

# Where are the Dead?

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A Survey of the Bible's Teaching  
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## LIFE

ETERNITY



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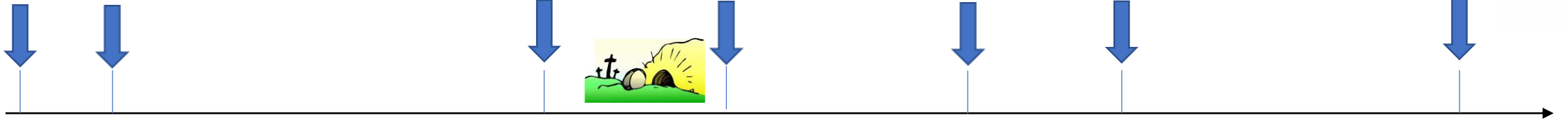
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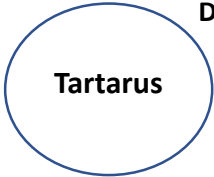
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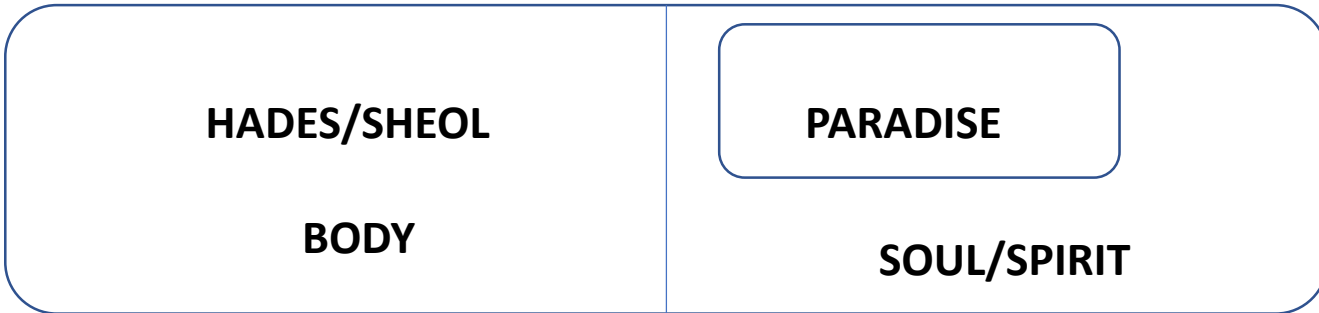
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NO DEATH



Tartarus



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SECOND DEATH/LAKE OF FIRE

# A Quick Tour of Our Chart and God's Plan

- Eternity = Timeless abode of God
- Tartarus = Prison for fallen Angels
- Hades/Sheol = Grave/Body
- Hades/Paradise = Soul/Spirit saved and lost
- Present with the LORD = Place for believers after Christ's resurrection
- Kingdom = 1000 year reign of Christ
- GWT = Great White Throne
- Second Death/Lake of Fire = Gehenna



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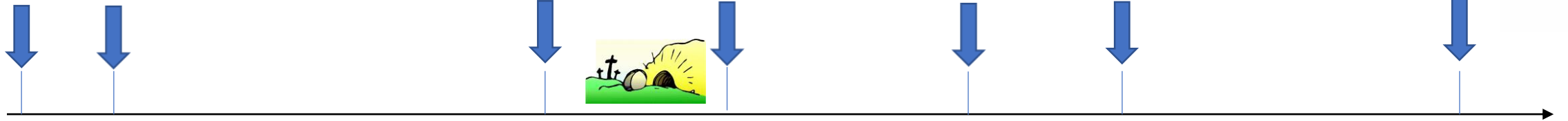
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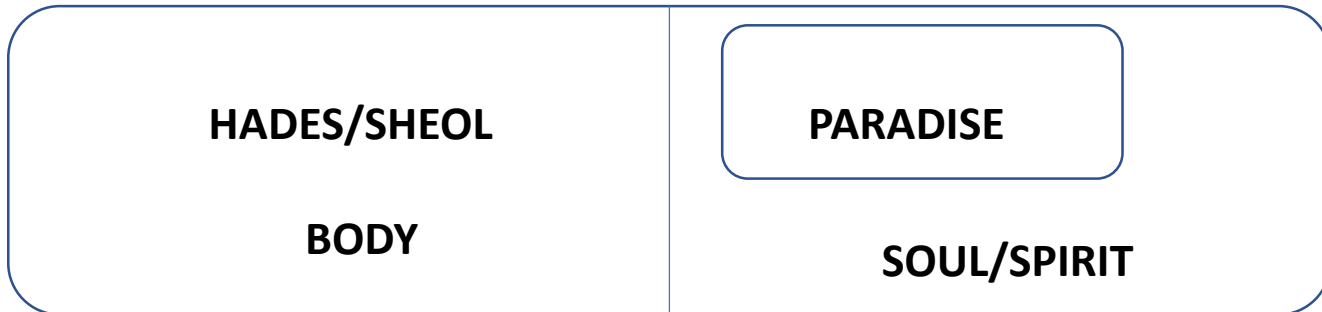
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# Creation in Six Days//NO Death Prior to Fall

