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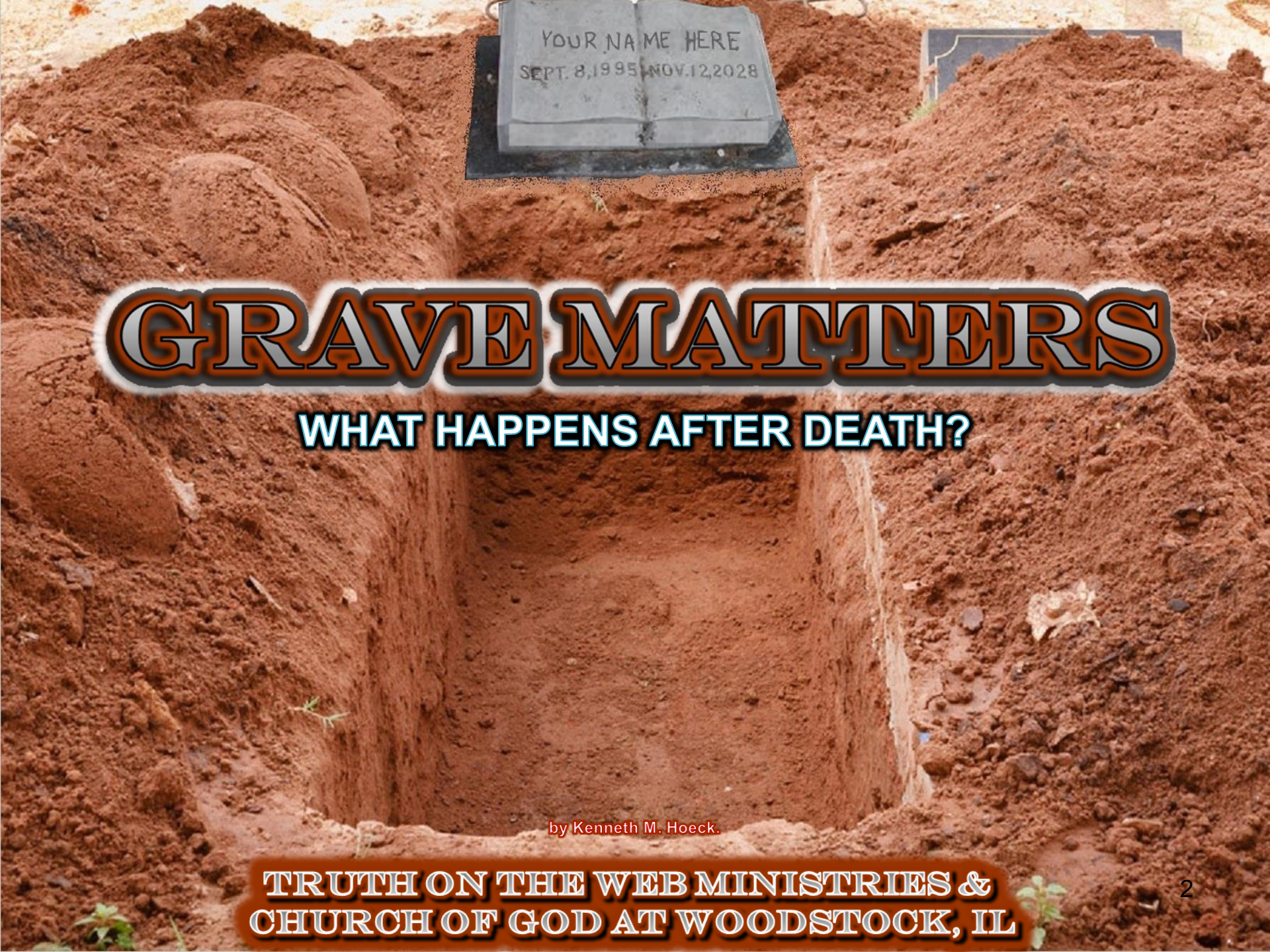
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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

