

The Apostles' Creed (as usually recited today)

IBELIEVE in God the Father
Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth: And in Jesus Christ his only
Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he

rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (NKJV)

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Genesis 25:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full *of years*, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 49:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ Then he charged them and said to them: "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

Matthew 12:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1 Peter 3:18-19 (NKJV)

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

¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

NOTE The last two verses talk about the angles who had children with the daughters of men, Gen 6

Acts 2:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ *For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*
(a quote from Psalm 16)

Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV)

¹⁹ "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,
²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up

his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

²⁷ Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

Ephesians 4:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸ Therefore He says: *"When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."*

⁹ (Now this, *"He ascended"*--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (NKJV)

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the **third heaven**.

³ And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--
⁴ how he was caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

“Hell No!”

Hell, Gehenna, Hades, Grave,
Tartarus, Abraham's Bosom,
Lake Of Fire, Abyss, Sea,
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Bottomless Pit

Isaiah 5:14 KJV - Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Understanding The Terms, Times
& Places Of Eternal Damnation

I hope the following charts and illustrations will help you understand this subject better!

One must go to the OT Hebrew & NT Greek in each scripture to understand the terminology and to paint the right picture of eternal damnation. We must know which Greek and Hebrew words are being used. We must also balance the scriptures with other scriptures. Further we must interpret the scriptures by other scriptures. And finally we must keep scriptures in their context. Without doing all these things, we might end up being confused about the subject of eternal damnation or any other Bible doctrine we study.

There are two different words in the NT, both which were erroneously translated as “hell”. One is the Greek word “Hades,” the other is “Gehenna.” But when Jesus and the NT writers spoke using the different terms, they intended a distinction.

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Also the word “hades” in the NT and “sheol” in the OT is sometimes translated as “the grave” which can also be a bit misleading.

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Jesus’ story of the “Rich Man & Lazarus” in Luke 16:19-31 begins to unravel the mystery for us.

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Sheol, in the Old Testament was comprised of two compartments. One compartment was the upper level called “Abraham’s Bosom” which was a place of comfort where OT saints went until Jesus could come and be resurrected. No one was allowed to go to heaven until Jesus had returned there first. At Jesus’ resurrection the Bible teaches he led these captives from Abraham’s Bosom to heaven with Him.

. The second compartment that still exists today in NT times is “Hades”. Hades is a different place than “Hell” or “Gehenna.” It was the lower compartment of Sheol, a place of eternal torment, with a gulf separating the two compartments from one another.

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. Now that Jesus has come and been resurrected, there is no more upper compartment, nor is there a need for it. It was only a holding place for OT saints. The Bible teaches that now believers go straight to heaven when they die, not to a holding place. To be absent from the body is now to be present with the Lord. Today unbelievers go straight to Hades (also called “the sea” of people in Rev chapter 20) awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of time, after which they shall be thrown into Hell (Gehenna) for all eternity.

Old Testament

OT

2 Corinthians 12:2

“Third Heaven”
(The Throne of God – Heaven is a real place)



“Second Heaven”
(The Universe)



“First Heaven”
(Our Atmosphere)

The Battleground

People

satan

demons

“Earth”

Old Testament Saints

“Sheol”
(OT Hebrew)

= Abraham’s Bosom

+ “Hades”
(NT Greek)

Hell

“Gehenna”
(NT Greek)

“Lake Of Fire”
empty

Luke 16:19-31

Upper Region of Sheol is “Abraham’s Bosom”
Place of Comfort For the Righteous (i.g. Lazarus)

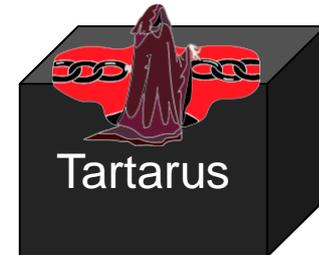
“Fixed Gulf”
Canyon
(no crossing between upper and lower compartments)



Old Testament Sinners

Lower Region of Sheol is a
“Place of Torment” (ie rich man)

Demons that sinned by having sexual relations with women that produced giants In the Book of Genesis



