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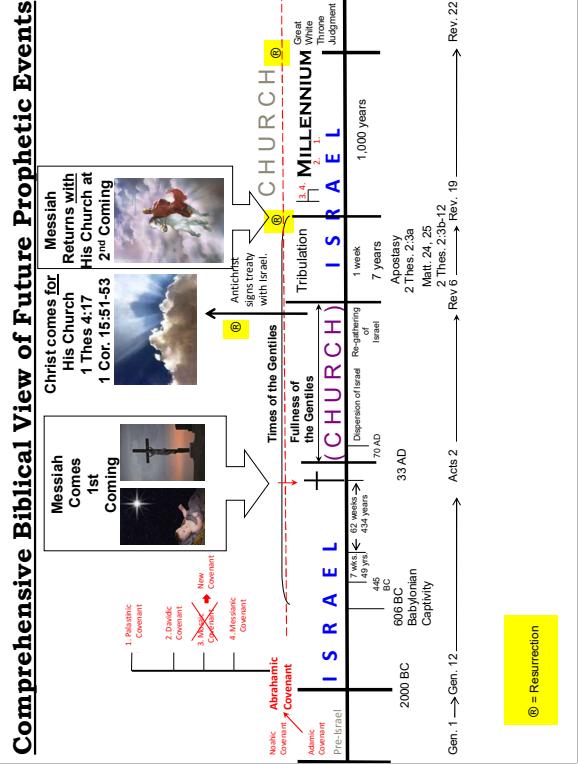
"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The 7 Trumpet Judgments"

Part 3

Rev. 9:1-6

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"star from heaven had fallen"

πεπτόκοτα [peptōkota], a perfect tense participle, "having previously fallen and now being in a fallen state."

Isa 14:12

**12 "How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!**

Rev 12:9

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

"bottomless pit"

αβύσσου - abyss - comes from a root meaning "without depth, the place of unfathomable depth," and so it is therefore translated "bottomless." A very deep gulf or chasm or shaft in the lowest parts of the earth used as the common abode of demons.

Hell
 Abyss
 Gehenna
 Sheol
 Hades
 Paradise
 Lake of Fire
 Tartarus
 Bottomless Pit
 Fixed Gulf
 Grave
 Abraham's Bosom

4 terms which describe the place of the dead:

1. **Sheol.**

*Used 65 times in O.T. – 31 times as “hell”; 31 times as the “grave”; 3 times as the “pit”.

2. **Hades.**

*Used 11 times. 10 meaning “hell”; 1 meaning “grave”.

3. **Tartarus.**

*Used 1 time to denote the holding place for a group of demons.

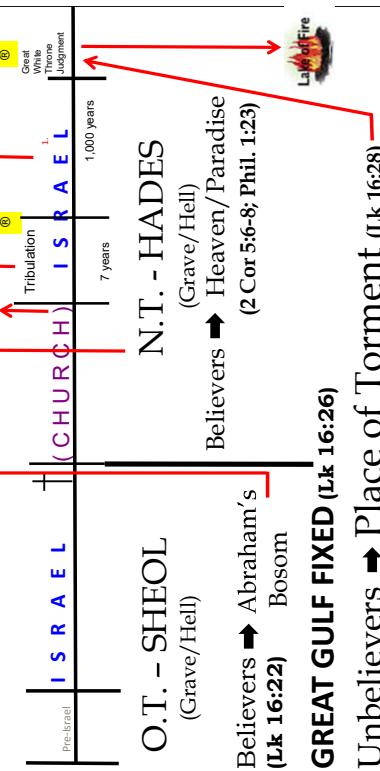
4. **Gehenna.**

*Used 12 times in the N.T. Used as a geographical term and the final state of the unsaved.

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Eph 4:8

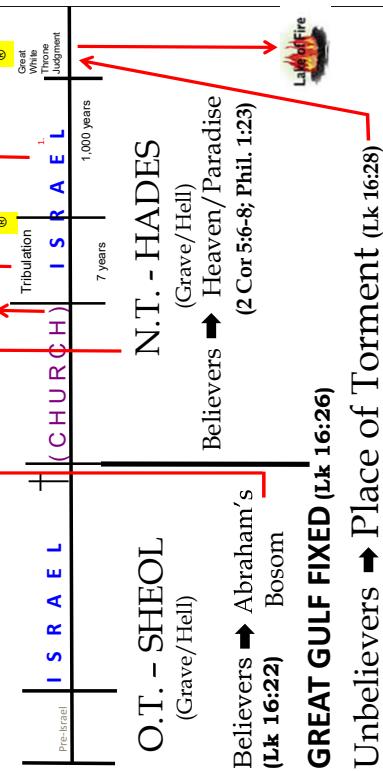
8 Therefore it says,
“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
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Rev 11:7

7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

Gen 6:1-4

1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

****Note:** This is Satan's failed attempt to corrupt the human race and make it irredeemable.

2 Peter 2:4

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

Jude 6

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

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Luke 8:30-33

30 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

31 They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission.

33 And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

****Note:** The demons begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. These demons preferred to be cast into pigs, so deep was their horror and dread of the abyss.

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1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him,

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Rev 20:15

22 "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Abraham far away, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house —

28 for I have five brothers — in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

30 "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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LAKE OF FIRE

1. Final destination for all eternity of all the unsaved (Rev 20:15).
2. Final destination for all eternity for Satan, the Beast, and False Prophet (Rev. 20:10).
3. Final destination for all eternity for death and Hades (Rev. 20:14).

Rev 20:15

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 20:10

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Rev 20:14

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

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While in the future men will go
to hell, in Revelation 9 hell
comes to men.