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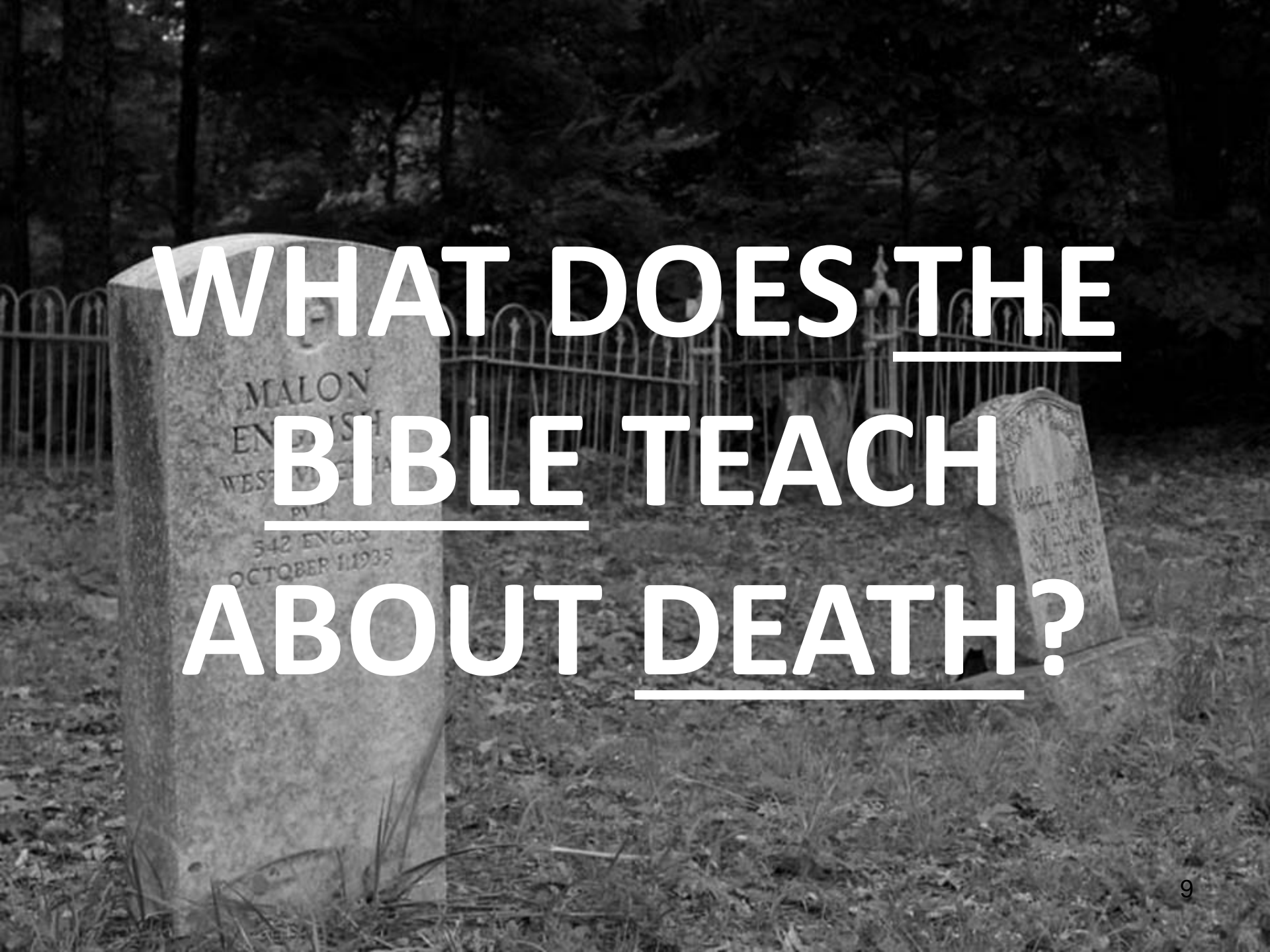
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT DEATH?

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**MOST PEOPLE SEEM
TO BELIEVE THEY
WILL “GO TO
HEAVEN” WHEN THEY
DIE.**

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**DOES MAN HAVE
AN IMMORTAL
SOUL?**

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Genesis 3:4 And the
serpent said unto
the woman, Ye shall
not surely die:



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Ezekiel 18:4 and 20 both tell us:

**"The soul that
sinneth, it
shall die".**



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ALL FLESH PERISHES

- 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam **all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- Hebrews 9:27 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but **after this** the judgment:

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Psalms 22:29 All they that be fat
upon earth shall eat and worship:
all they that go down to the dust
shall bow before him: and none
can keep alive his own soul.

