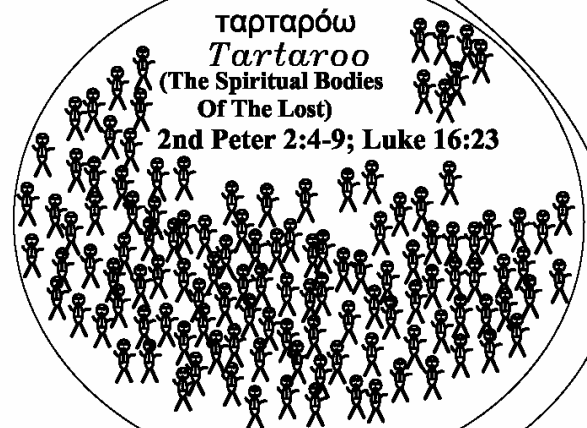


For we must all appear before the
ἵημα (*pronounced baīma - reward*)
judgment seat of Christ - 2nd Cor.
5:10; Romans 14:10; 1st Corinthians
3:12-15

Sheol (Hebrew) or Hades (Greek)
THE PLACE OF THE DEPARTED DEAD

Please note!
Paradise was emptied at the
catching up (the Rapture) and
now Sheol/Hades is inhabited
only by the tormented fallen
angels and the tormented lost in
Tartaroo.



The Reward Seat

The "Reward Seat" was a familiar term to the apostle Paul. In the early days of the Olympics, a judge would be seated on an elevated seat called the *Bama Seat* or the Reward Seat. When the contest was completed, the winners would assemble in front of the Reward Seat where they would be

recognized and where they would receive their crowns or rewards. The judge was not there to judge the character of the contestant. The judge was there to award the prizes.

At the moment of the Rapture, all of the saved (both those who have died and those who are still alive) will be assembled before the Bama Seat in the Third Heaven. We will be told of the rewards we will enjoy through eternity. Everything that we have done since salvation has been recorded and our rewards will be based upon the life we have built and upon what we have done for Christ after salvation.

"10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames." 1st Corinthians 3:10-15

"24 Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." 1st Corinthians 9:24-25

"10 For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "'as surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. 12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:10-12

"6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2nd Corinthians 5:6-10

"14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account." Philippians 4:14-17

"19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

"12 Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Revelation 22:12-13

"16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. 17 "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not." Malachi 3:16-18

"10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."
Hebrews 6:10

"8 Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll-are they not in your record?" Psalm 56:8

"8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2nd Timothy 4:8

"10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for

ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

" Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds." Revelation 2:23

" 23 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown." Revelation 3:23

"13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:13

"9 And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts." 1 Chronicles 28:9

"4 The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. 5 The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates." Psalm 11:4-5

"10 I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:10 ;

Please also read Psalms 44:21; Psalms 139:2; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 11:20; Jeremiah 32:19