

Colbern Rd. Sunday School

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....Life after life...

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Story Time...

Books of Enoch

- Found in writings as old as 400 BC.
- One Text, The Book of The Secrets of Enoch, claimed to exist in Russia (Slavonic, translated from Greek) for 1200 years, before translated to English in 1896
- Other fragments of same text found in dead sea scrolls, Aramic, Greek, Latin, was proof that The Book of Enoch was known by early Jews and Christians

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 7—The Second Heaven

1 And those men took me and led me up on to the second heaven, and showed me darkness, greater than earthly darkness, and there I saw prisoners hanging, watched, awaiting the great and boundless judgment, and these angels (spirits) were dark-looking, more than earthly darkness, and incessantly making weeping through all hours.

2 And I said to the men who were with me: Wherefore are these incessantly tortured? They answered me: These are God's apostates, who obeyed not God's commands, but took counsel with their own will, and turned away with their prince, who also (is) fastened on the fifth heaven.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 7—The Second Heaven

3 And I felt great pity for them, and they saluted me, and said to me:

Man of God, pray for us to the Lord; and I answered to them: Who am I, a mortal man, that I should pray for angels (spirits)?

Who knows whither I go, or what will befall me? Or who will pray for me?

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 8—The Third Heaven

1 And those men took me thence, and led me up on to the third heaven, and placed me there; and I looked downwards, and saw the produce of these places, such as has never been known for goodness.

2 And I saw all the sweet-flowering trees and beheld their fruits, which were sweet-smelling, and all the foods borne (by them) bubbling with fragrant exhalation.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 8—The Third Heaven

3 And in the midst of the trees that of life, in that place whereon the Lord rests, when he goes up into paradise; and this tree is of ineffable goodness and fragrance, and adorned more than every existing thing; and on all sides (it is) in form gold-looking and vermilion and fire-like and covers all, and it has produce from all fruits.

4 Its root is in the garden at the earth's end.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 8—The Third Heaven

5 And paradise is between corruptibility and incorruptibility.

6 And two springs come out which send forth honey and milk, and their springs send forth oil and wine, and they separate into four parts, and go round with quiet course, and go down into the PARADISE OF EDEN, between corruptibility and incorruptibility.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 8—The Third Heaven

7 And thence they go forth along the earth, and have a revolution to their circle even as other elements.

8 And here there is no unfruitful tree, and every place is blessed.

9 And (there are) three hundred angels very bright, who keep the garden, and with incessant sweet singing and never-silent voices serve the Lord throughout all days and hours.

10 And I said: How very sweet is this place, and those men said to me:

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 9—The Third Heaven

1 This place, O Enoch, is prepared for the righteous, who endure all manner of offence from those that exasperate their souls, who avert their eyes from iniquity, and make righteous judgment, and give bread to the hungry, and cover the naked with clothing, and raise up the fallen, and help injured orphans, and who walk without fault before the face of the Lord, and serve him alone, and for them is prepared this place for eternal inheritance.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 10,

1 And those two men led me up on to the Northern side, and showed me there a very terrible place, and (there were) all manner of tortures in that place: cruel darkness and unilluminated gloom, and there is no light there, but murky fire constantly flaming aloft, and (there is) a fiery river coming forth,

and that whole place is everywhere fire, and everywhere (there is) frost and ice, thirst and shivering, while the bonds are very cruel, and the angels (spirits) fearful and merciless, bearing angry weapons, merciless torture, and I said:

Alma 9

(Alma 9:29 Then is a time that whosoever dieth in his sins, as to a temporal death, shall also die a spiritual death: yea, he shall die as to things pertaining unto righteousness;

30 Then is the time when their torments shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames ascendeth up for ever and ever;

31 And then is the time that they shall be chained down to an everlasting destruction, according to the power and captivity of Satan: he having subjected them according to his will.)

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 10,

2 Woe, woe, how very terrible is this place.

3 And those men said to me: This place, O Enoch, is prepared for those who dishonour God, who on earth practice sin against nature, which is child-corruption after the sodomitic fashion, magic-making, enchantments and devilish witchcrafts, and who boast of their wicked deeds, stealing, lies, calumnies, envy, rancour, fornication, murder, and who, accursed, steal the souls of men, who, seeing the poor take away their goods and themselves wax rich, injuring them for other men's goods;

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 10,

3.....who being able to satisfy the empty,
made the hungering to die; being able to clothe, stripped the naked;
and who knew not their creator, and bowed to the soulless (and
lifeless) gods, who cannot see nor hear, vain gods,
(who also) built hewn images and bow down to unclean handiwork,
for all these is prepared this place among these, for eternal inheritance.

From 'Book of Secrets of Enoch'

Chapter 11

1 Those men took me, and led me up on to the fourth heaven, and showed me all the successive goings, and all the rays of the light of sun and moon.

2 And I measure their goings, and compared their light, and saw that the sun's light is greater than the moon's.

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ETERNAL LIFE IS??

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

The Good News is

.....There will be a Resurrection.

Resurrection

- Means to reunite the body and spirit.

What about....Hell?

Genesis 6:27-30

27 And he heard a voice from heaven, saying, Enoch, my son, prophesy unto this people, and say unto them, Repent, for thus saith the Lord, I am angry with this people, and my fierce anger is kindled against them; for their hearts have waxed hard, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes cannot see afar off.

28 And for these many generations, even since the day that I created them, have they gone astray, and have denied me, and have sought their own counsels in the dark; and in their own abominations have they devised murder, and have not kept the commandments which I gave unto their father Adam.

This Hell is the Prison House

Genesis 6:27-30

29 Wherefore, they have forsworn themselves, and by their oaths they have brought upon themselves death.

30 And an hell I have prepared for them, if they repent not;

What about....Hell?

Genesis 7:44

Wherefore should not the heavens weep, seeing these shall suffer?

But, behold, these which thine eyes are upon shall perish in the floods;
and, behold, I will shut them up;

a prison have I prepared for them,

JESUS PREACHED WHERE?

1 Peter 3

18 For Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit, that he might bring us to God.

19 For which cause also, he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

JESUS PREACHED WHERE?

1 Peter 3

20 Some of whom were disobedient in the days of Noah, while the long-suffering of God waited, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

JESUS PREACHED WHERE?

1 Peter 4:6

Because of this, is the gospel preached to them who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live in the spirit according to the will of God.

QUESTION:

IS REPENTANCE OF ONE IN PRISON HOUSE
AS VALID
AS ONE WHO REPENTED ON EARTH?

What about...Hell?

Genesis 7:44

Wherefore should not the heavens weep, seeing these shall suffer?