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**Psalms 89:48 What man is he
that liveth, and shall not see
death? shall he deliver his soul
from the hand of the grave?
Selah.**

[THINK ABOUT IT!]

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Matthew 10:28

- And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both **soul** and body in hell [*gehenna fire*].



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REMEMBER CHRIST HAS CONQUERED DEATH

Aieeeeeee! How is this possible?? The Death ... of Death??!! Argghhhh!



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- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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- 1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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- Man does **not** have an immortal soul
 - ...in fact, the term *immortal soul* cannot be found in the entirety of the bible!

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Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man **became a living soul.**"

Notice that man **BECAME** a living soul.....not **HAD** a living soul.

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I'M A  SOUL MAN

The Hebrew word translated by the King James Version translators as "soul" is **NEPHESH**.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance **#5315** defines this word as " **a breathing creature**". It goes on to include "any beast, body, breath, creature" as also being called a "nephesh" - besides just man.

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This SAME WORD "**nephesh**" is translated as "**creature**" speaking of animal life forms "

Genesis 1:21,24	Gen.2:19
Gen 9;10,12,15,16	twice in Leviticus 11:46

Nephesh does **not** mean immortal soul.

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Genesis 1:21 “And God created great whales, and every living **creature** that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”

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"NEPHESH" is also translated as **"life"**

Gen1:20,30	Gen 9:4,5
Gen 19:17,19	Gen 32:30
Gen 44:30	Exodus 4:19,21
Leviticus 17:11,14	Numbers 35:31
Deuteronomy 19:27	Deut 24:6
Joshua 2:14	Nephesh does not mean immortal soul.

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- Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- **“THAT HATH”** IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW WORD **“NEPHESH”** -THE SAME WORD USED TO DESCRIBE ADAM BEING A “SOUL”. (The word ‘life’ is **חַי chay khah'-ee**)

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- In fact ,the Hebrew word "**nephesh**" is also translated in the KJV as *lives, persons, lust, one, body, heart, beast, will*, and even as *the dead*. This word *nephesh* **NEVER** means "***an immortal soul that lives on after you die ...***"

- NEPHEESH or SOUL REFERS TO "A BODY WHEREIN IS THE BREATH OF LIFE" AND WE SEE THIS IN THE RELATED HEBREW WORDS ***RUACH AND NESHAMAH***

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STRONG'S #7307 **ruwach** (*roo'-akh*)

- from 7306; **wind; by resemblance breath**, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) **exhalation**; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions):--air, anger, blast, **breath**, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit((-ual)), tempest, X vain, ((whirl-))wind(-y). See Hebrew 7306

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RUWACH (or RUACH)

- Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My **spirit** (ruach) shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
- Genesis 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is **the breath of** (ruach) life (chay).

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STRONG'S #5397 n@shamah

- from 5395; **a puff, i.e. wind,**
angry or **vital breath**, divine
inspiration, intellect. or
(concretely) an animal:--**blast**,
(that) **breath**(-eth), **inspiration**,
soul, spirit. See Hebrew 5395

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n@shamah

- Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and **the breath** (n@shamah) of the Almighty hath given me **life** (chay).
- Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed** (n@shamah) **into his nostrils the breath of life** (chay); and man **became a living** (chay) **soul (nephesh)**.

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- Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

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- Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall **the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

**THE BODY (RE)TURNS TO DUST AND THE
BREATH OR SPARK OF LIFE RETURNS TO GOD.**



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- Job 34:15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.
- Job 7:21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

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- Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
- Psalm 104:29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.



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- Psalms 103: 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, **and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.**

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- Psalms 88: 3 For my **soul** (*nephesh*) is full of troubles: and my **life** (*chay*) draweth nigh **unto the grave(Sheol)**. 4 I am counted with them that **go down into the pit**: I am as a man that hath no strength: 5 Free among the dead, like the slain that **lie in the grave** (*qeber*), whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. 6 Thou hast laid me in the **lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.**

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THE SLEEP OF DEATH



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The Bible compares "Death" to "SLEEP"

- Job 17:16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.
- Deu 31:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, **thou shalt sleep with thy fathers;** and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go [to be] among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.]

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“Death” Like Unconscious “SLEEP”

2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

Psa 13:3 Consider [and] hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the [sleep of] death;

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JESUS USED THE SAME TERM

- John 11:11-14 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth**; but I go, that I may awake him out of **sleep**. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death**: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in **sleep**. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead**.

