

LOOKING AT THE SECOND RESURRECTION

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If we could go to the Book of Ephesians to begin. This wasn't really where I had planned to start but I think it would be good.

So Ephesians 4 and verse 11. We probably know this verse by memory but speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ who is *the head of the church* [Colossians 1:18] Paul wrote:

Ephesians 4:11

And he gave some, apostles;

Or he gave to some, the calling of apostles.

Ephesians 4:11

and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Ephesians 4:12

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:14

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Now everything sounds really nice until we get down to verse 14. Then we see that Paul uses some pretty strong language. First of all, he says: *that we be no more children, tossed to and fro.*

Well, I don't think anybody wants to be looked at as *a child tossed to and fro*, especially if we've been serving the Lord for a while.

And then he speaks of *men who lie in wait to deceive*. [Ephesians 4:14]

From the natural way of looking at it, these would appear to be very sneaky and very dark men. But the reality is – and this is part of understanding – *these are men who will smile and say: praise the Lord, God bless you*. These are men who have a *ministry*. It's *not* a ministry to the Bride but they will pass themselves off as *having a ministry to the Bride*.

If we remember what we read before that, Paul spoke of *the true ministry* and how the effect of that ministry is going to help us *see the truth, grow in truth, and to be discerning*. [Ephesians 4:11-13]

A lot of people *don't want to discern today* because it means that they might see error with somebody they call a *brother*, and that would cause *conflict with their spiritual fellowship*.

As we spoke on Friday: in our human nature, *we want to have fellowship*. But if we're going to take the attitude: well, I've always loved this man and I'm going to continue in spiritual fellowship with him. It doesn't matter that he preaches *this* or he preaches *that*, I don't really care. I've known him for thirty years, I have good memories.

In that case, I have to say: we're looking at the picture *wrong*.

We're going to give an account one day. You're *not* going to give an account *to me* but we're going to give an account *to the Lord*. [2Corinthians 5:10]

So I have to say: that's *not* the attitude of the Bride of Christ.

I know that basically all of us today – with the exception of the younger people – we were witnesses of Brother Jackson's ministry. As far as a man, most of us were able to see his example and his ministry.

There were many ministers who associated with Brother Jackson. But we can't just say today: well, I remember that *this minister* or *that minister* was in fellowship with Brother Jackson. They *travelled with* Brother Jackson. They *preached with* Brother Jackson.

When we go back and look at Brother Branham, we know that *not everybody* who associated with Brother Branham *continued on in the right light*. And I have to say: *it's the same with Brother Jackson*. We have to be able to look at *the word* that they bring forth. And to judge the word: *their word*.

Now somebody may say: Brother, we're not supposed to judge.

Well, we're not going *to judge* in the sense of: you're going to heaven and you're not. That's *not* the point. But Paul said: *the spiritual man judgeth all things*. [1Corinthians 2:15]

And here and in other places he's saying: *be not deceived*. [Ephesians 4:14] So we have to be able *to judge* what is being *presented to us*.

A lot people who sat under Brother Jackson's ministry, today are simply following ministers whom *they knew* had followed Brother Jackson.

I actually had a question from Brother Chris, he said: when Brother Jackson passed, did you start praying or looking around to see who else might continue on in truth? And my answer was: there was already a group of ministers who had been walking with Brother Jackson for years, so I just felt: well, we're all continuing on together.

But we still had *to hear* what they were saying. And some began to preach *in error*.

The first major event happened and oh, everybody got all upset and concerned: there's a brother preaching that we're in the Third Day! And *we knew* we were *not* in the Third Day: *the Third Day is the Millennium*. [Hosea 6:2] Amen.

So this whole group of ministers said: oh no, we *can't* go on with *that*.

But over the years – I have to say – their *resistance to error has faded*. Now a man can stand and say different things and they say: *oh we'll accept that*, when *we have the Word* and we should be *wiser*. And we should be able *to discern* which ministry really loves truth and loves the Word.

I don't know who all knows this, but one thing that's being preached today is that all the babies and all the children who will *die without having reached accountability during the Millennium* – going forward from the Day of the Lord until after the little season when the second resurrection takes place – will all be resurrected together with the wicked. They preach that they will go on to have eternal life because they had never reached accountability.

I have to say: there is nothing in the Word that supports a message like that.

Before I continue, I know there are different ones, especially young mothers who have lost babies during pregnancy. Others have lost children shortly after their birth. I'm not saying – please don't misunderstand me – I'm not saying that God sends them to hell.

But basically what's happening is: this is being analyzed *from an intellectual standpoint* and they're saying: God is not going to send an innocent baby to hell. So their conclusion is: well, then they have to go to heaven.

That's where we have to ask the question: do we really have Bible for that?

Let's go ahead and look at that this morning so we can understand.

By the way, this is something that's being preached by more than one minister. Again, *we know these brothers*. And *in our nature*, we love them.

Now I know there are people who don't believe me when I say: I love these brothers.

It's just like today, if somebody accuses you of racism and you say: *I'm not racist*. Well, good luck in having them believe that! It's like they just want to force the most ridiculous things on people. They'll say: you bought a car and *it's a white car*, don't tell *me* you're *not racist!* That's almost the extreme people go to today.

