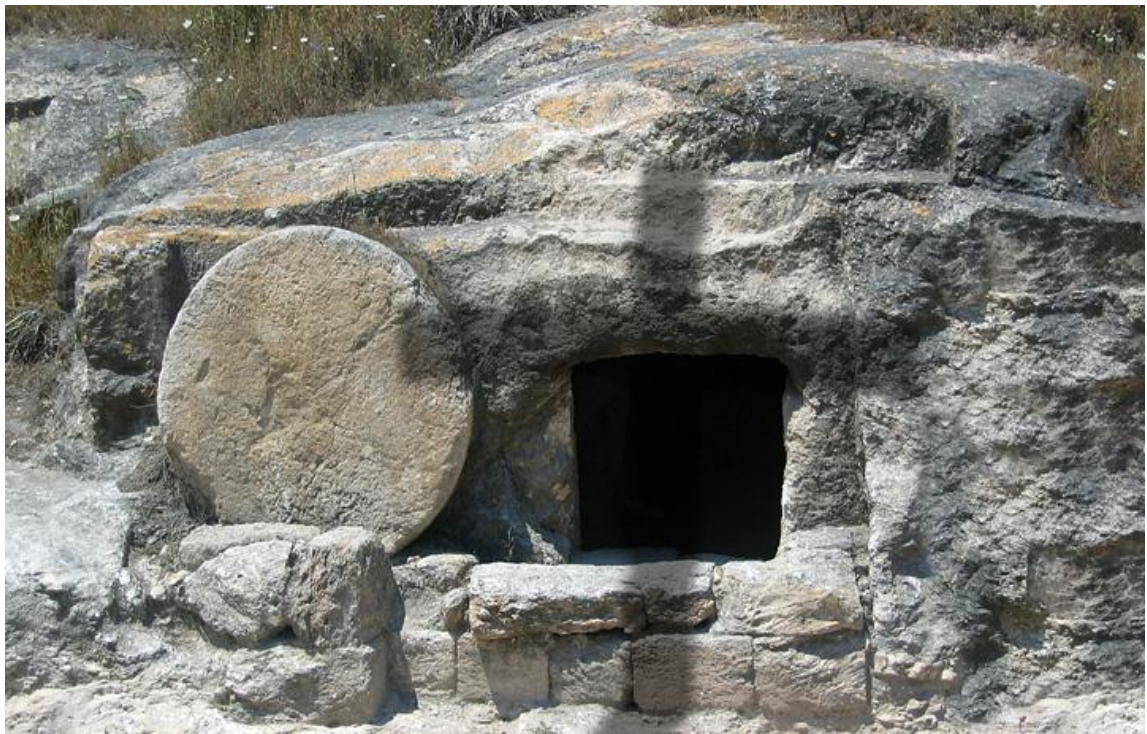


The History of the Kingdom of God



The Unity and Vastness of History

The earth on which we live was formed many, many centuries ago: many, many millennia ago: so many that we cannot even count them with exactness.

There was a confused mass in which were found all the elements that later formed the earth. All of the elements gradually came in to their place, some on the surface of the earth, others in the depths of the earth.



When the earth was ready, plants and trees began to appear; all the earth was covered in green and flowers, and the air became breathable.



The plants and trees grew, germinated and reproduced from the seeds.



Then something began to move on the earth.

Animals appeared; those that lived in the water, the birds that lived in the air and finally the terrestrial animals.



More time passed and then human beings appeared on the earth - beings who were intelligent and able to work.

