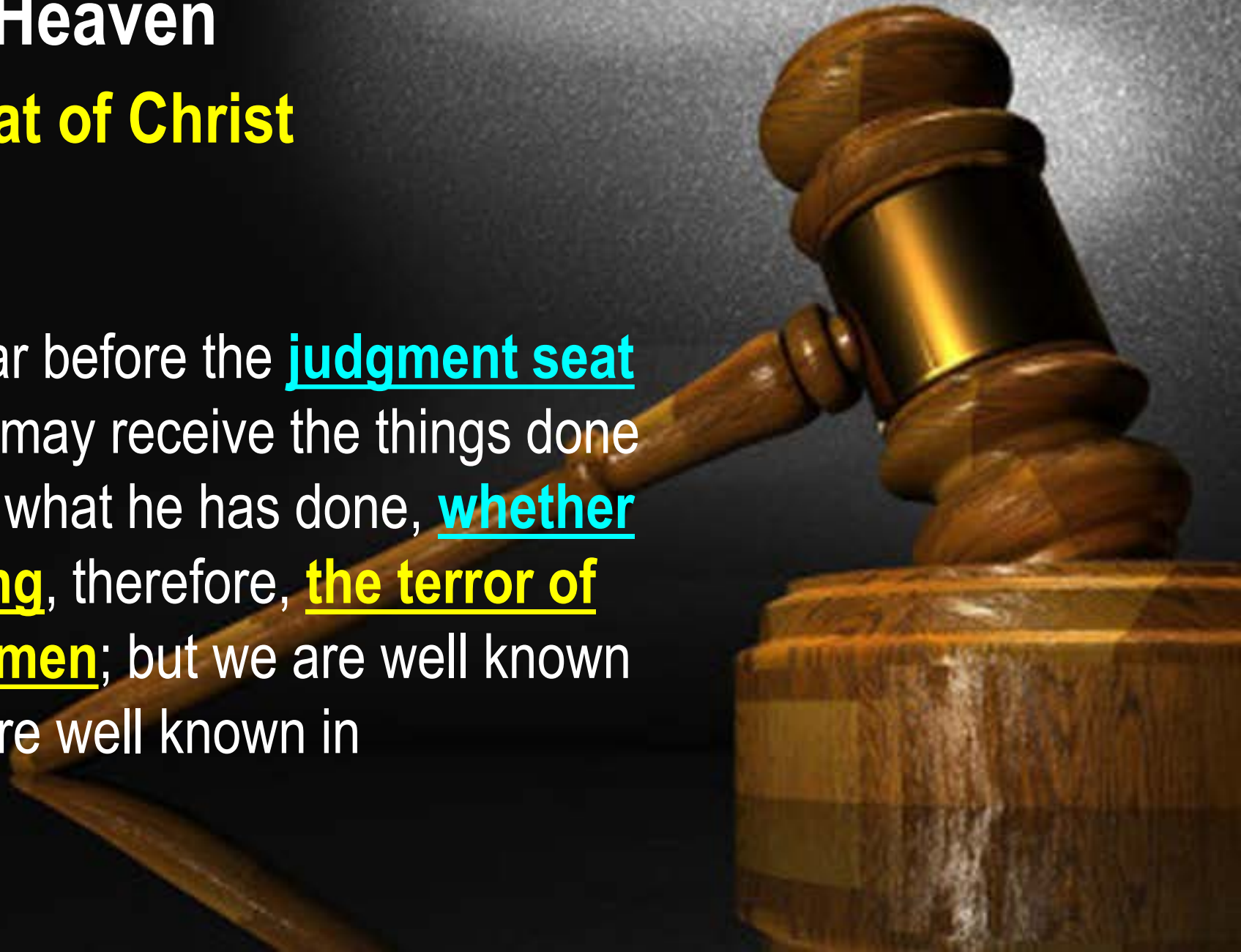
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1. Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.



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2. Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ...



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3. The Church Returning with Christ @ The Second Coming

Revelation 19:11-16

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**.

