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A Long Fantasy (Weird) Story



“Hallelujah” -- “Praise the Lord”

¹ After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation & glory & power belong to our God,

² for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.

He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Revelation 19:1-2 (NIV)

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

Revelation 19:3-4 (NIV)

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
both great and small!”

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great
multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like
loud peals of thunder, shouting:

Revelation 19:5-6a (NIV)

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

Revelation 19:6b-8 (NIV)

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Revelation 19:2 (NIV)

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Eschatology: the study of “end times”



Scatology: the study of feces

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¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Revelation 19:11-13 (NIV)

¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Revelation 19:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”

Revelation 19:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.

²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

Revelation 19:19-20a (NIV)

The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 19:20a-21 (NIV)

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Jesus is OP (Overpowered).

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the **key** to the Abyss and holding in his hand a **great chain**. ² He seized the **dragon**, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, & bound him for a **thousand years**. ³ He threw him into the **Abyss**, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the **thousand years** were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV)

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4 (NIV)

⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5-6 (NIV)

“Nero fastened the guilt [of the burning of Rome] and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called **Christians** by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment

Cornelius Tacitus, The Annals - Book XV (circa 110 & 120 AD)

again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome... Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty... Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.”

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⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves.

Revelation 20:7-9a (NIV)

But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Revelation 20:9a-11 (NIV)

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, & death & Hades gave up the dead that were in them, & each person was judged according to what they had done.

Revelation 20:12-13 (NIV)

¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15 (NIV)



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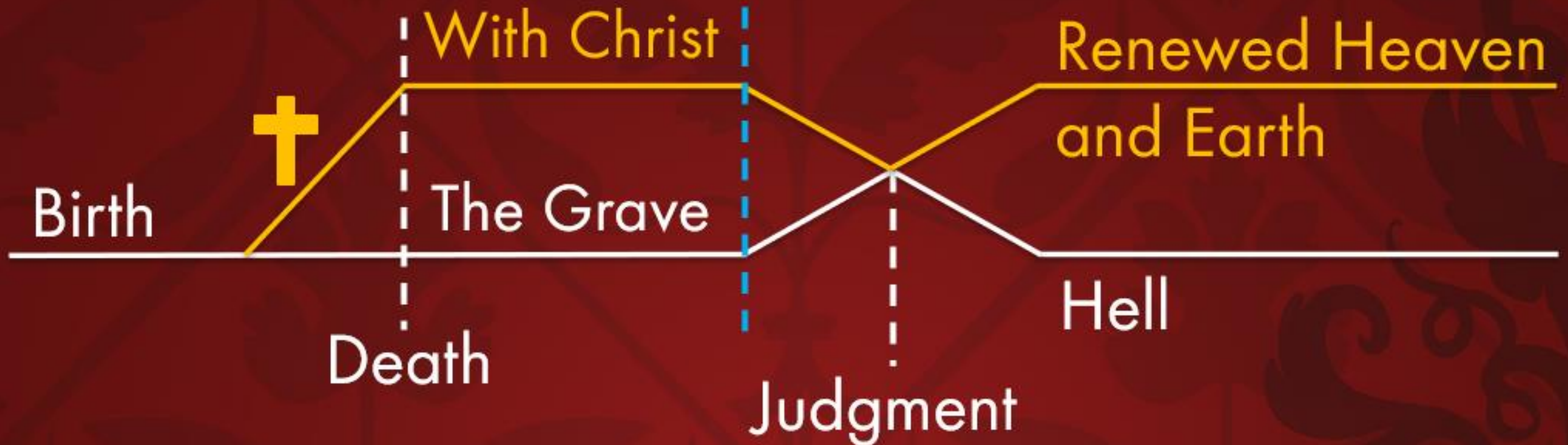
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Traditional View



Biblical View

Return of Christ



Why don't we feel like shouting
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1. Some of us are confused.
2. Some of us are upset with God.

“Most evangelical Christians who believe that hell is a literal place and that its duration is forever do not interpret the fire imagery literally. Well-known figures such as John Calvin, Martin Luther, C.S. Lewis, Billy Graham, D.A. Carson, J.I. Packer, and Sinclair Ferguson all understand the fire images nonliterally.”

- Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle (*Erasing Hell*)

⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NIV)

“It takes the quiet of a suburban home for the birth of the thesis ... [of] God’s refusal to judge. In a scorched land, soaked in blood of the innocent, it will invariably die.”

- Miroslav Volf (Theologian)

God doesn't want anyone to perish:

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

God doesn't want anyone to perish:

... God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3b-4 (NIV)

God doesn't want anyone to perish:

¹¹ Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, **I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked**, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.

Ezekiel 33:11a (NIV)

¹⁶ 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)