

1 Peter Series

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Judgment Seat of Christ, Great White Throne

1 Peter 4:5–6; 1 Cor. 3:12–15;
Rev. 20:1

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The scene is framed by a dark blue border.

1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

1 Pet. 4:4, “In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.”

ἄσωτία *asōtia*

gen fem sing

reckless living; an

abandoned,

dissolute, life;

profligacy, prodigality

ESV debauchery;

RSV wild profligacy

***debauchery* is**

excessive

**indulgence in sex,
alcohol, or drugs.**

Dissipation:

**overindulgence in
sensual pleasures.**

Profligacy:

reckless, wasteful.

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βλασφημέω *blasphēmeō*

pres act part masc plur nom

to verbally abuse, blaspheme, slander, defame

1 Pet. 4:5, “They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”

Gen. 18:25, “Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right [do what is just]?”

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**ἀποδίδωμι *apodidōmi*
fut act indic 3 plur
to give back, pay**

1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”

Rom. 2:6, “who ‘will render to each one according to his deeds’:”

Rom. 13:7, “Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.”

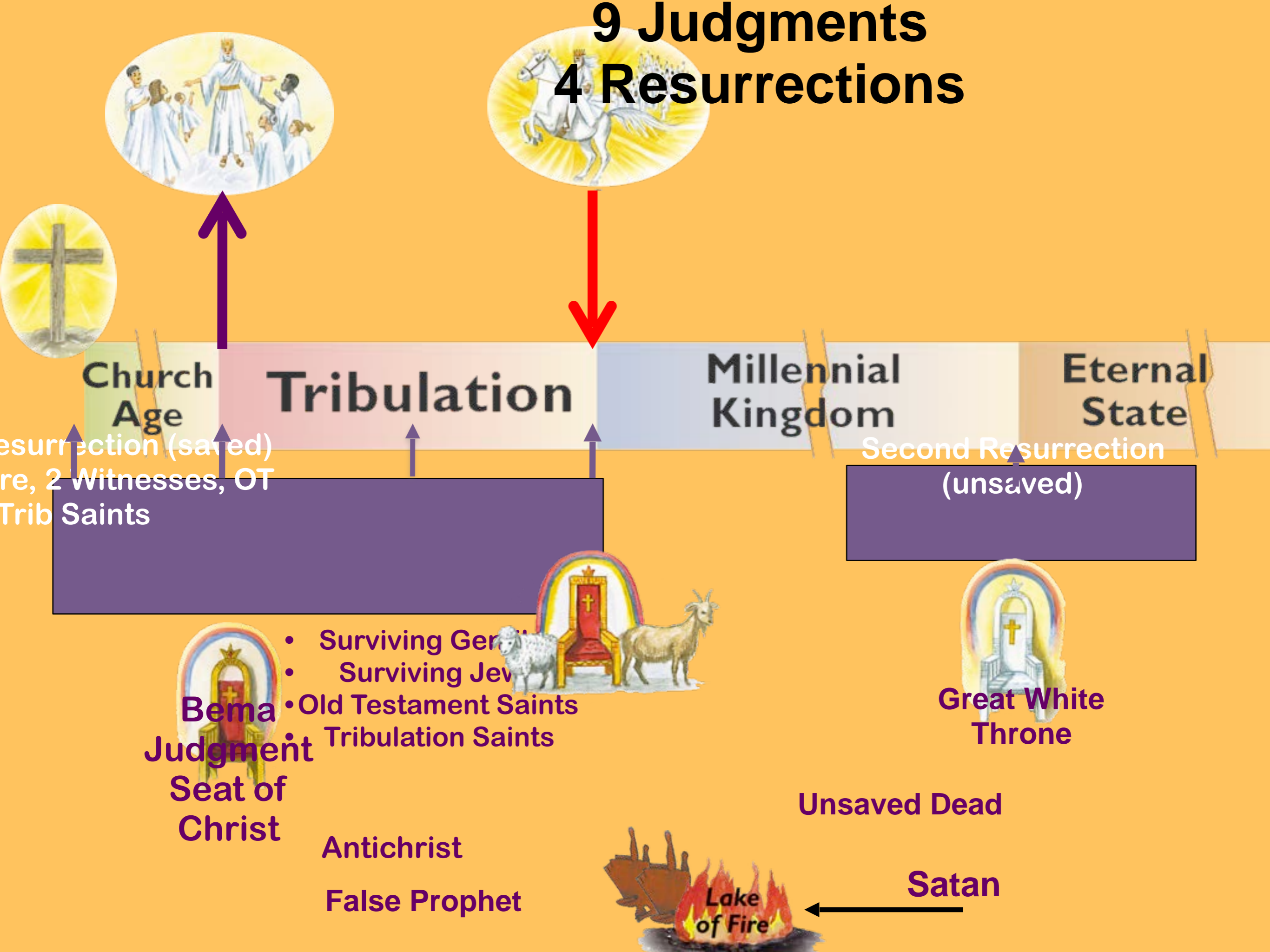
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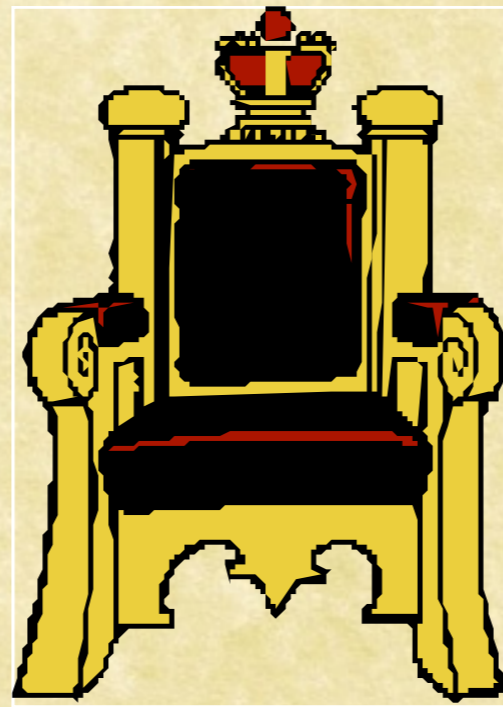
Matt. 12:37, “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