But, behold, these which thine eyes are upon shall perish in the floods; and, behold, I will shut them up;

a **prison** have I prepared for them, and he whom I have chosen hath pleaded before my face;

45 Wherefore he suffereth for their sins, inasmuch as they will repent, in the day that my chosen shall return unto me; and until that day they shall be in torment.

What can happen to those in the Prison House?

Genesis 7:61-64

7:61 And it came to pass, that Enoch cried unto the Lord, saying, When the Son of Man cometh in the flesh shall the earth rest? I pray thee show me these things.

7:62 And the Lord said unto Enoch, Look; and he looked, and beheld the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, after the manner of men.

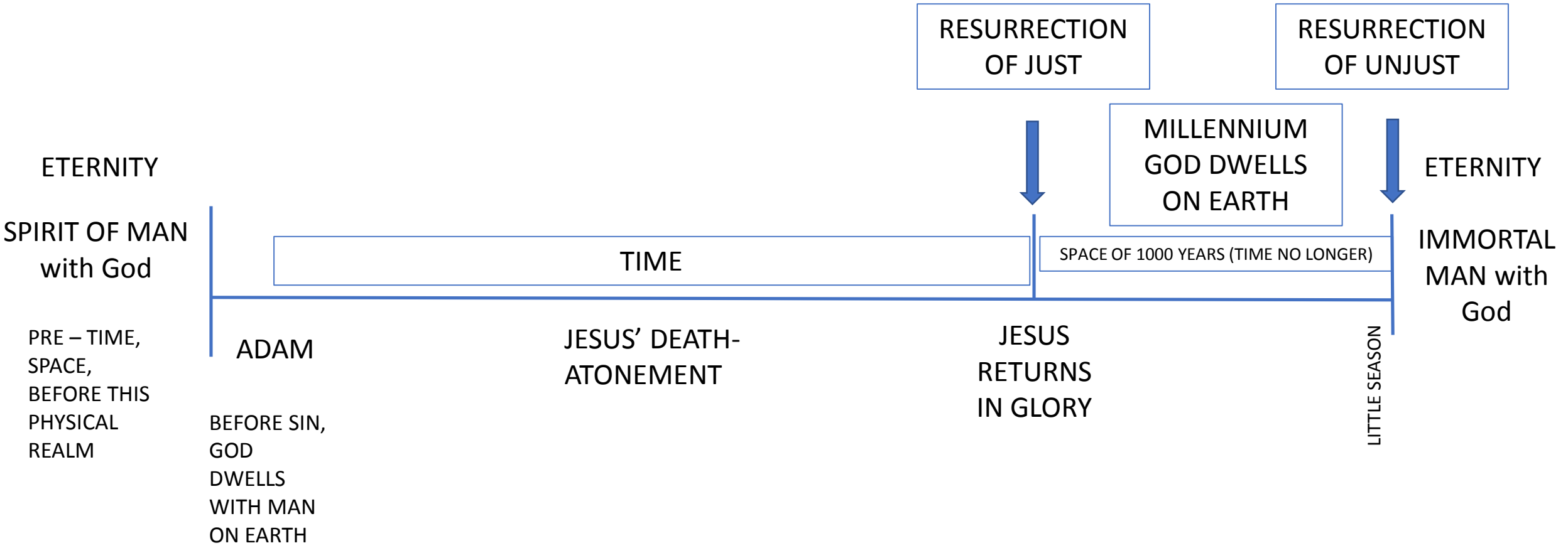
7:63 And he heard a loud voice, and the heavens were veiled; and all the creations of God mourned, and the earth groaned; and the rocks were rent; and the saints arose, and were crowned at the right hand of the Son of Man, with crowns of glory.

What can happen to those in the Prison House?

Genesis 7:61-64

64 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.



ETERNITY

SPIRIT OF MAN
with God

PRE – TIME,
SPACE,
BEFORE THIS
PHYSICAL
REALM

ADAM

BEFORE SIN,
GOD
DWELLS
WITH MAN
ON EARTH

JESUS' DEATH-
ATONEMENT

JESUS
RETURNS
IN GLORY

RESURRECTION
OF JUST

MILLENNIUM
GOD DWELLS
ON EARTH

SPACE OF 1000 YEARS (TIME NO LONGER)

RESURRECTION
OF UNJUST

LITTLE SEASON

ETERNITY
IMMORTAL
MAN with
God

ETERNITY

THE PRISON HOUSE—3 RECORDED 'RELEASES'

AT JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Genesis 7:64 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.

WHEN MILLENIUM BEGINS

85:27d 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.

85:28a 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;

85:28b 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.

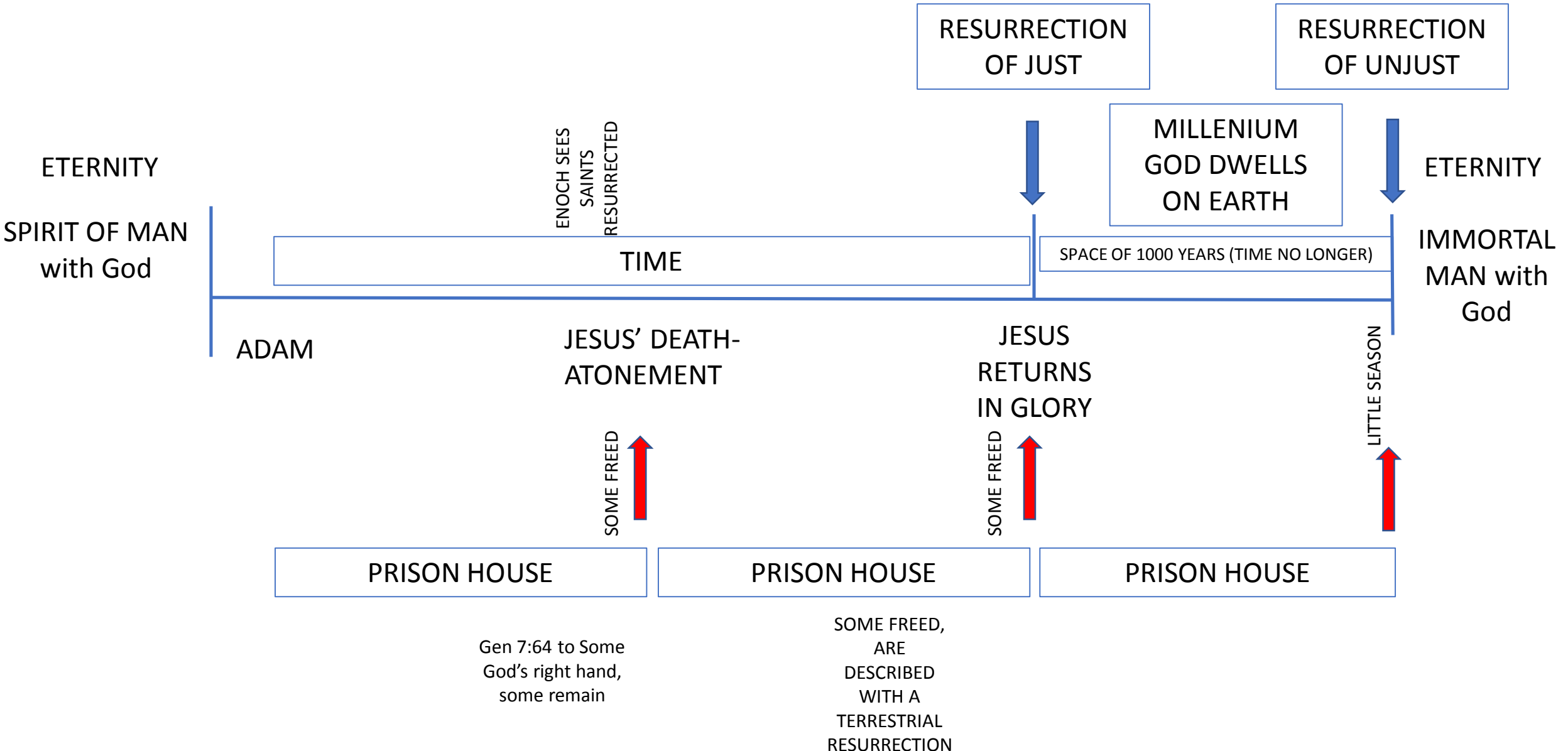
Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

