

# LIFE AFTER DEATH?

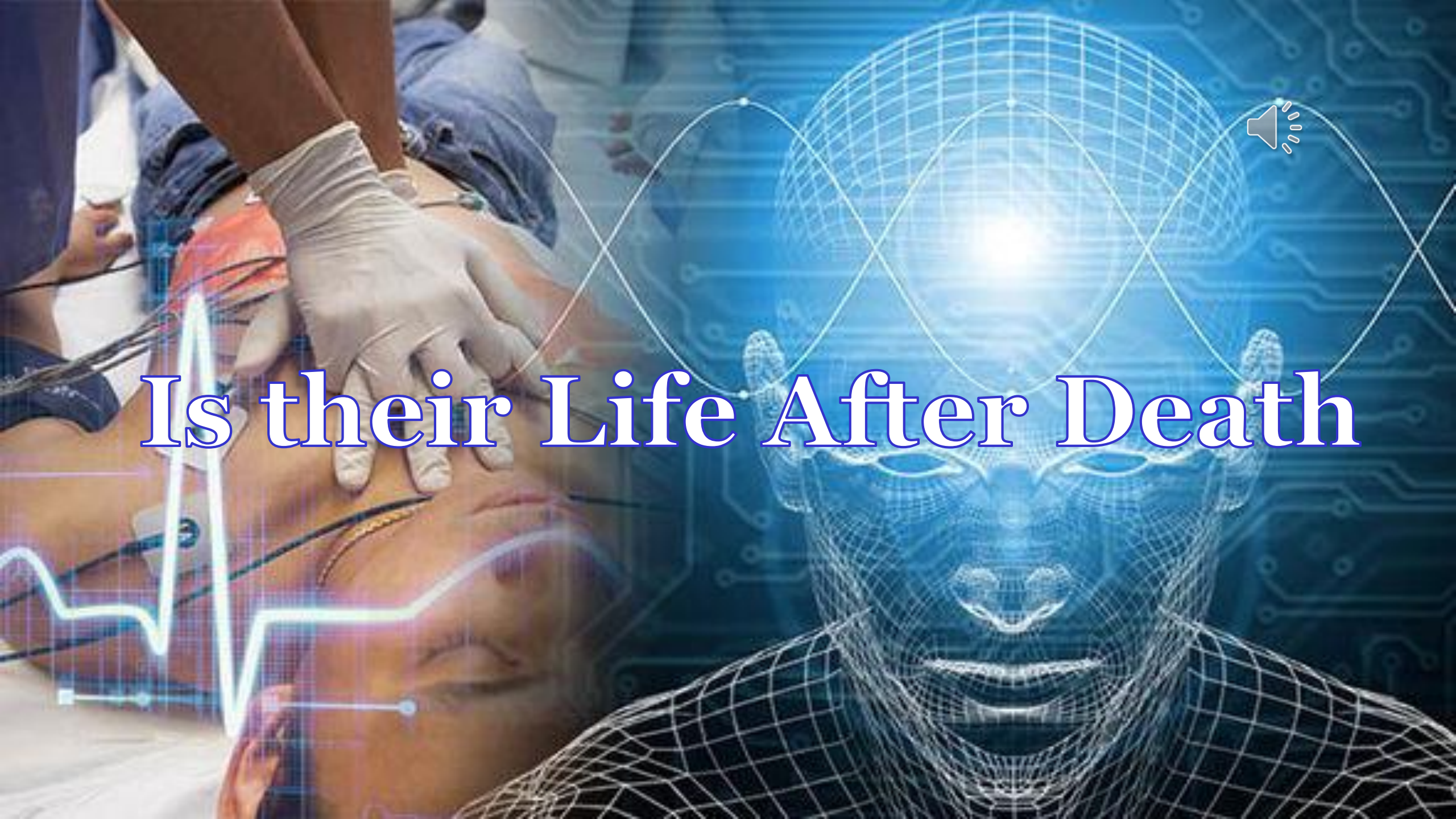


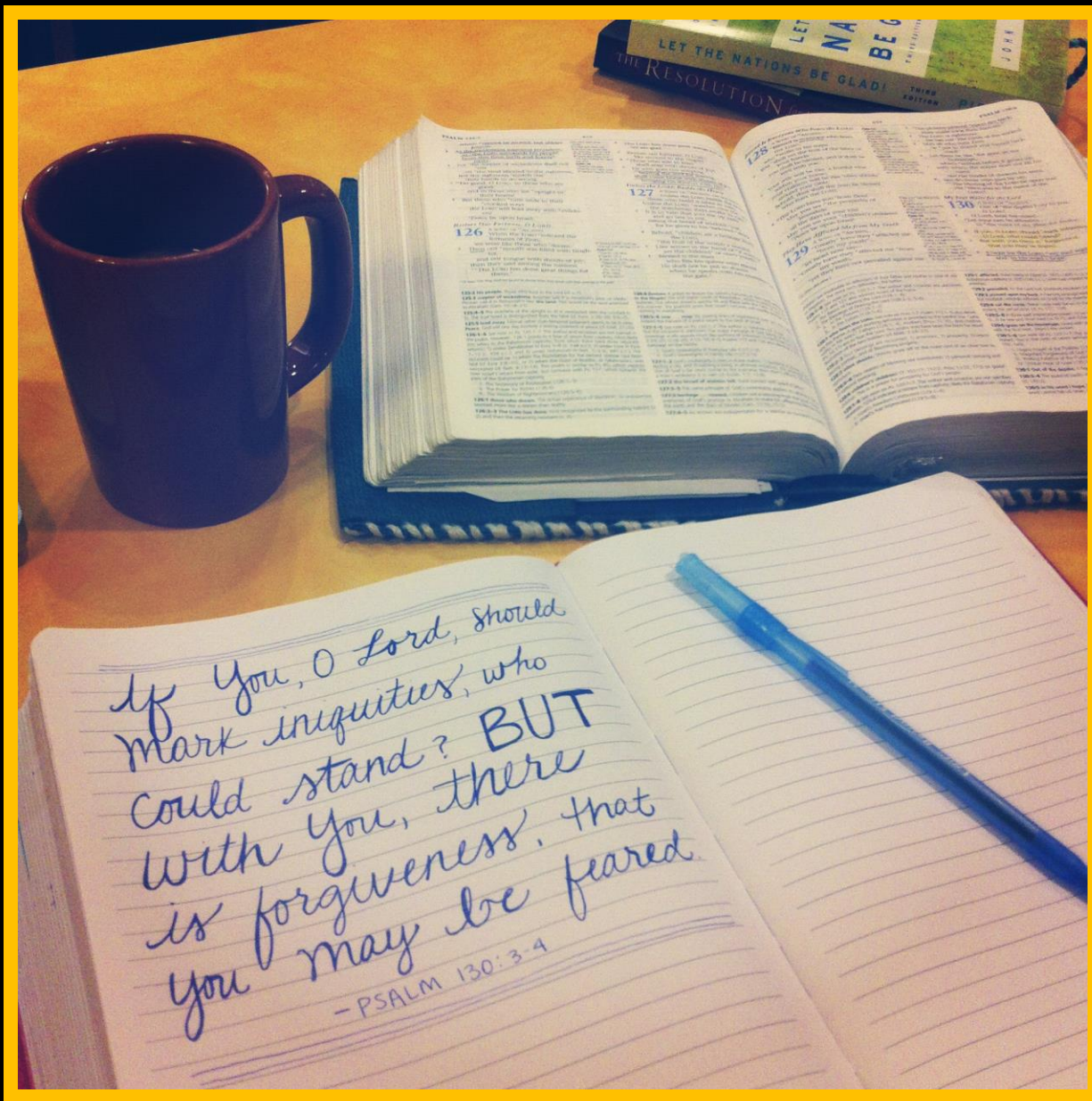
## Lesson 1

Presented by  
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# Is their Life After Death





Things you will need for this class.

Your Scriptures

A bible dictionary

1828 Webster dictionary

Paper

Pencil/Pen

Life After Death Chart

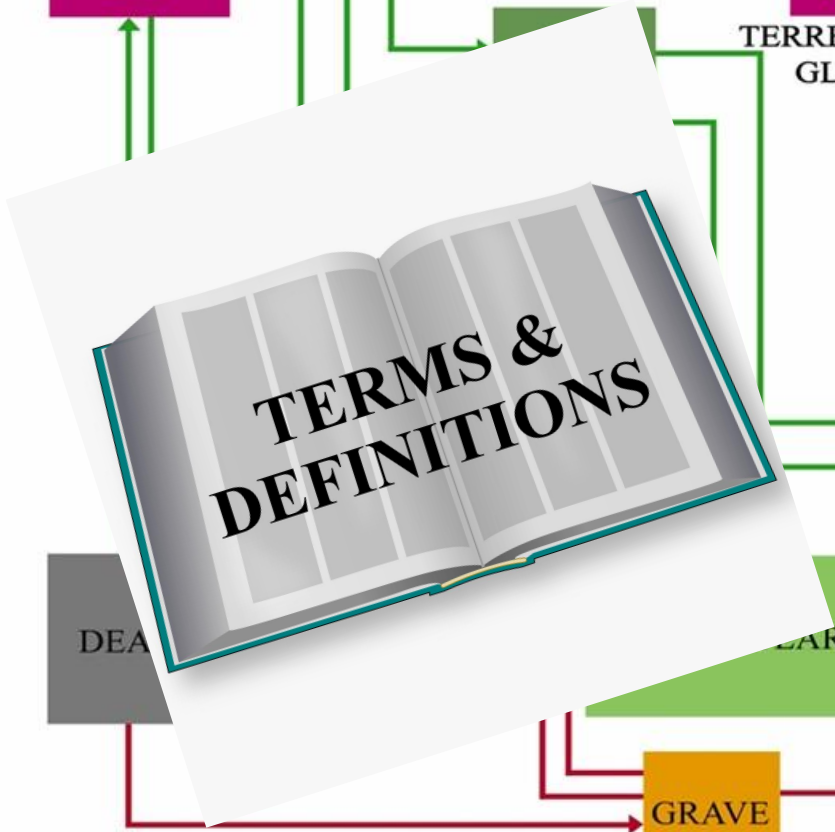
Life After Death Booklet

Study Questions





CELESTIAL  
GLORY



TERRES  
GLO



### Lesson One

I eat:  
Aardvarks,  
Ants,  
Elephants,  
Antelopes,  
Cats, Bats,  
Dogs, Hogs,  
Crocs, Gators,  
Eagles, Fish,  
Deer, Wolves,  
Chickens,  
Giraffes,  
Gazelles,  
Octopuses,  
Wildebeests,

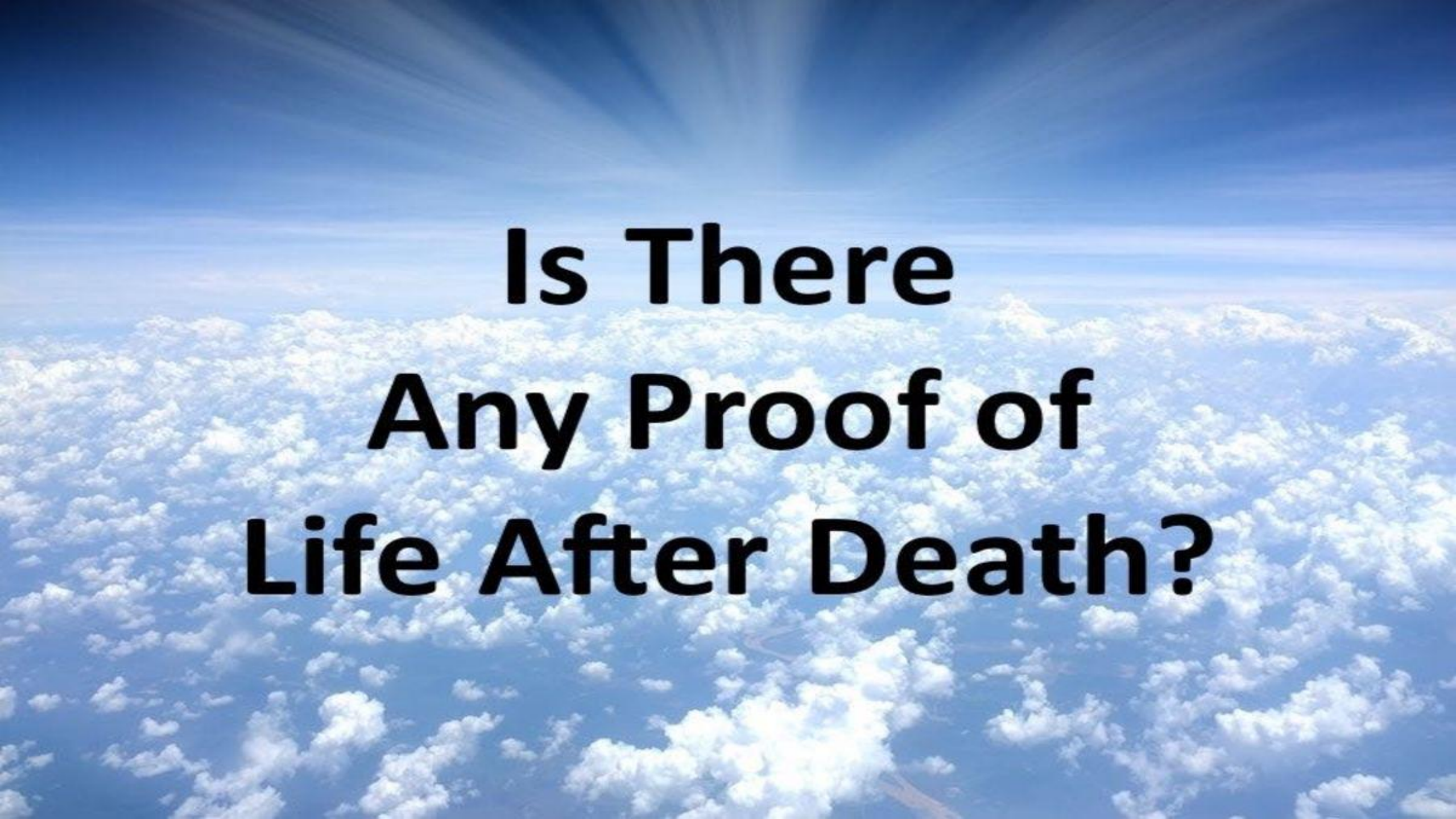


And  
LDS of all  
kinds!

1. Where do you want to live for eternity? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where is your path in life leading you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What percentage of the earth's population is Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you going to personally meet with Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the work and glory of the Holy Father? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does it mean when Jesus speaks of "sleep"? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What happened too many of the Saints which "slept" after the resurrection of Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who will inherit the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the meaning of "meek"? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the definition of "recompense"? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the meaning of "Poor in Spirit"? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who shall receive the "good things of the earth"? \_\_\_\_\_
15. For what intent was the earth made and created? \_\_\_\_\_

SPIRIT ———  
BODY ———



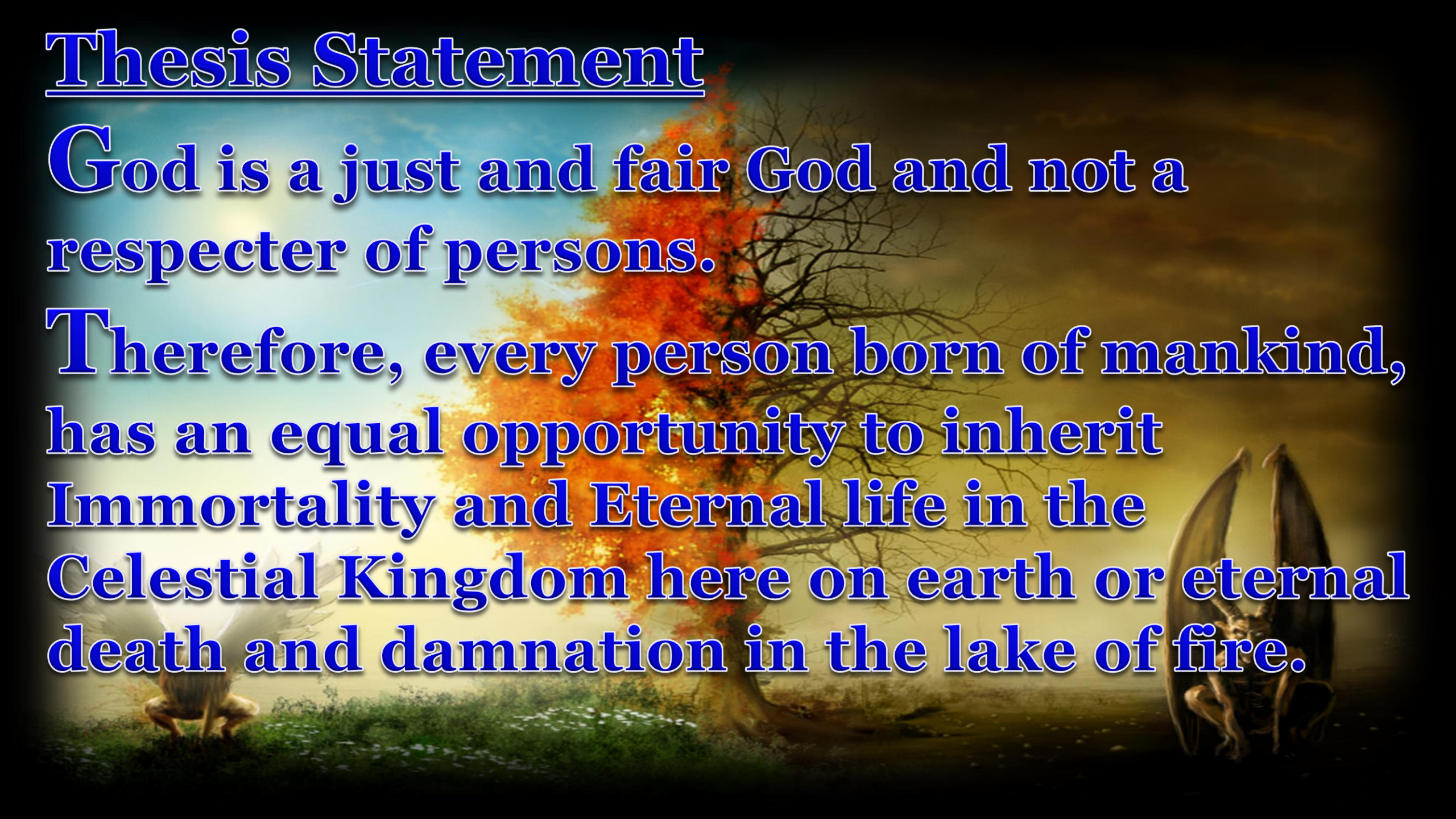


**Is There  
Any Proof of  
Life After Death?**

# Thesis Statement

**God is a just and fair God and not a respecter of persons.**

**Therefore, every person born of mankind, has an equal opportunity to inherit Immortality and Eternal life in the Celestial Kingdom here on earth or eternal death and damnation in the lake of fire.**



## NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

[Acts 10:34] *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is **no respecter of persons**;...*

[Sec 1:6a] *And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the earth, I, the Lord, am willing to make these things known unto all flesh, for **I am no respecter of persons**,...*

[Sec 38:4c] *Therefore, be ye strong from henceforth; fear not for the kingdom is yours: and for your salvation I give unto you a commandment, for I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me, and the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine, and **I am no respecter of persons**...*

On February first, 2024, I received a question from what is being published in the VISION magazine of December 2023 Issue 117; “Is it true that **‘little children who die before the age of accountability are saved in the Celestial Glory’?**”.

“Children who die before the age  
of accountability will receive  
Celestial Glory.”

(Vision December 2023 Issue 117)

Doctrine and Covenants 137:10 (LDS) teaches that “*all children ... are saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven.*” The only condition is that they “die before they arrive at the years of accountability.”

