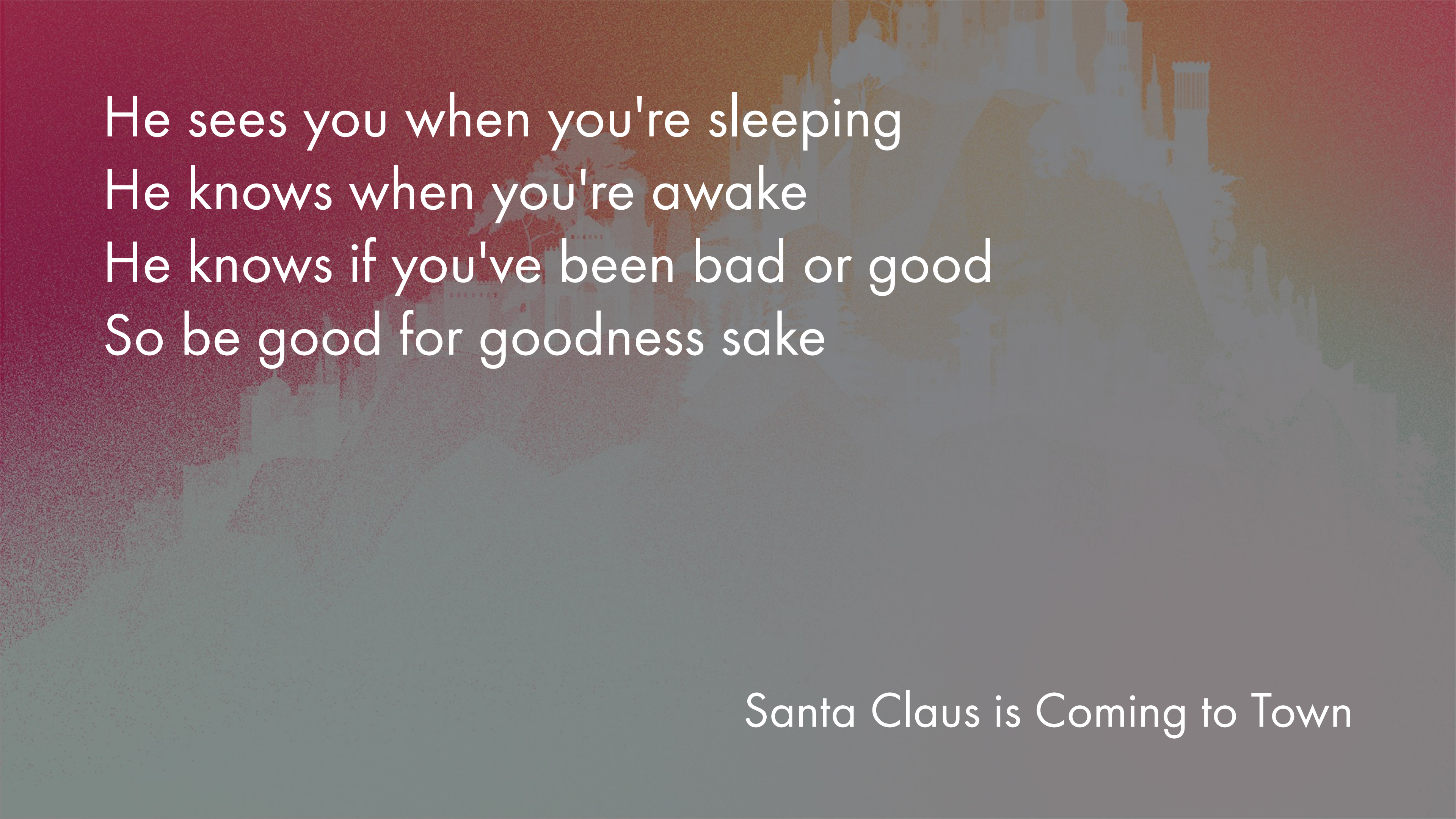


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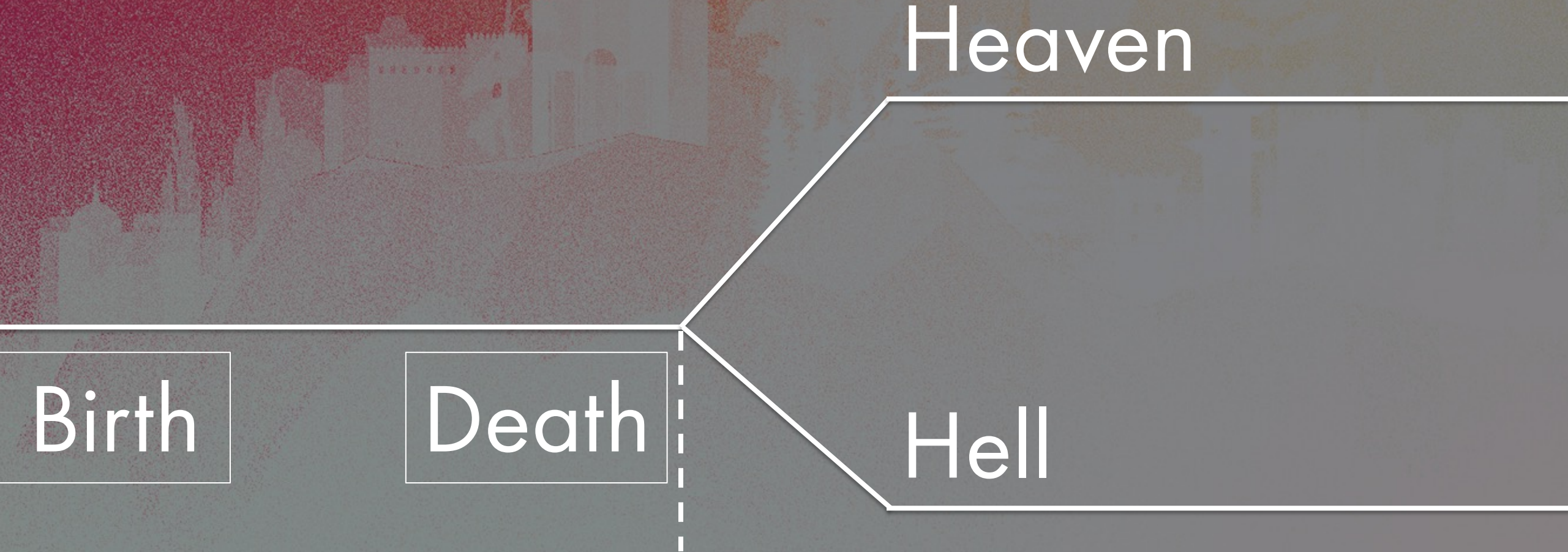
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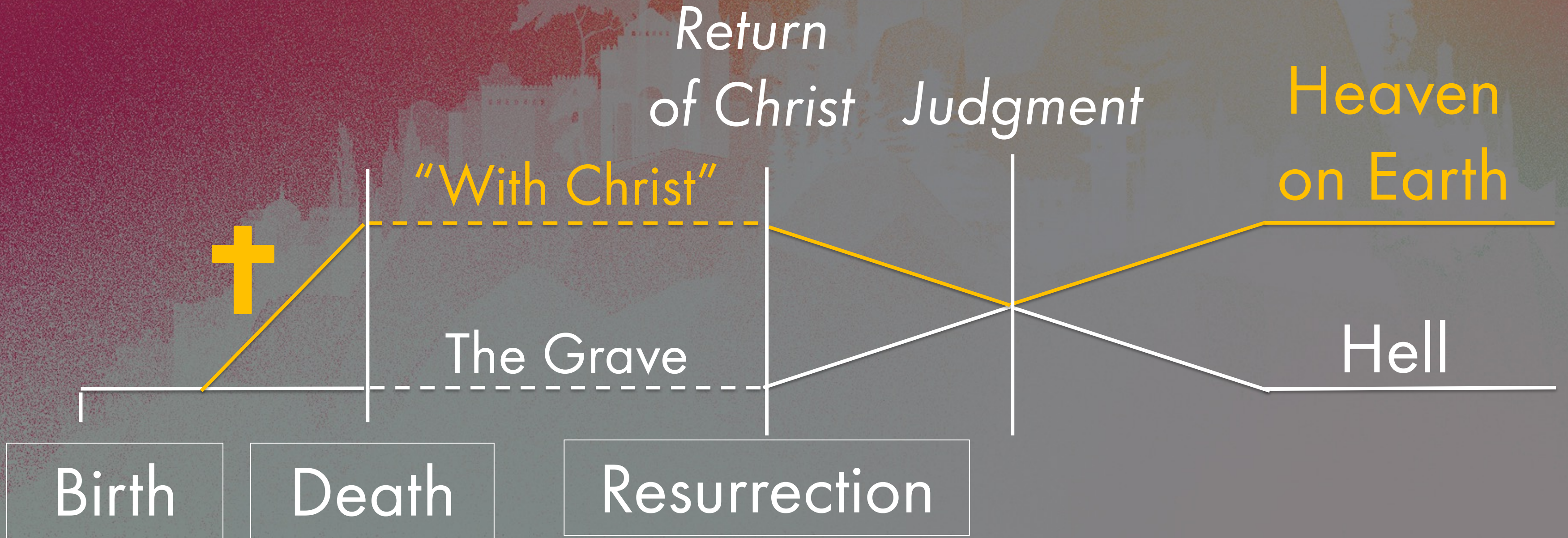
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Cultural Timeline



Biblical Timeline



⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power...

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¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;
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