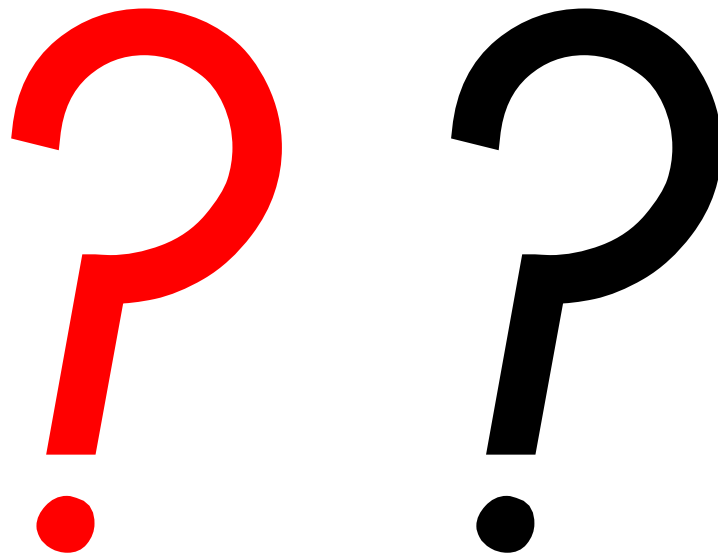


That was a great moment in the history of creation; the hands of people took things that they found in the world and made objects of them - transformed them.



They transformed them because their hands were guided by intelligence.

People realised that there was all that they needed in the world and so they began to ask themselves who could have prepared everything for them.



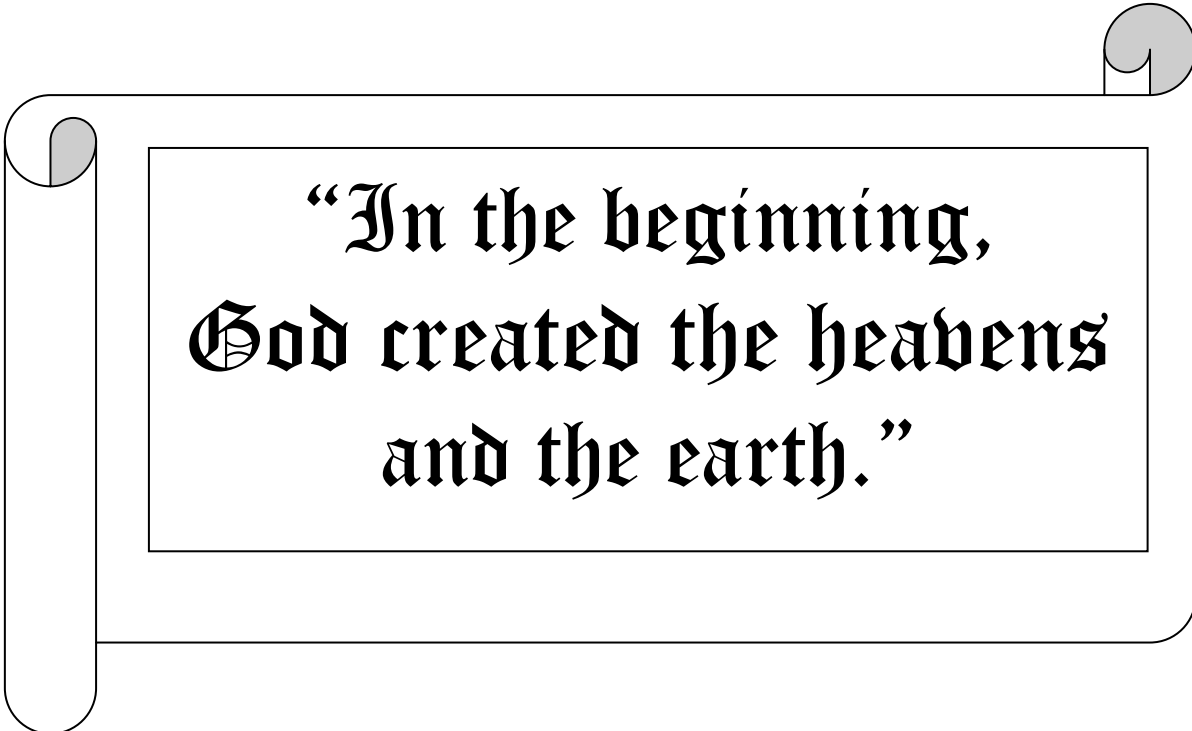
We too cannot help asking ourselves...