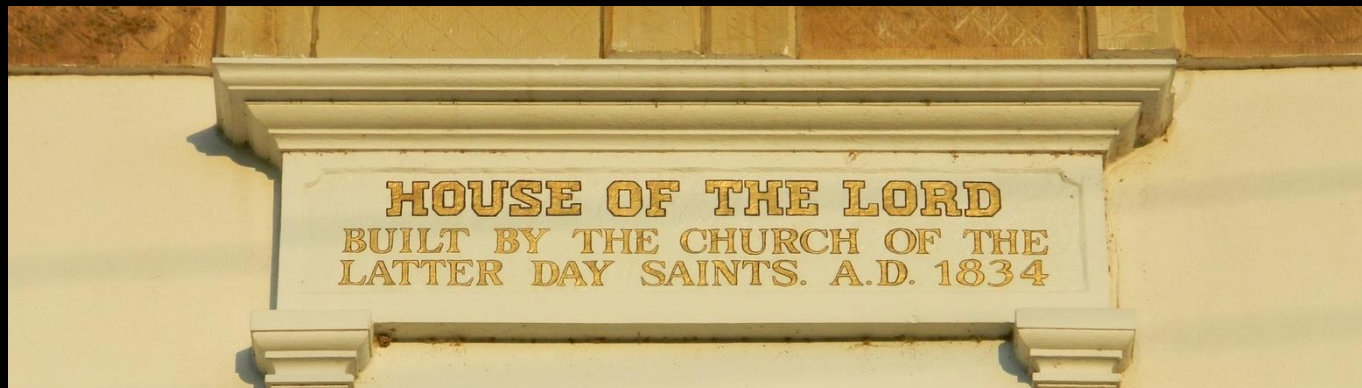


## LDS Doctrine and Covenants - Section 137

*A vision given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, in the temple at Kirtland, Ohio, January 21, 1836. The occasion was the administration of ordinances in preparation for the dedication of the temple.*

1–6, The Prophet sees his brother Alvin in the celestial kingdom;  
7–9, The doctrine of salvation for the dead is revealed;

*“10 And I also beheld that all <sup>a</sup>children who die before they arrive at the <sup>b</sup>years of accountability are <sup>c</sup>saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven.”*



RLDS Doctrine and Covenants  
Preamble to section 24

*Revelation addressed to Emma Smith, wife of the prophet. It was given through Joseph Smith at Harmony, Pennsylvania, in July 1830. The selection of hymns that Emma was directed to make was completed and published in 1835. This hymnbook was used at the **dedication of the Kirtland Temple***

"The number of disciples in Kirtland is about one hundred and fifty.

We have commenced building the **house of the Lord**, in this place, and it goes on rapidly.

An open book is shown from a high-angle perspective, tilted slightly to the right. The pages are white and feature a faint, light gray grid pattern. The book's cover is a teal color. The text "TERMS & DEFINITIONS" is printed in a large, bold, black serif font across the center of the open pages. The background is a solid black, which makes the white pages and teal cover stand out.

**TERMS &  
DEFINITIONS**

# Terms & Definitions

For our study, we first need to define many of the words we will be using.

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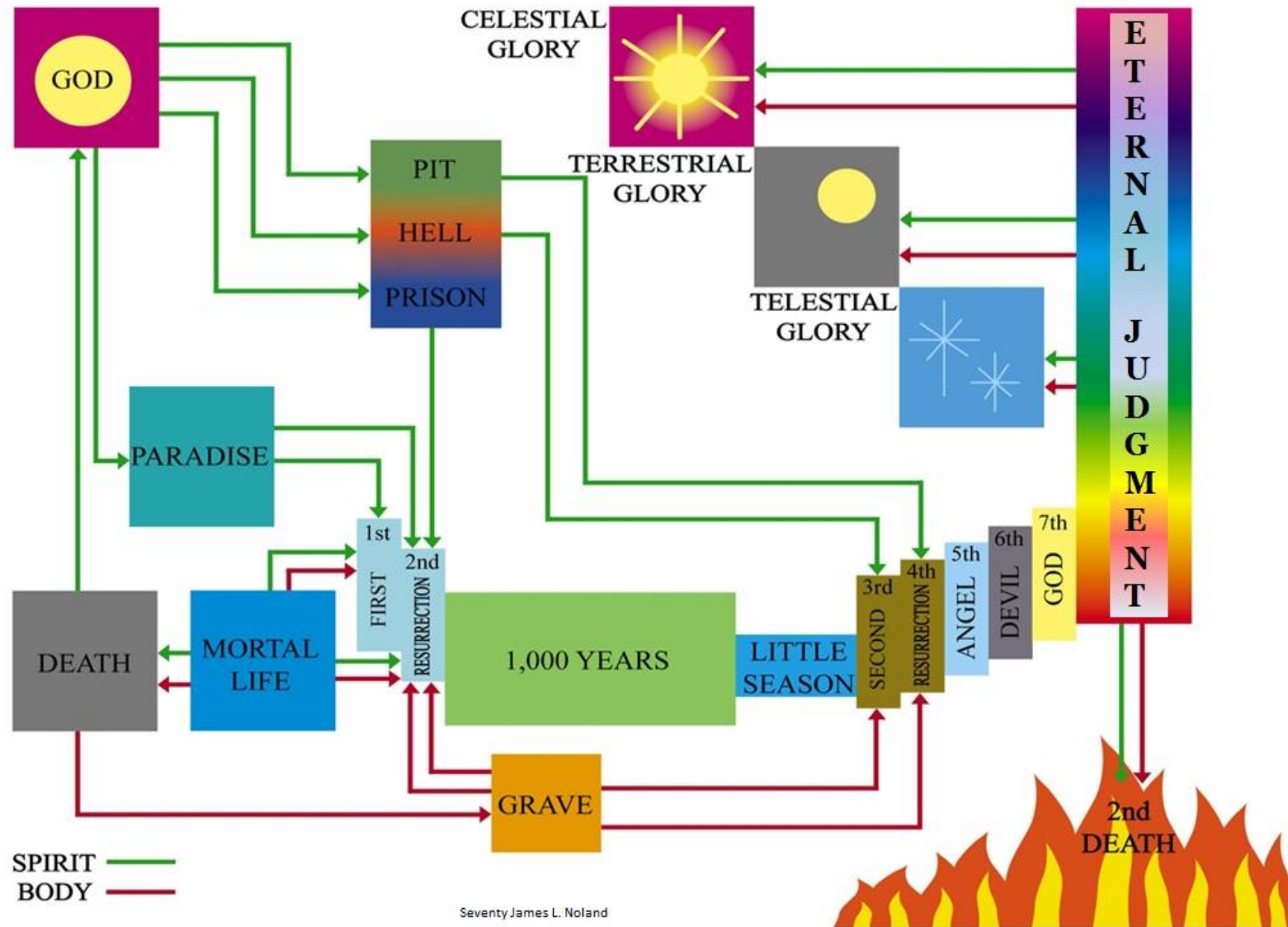
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**The legend depicts**  
**green lines** representing the spirit of man, and  
**red lines** representing the physical body of man.



# Terms & Definitions

**Soul:** The soul of man is when the body and the spirit are together.

**Mortal Life:** Mortal life is the life we are living now, when the body and the spirit are together. Man is mortal and is subject to death. He is made up of the body and the spirit. At death, the physical body goes to the grave, which might be in the earth, the sea, or even in space. The spirit returns to God, the creator who formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

**Heaven:** Heaven is traditionally the location of the throne of God as well as the holy angels. In most forms of Christianity, **Heaven** is also understood as the abode for the righteous dead in the afterlife, usually a temporary stage before the resurrection of the dead and the saints' return to the New Earth.

**Paradise:** A place of rest and learning for the righteous. A place of rest and learning for those who died without the law, including little children, and those who did not know Jesus Christ.

# Terms & Definitions

**Heathen:** There are many definitions of the word heathen. For this study, a heathen is a person who has never heard of or learned of Jesus Christ, having had no opportunity in his mortal life to do so.

**Righteousness:** Purity of heart and morally correct behavior or thinking; conformity of heart and life to the divine law. It includes all we call justice, honesty and virtue, with holiest of affections.

**Wickedness:** A departure from the rules of the divine law; evil disposition or practices; immorality; crime; sin; sinfulness; corrupt manners Wickedness generally signifies evil practices. Wickedness expresses the corrupt dispositions of the heart.

**Repentance:** Sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God. It is a violation of his holy law and is accompanied and followed by amendments of life. Repentance is a change of mind, or a conversion from sin to God. Repentance is the relinquishment of any practice, from a conviction that it has offended God.



# Terms & Definitions

**Innocent:** One free from guilt or harm; without evil design.

**Hell:** The place or state of punishment for the wicked and a place of learning and repentance after death. Hell is NOT the eternal “Lake of Fire and Domination.”

**Hades:** There is a confusing word in several versions of the bible called Hades. **Hades** is the Greek term for the deity of the underworld and the abode of the dead. Some bibles use the Hebrew word *she'ohl'* and its Greek equivalent *hai'des* more than 70 times. Both words are related to death. Some Bible translations render them as “grave,” “hell,” or “pit.” However, in most languages there are no words that convey the precise sense of these Hebrew and Greek words. The word Hades is not found in the King James Bible nor in the Inspired version of the Bible. It is also not found in Book of Mormon nor in the Doctrine and Covenants. Therefore, in this study the word Hades will not be used.

# Terms & Definitions

**Purgatory:** (In Roman Catholic doctrine) a place or state of suffering inhabited by the souls of sinners who are expiating their sins before going to heaven. Purgatory is not found in the King James nor the Inspired versions of the bible.

**Prison House:** Not clearly defined but seems to be a part of Hell. A place of torment yet a place of learning where Jesus went to teach. (Also called Purgatory in the Roman Catholic doctrine)

**Pit:** The Pit is for those condemned to the lake of fire and brimstone, with the Devil and his angels, and the only ones who shall not be redeemed of the Lord at the final judgment because they have committed the unpardonable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

**Millennial Reign:** Millennialism (from **millennium**, Latin for "a thousand years"), or chiliasm (from the Greek equivalent), is a Golden Age that will occur on Earth when Christ returns with the resurrected saints to teach all those who died without the law.

# Terms & Definitions

**Little Season:** At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be set free for a short time and men will again begin to deny their God.

**Telestial Glory:** The Telestial Glory is the lowest of the three degrees of glory. Because of their refusal to accept Jesus as their Savior, these individuals will remain in Hell for the 1,000 years during the millennial reign of Christ and during the Little Season following. They will then be resurrected and receive an immortal physical body and be assigned to the telestial kingdom. But where God and Christ dwell they cannot come. The Telestial Glory is called the "Glory of the Stars".

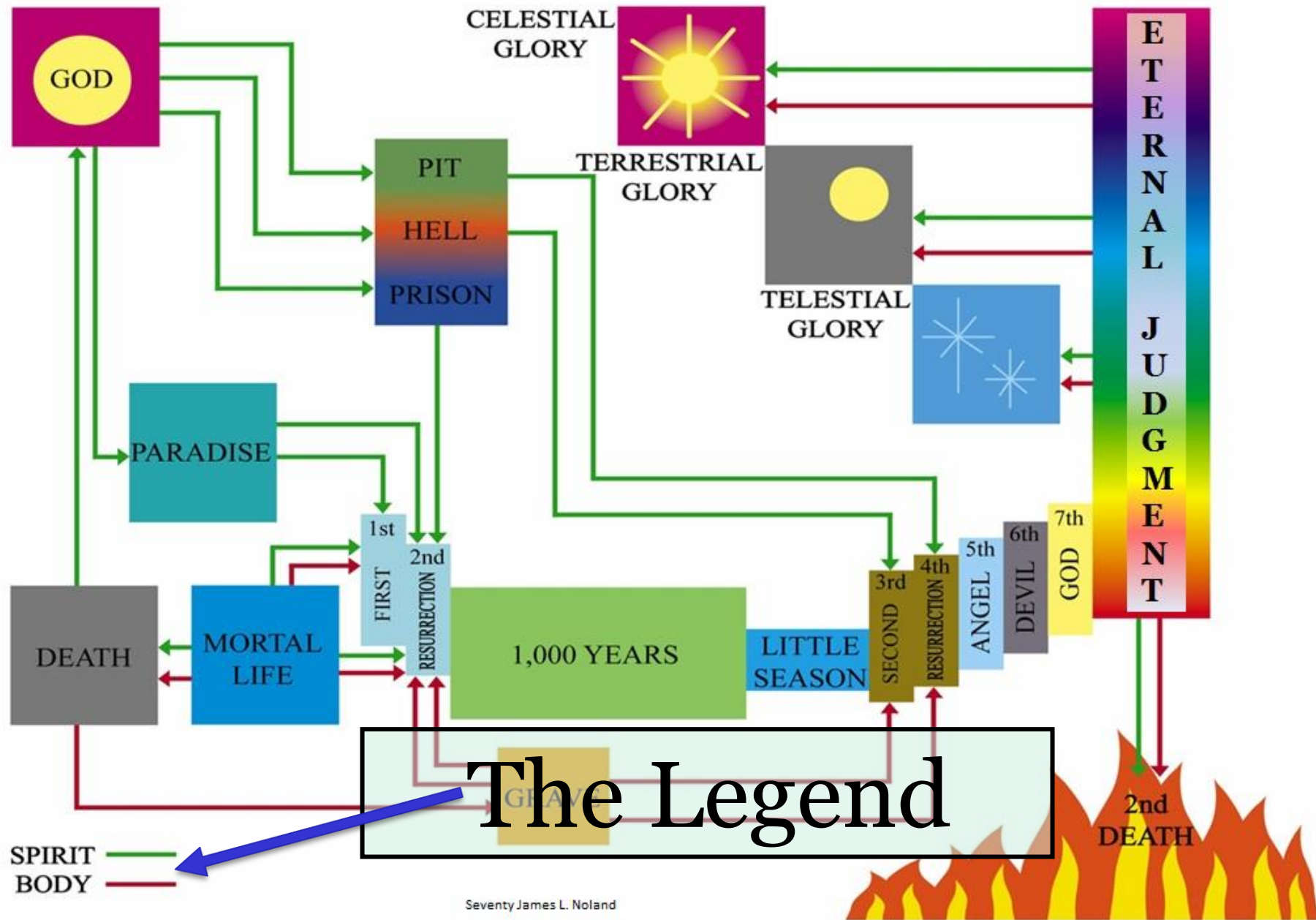
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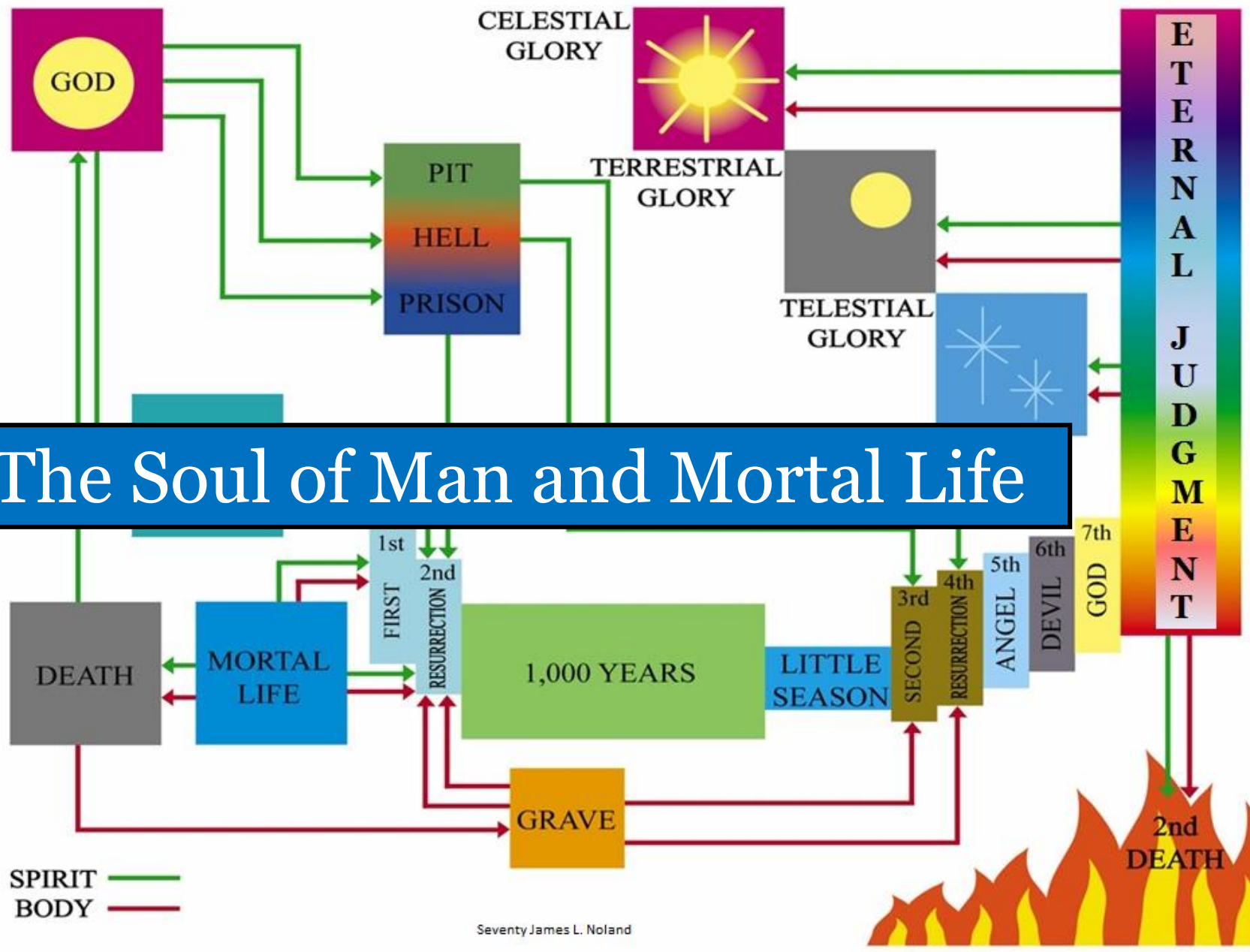
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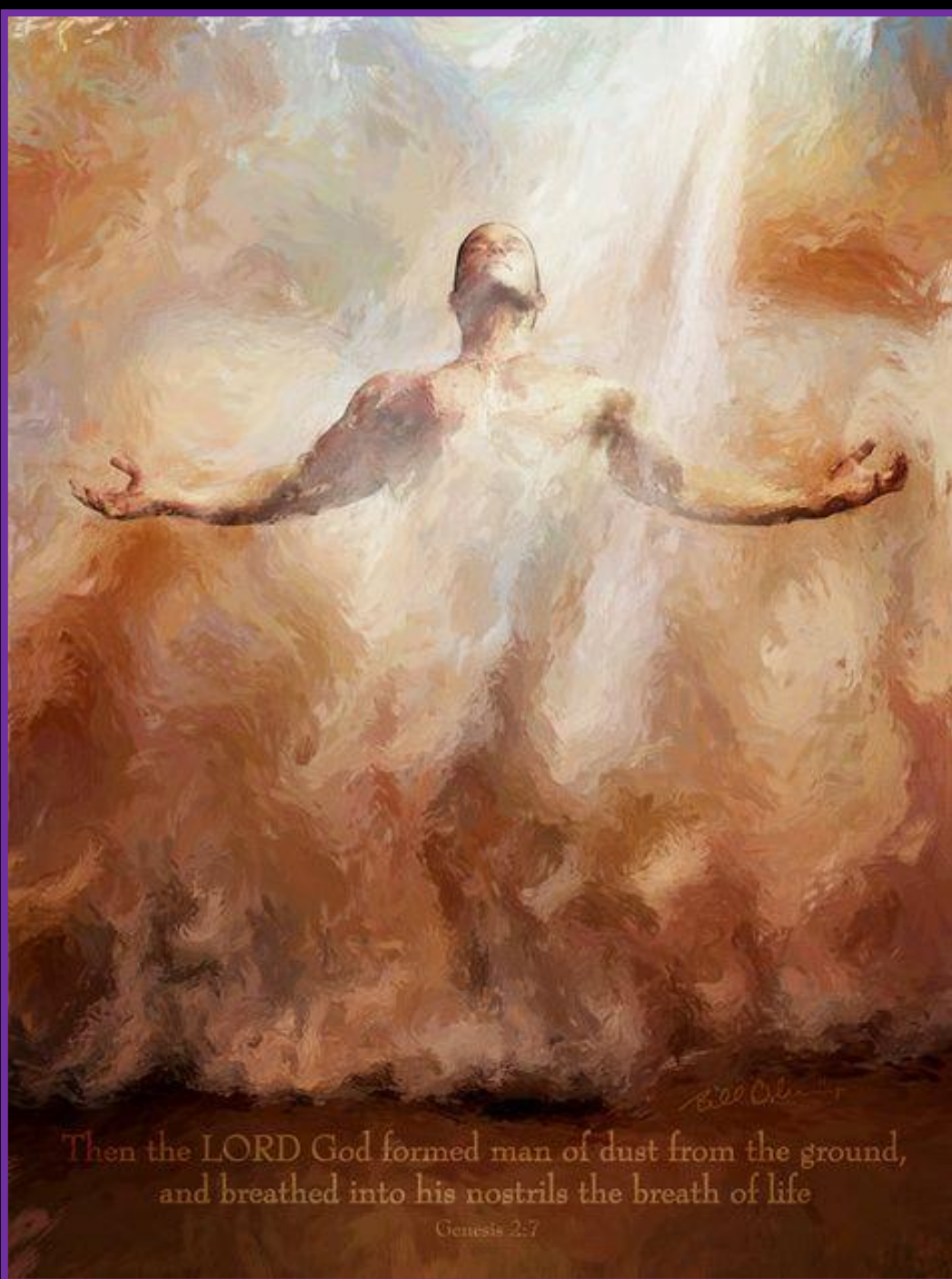
[Sec 22:23b]

*...there is no end to my works, neither to my words; for this is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man.*



# The Soul of Man and Mortal Life





## SOUL:

The **soul** of man is when the body and the spirit are united into one body; when they are together.

