

Life After Death

Lesson 4



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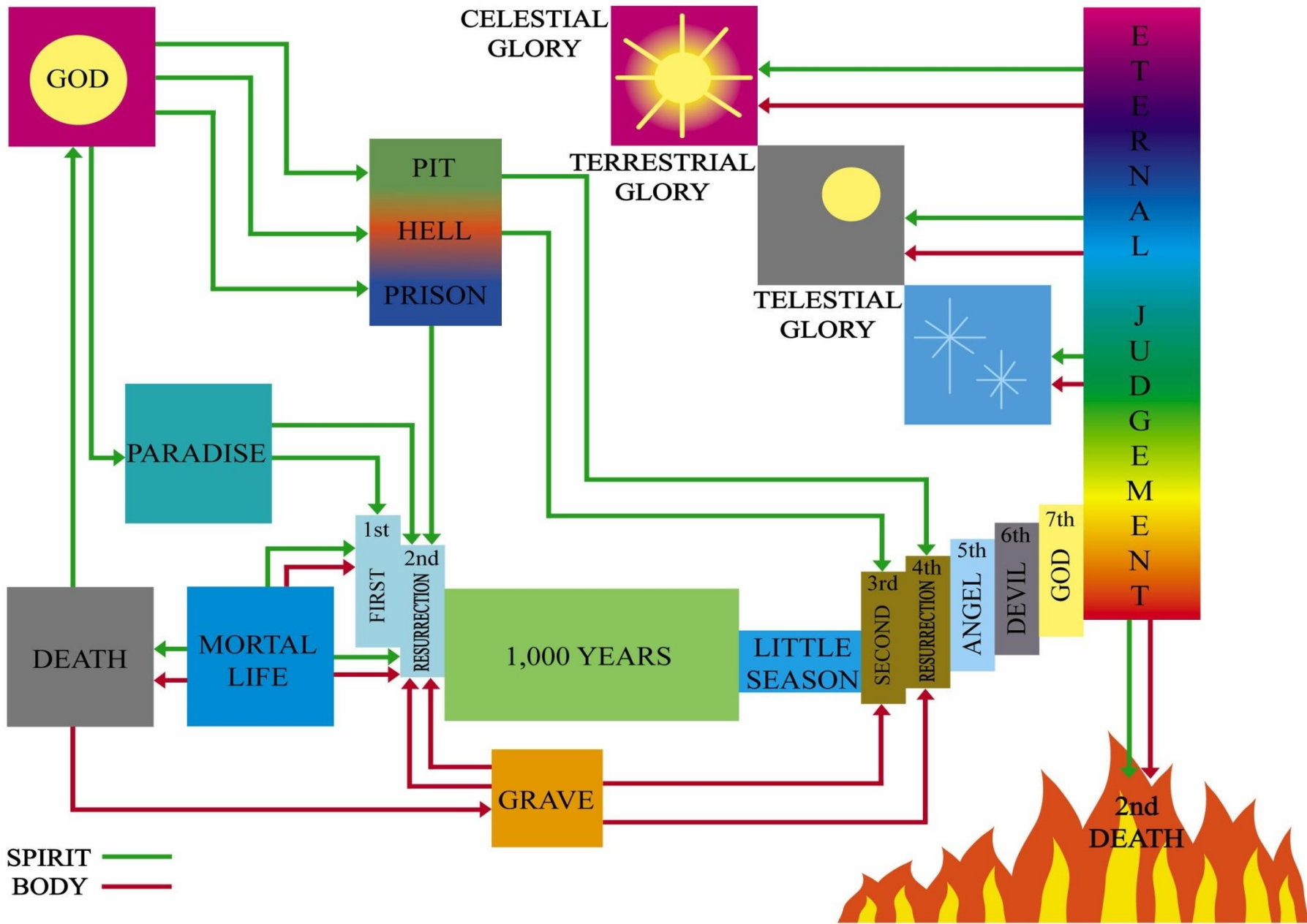
The background of the entire image is a dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a deep, dark blue, transitioning to a bright orange and yellow glow at the horizon. A large, black cross is positioned on the horizon, directly in front of the sun. A powerful, vertical beam of light descends from the top of the frame, passing through the cross and illuminating the horizon. The ground is dark and silhouetted against the bright light of the sun. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

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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.



This is
where we
left off!



PIT

HELL

PRISON

The Prison House

Who lives here?



Those who were disobedient in the days of Noah.

Host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

Received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it.

Honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men.

The spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them.



Hell



Who lives here?



Those whose hearts have waxed hard, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes cannot see afar off.

The angels which kept not their first estate.

All the nations that forget God.

They that choose evil works, rather than good.

Those that are led captive by the will of the devil, choosing their own iniquity.





The Pit!

Who lives
here?



Those who have **no hope** for thy truth.

All those who will work wickedness and abominations before him.

Those who war against thee, O house of Israel.

All those that fight against Zion.

He that shall **blaspheme** against the Holy Ghost.



Those who have **no hope** for thy truth.

REPROBATED:

Disapproved with abhorrence; rejected; abandoned to wickedness or to destruction.

To be abandon to his sentence, **without hope of pardon.**

And even as they did not like to retain God according to some knowledge, God gave them over to a **reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient;

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,...

[Romans 1:28-29]

Now as Jannes and Jambres
withstood Moses, so do these also
resist the truth; men of corrupt
minds, **reprobate** concerning the
faith.

[2 Timothy 3:8]

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work **reprobate**.

[Titus 1:16]

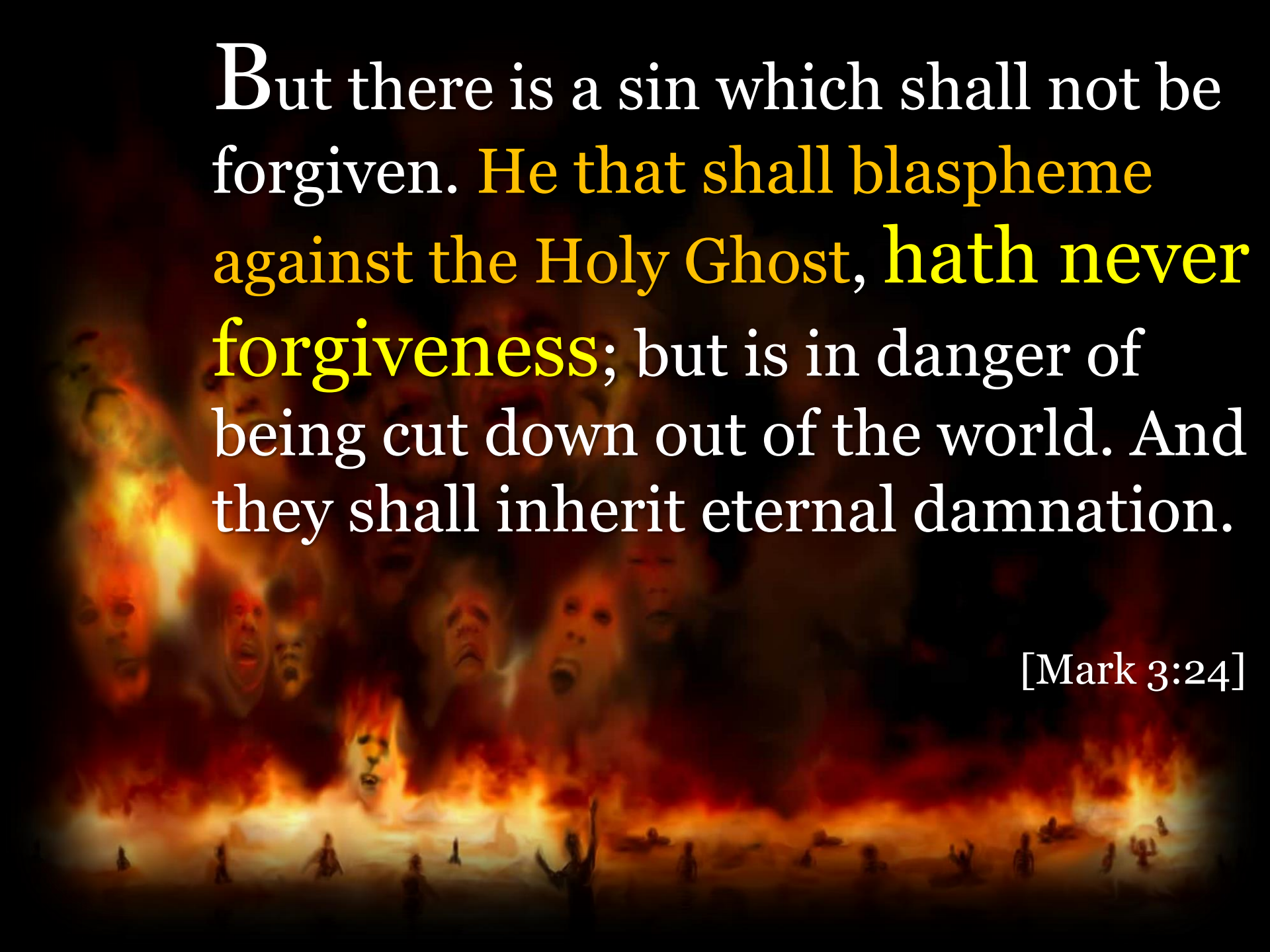
CAST OUTSIDE

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men who receive me and repent; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, it shall **not be forgiven** unto men.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall **not be forgiven him; neither in this world; neither in the world to come.**

[Matthew 12:26-27]

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness:
and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 25: 30).



But there is a sin which shall not be forgiven. He that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, hath never forgiveness; but is in danger of being cut down out of the world. And they shall inherit eternal damnation.

[Mark 3:24]

Know ye not, my son, that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord; yea, most abominable above all sins, save it be the shedding of innocent blood, or denying the Holy Ghost?

For behold, if ye deny the Holy Ghost when it once has had place in you, and ye **know that ye deny it**; behold, this is a sin which is **unpardonable**;



[Alma 19:7-8]



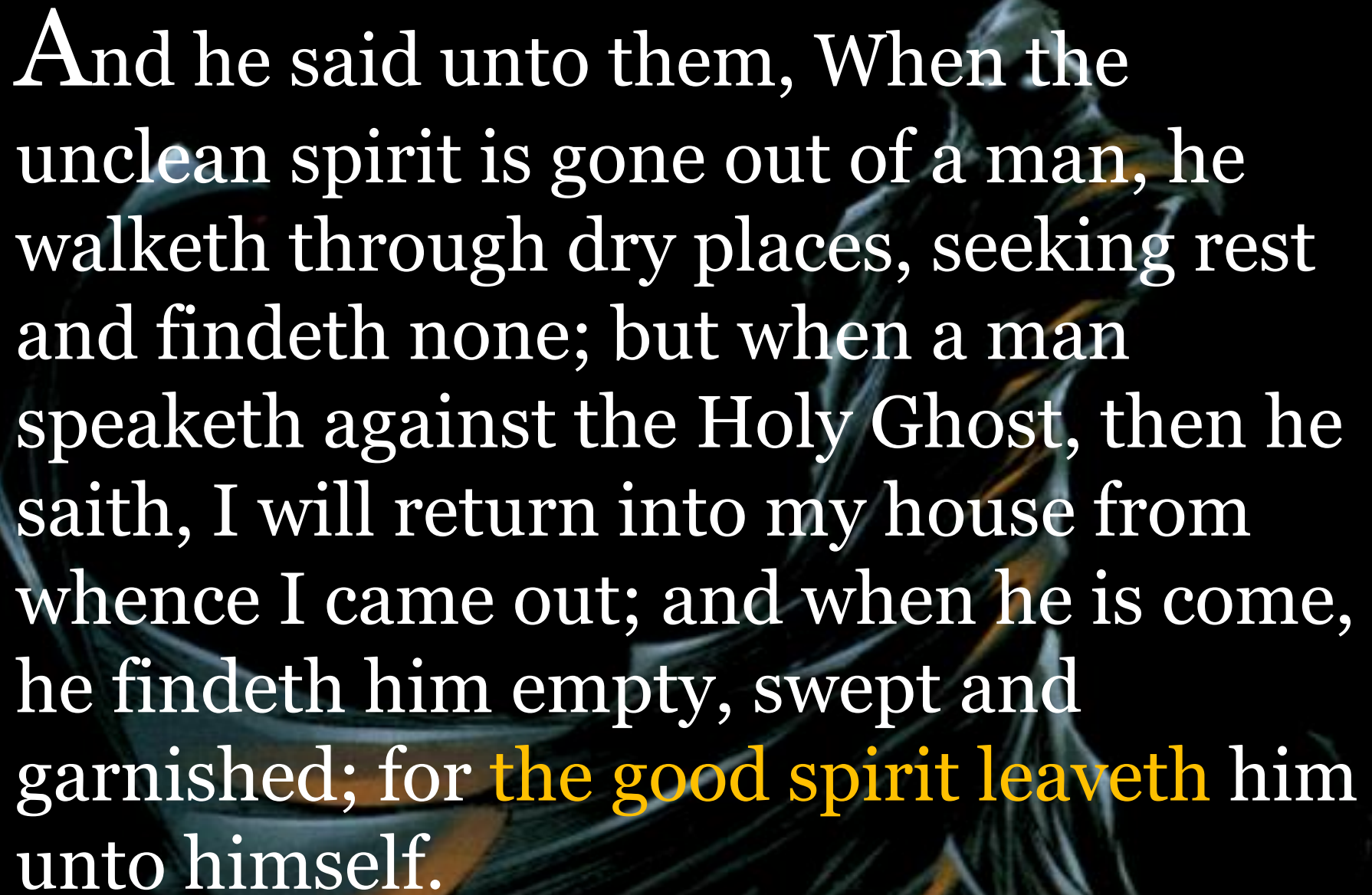
Behold, **the destroyer** I have sent
forth to destroy and lay waste mine
enemies;

and not many years hence, they shall
not be left to pollute mine heritage,
and to **blaspheme my name** upon the
lands which I have consecrated for
the gathering together of my Saints.