- Eternity Past = No Time Exists
- Six Days of Creation
  1. Earth, Space, Time, Light
  2. Atmosphere
  3. Dry Land/Plant Life
  4. Sun/Moon/Stars
  5. Fish/Fowl
  6. Land Animals/Humanity
  7. God Rested
- NO Death at all in Universe



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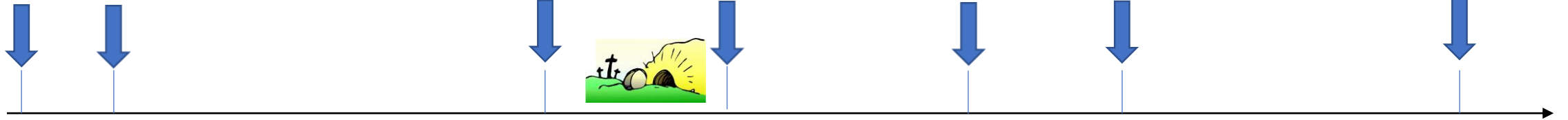
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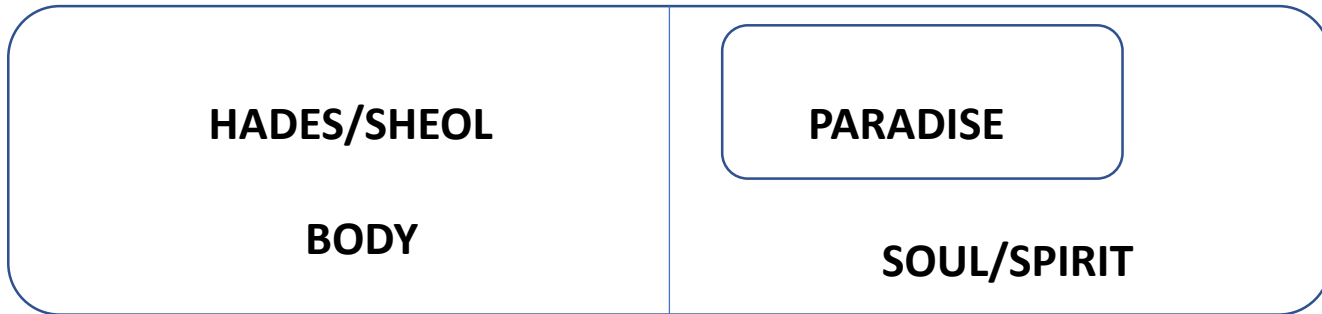
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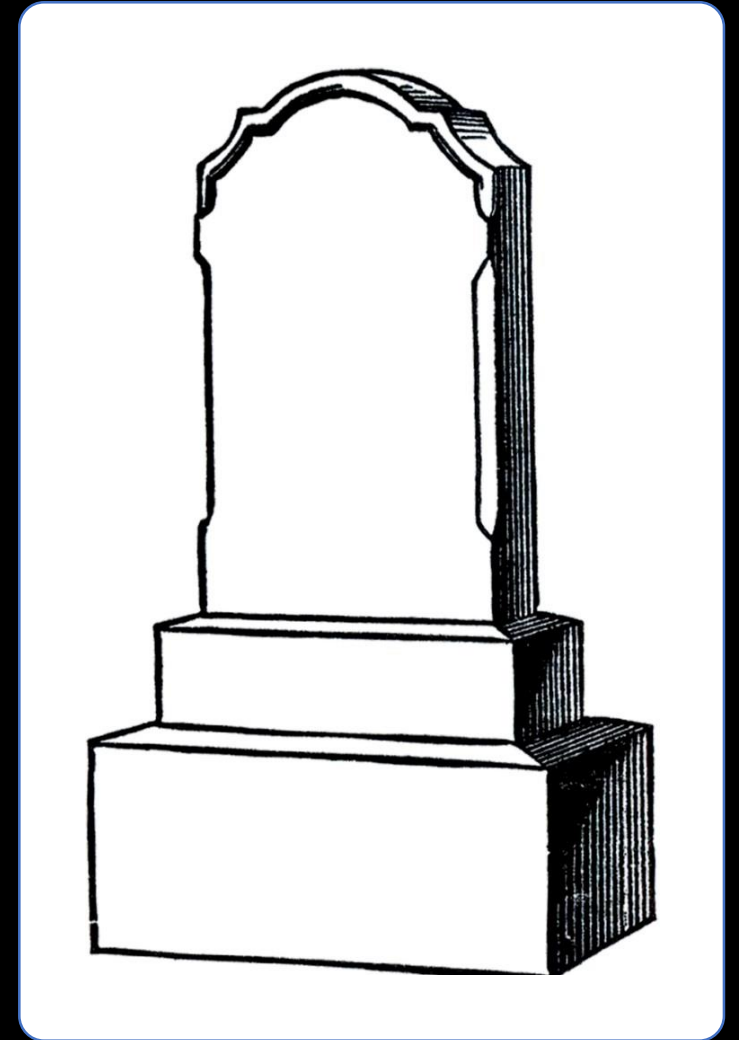
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# And Death Comes