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1 Thessalonians 4:18, 14-17

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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Titus 2:11-13

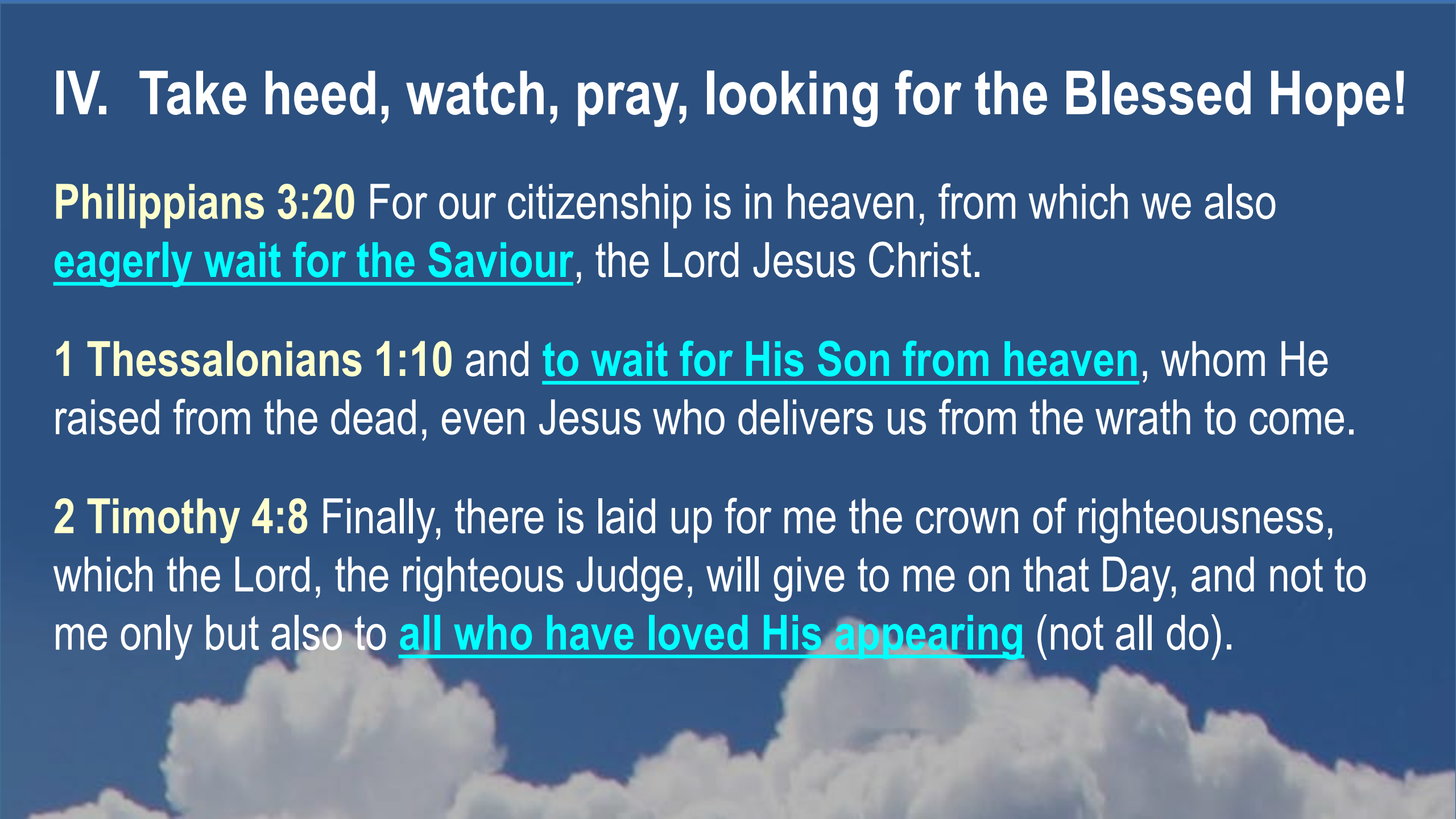
11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ ...**

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1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing (not all do).





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Video - Rapture Are You Ready?

BOTTOM-LINE

Romans 11:22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.