

The Kingdom

First Steps

**What is the
Kingdom of God?**

Our quest for perfection

1. We get even simple things wrong

2. Being perfect isn't simple

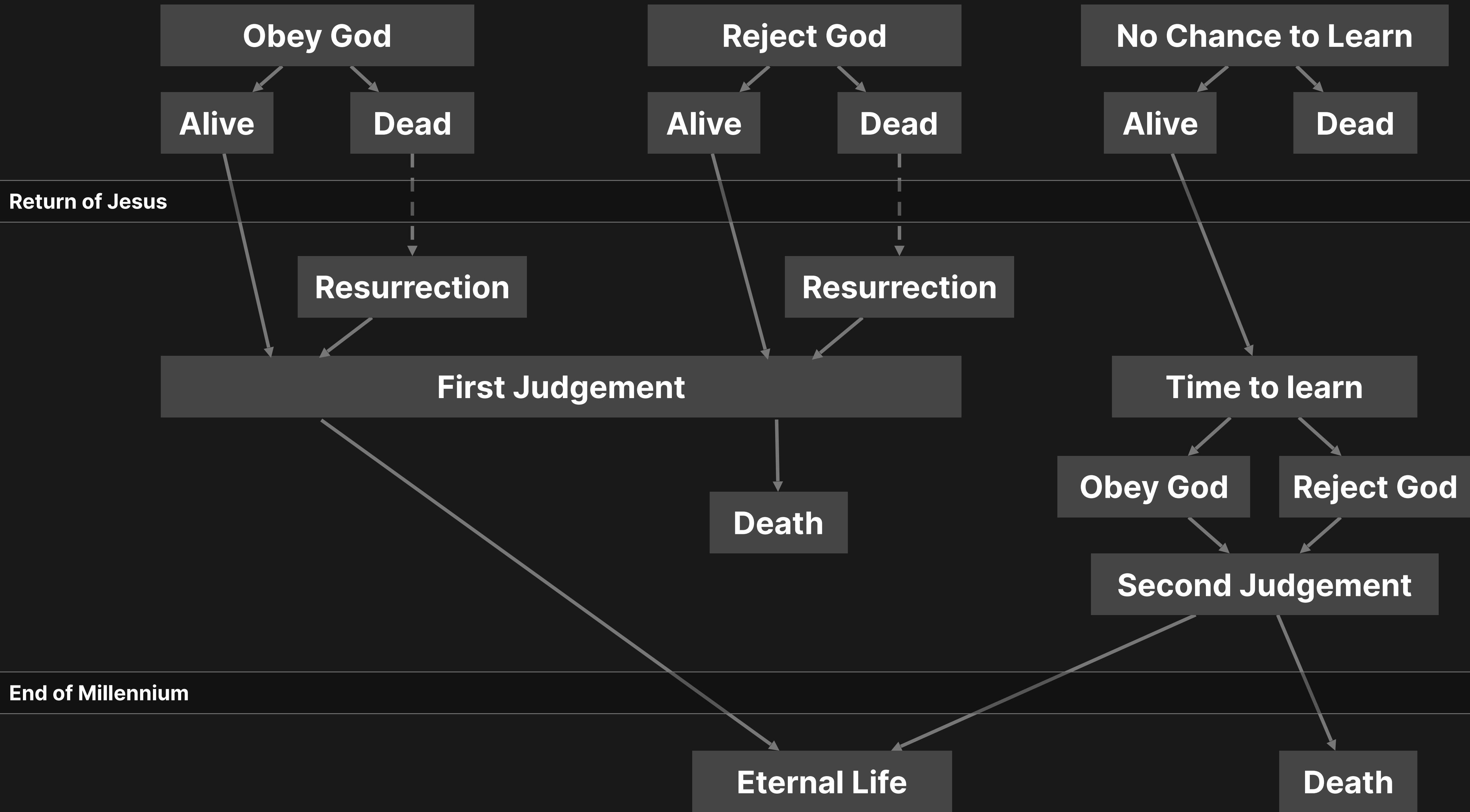
**3. Perfection is unattainable
(from a human point of view)**

Perfection is a Gift from God

**The Kingdom of God is
about being part of
God's perfection**

What is the Kingdom of God?

(I mean in detail)



Isn't eternity a long time?

What will we do?

Won't we get bored?

What about ageing?

**What about genomic instability
giving rise to stem cell
exhaustion causing an inability
for humans to regrow making
death inevitable?**

**What about geological
instability, solar burnout and
the eventual collapse of our
solar system?**

What about nucleon decay causing eventual decay of all matter and the destruction of matter itself even in an ever expanding universe?

Luke 20

33. [they asked] ... whose wife will she be ...
34. And Jesus answering said to them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:
35. But they who shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:
36. Neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

**What about our memories of
past events and the
awkwardness of meeting
people from our past?**

It's not like that

It's going to be different

**You can't judge the
future Kingdom by
today's standards**

Luke 13

18. He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?”
19. It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

Isaiah 65

17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

What is the Kingdom of God?

(What details *does* the Bible give us?)

Micah 4

1. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the **mountain** of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it,
2. and many **nations** shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the **mountain of the LORD**, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may **teach us his ways** and that we may **walk in his paths**.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Micah 4

3. He shall **judge** between **many peoples**, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall **not lift up sword** against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore;
4. but they shall sit every man **under his vine and under his fig tree**, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Micah 4

Mountain of the LORD

v1

No Wars

v3

Righteous Judgment

v2

Nations Worship

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Long lives

Plenty of food

v4

Praise!

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Animal Peace

All rejoicing

Labour not in vain

v4

Evil Remaining

v3

Isaiah 65

17. “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
18. But be glad and **rejoice forever** in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
19. I will **rejoice** in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

20. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a **hundred years old**, and the **sinner** a hundred years old shall be accursed.
21. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and **eat their fruit**.
22. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23. They shall **not labor in vain** or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
24. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
25. The wolf and the lamb shall **graze together**; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall **not hurt or destroy** in all my **holy mountain**," says the LORD.

	Isaiah 65	Micah 4
Mountain of the LORD	25	1
No Wars	25	3
Righteous Judgment		2
Nations Worship		2
Long lives	20	
Plenty of food	21	4
Praise!		1
Knowledge of God		
Animal Peace	25	
All rejoicing	18,19	
Labour not in vain	23	4
Evil Remaining	20,25	3

	Psalm 22	Psalm 48	Isaiah 2	Isaiah 11	Isaiah 65	Micah 4	Zech 8	Rev 21	Rev 22
Mountain of the LORD		1	2		25	1	3	2	
No Wars	27		4		25	3	5	4	
Righteous Judgment	29	11	3,4	3-5		2	8		
Nations Worship	27	10	3			2	21		2
Long lives	26				20		4	4	3
Plenty of food	26				21	4			3
Praise!	26	10				1	6		
Knowledge of God	27			9					
Animal Peace				7-9	25				
All rejoicing					18,19			4	
Labour not in vain					23	4			
Evil Remaining	29	6?	3	4, 9	20,25	3	22	8	2, 15

Mat 12:28	...the kingdom of God has come upon you.	Born in Jesus
Mar 1:15	...the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel	coming soon
Mar 4:11	...To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables	a secret
Mar 4:26	...The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.	not easy to understand
Luk 6:20	...Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.	for the poor
Luk 13:18	What is the kingdom of God like? ... It is like a mustard seed that ... became a tree, and the birds ... made nests in its branches.	a seed that grows
Luk 17:21	...the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.	within you (us)
Luk 18:24	How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!	for the poor
Rom 14:17	...the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.	about righteousness

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**But we can't understand
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