[Sec 102:4a-b]

Then came some of the Scribes and said unto him, Master, it is written that, Every sin shall be forgiven; but ye say, Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven. And they asked him, saying, How can these things be?

[Matthew 12:37]



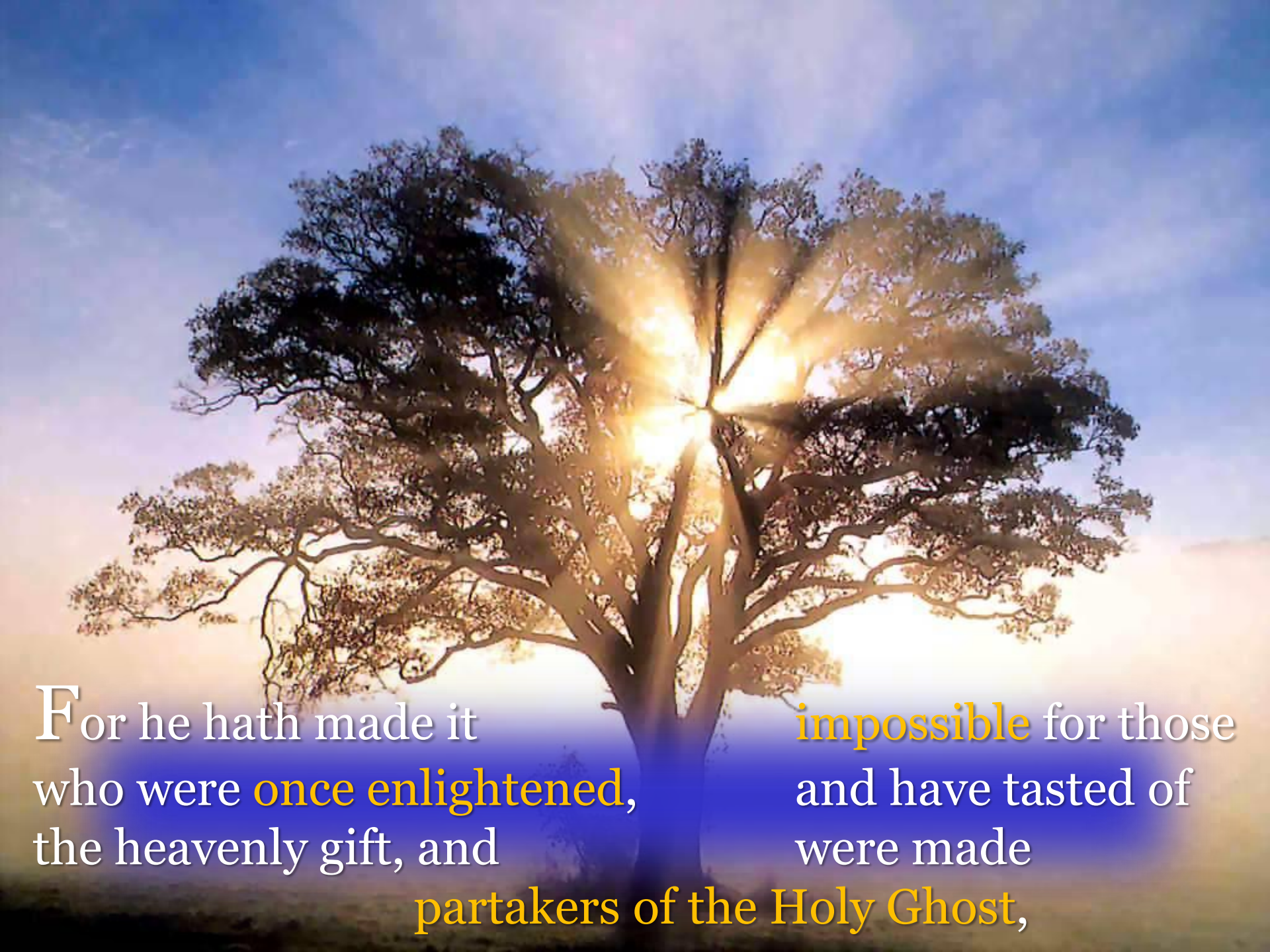
And he said unto them, When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and findeth none; but when a man speaketh against the Holy Ghost, then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth him empty, swept and garnished; for **the good spirit leaveth** him unto himself.

[Matthew 12:38]

Then goeth the evil spirit, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in and dwell there; and the last end of **that man is worse** than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

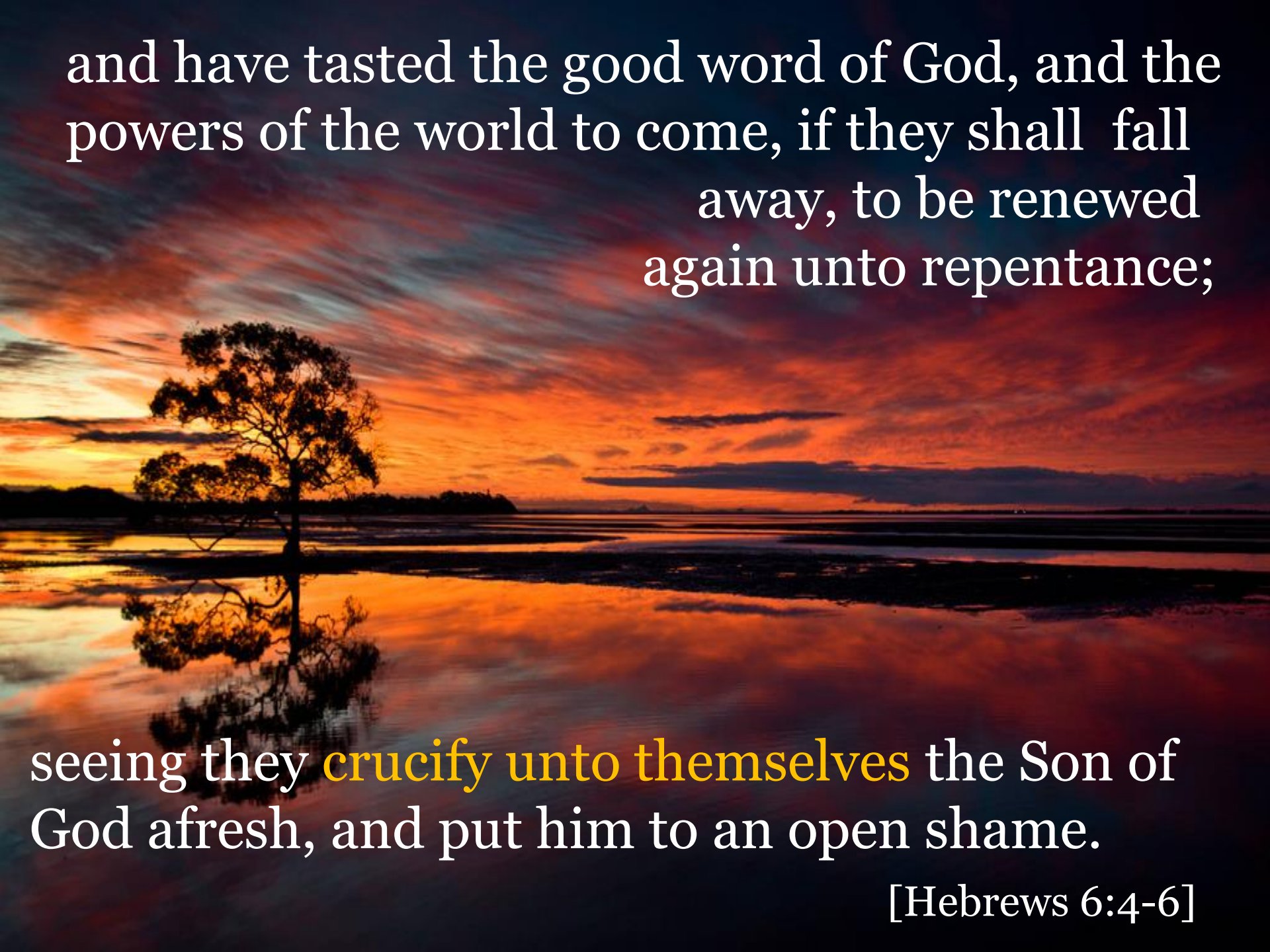
[Matthew 12:39]





For he hath made it
who were **once enlightened**,
the heavenly gift, and
partakers of the Holy Ghost,


impossible for those
and have tasted of
were made

A sunset over a body of water with a tree in the foreground. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and red clouds, reflecting on the water. A single tree stands on the left side of the frame, its silhouette reflected in the water. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

and have tasted the good word of God, and the
powers of the world to come, if they shall fall
away, to be renewed
again unto repentance;

seeing they **crucify unto themselves** the Son of
God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

[Hebrews 6:4-6]



For the day cometh that the earth
which drinketh in the rain
that cometh oft upon it,
and bringeth forth herbs

meet for them who
dwelleth thereon, by
whom it is dressed,
who now receiveth
blessings from God, **shall be cleansed with fire.**

[Hebrews 6:7]

And this is the
condemnation,
that light is come
into the world,
and men love
darkness
rather
than light,
because
their deeds
are evil.



[John 3:19]

...for, behold, the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and for the last time that I shall call laborers into my vineyard.

And my vineyard has become corrupted every whit; and there is none which doeth good save it be a few; and they err in many instances, because of priestcrafts, all having corrupt minds.

[Sec 32:1d-e]

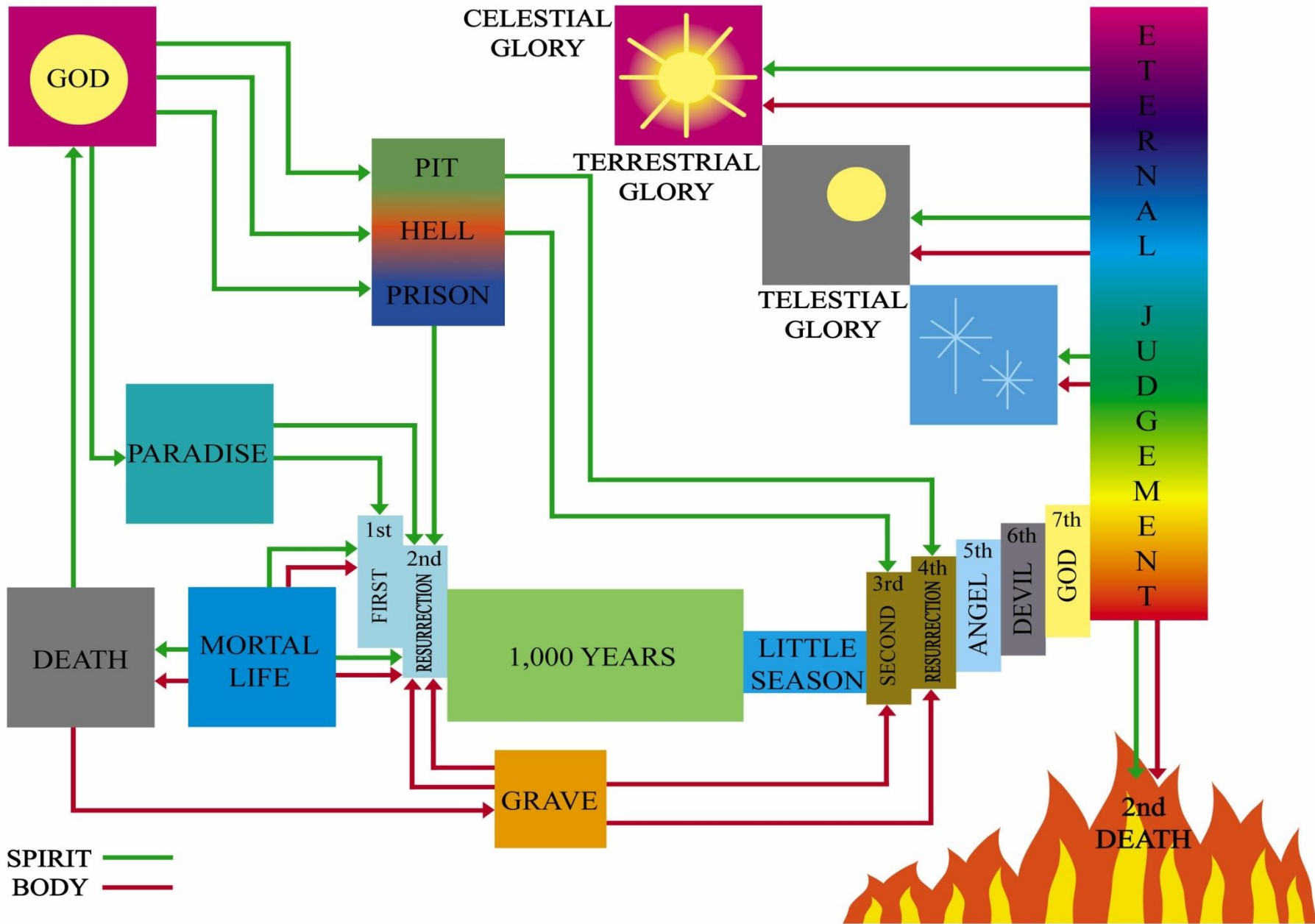





And they shall fall into the pit which they
digged to ensnare the people of the Lord.