## MORTAL LIFE:

Man is **mortal** - subject to death.

He has the physical body which houses the spirit of man.



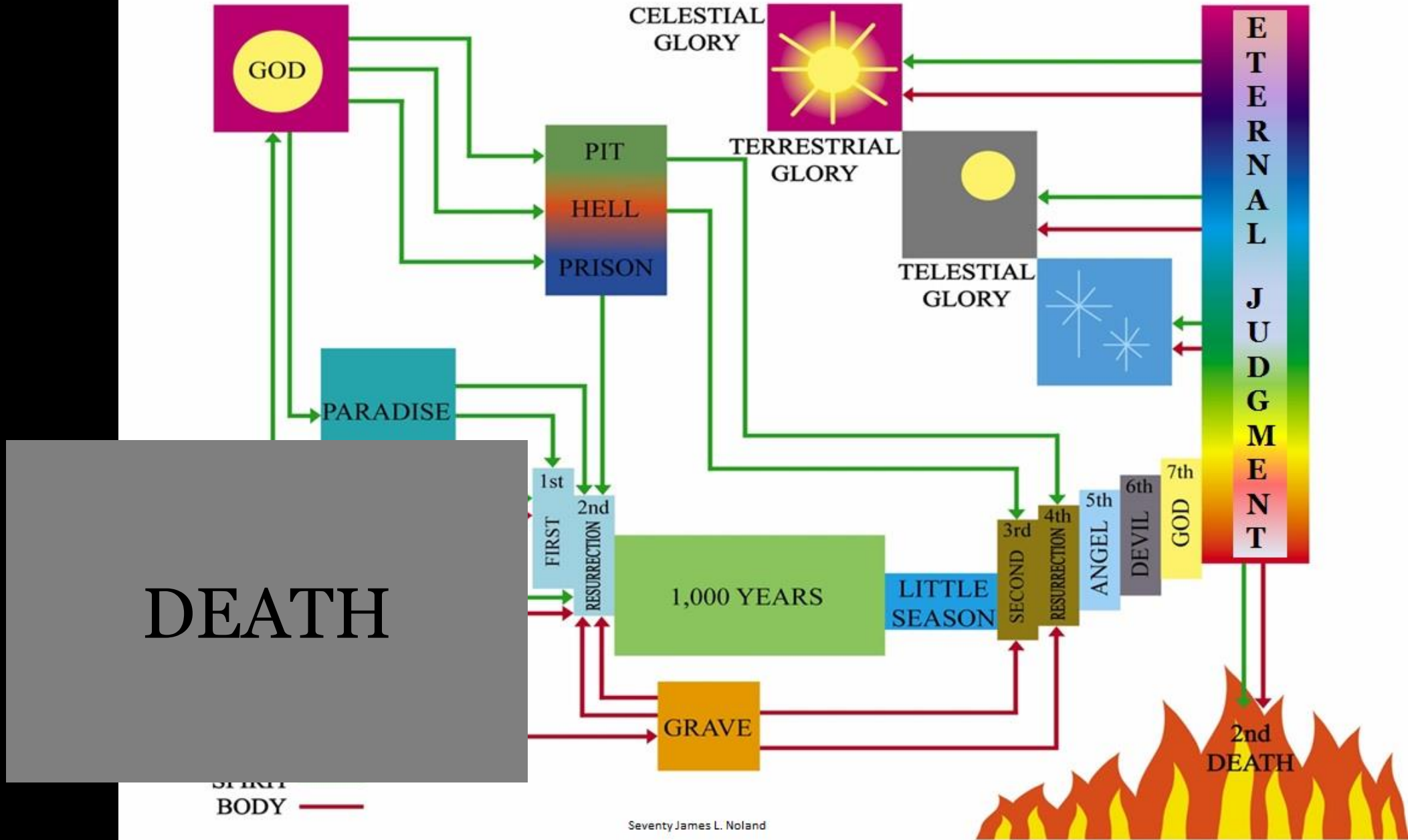
[Genesis 2:8-9]

*And I, the Lord God,  
took from  
the dust of the ground,  
and formed man from  
it; and I breathed into  
his nostrils the breath of  
life; and man  
became a living soul;  
upon the earth, the  
first man  
also;*

*formed man from  
and breathed into  
life; and man  
the first flesh  
first man*

*Nevertheless, all things were before  
created, but spiritually were they  
created and, according to my word.*





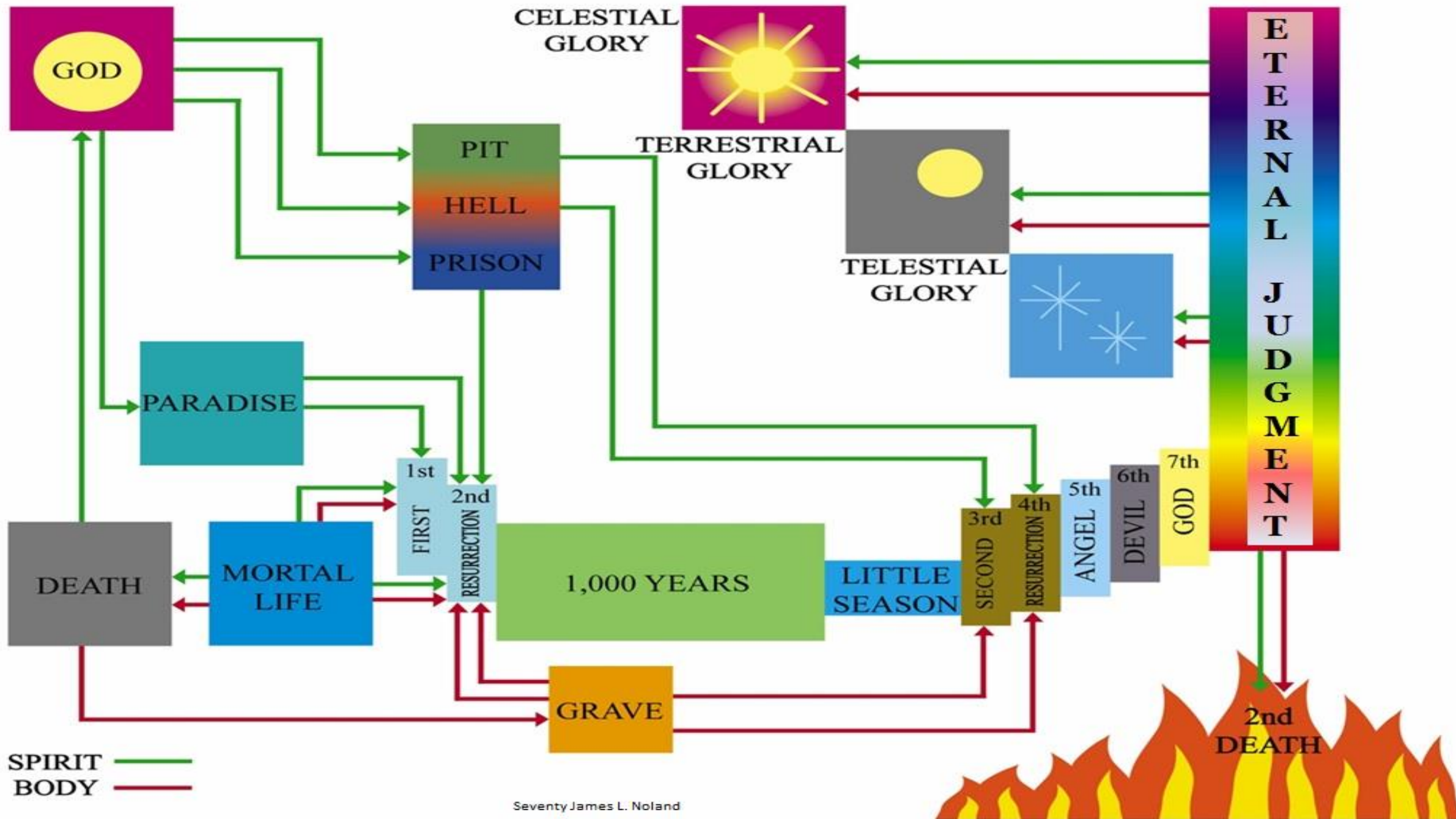
**DEATH:** At **death**, the physical body goes to the grave and...








...the Spirit returns to God



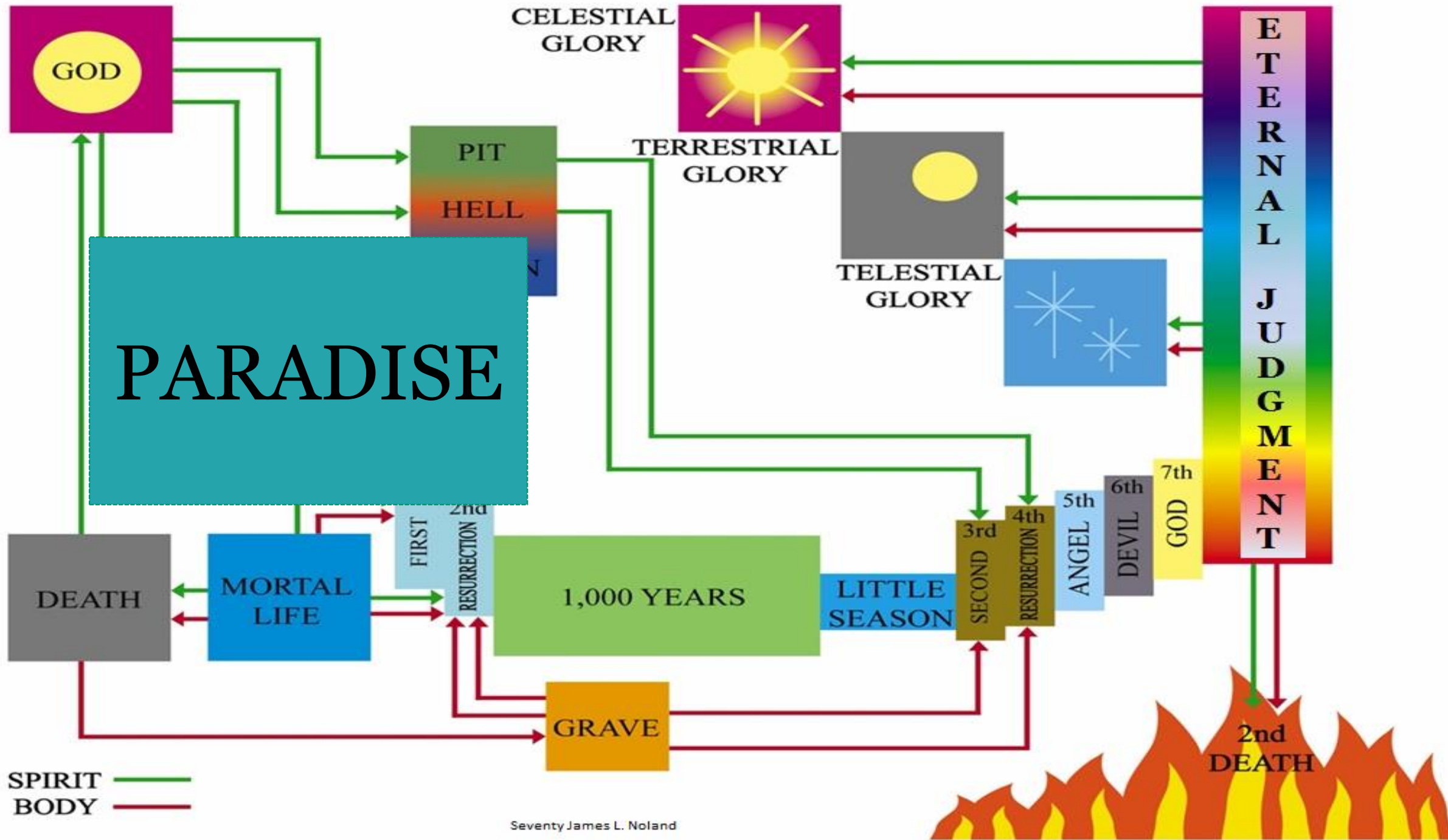
A man in a white suit is shown from behind, floating in a sky filled with soft, golden clouds. He is barefoot and has his arms outstretched, suggesting a state of ascent or divine presence.

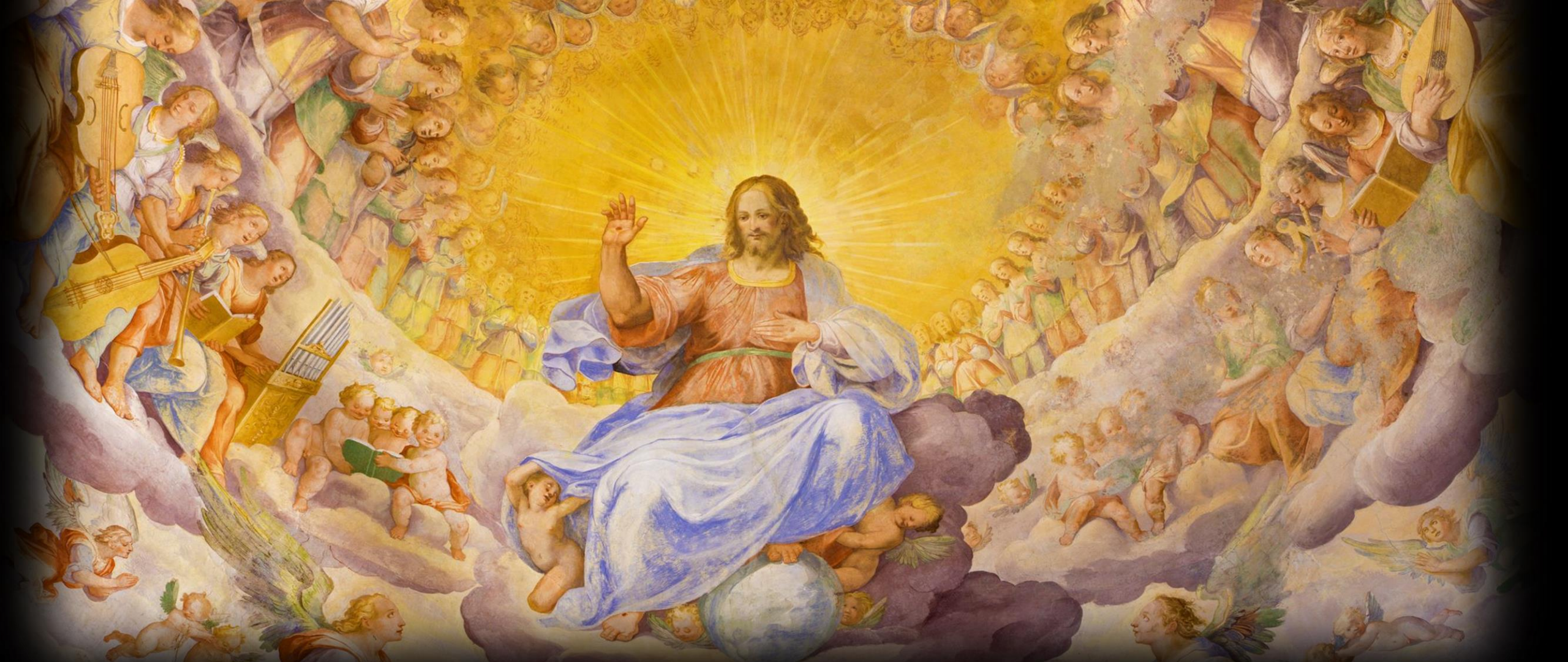
In Christianity, we think of HEAVEN as a temporary abode before the resurrection of the dead when the Saints' and the unlearned (heathen) return to the “New Earth”.

## HEAVEN:

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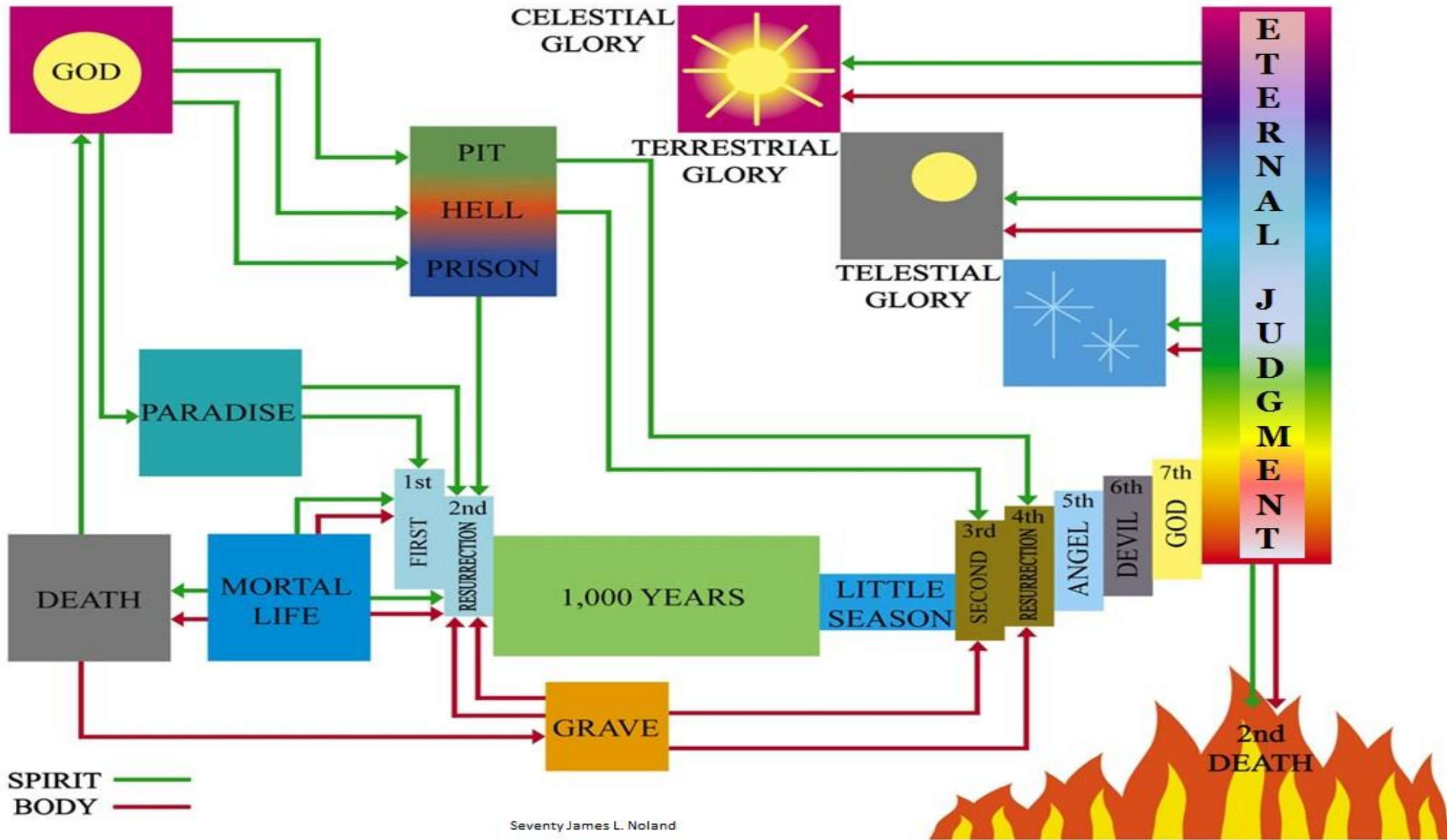
...and the wicked go to Hell or their place of punishment.






