



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Introduction: At the end of Christ's millennial reign, Satan is permanently banished to the Lake of Fire. Following this, God will execute the Great White Throne Judgment, a final judgment not for the redeemed, but for those who rejected Christ. God's righteousness demands holiness, and holiness cannot coexist with sin. Revelation 20 describes how God will eternally separate those who cling to sin and oppose Him. Only after sin and wickedness are eradicated can all things be made new, as described in Revelation 21.

THE DEVIL'S FINAL JUDGMENT (v 10)

- **Satan is defeated**
- **Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire & Brimstone**
- **He is tormented forever**

THE LOST'S FINAL JUDGMENT (vs 11-15)

- **The Great White Throne (vs 11-14)** The word **great** [*meegas*] means above all (Phil. 2:10). **White** is a color that denotes purity, holiness, and light. **Throne** relates to a place of authority.
- **God (the Judge) will be unopposed:** No one/nothing will stand against Him (v 11).
- **All the dead will appear before Him. (v 12)**
 - The "books" are opened, and the *dead* are judged (v 12).
 - One book will be the Bible (v 12)
 - One book will be the book of your life (Luke 12:1-3, 47-48; Rom. 14:12; Ps. 139:14-16)
 - One book will be The Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21:27)
 - The dead will be judged according to their works (vs 12-13).
 - Man's works only prove that he is a sinner in need of a Savior (Tit. 3:5; Gal. 2:16, 21, 3:24; I Tim. 1:9; Rom. 3:20, 5:20).
 - **Question:** *What have you done with the grace of God?* (Tit. 2:11-15; Jude 3-4)
Have you received that grace or rejected it?
- **Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire (v 14)**
 - **NOTE:** Verse 14 eliminates the Jehovah's Witness' view of death/grave being hell, for both are cast into the Lake of Fire forever. This verse states that their punishment will be without end!
- **Those not found in the Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire (v 15)**
 - The Book of Life often refers to a record of a person's life (Ex 32:32; Deut. 30:10; Ps. 56:8, 139:16; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5, 20:12; 22:19).
 - Man is "dead" without Christ! (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1; I Cor. 15:22; John 5:24, 11:25-26)

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Lesson Conclusion: How have you responded to God's grace? Have you placed your trust in Jesus as your Savior? If so, is your life reflecting that faith? Are you sharing the message of the coming judgment with others? For those who reject Christ, that day is drawing near. The righteous Judge will pronounce a verdict exposing their guilt, and their sentence will be eternal banishment to the Lake of Fire. Therefore, let us heed the call of Jude 23-24: "And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."