

# A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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## Revelation 20

### REVELATION 20:10

*"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."*

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### SATAN'S UTTER DEFEAT!

- **"Torment"** (*basanizo*) – "to vex with grievous pains, to torment" (Thayer).
- This torment is an **everlasting torment** just as eternity for the righteous will be eternal bliss (cf. Matthew 25:31-46).
- The Greek word for "eternal" *haionion* (Matthew 25:46) – "indeterminate as to duration, eternal [having a beginning but without interruption or end ... unaffected by time; timeless ... infinite, endless period of time], everlasting" (Moulton, page 11).

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- The **devil, the great deceiver**, will be punished.
- Cast into the **"lake of fire and brimstone"**
- This is where the **beast and false prophet** ended up
- Tormented **"day and night forever and ever."**
- **All who reject the Lord** will be in this same place, *"prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matthew 25:41). *"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal"* (Matthew 25:46).
- Satan's allies lost and he will also suffer defeat!
- Last enemy is judged and punished – **not a single enemy** to hurt the church is left!

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Every generation suffers these attacks.

- "Evidences of Satan's allies are abundant: secularism, materialism, atheism, astrology, false religion, fleshly lusts, drug cults, and all manner of evil.
- "The Lord's church is under attack from paganistic advocates who tolerate every immorality secular humanism can conceive, from abortion and homosexual marriages to the abolition of any faith that advocates trust in God."

(Robert Harkrider, *Revelation*, Truth Commentaries, pages 295-296)

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- "The idol of our day is not a god-Caesar; instead, man himself has become the object of worship. The "me generation" is filled with greed, avarice, and the gratification of every lust.
- "Even activities that may not be sinful in and of themselves, such as sports, the arts, or the film industry, have become the god worshiped by many."

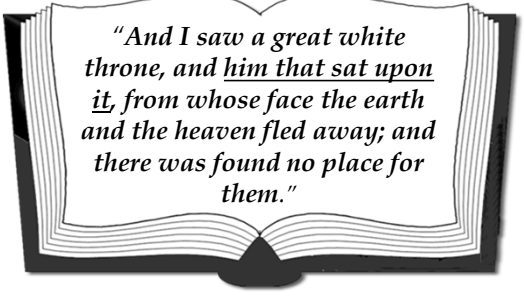
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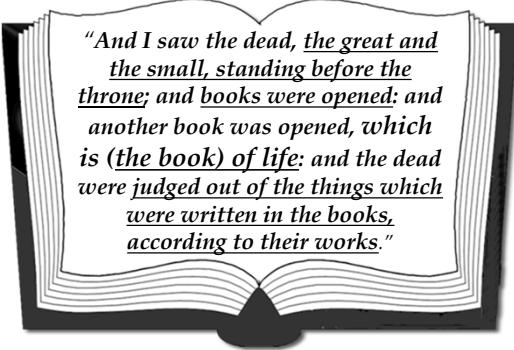
- Not the **literal** city of Jerusalem or a particular city
- Yet, notice how **quickly** they are defeated – “Fire came down out of heaven and devoured them.” (Revelation 20:9)
- No **opposition** has the power to defeat God.
- God’s people have the **divine assurance** that He will have the final say!

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**REVELATION 20:11**


*“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.”*

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**REVELATION 20:12**


*“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 out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works.”*

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**GLIMPSE OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

- When we leave 20:10 – the central purpose of Revelation is finished
- Rome has been **beaten and judged**
- The **dragon** has suffered the same fate
- From this point on – we will see what will be the end, not just for those living in the first century – but **all of mankind!**
- Moving ahead in time to the **FINAL JUDGMENT** of all of mankind!

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- Christ will be the judge sitting on the **heavenly throne** – Acts 17:31
- “Earth and heaven had **fled away**” – 2 Peter 3:10-11
- “**No place** was found for them.”
  - No more time – eternity has begun!
  - Everything known on earth has ended
  - Where is the place for the “kingdom on earth” now?

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**BOOKS OPENED**

- Although the theme of Revelation is concerned with “*things which must shortly come to pass*” (1:3, 19; 22:7, 12), it is within the context of assuring saints of their future destiny to include in this closing section a description of man’s eternal destiny.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>BOOKS OPENED</b></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>The Basis of Judgment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our deeds ... "<i>the things done in the body.</i>" 2 Corinthians 5:10</li> <li>• Our words ... Matthew 12:36-37</li> <li>• Even our secret things will be judged. Romans 2:16</li> </ul> </div>