

The Book of 1 Peter

Chapter 3 Part 2

“When God’s Patience Runs Out”

Return To
All Commentary

When Handel wrote the song “*The Hallelujah Chorus*” (...*King of Kings, Forever, and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, and Lord of Lords, forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...*) **that is sung so often at Christmas time, He was at the lowest point of his life.**



- ☞ He was paralyzed on the right side of his body.
- ☞ All of his money was gone.
- ☞ He was heavily in debt.
- ☞ He was under the threat of being put into prison.

And yet, He could write “*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*”

There are two way that we can meet the trials of our life: Either we can try to alter the difficulty, or we can alter ourselves...

So often, as we are teaching believers about Jesus and their new life that they have because of Jesus Death and Resurrection, we focus on the negative things we are doing and the wrong that we have done.

- ☞ **Don't lie** to each other any longer.
- ☞ **Don't allow** your temper to control you.
- ☞ **Don't love** the things that are in the world.

Not that these kinds of things are not very important, but perhaps More important than these, should be the focus on beginning to do the Right things:

- ☞ **Loving people** the way Jesus loves them.
- ☞ **Serving each other** with sincerity, and perhaps the most important of all these, one of the topics of our study this mooring:
- ☞ **Suffering** because we have made the commitment to follow Jesus.

The Bible makes a parallel between the process that clay goes through as it is made into a beautiful piece of pottery and the process of our growth as Christians.

Jeremiah 18:1-6

1 The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said,

2 “Go down to the shop **where clay pots and jars are made**. I will speak to you while you are there.”

3 So I did as he told me and **found the potter working at his wheel**.

4 But **the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped**, so the potter **squashed the jar into a lump of clay and started again**.

5 Then the Lord gave me this message:

6 **...can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay?** As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

- ☞ **Did you know** that the clay that is used for pottery is often found out in the **garbage dumps or swamps** of the world? Even as we are sometimes found by Jesus our master potter, out in the garbage dumps of the earth.
- ☞ **As clay in it's raw form** needs to be **stretched and pounded** to become the pliable, flexible clay the master desires, we also go through the processes of being stretched, pounded and made flexible by Jesus through the trials that stretch our faith and shape us.
- ☞ **Sometimes when the clay is stubborn** in the hands of the potter, it needs to be "*Squashed into a lump and began again...*" as the Lord described to Jeremiah the breaking process Jesus will put us through to break down a hard heart and a self will.
- ☞ **As clay has within it many impurities** that can only be removed through the process of being fired in a kiln at more that 2,000 degrees. Unfortunately, the only way that we can be purified and refined is by be placed into the furnace of life's trials, hurts, disappointments and failures, so that those things in our life that are worthless and hinder us, may be burned away.

In the Middle East, during the time that Jesus walked the earth, when a piece of clay had been through this process of becoming a beautiful piece of pottery, being stretched, shaped, fired in the furnace, and then came through the process without cracking, on the bottom they would stamp the Greek Word "**Dokimas**", which means: "**Tested**".

- ☞ **The pottery had been through** the 2,000 degree fires and was Literally "*Tested by fire, and found to measure up*".
- ☞ **During the process** of being stretched, pounded, and fired at 2,000 degrees, the pot didn't fall apart, it didn't break, it endured the process and has come out whole.

One of the processes that we are all going through right now, is that of learning how to suffer because we believe in and trust in Jesus.

- ☞ **On Wednesday night this past week**, in our study of Holiness, we discovered that the process of becoming Holy, is through the loss of material things, the pain and suffering that we endure, and the disappointments and failures we all have with ourselves and others.

These things that each of you are going through right now, is this same process that the clay went through, in the hands of the potter, and in the test of the fire.

- ☞ **The trials stretch your faith**, so that you can see who you really are, where you will run to when things fall apart, either to Jesus, His strength, and shelter, or to the world through what it offers.
- ☞ **Going without some of the things you need**, and suffering the loss of material things teaches us that all physical and material things in this world do not satisfy. Do not meet the deepest needs of our heart.
- ☞ **Going into an intense furnace of suffering** causes us to remove all the things in our life that were hindering us before, all pride, self reliance, self wisdom, all personal power and resources, sin that weighs us down...

Then, as coming through the furnace, we find that we did not crack, we made it whole, and are actually stronger than we were before the potter took us into the trial.

