A photograph of a stone tomb entrance. The tomb is built with large, roughly-hewn stone blocks. A large, circular stone is rolled away from the doorway, which is dark and recessed. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting.

**The
Raising
of
Lazarus**

John 11 & 12

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*Death is often called
“sleep”
in Scripture*



King David prayed: “Enlighten my eyes,
lest I sleep the sleep of death.”

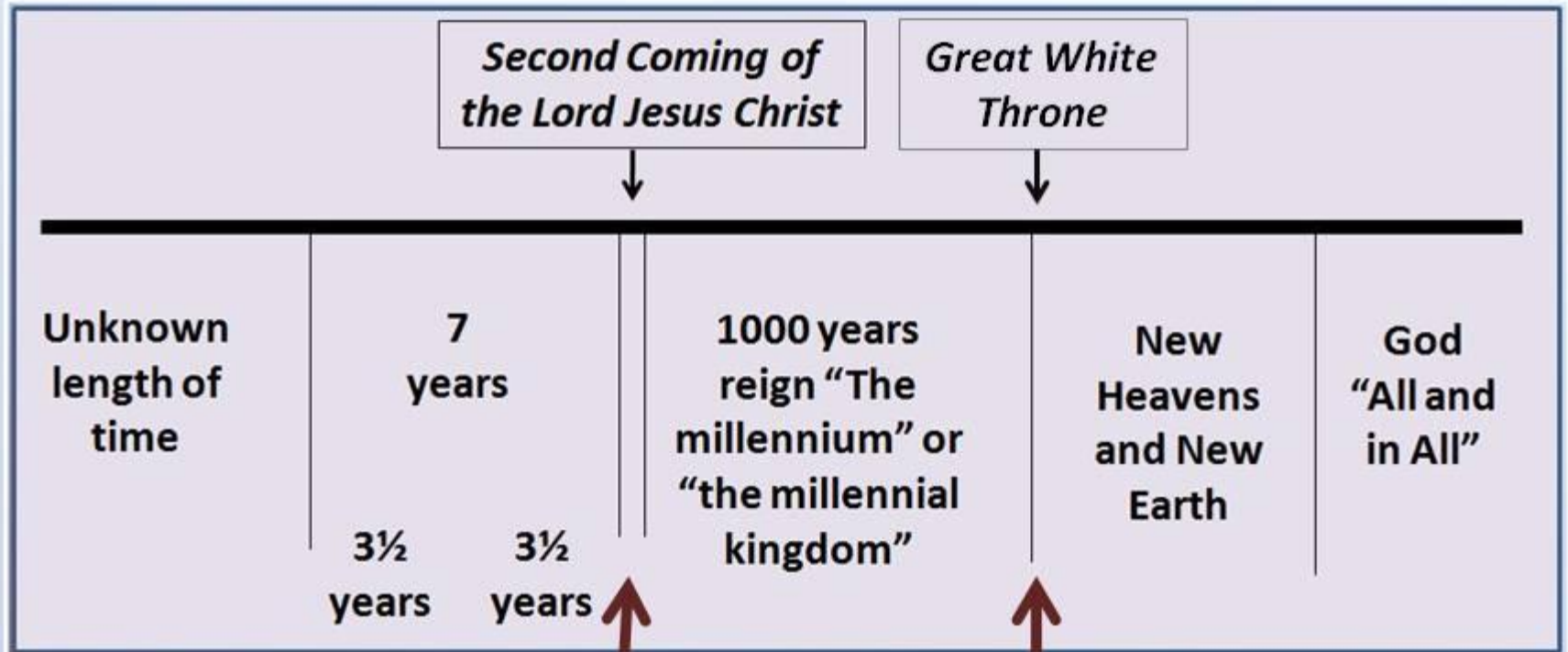
Psalm 13:3

Eventually, “David ... fell asleep and was buried “ *Acts 13:36*

Paul wrote , “Concerning those who have fallen asleep ... God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus ... that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.” *1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*

David prayed regarding his own future resurrection: “I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.” *Psalm 17:15*

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A resurrection, at Christ's coming, to "immortality".

A resurrection, 1000 years later, of "the rest of the dead".

"I know that [Lazarus] will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

(John 11:24)

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*Ecclesiastes 9:5***



**“There is no work, or device or
knowledge or wisdom in the grave”
*(Ecclesiastes 9:10)***

**“[O Lord], In death there is no
remembrance of you. In the grave who
will give you thanks?” *(Psalm 6:5)***

**“ ... that very day, his plans perish”
*(Psalm 146:4)***

**“The dead do not praise the Lord”
*(Psalm 115:17)***

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There is no such thing in Scripture as an “immortal soul”, which lives on after the body dies....

Immortality is not something we are born with. God alone has immortality (1 Timothy 6:16).

Those in Christ will be granted immortality, which is only “put on” at resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:54)

Our immortality relies on God resurrecting us, not something we have in ourselves.

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John 1:4

**“When Christ
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Colossians 3:4

**“I am (the)
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John 10:17,18

**“... it was not possible
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Acts 2:24

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“Most assuredly, I say unto you the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.”

John 5:25



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