AT END OF MILLENIUM

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



How many times (at least) is the Prison House 'Opened'? (and prisoners released.

1-Enoch records at Jesus Death.

- And where do they stand after?

2-DC records at Jesus return (beginning of Millennium), resurrection of the JUST. (DC 85)

- And where do they stand?

3-DC and Revelation 10: at END of Millennium—ALL (dead) come forth. This is the last day, the final judgement. (DC 76)

- And where do they stand?

God's 'angry' about what?

Alma 16:188

For it is not written that Zenos alone spake of these things,
but Zenock also spake of these things; for behold, he said,

Thou art angry, O Lord, with this people,

because they will not understand of thy mercies which thou hast
bestowed upon them, because of thy Son.

What is God's greatest attribute extended to His Creation?

Therefore may God grant unto you, my brethren, that ye may begin to exercise your faith unto repentance, that ye begin to call upon his holy name, that he would have mercy upon you; yea, **cry unto him for mercy;** **for he is mighty to save;**

Alma 16:218

Resurrection

Abinadi and Alma both speak of Resurrection, and specifically a First Resurrection, but note, they use the terms differently:

- Abinadi uses 'first resurrection' as those who died before Christ to be resurrected at the time when Christ is resurrected.
- Alma clarifies saying 'while some have called it a 'First Resurrection' this doesn't mean the same as the 'First Resurrection' at the time when Christ returns when all the good in Christ are alive.

Resurrection--Abinadi

Mosiah 8

55 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.

56 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.

Resurrection--Abinadi

Mosiah 8:

57 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.

58 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.

59 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.

Question: When do these events occur?

- Zion (mount Zion) is established.
- Enoch's City returns to earth.
- The Lord Returns to earth in Glory!
- The righteous souls in paradise are resurrected (return with Jesus) and live on the earth again!
- ...and, from DC 85: 28 (at the second Trumpet) when do some get released from the Prison house?

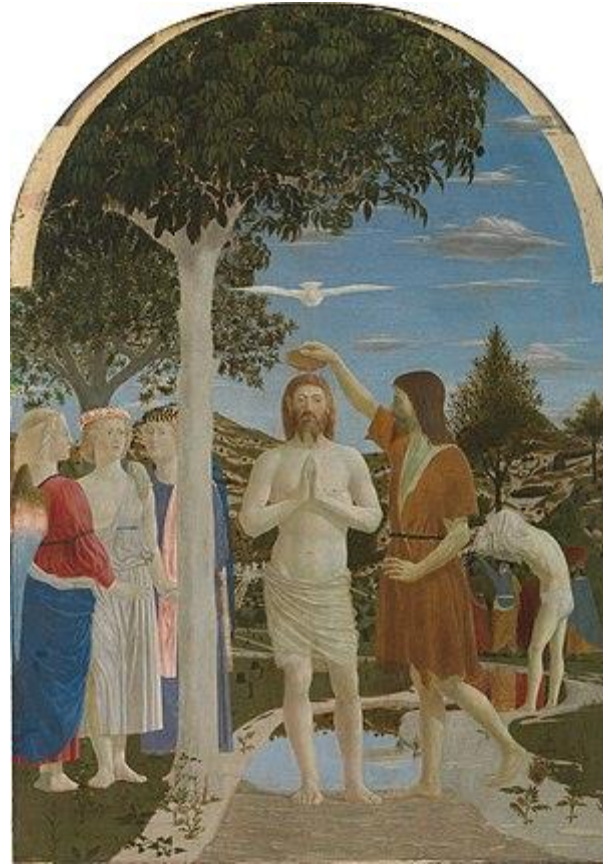
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Where have we seen this?



Giovanni Baronzio c. 1320

Where have we seen this?



[Piero della Francesca](#)

c. 1448–50

Location National Gallery, United Kingdom

Where have we seen this?



The Baptism of Christ - by Leonardo da Vinci

Where have we seen this?



Artist	Perugino
Year	c.1510

Where have we seen this?



1643 painting by [Jusepe de Ribera](#).

Where have we seen this?



John the Baptist Baptizing Christ
Francesco Trevisani 1723.

Even though the word 'Baptism' means
'Immerse'



John the Baptist Baptizing Christ
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Where have we seen this?

