

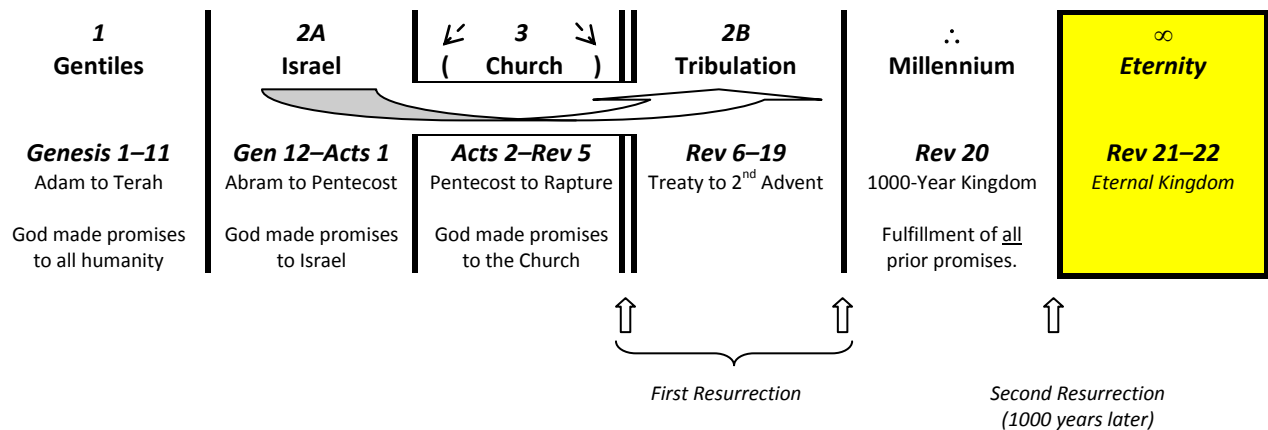
**Five Consequence (Warning) Passages in Hebrews**

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**First Resurrection and Bēma Seat**

**Second Resurrection and Great White Throne**

**FIRST CONSEQUENCE PASSAGE: Hebrews 2:1-4**

Consequences in terms of **LOSS OF REWARD** at Bēma and *temporal discipline*

**SECOND CONSEQUENCE PASSAGE: Hebrews 3:7-4:6**

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**THIRD CONSEQUENCE PASSAGE: Hebrews 5:12-6:20**

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**FOURTH CONSEQUENCE PASSAGE: Hebrews 10:19-39**

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**FIFTH CONSEQUENCE PASSAGE: Hebrews 12:1-28**

Consequences in terms of **LOSS OF REWARD** at Bēma and *temporal discipline*

To what are the great cloud of witnesses (of chapter 11: cf. walkthrough) witnessing (12:1a)?  
 Abel (11<sup>4</sup>); Enoch (11<sup>5</sup>); Noah (11<sup>7</sup>); Abraham (11<sup>8</sup>); Isaac (11<sup>9</sup>); Jacob (11<sup>9</sup>); Sarah (11<sup>11</sup>);  
 Joseph (11<sup>22</sup>); Moses (11<sup>23</sup>); Rahab (11<sup>31</sup>); Gideon (11<sup>32</sup>); Barak (11<sup>32</sup>); Samson (11<sup>32</sup>);  
 Jephthah (11<sup>32</sup>); David (11<sup>32</sup>); Samuel (11<sup>32</sup>); the prophets (11<sup>32</sup>).

Despite not receiving the promises (11<sup>13,39</sup>); they testify \_\_\_\_\_

Many imagine that the OT saints are witnesses of \_\_\_\_\_,

but they (instead) are witnesses of \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us (author of Hebrews includes himself) lay aside every ensnaring weight (12:1b)

Let us (author of Hebrews includes himself) run with endurance (12:1c)

Let us (author of Hebrews includes himself) fix our eyes on Jesus (12:2)  
 (The noteworthy issue is that Jesus emphasized His future joy, not present suffering)

Considering His endurance will prevent us from becoming wearied and discouraged in aiming toward the goal (12:3-4)

We must not forget the exhortation as sons (that the Lord chastens for good (12:5-7)

Putting one-self outside of chastening declares him/her to be a non-inheritor (unrewardable)

There were (and are) two sides of illegitimacy:

1. Being born outside of wedlock,
2. Not inheriting at the time of the allotment of inheritance.

The idea that God would have “out of wedlock” children makes no sense. Therefore, I view this as a reference to lack of rewards-inheritance. I believe that the rest of the context bears this out (cf. 12:14-16)

God’s discipline is life-giving—even more so than with the best of human parents (12:9-11)

We ought to make straight paths for our feet by pursuing righteousness in life (12:12-13)

Pursue peace and holiness (that which enables others to see God in us) (12:14)

We must guard against falling short, lest we become a defiled believer (as Esau did), throwing away his reward (which—once lost—cannot be regained) (12:15-17)

We have not come to the earthly Mt. Sinai, but to the Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant—of far greater magnitude than that which those under Moses approached (12:18-24)

Let us not refuse Him who speaks, because (if those under Moses did not escape) much more, we shall not escape from the One speaking from heaven, who will shake creation—with only that which is eternal surviving (12:25-27)

Therefore, since we are receiving an unshakeable kingdom, let us have grace to serve Christ acceptably in reverence and godly fear, for our God is a consuming fire (12:28-29)

Daniel 5<sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Daniel 7<sup>18</sup> But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

Rev17<sup>12</sup> The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

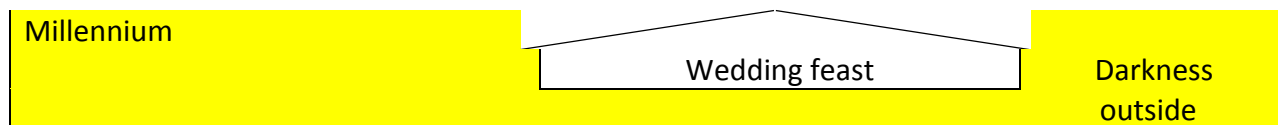
**CONCLUSION: All the warning passages (consequence passages) in Hebrews are directed to believers. only those believers who remain partakers will receive the highest of rewards.**

**NEW TOPIC: "PROBLEM" PASSAGES IN MATTHEW 24-25**

**The Unprepared Servant (Matthew 24:45-51)**

**The Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)**

**The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)**



How can there be weeping and gnashing of teeth in the Millennium?  
(People often suppose that Rev 21:4 is pertinent)

**The Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)**

What is the timing of this? Note verse 31.

(Not the Great White Throne)

Church Age believers already raptured

Key term: *nations (ethnos)* in v 32. This term is often rightly translated "gentiles"

Key phrase "one of the least of these My brethren" (His brethren are Jewish believers)

Based on the key terms, we would say that three groups of unresurrected people are present:  
Jewish believers (Rom 11:26 says *all Israel* (that is alive at Second Advent) will believe

Gentile believers (sheep)

Gentile unbelievers (goats)

This is like running herds through a chute with a swinging door (a rough-and-ready judgment). It will be followed up by the Great White Throne 1000 years later:

