

The Millennial Reign of

Jesus Christ

1000 Years







## Chapters 20



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**J**n chapter 19 we were told about the defeat of the Antichrist and his armies by the one who sat upon the white horse whose sword proceeded out of His mouth. This is none other than Jesus the Son of God.

### **The Bottomless Pit**

Revelation 20:1-3 “<sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the **dragon**, that **serpent** of old, who is the **Devil** and **Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”

Here we find the angel calling Satan by four of his names so that we may know exactly who he is talking about; “Dragon,” “Serpent,” “Devil” and “Satan.” While Satan has great power and influence, he is not omnipotent. An angel of the Lord is able to seize and bind him. This angel has the key to the “**BOTTOMLESS PIT**” and is the same “Star Angel” seen by John when the “Fifth Trumpet” sounded (Rev. 9:1-2). He seems to be the custodian of the “Key” of the “Bottomless Pit.”

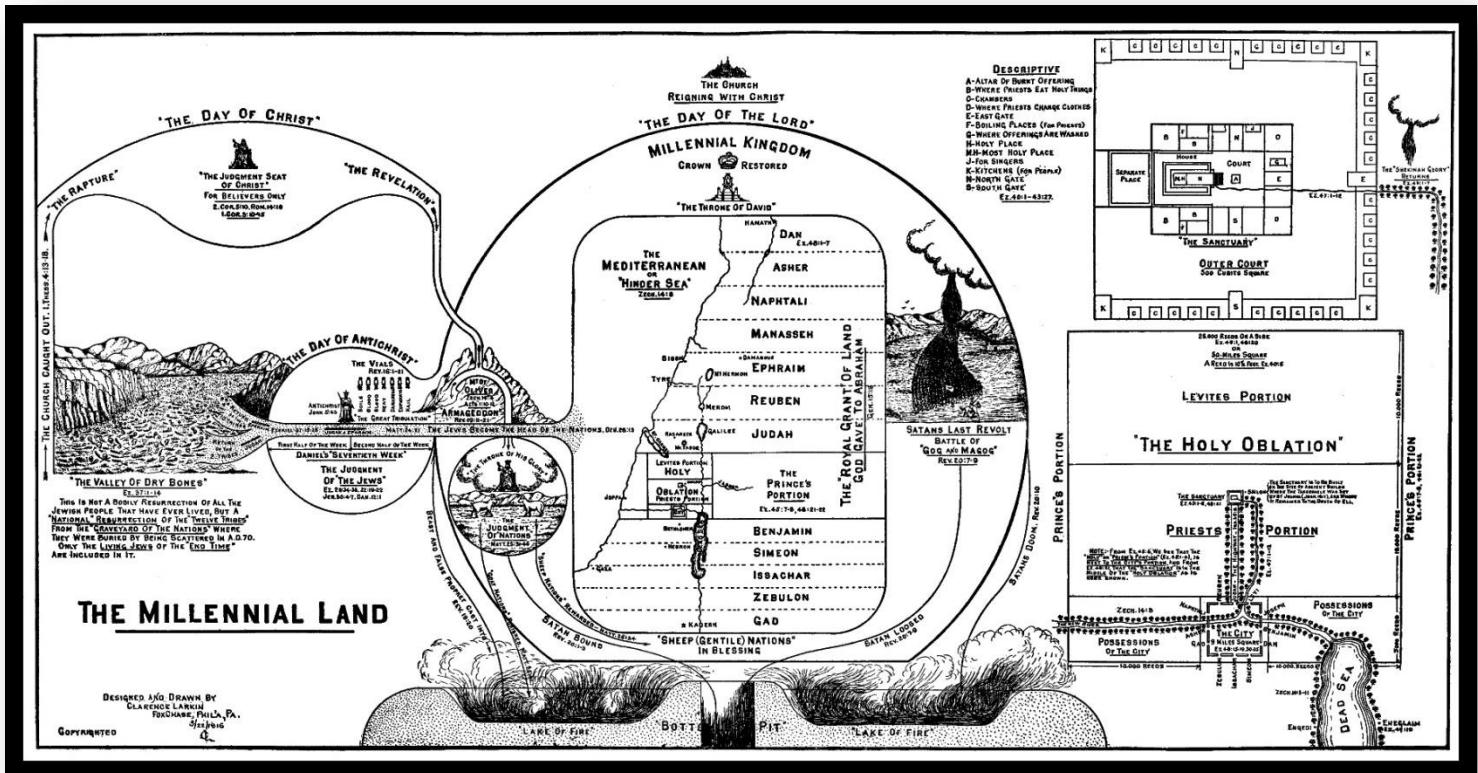
Revelation 9:1-2 (NASB), <sup>1</sup>Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.<sup>2</sup> He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up