**PARADISE:** A place of peace, rest and learning for the righteous and for **all those who died without the law,** including little children.







There is neither Jew nor Greek  
There is neither Bond nor Free  
There is neither Male nor Female  
For we are all ONE in

Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:28

HEATHEN:

A person who has never heard of Jesus  
Christ and dies without the law.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Purity of heart and morally correct behavior and thinking;

Conformity of heart and life to the divine will of God.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS:

includes all we call justice, honesty and virtue, with the holiest of all affections.

### Psalm 24:3-5

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?  
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.  
He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.



*The heart is deceitful  
above all things, and  
desperately wicked:  
who can know it?*

JEREMIAH 17:9

## **WICKEDNESS:**

A departure from the rules of the divine law; evil disposition or practices; immorality; crime; sin; sinfulness; corrupt manners.

**Wickedness** generally signifies evil practices.

**Wickedness** expresses the corrupt disposition of the heart; willful disobedience.

## REPENTANCE:

Sorrow or deep contrition for sin,  
as an offense having dishonored God.

Sin is a violation of his holy law and is accompanied and  
followed by amendments of life.

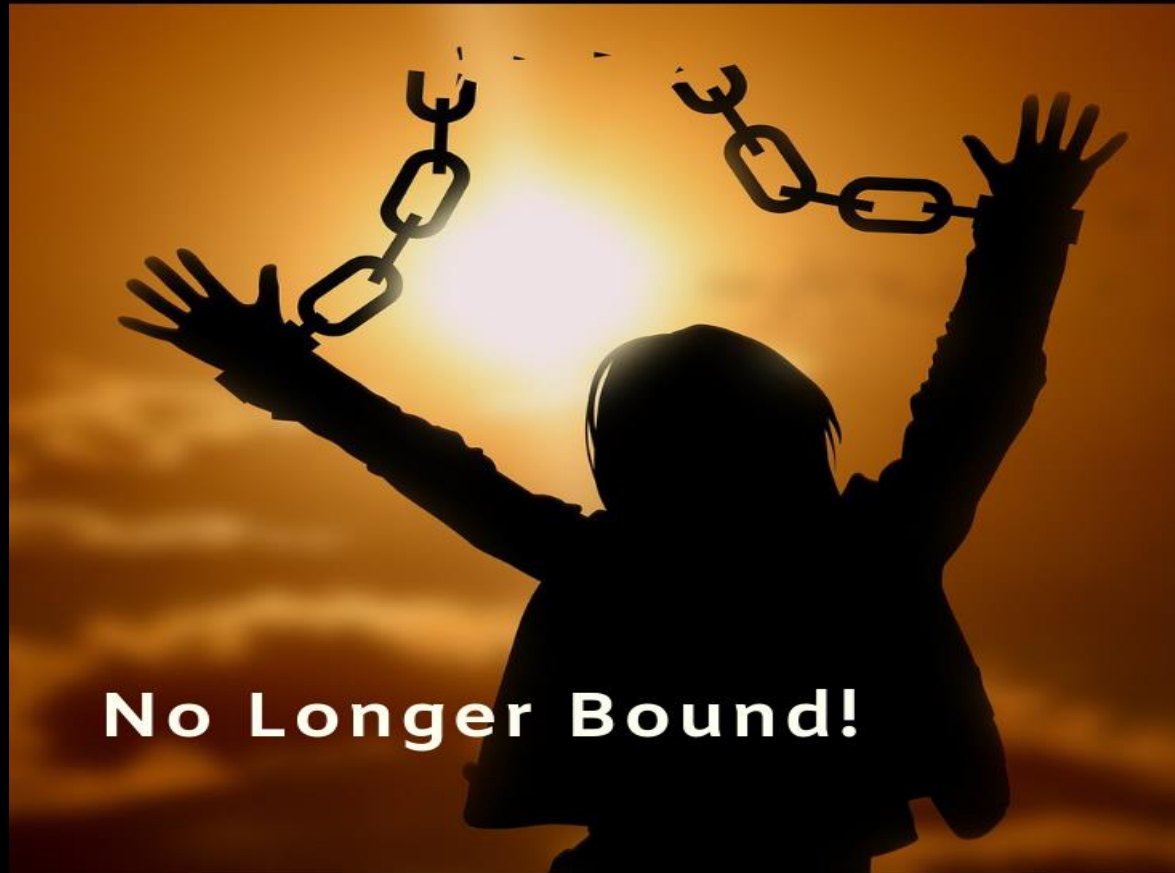
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*For, before the law, sin was in the world; yet sin is not imputed to those who have no law.*

Romans 5:13



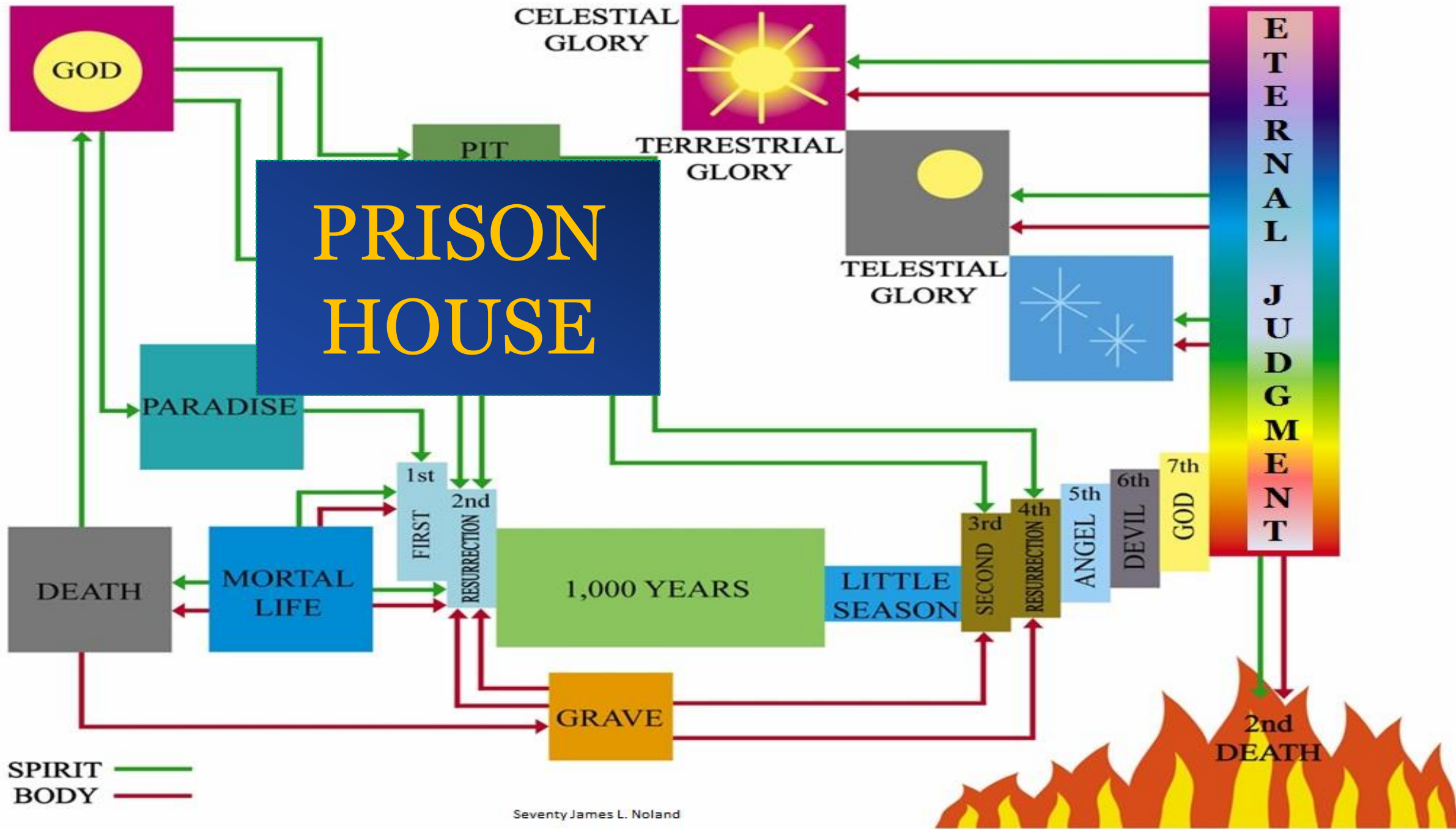
**No Longer Bound!**

**INNOCENCE:**

Free from guilt or harm; free from the law; A **HEATHEN**;

Without evil design in the heart.

The **INNOCENT** go to **PARADISE** when they die.



# PRISON HOUSE:

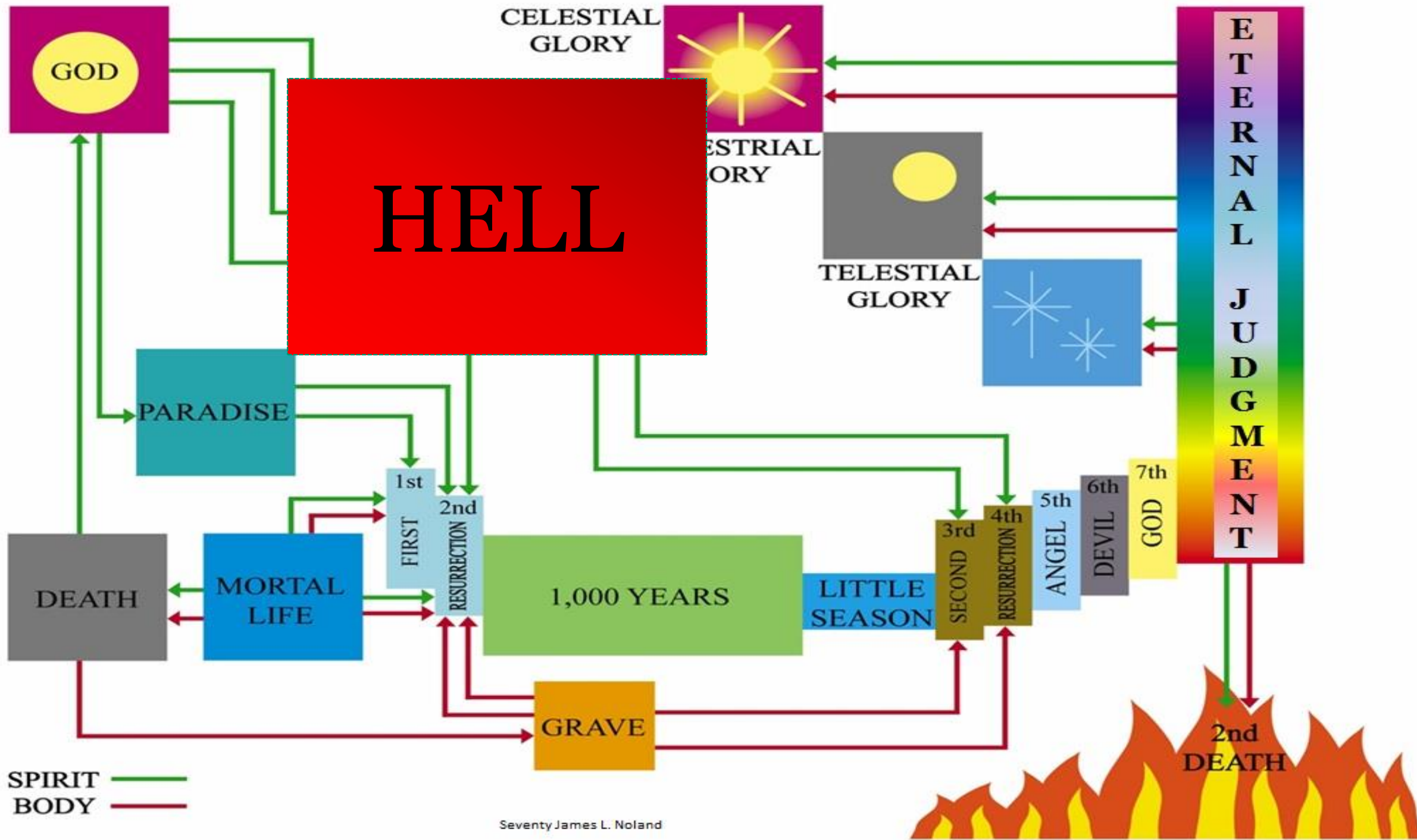
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*1 Peter 3:18-20*



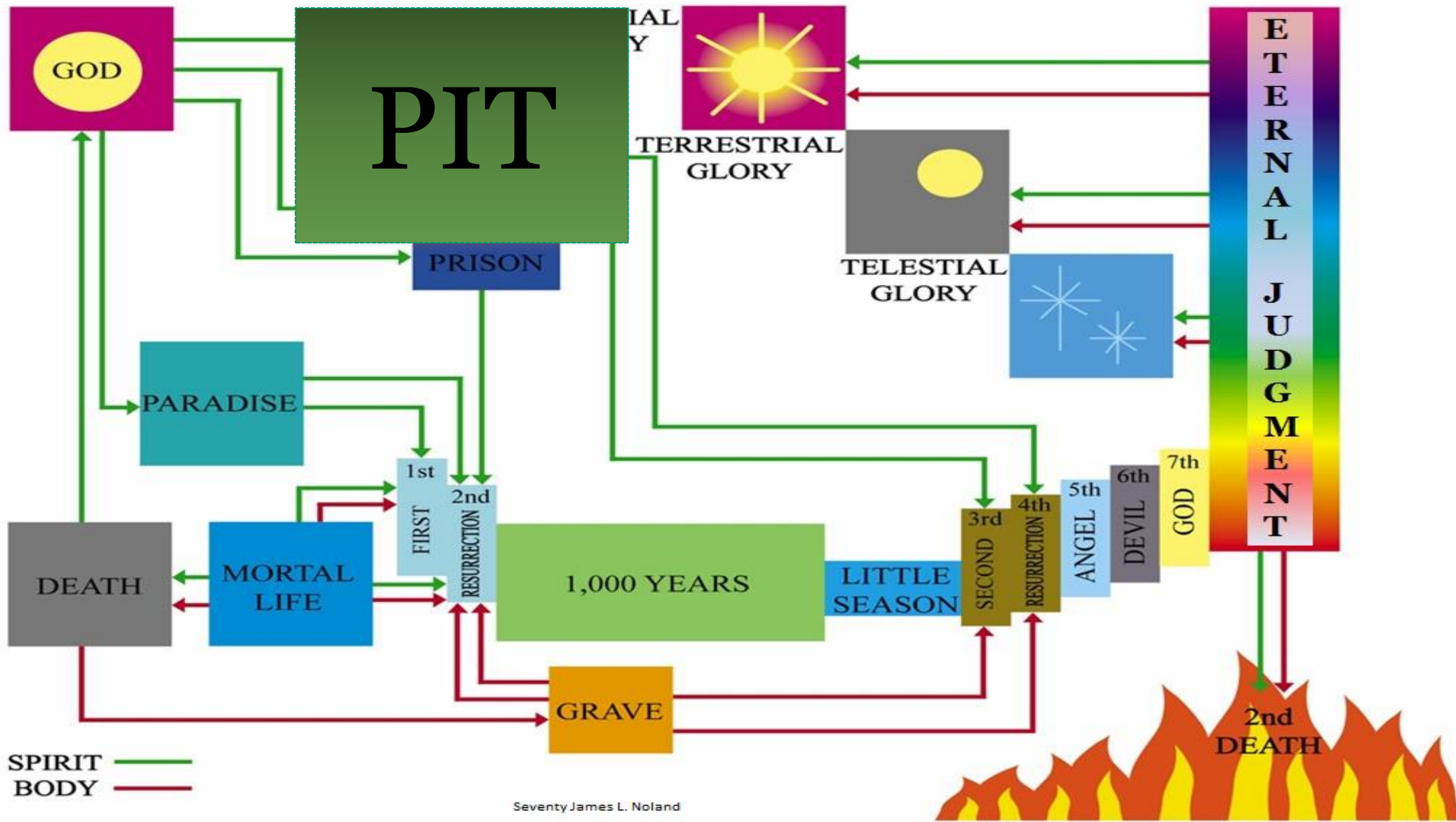


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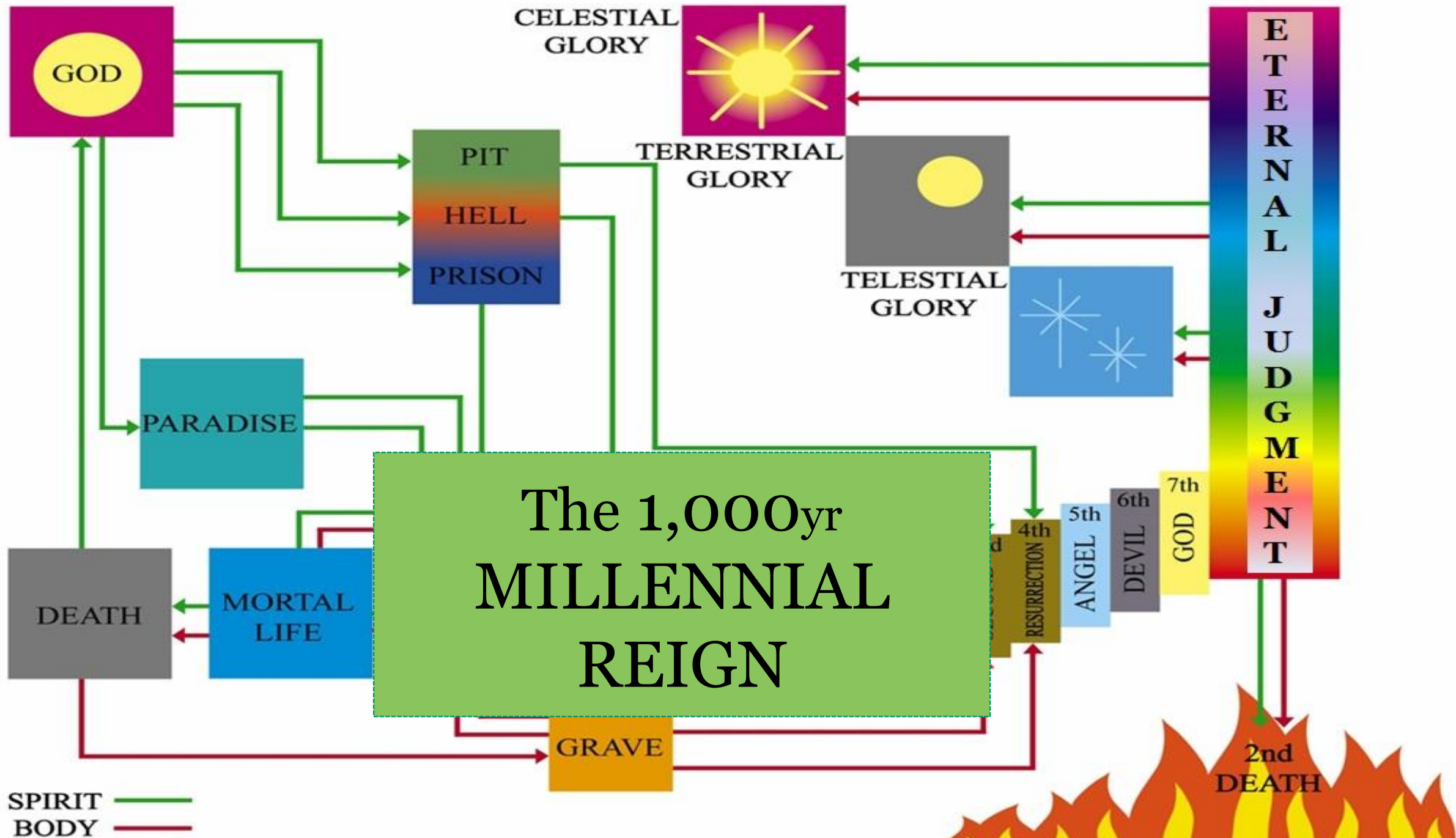


# PIT:

The Pit is reserved for those condemned to the “**lake of fire and brimstone**”, with the Devil and his angels, and **the only ones who shall NOT** be redeemed of the Lord at the final judgment.