Pre-Mortal
Existence

The Plan of Salvation

Celestial
Kingdom

Veil of Forgetfulness

Birth



Earth Life

Death

Spirit
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Resurrection

Final
Judgement

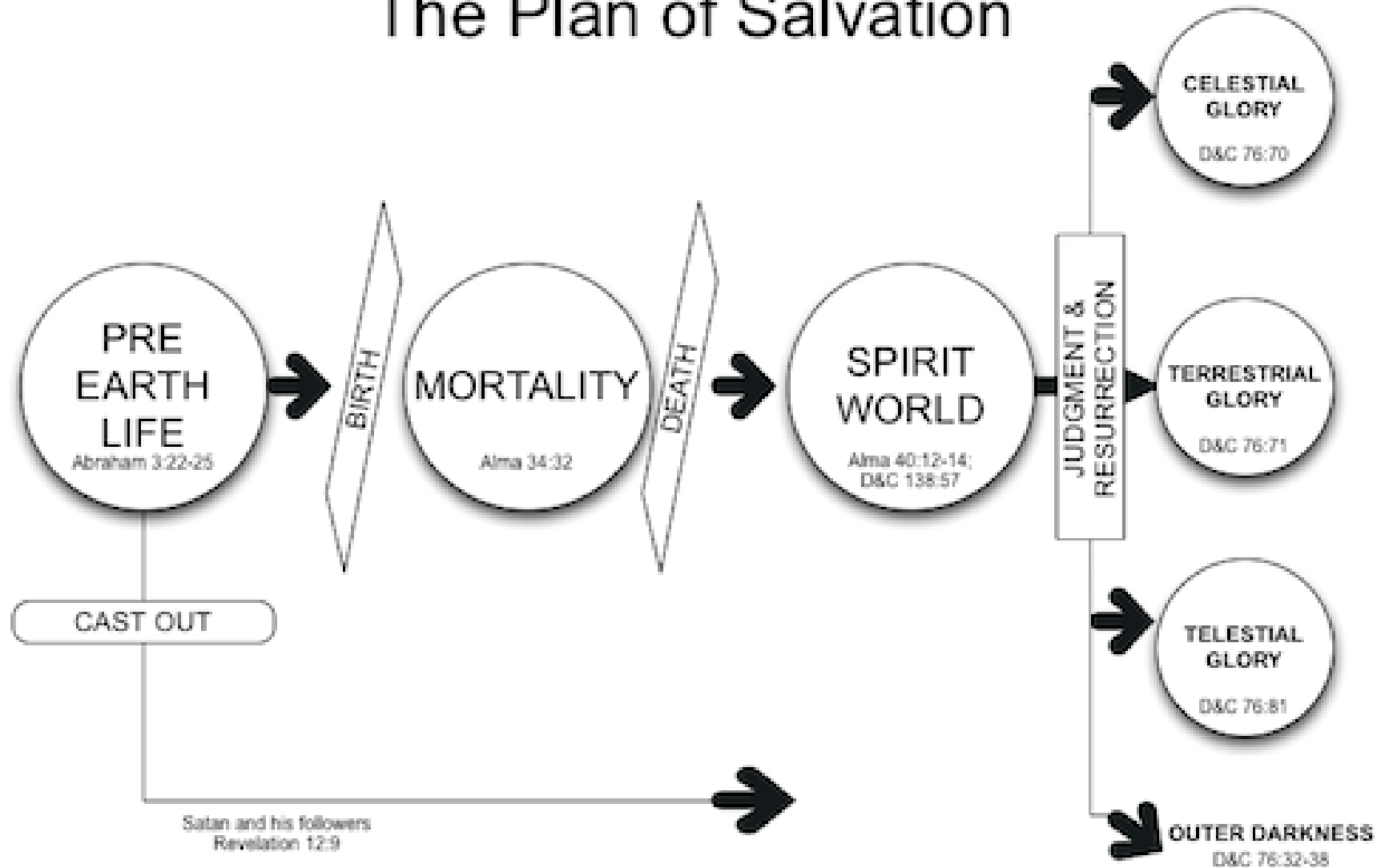
Terrestrial
Kingdom

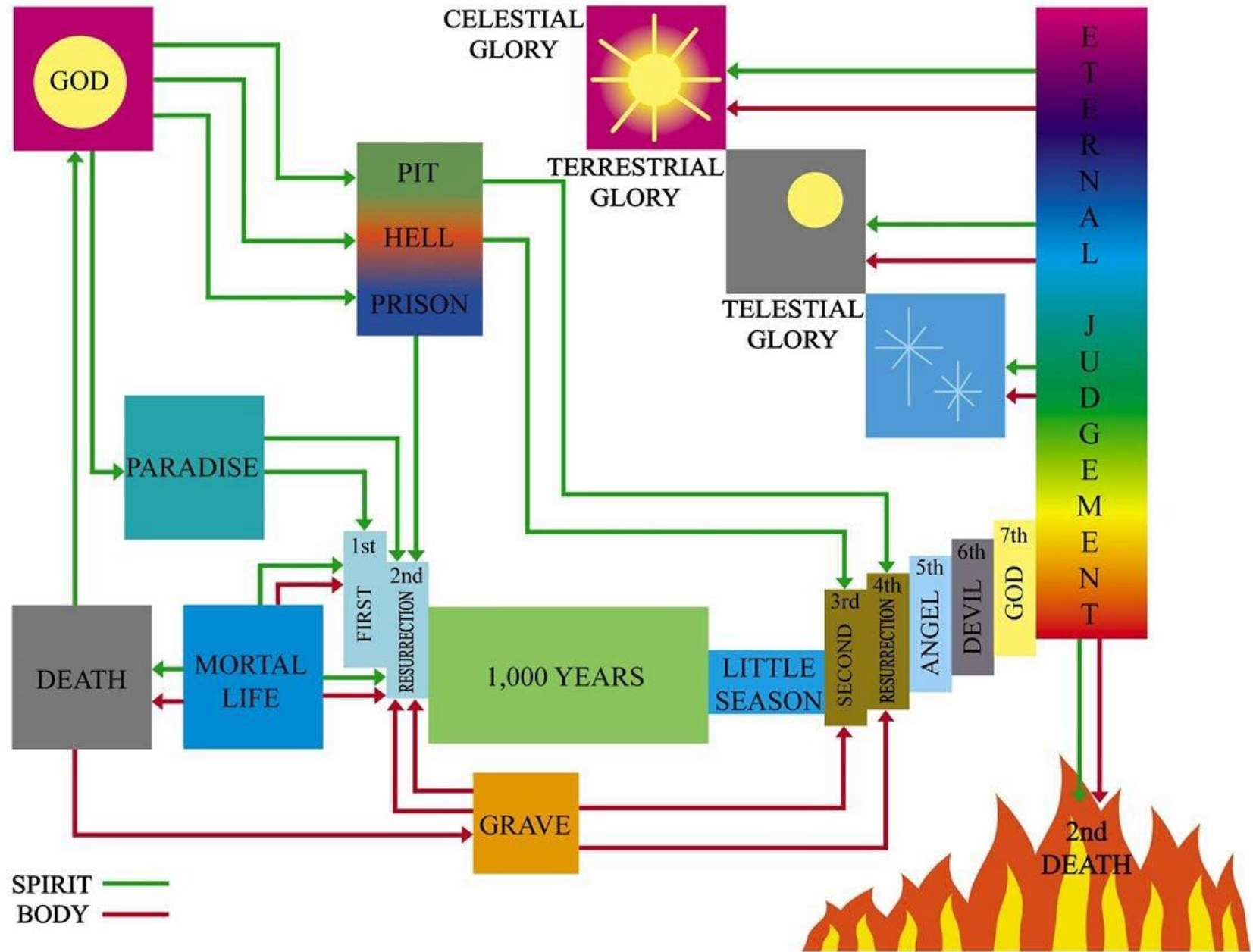
Telestial
Kingdom

Outer
Darkness



The Plan of Salvation





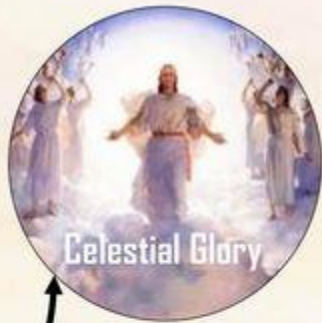
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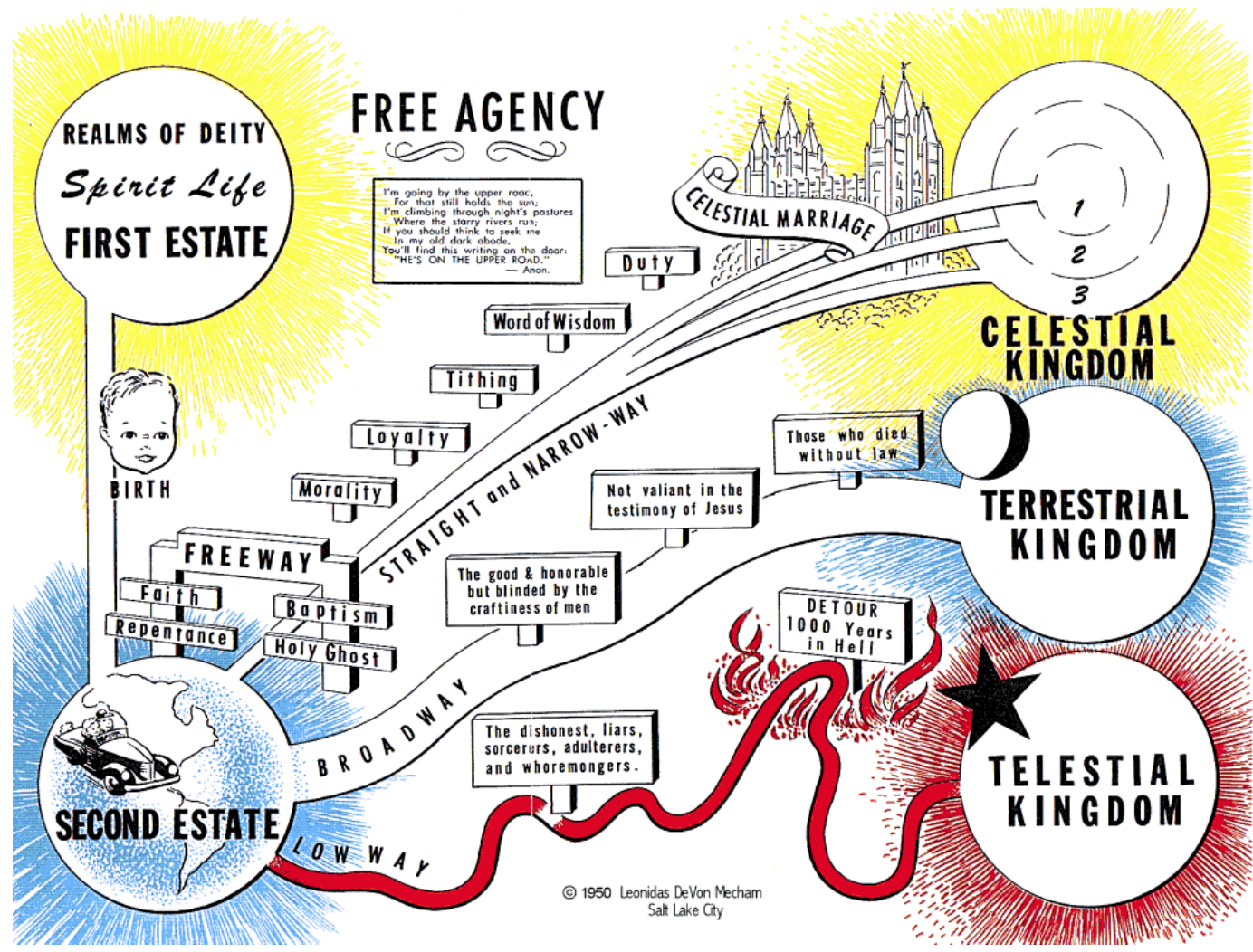
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Resurrection and
Judgement



*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no
man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
John 14:6*



QUESTION:

(and here is the key point):

**When is the Resurrection of the
“Just “**

**And, when is the Resurrection of
the “UnJust?”**

Understanding four terms is essential:

The Resurrection of the Just is:

- People from Heaven, live ON THE EARTH.
- People who followed Jesus, baptized, covenant.
- When Enoch's city returns.
- It starts the "Millennium"
- Also referred to as "The First Resurrection."
- When Jesus reigns ON EARTH.

The Resurrection of the UnJust:

- At the END of the Millenium.
- Unrepentant people.
- People in Prison House (Hell).
- They did not take part in life on earth during Miillennium.
- They now come forth.
- This is the Second Resurrection, or the LAST and FINAL resurrection.

The understanding of “Glory”

- Glory, is defined by DC 90 as 'light and truth.'
- Glory is Understanding, experiencing Light and Truth about God.
- Not a physical place so much as a condition of understanding, leading to transformation.

Eternity.

- The state of life after Final Judgement.
- Also describes experiencing his fullness at any time because there can be no time where God is.
- Time doesn't exist in the Millennium. Angel announces 'time no longer.'
- Eternity and the Millennium are not the same.

Section 76 is a description of Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon's vision they beheld upon inquiry regarding John 5:29.

“...speaking of the resurrection of the dead, concerning those who shall hear the voice of the Son of man, and shall come forth; they who have done good in the resurrection of the just, and they who have done evil in the resurrection of the unjust.”

-John 5:29

Happily, the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants tell the same story. We've just held a paradigm to see it differently.

