

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!

- 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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SATAN'S UTTER DEFEAT!

- 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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GLIMPSE OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT

- 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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BOOKS OPENED

- The “**dead, small and great**” before the Lord
 - John 5:22-30; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- “**Books**” could it be the different laws of each dispensation? (**Romans 2:14; Hebrews 1:1**)
 - The Word Of God. (John 12:48; Romans 2:16; James 2:12)
 - Condemnation to those who obey not the gospel. 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff; cf. Romans 2:8-9
- Judgment is a day of **sentencing**
- “**Book of life**” – roll call of the faithful of all ages!
 - Exodus 32:32-33; Malachi 3:16-17; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 21:27

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BOOKS OPENED**The Basis of Judgment:**

- Our deeds ... “*the things done in the body.*” 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Our words ... Matthew 12:36-37
- Even our secret things will be judged. Romans 2:16

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SECOND DEATH – LAKE OF FIRE**Comment on 2 Peter 3:**

Verses 1-4 – Argument of the unbelievers.

Verses 5-7 – Destruction of ungodly.

Verses 8-9 – 1,000 years not a definite period, but a time of accomplishment of the purpose of the Lord. (cf. Galatians 4:4)

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SECOND DEATH – LAKE OF FIRE

Verse 10 – The Judgment. “**The Day Of The Lord**”
(cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:1ff)

Verses 11-13 – **Beyond the Judgment** is a “*new heaven*” and a “*new earth*” (cf. Revelation 21:1-2)

Verses 14 -15 – 1,000 years of Revelation is the period of salvation (“*longsuffering of our Lord*”)

– **Paul** and **Peter** talked about these things as well as **John!**

Verses 16-18 – Premillennialists have to pervert the teaching of Paul, Peter, and John to make the new heaven and earth physical.