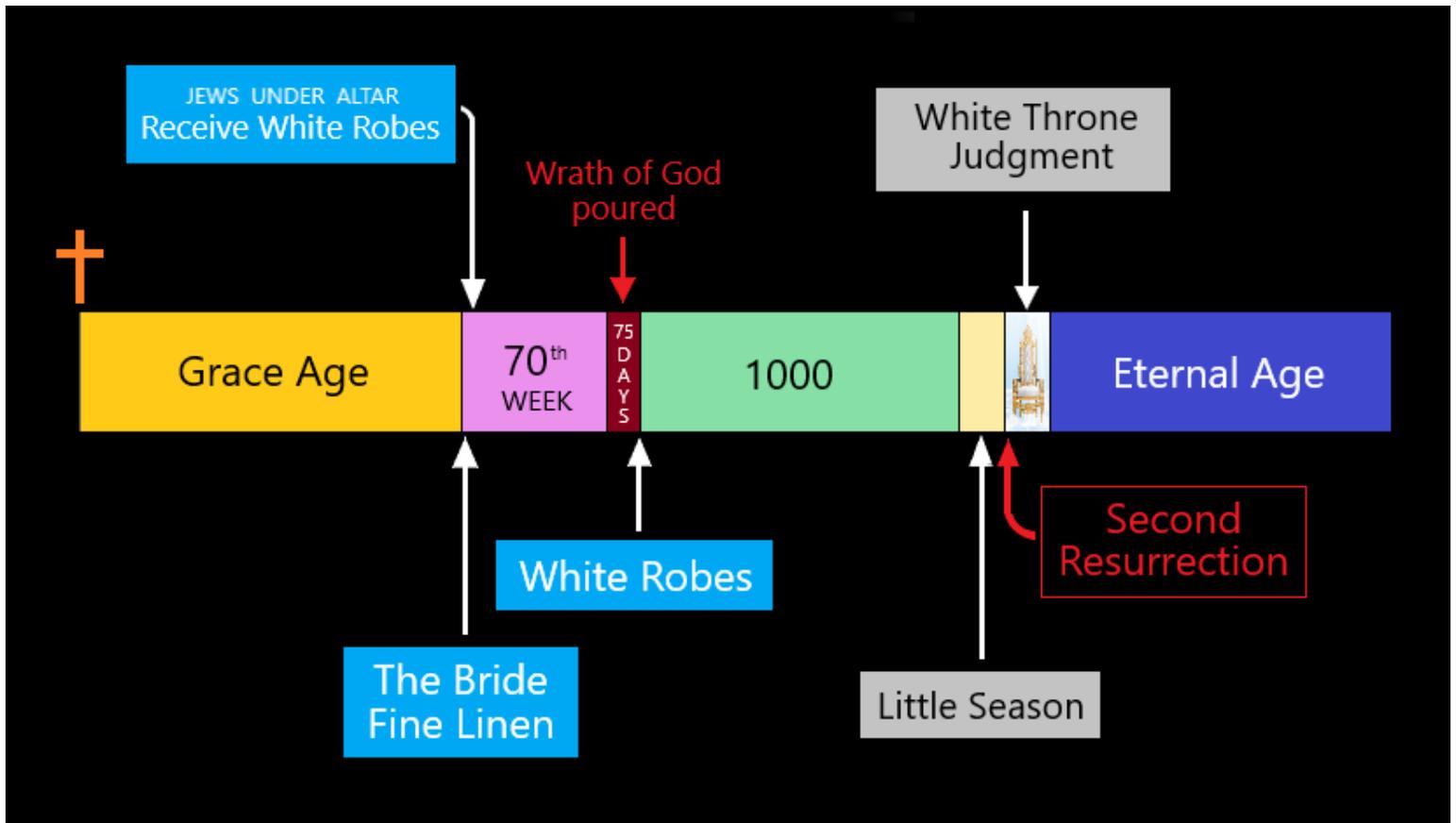
I will say this morning: *I love these brothers*. I have no problem sitting at a meal with them. If they like hunting, I can enjoy talking with them about hunting, as far as fellow human beings. And even *the times we've had* in the past *in the Lord*. I have no problem seeing them as friends.

But I'm *not* going to go, and sit, and listen to them minister and put myself in that *spiritual environment* and subject myself to a *teaching of error*. I don't have to do that. Praise the Lord.

Again, if they invite me over for dinner, I'll be more than happy to go. I don't have a problem with them as men, or as friends. And I'll even call them *my brothers*, as long as they don't cross a certain line.

Now, when you get people who say that Brother Branham was a false prophet, I'm sorry, that's *not* my brother. It doesn't matter if I've called them *brother* in the past. They have to fix that first. And the other extreme: if somebody thinks Brother Branham was Jesus Christ, that's *not* my brother. They're *not*. That's *blasphemy*.

So there is a line. And I'm preaching of those who *haven't* crossed that line. But still, they've gone in the *wrong direction in the Word*, and they are *leading people astray*.



Just to explain a little bit, we are now in the Age of Grace. We know the 70th Week is coming up. And at the end of the 70th Week, there will be 75 days when we know the *wrath of God* is going to be poured out.

I remember in December of 2004, there was a tsunami: 250 000 people were killed in one morning. And for a few months after that, in different places in the world, there were great tragedies. There was an earthquake in Haiti and I believe more than 70 000 people were killed.

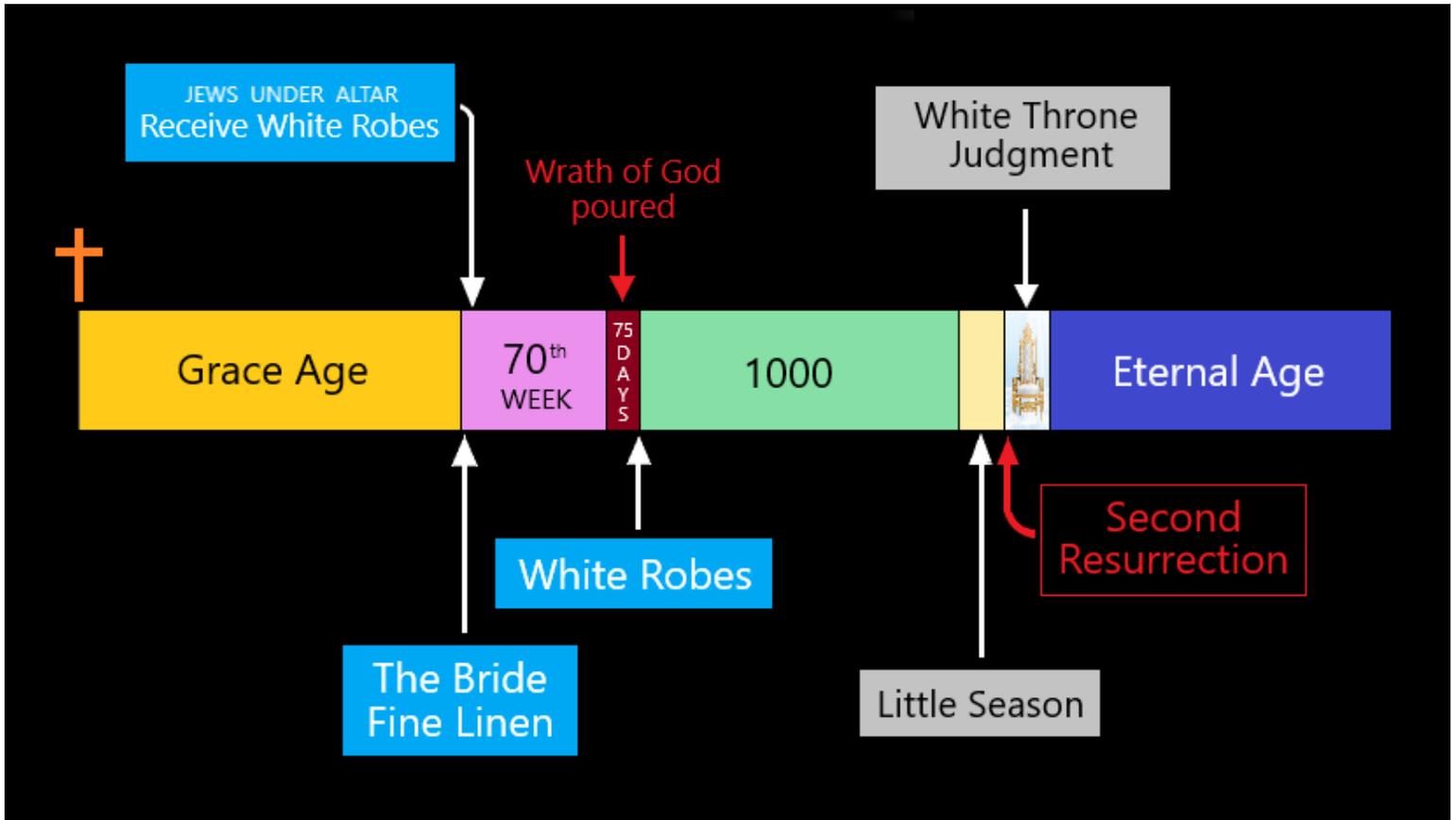
But we have to understand that even then, the world as a whole did not repent. They did *not* cry out to God.