These **have committed** the only unpardonable sin which is **blasphemy against the Holy Spirit**.

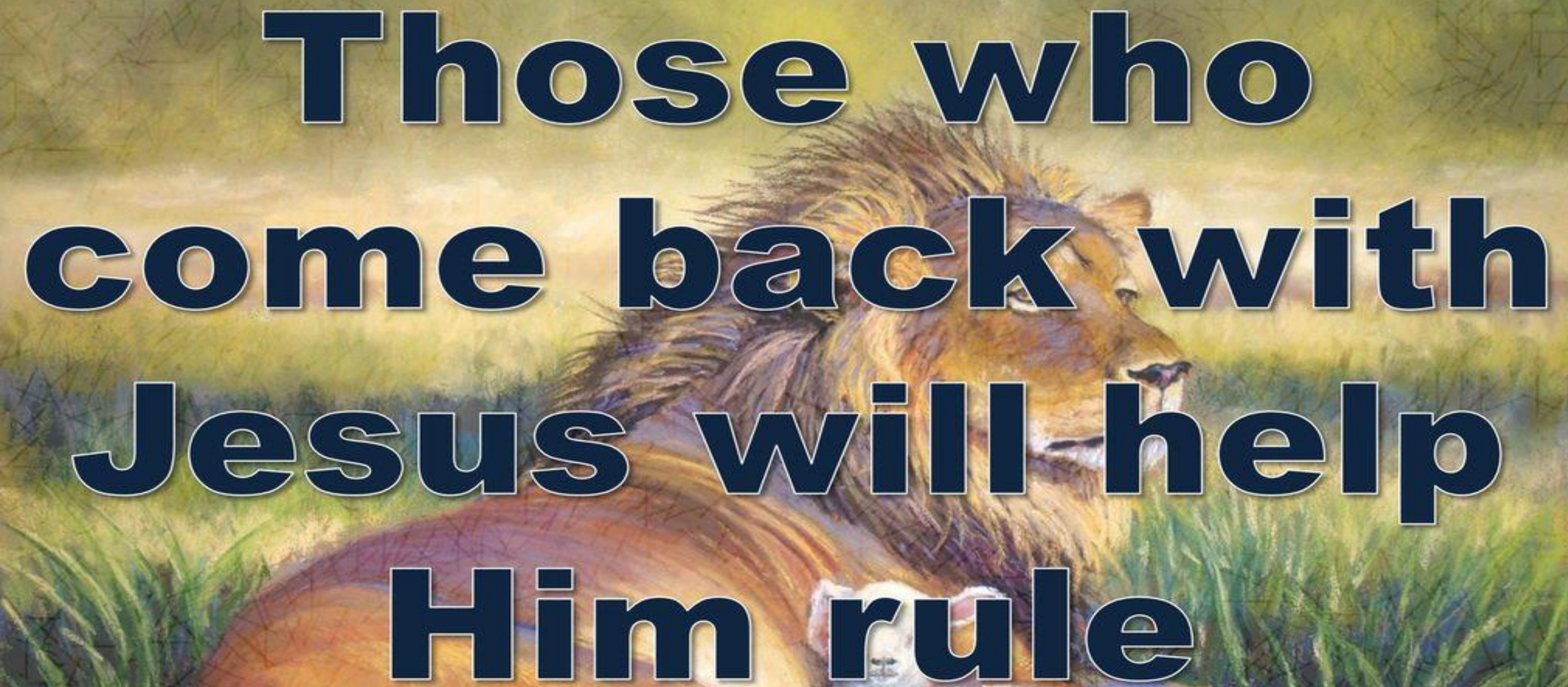




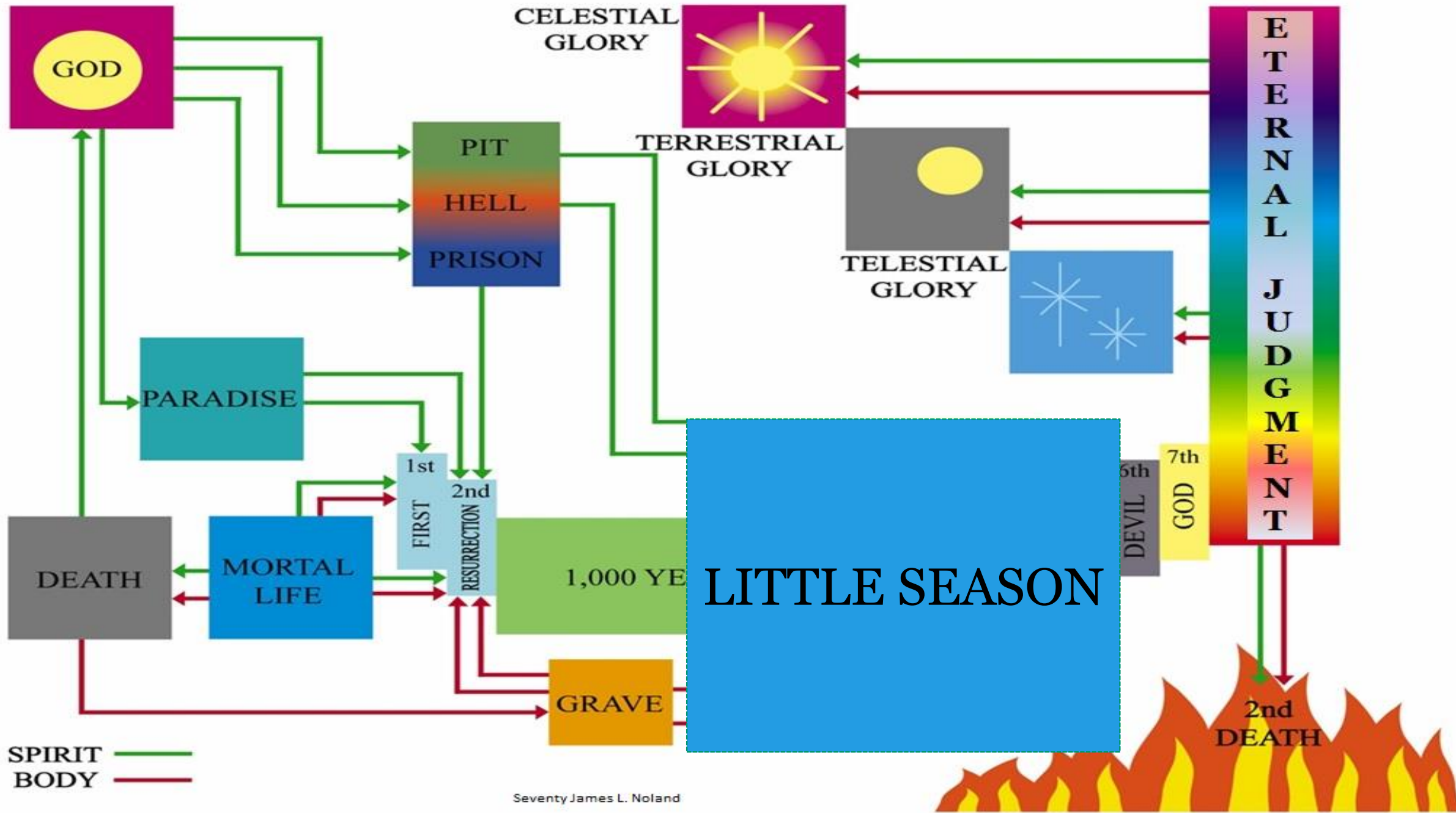
# The 1,000<sub>yr</sub> MILLENNIAL REIGN On Earth with Jesus Christ

## **MILLENNIAL REIGN:**

A Golden Age of 1,000 years that will occur on the “**New Earth**” when Christ will return with the resurrected saints to teach all those who died (the Heathen) without the law.

A painting of a lion with a large, golden-brown mane, lying down in a grassy field. The lion is holding a small, white lamb in its mouth. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with green grass and a warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, dark blue font with a white outline.

**Those who  
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Him rule**

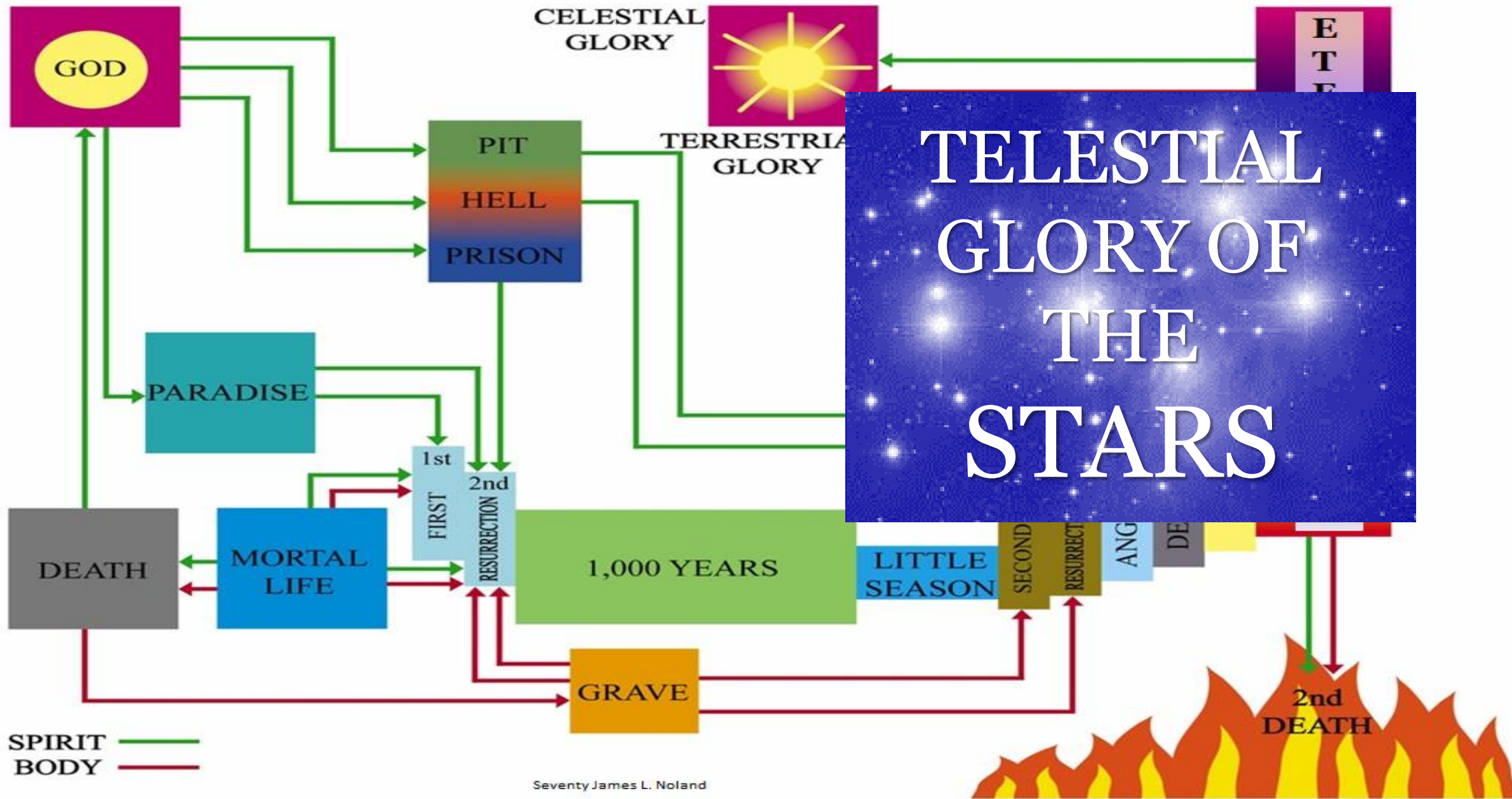






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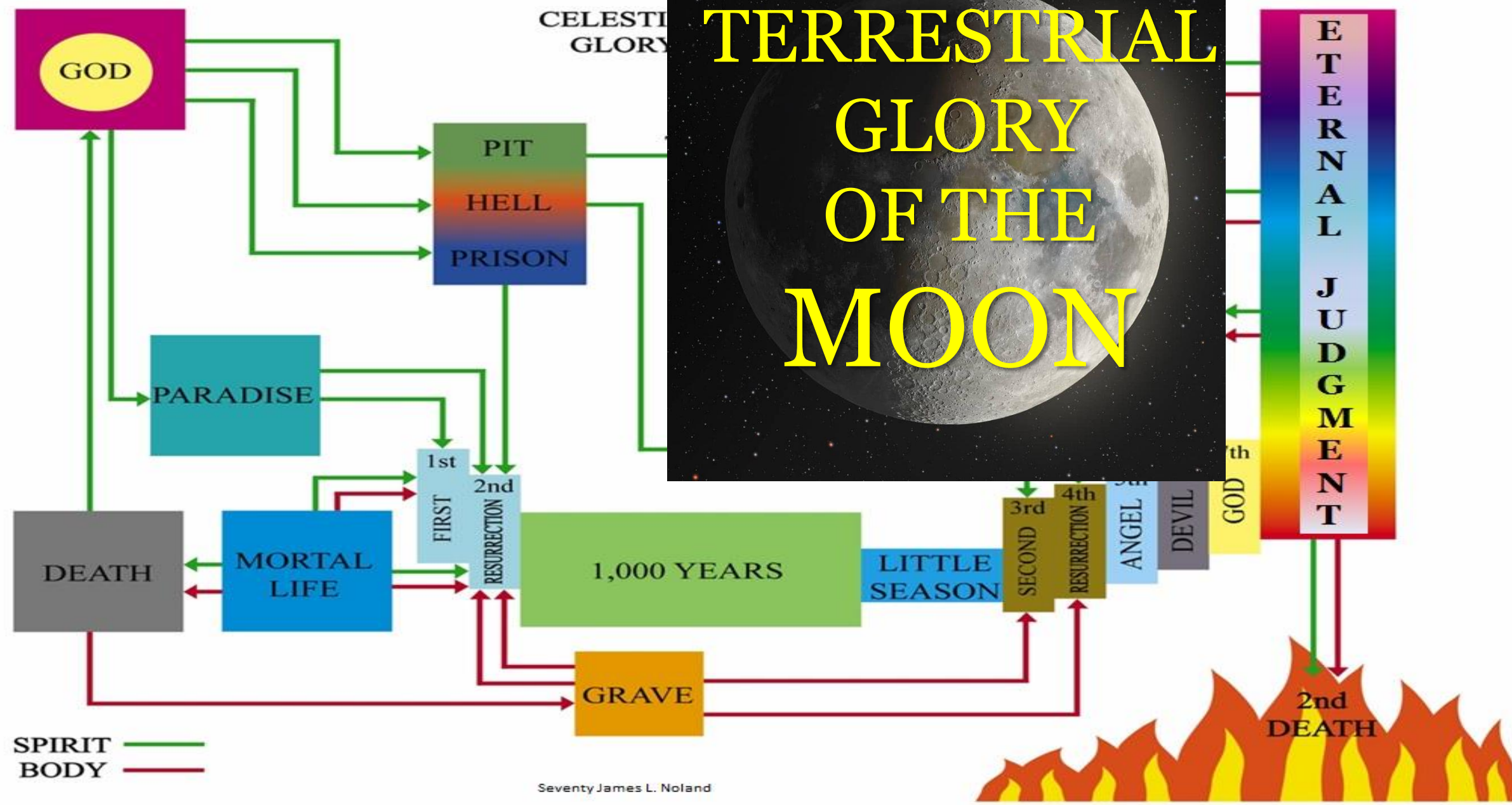


# The Telestial Glory



## Glory of the Stars

# TERRESTRIAL GLORY OF THE MOON



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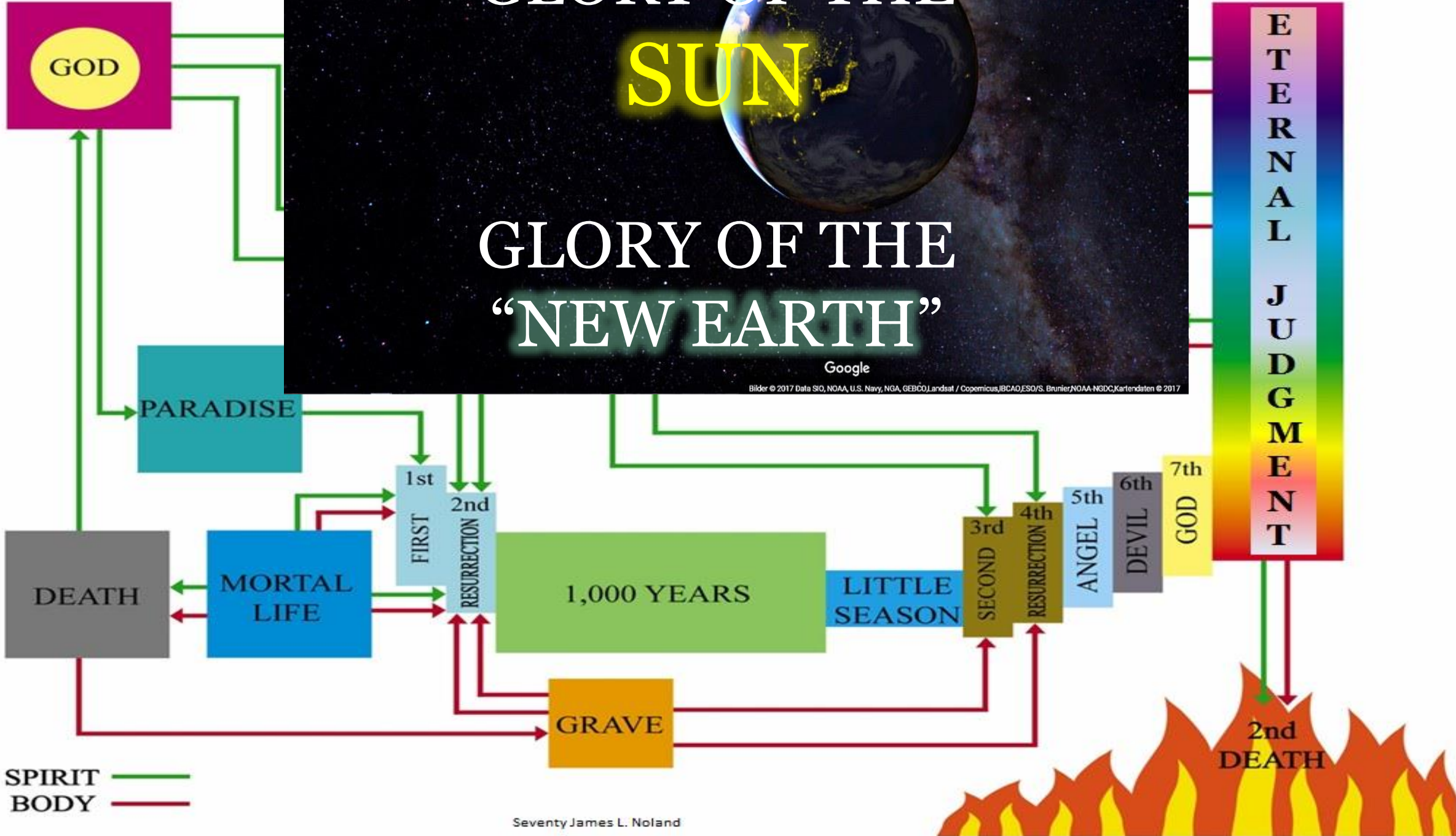
# GLORY OF THE SUN