- As God warned, when Man sinned death came
- Death is a consequence of sin
- Abel was the first human to physically die
- The fate of the People of the OT:
  - For the OT Sinner, there is death of the body to go to the grave, and the soul to a place of suffering and there to remain until the GWT
  - For the OT Saint, there is death of the body to go to the grave, and the soul to go to a place of comfort called paradise/Abraham's bosom, spiritual nature transferred to presence of the LORD until the beginning of the Kingdom



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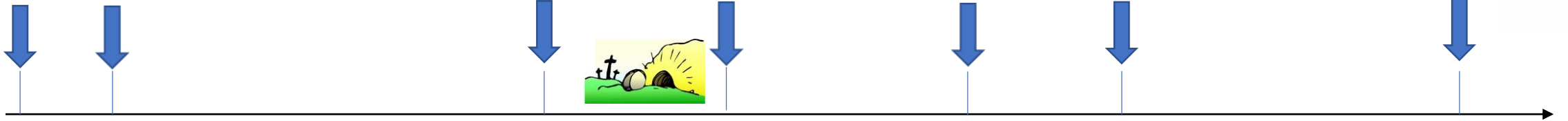
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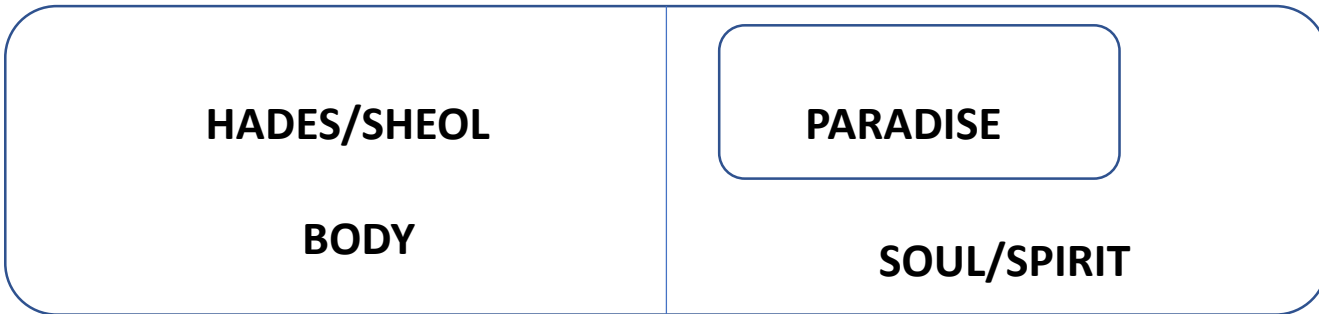


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# Christ Changed Everything!



- He came in the flesh by means of the Virgin Birth
- He came at the fullness of time
- He came to bring life and immortality to life
- He died on the cross and took the soul of a converted thief to paradise with Him
- He rose on the third day and took all the souls of the OT righteous dead to heaven to await the resurrection of the OT dead just prior to the Kingdom

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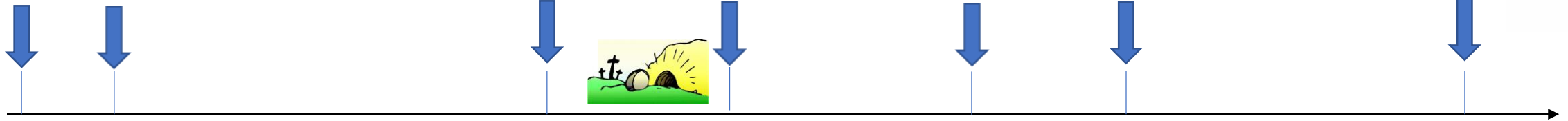
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# What Happens in the Church Age?