- ☞ **Then Jesus the Master Potter**, stamps on us, “**Dokimas**”, “**Tested**”.

1 Peter 1:6-7

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 **that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

One of my jobs as a Pastor is to Comfort those who are hurting and sometimes, to make hurt those who are comfortable.

- ☞ **If you are hurting this morning**, to remind you that your suffering has a good purpose.
- ☞ **That Jesus knows** about what you are going through, and He is there with you and will make sure that you survive the furnace.
- ☞ **To encourage you that** the genuineness of your faith in this trial as you fall upon the mercy and love of Jesus is more precious to Him than anything else.
- ☞ **To remind you** that Jesus is about to come for all those who love Him, and take us back to where He lives, where we will never hurt or suffer again, forever. **SO HANG IN THERE!**

If you have grown so comfortable in your relationship with Jesus that you have stopped growing, to make you a little uncomfortable, start the growing process again...

- ☞ **Because while we are in these bodies**, there is no time for ever being comfortable with our walk with Jesus and ceasing to grow.
- ☞ **There is always an area** of us that the Lord is wanting to work in, where we will have to surrender to Him, and then go through those gut wrenching moments of being stretched, and tested in the fire.
- ☞ **So that we can come out of all these furnaces** and be stamped “**Dokimas**”, Tested, and Approved”.

Another of the things that Jesus has called us as pastors to do, is To try and prevent you from suffering for the wrong reasons.

- ⊕ **Before we were found and saved by Jesus**, we just went from one tragedy to the next, most often suffering because of the dumb things we kept doing in our life.
- ⊕ **Now that we are saved**, we are not to suffer any longer for doing dumb things, but as we are seeking to live for Jesus Righteously with all of our heart, if we are really living for Jesus like we are supposed to, we will be suffering for it,

If you find that you never suffer in your life since you have decided to follow Jesus, then something is drastically wrong!

- ⊕ **There is suffering**, just in trying to get control of the flesh and what it wants all of the time.
- ⊕ **There is suffering, in anguishing** over our own sin and deceitful heart, to no longer be like we used to be.
- ⊕ **There is suffering as you watch** other peoples who love Jesus and are following Him with all their heart, but are going through the toughest of times.
- ⊕ **There is suffering in the trials** that we go through to refine us and purge us of all the junk in our life.
- ⊕ **And there is suffering just because you love Jesus** and by the way that you live your life, it is crystal clear that you love Him. Because the world hates Jesus, It also hates you and make your life miserable sometimes.

If you never go through these kinds of suffering, then it is clear that you never were “born Again”.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution

Once you decide to really follow Jesus, it is going to cost you EVERYTHING.

- ⊕ **There is no such thing** as COMFORTABLE CHRISTIANITY.
- ⊕ **Anyone Who claims to know Jesus**, but never suffers living for Him, is a liar.

“All who desire to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus, will suffer...”

Jesus never said that it was going to be easy, but he did say that it would be worth it!

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Matthew 19:29

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

This is Peters encouragement to us this morning, that if we are going to suffer now that we know Jesus, let it be for doing Good things...

1 Peter 3

13 And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

Do you remember how much Peter suffered when He denied Jesus three times, after he had boldly proclaimed to Jesus that he was willing to die for Him?

Matthew 26:75

And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

- ☞ **Peter suffered this time**, because he was weak, a coward, full of pride and his own power and self sufficiency.
- ☞ **But Peter learned from that experience** that if he was going to suffer again, it would be for doing the right things.
- ☞ **At the end of his life**, they Crucified Peter, not the way that Jesus was crucified, but Peter said that he was not even worthy to be crucified the same way his Lord suffered, so he asked to be crucified upside down.

What is the reason that you are suffering for right now, or perhaps have suffered in the past?

- ☞ **Is it because you are so "Sold Out"** to Jesus that people make life hard for you?
- ☞ **Is it because in order to do the right thing**, it has cost you much, and you have suffered for keeping your word, or doing the right and honest thing?
- ☞ **Are you suffering** because you have grown so tired of your own sin, selfishness, pride, anger, and unforgiving spirit, that you are broken over it?

