Annihilation vs. Eternal Torment



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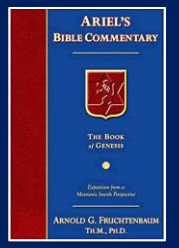
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"**Conditional immortality** means the soul is not inherently immortal; immortality is not part of the make-up of the soul. Rather, immortality is a gift for the saved only. So at death, the unbeliever simply becomes non-existent, and only the believer continues to exist…What **annihilationism** says is this: the unsaved soul is annihilated after a temporary period of punishment. These people do believe that the unsaved soul goes to Hell, but not for eternity, only temporarily. Eventually the unsaved soul is annihilated after suffering a duration of punishment."

PROTESTIA

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II. Anti-Annihilationist Texts

A. Dan. 12:2

B. Matt. 25:46

C. Mark 9:47-48

D. Matt. 8:12

E. Luke 16:19-31



F. 2 Thess. 1:9

G. Heb. 6:2

H. Rev. 14:11

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Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to
Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the
birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over
every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 **God created man
in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and
female He created them**. 28 God blessed them; and God said to
them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it;
and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and
over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Genesis 9:6

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the **image of God** He made man."



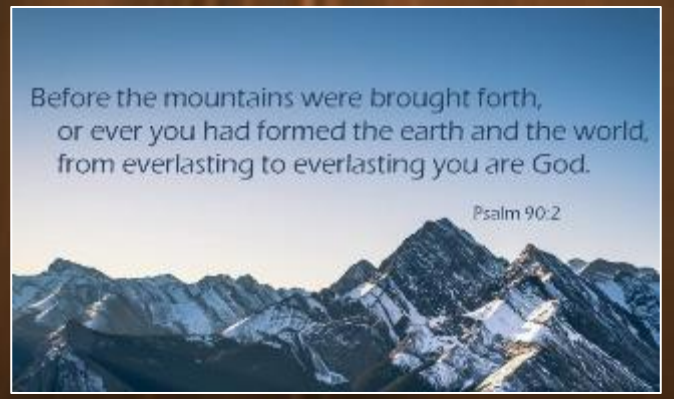
Ecclesiastes 3:11

“He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity (***olam***) in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.”



Psalm 90:2

"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (***olam***) to everlasting (***olam***), You are God."