Impact –

1. The furnace of the pit of the abyss is opened and the blackness and the heat start billowing out to such a degree that the sun and the air are darkened by the smoke of the pit.
2. The clean air people and the Air Quality Management District are going to go crazy.
3. So the earth has been affected, the grass and plants have been affected, the animals have been affected, the water has been affected, the sky has been affected, and now the air, polluted beyond anybody's wildest imagination, with the soot of deepest hell billowing up.

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- W.A. Criswell

"Infernal creatures upon the earth; they were vile in body, they were malignant in disposition, they were terrifying in form, and they were equipped to afflict and to torment mankind."

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Ezek 9:4-6

- 4 The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."
- 5 But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

- 6 "Utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not touch any man on whom is the mark;

Rev 14:1

- 1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Rev 22:3-4

- 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;
- 4 they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
- 19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

Rev 3:12

- 12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
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Locusts-Scorpions:

1. 5 months is the normal life span of locusts as they usually thrive from May to September.
2. In the Middle East the scorpion there has a sting which is reported to be the worst pain of any sting possible.
3. The poison injected into a human may cause edema, discoloration, extreme pain, convulsions, paralysis, cardiac irregularities, and sometimes death.
4. If someone is stung by a scorpion and gets the full blast of their poison, they will roll on the ground in agony, foam at the mouth and grind their teeth in pain, not unlike some demon-possessed people that we read about in the gospels.
5. These are worse than any physical locusts or any physical scorpions. They're going to fly wherever they want. They're going to dart through the air. They're going to dwell in the darkness. They're going to be swarming demons from hell and they're going to come in to the very bodies of people and they're going to torment them, perhaps to the degree that they agonize, foam at the mouth, grind their teeth. They're going to keep it up for five months without relief.

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Think about it –

Every imaginable attempt will be tried to end one's life **but:**

- Guns won't go off or if they do, bullets won't be fatal.
- Bodies won't drown.
- Pills & drugs won't kill.
- Drinking poison won't kill.
- Falls won't crush to death.
- Plane, train, and car crashes leave no fatalities.
- Razor blades and knives won't do their job.
- Hanging is futile.
- Suffocation doesn't work.

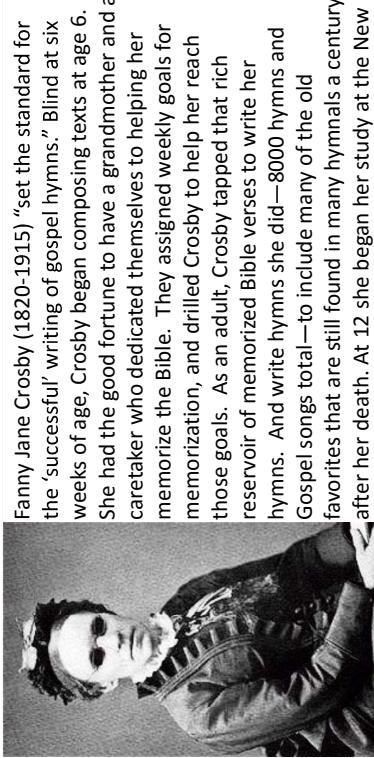
"These demonic creatures, anticipating a man's actions, by simply stinging him at the crucial moment, will prevent him from suicide. What excruciating torture; driven to the point of suicide, but prevented from taking the final step by the very same torment that drives a man to the resolve to take his own life. Man will seek death by any means, even the tormenting locusts, yet they will not be permitted to kill."

"You know, the world's going to know it's over...it's over. There's no tomorrow for them. No hope. All they want is suicide, let me out of here. Their earth has been devastated. The earth they love, the earth they worship, Mother Nature, the seas are gone, the fresh water is gone, the trees are gone, the animals are gone, the pit of hell blackens everything. Everybody on the face of the earth is in excruciating agony. They're filled with demons. Their thoughts are as vile and wicked and wretched as they can be. And only by the sovereign grace of God could anybody repent in that condition. There's nothing good left. And worst of all, they know there is no future...no hope, and they just want to die."

- John MacArthur

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Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915) set the standard for the 'successful' writing of gospel hymns." Blind at six weeks of age, Crosby began composing texts at age 6. She had the good fortune to have a grandmother and a caretaker who dedicated themselves to helping her memorize the Bible. They assigned weekly goals for memorization, and drilled Crosby to help her reach those goals. As an adult, Crosby tapped that rich reservoir of memorized Bible verses to write her hymns. And write hymns she did—8000 hymns and Gospel songs total—to include many of the old favorites that are still found in many hymnals a century after her death. At 12 she began her study at the New York School for the Blind, a school she later served as a teacher. A friend of several presidents, she became one of the country's most important advocates for the cause of the blind, addressing a session of Congress on the topic. She later married blind musician Alexander Van Alstyne. This hymn is one of many collaborations between Crosby and composer William Doane.

Fanny Crosby
(1820-1915)

While Doane enjoyed the business he owned, Doane enjoyed Christian music even more. During his lifetime, he composed the music for hundreds of hymns, and edited a number of hymn collections. One evening Crosby and Doane talked at length about the nearness of God in their lives. When Fanny went to her room, her mind and heart were flooded with ideas from their conversation. Before she went to sleep, the lines of this hymn were in her mind. The next morning she recited the words to Doane, who wrote down the stanzas and composed the tune. The text appeared with the following inscription from Hebrews 10:22: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." The name of the hymn is . . .



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I AM THINE, O LORD

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.
Refrain
*Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed
Lord,*
To Thy precious, bleeding side.
- 2 Consecrate me now to Thy service,
Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast
hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.
Refrain

- 3 O the pure delight of a
single hour
That before Thy throne I
spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and
with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with
friend!
Refrain
4 There are depths of love
that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I
may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.
Refrain