*How is it that humanity found everything on earth ready for them?
Before people there was no high intelligence in the world; who could
have prepared everything with so much care, so much love?*

We find the answer in the book we call the Bible. It says that...

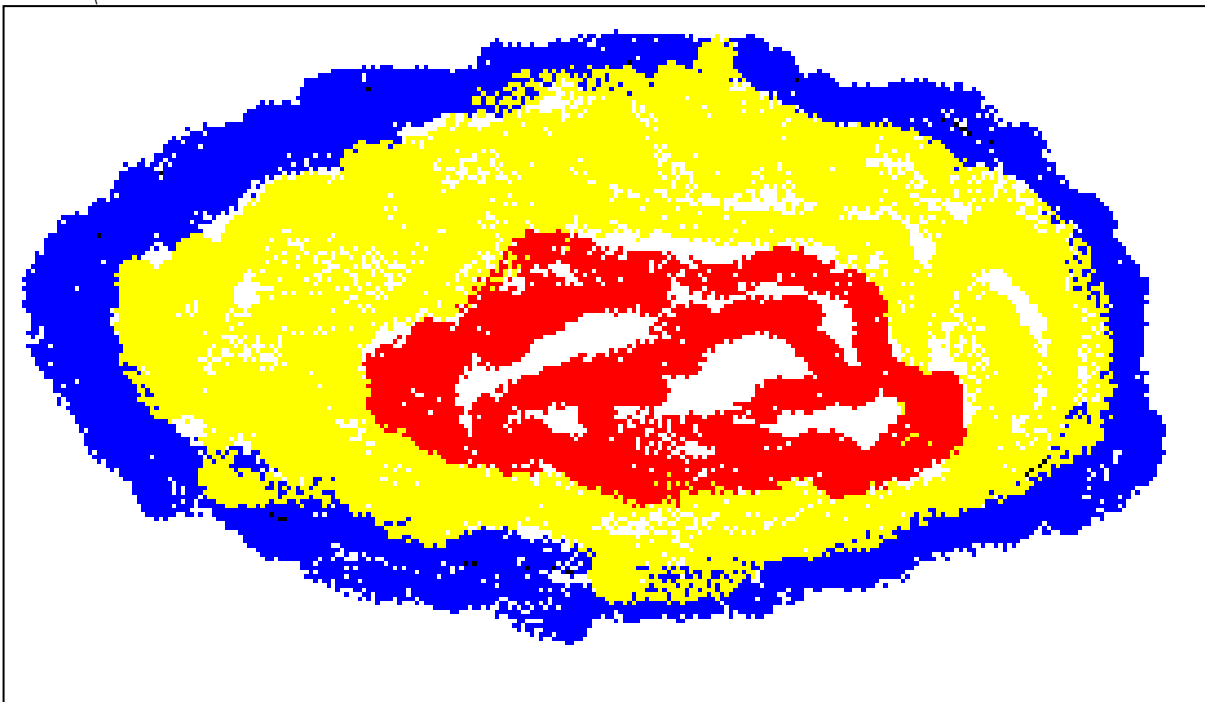
*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
and all that they contain."*

*It is God who, for centuries and millennia, worked for humanity. But
God worked for people without them. God prepared everything for people
so that they would lack nothing when they finally appeared on the earth.*