Tartarus

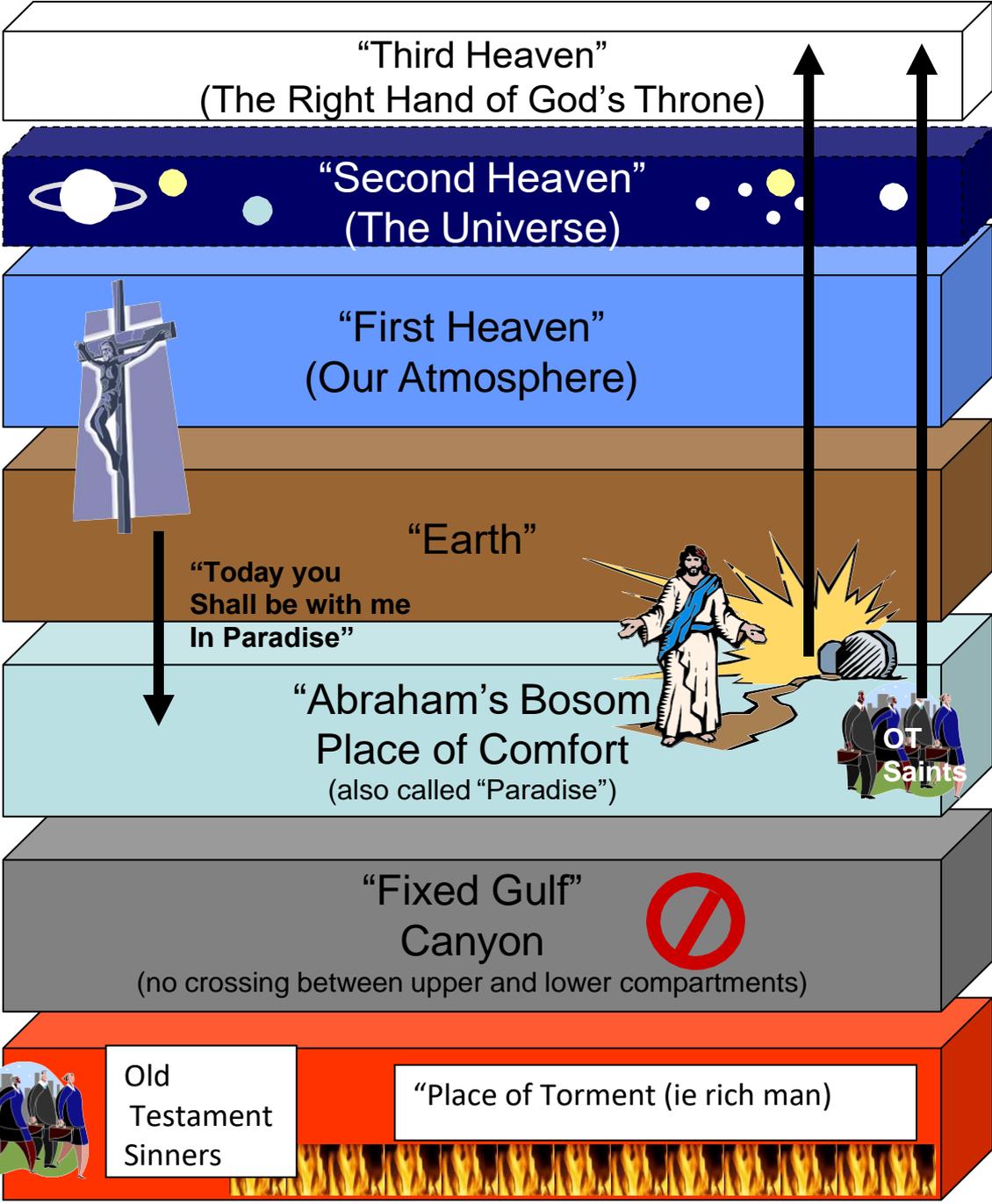
Crucifixion & Resurrection Of Jesus

3 Days

The Battleground

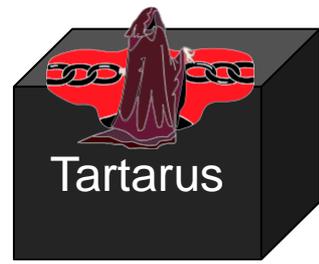
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NOTE:
Jesus did NOT descend into Hell or Hades, as some have erroneously taught. He only descended into Abraham's Bosom to loose the OT saints from there into Heaven. His own Hell was the cross! The price was paid on the Cross, not Jesus suffering in Hell for 3 days! He did not need to descend into hell to take the keys of hell and death away from Satan. Satan was not and is not even in Hell yet.