Then years later in 2020, a disease hit the earth and millions upon millions of people died. And one of the first messages I preached – I was actually in Canada when COVID really hit that spike – one of the first messages I preached was: *Where is the Cry?* Where was mankind crying out to God, saying: *forgive us!* Where was that? We didn't see it.

As a whole, *mankind has forgotten about God.*

Even the religious world, they just feel that they're in the right spot. It doesn't really shake them either because they think they're in the right place. They think: I'll just pray that the Lord watches over me and that I don't get sick.

Again, where is the cry? *It's not there.*



When we get to the end of the 70th Week, it's not going to be hundreds of thousands, it's going to be *millions*, it's going to be *billions*.

Someone might say: how could God do that? Well, we may look at the big number but we have to remember that for each individual, it's just *that individual*. And God knows *each life*.

We have to get to a point that we're not judging the Word *by our intellect*. But as Isaiah said, or I should say *as he wrote*, it's really God Who said it: *my ways are higher than your ways. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts.* [Isaiah 55:9] Amen.

We can look at *the flood*. The natural man would say: how could God destroy basically all of humanity? But *He did that in the flood*. [Genesis 7:23] Amen.

I have to say: God was *right*, man was *wrong*.

He said: *I give you a hundred and twenty years*. [Genesis 6:3]

There was *Noah*. From time to time he would *preach* as people watched him build the ark. [2Peter 2:5] And I believe – ten years in, twenty years in – I believe there was a very great congregation. Maybe Noah even scratched his head and wondered: well, I see how big the ark is going to be and I see this multitude. They're saying: *yes, we're going to go with you!* So I don't see how we're all going to fit.

But over time, less and less people were interested. And by the time *the flood* came, it was only *Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives*. [Genesis 7:7] *Eight people* out of *millions*. [1Peter 3:20]

What does that show us?

One thing it shows us is that *the serpent seed* grows and populates much faster than the *true seed*. That's just something we can observe. God said: *man is corrupt*. [Genesis 6:12] He said: *his thoughts are evil continually*. [Genesis 6:5] Right?

It was just Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives. They were *the only ones* who went into the ark. God had to *clean this earth*, but that *serpent seed* was still in those *sons*.

Now we are about 4400 years later. The *serpent seed* is *not* a trait that is visible. We all have a certain portion of it. But at the end of the day, *are we able to believe the Word of God?* That's the question.

That *ability to believe the Word of God*, that *trait* – if I can say it like that – is dying out. I have to say: that *ability* is going *extinct*, again, if I'm allowed to say it like that. And God Who is *rich in mercy* has basically allowed humanity to run all the way through time until there is none left.

Now, of course, yes He has watched over the Jews.

Remember: every time a man and a woman come together in marriage, there is a certain *pull*. Or even in times past when the parents would determine that, *their mind was affected*. God has watched over that. He has *preserved a certain element of Jews* for the time when He's going to *take the veil off their heart* and they will be able to *receive the Gospel*.

But that *won't* be all the Jews. In fact, even among the Jews, the majority really *don't have a pull* to the things of God.

A lot of times, we speak about the Jews as we see them Biblically: *the people of God* – which they are – but there are Jews today who are living every kind of perverse lifestyle. Many of them are atheistic or just materialistic. They really could not care less about serving the Lord.

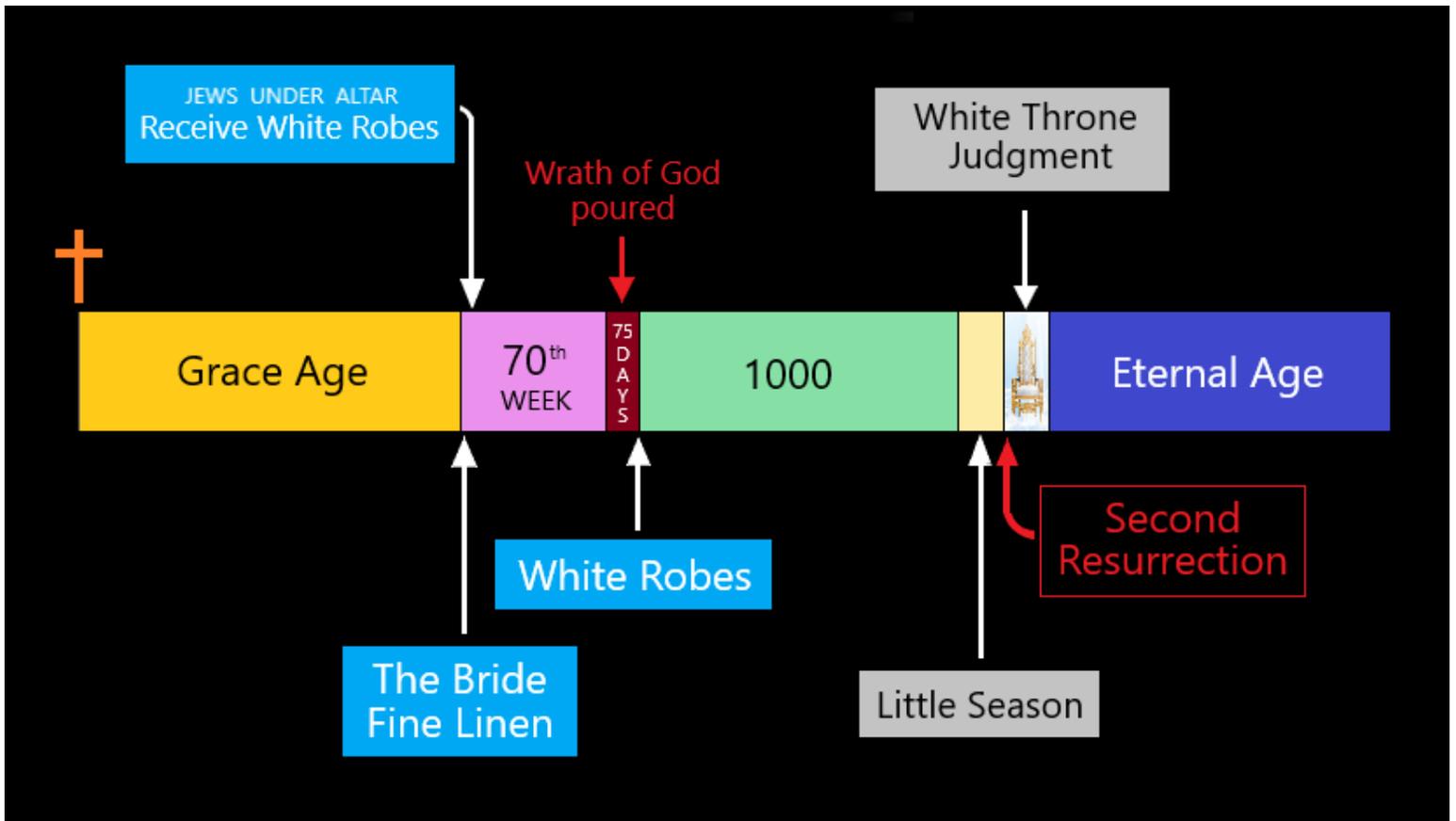
But there is *an element*, God Himself has watched over *their posterity*, if I can say it like that. He's watched over who has married who, and there is an element that can still *believe the Word of God*.

