

The Final Age Eternity

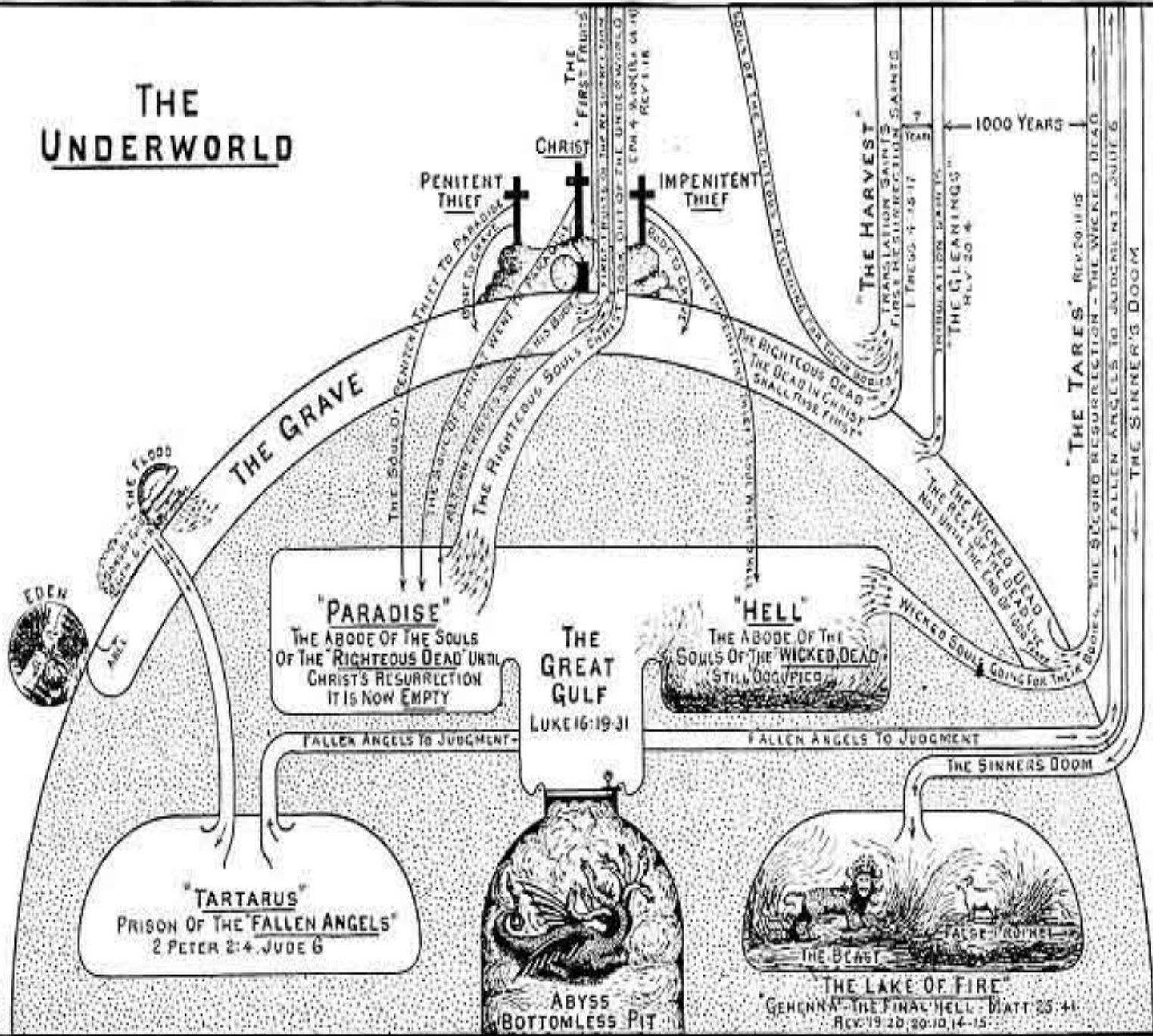
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The Great White Throne Judgement

Revelation 20: 11-15

“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. 12. 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. 13. 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. 14. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

THE UNDERWORLD




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- Immediately after Satan is thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (20:10) - verse 11 opens to the spellbinding scene of the Great White Throne Judgment -

Who Will be Judged?

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Revelation 20:11-15

- The Book of Life is the set of names of those who will live with God forever in heaven. It is the roll of those who are saved.
- This Book of Life is also mentioned in Revelation 3:5; 20:12; and Philippians 4:3.
- The same book is also called the Lamb's Book of Life because it contains the names of those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus (Revelation 13:8; 21:27).

- Daniel 12:2:

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Revelation 20:13:

“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.

Who Will be Judged?

1. The Unsaved
2. Fallen Angels

2 Peter 2:4: “God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, **reserved for judgment.**”

Jude 1:6: “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness **for the judgment of the great day.”**

Who Will Do the Judging?

1. Jesus Christ Himself

John 5:22-27

²² **For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** ²³ That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

²⁵ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶ For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷ **And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.**

Who Will Do the Judging?

2. The Church

1 Corinthians 6: 2-3. “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?”

The saints, those who comprise the body of Christ, believers from Pentecost to the Rapture, will sit in judgment along with the Lord.

What is the judgement for?

Destiny of the judged or Degrees of the Judgement?

The Destiny has already been determined.
Death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire.

The Bible does not specifically state a “grading scale” of the degrees of judgement; however, a consistent principles is presented through out Scripture.

- Principle of Judgment in proportion to intimacy with God and revelation received.

Matthew 10:15

Matthew 11:21

Romans 2:9

- Punishment will be in proportion to revelation received.

Luke 12:47

John 15: 22-24

John 19:11

James 4:17

- Principle of Judgment in proportion to intimacy with God and degree of responsibility.

James 3:1

- Once judgement has been finished, the wicked will be cast into the lake of fire along with death, Satan, beast, false prophet, demons, and hell.
- Those who hold to the “degree of punishment” interpretation, agree that “lake of fire” is not a literal lake but is a symbolic term referencing final torment. Under this view, those in the lake of fire will endure different levels perpetual torment under the sentencing of Christ and the Church according to their deeds. A literal lake of fire would eliminate the degree of punishment interpretation as all in the fire would endure the same punishment.

The Doctrine of Annihilationism?

- Annihilationism (also called extinctionism or destructionism) is the belief that unbelievers will not experience an eternity of suffering in the lake of fire, but will instead be “extinguished” after death. For many, annihilationism is an attractive belief because of the awfulness of the idea of people spending eternity in the lake of fire.

A comprehensive look at what the Bible says about the destiny of the wicked reveals the fact that punishment in the lake of fire is eternal.

Conditionalism or **conditional immortality** is a concept in which the gift of immortality is attached to (conditional upon) belief in Jesus Christ. This doctrine is based in part upon another theological argument, that the human soul is naturally mortal, immortality is therefore granted by God as a gift. This view holds that a person receives an immortal soul only if they have believed on Jesus Christ. This viewpoint stands in contrast to the more popular doctrine of the "natural immortality" of the soul which says that the soul (or spirit) of man never dies whether they are a believer or non-believer.

- Seventh-day Adventists posit that living in eternal hell is a false doctrine of pagan origin, as the Wicked will perish in the Lake of fire.
- Jehovah's Witnesses believe that there can be no punishment after death because the dead cease to exist.
- Baptist and other mainline denominations believe in either the literal lake of fire as the eternal abode of the wicked or that the lake of fire is a symbolic reference to eternal torment.