## GLORY OF THE "NEW EARTH"



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BODY ———

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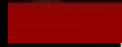
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The Earth will become the Kingdom of the Celestial and the **permanent residence of God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.**



# Life After Death?

J'AI PASSE' COMME  
LA FLEUR  
J'AI SECHE' COMME L'HERBE  
DES CHAMPS



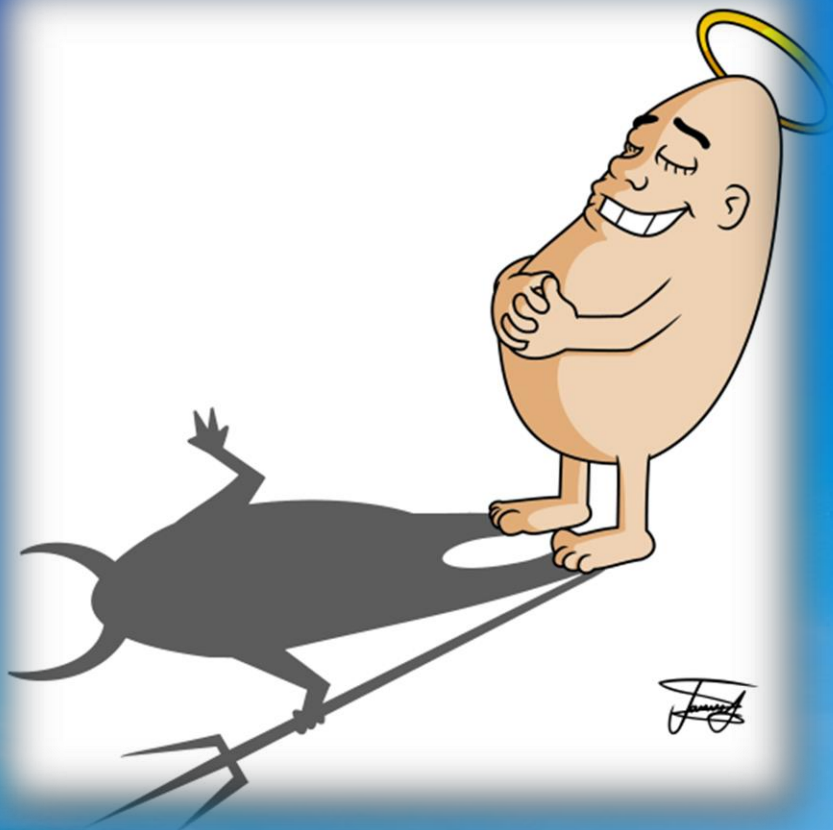


Where...



...do you want to LIVE FOR ETERNITY?

# Where are... YOU GOING?



# Heaven

# Or Hell

A stone path leads through a lush green forest. The path is made of large, flat stones and is surrounded by dense green foliage, including bushes and trees. The scene is bright and natural, with sunlight filtering through the leaves. In the background, a parking lot with several cars is visible on a slight incline.

**We are all  
on a path  
that leads  
directly  
to**

**Jesus Christ!**



All Roads Lead To Jesus Christ!

# Islam: Sunni



# Islam: Shiite





Vaishnavas

Saivas

Saktas

Hindu





Reform  
Judaism

Conservative  
Judaism

Hasidic  
Judaism

Kabbalah:  
Jewish  
Mysticism

Jewish



Catholic

Roman  
Orthodox

Byzantine  
Polish  
National

Eastern  
(Greek)  
Orthodox

# Protestant

Baptist  
Methodist  
Lutheran  
Presbyterian  
Episcopal  
Pentecostal

Center for Global  
Christianity Over  
47,000  
denominations



# Restorationist

Reorganized Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints  
(Mormons)

Remnant Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter Day Saints

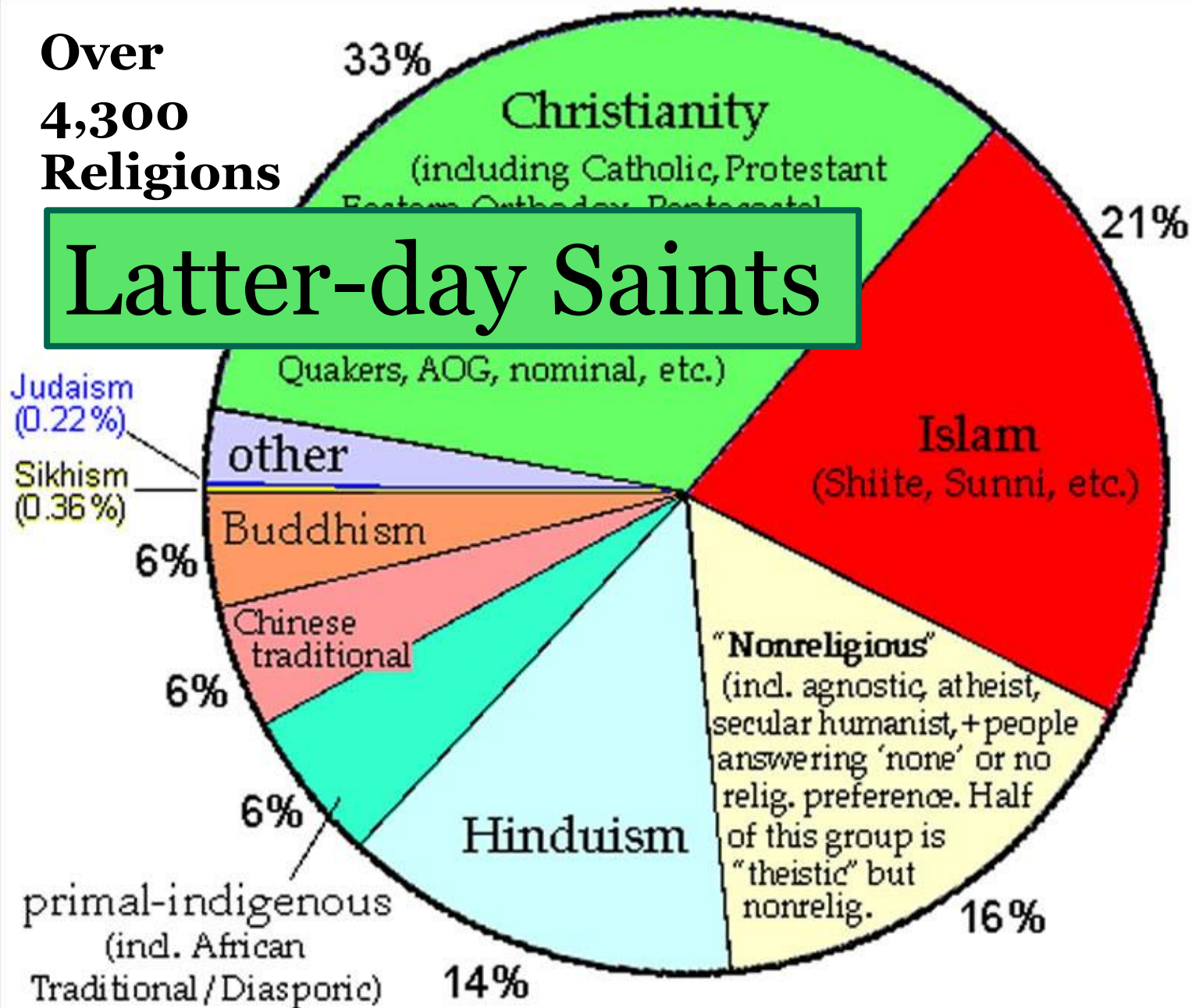
Church of Christ  
(Temple Lot)

Over 70 other divisions of  
the Latter Day Saints  
or Restoration Movement.



Over  
4,300  
Religions

# Latter-day Saints



NOTE: Total adds up to more than 100% due to rounding and because upper bound estimates were used for each group.

<b>World's largest religions</b>	<b>Number of Followers</b>
<b>Christianity</b>	<b>2.6 billion</b>
Islam	1.8 billion
Hinduism	1.1 billion
Buddhism	500 million
Shintoism	104 million
Sikhism	30 million
Judaism	15 million
Taoism	12 million
Korean Shamanism	10 million
Confucianism	6 million
Caodaism	4.4 million
Not affiliated with a religion	16% of the world's population
<a href="#"><u>Pew Research Center</u></a> 2023	

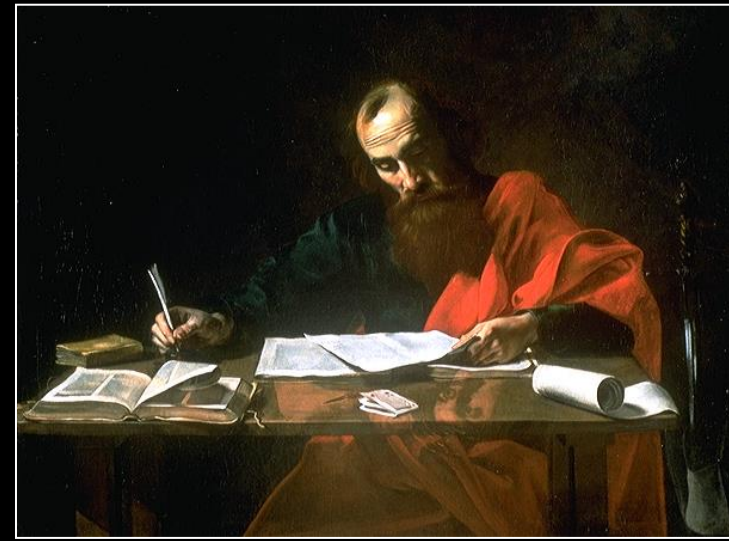


**All roads lead to  
Jesus Christ.**

**We are all on  
that road!**

During the winter of  
57–58 A. D.

**Apostle Paul** was in the  
Greek city of Corinth.

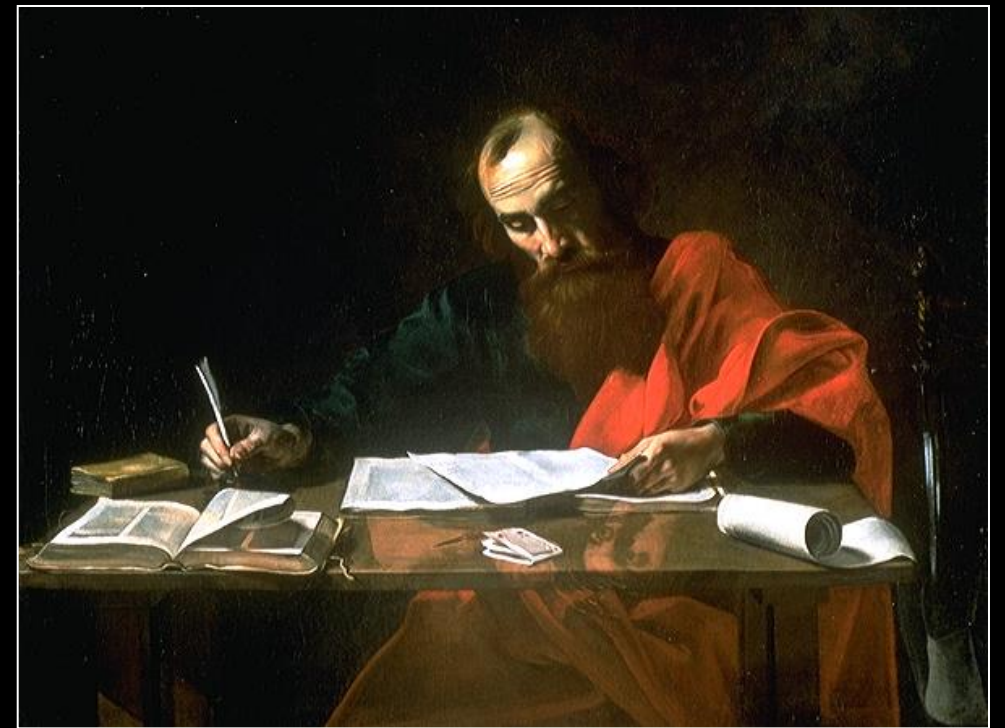


From Corinth, he wrote the longest single letter  
in the New Testament, which he addressed to

...all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called  
saints; (Romans 1:7)



[Romans 4:15]  
*...for where no law is,  
there is **no**  
**transgression.***

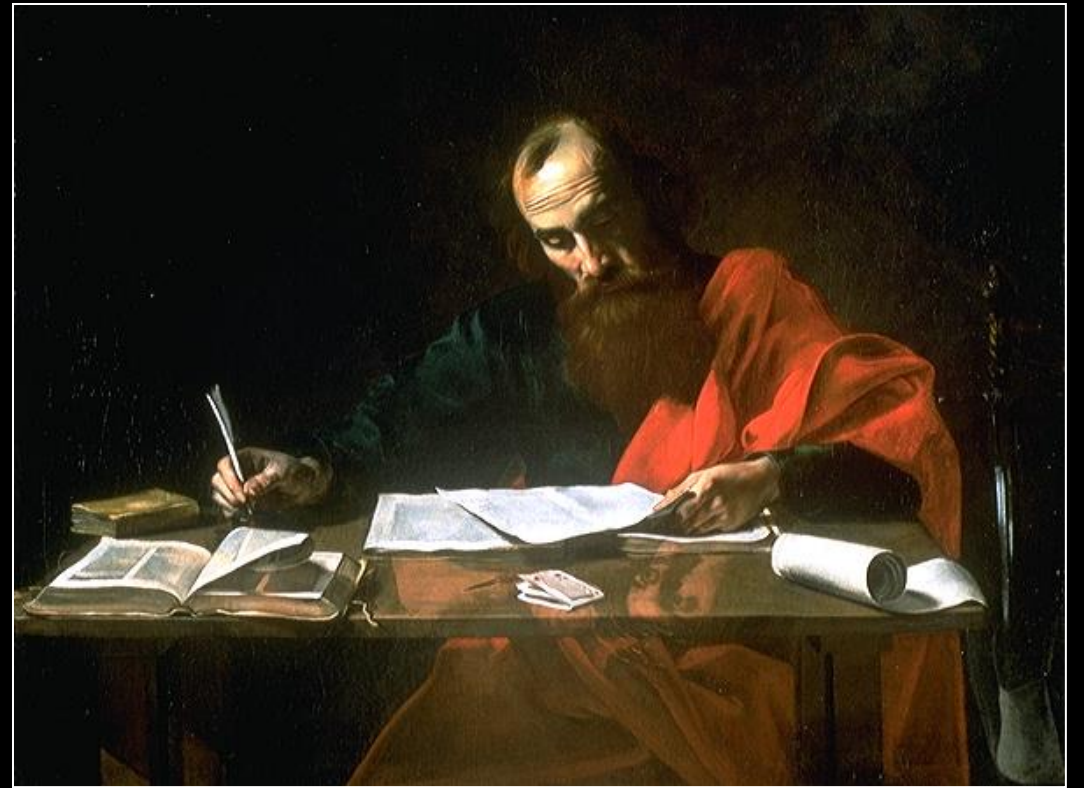


[Romans 5:13]  
*For, before the law, sin was in the world;  
yet sin is **not imputed** to those who have  
no law.*

[Romans 6:23]

*For the wages of sin  
is **death**;*

*but the gift of God is  
eternal life through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*



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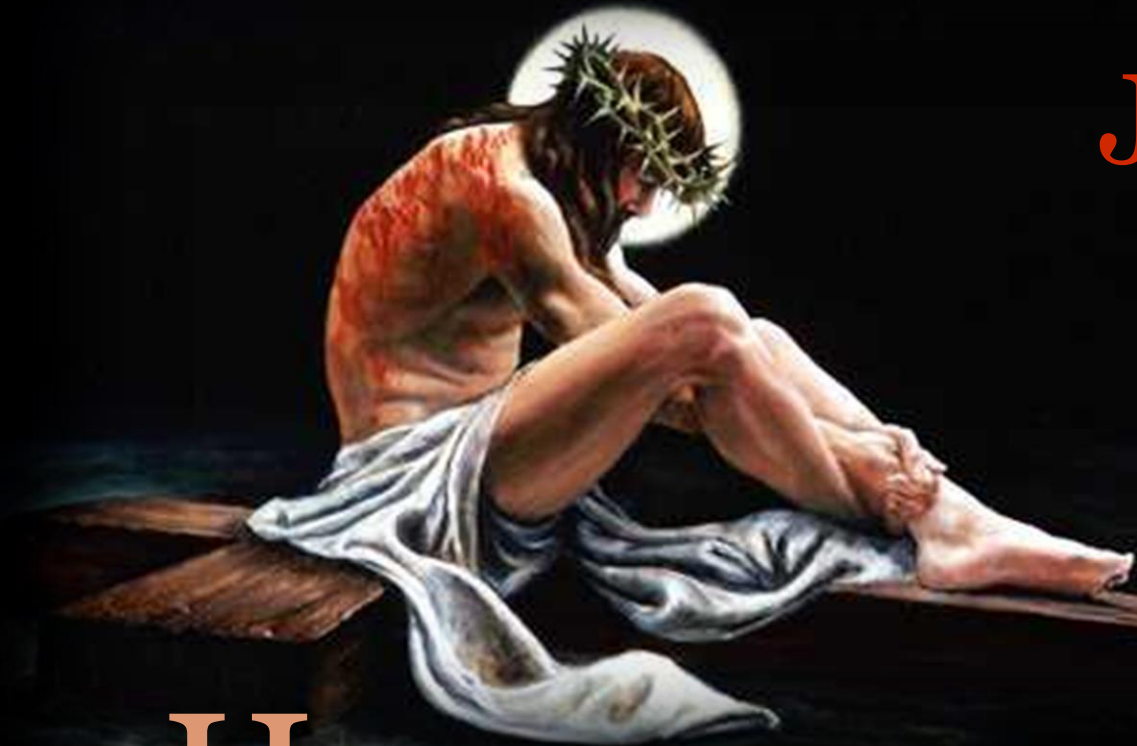
or how...

DEATH

Where...



...you are going to  
personally meet with  
Jesus Christ is unknown  
to us!



He created you...


He died for you!

Alma a Nephite prophet who **established the Church of Jesus Christ in the Americas** during the reign of the wicked King Noah. (73 B.C.)