And all that fight against Zion, shall be
destroyed.

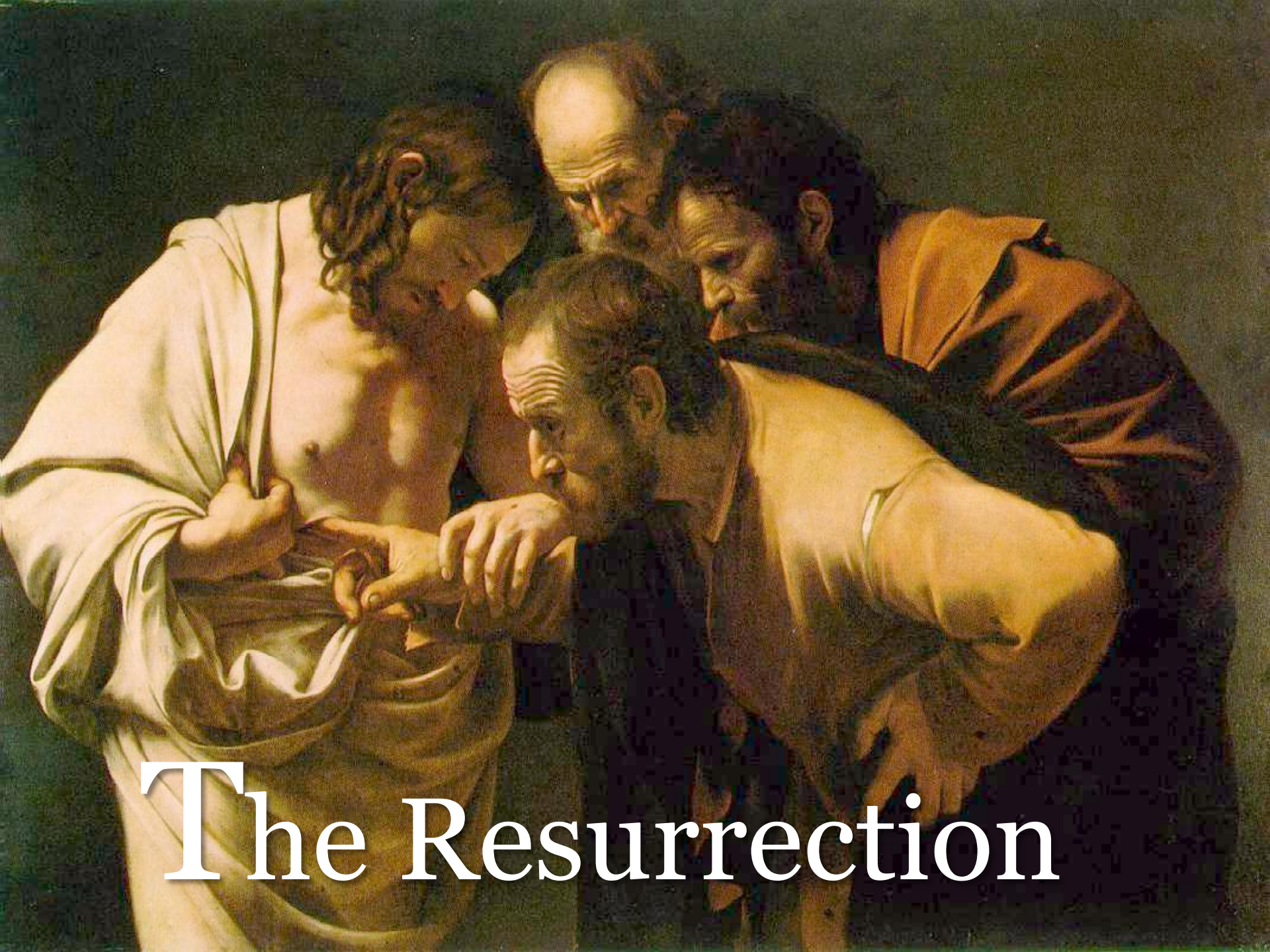
What happens to a soul when
they reject Jesus Christ as
[1 Nephi 7:29]
Lord God Almighty?





He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay; and go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.

[Matthew 28:5]



The Resurrection



My Redeemer
LIVES

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that
he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;

My Redeemer
LIVES



And though after my skin worms destroy this
body; yet in my flesh shall I see God;

My Redeemer
LIVES



Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

[Job 19:25-27]

My Redeemer
LIVES



If in this life
only we have
hope in
Christ, we are
of all men
most
miserable.

[1 Corinthians 15:19]



But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

[1 Corinthians 15:20]



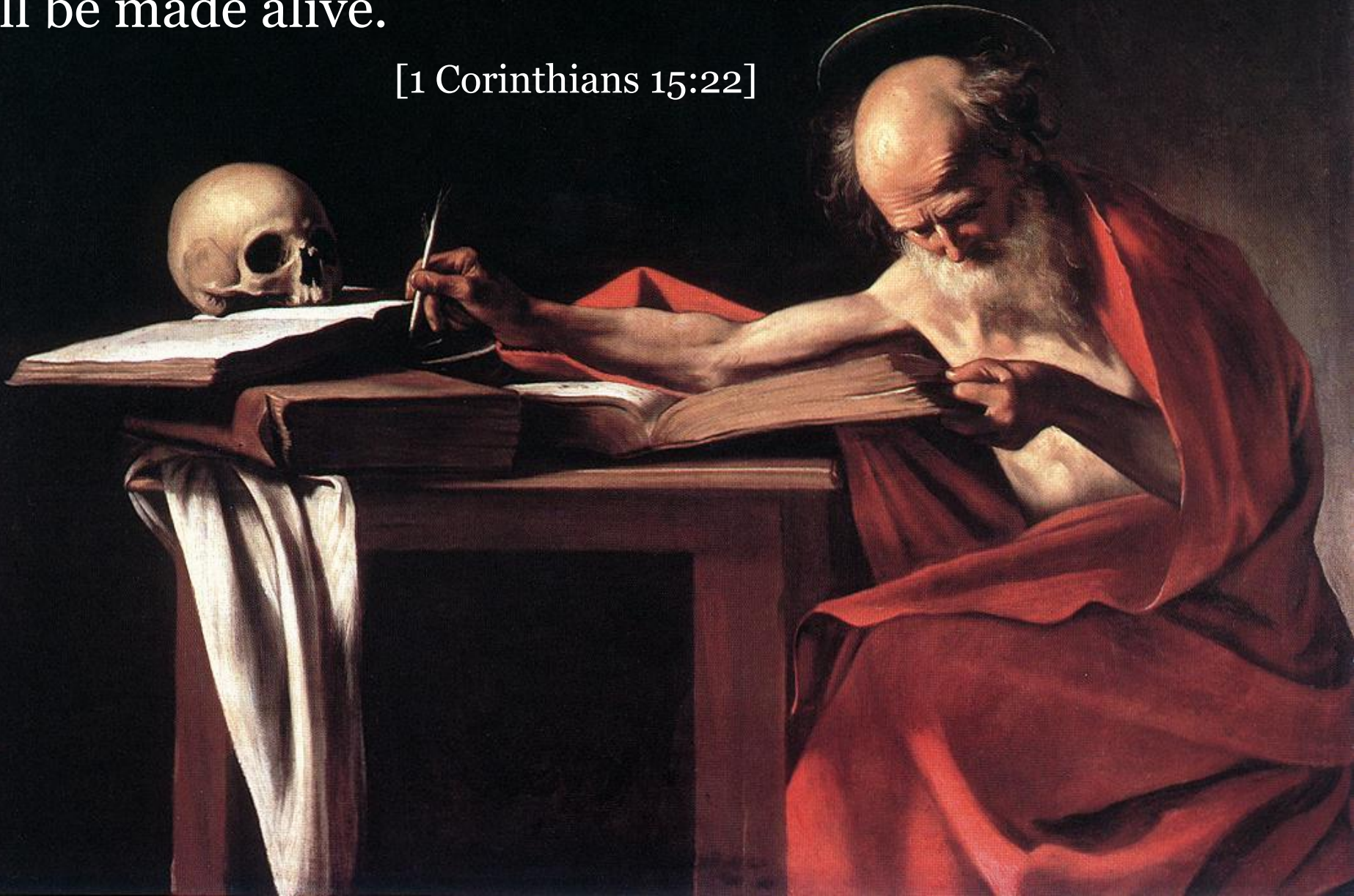


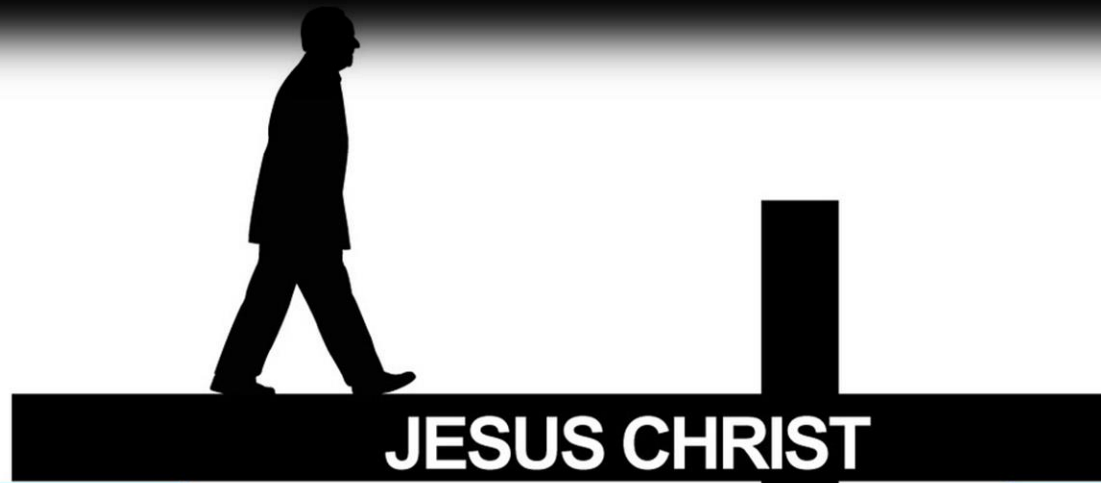
for since by
man came
death, by
man came
also the
resurrection
of the dead.

[1 Corinthians 15:21]

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall
all be made alive.

[1 Corinthians 15:22]





Sinful
People

God

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man cometh unto the Father,
but by me.