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9 Judgments 4 Resurrections



βῆμα,



Bema

The raised or elevated seat where the magistrate or tribunal would sit. In judicial settings this was the seat of the judge or tribunal. In olympics this was the seating of the judges.





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John 5:21, “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

John 5:22, “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,”

John 5:23, “that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 5:24, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

John 5:25, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

John 5:26, “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,”

John 5:27, “and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”





Delphi

Patara

Olympia

Nemea

Corinth

Isthmia

Athens

Peloponnese

Mediterranean Sea

- 3. Saronic Gulf
- 4. Gulf of Corinth

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βήμα, *bema*, “judgment seat; judicial bench for legislation, for athletic contests.”

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**κομιζω, *komizo*, aorist, middle, subjunct, 3S;
“to get back something that is one’s own or
owed to one, get back, recover”
Subjunctive of purpose, “in order that each
might receive what is owed.”**

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**πρασσω, *prasso*, aorist active indicative
3rd person singular; “to bring about or
accomplish something through activity, to
engage in an activity.”**

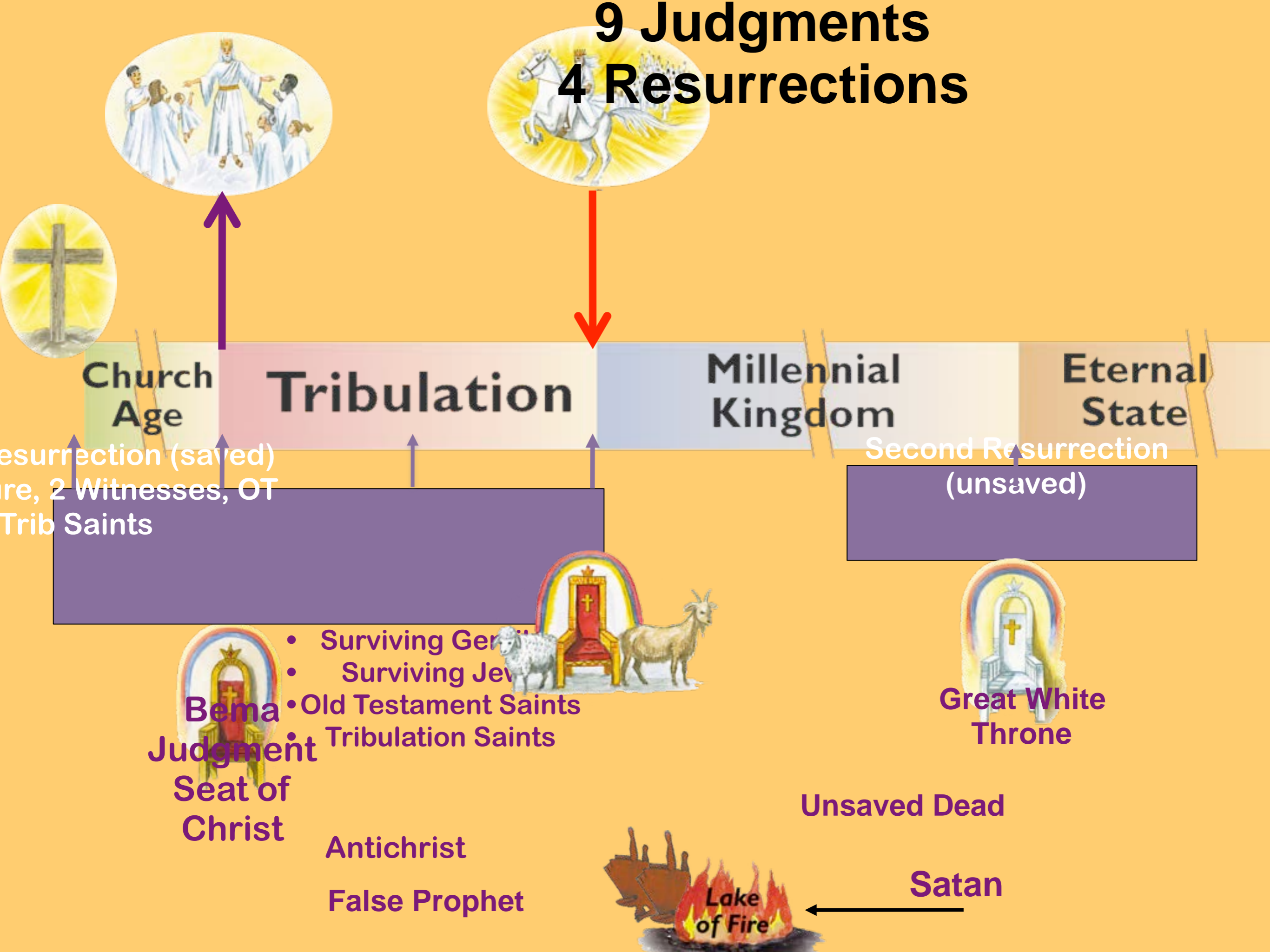
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**ἀγαθός, *agathos*
“good of intrinsic
value”**

**φάυλος, *phaulos*,
“inferior quality,
ordinary”**

- 1. There will be an evaluation of every believer's life.**
- 2. The issue isn't sin or salvation, but to reward faithfulness.**
- 3. The Judgment Seat of Christ is only for believers.**
- 4. The Judgment Seat is described in cultural terms: A Bema seat could refer to either the place of civil adjudication or the seat of the judges in an athletic contest.**

9 Judgments 4 Resurrections



John 5:29, “and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”

Daniel 12:2, “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.”

Rev. 20:7, “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev. 20:8, “and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”

Rev. 20:9, “They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Rev. 20:10, “The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”