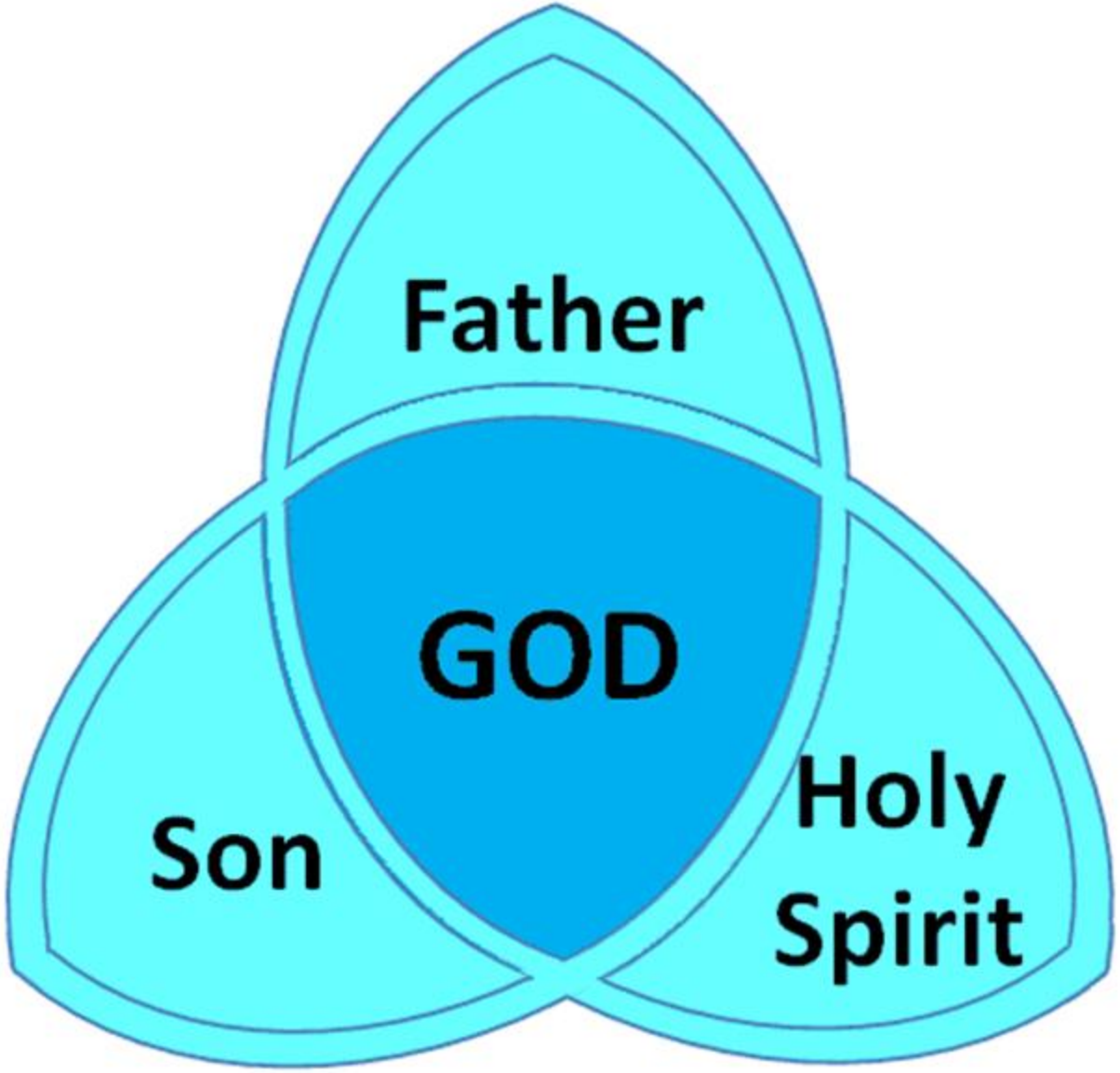


Micah 5:2

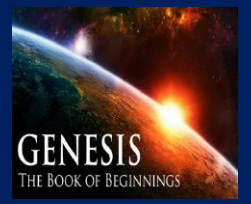
"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of **eternity (*olam*)**."



TRINITY



Names for God in Genesis



1. Elohim (1:1) – Power
2. Yahweh (2:4) – Relational
3. El Roi (Gen. 16:13) – Aware
4. **El Olam (21:33) – Eternal**
5. Jehovah Jireh (22:14) – Provision
6. God Isaac Feared (31:42, 53) – Reverenced
7. God, the God of Israel (33:20) – National