out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

The binding of Satan reveals the fact that God can stop his evil work when He is ready and that without sending the armies of Heaven to do so. When the time has come, God will empower and command a single angel to seize, handcuff and imprison him. Satan is not cast at this time into the “Lake of Fire” with the “Beast” and the “False Prophet” because God has further use for him at the end of the 1000 years for which time period he is bound.



## The Millennial Kingdom The Church Reigning with Christ



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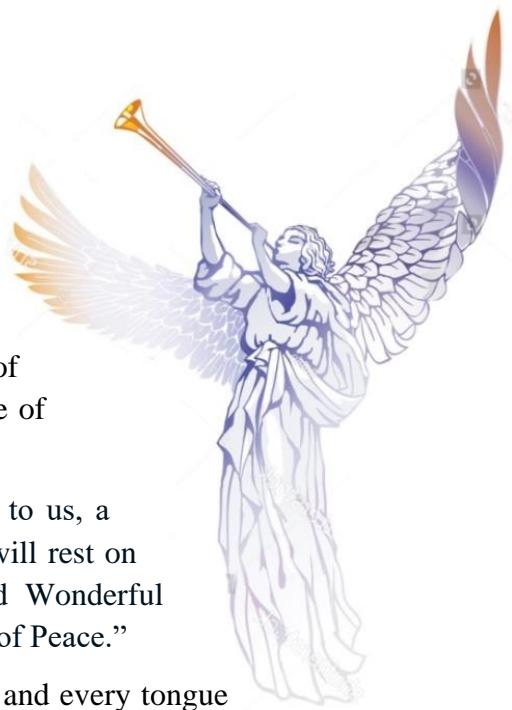


For many years it has been preached from the pulpits and taught in classrooms and Bible studies, that Jesus Christ is coming again. We hold this truth in our hearts for it is a holy covenant with our Creator, that He is coming back and He will make all things right. There will be peace in this world and all mankind will find the rest we have sought after for so long.

Yes, Jesus is coming; He is coming back to this earth. Kings and kingdoms will bow before Him. He comes in power and in strength never before experienced on earth. He comes to break every chain and set the captives free. He comes with healing in His wings, for He will heal the nations and in righteous judgment will He rule. The righteous will declare His praise, for who can stop the Lord almighty? He takes the throne of His father King David, for He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Isaiah 9:6 (NASB), “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

Now is the time that every knee will bow before Him and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



## Welcome to the

# M illennial R eign of J esus C hrist

Revelation 20:4-6 (NASB), <sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Finally after six thousand years of human history the Son of God, the Creator of all things comes to rule. The world will know what it is like to be ruled by **THEOCRACY**.

A noun, [the·oc·ra·cy]

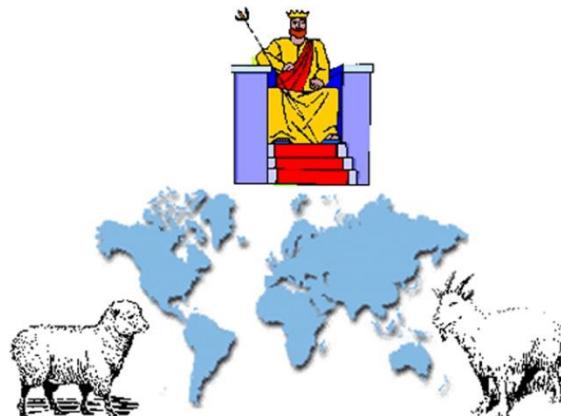
- A form of government in which God or deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler, the God's or deity's laws being interpreted by the ecclesiastical authorities.
- A system of government by priests claiming a divine commission.
- A commonwealth or state under such a form or system of government.



# 1000 Years

There is the matter of  
The Judgment of the  
“*G*entile *N*ations”

(Mt. 25:31-46)



There is much confusion about this judgment and the “Great White Throne Judgment” of Rev. 20. One is a judgment of nations and the other is a judgment of the individual sinner, one is on earth while the other is in Heaven and they are separated by a time period of roughly 1000 years. The following comparison will show the difference in the two judgments.