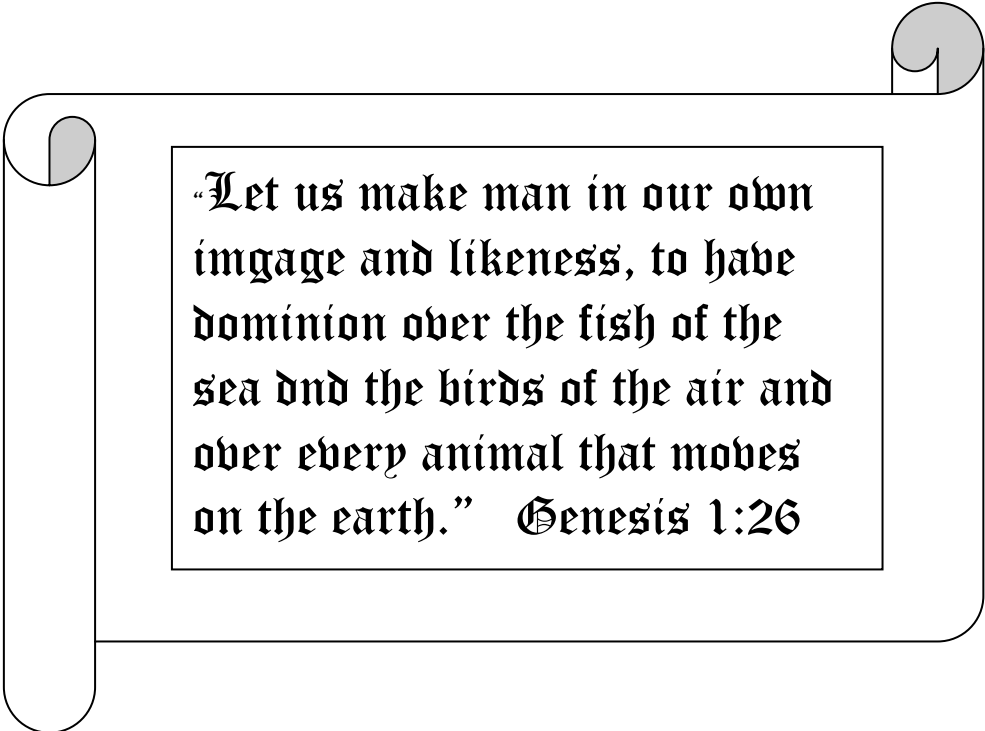


**"In the beginning,
God created the heavens
and the earth."**

We call CREATION the great work that God did for humanity from the beginning.



People arrived last among all the elements of creation; like guests who arrive at a banquet when everything has already been prepared. Only when the earth was ordered and ready, only when the plants, trees and animals had appeared did God Say



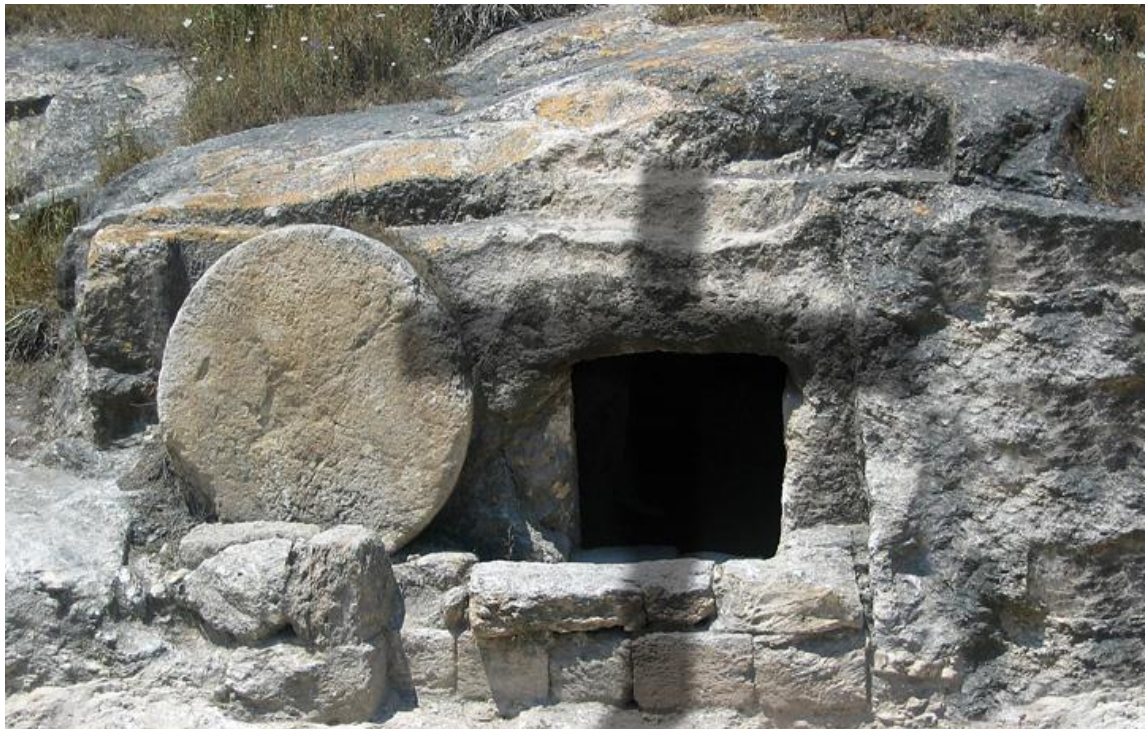
**“Let us make man in our own
image and likeness, to have
dominion over the fish of the
sea and the birds of the air and
over every animal that moves
on the earth.” Genesis 1:26**