Pete says, "*If we are going to suffer now that we know Jesus as Lord and Savior, let I be because we are doing Good things in our life...*"

1 Peter 3

15 But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**

16 having a good conscience, that **when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.**

This is some of the best instruction for us who live in the last days before Jesus comes, that we could ever receive:

"Sanctify The Lord Jesus in your heart."

- ☞ **To “Sanctify” “Hagiazo”** (hag-ee-ad’-zo) To “**Set it apart**”, make it Holy.
- ☞ **To Honor**, Hold up as a Treasure, make of the utmost importance...
- ☞ **Make Jesus so much a part of your life**, that you cannot breathe unless He breathes breath into you.
- ☞ **You cannot move or speak** unless He moves or speaks through you.
- ☞ **Honor Jesus** in every area of your life as the highest priority, because He is so worthy of being honored by how we live our life.

Then, when you have done this; “*Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...*”

- ☞ **If someone were to come to you next week** and ask you why you are following Jesus, why you believe the Bible is true, and how you know for sure Jesus is God, what would you tell them?
- ☞ **Could you give them** reasons why you believe? Would you be able to take them to the verses in the Bible that prove the Bible is The Word of God?
- ☞ **We are to always be ready** with the answers to these questions, TO GIVE A DEFENSE why we believe Jesus is the ONLY SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.
- ☞ **And notice how** we are to give this defense...”*With Meekness and fear...*” Not boastfully, or with pride, but with humility.

This is why we are primarily a Teaching Ministry. So that by teaching you the full counsel of Gods Words, Every verse from Genesis to Revelation, you could give a defense of why you believe in Jesus and are living your life for Him.

- ☞ **The church has become** all kinds of things today, but most of them do not even resemble the church that Jesus founded.
- ☞ **In the Book of Acts**, when the church first was brought into existence, it says that there were only 4 things the church was doing:

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the **apostles’ doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and **in prayers**.

- ☞ **The Apostles Doctrine:** Teaching the Word of God.
- ☞ **Fellowship**, just hanging out together, like we do on Friday nights.
- ☞ **Breaking of Bread:** What we do best here, Eating together.
- ☞ **Prayers:** Jesus said that His Fathers House was a house of prayer.

I don’t see this today in the church that claims to belong to Jesus. There are Semonettes being preached, lots of topical studies on social issues and feel good sermons, but no teaching verse by verse through all of Gods Word.

- ☞ **There is allot of yelling** and screaming sometimes, but not much Instruction and encouragement to take Gods Word and apply it to your life.

- ⊕ **Not much teaching** on what it means to be truly Holy and set apart for Jesus, it is not how you dress, or talk, or things you do, but a life just totally committed to Jesus where He has become your entire life, and all you do is to please Him.
- ⊕ **There is allot of fighting**, backbiting, and divisions, but not much loving, praying and encouraging of each other.
- ⊕ **There are a lot of committees**, politics, and religion, but not much tender ministry and outreach to the lost and hurting that live in our community.

What is the purpose of the church?

Ephesians 4:7, 11, 12

7 But **to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

11 And **He Himself gave some** to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 **for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

To grow in your own personal knowledge of the Word of God, so that you can become Jesus minister.

- ⊕ **The purpose of the church is to teach the word of God**, so that believers can be equipped with all they need, to become ministers themselves.
- ⊕ **To provide love and fellowship** and encouragement.
- ⊕ **To be able to pray for each other**, and Minister to each others needs.

1 Peter 3

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Once you determine to live for Jesus, and not compromise, it is going to cost you.

- ⊕ **Once you determine** to do right things with you life, it is going to get ugly.
- ⊕ **When you really live for Jesus**, people are not going to like you.
- ⊕ **You are going to suffer**, and come to know some of what Jesus went through when He suffered so much for you.

John 15:18-19

18 "If the world hates you, you know **that it hated Me before it hated you.**

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet **because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,

"But, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil..."

Revelation 3:10

Because you have **kept My command to persevere**, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Because you determined to live for Jesus with all of your heart, and if necessary, suffer for doing the right things:

- ☞ **Jesus said that when you do this**, you show yourself to truly belong to Him, and When He comes very soon to remove all those who are living for Him and have been loving Him, you will escape the most horrendous, brutal, vicious time the world has ever known, the Great tribulation,
- ☞ **As God's wrath is poured out** on all those who have not lived their life for Jesus or accepted His great sacrifice on the Cross.

