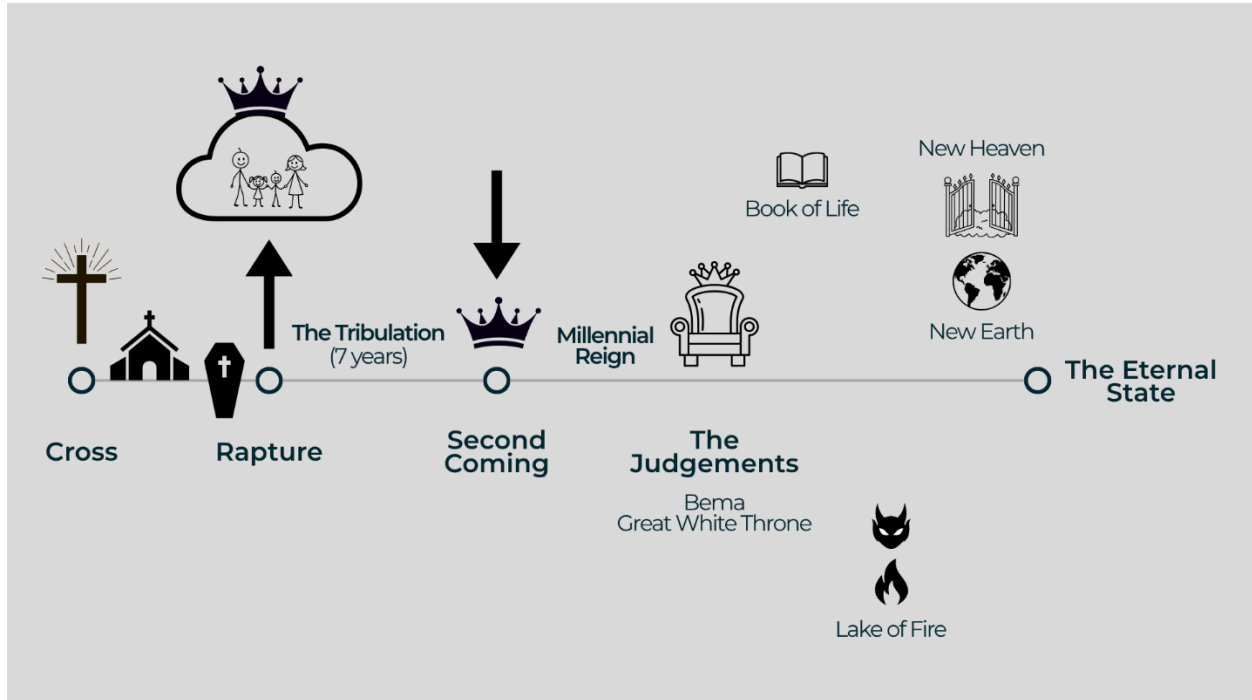


# HOW THE STORY ENDS

## How It All Ends – Conclusion

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## The Final Events

### 1. The Second Coming.

*“...we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,” (Titus 2:13, NIV84)*

### 2. The Millennial Reign.

*“Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus...They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:4, ESV)*

### 3. Armageddon and the demise of the devil.

*“and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Revelation 20:10, ESV)*

### 4. The Judgments.

a. The BEMA Seat of Christ.

*"All of us must appear in front of Christ's judgment seat." (2 Corinthians 5:10a, GW)*

b. The GREAT WHITE Throne.

*"And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:11–15, NLT)*

5. The Final Destiny of all Humanity – Heaven & Hell

✝ Heaven is a place for those who RECEIVED God's grace.

*"There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil." (John 3:18–19, NLT)*

☠ Hell is a place for those who SPURNED God's grace.

*"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'" (Matthew 25:41, NLT)*

✝ Heaven is a place of RELEASE & REJOICING.

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." (Revelation 21:4, NLT)*

*"In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face-to-face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now." (1 Corinthians 13:12, The Living Bible)*

☠ Hell is a place of SORROW.

*"In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out." (Luke 13:28, ESV)*

✝ **Heaven is a place of REWARDS AND REASSIGNMENT.**

*"For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done." (Matthew 16:27, NIV)*

*"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" (Matthew 25:21, NLT)*

☠ **Hell is a place of SUFFERING.**

*"and his soul went into hell. There, in torment, he saw Lazarus in the far distance with Abraham. " 'Father Abraham,' he shouted, 'have some pity! Send Lazarus over here if only to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in these flames.'" (Luke 16:23–24, The Living Bible)*

✝ **Heaven is a place of sweet REUNION.**

*"Many people will come from everywhere to enjoy the feast in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (Matthew 8:11, CEV)*

☠ **Hell is a place of SEPARATION.**

*"Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are." (Luke 16:26, GNB)*

## **How Could a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?**

*"As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?" (Ezekiel 33:11, NLT)*

### ***Roadblocks to Hell***

1. The WORD of God.

*"Abraham answered him, 'If they won't listen to Moses', Teachings, and the Prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone comes back to life.' " (Luke 16:31, GW)*

2. The **PRAYERS** of Christ and His people.

*“Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34, ESV)*

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat, but I have pleaded in prayer for you...” (Luke 22:31–32, The Living Bible)*

3. The **TESTIMONY** of Christians.

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” (Romans 1:16, NIV)*

4. The **CONVICTION** of the Holy Spirit.

*“And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:” (John 16:8, ESV)*

5. Their own **CONSCIENCE**.

*“They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.” (Romans 2:15, NLT)*

6. The evidence of **CREATION**.

*“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.” (Romans 1:20, NLT)*

7. The **LOVE** of God.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV)*

**NEXT STEPS**

HOME class

Invite someone to church!