He has *predestined them*, just as we read that He has *predestined us before the foundation of the world*. [Ephesians 1:4-5] Amen.

So can we not see how He has watched over every aspect of our lives?

But the world in general is fast moving toward a point where basically there is only *pure serpent seed*. God in His Mercy has allowed it to run to the very end.

Jesus said: *when the son of man cometh, will he find faith on the earth?* [Luke 18:8] That shows how *few* there will be.



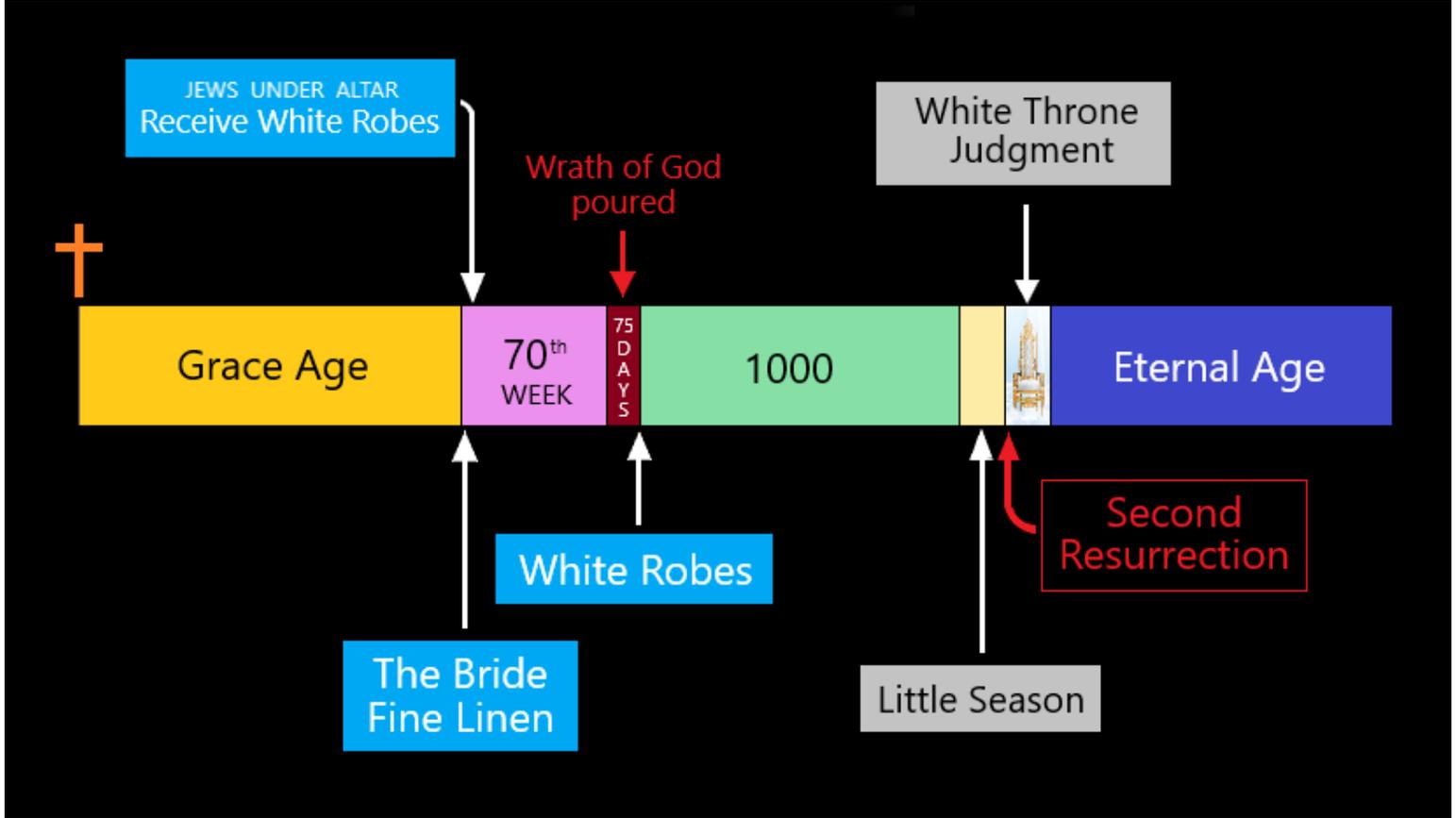
Getting back to this slide, *the judgement of God* will be poured out at the end of the Week of Daniel. Will children die? Absolutely. They did in *the flood*. Can we not see that?

We read that God would tell Israel: *go into this town or this city and kill them all: men, women, and children.* [1 Samuel 15:3] *Kill them all.* Now, He didn't say: torture them. He said: *kill them.* Right?

For us, from our human side, we think: how could that be? Well, you and I don't realize what it would have become if they had grown up and their bloodline had continued. You and I don't know the evil *but God knows.*

I was talking about this with our brother last night. On the one hand, when we look at death, it's not something that we want to go through. But a few years back, I had an incident where I felt that I was going to die, and I passed out. And it was the easiest thing: I didn't try to pass out, I was just *out.* I could just as easily have died.

So we look at that from the standpoint that it's a difficult thing, but we have to *let God be God. He has a plan.*



Some say that the millions of children and babies who will die when the wrath of God is poured out will not have had a chance to hear the Gospel.

And I say *amen* to that.

But even if they hear something, these preachers are saying that all those who will not have reached an age of accountability will go in the ground and then be raised *in the second resurrection* to go into the Eternal Age, *saved*. Yet their parents – who will have passed that age – will go to hell as part of the wicked and be *raised for judgement*.

It's a strange thing that if they die at the right time, well now they have salvation, but everybody else goes to hell.

How many can see the issue there? Amen. There is nothing written to show that's how it's going to turn out.

But everything we've seen and read – we were looking at this last Sunday – even those who die without hearing the gospel, if their heart is right, God reserves them unto a time when the Gospel will be presented to them. And *they will accept the Gospel*.

We have that written about the *white robes* that were *given*, especially *the fifth seal*. [Revelation 6:9-11]

Now somebody asked the question: what happens when a baby or a child dies before they ever reach an age of accountability?

Well, I'll say this: there are other ways God can deal with that. I won't speak on it right now but I have an idea.

Actually, just in my mind I see two or three ways God can deal with that. Again, my mind isn't near the greatness of His Mind. Amen. So until I have something scriptural or until God inspires and shows something in a special way, I'm going to say: let God be God. Amen.

But for us to be aware, I will say this morning: after the *lake of fire* [Revelation 20:15] what happens to the wicked? We haven't taught a lot on this. Christianity in general – so *called Christianity* – believes in an eternal hell. I have to say: scripturally, it's not there.

First of all, we read that *hell itself will be thrown into the lake of fire*. [Revelation 20:14] I should be reading this but I want to get everything lined down. So *hell* is going to be *thrown into the lake of fire*.