- After the resurrection of Christ, the souls of righteous dead go to be with Jesus – absent from the body present with the Lord- the body awaits the Rapture of the Church and the glorification of the body
- The bodies of the lost go to the grave and souls of the lost men in the NT go to Hades to await the GWT and final punishment in the Lake of Fire for eternity.



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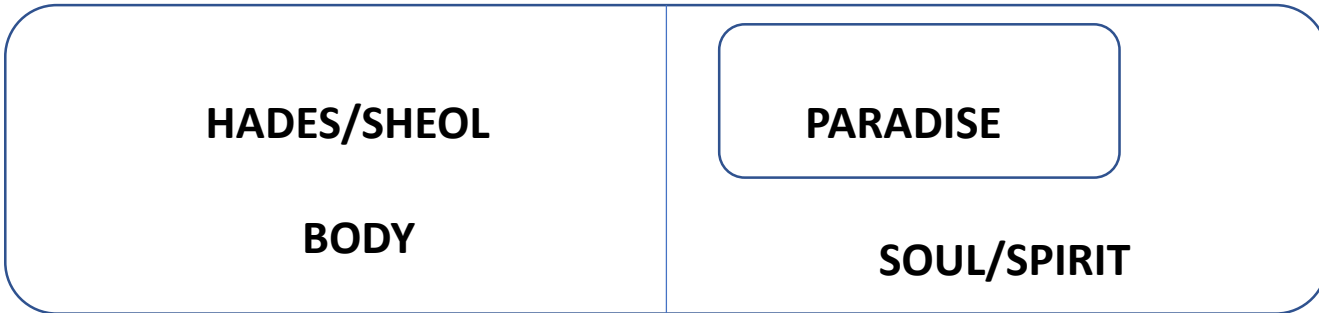
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# The Tribulation Saints and Sinners

- Many people will be converted in the Tribulation but they will largely be killed for their faith. Their bodies are buried and their souls go directly to the presence of the LORD.
- Most of the lost receive the mark of the Beast (666) and are killed at the end of the tribulation. They will be resurrected and united with their bodies at the GWT and cast into the Lake of Fire
- The Beast and the False Prophet are cast alive in the Lake of Fire that the end of the tribulation.
- Satan is bound for 1000 years

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# The Millennial Kingdom

- The Old Testament Saints, particularly Israel are raised at the beginning
- Satan remains bound throughout until loosed a little before the end – After his last rebellion he is cast into the Lake of Fire where the Beast and False Prophet have been for almost 1000 years
- Only those who are born during this period will possibly die as a result of rebellion
- The OT Saints, NT Saints, Tribulation Saints, and Millennial Saints will enjoy this Kingdom together
- Ends with the Battle of Gog and Magog in which the multitudes reared during the Millennial Kingdom will be tested by the loosed Satan and after defeat will be summoned to the GWT, judged and cast into Lake of Fire with Satan!
- Evil will be over and only one last event remains to seal the eternal state and end the drama of human redemption – the Great White Throne Judgment!



