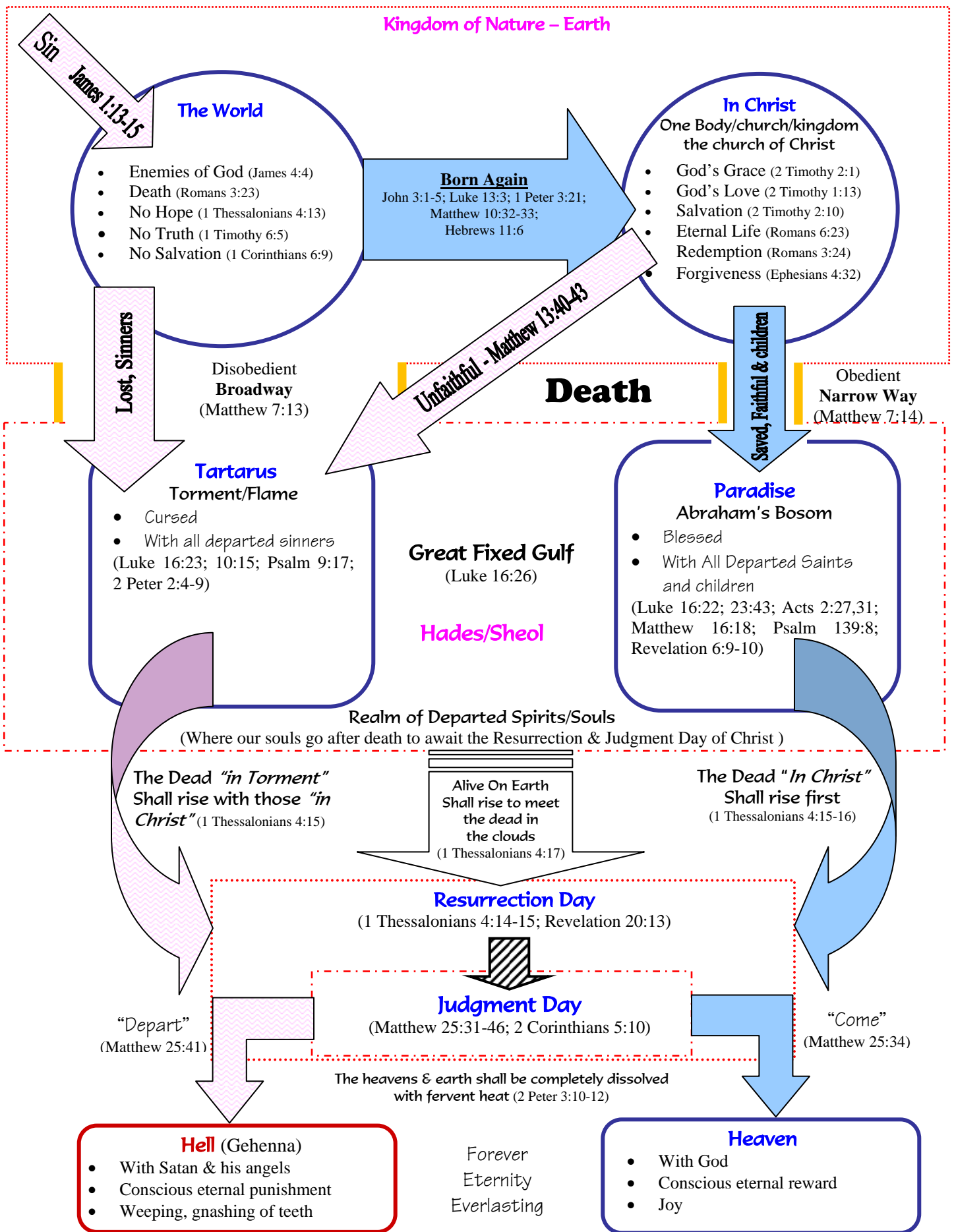


# The Destiny of the Soul



**Hades/Sheol:** Denote the unseen; the place or state of departed souls; the realm of disembodied spirits. The Greek word ‘hades’ and its Hebrew equivalent ‘sheol’ is the world or abode of the dead, a place of no return or second chances. Even though the KJV version uses the word ‘hell’ in many places, hades is where the dead go when they die.

**Hell:** From the Greek word ‘Gehenna’ was adapted from the Jewish valley of the Son of Hinnom (2 Chronicles 28:3). Hell represents the eternal, unquenchable fire where the worm dieth not. Hell is the final abode of the sinner after the Day of Judgment (Matthew 25:41,46; Isaiah 66:24).

**Heaven:** From the Greek word ‘Ouranos’ can refer to the atmosphere above the earth, “*behold the fowls of the air...*” (Matthew 6:26); or outerspace and the universe in general, “*...the stars shall fall from – heaven...*” (Matthew 24:29); or it can be used to describe the eternal dwelling place of God (the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven – 2 Corinthians 12:2), “*...glorify your Father which is in heaven.*” (Matthew 5:16).

When referring to God’s dwelling place where Jesus now sits on His throne at the right hand of God ruling over His kingdom (the church of Christ), the third heaven, which is the eternal heaven is where all faithful members of the church of Christ will inherit their eternal home of rest (Matthew 25:34; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 2:10; John 14:2-3).