On top of that, Jesus told his disciples: *don't fear man who is able kill the body*. He said: *but fear God Who can destroy both the body and the soul*. [Matthew 10:28] Why would he say that if there is no destruction of the soul?

Another thing is: it's only *those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ* who have *Eternal Life*. If hell were eternal, those who go to hell would still have eternal life, right?

Let's go now to the book of Jude.

As far as the translations, this is the most accurate because here we actually have the word *eternal*. And I believe it is correctly translated as *eternal*.

In verse 7 of the Book of Jude, or the Letter of Jude, it says:

Jude 1:7

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh,

Do we not see that in the world today? Amen.

Jude 1:7

are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

So here, Jude mentions *the vengeance of eternal fire*. And he says: *that's an example*.

We know there's going to be a *lake of fire*. [Revelation 20:14] One could say: that's going to be *eternal fire*. And I can say *amen* to that.

Now somebody might say: how do you say that, Brother? Well, I believe it's in the book of Hebrews where Paul says: *our God is a consuming fire*. [Hebrews 12:29] Amen.

The *fire is eternal*. The fire comes *from God*. This is *not* the devil's fire, the devil breathing out fire as they like to show in the movies. *God is the eternal fire*.

The people who will be cast into that *lake of fire* are *not* eternal. They will be *consumed*. So *no*: the punishment for the wicked is *not eternal*. It will have *an end*.

Let's go now to Revelation 20.

We read this, I believe it was last Sunday. But let's start in verse 5.

John writes here:

Revelation 20:5

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

For him to say: *they lived not again until the thousand years were finished* shows that *they will live again*.

He says:

Revelation 20:5

This is the first resurrection.

We've already ministered on that.

In verse 6 he says:

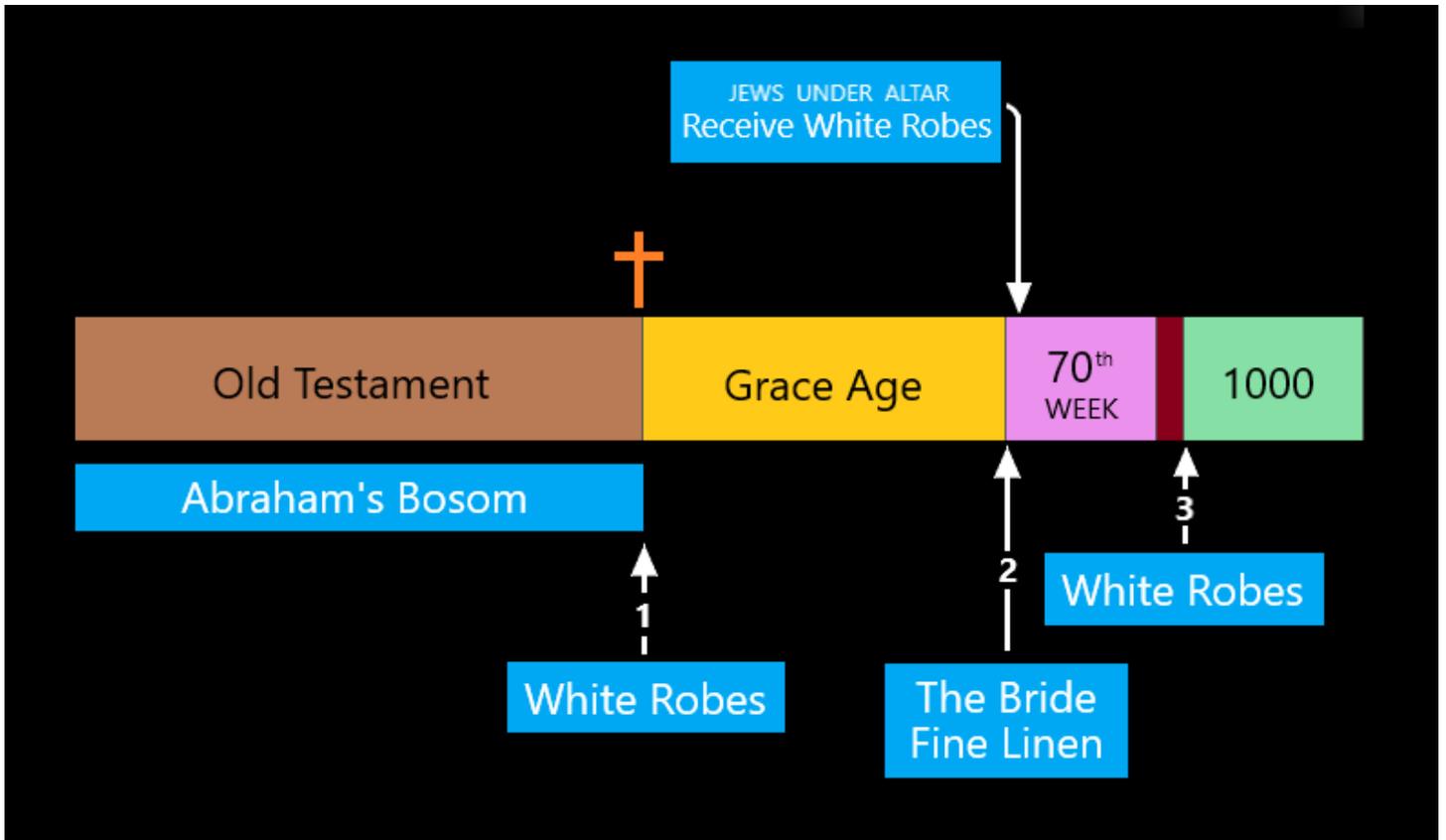
Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:

Praise the Lord.

So the righteous, the saved, they rise in the first resurrection.

The first resurrection happens in *three events* or *three stages*.



The first stage was when Jesus Christ rose. *After his resurrection, the Saints arose.* [Matthew 27:52-53] Those were the *Old Testament Saints*.

The second stage will be when Christ comes back for his Bride: *the Bride will be resurrected.* [1Thessalonians 4:16-17]