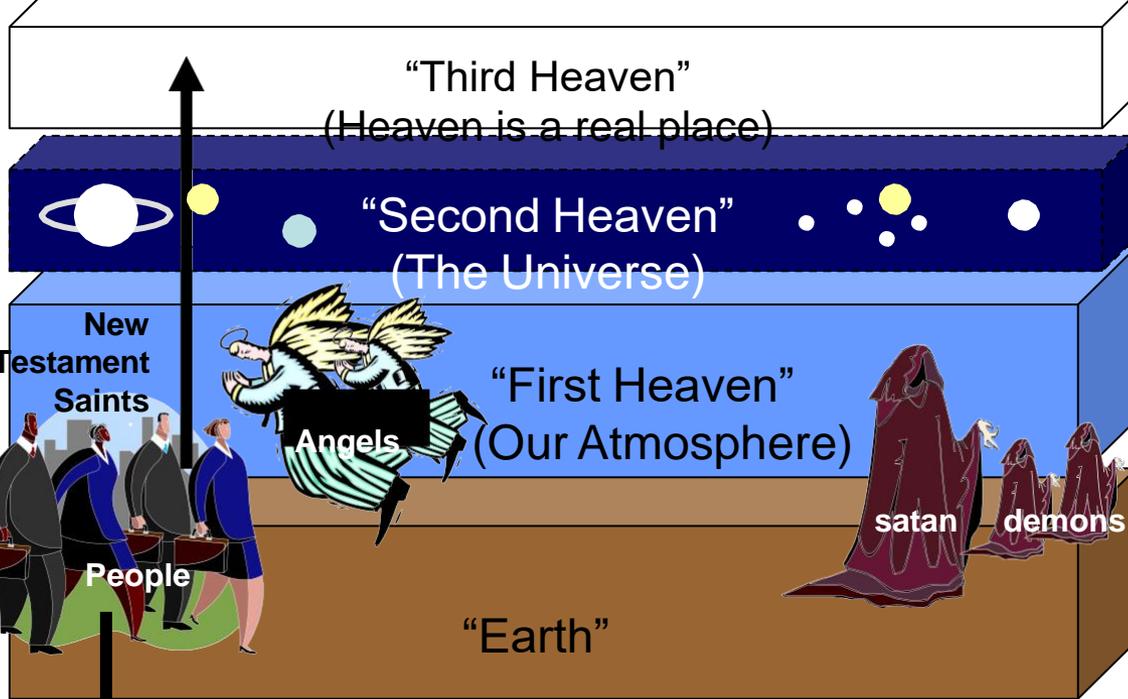
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New Testament

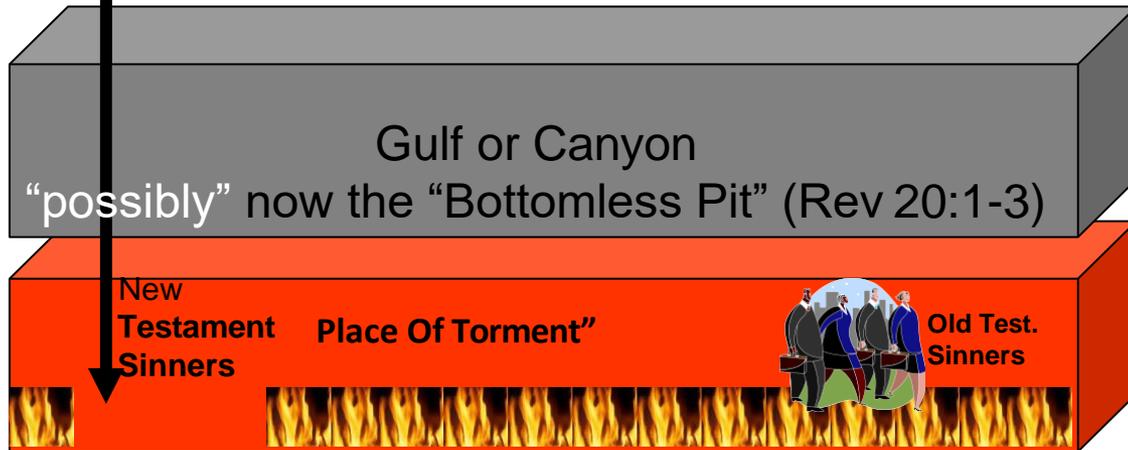
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The Battleground