Judgment of the Nations

Matthew 25:31-46

1. No Resurrection
2. Living Nations Judged
3. On the Earth (Joel 3:2)
4. No Books mentioned
5. Three Classes: Sheep, Goats, Brethren
6. Time – Before the Millennium

Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

1. A Resurrection
2. Dead Judged
3. Heaven and Earth gone
4. Books Opened
5. One Class Named, “The Dead”
6. Time - After the Millennium

This is a judgment of nations only. The Jews cannot be in it for they are not “**RECKONED AMONG THE NATIONS.**” Num.23:10. The Church or (Bride of Christ) cannot be in this judgment for they are associated with Christ and are to “**JUDGE THE WORLD**” 1 Cor.6:2.

The prophet Joel is clear that there will be a judgment of nations in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Valley of decision) of all the nations. The judgment will be for the **TREATMENT** of “Yeshua’s Brethren” the Jews, Jehoshaphat means “the Lord Judges.”

Joel 3:1-2, "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land."

Joel 3:12, "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations."

Joel 3:14, “Multitudes, multitudes *in the* valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”

As we have seen in our study of the Five Judgments, the Church and the Jews have already been judged. They are not judged a second time for there would be no use in that, so who is meant by the “sheep” in the judgment of the nations? The sheep represent one class of nations and the goat another class of nations. How each nation treated Christ’s “Brethren,” the Jews, will determine into which group a nation is placed. It is certainly obvious that all the nations of the world cannot fit into the **VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT**, but then the entire nation does not have to. Only the nation’s representatives would come on behalf of their nation and that nation will be judged through the representative.

Christ’s sentence upon the Goat Nations will be:

Mt.25:41, “Depart from Me, your cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels,” and “these shall go away into everlasting punishment.”

The “Goat Nations” will be destroyed and they will perish. Christ’s sentence upon the Sheep Nations will be entrance into the “**MILLENNIUM KINGDOM.**”

The people of the sheep nations who have not taken the mark of the beast will live on and enter into the 1000 year reign of Christ. By this time Jesus is sitting on the ancient throne of His father King David.

Luke 1:32-33 (NASB), <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup>and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Zechariah 14:9, “And the Lord will be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.”

Isaiah 9:7, “There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”

#### <sup>1</sup>What is the Millennium?



he Millennium is a time (1000 yrs.) of peace and harmony on the earth when Jesus and the saints will rule in righteousness. It is a time when all wrongs will be put right and all evil will be cleansed from the earth.

#### As it was foretold by the Prophet

Isaiah 11:6-9 (NASB), <sup>6</sup>“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. <sup>7</sup>Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 65:20-25 gives us a deeper description of the wonder and harmony that will characterize this time.

Isaiah 65:20-25 (NASB), <sup>20</sup>“No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days*, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be *thought* accursed. <sup>21</sup>“They will build houses and inhabit *them*; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://activechristianity.org/what-does-the-bible-say-about-the-millennium>

<sup>22</sup> “They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> “They will not labor in vain, or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.

This earth will once again take its place in the Kingdom of heaven. In it nobody will exploit another, nobody will steal or murder. The entire earth will be ruled by Christ, His bride and the martyrs of c20:4.

The government of Jesus Christ will be according to God’s laws. It will be how God always intended the earth to be, a haven of peace and righteousness and joy. Creation in complete harmony with its Creator.

People will live much longer lives than they do now ([Isa.65:20](#)). The animals will stop from killing one another for food and all of them will turn to eating grass and plants ([Isa. 65:25](#))

<sup>25</sup> “The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.”

#### Animals Become Peaceful

Now regarding the character of the kingdom, the book of Isaiah is rich with kingdom prophecies. In Isaiah 11:6-9 we are told that "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

#### Jesus, the bride, and the martyrs

Jesus and His bride, along with the martyrs killed during the Great Tribulation will be ruling the earth. These are God’s most trusted servants. Jesus, who was tried in all points yet without [sin](#) has absolute authority over all sin and unrighteousness. He is one hundred percent united with God’s will.