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JESUS USED THE SAME TERM

Mark 5:35-38 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, **Thy daughter is dead:** why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

JESUS USED THE SAME TERM

Mark 5:39-42 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? **the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 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 of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.



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Death is likened to a deep sleep - one where you don't dream or ... *anything*.

Ecclesiastes 9:1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, [are] in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred [by] all [that is] before them.

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Ecclesiastes 9:2 All [things come] alike to all:
[there is] one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as [is] the good, so [is] the sinner; [and] he that sweareth, as [he] that feareth an oath. 3 This [is] an evil among all [things] that are done under the sun, that **[there is] one event unto all:** yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness [is] in their heart **while they live, and after that [they go] to the dead** (muwth).⁴⁶

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Ecclesiastes 9:4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. **5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. *[they don't remember anything]* 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any [thing] that is done under the sun.**



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Psalms 6:5 “For **in death there is no remembrance of thee**: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?”

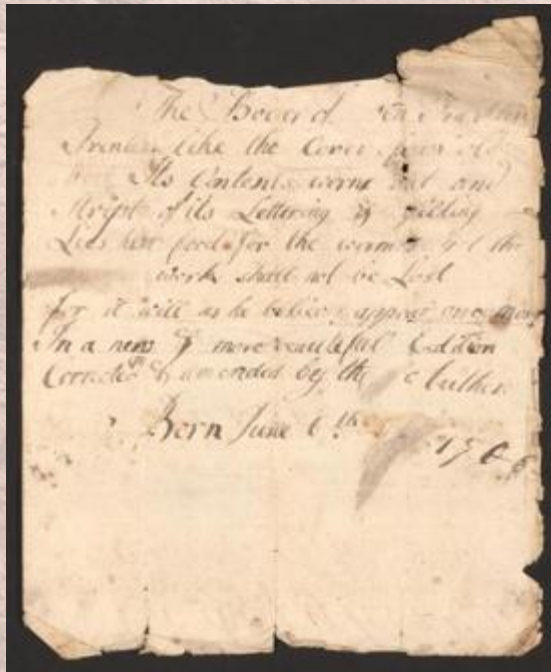
Psalm 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; **in that very day his thoughts perish.**

THE RESURRECTION(S)



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Ben There - Done That



The body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer;
Like the cover of an old book,
Its contents torn out,
And stript of its lettering and gilding,
Lies here, food for the worms.
But the work shall not be lost:
For it will (as he believed) appear once
more,
In a new and more beautiful edition,
Corrected and amended
By the Author.

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- Isaiah 38:16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. 17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. 18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

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AGREEANCE OF THE PROPHETS & TESTIMONY

- Hosea 13:14 **I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death:** O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.
- John 5:24 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**.

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HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

- John 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give [it] thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.** Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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- Phillipians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his **resurrection**, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 **If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.**
- Luke 20:35 **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. 37 Now **that the dead are raised**, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 For **he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.****

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CHRIST – 1st of the Firstfruits

- Acts 26:22-23 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That **Christ** should suffer, and **that he should be the first that should rise from the dead**, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.
- Colossians 1:18 And **he [Jesus]** is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

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Absent From the Body - Present With the Lord?

2 Corinthians 5: 1 For we know that **if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life.** 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us **the earnest of the Spirit.**

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Absent From the Body - Present With the Lord?

2 Corinthians 5: 6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, **whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:** 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, *I say*, and **willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.** 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;** that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

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WE AWAIT OUR CHANGE

Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away:
yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where [is]
he? 11 [As] the waters fail from the sea, and
the flood decayeth and drieth up: 12 **So**
man lieth down, and riseth not: till the
heavens [be] no more, they shall not
awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. 13
O that thou wouldest **hide me in the grave,**
that thou wouldest **keep me secret, until**
thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest
appoint me a set time, and remember me!

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CHANGE COMES AT THE TIME APPOINTED
WHEN THE LORD SHALL CALL

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live
[again]? all the days of my
appointed time will I wait, till my
change come. 15 Thou shalt call,
and I will answer thee: thou wilt have
a desire to the work of thine hands.