Yet, God's love for humanity is so great that He wanted to give people an even greater richness and happiness.

Again, much time passed. Then one day, at Bethlehem, a child was born, who was like one of us and who was, at the same time the SAVIOUR, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

This child grew up, and died; but he is the living one. He is stronger than death. There is no need to look for him among the dead;

HE IS RISEN!

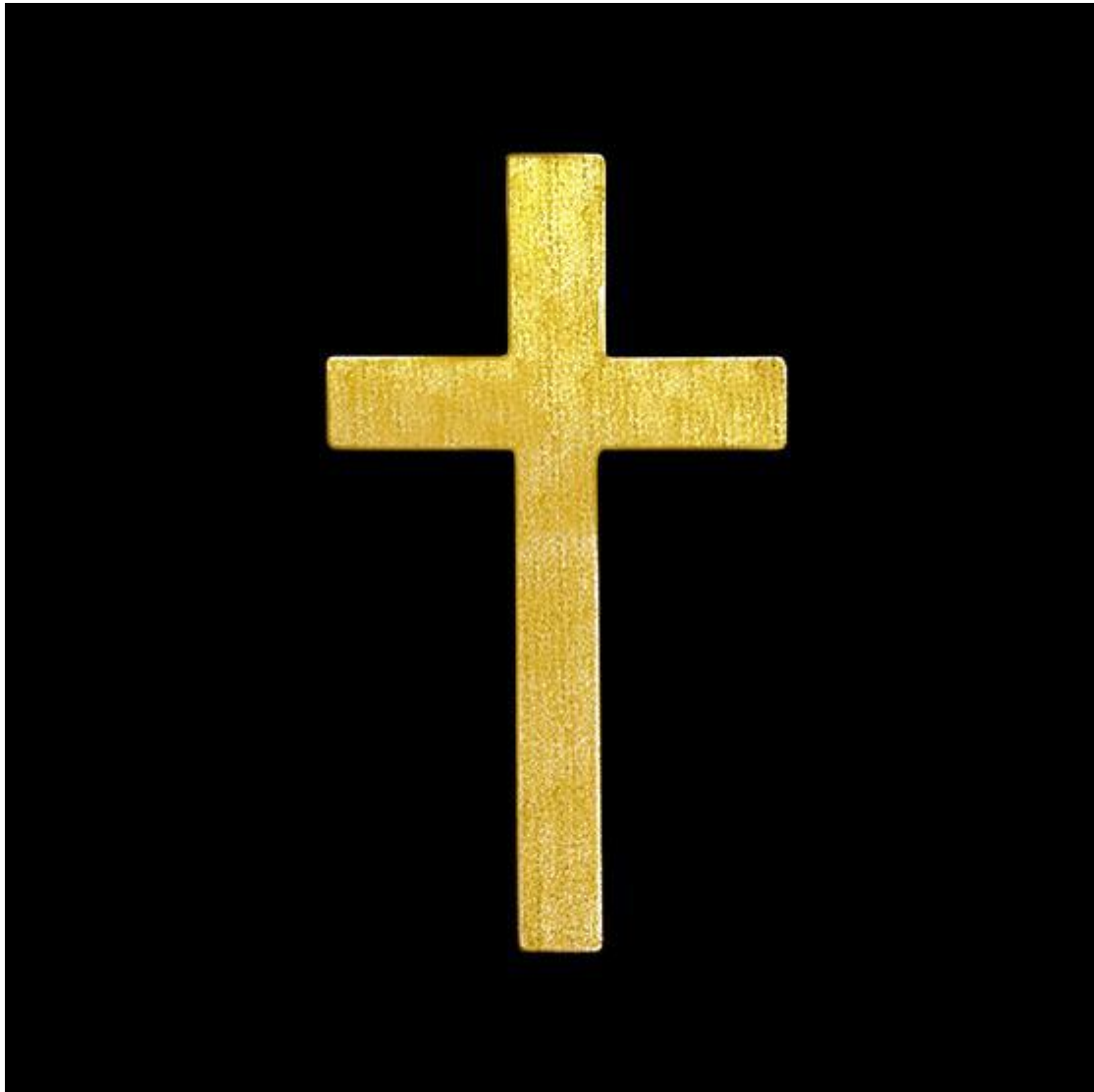


From the day of his resurrection, Christ the Lord gives to people a life like this, a life stronger than death.

United to him, people are born to a new life; they are new men and women.



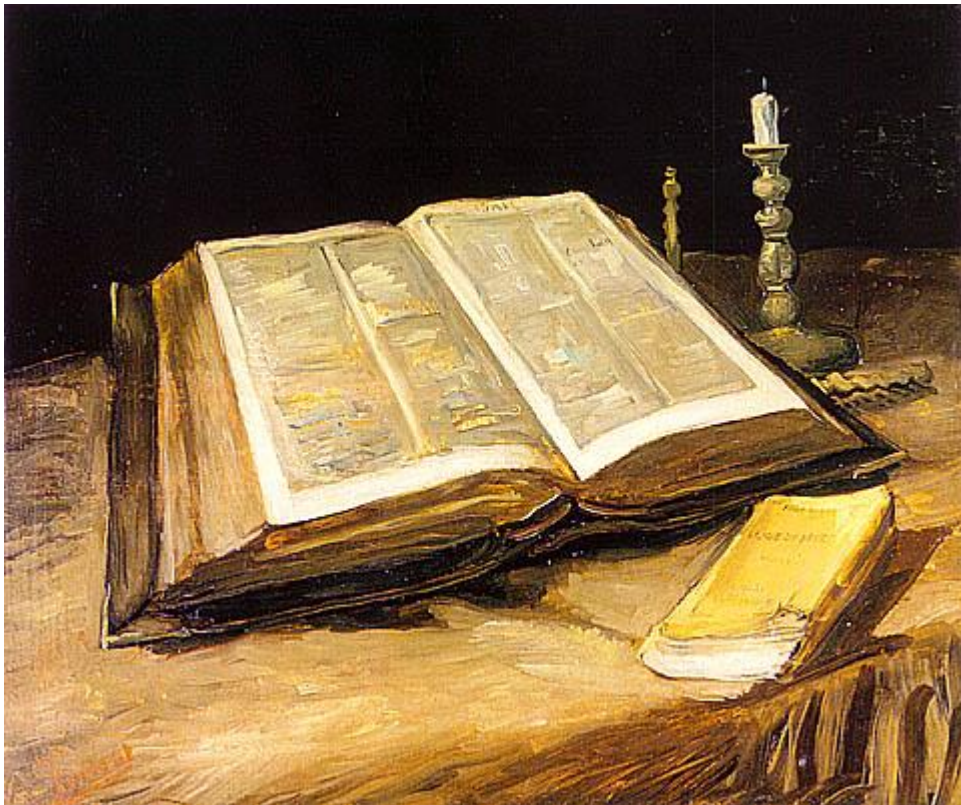
We call "REDEMPTION" the great work that Christ the Lord has fulfilled in rising from the dead.



HE IS RISEN!

