

The Judgment Seat of Christ

Living in Light of His Return ~ Adult SS ~ June 21, 2015

1. The Necessity of the Judgment

All men whether saved or not will one day give an account to God, therefore there must be a time allotted for every person to be judged (Matt 12:36; Col 3:24, 25; 1 Cor 3:13; Rom 14:10–12; 2 Cor 5:10).

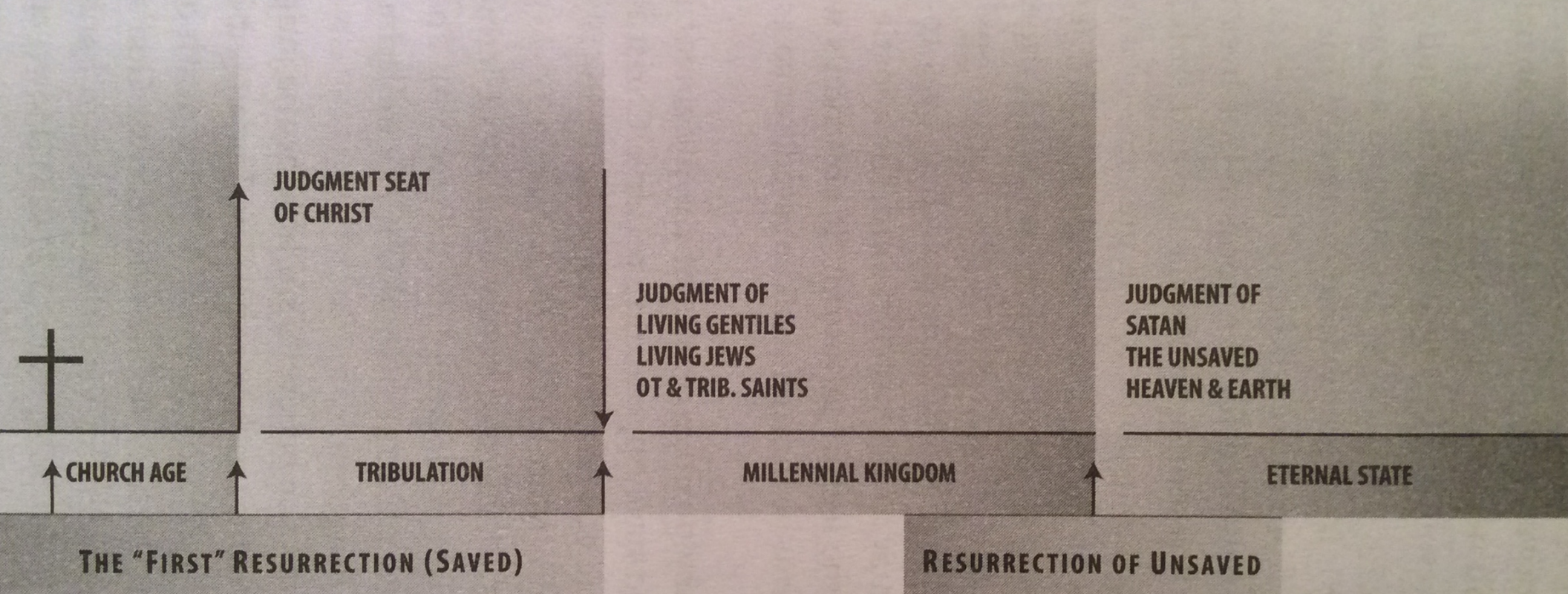


2. The Time of the Judgment

- At the Rapture, involving the church
- At the Second Coming, involving:
 - Gentiles alive at end of Tribulation
 - Jews alive at end of Tribulation
 - OT and Tribulation saints
- After the Millennial Kingdom, involving:
 - Satan and the fallen angels
 - Present heavens and earth
 - The unsaved



THE COMING JUDGMENTS AND RESURRECTIONS



Three groups of future judgments

Luke 14:14 "You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just"

THE BEMA SEAT



3. The Nature of the Judgment

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor 5:10)