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1 Corinthians 15: 12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is **no resurrection of the dead?** 13 But if there be **no resurrection of the dead**, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, **if so be that the dead rise not.** 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

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1 Corinthians 15: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are **fallen asleep** in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have **hope** in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

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1 Corinthians 15: 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become **the firstfruits of them that slept**. 21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 **But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

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1 Corinthians 15: 24 **Then *cometh* the end,**
when he shall have delivered up the
kingdom to God, even the Father; when he
shall have put down all rule and all
authority and power. 25 For he must reign,
till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed
is death.

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1 Corinthians 15: 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

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IS THERE A “BETTER” RESURRECTION?

DIDN'T THE WRITER OF THE LETTER
TO THE HEBREWS SPEAK OF IT?

Hebrews 11:35 Women received their
dead raised to life again: and others were
tortured, not accepting deliverance; that
they might **obtain a better resurrection**:

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JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN “BETTER” RESURRECTION?

Hebrews 11:35 Women received their **dead** <nekros> **raised to life again** <ek> <anastasis>: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance <apolutrosis>; that they might obtain **a better** <kreitton> **resurrection** <anastasis>:

Better? Than what? Better than a mere raising to physical life in this age. This DOES NOT denote levels or successive waves of resurrections to eternal life but merely to compare the fore-type (physical present life/dimension resurrection) with the eternal resurrection available through faith in Christ. The text does not imply a common resurrection for all men with different results. It implies a DIFFERENT resurrection.

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FIRST RESURRECTION



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- 1Thessalonians 4:13 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. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.** 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that **we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep.**

- 1Thessalonians 4:16 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: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

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- 1Corinthinans 15:51 Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

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- 1Corinthinans 15:55 **O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?** 56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. 57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory **through our Lord Jesus Christ.** 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

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- Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years**, :3 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.

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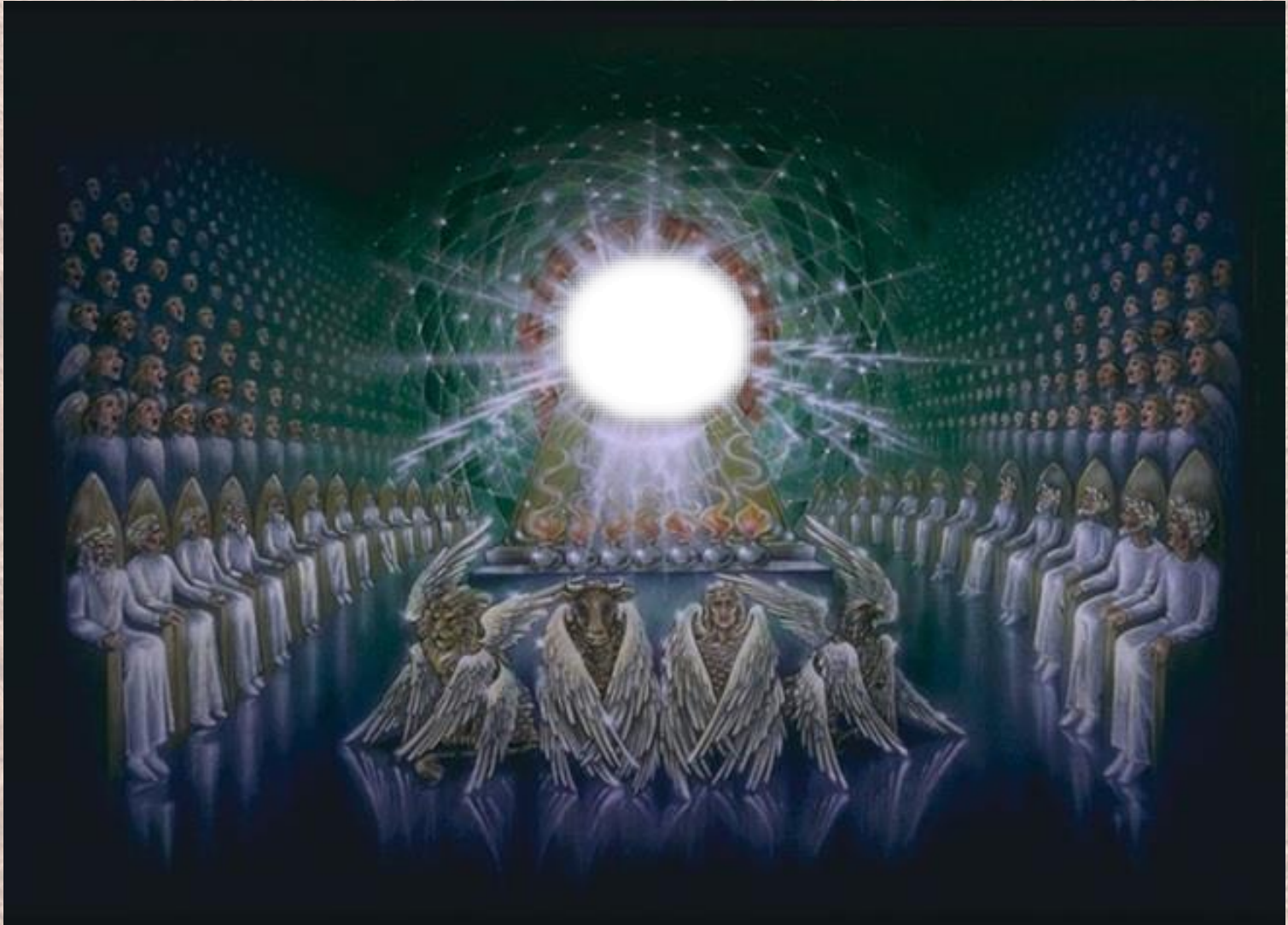
Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.