<p>MOSIAH 8</p> <p>ABINADI'S DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>“All who have kept commandments”</p>	<p>DC 76</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: JS calls them ‘Celestial’ because of the amount of Light and Truth they have of God.</p>
<p>40 And who shall be his seed?</p> <p>41 Behold, I say unto you, that whosoever has heard the words of the prophets</p> <p><u>42 all those who have hearkened unto their words, and believed that the Lord would redeem his people, and have looked forward to that day for a remission of their sins;</u></p> <p>43 I say unto you, that <u>these are his seed, or they are heirs of the kingdom of God:</u></p> <p>55 And there cometh a resurrection, even a first resurrection...</p> <p>56 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.</p> <p>57 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.</p>	<p>76:5a ... concerning them who come forth in the resurrection of the just:</p> <p>76:5b ... who received the testimony of Jesus, and believed on his name, and were baptized ...that by <u>keeping the commandments</u>, they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins,</p> <p>76:5c and receive the Holy Spirit</p> <p>76:5g .. who have received of his fullness, and of his glory,</p> <p>76:5k these are they whom he shall bring with him, when he shall come in the clouds of heaven, to reign on the earth over his people;</p> <p>76:5l these are they who shall <u>have part in the first resurrection;</u></p> <p>76:5m these are they <u>who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just;</u></p> <p>76:5n these are they who are come unto <u>Mount Zion</u></p> <p>76:5q these are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus</p> <p>76:5r <u>these are they whose bodies are celestial</u></p>

<p>MOSIAH 8</p> <p>ABINADI'S DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>All who died in ignorance but were good people</p>	<p>DC 76</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: JS calls them 'Terrestrial' because of the amount of Light and Truth they have of God.</p>
<p>Mosiah 8: 58 And these are those who <u>have part in the first resurrection;</u></p> <p>and these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them.</p> <p>59 <u>And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these; and they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal life,</u> being redeemed by the Lord.</p> <p>8:60 And little children also have eternal life.</p>	<p>76:6a And again, we saw the terrestrial world...</p> <p>76:6c Behold, these are they who died without law; and also they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it;</p> <p>76:6d these are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men:</p>

MOSIAH 8

ABINADI'S DESCRIPTION:

All Who Have Rebelled against God, knew to keep commandments but did not.

61 But behold, and fear, and tremble before God; for ye ought to tremble: for the Lord redeemeth none such that rebel against him, and die in their sins;

62 Yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have willfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have no part in the first resurrection.

DC 76

DESCRIPTION: Same Reurrected people Mosiah describes **but JS calls them 'Telestial'** because of the amount of Light and Truth they have of God

76:7a And again, we saw the glory of the telestial,

76:7b these are they who received not the gospel of Christ, neither the testimony of Jesus; ...

76:7d these are they who are **thrust down to hell;**

76:7e these are they who shall not be redeemed from the Devil, until the last resurrection, until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work;

76:7f for they shall be heirs of salvation.

MOSIAH 8

ABINADI'S DESCRIPTION

Those for whom it is as If No Redemption Made, overcome by the Devil

8:77 But remember, that he that persists in his own carnal nature, and goes on in the ways of sin and rebellion against God, ..**remaineth in his fallen state, and the devil hath all power over him.**

78 **Therefore he is as though there was no redemption made;**

being an enemy to God; and also is the devil an enemy to God

84-87 If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness, and **if they be evil, to the resurrection of endless damnation; Being delivered up to the devil,** who has subjected them, which is damnation; Having gone according to their own carnal wills and desires; having never called upon the Lord while the arms of mercy were extended towards them; **For the arms of mercy were extended towards them, and they would not; they being warned of their iniquities, and yet they would not depart from them;**

8:88 And they were commanded to repent, and yet they would not repent.

DC 76

DESCRIPTION: JS Calls these 'Perdition' overcome by Satan.

76:3m And we saw a vision of the sufferings of those with whom he made war and overcame, ..

76:4a Thus saith the Lord, concerning all those who know my power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves, through the power of the Devil, to be overcome, and to deny the truth, and defy my power;

76:4b they are they who are the sons of perdition, of whom I say it had been better for them never to have been born;

76:4c for they are **vessels of wrath, doomed to suffer the wrath of God, with the Devil and his angels, in eternity**, concerning whom I have said there is no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come;

76:4d having denied the Holy Spirit, after having received it,

76:4e these are they who shall go away into the lake of fire and brimstone, with the Devil and his angels, and the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power; yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his wrath; for all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, through the triumph and the glory of the Lamb, who was slain, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made.

The Fullness of the Gospel...

...Does not contain the words Celestial, Terrestrial, Telestial.

Resurrection—Then Abinadi discusses the Resurrection of the Just.

Mosiah 8

59 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.

60 And little children also have eternal life.

61 But behold, and fear, and tremble before God; for ye ought to tremble: for the Lord redeemeth none such that rebel against him, and die in their sins;

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62 Yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have willfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have no part in the first resurrection.

63 Therefore had ye not ought to tremble?

64 For salvation cometh to none such; for the Lord hath redeemed none such;

Resurrection—Then Abinadi discusses the Resurrection of the Just.

Mosiah 8

65 Yea, neither can the Lord redeem such: for he can not deny himself; for he can not deny justice when it has its claim.

66 And now I say unto you, that the time shall come that the salvation of the Lord shall be declared to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,

67 Yea, Lord, thy watchman shall lift up their voices; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Resurrection—Then Abinadi discusses the Resurrection of the Just.

Mosiah 8

80 And if Christ had not risen from the dead, or have broken the bands of death, that the grave should have no victory, and that death should have no sting, there could have been no resurrection.

81 But there is a resurrection, therefore the grave hath no victory, and the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ.

82 He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.

Resurrection—Then Abinadi discusses the Resurrection of the Just.

Mosiah 8

83 Even this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruption shall put on incorruption, and shall be brought to stand before the bar of God, to be judged of him according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.

84 If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness, and if they be evil, to the resurrection of endless damnation;

Resurrection—Alma clarifies ‘First Resurrection’

Alma 19

48 Now there are some that have understood that this state of happiness, and this state of misery of the soul, before the resurrection, was a first resurrection.

49 Yea, I admit it may be termed a resurrection; the raising of the spirit or the soul, and their consignation to happiness or misery, according to the words which have been spoken.

50 And behold again it hath been spoken, that there is a first resurrection; a resurrection of all those who have been or who are, or who shall be, down to the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

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Alma 19

51 Now we do not suppose that this first resurrection which is spoken of in this manner, can be the resurrection of the souls, and their consignation to happiness or misery. Ye can not suppose that this is what it meaneth.

52 Behold, I say unto, Nay; but it meaneth the reuniting of the soul with the body of those from the days of Adam, down to the resurrection of Christ.