[Alma 19:43]

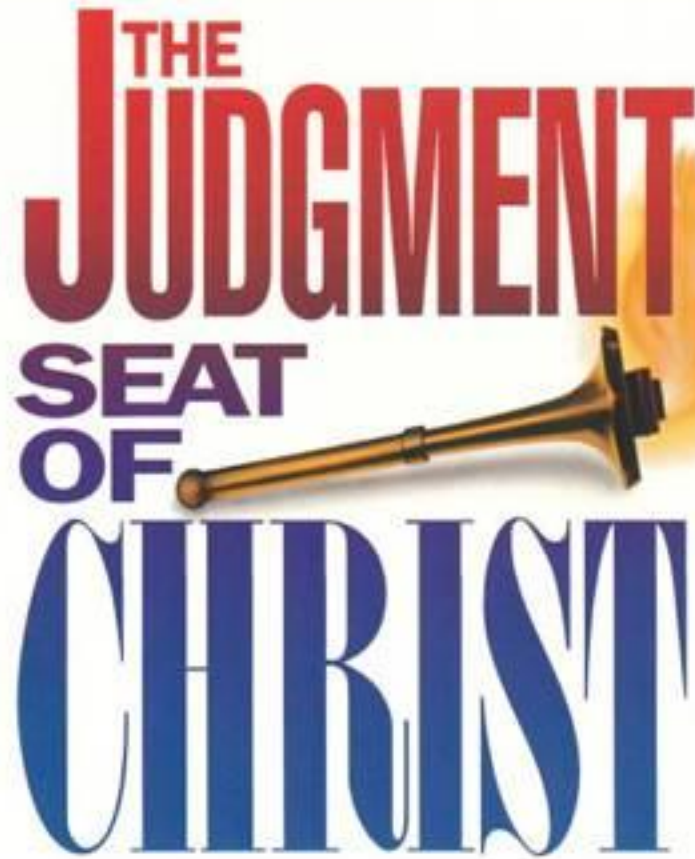
*Behold, it has been made known unto me, by an angel, that the **spirits of all men**, as soon as they are departed from this mortal body; yea, the spirits of all men, **whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life.***





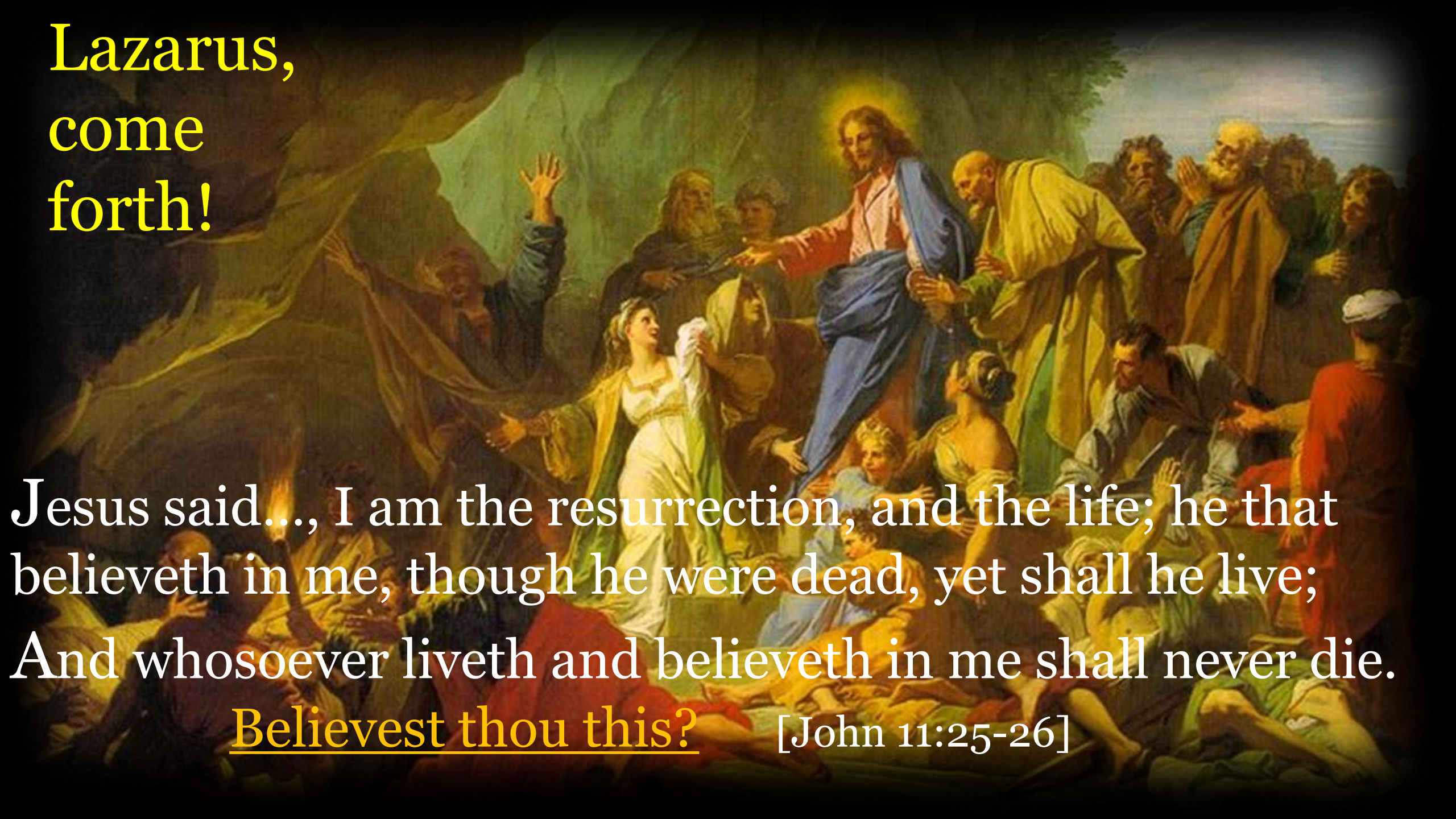
...we shall all stand  
before the  
judgment seat of  
Christ.

Romans 14:10



THE  
JUDGMENT  
SEAT  
OF  
CHRIST

Lazarus,  
come  
forth!



Jesus said..., I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Believest thou this? [John 11:25-26]

Is there “Life After Death”?







Famed physicist Stephen Hawking said,

“I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.”

Who made this famous statement?

**Who made this famous statement?**

We are a people of different faiths, but **we are one.**

Which faith conquers the other is not the question; rather, **the question is whether Christianity stands or falls....**

We tolerate no one in our ranks who attacks the ideas of Christianity... in fact **our movement is Christian.**

We are filled with a desire for Catholics and Protestants to **discover one another in the deep distress of our own people.**



*Adolf Hitler*

Do you honestly expect this court to believe, Mr. Chicken, that your only reason for crossing the road, on the night in question, was to get to the other side?!

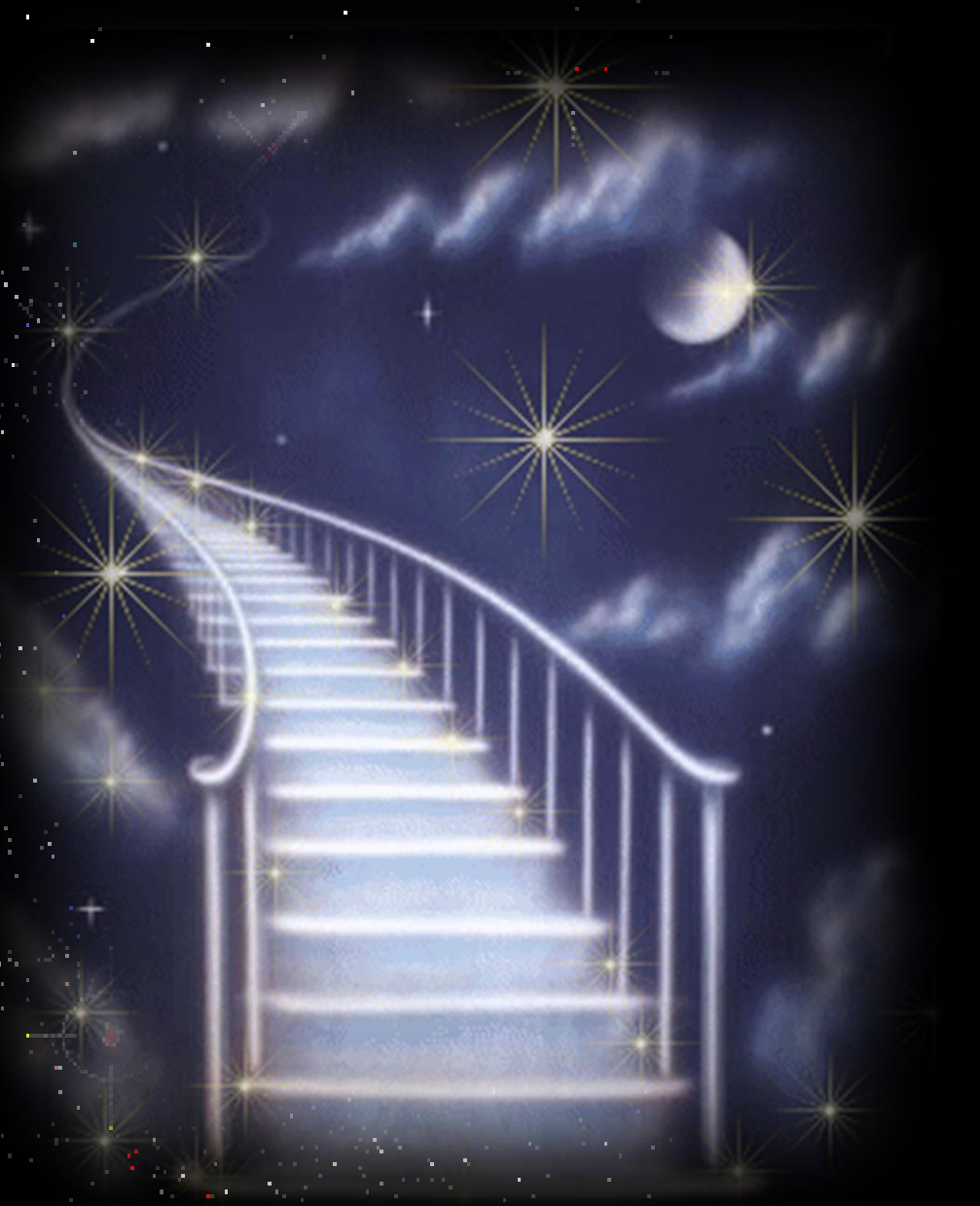


Is there "The other side"?

# What happens to me when I die?



According to  
popular belief, as  
soon as you die,  
if you've been  
good - off to  
heaven you go!



If you've  
been bad,  
you're  
zapped  
right  
down to  
hell.



This popular belief denies Jesus' teachings, that there is a Resurrection of the Dead and an Eternal Judgment at the end of time.

If this popular belief were true, there would be no need for Jesus to return to the earth, because there would be nothing for Him to do! Everything would have already been settled.

Everyone would already have been assigned...

**heaven or hell!**



For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

[John 3:16-17]



...and there is no end to my works, neither to my words; for this is my work and my glory,

*to bring to pass  
the immortality,  
and eternal life  
of man.*

*[Sec 22:23b]*



# Thesis Statement

**God is a just and fair God and not a respecter of persons.**

**Therefore, every person born of mankind, has an equal opportunity to inherit immortality and eternal life or eternal death and damnation in the lake of fire.**



Then Peter opened his mouth,  
and said, Of a truth I perceive  
that **God is no respecter of  
persons**; but in every nation he  
that **feareth him**, and **worketh  
righteousness**, is **accepted** with  
him.

[Acts 10:34-35]





No matter when  
or where you were  
born...

Jesus answered, Verily,  
verily, I say unto thee,  
Except a man be born  
of water, and the Spirit,  
he cannot **enter into the**  
**kingdom of God.**

[John 3:5]



If that's true...



What happens to a little baby when  
he dies?

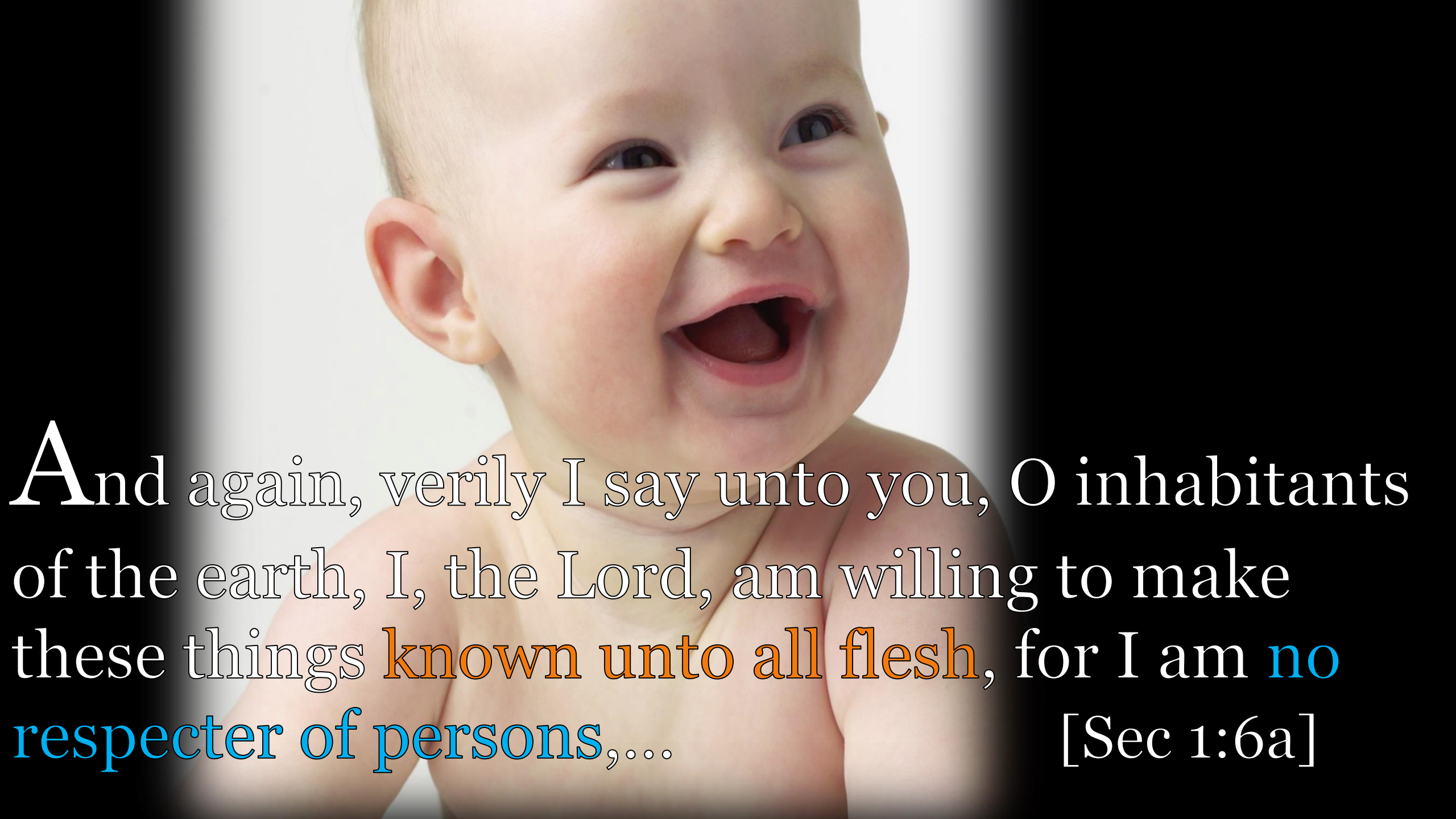
*But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable God, and a respector of persons; for how many little children have died without baptism.*

The prophet Moroni 400-421 A. D.

[Moroni 8:13]







And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants  
of the earth, I, the Lord, am willing to make  
these things **known unto all flesh**, for I am **no**  
**respector of persons**,... [Sec 1:6a]



What happens to older people who have never heard of Jesus Christ when they die?



*For behold that all little children are alive in Christ, and also **all they that are without the law.***

*For the power of **redemption cometh on all they that have no law**; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, can not repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing.*

*[Moroni 8:25-26]*

# Funeral at sea in Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia



What happens to people who die and are  
buried at sea?

What about those  
who die in space?



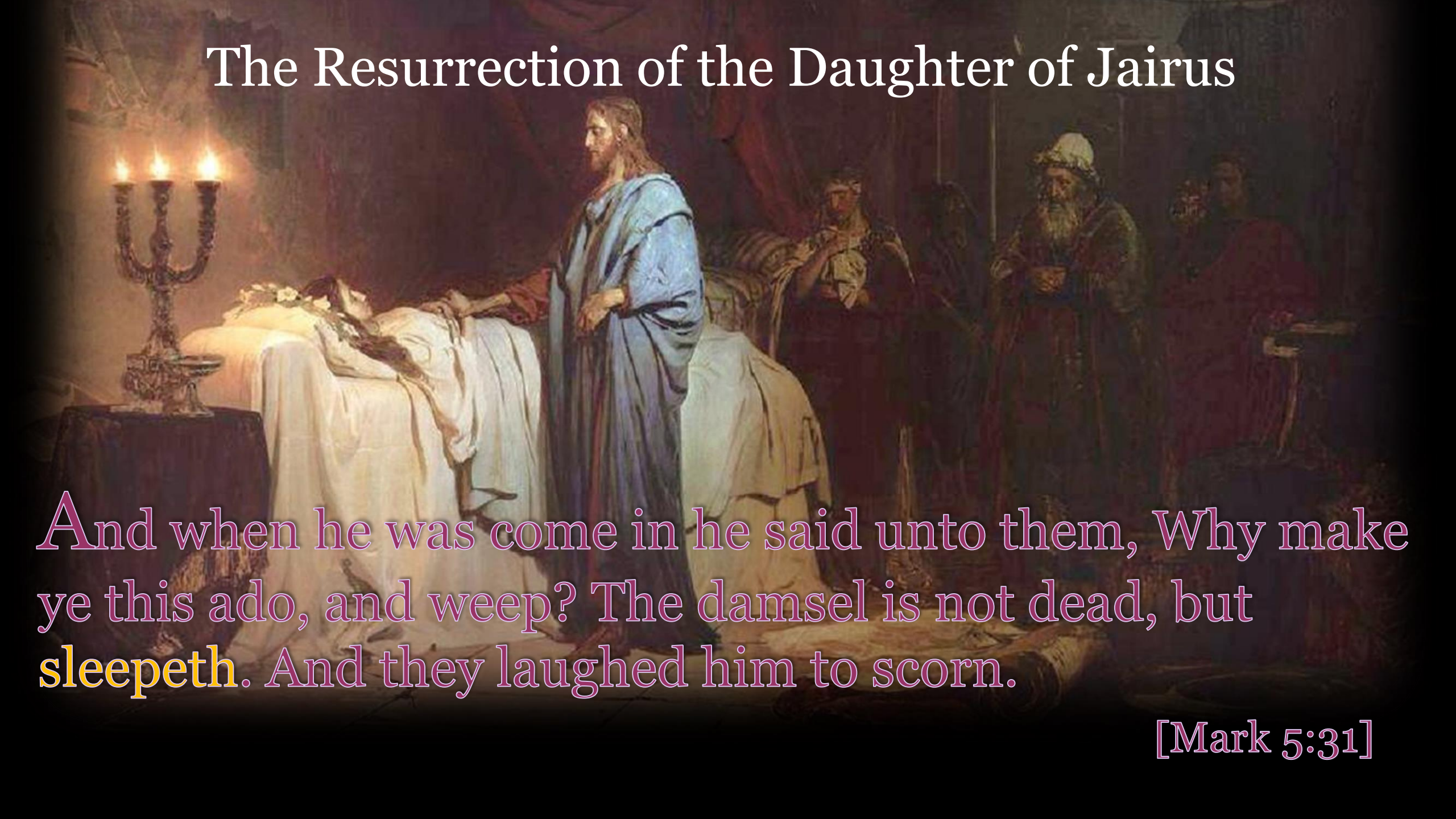


Jesus speaks of death as **sleep**.