1 Peter 3

19 by whom also **Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison**,
20 **who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Now some 2,000 years after Jesus died and rose for us, The Lord has been very patient and still waits for People to give their lives to Him...but His patience will end one day very soon, when he says, ENOUGH!

2 Peter 3:3-10

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,
4 and saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

5 For **this they willfully forget**: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

6 by which **the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water**.

7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are **reserved for fire until the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

- ☞ **God waited for the people of the earth** 120 years during the days of Noah, before he brought judgment to the earth.
- ☞ **For 120 years, people saw Noah** building that great ark, but not one of them would believe and get in.

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

- ☞ **The day finally came**, the Lord told Noah to shut the door of the ark and it was too late. As soon as the people of the earth drowned they were in hell
- ☞ **The Bible says** that They waited there as prisoners more than **4,000 years** until Jesus was crucified, when he did, He then ascended into hell and preached to these billions of souls who were lost in the flood.

Ephesians 4:8-9

8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”

9 (Now this, “He ascended” what does it mean but that **He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?**

- ☞ **“The Lower parts of the earth”** “**Katotos**” The center core of the earth that is about 4,200 miles across.
- ☞ **Just to give you an idea how large this is**, The Moon is 2,200 Miles across, so this area is twice the size of the moon.

Dr. Henry Morris, which is one of the greatest Scientific Christian minds the world has ever known, calculated from the time of the creation until ark of Noah, how large the population of the earth would have been by the time Noah closed the doors and went into the Ark:

- ☞ **His conservative estimate** was from **4–6 Billion**. This is interesting when you compare what Jesus said the world would be like just before He returned for us.

Matthew 24:37-39

37 But **as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Jesus said that when He comes for us, the world will be just like it was in the days of Noah.

- ☞ **People would be very busy** and have no time for The Lord
- ☞ **They will have seen the signs** and have been warned for a long time, but were going about their lives as if nothing was going to happen right up till Noah entered the ark.

- ☞ **And amazingly**, the population of the earth is today, just about what it was, 6 Billion, the same as it was when Noah went in and closed the door of the ARK.
- ☞ **The hearts of people today** are once again, just like they were when the flood came upon the earth.
- ☞ **Paul wrote to Timothy** and told him what the people of the last days would be like:

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

What many people do not realize is what Jesus did AFTER He was Crucified.

- ☞ **We know** that Jesus was put into the grave.
- ☞ **He stayed** there for 3 days.
- ☞ **He was Resurrected** on the third day.
- ☞ **During the 3 days** that Jesus body was in the Grave, Where was His Spirit?

Ephesians 4:7-9

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore He says: "**When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive**, And gave gifts to men."

9 (Paul Said): "Jesus ascended " what does it mean but that **Jesus also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?** ("Lower": Greek: "**Katoteros**", Literally "Hades")

In other words Paul says, "Jesus did ascend back into Heaven", but before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He first Descended into Hell!

- ☞ **Did you ever wonder** what Jesus was doing for those three days between the time He was Crucified and He Rose from the dead?
- ☞ **Before Jesus ascended into Heaven**, he went to Hell.
- ☞ **Now, Jesus didn't go to hell** to pay for your sins, that was already accomplished on the Cross.

Here in our study of 1 Peter, chapter 3, Peter comments on this time when Jesus went into Hell, after He was crucified.

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

19 by whom also **He went and preached to the spirits in prison**,

20 **who formerly were disobedient**, when once the Divine longsuffering waited **in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared**, in which a few, that is, **eight souls**, were saved through water.

The first thing Jesus did after he was Crucified, was descend into Hell and preach to those who died during the flood of Noah.

- ⊞ **Peter reminds us** that only 8 people believed the Lord at the time Noah was building the ark for 100 years.
- ⊞ **When the time came** for all those who would believe that God was going to judge the earth came and that if they wanted to be saved they should enter the Ark, only the 8 people of Noah's family actually believed God and went into the Ark.
- ⊞ **It has been estimated by mathematicians**, that at the life expectancy of Noah's day of up to 900 years, added to the amount of time since the creation of Adam, There could have CONSERVATIVELY BEEN MORE THAN 6 BILLION PEOPLE alive when the flood began.