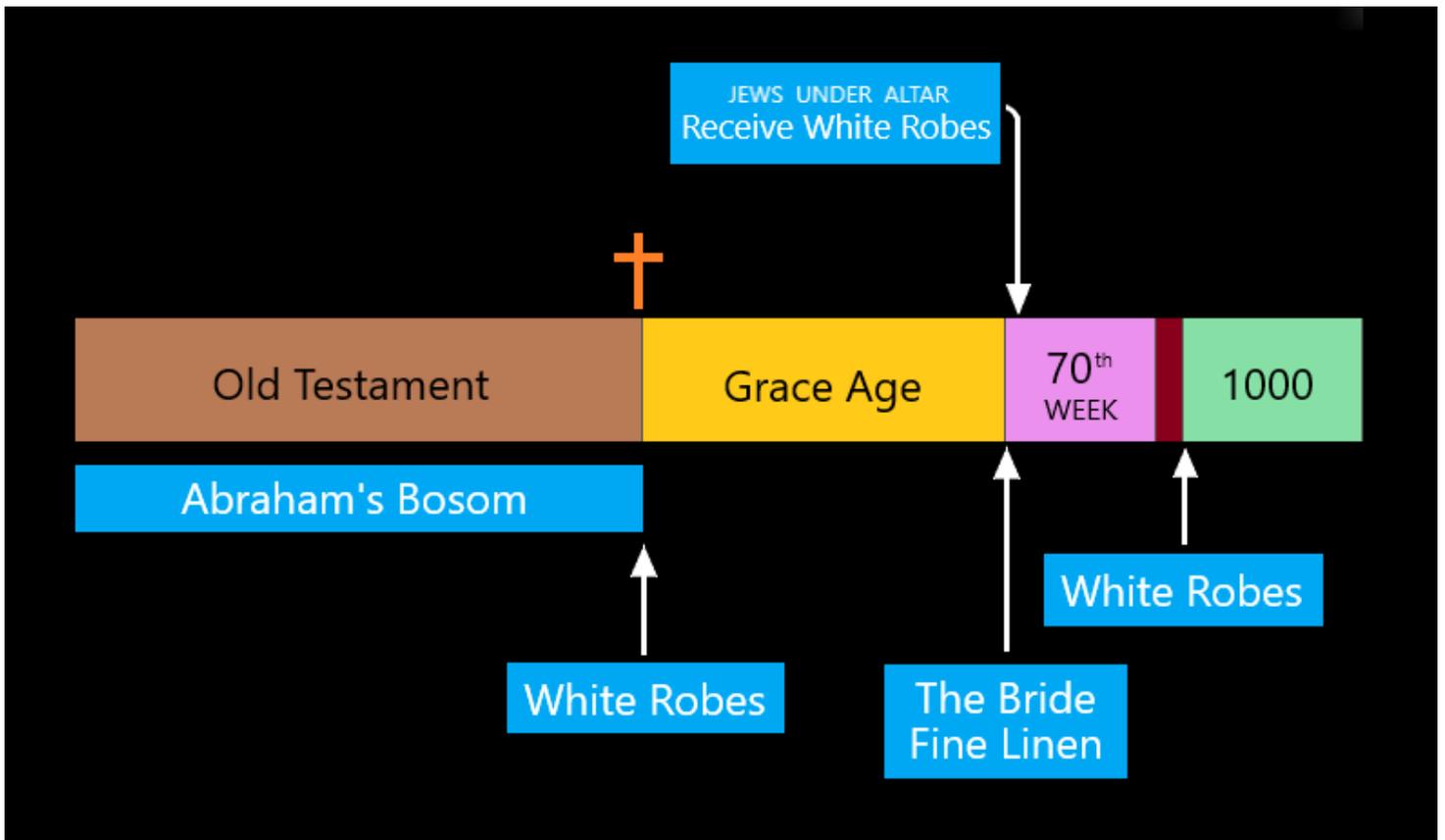
And the third stage, when Jesus comes back to the earth to rule and reign, all the rest of *the righteous* or – we could say – of *the saved* will rise. That will include those in *the great multitude* who have died during the Grace Age.

It's easy for us to think that everyone who dies in the Lord is going to rise when Jesus comes back.

My wife was giving testimony of her dad to Brother Chris and Brother Brad. Her dad was saved when he was 70 years old. He died at 71. Actually, I think he died less than a year after he was saved.

When it happened, I told my wife: he won't be coming up when Jesus Christ comes back for his Bride.

Am I taking away his salvation? Not at all.



He's going to stay in the ground when Jesus comes for his Bride but he will come up *before the Millennium* with those who have *white robes*. Praise the Lord.

When Jesus comes for his Bride, he's coming *for his Bride*. The Bride is *not* a people who have only served the Lord a few months.

This is what we've been preaching the last two or three Sundays: *the great multitude*. Praise the Lord. Down through time, there have been people who could see, for example, that there was a plague. And they could *recognize their need to be right with the Lord*.

Others, it doesn't matter if they only have *one hour* of life left. If you were to say: you need to accept the Lord, they would say: get out of my room, leave me alone.

But if that *seed* is there to be able to *believe the Word*, some on their death bed who may only have *one hour* of life left, maybe they even heard the Gospel in the past but *now* is their time, and they cry out: oh God, save me! I give my life to You!

Somebody might say: I don't think that's fair. But *God knows what's fair*.

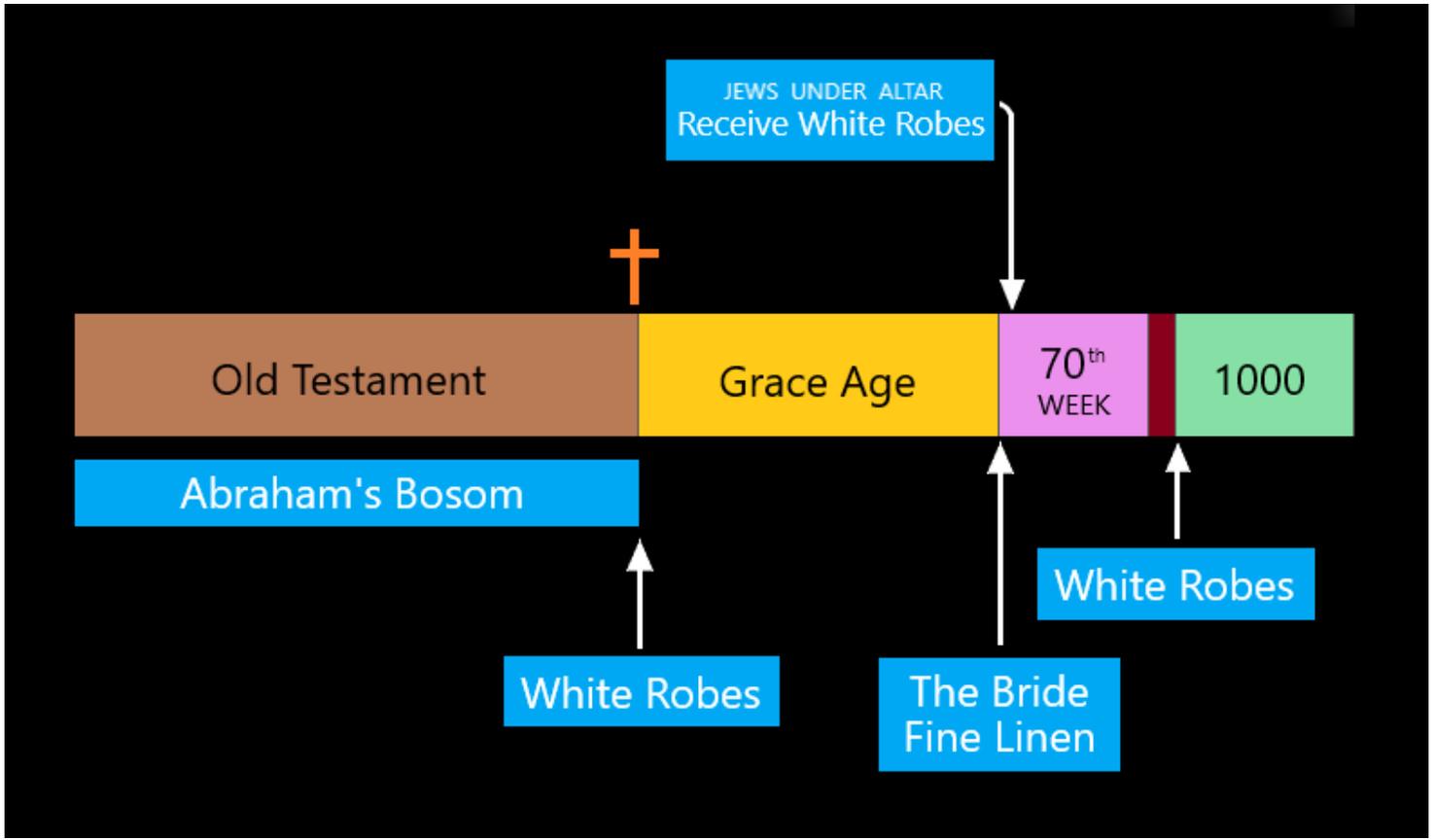
Someone else might say: how do we know if they're sincere? Well, that's not my job or your job to know. *God knows* if they're sincere better than *they* know. They may think: oh I'm really sincere. *Lord, I give you my life*. But *God knows*: if time were to go on for them and they would go right back out in the world, then He's *not* taking that soul to heaven.