[John 14:6]

The First Resurrection



1st

FIRST

2nd

RESURRECTION



1st Trump

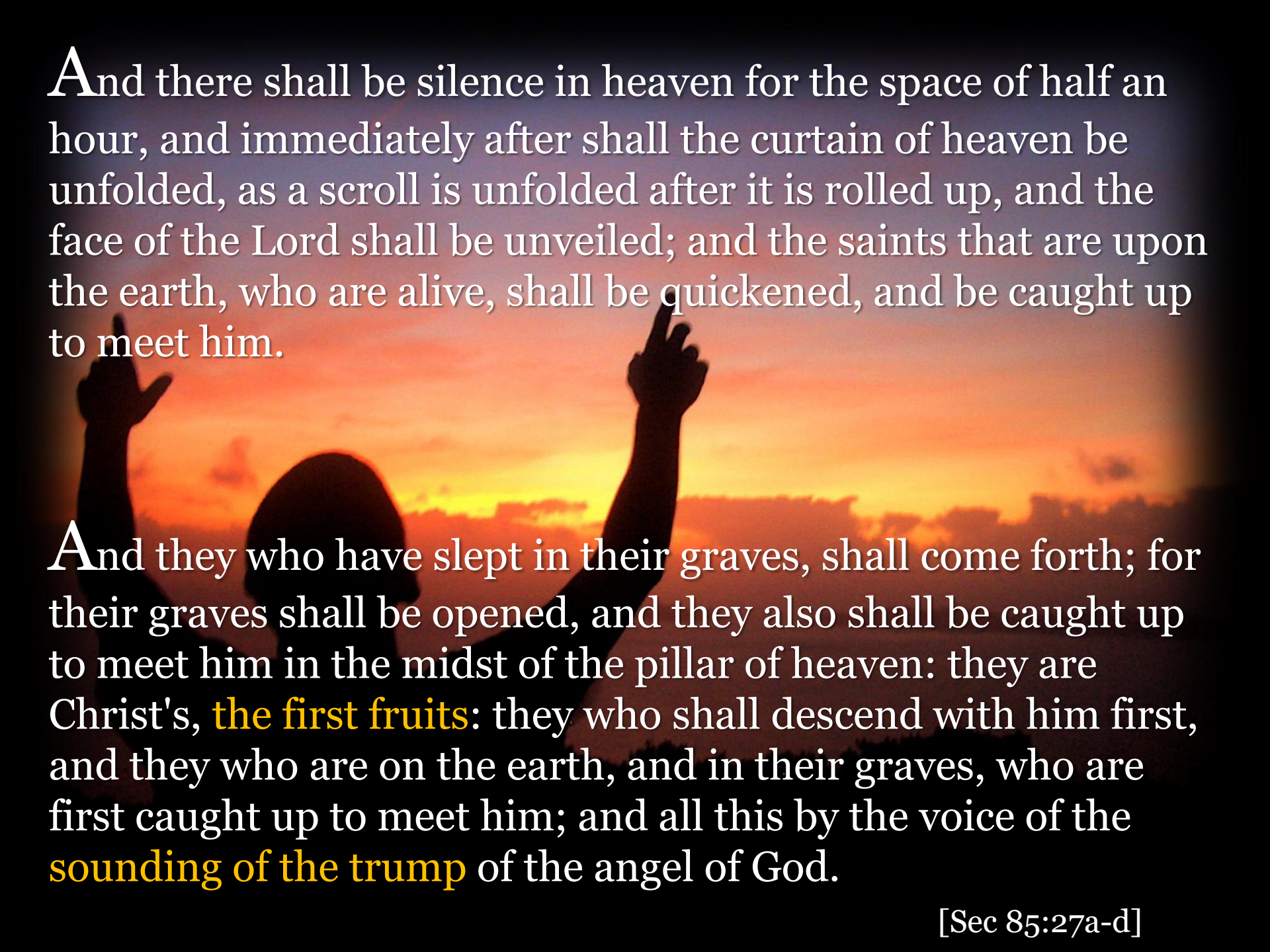


What happens at the sounding
of the 1st Trump?



And as I said before, after the tribulation of those days, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn.

And they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. [Matthew 24:38]

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in praise against a sunset sky. The person's head is in the center, and their arms are raised on either side, with hands open. The background is a vibrant sunset with orange and yellow hues, and some clouds are visible. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour, and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled; and the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened, and be caught up to meet him.

And they who have slept in their graves, shall come forth; for their graves shall be opened, and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven: they are Christ's, **the first fruits**: they who shall descend with him first, and they who are on the earth, and in their graves, who are first caught up to meet him; and all this by the voice of the **sounding of the trump** of the angel of God.

The Second Coming of Christ Jesus

1000 Year Millennium


'Behold, He is coming with clouds, and **every eye** shall see Him.' (Rev. 1:7)

For as the light of the morning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, and covereth the whole earth; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

[Matthew 24:27]

For behold, he cometh in the clouds with ten thousands of his saints in the kingdom, clothed with the glory of his Father. And every eye shall see him; and they who pierced him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

[Revelation 1:7]



For the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds; from one end of heaven to the other.

[Matthew 24:40]

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first;

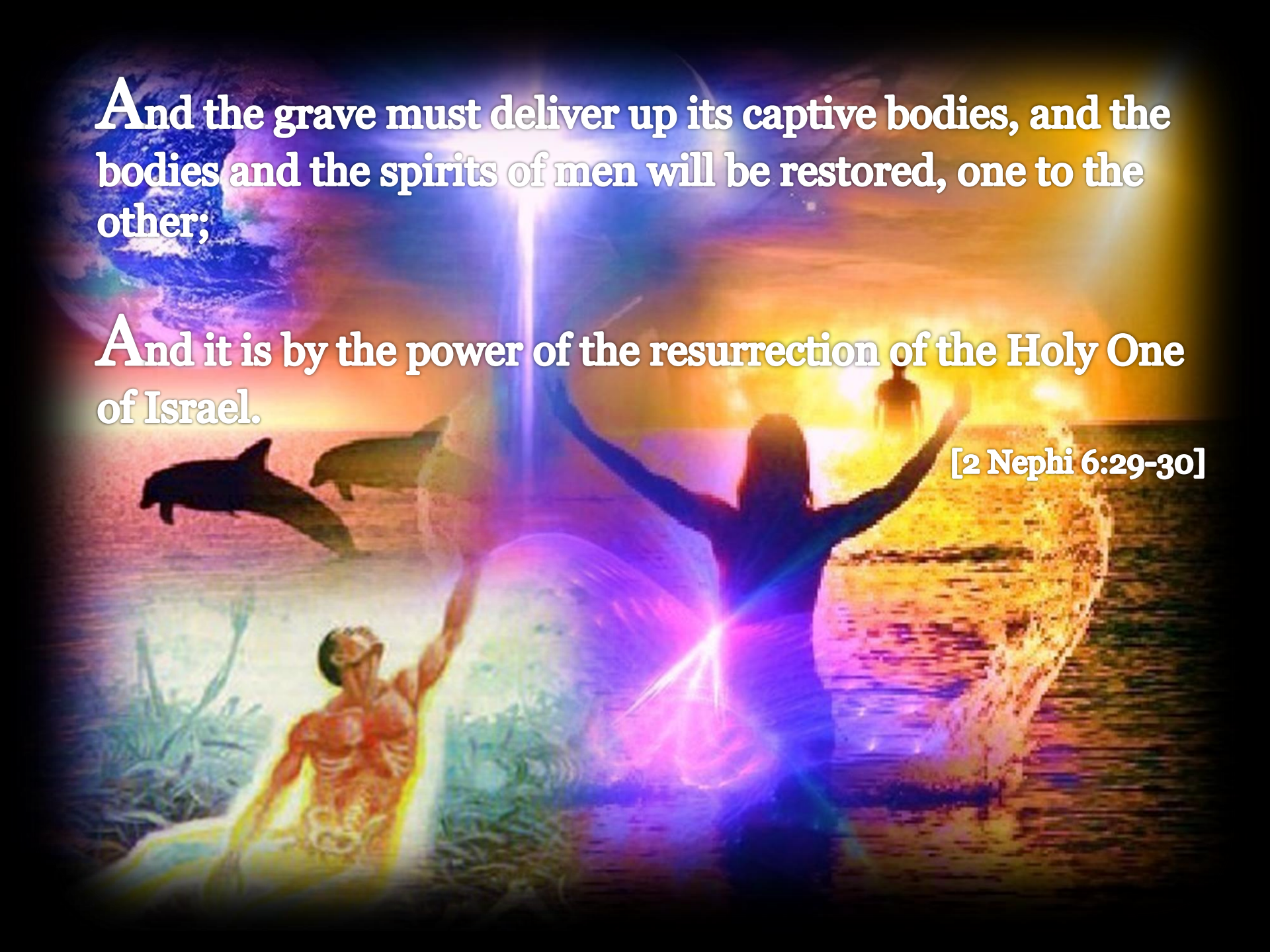
Then they who are alive, shall be caught up together into the clouds with them who remain, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we be ever with the Lord.

[1 Thessalonians 4:16-17]

And the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored, one to the other;

And it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel.

[2 Nephi 6:29-30]





The spirit and the body shall be reunited again, in its perfect form; both limb and joint shall be restored to its proper frame, even as we now are at this time;

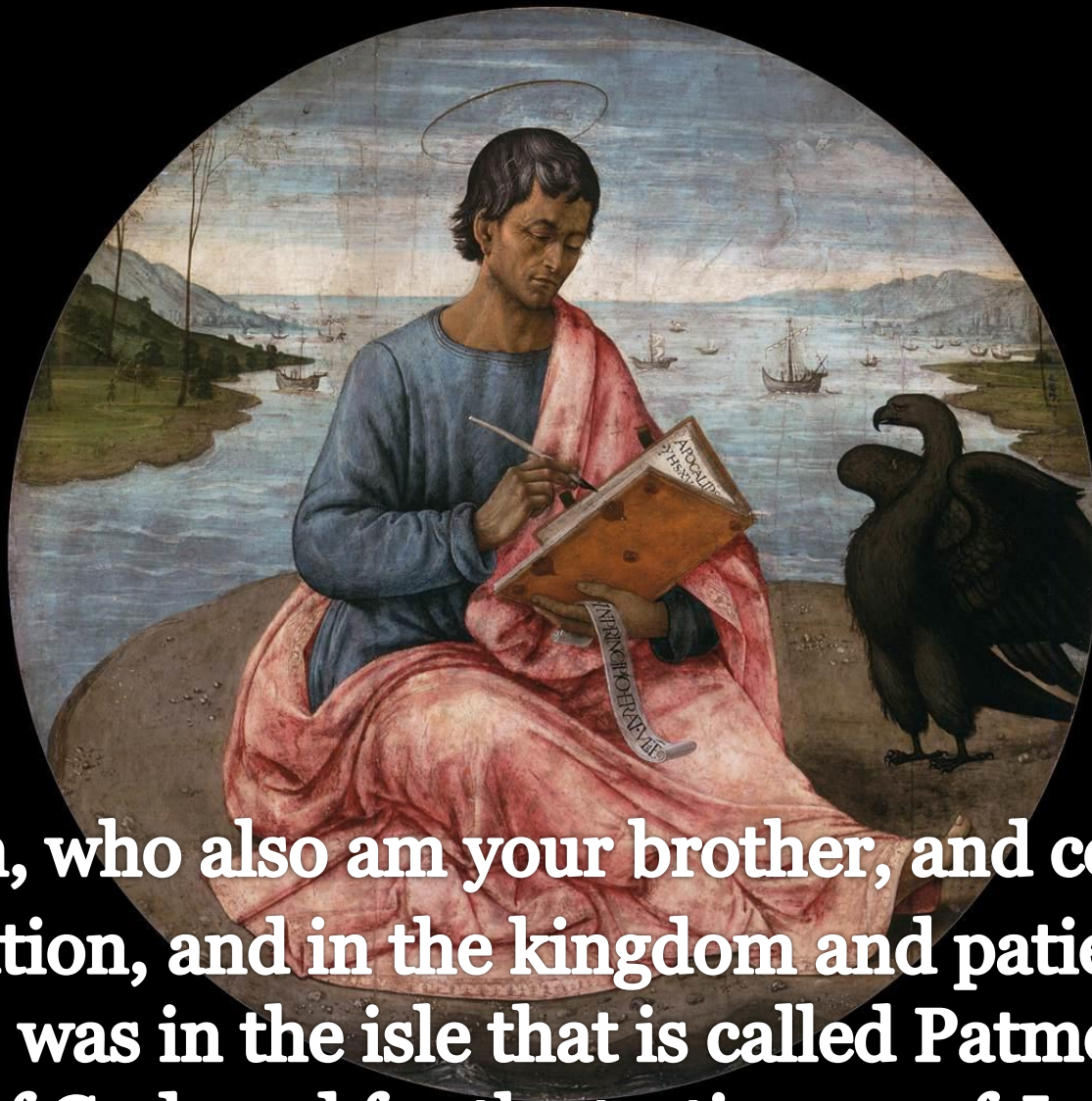
[Alma 8:100]



Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

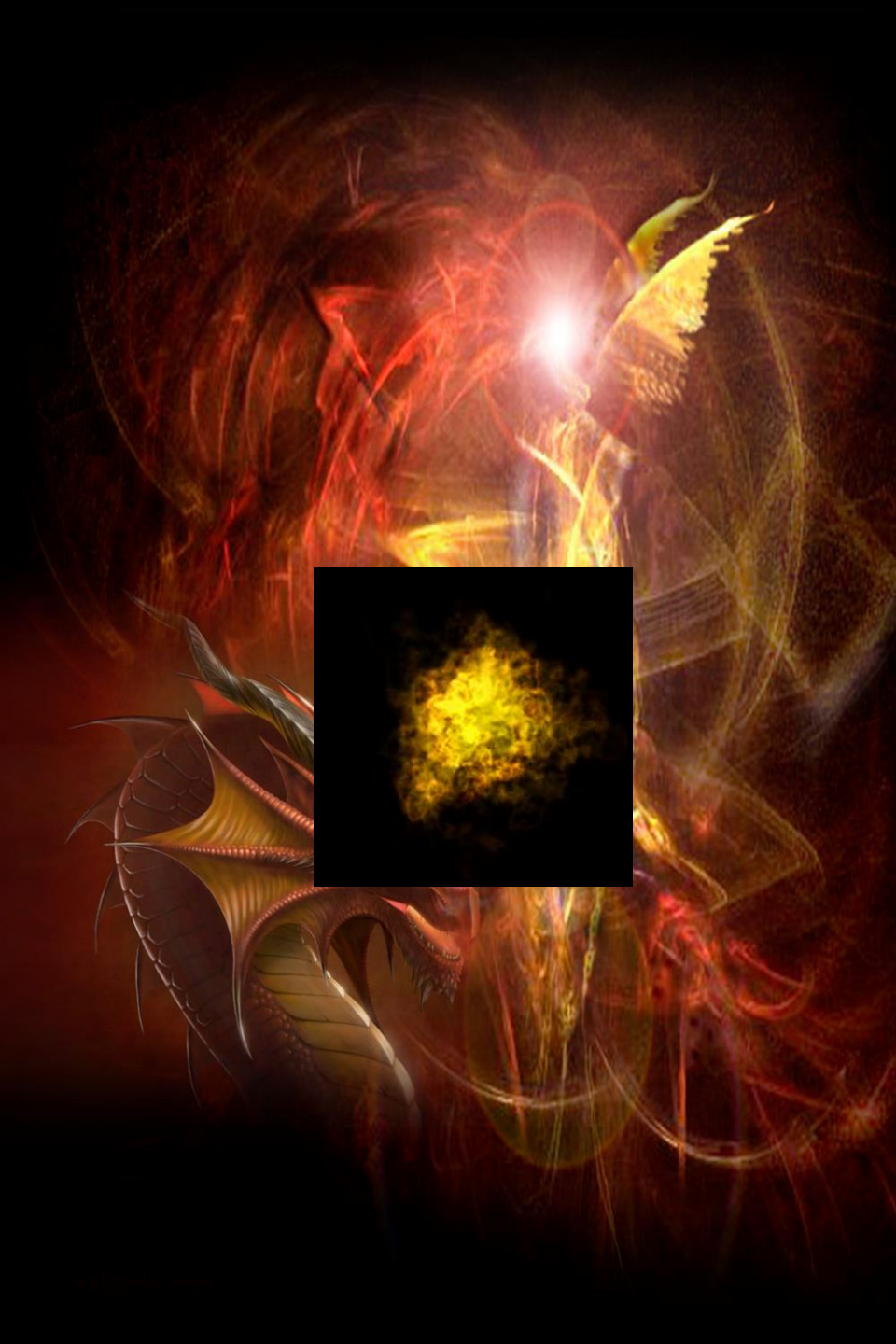
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [1 Corinthians 15:51-53]



I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,... [Revelation 1:9-10]



And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

[Revelation 20:1-3]

1st Trump



Apostle Peter

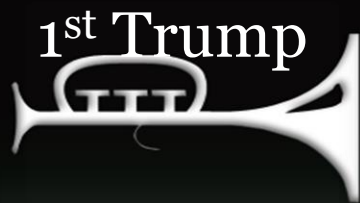
And there cometh a resurrection, even a first resurrection; yea, even a resurrection of those that have been, and who are, and who shall be, even until the resurrection of Christ: for so shall he be called.

[Mosiah 8:55]

And now, the resurrection of all the prophets, and all those that have believed in their words, or **all those that have kept the commandments** of God, shall come forth in the first resurrection; therefore, they are the first resurrection.

[Mosiah 8:56]

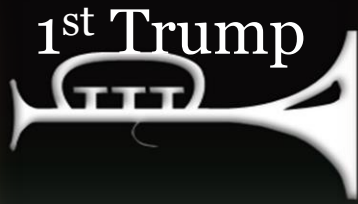




**...and the saints
that are upon
the earth, who
are alive, shall
be quickened,
and be caught
up to meet him.**

[Sec 85:27]

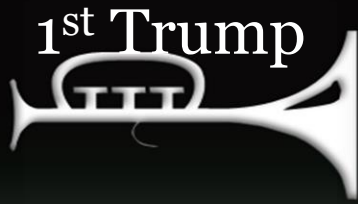




And they who have slept in their graves, shall come forth; for their graves shall be opened, and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven: they are Christ's, the first fruits:

[Sec 85:27]

1st Trump



they who shall descend with him first, and they who are on the earth, and in their graves, who are first caught up to meet him; and all this by the voice of the sounding of the trump of the angel of God.

[Sec 85:27]

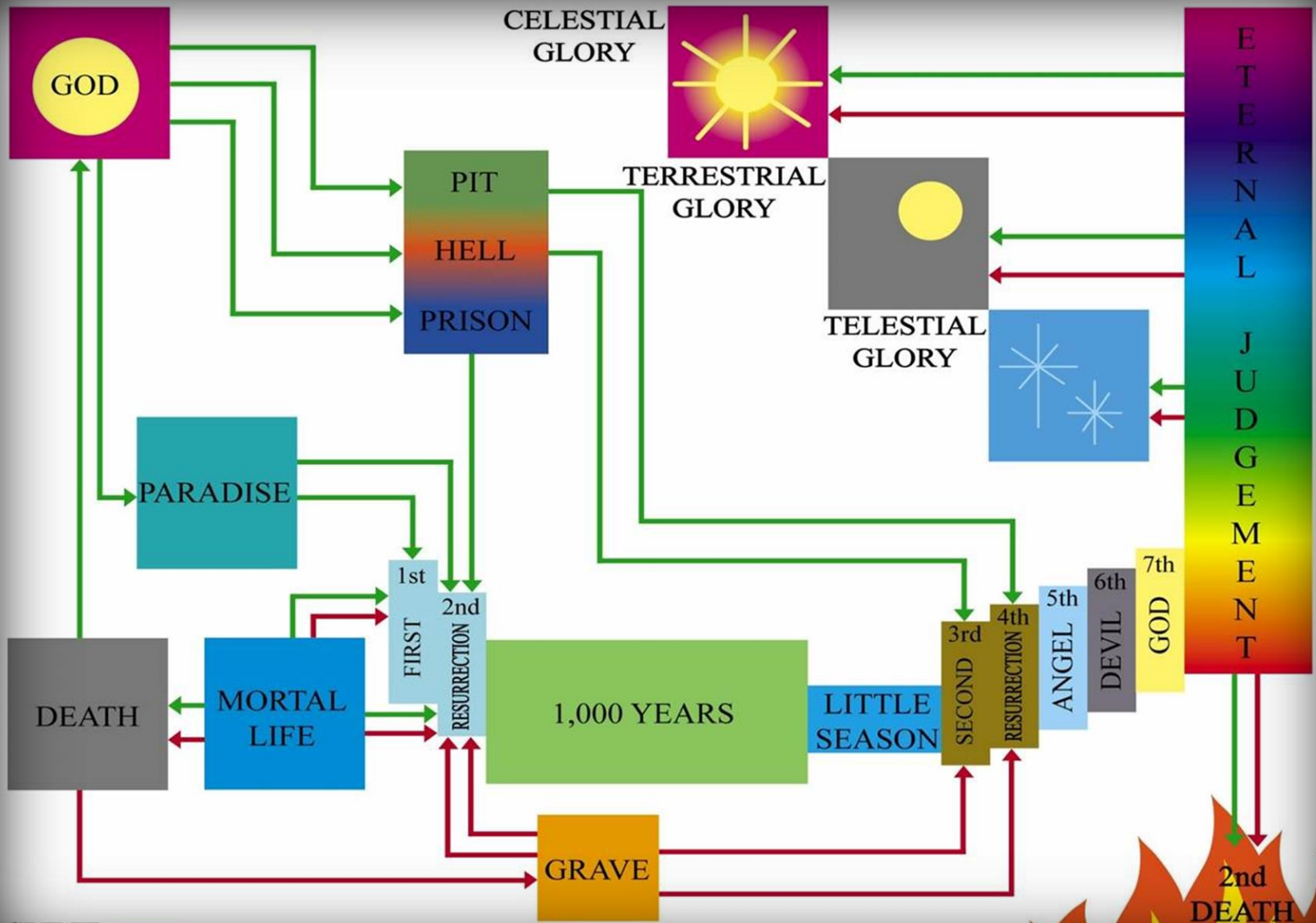


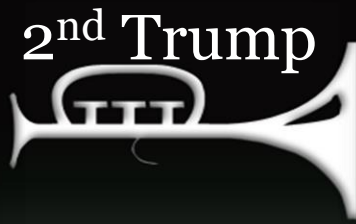
The **soul shall be restored** to the body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost, but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame.



And now my son, this is the restoration of which has been spoken by the mouths of the prophets. And then shall the righteous shine forth in the kingdom of God.

[Alma 19:58-59]



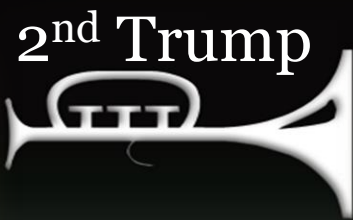


They are raised to dwell with God who has redeemed them: thus they have eternal life through Christ, who has broken the bands of death.

And these are those who have part in the first resurrection; and these are they that have **died before Christ came**, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them.

[Mosiah 8:57-58]



A background image showing the silhouettes of four children playing on a beach at sunset. The children are in various playful poses, with their arms outstretched. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the ocean is visible in the background. The silhouettes of palm fronds are visible on the right side of the image.

**And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these;
and they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal
life, being redeemed by the Lord.**

And little children also have eternal life.

[Mosiah 8:59-60]

REDEEMED:

Ransomed: delivered from bondage, distress, penalty, liability, or from the possession of another, by paying an equivalent.

REDEEMER:

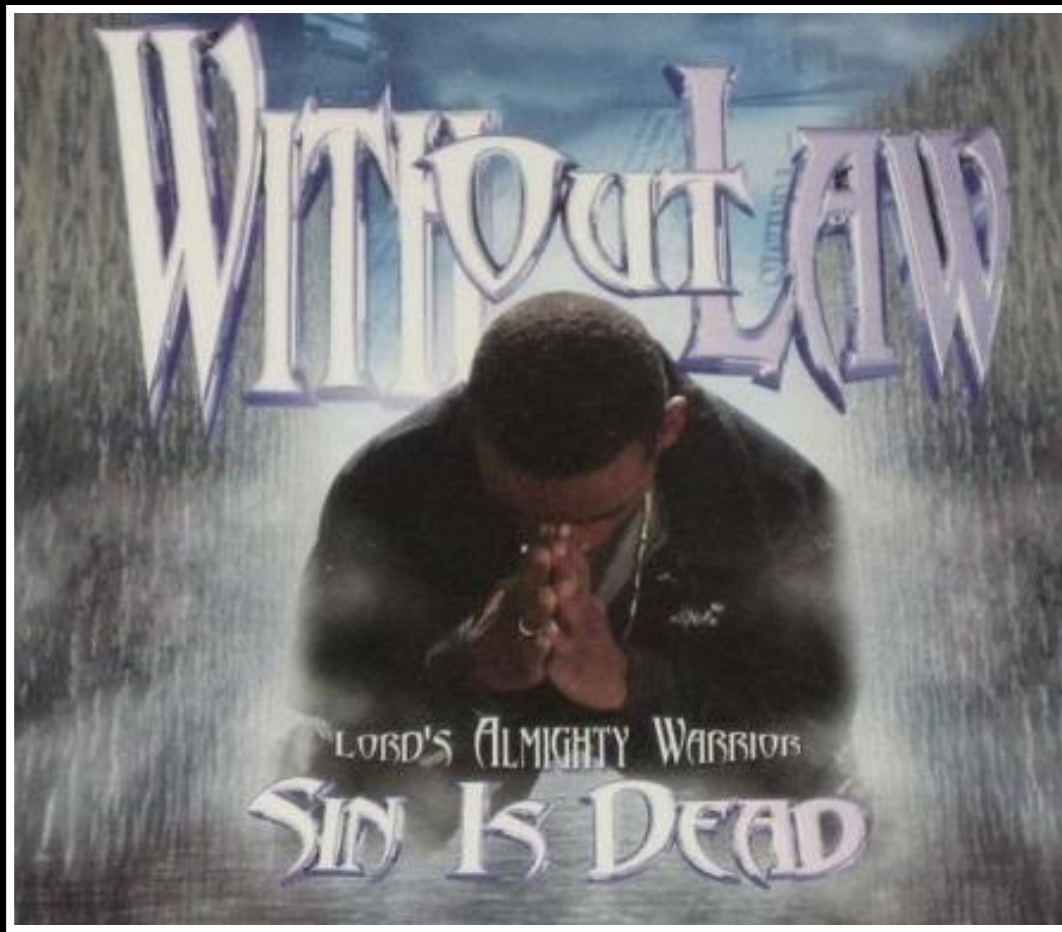
1. One who redeems or ransoms.
2. The Savior of the world, JESUS CHRIST.

Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputeth righteousness** without the law of works,

Saying, Blessed are they through faith whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose **sins are covered**.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not **impute** (assign) sin.

[Romans 4:6-8]



For without the law sin was dead.

[Romans 7:8]



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

[Moroni 8:25]



Covered
by
Grace

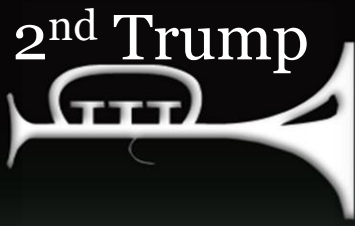
That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7



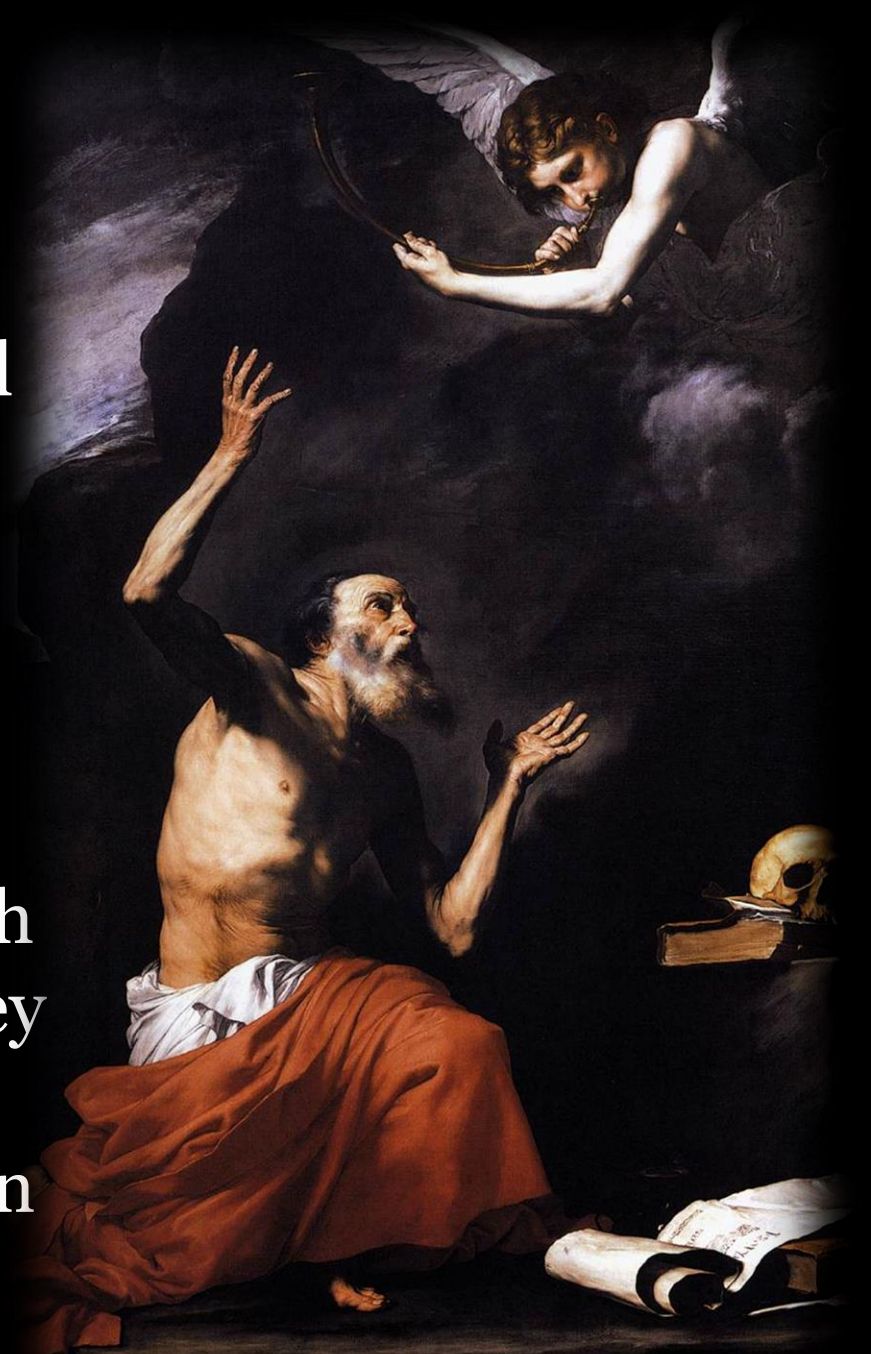
For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, can not repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing.

[Moroni 8:25-26]



And after this, another angel shall sound, which is the **second trump**; and then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming; who have **received their part in that prison** which is prepared for them, that they might receive the gospel, and be judged according to men in the flesh.

[Sec 85:28a-b]



...and as many of
the spirits as were in
prison, came forth
and stood on the
right hand of God;
and the remainder
were reserved in
chains of darkness
until the judgment
of the great day.

[Sec 36:11c]





For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order; **Christ the first fruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

[1 Corinthians 15:23]



CELESTIAL
GLORY




The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ

1,000 YEARS

Satan bound

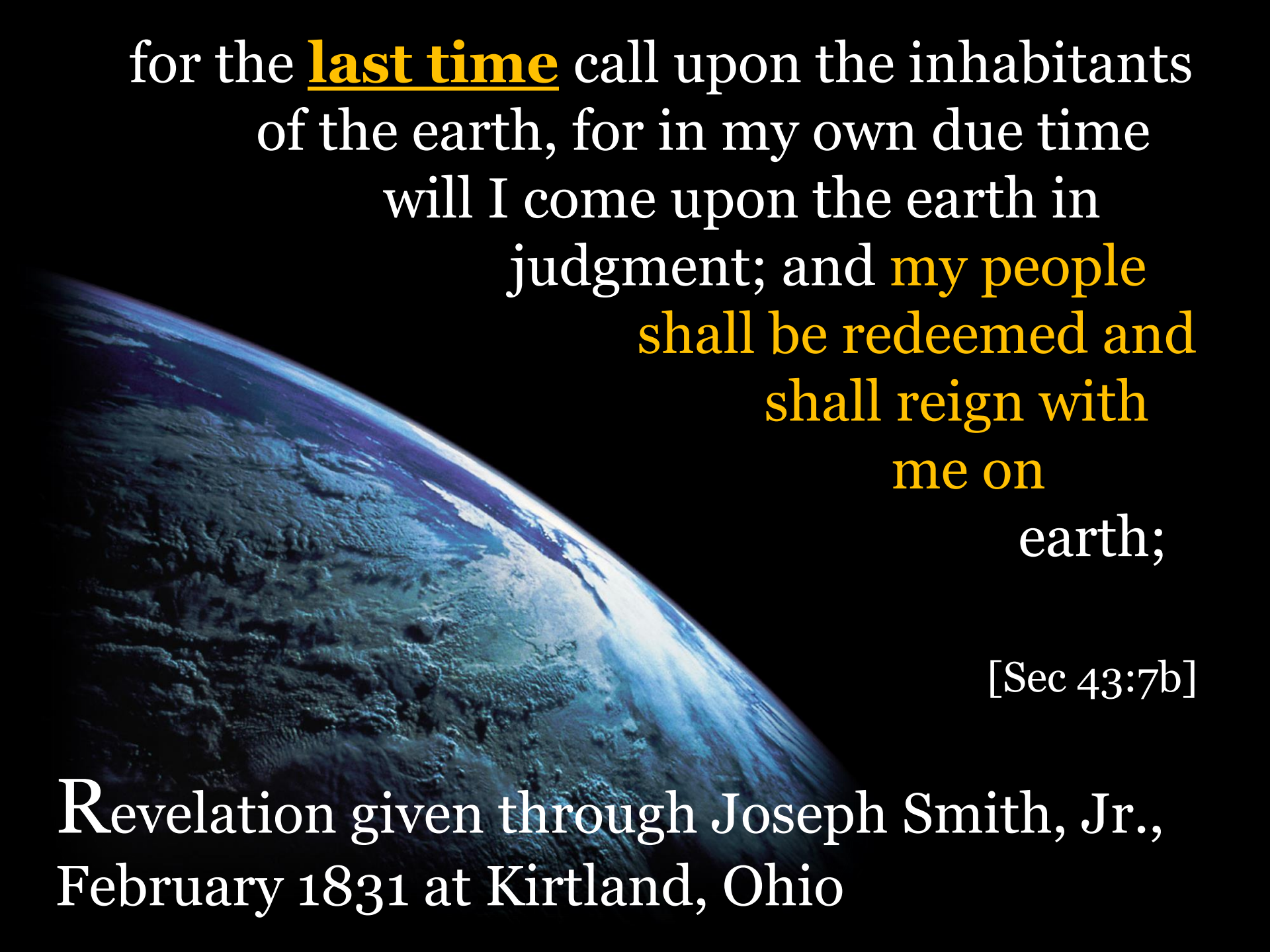


SPIRIT ——— (green line)
BODY ——— (red line)

A dark, atmospheric scene featuring a silhouette of a figure holding a scythe, standing in a field of bare trees under a full moon. The sky is a deep, dark blue with wispy clouds. The overall mood is somber and ominous.

Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God; wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time:

[Sec 43:7a]



for the **last time** call upon the inhabitants
of the earth, for in my own due time
will I come upon the earth in
judgment; and **my people**
shall be redeemed and
shall reign with
me on
earth;

[Sec 43:7b]

Revelation given through Joseph Smith, Jr.,
February 1831 at Kirtland, Ohio



for the great millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; **for Satan shall be bound**; and when he is loosed again, he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end of the earth;

[Sec 43:7c]

And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a **thousand years** shall the earth rest.