53 Now whether the souls and the bodies of those of whom have been spoken, shall all be reunited at once, the wicked as well as the righteous, I do not say;

Resurrection—Alma clarifies ‘First Resurrection’

Alma 19

54 Let it suffice, that I say that they all come forth; or in other words, their resurrection cometh to pass before the resurrection of those who die after the resurrection of Christ.

55 Now my son, I do not say that their resurrection cometh at the resurrection of Christ; but behold, I give it as my opinion, that the souls and the bodies are reunited, of the righteous at the resurrection of Christ, and his ascension into heaven.

Resurrection—Alma clarifies ‘First Resurrection’

Alma 19

56 But whether it be at his resurrection, or after, I do not say; but this much I say, that there is a space between death and the resurrection of the body, and a state of the soul in happiness or in misery, until the time which is appointed of God that the dead shall come forth and be reunited, both soul and body, and be brought to stand before God, and be judged according to their works;

Resurrection—Alma clarifies ‘First Resurrection’

Alma 19

57 Yea, this bringeth about the restoration of those things of which have been spoken by the mouths of the prophets.

58 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.

59 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.

Resurrection—Alma Explains

Alma 8

92 Therefore how can ye be saved, except ye inherit the kingdom of heaven?
Therefore ye can not be saved in your sins.

93 Now Zeezrom saith again unto him, Is the Son of God the very eternal Father?

94 And Amulek said unto him, Yea, he is the very eternal Father of heaven and of earth, and all things which in them is;

95 He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last;

Resurrection—Alma Explains

Alma 8:96

And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take upon him the transgressions of those who believe on his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, and salvation cometh to none else;

97 Therefore the wicked remain as though there had been no redemption made, except it be the loosing of the bands of death;

98 For behold, the day cometh that all shall rise from the dead and stand before God, and be judged according to their works.

Resurrection—Alma Explains

Alma 8:99

99 Now there is a death which is called a temporal death; and the death of Christ shall loose the bands of this temporal death, that all shall be raised from this temporal death;

100 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;

101 And we shall be brought to stand before God, knowing even as we know now, and have a bright recollection of all our guilt.

Resurrection—Alma Explains

Alma 8:102

Now this restoration shall come to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous;

103 And even there shall not so much as a hair of their heads be lost; but all things shall be restored to its perfect frame, as it is now, or in the body,

Resurrection—Alma Explains

Alma 19:80

And ye shall have good rewarded unto you again; for that which ye do send out, shall return unto you again, and be restored; therefore the word restoration, more fully condemneth the sinner, and justifieth him not at all.

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

5e they are they who are the church of the Firstborn

- The Firstborn return with Christ at His coming in Glory.
- When does he return?
- (Answer, beginning of Millennium)

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

5g...who have received of his fullness, and of his glory

- Have received fullness of his light and truth—i.e. glory
- not a place but a condition

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

*5k these are they whom he shall bring with him when
he shall come in the clouds of heaven*

When does Jesus return?
Beginning of Millennium.

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

...to reign on the earth over his people;

When does Jesus reign over the earth?
Beginning of Millennium.

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

*5n these are they who are come unto Mount Zion,
and unto the city of the living God the heavenly place,
the holiest of all*

Q. When is Zion?

A. During the Millennium

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

5o... to the general assembly and church of Enoch

Q. When does Enoch's church return?

A. Beginning of Millennium.

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

*51 these are they who shall **have part in the first resurrection***

First Resurrection IS THE Resurrection of the Just, starting the Millenium, not Eternity.

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

5m these are they who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just

Q. When is the resurrection of the 'Just?'

A. Beginning of Millennium

Description of people called "CELESTIAL"

*5r these are they **whose bodies are celestial***

So, what description is given to these people? Celestial.

This means that there will be people alive during the Millennium that can and have dwelt in the presence of God, now alive on earth.

Description of people called " TERRESTRIAL"

whose glory differs from that of the church of the Firstborn

Glory is Light and Truth--i.e. not a place, but a difference between the amount of light and truth they have received (the Spirit) from the Father.

Description of people called " TERRESTRIAL"

they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh,

(1 Pet 3:18, 1 Pet 4:6).

(DC 85:28 describes those who were prisoners released in the first resurrection, when the second trump sounds. Christ claims these as his. Also, Gen 7:64 describes the prison house captives being released at the time of Christ's death and stand on the right hand of God)

Description of people called " TERRESTRIAL"

...Wherefore they are bodies terrestrial, and not bodies celestial

Since these are described as ones who stand on the right hand of God, after a previous time in the prison house. This makes clear their state is during the Millennium.

Description of people called " TERRESTRIAL"

...Wherefore they are bodies terrestrial, and not bodies celestial

This means that there are those resurrected who can not stand in the presence of God, because they have not yet received the Gift of the Holy Ghost in the flesh (yet). They can abide in the presence of The Son of God, (defined as God who has taken on flesh).

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

7d these are they who are thrust down to hell

Recall Rev 20:14 that hell is cast into the lake of fire after the last resurrection, the second death.

If this description is of the Telestial world after the final judgment, then it would be a scriptural conflict since "Hell" will not exist then.)

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

*7e these are they who shall not **be redeemed from the Devil, until the last resurrection** until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work;*

NOTICE: these are to be redeemed at the LAST RESURRECTION.

Q. When is that

A. End of the Millenium

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

7f... for they shall be heirs of salvation

Salvation has to come at FINAL judgement, therefore this is a description DURING THE MILLENNIUM.

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

*7n last of all, these all are they **who will not be gathered with the saints, to be caught up unto the church of the Firstborn, and received into the cloud (..first resurrection)***

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

*7r...are cast down to hell and **suffer** the wrath of
Almighty God until the fullness of times*

*when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have
perfected his work, when he shall deliver up the kingdom and present it
unto the Father spotless....*

(this happens at beginning of last resurrection
according to verse 7e above)

Description of people called "TELESTIAL"

7v for they shall be judged according to their works; and every man shall receive according to his own works, and his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared, and they shall be servants of the Most High, but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end.

Speaking of the Sons of Perdition who remain

- Note that the celestial, terrestrial, and telestial are descriptions of people living IN THE MILLENIUM AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST!
- What of the books is called the 'Fullness of the Gospel?' It mentions nothing about celestial, terrestrial, telestial.
- Did Jesus not read DC 76 when he said you will stand on my left or right? Then why all this talk of 'glories?'
- Glories are light and truth, not places in the universe
 - Read the context in which they are described.
 - Celestial are people who came out of heaven with Jesus, they have been transformed
 - Terrestrial are on the earth
 - Telestial are in prison house. Also called 'Hell.' If they are in Hell, and Hell is cast into the lake of fire (i.e. no more), then when do they occupy Hell?
 - The final state of the souls of man is to dwell in the Kingdom or not.