But others can say: *Lord, forgive me. Please have mercy on me*. They may not even have a minister there to lead them but they know: it's in the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as the thief on the cross said: *remember me when you come in your kingdom*. [Luke 23:42]

He didn't have a minister there to tell him: you need to repent, you need to be baptized. He *couldn't* be baptized anyway. There are others who *don't have that opportunity*.

Now I know there are people who have it all planned out: they're going to live their life and when they're maybe 70 years old, then they'll accept the Lord. I have to say: I have no hope for that attitude.

I'm not talking about that this morning. That kind of person, at 69½ they may take a step to cross the street and *boom*, there comes a car. They had no chance to give their life to the Lord because *they weren't sincere to begin with*. They just want to avoid hell when it becomes convenient. God is *not* going to take that kind of an attitude.

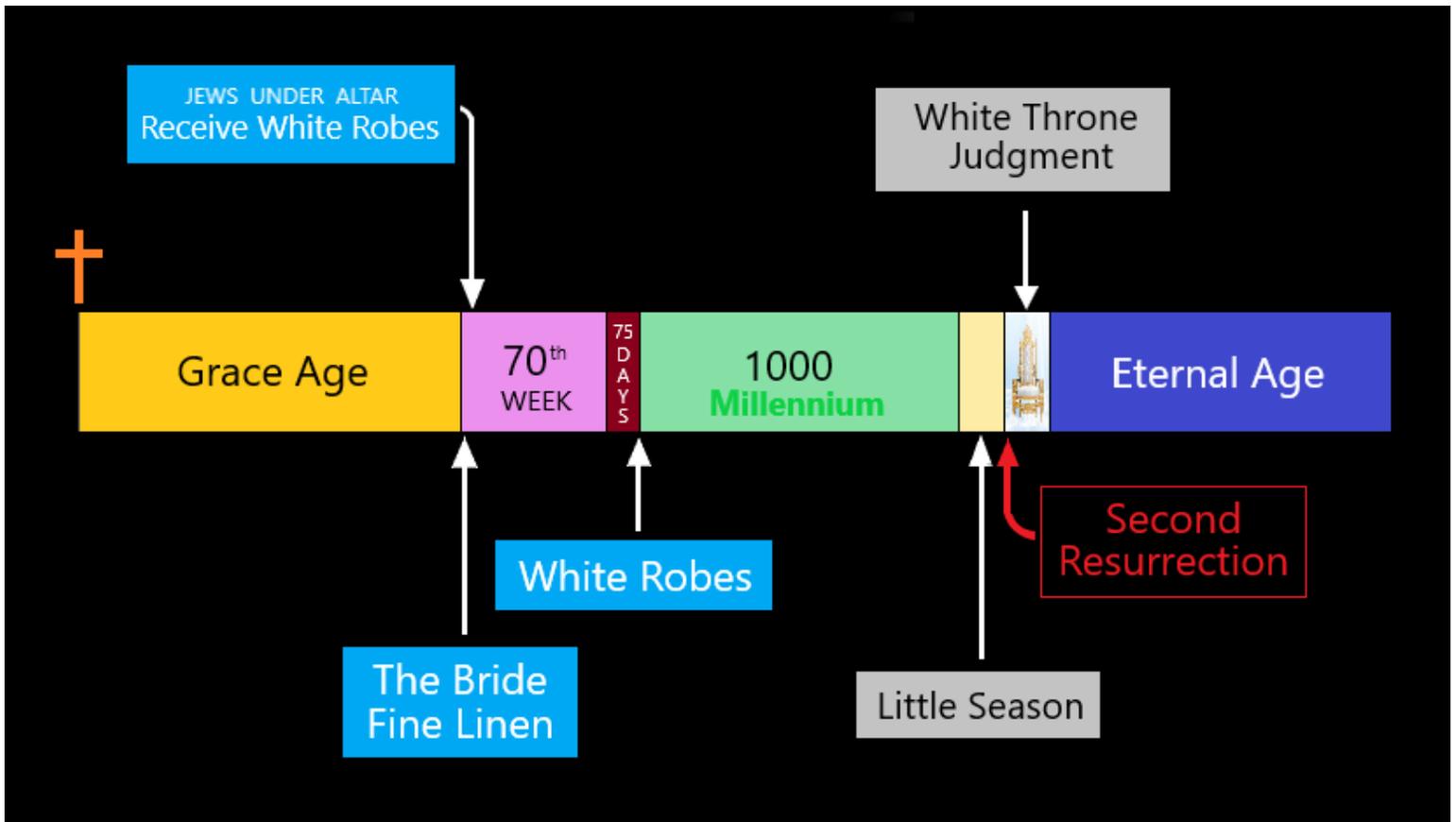


When we get to the end of the 70th Week, there will be the *fifth seal Jews* [Revelation 6:9] the *great multitude* [Revelation 7:9] and the *foolish virgins and the Woman – the persecuted Woman* – which is really still part of the *fifth seal Jews*. [Seen on the *Sea of Glass*, Revelation 15:2-3] All who have died since the crucifixion of Christ who were *not Bride* but who are *saved* will be resurrected at the *beginning of the Millennium*.

Let's keep reading. I'm in the middle of verse 6.

Revelation 20:6
on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:7
And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,



During the Millennium, children will be born, they will grow, and they will repopulate the earth. The earth will be repopulated and covered. *Satan will be bound*. [Revelation 20:2] And *thank God* he'll be bound. That's going to be a wonderful time. It won't be just Satan, it's going to be that whole satanic kingdom.

Still, that *serpent nature* will be brought in from those who will go in the Millennium *not having died*. We don't have time to discuss that today, but it *won't* be the *first resurrection* *Saints* who will be reproducing because you and I, and all the others from the *first resurrection* are going to have *immortal glorified bodies*. The sex-nature will be gone.

But the young people who will cross in still as *mortal beings* – and it's going to be *very few*, it won't be thousands and millions – they are going to refill this earth again.

There are going to be children born in the Millennium, as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etcetera. By the end of the Millennium, there will be a great population on this earth.