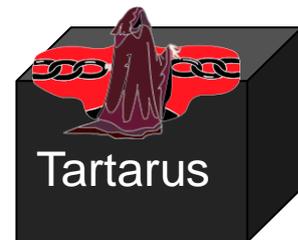


“Sheol”
(OT Hebrew)
=
Now Only
“Hades”
(NT Greek)

No longer an Abraham’s Bosom or Paradise

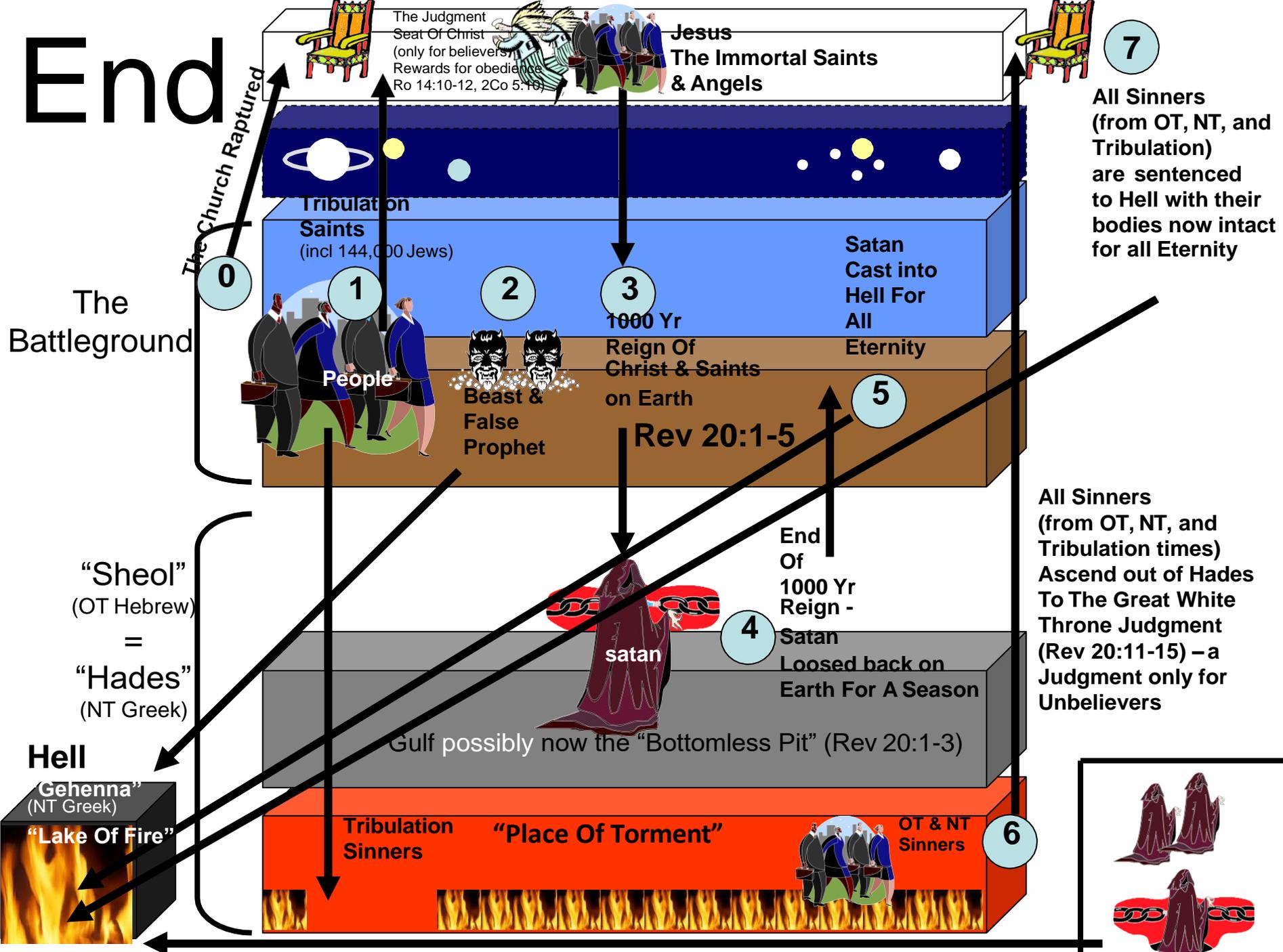


Demons that sinned by having sexual relations with women that produced giants In the Book of Genesis