Those who are of the bride of Christ have also conquered sin in their lives. They too have authority to judge and rule in righteousness because they have let God teach them this righteousness throughout their time on earth. God has tested them and they have been purified by fire, in the same way as Jesus. Jesus and His bride will dry away the tears and bring joy and peace to people. But they have no tears of their own to dry away because they are already filled with God's goodness and joy.

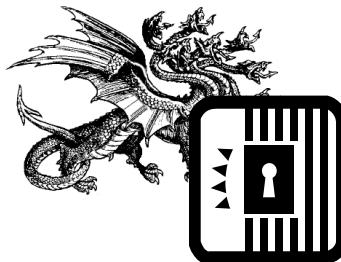
#### After the Millennium

Even though the Millennium will be a time lived in peace and righteousness, it is not God's final goal for His creation. Satan has been bound, but not completely eradicated. And despite the wonder and harmony on the earth, it is still not perfect in God's eyes because it bears the eternal stain of sin. We are then introduced to the 5<sup>th</sup> Doom.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> DOOM



Time has passed and **Satan** is **released** from the Pit



At the end of the Millennium Satan will be loosed from his chains for a short time, though it is unclear exactly how long this time is. This is his final chance to deceive all the nations and get people to follow him. Incredibly, he will gather enough people from all over the earth to create an army, and they will surround Jerusalem again, in a last desperate bid to take over God's throne.

Revelation 20:7-10 (NASB), <sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup>and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. <sup>9</sup>And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> DOOM

<sup>10</sup>And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

This is the last Satan will ever convince man to go to war. It is a selfish reason because Satan doesn't care about the individual who will fight and die, it is still, after all this time all about him. He wants to sit on the throne of this world and be God.

Before the fight even begins God deals with it. The last army to ever be gathered suddenly perishes as God sends fire down from heaven to devour them. Satan will finally be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the antichrist have been for the last 1000 years. They will be tormented there forever.

It is an amazing thing that no matter what God does, no matter how righteous the government He establishes is, and no matter that Satan has been locked in a bottomless pit for the last 1000 years, somebody will always be unhappy. True happiness comes from inside and if the inner man is not content, the individual will never be at peace. Selfish and self-centered motives will always rise to the level of want at any cost.

When Satan is released from his prison in the bottomless pit he will seek to vent his anger on the people of God. His hatred of God and His people has not been quenched. Satan will not have to look far for people that are unhappy with life in the Kingdom of God. They will want things their way at any cost. Satan promises to give them all that they want when he sits on the throne in Jerusalem.

Does any of this sound familiar at all? Let's take a quick look back at earlier time in Satan's history.

### The Rebellion of Lucifer (Satan)

Ezekiel 28:6 (NASB), "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have made your heart like the heart of God,'"

Ezekiel 28:17 (NASB), "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.

Isaiah 14:13-15 (NASB), <sup>13</sup>"But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.' <sup>14</sup>'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup>"Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12 (NASB), "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

Satan desire was to be like God. Because of his own beauty he desired to be not only like God, but to take His place and be God. His vanity knew no limits and so he convinced 1/3 of the host of heaven and even another Archangel (Abaddon - *Greek is Apollyon*, meaning destroyer and is known today as the angel of death) to follow him into rebellion against God. Promises of forbidden wisdom and high positions would be theirs if they were successful. He would benefit from the risk others would take for him, and so it is no surprise that 7 millenniums later he is trying the same old thing.

The result for those who would follow Satan will be the same as it was for the first group who followed Satan millenniums ago, they will all die. This time God uses an old, but extremely effect method, as it worked well in the case of Sodom and Gomora.

Revelation 20:9-10 (NASB), <sup>9</sup>And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup>And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

So Satan, the deceiver, the devil, the accuser, father of all lies is now thrown into the



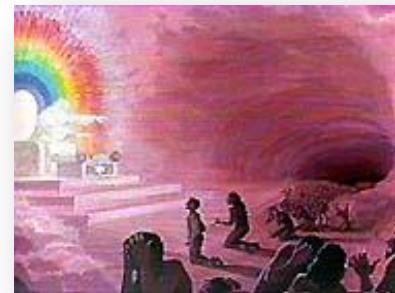
This marks the **END of the MILLENNIUM** and is the last event before the Final Judgment that takes place, **TIME CEASES** and **ETERNITY BEGINS**.