The beautiful thing is: there's going to be a wonderful government. We won't be fighting about: we need more trees, we need less trees. Or: we need more oil, we need less oil. It's going to be *perfect* as far as a government.

Revelation 20:7

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

Revelation 20:8

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle:

So that's where he's going to begin his work. Jesus Christ will still be reigning but *Satan will be released.*

Nobody is going to see: well, here's Satan on the scene now. But what's going to happen is: some young people will begin to get an idea: *we know better. We don't like this kingdom, it's too hard. Somebody gets a little bit out of line and they're executed. That's too harsh. And the problem behind it all is that man in Jerusalem they call Jesus. If we can kill him – does that sound familiar? – it's the same devil that tried to kill him and actually did back in the first advent.*

He's going to put that *in their heart.* And for those who will accept it, it will be a test. They will think that they can make an even better world.

Now you and I would say: how could we even desire a better world? Well, it's not really that there's something better to be desired, but what do they want today? They want to live *how they want to live.*

They're going to want the same perversion and all of that stuff, but they will know: *it's not allowed in this kingdom.* So they'll want something better. They're going to want *freedom.* They're going to want *the freedom to do evil.*

It says: *he will gather them together to battle.*

Revelation 20:8

the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:9

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about,

That's *Jerusalem.* Their plan will be *to encircle the city,* and when the order is given, to enter and kill that man named Jesus, as well as anybody else of his kingdom who opposes them. To *kill them* and to *set up their own kingdom,* that will be *their plan.*

But the *last war* ever fought is *Armageddon*. [Revelation 16:16]

This will be a war that's *never fought*. They will be just about to make the attack. They will have everything in line, they will have their plan, and they will think: there's no way we can fail. *We're going to go in and take over!*

Then what does it say?

Revelation 20:9

and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

What is that? That's *the fire of God*.

God is a consuming fire. [Hebrews 12:29] Amen. *He will devour them.* In other words: *they will all be slain.*

At that point, in a certain sense, it will be all over.

Does this mean that every person born in the Millennium is going to be a part of this? It *doesn't* mean that. But if history is any indication, it will be a large portion, very likely the majority are going to go for this.

But there will be *some* who will be able to see how wonderful the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ really is. They're going to say: there's no way we're going with this. They may even fear for their own life because they will see how many are in favour of it, but if need be, they'll be willing to die. In their heart, they will be resolved that they will *not* partake of that.

They will know: Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world, and their faith will be *in him*. And yes, they will receive Eternal Life. Praise the Lord.

This will be their test. This will be when they will make their decision for the Lord. Everybody has to make their decision for the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Let's keep reading, verse 10.

Revelation 20:10

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

In English, *for ever and ever* sounds like eternity. But in Spanish, it actually says: *for hundreds of hundreds of years*. So that would be: *ten thousand years*, maybe *twenty thousand years*, *thirty thousand years*, or maybe *a hundred thousand years*. God knows the time.

But *a hundred thousand years* does not even touch *eternity*. You and I cannot imagine *eternity* because it's endless. You can think of the biggest number you could ever think of and it's nothing compared to *eternity*.

So God knows how long the punishment will be for the devil and for wicked mankind. But I'll say this: it's not eternity.

Revelation 20:11

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it,

That's the Lord Jesus Christ, but endowed with the power of God.

Revelation 20:11

from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;

Small and great does not mean babies and older. But *small and great* means: the *poor* and the *rich*, the *weak* and the *strong*, the *common man* and the *king*. They are *all equal before God*.

Revelation 20:12

and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books,

Not the book, *the books*.

Revelation 20:12

according to their works.

So *yes*, not only do we *not believe* in an eternal hell because it's *not scriptural*, but also the wicked don't all receive the same judgement. It will depend *on what they did*.

The man who just basically tried to live a good life: he didn't hurt his fellow man, he didn't deceive his fellow man, his punishment will be *light* in comparison. I say: *in comparison* because still, he did *not accept the Word of God* so his punishment will still be there.

Maybe a better way to say it would be: if we take somebody like *a pope*, which of course, the world loves him today. They say: *oh, the pope's the first one to go to heaven*. That's one of the biggest lies.

So we can take somebody like a *pope* who has *deceived billions* and has *led them to hell*.

Now somebody may say: oh Brother, don't say something so hard like that. But he says: come to the Catholic Church, doesn't he? That's *death*. That's *spiritual death*. He's *leading people straight to hell*.

Somebody like that is going to get a *far greater punishment* than the common man. It could be *the length of time*, it could be *the intensity of the punishment*. God knows how He's going to do it. And I will say this: it's *not* going to be just ten minutes. But it's going to be a *very long time*.

When we look at this *judgement* which is the *white throne judgement* [Revelation 20:11] – and forgive me, I'm just getting started and I'm going to have to close – I will say this: Paul said: *you and I will judge angels*. [1Corinthians 6:3] You and I are going to be *witnesses* in that day.

I'll just use this as an example. Let's say somebody from Newfoundland – I'm not talking about these brothers here [laugh] – when they'll say: well, I was in a remote country, I didn't have an opportunity. The Lord is going to say: Chris and Brad come up here. Give your testimony.

Everybody will have had a chance. God knows the heart and He will be able to show to everyone in their life where they *proved themselves*. Whether it was the full message of the Gospel that they will have heard, or something – we might say – minor to that, how they will have responded to that will *prove their attitude*.

Do we really know how long this *white throne judgement* is going to be? We don't. But God is going to thoroughly judge each one from Cain all the way down to the last one. We might think that it's going to be a few days or months, but what difference is it if it lasts two thousand years? We have *eternity*.

God is a just God. And everybody who had reached an age and a capacity of accountability will be judged. They're going to stand before God, I mean, they're going to stand before the Lord as he will be invested with the power of God.

As far as I'm concerned, if it lasts *a thousand years* or if it lasts *ten thousand years*, it doesn't really matter, eternity is nothing compared to that.

But *everyone* will be brought and everyone will be judged. The angelic kingdom as well.

So I will say this morning: no, God is *not* going to take a baby that never had an opportunity to prove himself or herself, and punish them in hell because it says: *they were judged according to their works*. [Revelation 20:12] Amen.

But that also doesn't mean that we take our intellect and say: well, they have to go to heaven, when the Lord *knows* that if they had lived, they would've lived just like the devil. How many can understand?

Did not Paul say – I believe he quoted Malachi – *God said: Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated?* [Romans 9:13] God already saw that and felt that before they were born.

So God *knows* that the great majority would *not* have served the Lord. He *knows their nature*. No, He's *not* going to punish them in the *lake of fire* for a work they *didn't do*, but He's also not just going to grant them eternal life.

Remember: *at the end of the lake of fire, their soul and their mind will be destroyed.* [Revelation 20:14] And really, even our memory of those individuals will be erased. I'm speaking of *the wicked* who are thrown into the *lake of fire*.

But the Spirit of Life will go back to God. Amen?

If you step on an ant, the *life* that was in that ant came from God, and you can't destroy that life, neither can I. We can crush the ant's body and kill the ant, but the Spirit of Life goes back to God.

Now please, don't anybody say that I'm preaching that ants go to heaven. [Laugh] You're *not* listening if you say that!

So I'm going to close. I know I had already said that, but let's go ahead and stand.