Bema on hill in Athens



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Bema in Corinth



Bema in Sardis

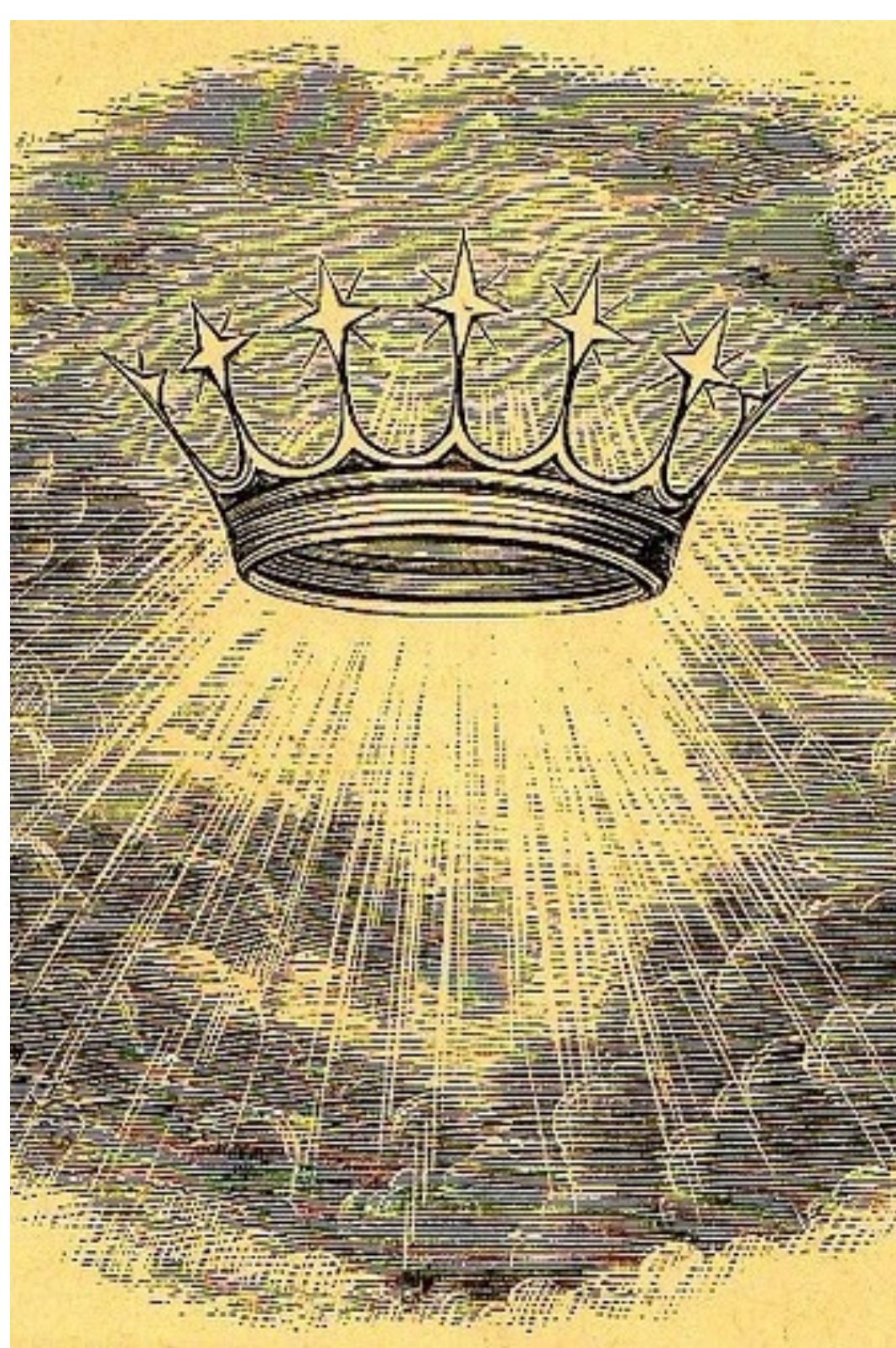


Bema in Jewish Tabernacle



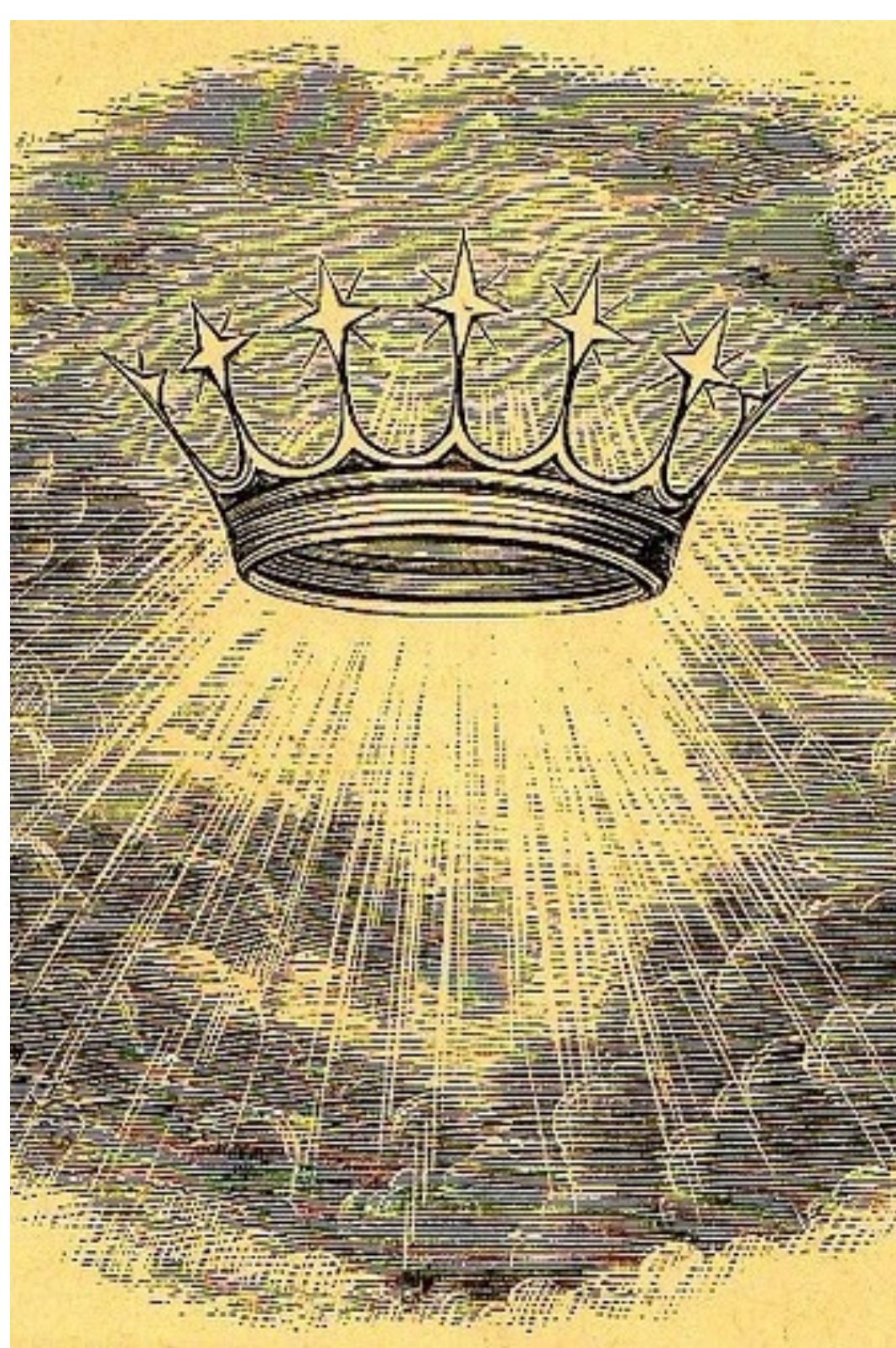
4. The Results of the Judgment

- Parallel passages point to what the “reward” may involve:
 - opportunities to serve Christ in greater ways in His future kingdom (Matt 25:19–23),
 - experience a special joy and fellowship (Matt 25:21, 23; 1 Pet 4:12–13),
 - receive divine commendation (Matt 25:21), and
 - obtain a variety of “crowns.”



4. The Results of the Judgment (Cont.)

- **Discuss:** What is the “loss” experienced by those laborers who build with flammable materials?
- At the Judgment Seat of Christ, He will not punish His children for their sin; rather, He will evaluate their work while on earth
- The fire of the end will disclose or reveal what was done *in* and *for* Christ



5. The Impact of the Judgment



In what condition will you be when you finish the race?