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New Jerusalem

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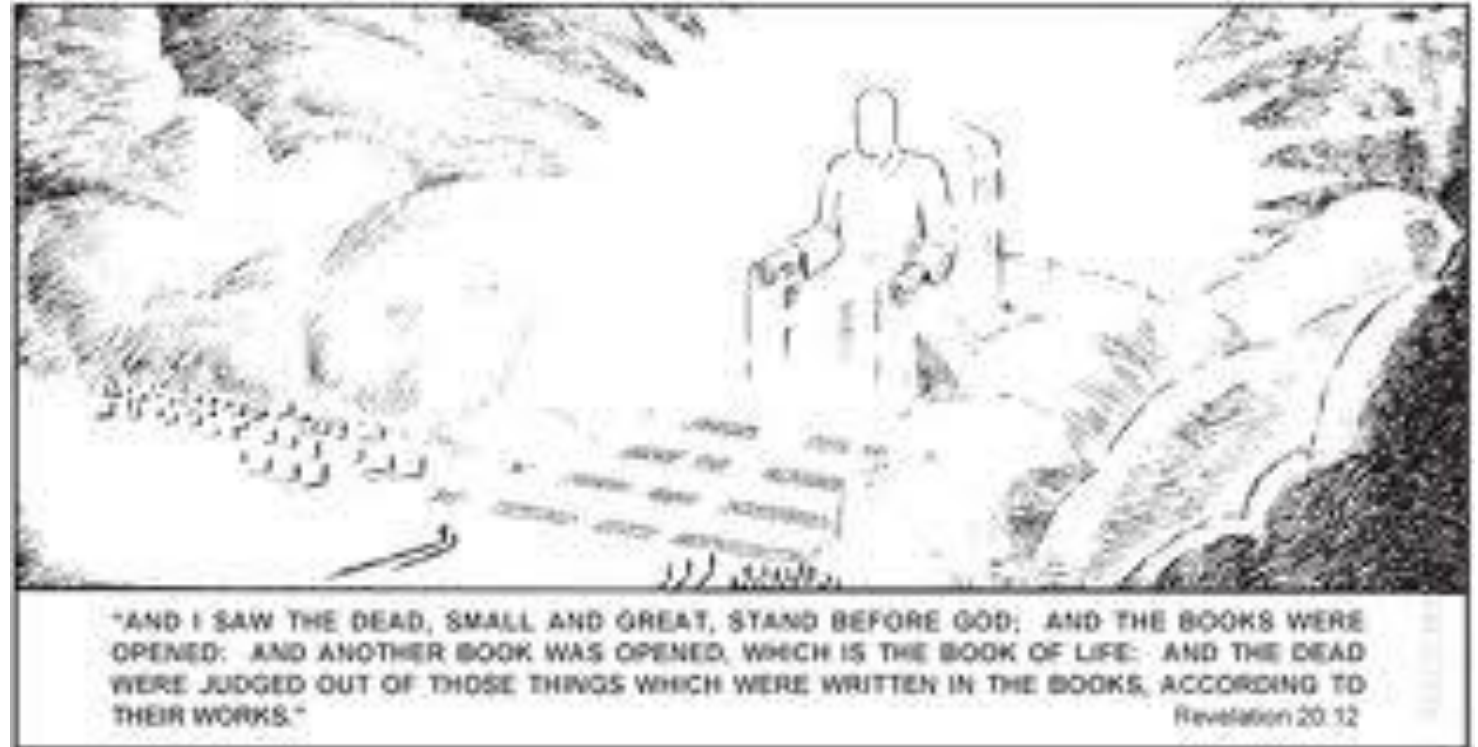


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# The Great White Throne

- All the dead remaining will be there:
  - OT Sinners
  - NT Sinners
  - Tribulation Sinners
  - Millennial Sinners
  - Gog and Magog Sinners
- Small and Great – all lost men
- Death/Sea = Physical Body
- Hell = Spiritual Nature (Soul/Spirit)
- Eternal Punishment
  - Memories
  - Fire/Burning
  - Unsatisfied desires
  - Loneliness
  - Darkness
  - Spiritual death = separation for God
  - Degrees of Punishment based on Light Refused
- Lake of Liquid Fire/Bottomless forever falling



# Summary

## **Saved**

OT Saints – Raised at beginning of 1000 year Kingdom

NT Saints – Raised at the Rapture

Trib. Saints - Raised at beginning of 1000 year Kingdom

Millennial Saints – Live through the 1000 Year Kingdom into eternity

## **Lost**

OT Sinners – Great White Throne

NT Sinners – Great White Throne

Trib. Sinners – Great White Throne

Millennial Sinners – Great White Throne

Gog and Magog Sinners – Great White Throne

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## Such a very short time really!

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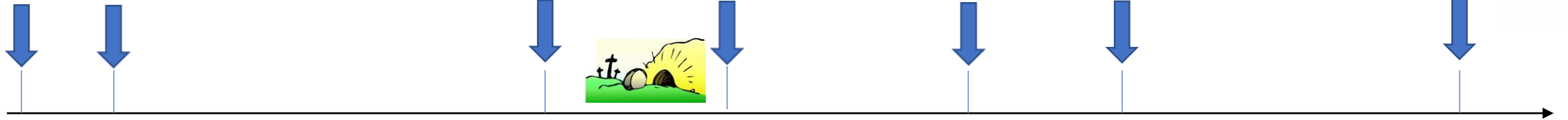
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without Christ  
is so very long!

The Lake of Fire is  
Unusually Barricaded

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Why haven't  
**YOU** trusted  
Jesus Christ?