Here is an illustration of how quickly the earth's population could grow:

1. **If we take a Mother and Father** who have 4 children, who themselves each have 4 children.
2. **The average age** at marriage being 25.
3. **4 children are born** by the age of 35.
4. **The average life span** being 70 years.
5. **A Generation** lasting 35 years.

- ⊞ After 5 Generations there would be 96 people from the original family of 4.
- ⊞ After 10 Generations: **3,070**
- ⊞ After 15 Generations: **98,300**
- ⊞ After 20 Generations: **3, 150,000**
- ⊞ After 30 Generations: **3,220,000,000**
- ⊞ After 31 Generations: **6.5 billion.**

Total time: Just 1,050 Years!

For those of you with an infusive mind, here is the Algebraic calculation that was used to figure this model:

$$P_n = \frac{2 [C^{n-x+1}] [C^x - 1]}{[C - 1]}$$

n generation
2C children (C boys and C girls)
x = average number of generations alive

Reference: Dr. Henry Morris

From the time of Adam till Noah, there was a period of time of approximately 2,500 years. The life span of the people who lived then was more than 900 years

1. **If Each family** has just 8 children.
2. **A Generation** being just 93 years.
3. **An average Life span** of just 500 years

The Population of the Earth at the death of Adam at 930 years of age, would have been **2,800,000** (2 million 8 hundred thousand!)

If this rate of increase continued in the population, at the time of the flood, the population could have been in excess of 137 billion people!

Taking into consideration **Wars, disasters and other catastrophic events**, it is not unreasonable to expect the population to reasonably be more than **6 billion people at the time of Noah's flood.**

So, getting back to our story: Jesus is Crucified, He descends into Hell, he is preaching to more than 6 billion souls that are in Hell, who would not believe Gods promise to save them...

☞ **Isaiah recorded** that Jesus also had another purpose in Descending into Hell.

Isaiah 61:1-2

- 1 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God

Incidentally, this is the exact verse that Jesus quoted from before the leaders in Israel, announcing to them that **this prophecy from Isaiah was being fulfilled as Jesus spoke**, meaning that Jesus was the One Isaiah was talking about when he wrote this verse 700 years before.

Luke 4:18-21

- 18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives** And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 **To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.**”
20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
21 And Jesus began to say to them, “**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**

- ☞ **Jesus came to** “*Proclaim Liberty to the Captives and the opening of the prison to those who were bound*”.
- ☞ **What “Captives**, was Jesus and Isaiah talking about?

Those that had died before Jesus came and Made His ONE Sacrifice for all of us for our sins.