Description of people called "SONS OF PERDITION"

4e the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power; yea, verily,

Notice that the 2nd death (i.e. final separation) is described ONLY for Sons of Perdition

Description of people called "SONS OF PERDITION"

the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his wrath;

Notice that these are the only ones who are not redeemed--i.e. Brought back to the Father.

Description of people called "SONS OF PERDITION"

4f for all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead,

Everyone else is redeemed after Millennium,
STANDS ON RIGHT HAND OF GOD

but many will suffer the 1000 years in the prison house.

Description of people called "SONS OF PERDITION"

76:4h

that through him all might be saved, whom the Father had put into his power, and made by him;

who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition,

who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him;

Book of Mormon describes Devil and his Angels “filthy still”

2 Nephi 6:38

And assuredly, as the Lord liveth, for the Lord God hath spoken it, and it is his eternal word, which can not pass away, that they who are righteous shall be righteous still, and **they who are filthy shall be filthy still;**

38 Wherefore, **they who are filthy are the devil and his angels;**

40 And they shall go away into everlasting fire, prepared for them; and their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames ascendeth up for ever and ever; and has no end.

Alma 5:37 Therefore I say unto you, The time shall come, yea, and it shall be **at the last day, that he who is filthy, shall remain in his filthiness.**

Book of Mormon describes Devil and his Angels “filthy still”

[2 Nephi 6:21](#)

And **our spirits must have become like unto him,**
and **we become devils, angels to a devil,**
to be **shut out from the presence of our God,**
and to remain with the father of lies, in misery, like unto himself;

[Jacob 2:65](#)

And loose yourselves from the pains of hell,
that ye may not become angels to the devil,
to be cast into that lake of fire and brimstone,
which is the second death.

[Mosiah 11:135](#) And then will I confess unto them,
that I never knew them;
and they shall depart into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his angels.

When is the left hand/right hand? DC 28

28:6a 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**;

28:6b **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;

28:6c for all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new, even the heaven and the earth, and all the fullness thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea;

When is the left hand/right hand? DC 28

28:6d and not one hair, neither mote, shall be lost, for it is the workmanship of mine hand.

28:7a But, behold, verily I say unto you, Before the earth shall pass away, Michael, mine archangel, shall sound his trump, and then shall all the dead awake, for their graves shall be opened, and they shall come forth; yea, even all;

28:7b and the righteous shall be gathered on my right hand unto eternal life; and the wicked on my left hand will I be ashamed to own before the Father;

When is the left hand/right hand? DC 28

28:7c wherefore I will say unto them, Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels.

28:8a And now, behold, I say unto you, Never at any time, have I declared from my own mouth that they should return, for where I am they can not come, for they have no power;

28:8b but remember that all my judgments are not given unto men; and as the words have gone forth out of my mouth, even so shall they be fulfilled;

Endless Punishment? DC 18

18:1d And surely every man must repent or suffer, for I God am endless; wherefore, I revoke not the judgments which I shall pass, but woes shall go forth, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth;

18:1e yea, to those who are found on my left hand; nevertheless, it is not written that there shall be no end to this torment; but it is written endless torment.

18:2a Again, it is written eternal damnation; wherefore it is more express than other scriptures, that it might work upon the hearts of the children of men, altogether for my name's glory;

Endless Punishment? DC 18

18:2b wherefore, I will explain unto you this mystery, for it is meet unto you to know even as mine apostles.

18:2c I speak unto you that are chosen in this thing, even as one, that you may enter into my rest; for, behold, the mystery of godliness, how great is it?

18:2d For, behold, I am endless, and the punishment which is given from my hand is endless punishment, for Endless is my name; wherefore--

18:2e Eternal punishment is God's punishment. Endless punishment is God's punishment.

18:2f Wherefore, I command you to repent, and keep the commandments which you have received by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., in my name;

Endless Punishment? DC 18

18:2g and it is by my almighty power that you have received them; therefore I command you to repent--repent, lest I smite you by the rod of my mouth, and by my wrath, and by my anger, and your sufferings be sore--how sore you know not! how exquisite you know not! yea, how hard to bear you know not!

18:2h For, behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer, if they would repent; but if they would not repent, they must suffer even as I;

18:2i which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit, and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink;

CONSIDER WHAT DC 76 ACTUALLY SAYS:

1. This revelation ultimately indicates that during the Millennium (i.e. after the first resurrection), there are people on earth who can dwell in God's presence (i.e. 'Celestial') and people who can not abide the Fullness yet (i.e. 'Terrestrial').

CONSIDER WHAT DC 76 ACTUALLY SAYS:

2. It also describes a group who spend the thousand years away in the Prison House, but those who repent receive 'glory' in the end. Those do not suffer eternity outside of God's presence.

CONSIDER WHAT DC 76 ACTUALLY SAYS:

3. :Glory”, as described in Section 76, simply describes the state of those at the resurrection during the Millennium.

For a generation, Saints have read the passage too quickly, assuming it described conditions and separate places in eternity, which it does not.

Take Home Points:

1. **“The Glories”** mentioned in DC 76 describe the conditions of people who come forth during the Millennium:
2. **Celestial 'bodies'** are people who have already been transformed and can dwell in the presence of the Father.

Take Home Points:

3. Terrestrial describes people who have not yet been transformed bodily, and can not abide the fullness of the Father (in his Spirit) but can the Son (in his flesh)
4. Terrestrial and Celestial people occupy the Earth during the Millennium simultaneously.

Take Home Points:

5. Celestial people are in the prison house during the Millennium.
6. Those who repent are freed at the resurrection of the UnJust.
7. Those unrepentant are doomed to suffer the 'Second Death'--eternity away from God.

Final Observation from the Book of Mormon

The Book of Mormon is the Fullness of the Gospel.

Interestingly, the Book of Mormon does not include
any of the words Celestial, Terrestrial or Telestial.

Final Observation from the Book of Mormon

According to the Book of Mormon, The final state of mankind is to dwell in the presence of God or be cast out.

Wherefore, the final state of the souls of men is to dwell in the kingdom of God, or to be cast out because of that justice of which I have spoken;

--1 Nephi 4:61

We have not read DC 76 carefully.

- Mormonism notions crept in.
- You will feel upset because of pictures painted in your mind for a generation
- If you read DC 76 in context, Celestial, Terrestrial telestial from DC 76 are descriptions of the state of people living in the millennium, nothing more. It is NOT a description of Eternity, when read in context. IF these conditions exist after the final judgement, this is not the scripture that describes it, and don't know where that scripture exists if it does.
- Not asking you to 'accept a theory' or my opinion. I am just saying 'read it in context' and you will understand.