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Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy [is] he that hath 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.**

THE SECOND RESURRECTION



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Recall what we read in
Revelation 20:5

“But the rest of the dead
lived not again **until the
thousand years were
finished. ...**”

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- Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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THE JUDGMENT



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- Ecclesiastes 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun **the place of judgment, [that] wickedness [was] there; and the place of righteousness, [that] iniquity [was] there.** 17 I said in mine heart, **God shall judge the righteous and the wicked:** for [there is] a time there for every purpose and for every work. 18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

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- Ecclesiastes 3:19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all [is] vanity. 20 **All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.** 21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

GRAVE MATTERS

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth [them]; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. 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.**

GRAVE MATTERS

John 5:25 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. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice**, 29 And shall come forth; **they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

GRAVE MATTERS

LAKE OF FIRE IS THE SECOND DEATH

- Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the **second death**.
- Revelation 20:14-15 And death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire. This is the second death.** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into **the lake of fire.**

GRAVE MATTERS

REMEMBER AND BEHAVE

2 Peter 3:1-4 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

GRAVE MATTERS

2 Peter 3: 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word **are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

GRAVE MATTERS

2 Peter 3: 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,** 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth,** wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.



GRAVE MATTERS

NEW HEAVENS, NEW EARTH?



GRAVE MATTERS

Re 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven (first heaven) fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Re 21:1 And I saw a new heaven (first heaven or atmosphere) and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

GRAVE MATTERS

WHO HAS ASCENDED?

Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

GRAVE MATTERS

Acts 2:25-31 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore **moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:** id my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both **dead and buried**, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would **raise up Christ** to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of **the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

GRAVE MATTERS

1Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which **are asleep (dead in Christ)**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus **died and rose again**, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus will God bring with him**. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we **which are alive and remain** unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are **asleep**. 16 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**: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

GRAVE MATTERS

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE ...??

- Ps 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen (nations) for thine inheritance, and the **uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**
- Ps 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- Ps 37:11 But **the meek shall inherit the earth;** and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- Mt 5:5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**
- Mt 6:10 **Thy kingdom come.** Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

GRAVE MATTERS

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (a holy city!) 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

GRAVE MATTERS

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, **not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off**, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** 14

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire **a better country, that is, an heavenly:** wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: **for he hath prepared for them a city.**

GRAVE MATTERS

THE HOLY CITY

Re 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Re 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

GRAVE MATTERS

THE HOLY CITY DESCENDS

Re 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

GRAVE MATTERS

Revelation 21:2-3

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

GRAVE MATTERS

Revelation 21:9-10

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

GRAVE MATTERS

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice that dog? He had never been in this room before. He did not know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear.

"I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

GRAVE MATTERS

Isaiah 12: 1-6 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, **thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.**

GRAVE MATTERS

GOD WITH US

Re 21:1 ¶ And I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

GRAVE MATTERS

WE BEHOLD THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY ...

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

GRAVE MATTERS

John 14: 27—29 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.** Ye have heard how I said unto you, **I go away, and come again unto you.** If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. **And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.**

GRAVE MATTERS

Acts 2:37-39 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?** Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

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