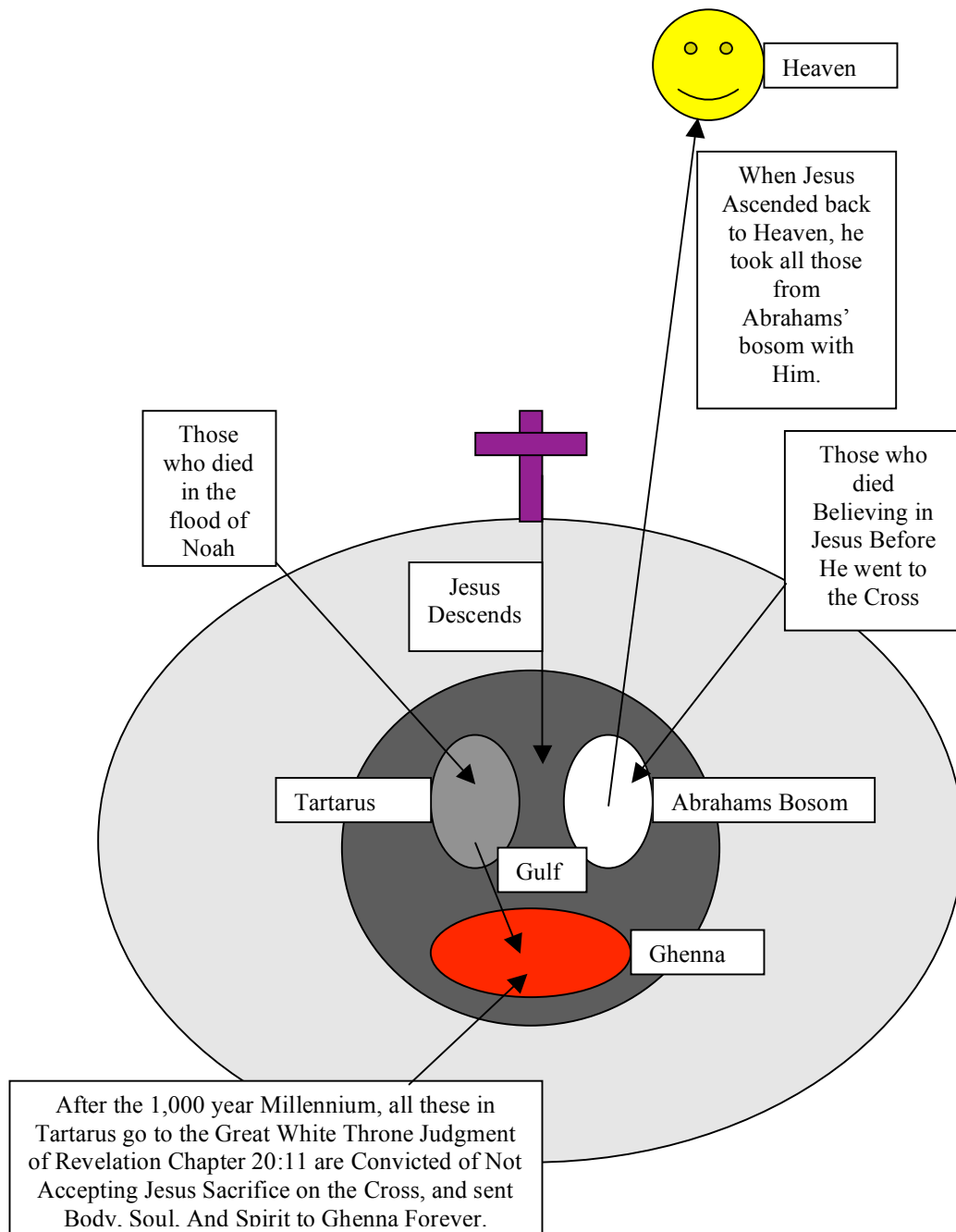
In the Old Testament, “Hell” is called “Sheol”.

- ☞ Before Jesus came, “**Sheol**”, or “**Hell**” had 2 compartments,

Before Jesus made His sacrifice on the Cross, everyone that died in the Old Testament went into one of 2 places.

1. **One compartment** called “*Abrahams Bosom*”, A place of comfort for those who died believing in the future promise of Jesus sacrifice for their sins, and
2. **A Second compartment** A place of Torment, for those who died that had rejected the promise of Jesus sacrifice went to “**Tartarus**”.
3. **At the end of the 1,000 years** of Jesus reign on the earth, there will be the Great White Throne Judgment, (Rev 21) at the end of that Judgment, those held in “*Tartarus*”, will be cast into “*Ghenna*”, “**The lake of Fire**”.

- ☞ **Tartarus** appears to be for the **Soul and spirit**.
- ☞ **Ghenna** appears to be for the **Body soul and Spirit**.



Jesus Himself tells the story of these 2 compartments in Luke chapter 16:

Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 So it was that **the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.**

23 And **being in torments in Hades**, he lifted up his **eyes and saw** Abraham afar off, and **Lazarus in his bosom.**

24 "Then **he cried** and said, 'Father Abraham, **have mercy on me**, and send Lazarus that he may **dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented** in this flame.'

25 But Abraham said, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now **he is comforted** and **you are tormented.**

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is **a great gulf fixed**, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,
28 for **I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.**'

29 Abraham said to him, "**They have Moses (Law) and the prophets**; let them hear them.'

30 And he said, "No, father Abraham; but **if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.**'

31 But he said to him, "**If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.**' "

So, back to our Study of Hebrews 9, we learned this morning that when Jesus died and descended into Hell, He preached to all those who died in the flood that would not believe God...

☞ **Then Jesus** "Ascended" back into heaven.

☞ **When He did**, He took with Him, all those Old testament believers who were waiting for Him to come.

Ephesians 4:7-9

8 Therefore He says: "**When Jesus ascended on high**,*(Back to Heaven)* **He led captivity captive**, And gave gifts to men."

Jesus took with Him to heaven, all the Old Testament believers. THEN JESUS CLOSED "ABRAHAM'S BOSOM" FOREVER.