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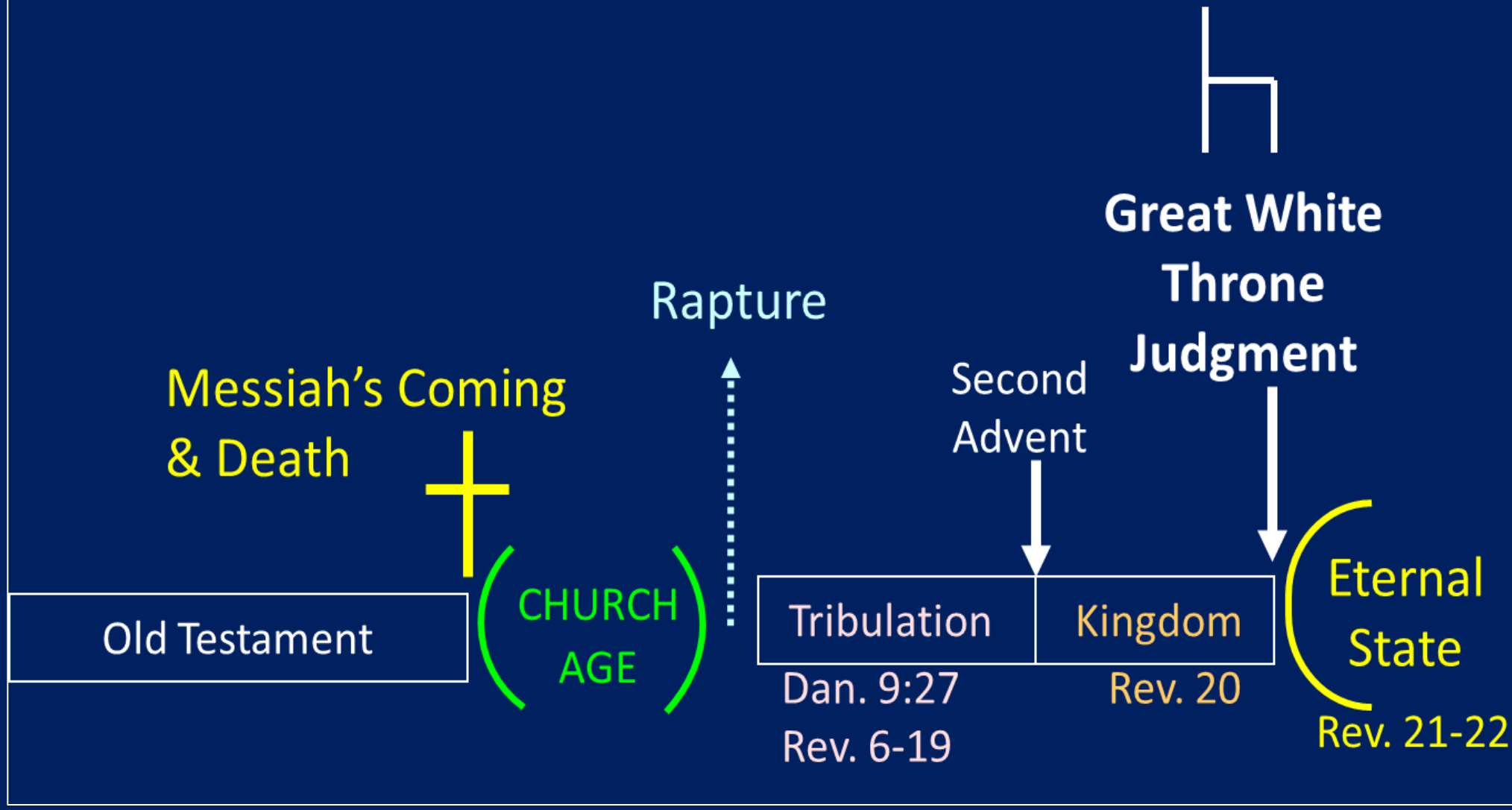
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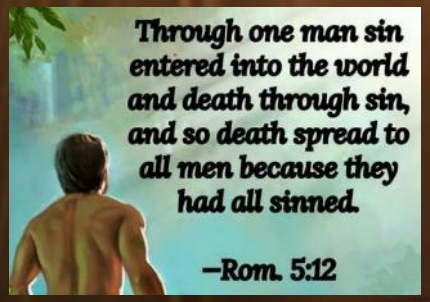
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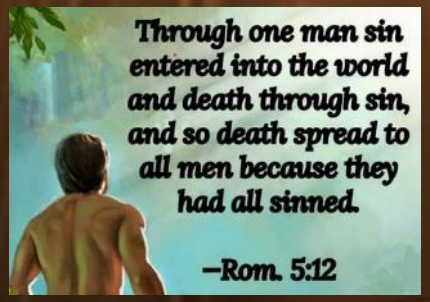
Genesis 2:16-17

“16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely **<u>die (*muwth*)</u>**.’”