End Times

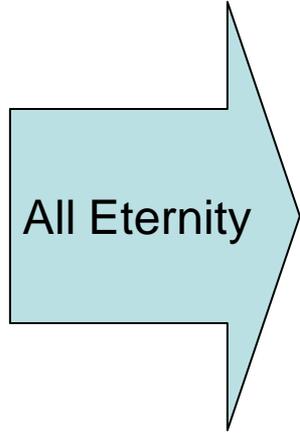
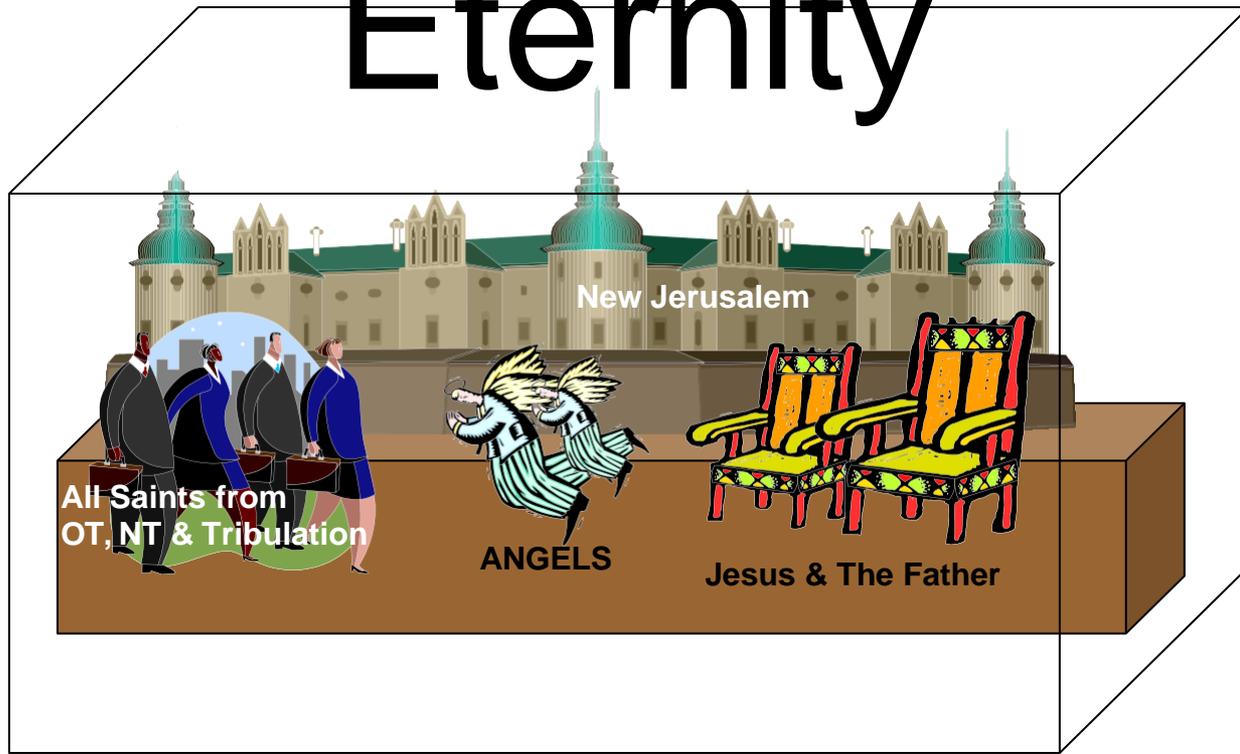
End



New Heaven & Earth

New
Heaven
& Earth
Now
A Single
Place

Eternity



Hell
"Gehenna"
(NT Greek)
"Lake
Of Fire"