...he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus **sleepeth**;  
but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said  
Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**

[John 11:11-14]

# The Resurrection of the Daughter of Jairus



And when he was come in he said unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but **sleepeth**. And they laughed him to scorn.

[Mark 5:31]

And he took the damsel by the hand,  
and said unto her, Talitha cumi;  
which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I  
say unto thee, Arise.

And straightway the damsel arose  
and walked; for she was twelve years  
old. And they were astonished with a  
great astonishment.

[Mark 5:33-34]







And the graves were opened; and the bodies of the saints which **slept**, arose, who were many.

[Matthew 27:56]

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, went unto the holy city, and appeared unto many.

[Matthew

Verily, I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, that he should testify unto this people, that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me, **that there were many saints who should arise from the dead, and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them.**

[3 Nephi 10:36]

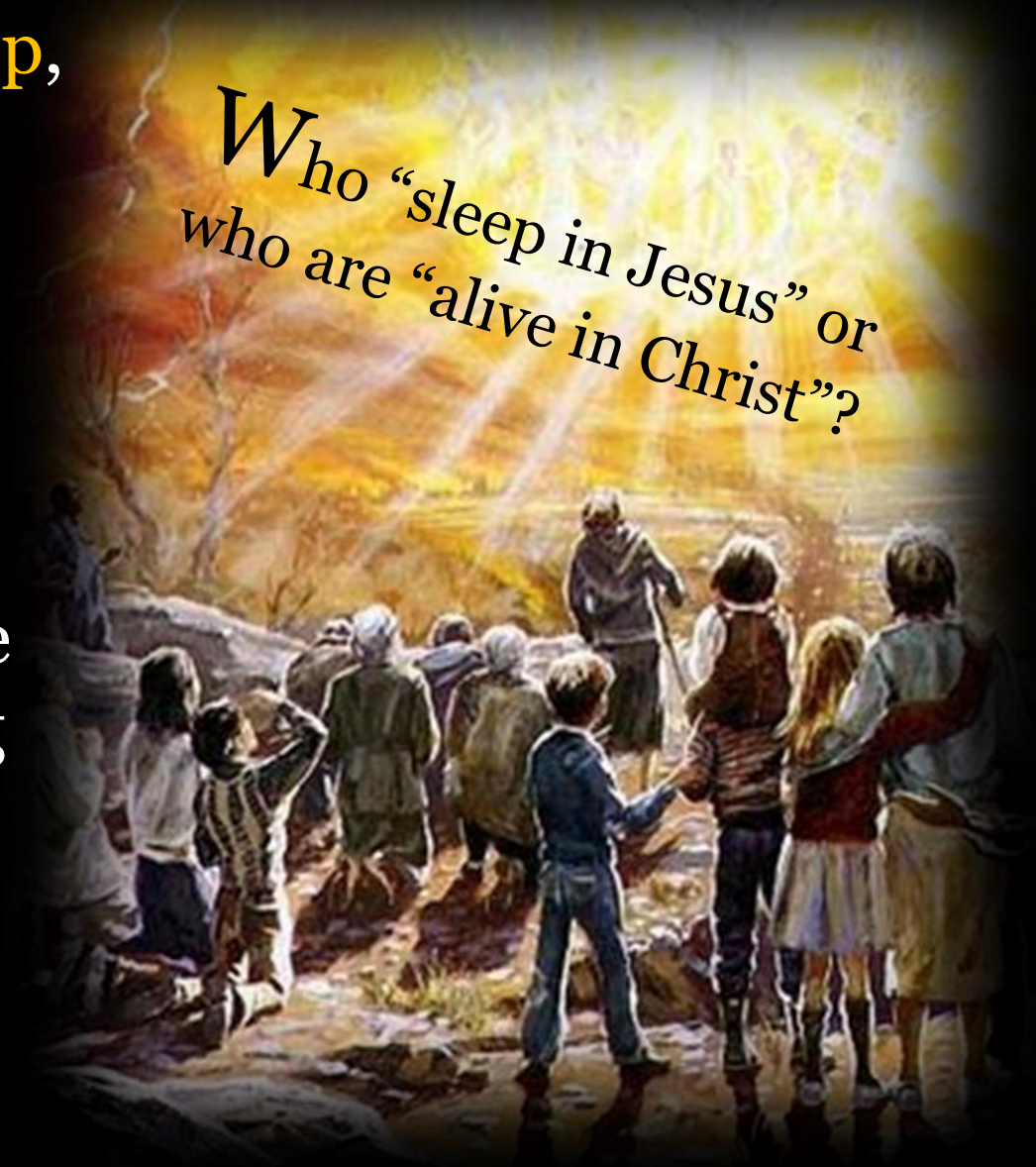


But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are **asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus will God bring with him**.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that they who are alive at the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them who remain unto the coming of the Lord, who are **asleep**.

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-15]



*Who "sleep in Jesus" or  
who are "alive in Christ"?*



**WHAT ABOUT THAT OLD SAYING...**

***“THE MEEK AND THE POOR SHALL  
INHERIT THE EARTH”?***



**But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.** [Psalm 37:11]

**And blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.**

[Matthew 5:7; III Nephi 5:52]

**For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.** [Psalm 37:9]

# The Greek word (proskarteréō): Wait

To show steadfast strength.

To consistently show strength which prevails (in spite of difficulties); to *endure* (remain firm), *staying in a fixed direction*.

To continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty – to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in.

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a wooden bench in a field. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon, transitioning into a darker blue and purple sky. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a red beanie. The bench has two wooden posts on either side.

# To “WAIT” upon the Lord is to “PREVAIL”

The primary sense is to stretch or strain forward, to advance.

1. To overcome; to gain the victory or superiority; to gain the advantage.
2. To be in force; to have effect; power or influence.
3. To be predominant; to extend over with force or effect.
4. To gain or have predominant influence; to operate with effect.
5. To persuade or induce; with on or upon.
6. To succeed.
7. To gain advantage, superiority or victory.
8. To have effect.
9. To succeed.
10. To have more influence.

*But they that **wait** upon the Lord shall  
renew their strength; they shall mount  
up with wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and they shall  
walk, and not faint.*

*[Isaiah 40:31]*





# Meekness: Power Under Control



Then spake Jesus, saying, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

[Matthew 11:29-30]

**...for, behold, the Lord shall come, and his recompense shall be with him, and he shall reward every man, and the poor shall rejoice; and their generations shall inherit the earth from generation to generation, for ever and ever.**

[Sec 56:6b]


**Amplified:** The Lord (rewards) recompenses you for what you have done, and a **full reward** is given you by the Lord.



Behold, blessed, saith the Lord, are they who have come up unto this land with an eye single to my glory, according to my commandments; for they that live shall inherit the earth, and they that die shall rest from all their labors, and their works shall follow them, and they shall receive a crown in the mansions of my Father, which I have prepared for them;

Yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the land of Zion, who have obeyed my gospel, for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth; and it shall bring forth in its strength; and they shall also be crowned with blessings from above; yea, and with commandments not a few, and with revelations in their time; they that are faithful and diligent before me.

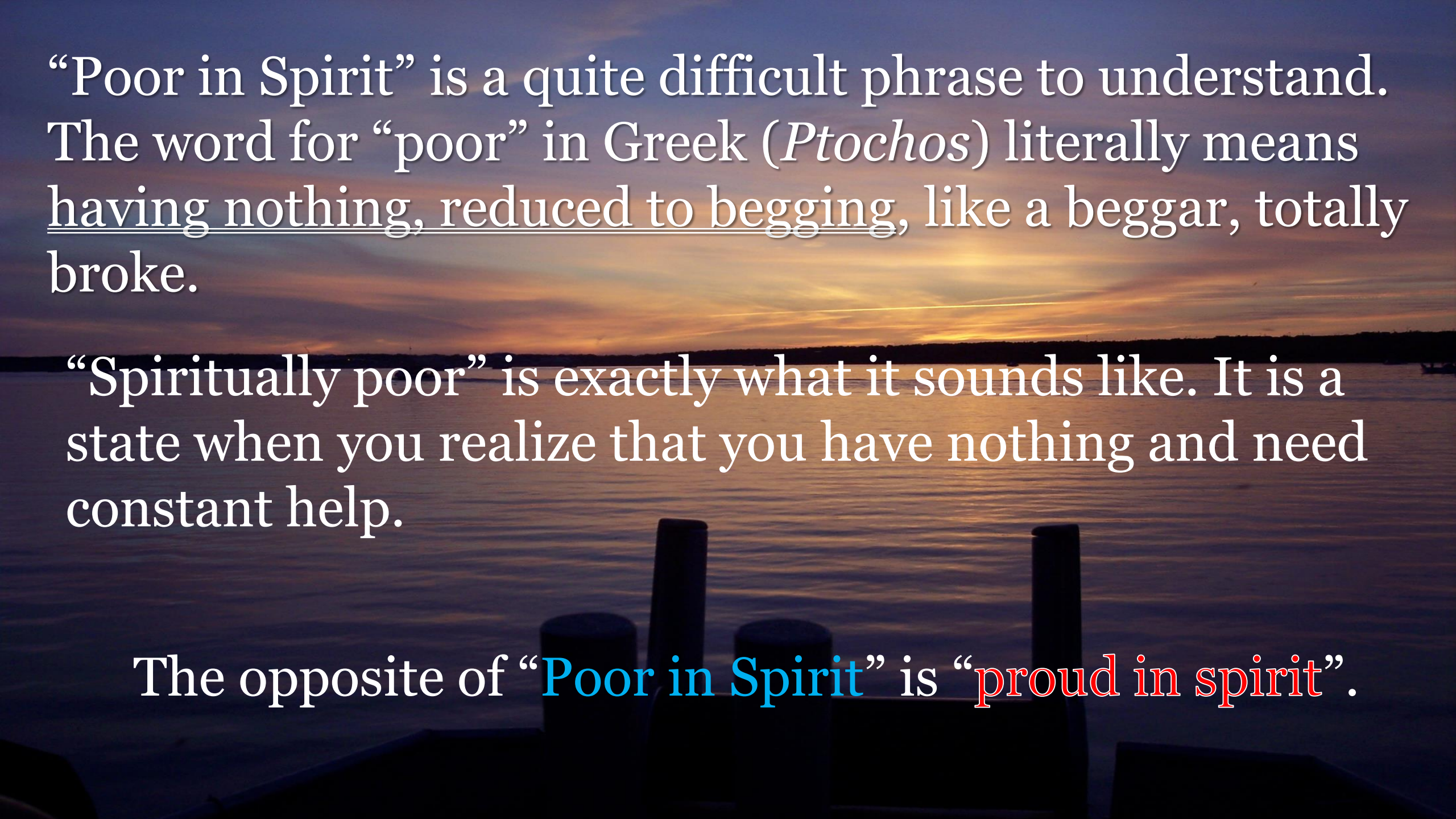
[Sec 59:1a-c]

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**A**nd the **resurrection from the dead** is the redemption of the soul; and the redemption of the soul is through him who quickeneth all things, in whose bosom it is decreed, that the **poor and the meek of the earth shall inherit it.**

[Sec 85:4b]

*Blessed  
are the  
in  
Spirit  
Poor*

A sunset over a body of water with silhouettes of a boat in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a boat's masts and rigging are visible against the water.

“Poor in Spirit” is a quite difficult phrase to understand. The word for “poor” in Greek (*Ptochos*) literally means having nothing, reduced to begging, like a beggar, totally broke.

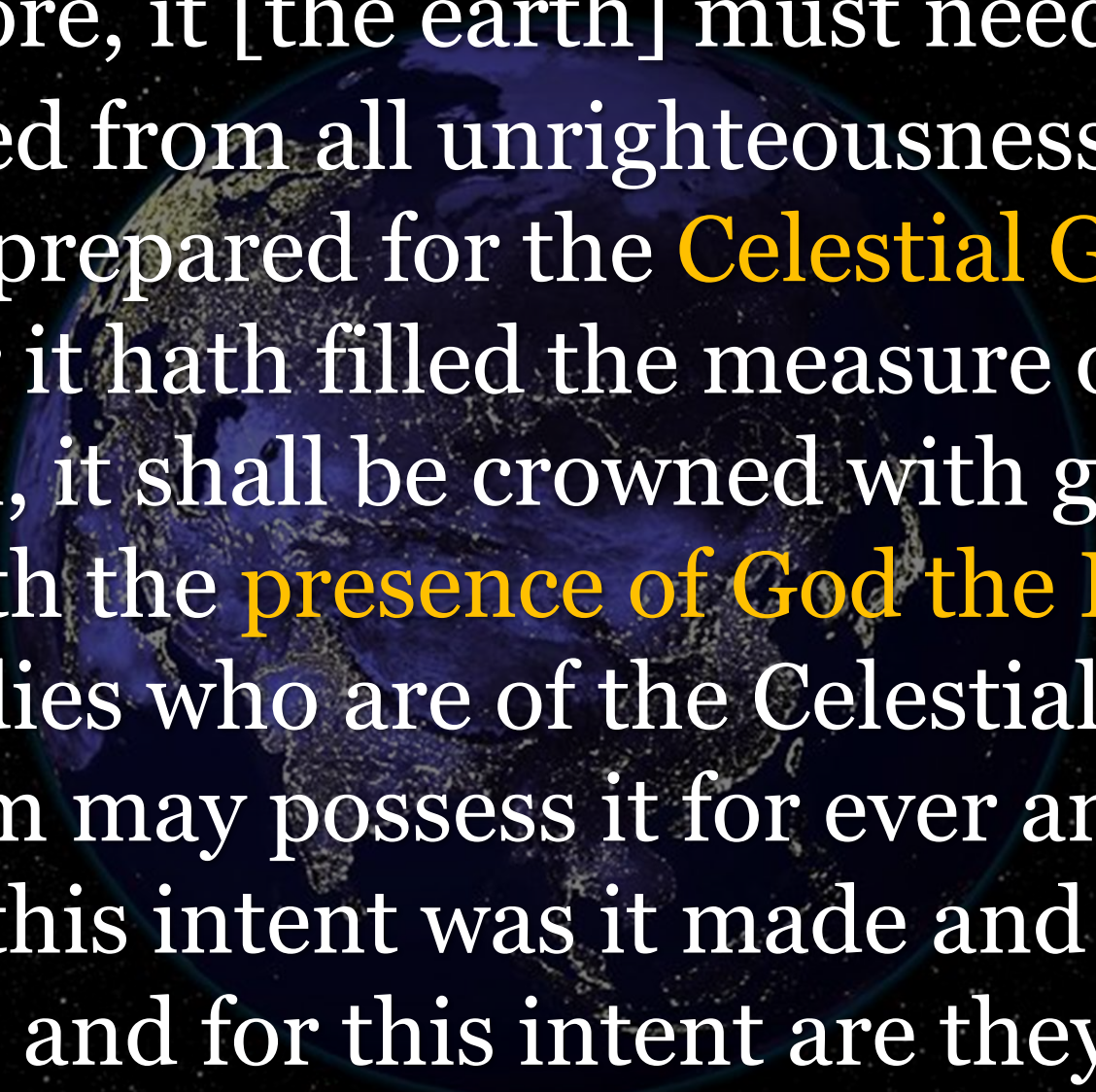
“Spiritually poor” is exactly what it sounds like. It is a state when you realize that you have nothing and need constant help.

The opposite of “**Poor in Spirit**” is “**proud in spirit**”.

Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God; and  
renew a right  
spirit within  
me.

[Psalm 51:10]

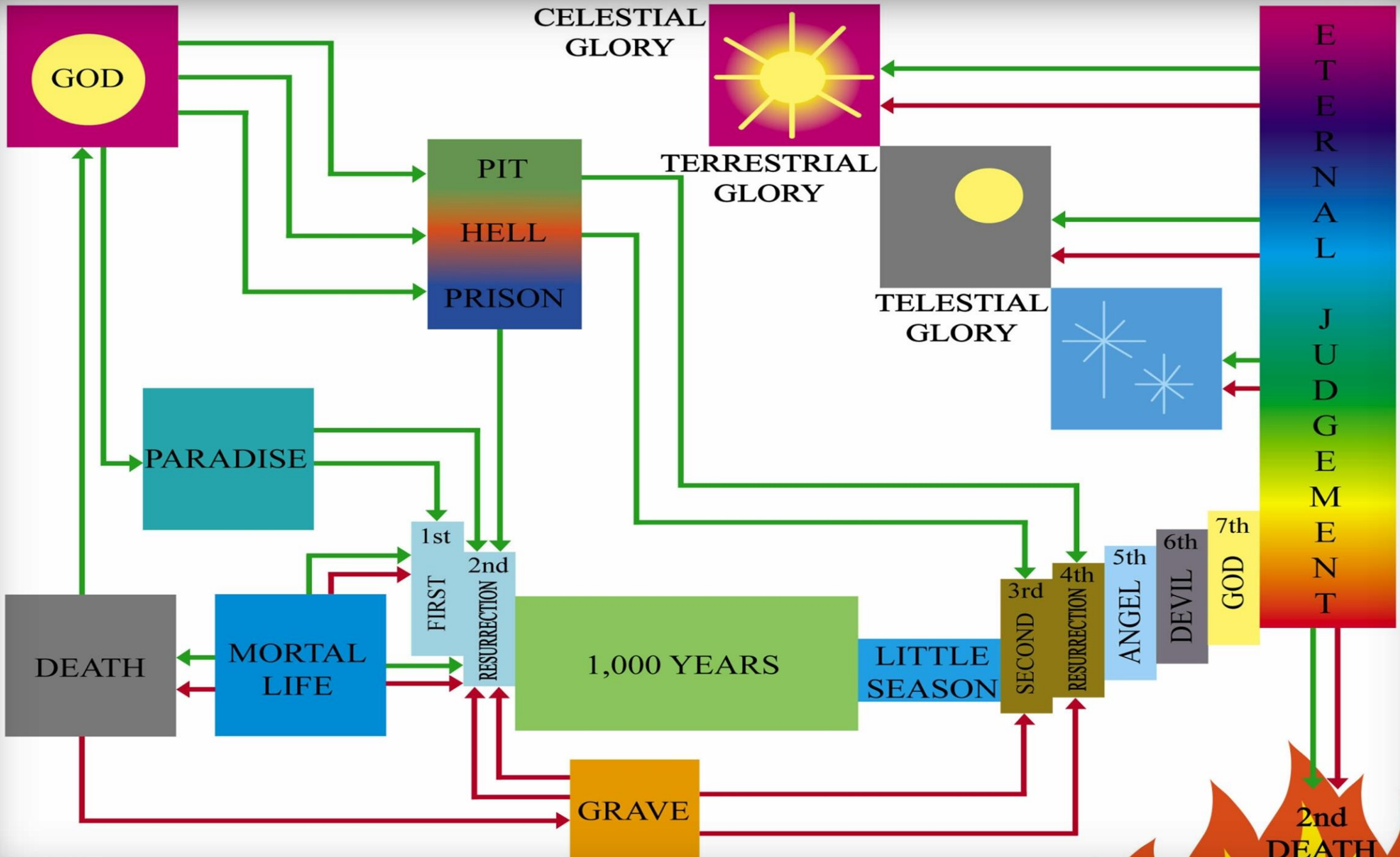




Therefore, it [the earth] must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that it may be prepared for the **Celestial Glory**; for after it hath filled the measure of its creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the **presence of God the Father**; that bodies who are of the Celestial Kingdom may possess it for ever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created; and for this intent are they sanctified.

[Sec 85:4c-d]





SPIRIT ——— (green line)  
 BODY ——— (red line)



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