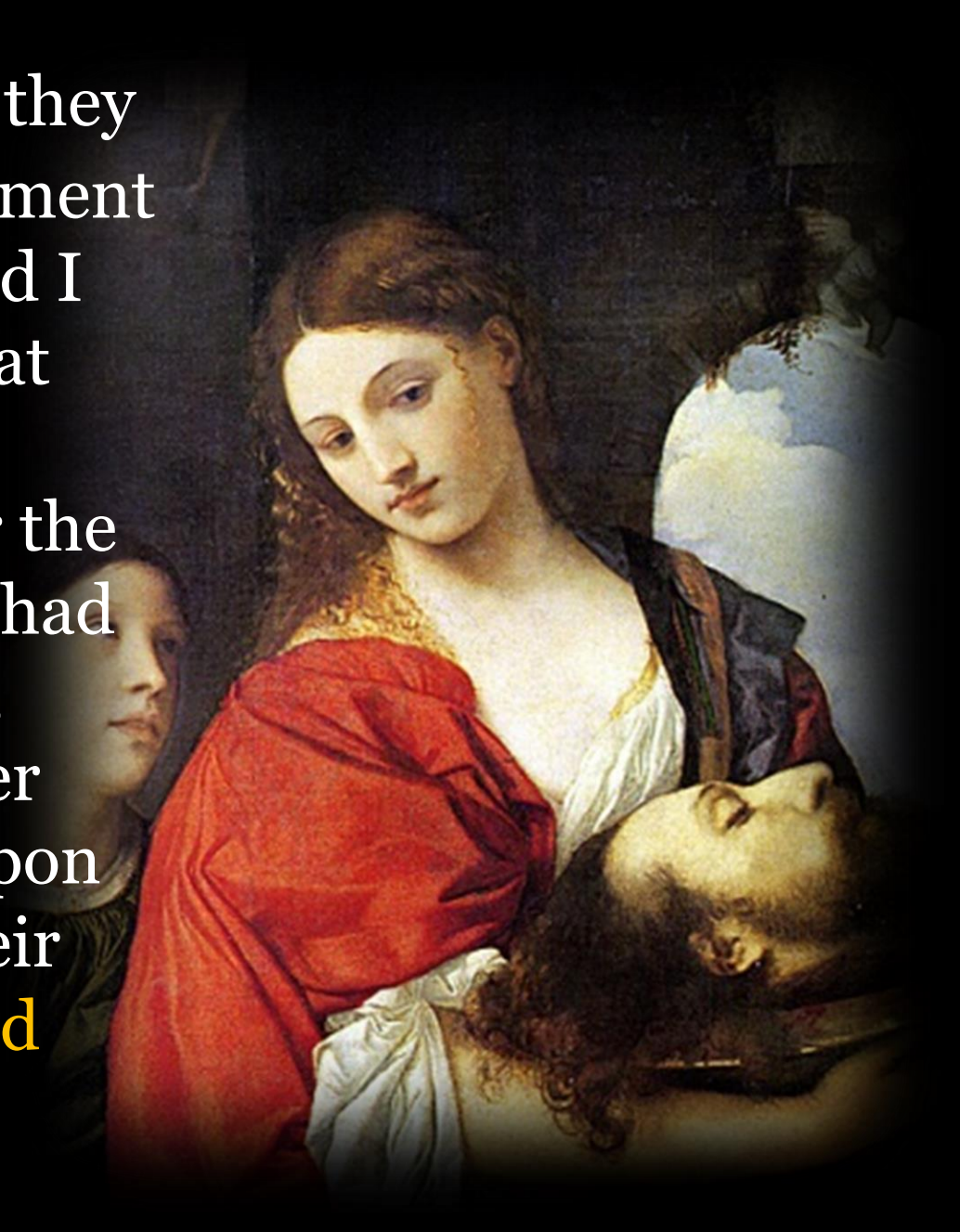


And it came to pass, that Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth, in righteousness, for the **space of a thousand** years.

[Genesis 7:72-3]

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

[Revelation 20:4]





Blessed and holy are they who have part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

[Revelation 20:6]



The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

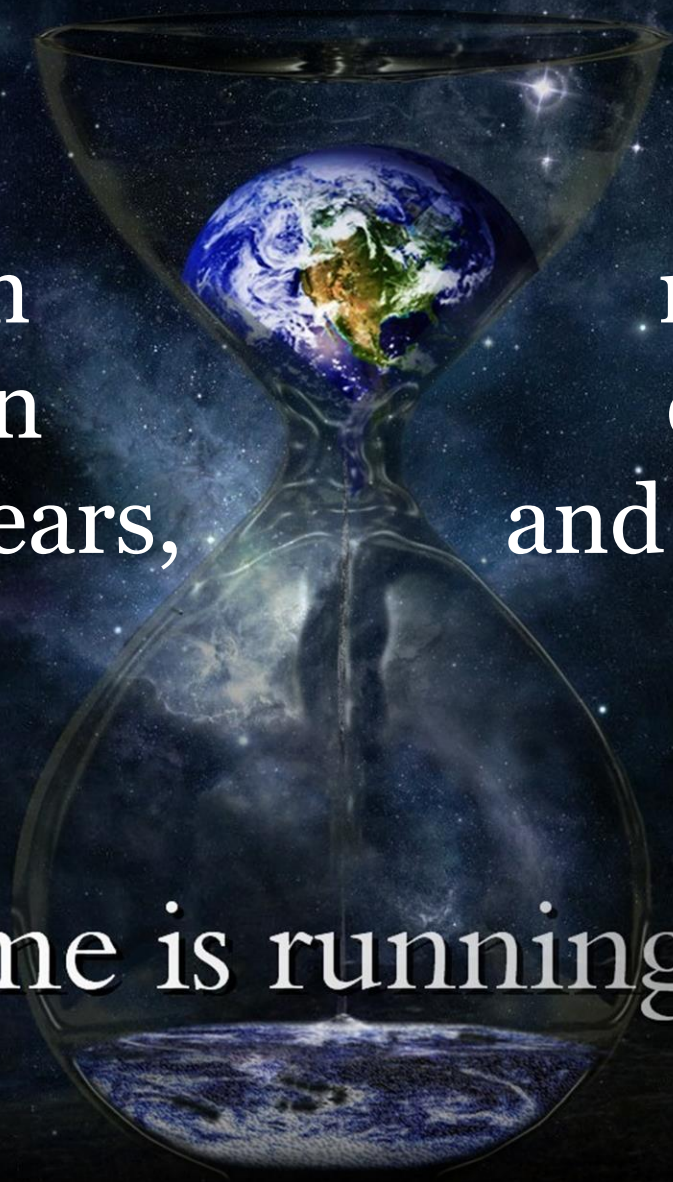
[Isaiah 11:6]



...for the hour
is nigh, and
that which was
spoken by
mine apostles
must be
fulfilled; for as
they spoke, so
shall it come
to pass;

for I will reveal myself from heaven with
power and great glory,
with all the hosts thereof,
and dwell in righteousness
with men on earth a
thousand years, and the wicked
shall not stand.

[Sec 28:2f-g]
time is running out





But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall
delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

[Psalm 37:11]



The heaven, even the heavens, are the
Lord's; but the earth hath he given to the
children of men.

[Psalm 115:16]

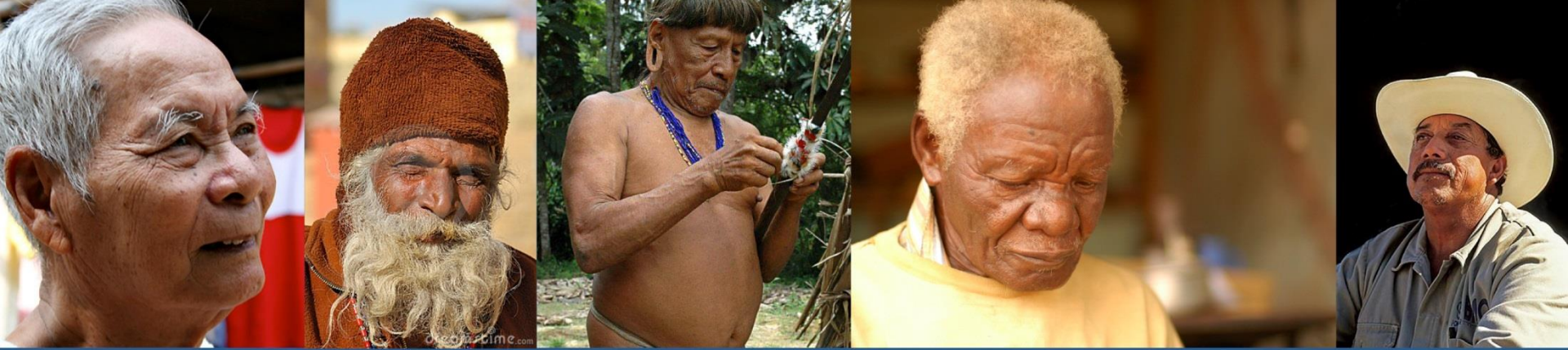


*And they shall build
houses, and inhabit
them; and they shall
plant vineyards, and
eat the fruit of them.*

They shall not build, and another inhabit;
they shall not plant, and another eat; for
as the days of a tree are the days of my
people, and mine
elect shall long
enjoy the work of
their hands.

[Isaiah 65:22]





For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent. Zeph.3:9



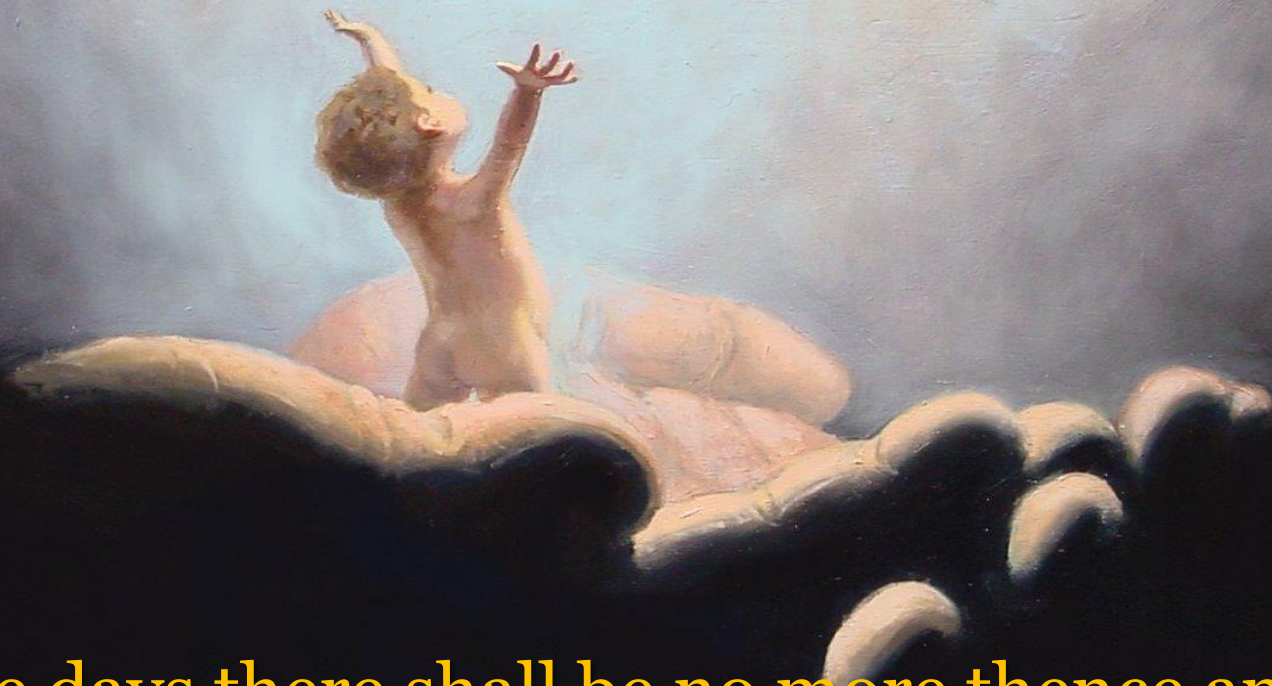
And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

[Daniel 7:27]

...yea, and blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, when the Lord shall come, and old things shall pass away, and all things become new,

they shall rise from the dead and **shall not die** after, and shall **receive an inheritance** before the Lord, **in the holy city**, and he that liveth when the Lord shall come, and has kept the faith, blessed is he; nevertheless it is appointed to him to die **at the age of man;**

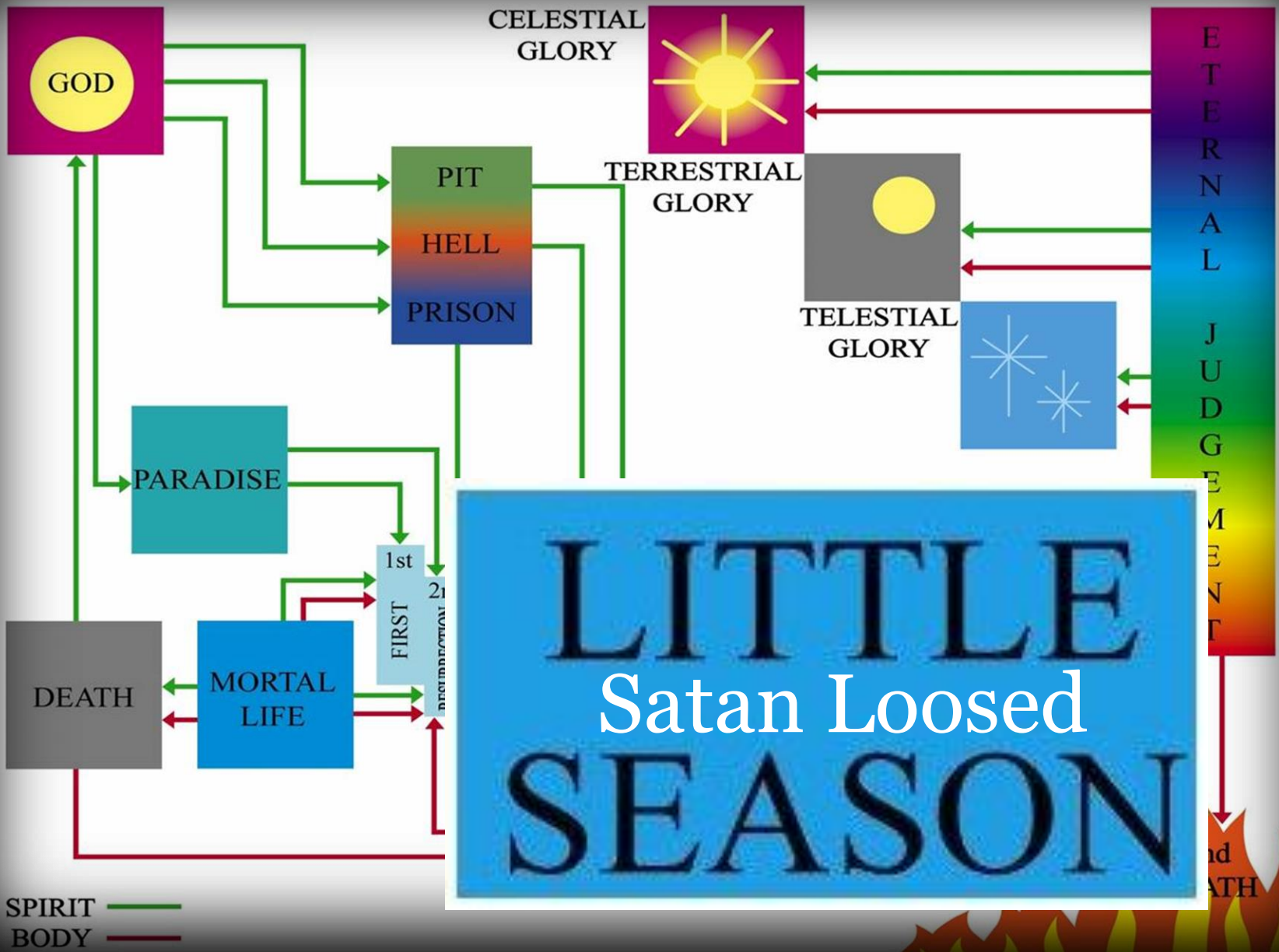
wherefore **children shall grow up until they become old**, old men shall die; but **they shall not sleep** in the dust, but they shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye;