Genesis 3:4-5

“4 The serpent said to the woman, ‘**You surely will not die**! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”



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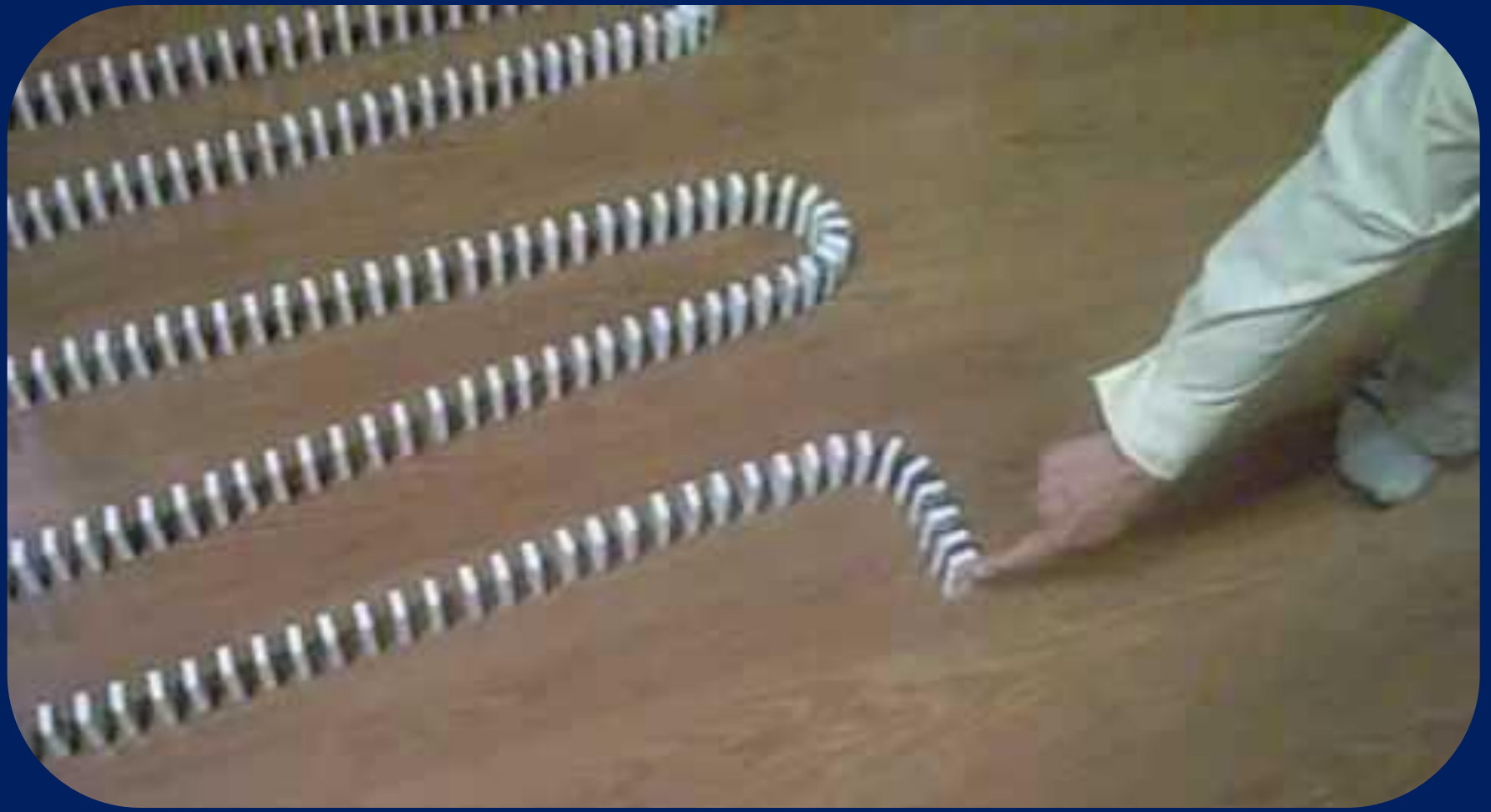
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