The new life of the Risen Christ has enriched many people; and one day it reached us as well, we who live today in Australia. We too have become new men and women; we too have entered into the history of the kingdom of God. It is a very long and very great history, and yet I am part of it!

The history of the Kingdom of God is like a great book in which many pages are already written and in which there remain others still to write. The first page that we have yet to write is tomorrow. We too must write this page, we who live today.



A host of new people will go forward, growing and fulfilling the earth until one day...

“God will be all in all.”

1 Cor. 15:28

The prophets speak to us of that day and tell us that then even the creation that God made in the beginning

**“No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor the moon shine on you, but the Lord
God will be your everlasting light, Your
God will be your splendour.”**

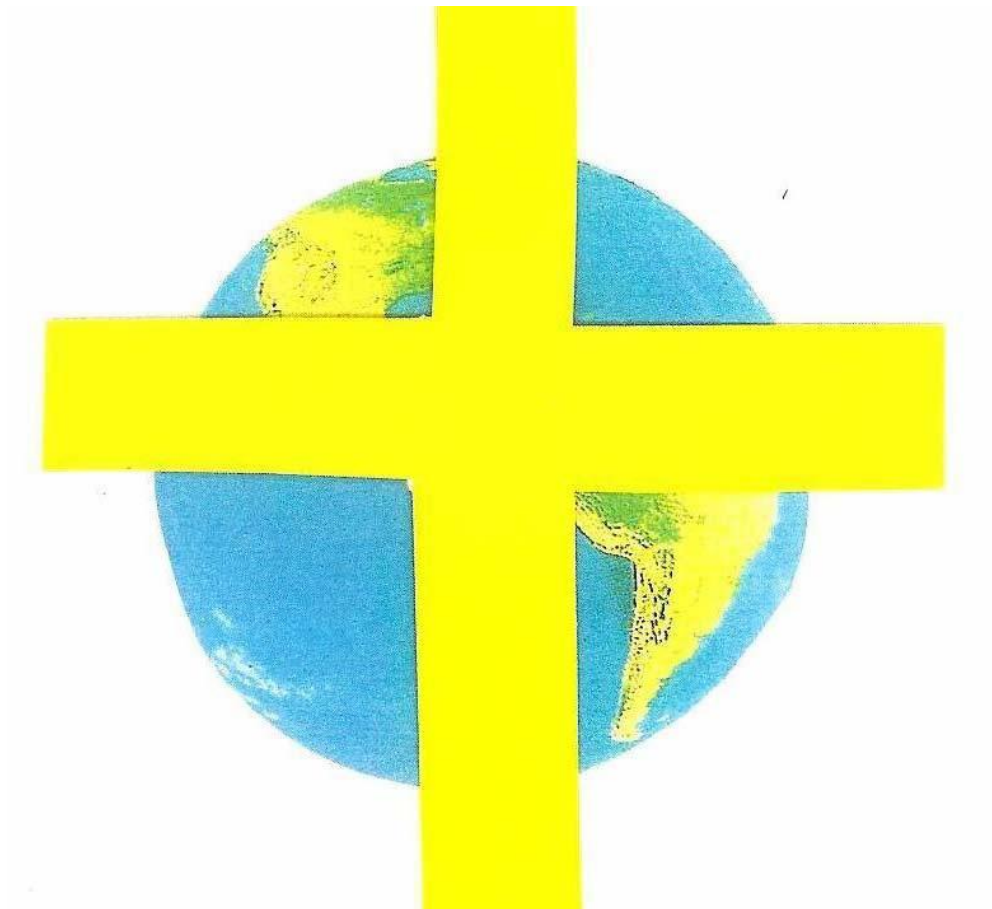
Revelation. 21:23

And death, as the prophets tell us, will be conquered forever...

**“God will wipe away all tears from their
eyes; there will be no more death, and no
more mourning or sadness.”**

Revelation. 21:4

The “PAROUSIA” is the moment which “God will be all in all.”



*The history begins with creation,
culminates in redemption
and is complete at the parousia.*

*It is called the History of the Kingdom of god,
And it is told in the Bible.*