In those days there shall be no more thence an
infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his
days; for the child shall not die, but shall live to be an
hundred years old; [Isaiah 65:20]

The Millennium

1. Satan will be bound and unable to influence mankind.
2. Animals will become peaceful and not kill each other.
3. Our life spans will be increased.
4. We will speak a pure and undefiled language.
4. We will function with normal activities like building houses, living in them, planting vineyards, eating fruit, etc.
5. Nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
6. The Church of the First Born will Reign with Jesus Christ.

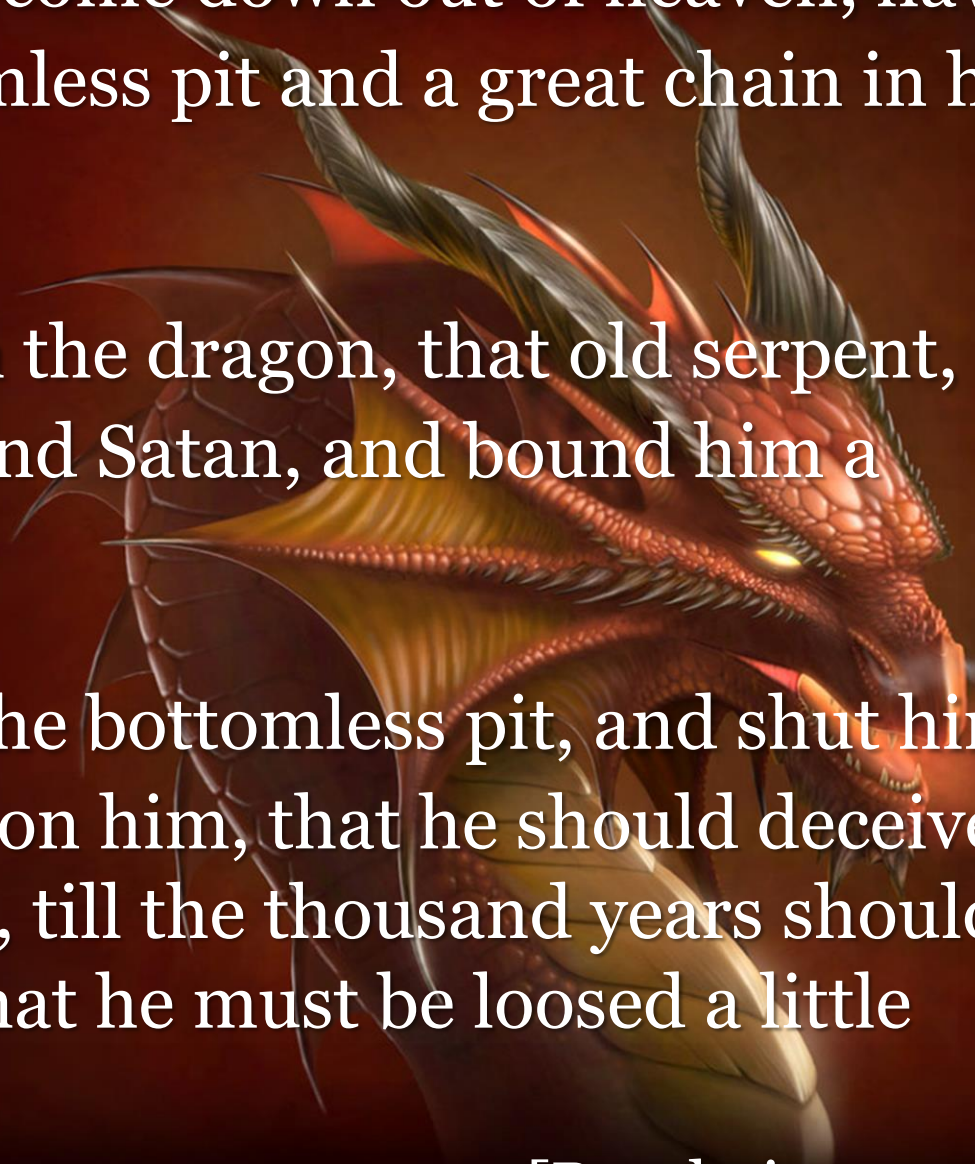


And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

[Revelation 20:1-3]



And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,



And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

[Revelation 20:7-8]

Gog and Magog

Hebrew: גִּיגֹג וּמַגּוּגִים Gog u-Magog;

Arabic: يَأْجُوتَ وَمَأْجُوتَ (Ya'jūj wa-Ma'jūj)

These are names that appear primarily in various Jewish, Christian and Muslim scriptures, as well as numerous subsequent references in other works.

Gog and Magog

Their context can be:


Genealogical: the study of families and the tracing of their lineages and history on earth such as Magog in Genesis 10:2 the son of Japheth.



Or

Eschatological: the study of the end of things.

Or

A large nuclear mushroom cloud explosion over the ocean. The cloud is massive and bright orange-yellow, with a thick column of smoke and debris rising from the water. The sky is dark, and the ocean is visible in the foreground.

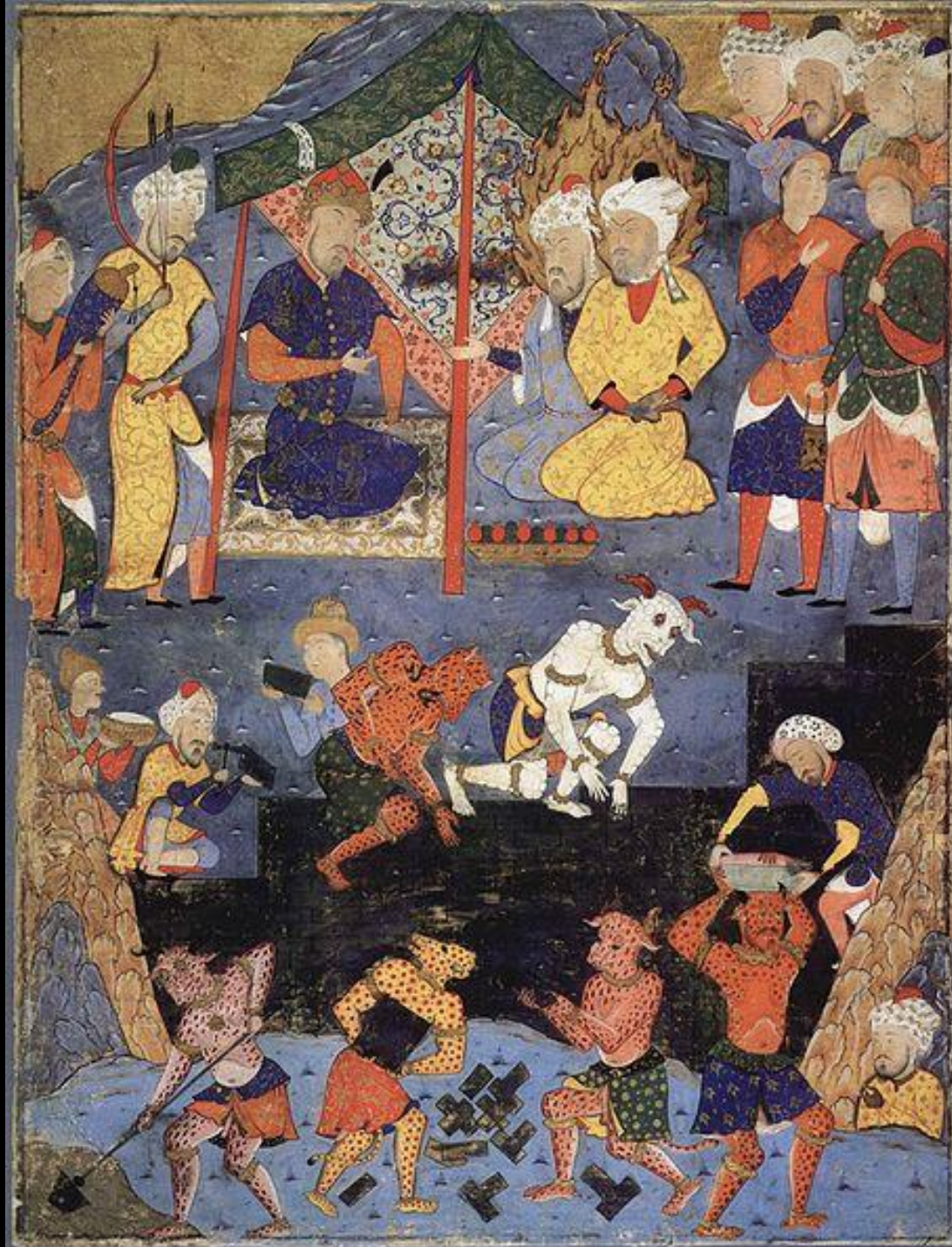
Apocalyptic: the end of civilization due to a potentially existential catastrophe such as nuclear war, epidemic (infectious diseases), impact event, etc.) as in Ezekiel and Revelation.

Gog and Magog...

are sometimes individuals, sometimes peoples, and sometimes geographic regions.

The passages from Ezekiel and Revelation in particular have attracted attention due to their prophetic descriptions of conflicts said to occur near the "End times".

A Persian miniature, Dhul-Qarnayn with the help of jinn, building the Iron Wall to keep the barbarian Gog and Magog from civilised peoples. (16th century Persian miniature).



And they went up on the breadth of the earth,
and compassed the camp of the saints about,
and the beloved city;
and fire came down
from God out of
heaven, and
devoured them.



And the devil that deceived them was cast into
the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast
and the false prophet are, and shall be
tormented day and night forever and ever.

[Revelation 20:9-10]

Revelations 20: 7-10 “The Little Season”

Satan is released from the pit.

Satan immediately goes to work convincing the nations to strike against Christ and his Kingdom and priests.

After his persuasions, Satan masses the nations of the world for a battle with men numbering as many as the sand of the seas.

Revelations 20: 7-10 “The Little Season”

Specific nations are mentioned, Gog and Magog, but basically all the nations of the world from one corner of the earth to the other.

They march to the edge of the beloved city where Christ and the Saints abide and prepare to do battle.

God sends a fire out of heaven and the army is consumed.

Revelations 20: 7-10
“The Little Season”

Satan is then taken
and cast into the
lake of fire which
ends his existence.




And again, verily, verily
I say unto you, that
when the thousand
years are ended,
and **men again
begin to deny
their God**, then
will I spare the earth
but for a little season;

and the end shall come,
and the heaven and the earth
shall be consumed, and pass away,
and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth;



...for the great millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; for Satan shall be bound; and when he is loosed again, he shall reign for only a little season, then and cometh the end of the earth;



[Sec 43:7c]

And then he (Satan) shall be loosed for a little season, that he may gather together his armies; and Michael, the seventh angel, even the archangel, shall gather together his armies, even the **hosts of heaven**.

And the Devil shall gather together his armies, even the **hosts of hell**, and shall come up to battle against Michael and his armies: and then cometh the battle of the great God!

[Sec 85:35c-d]





It's Time For A Break