# 7<sup>TH</sup> DOOM

## The Great White Throne Judgment

Judgment of the wicked dead

Revelation 20:11-15



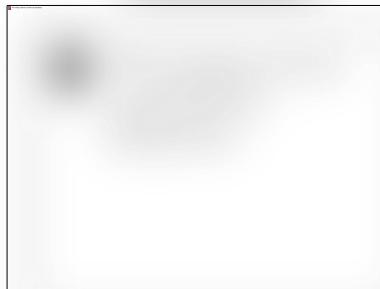
Revelation 20:11-15, <sup>11</sup> “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Who will be Judged

Revelation 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

These are the ones who hate God, His people and all righteousness. They didn't want to hear it at all, or anymore. They made fun of the saints and their endless preaching to get saved. They wanted to live life their way and on their terms, after all they believe they're pretty good people. They were sure God would let them into heaven once He heard their side of the story.

Just for the record, after their death, they spent their time in hell, waiting for this moment when they would give an account of how they lived their lives and the decisions they made. This is their time to have their lives evaluated just as the saints had their time. Since they never accepted Jesus as their savior, they have only their record to stand on, and right now the record of them is not looking very good.



“and the graves were opened”

John 5:25-29

“and the sea gave up its dead”

Rev. 20:13

According to Scriptures it will be Jesus Christ who will sit on the throne and be the Judge of the Great White Throne Judgment.

Acts 17:31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

John 5:22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,"

John 5:27 "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man."

The sea will give up all of its dead; **DEATH and HELL** will give up theirs also. I have wondered for some time why we are told “Death and Hell” gave up their dead. Death and Hell are not the same place. Death is the grave, the place where the body sleeps until God calls it home to heaven or to judgment. Hell is the place where the unrighteous soul goes

when the body dies. At death you are separated from your body; it and your soul goes to two different places. Hell is also known by another name, "Hades."

From out of the grave and out of hell the body, soul and spirit will be called to stand before Jesus Christ in righteous judgment of the works which are written in the books. There are several books that will be opened, which record the works of every man, good or bad, but there is one book which is opened at this time of judgment. It is called the "**BOOK OF LIFE.**"



and the **Books** were **Opened**  
Rev. 20:12





### Lamb's Book of Life

Rev.21:27

Revelation 21:27 (NASB), “and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.



### Books of Men's Works

Rev.20:12-13

Revelation 20:12-13 (NASB), <sup>12</sup>“And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of *them* according to their deeds.



### Law

Gal. 3:20

Galatians 3:20 (NASB), “Now a mediator is not for one *party only*; whereas God is *only one*.”



### Book of Life

Rev.20:15

Revelation 20:15 (NASB), “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Remember, this is a judgment of a person’s works. This is why the books are opened; within them each man’s works are recorded. However, we know that salvation is not by works Eph. 2:8-9.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Therefore, we can say that everyone at this judgment will not find their names written in the Book of Life and will be eternally doomed and cast into the Lake of Fire.

Up to this point all the unrighteous souls have been held in Hell (Hades) waiting the time of their judgment. It is a temporary holding place until they are judged. After judgment, all who were not found in the Book of Life are thrown into the Lake of Fire (called Gahenna), the final resting place for the wicked and unrighteous.

### A Judgment of Degrees

The difference between Gahenna and Hell is that there will be degrees of eternal punishment in Gahenna. This would be impossible without the measure of a man's sin being determined; this is what the judgment is for. Therefor until there is a judgment of their works the unrighteous are held in hell until the time of the Great White Throne Judgment.

Romans 2:5 "But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,"

The degree of their eternal punishment will depend on the number of times they have rejected the Gospel Message of Christ's love and their own works. The sin of the heart, is its hardness. Its condition is unrepentant, unremorseful, unapologetic and shameless, of which all are **MEASURED IN DEGREES**. In such a condition they lay up treasures of wrath reserved for them in Gahenna, called the **LAKE OF FIRE**.

This is also why, for those who know the Gospel and teach the Gospel and preach the Gospel, they will have a greater responsibility before God. They have the greater light (as God has revealed it to them) and will be held to a greater level of accountability before Jesus Christ the judge.

## From this Point Forward

The Blessing promised to everyone who has read and to those who have heard the reading of the book.

*There is Good News*

A promise from Jesus Himself.

Revelation 1:3 (NASB), “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

The ~~GLORIOUS FUTURE~~ is here



Enter into the Joy of your Lord