

PERFECT ENDING

WHY YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE MATTERS TODAY

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FINAL JUDGMENT
Revelation 20:7-15

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Introduction: Today we are going to look at one of the most sobering passages in the Bible describing the future judgment of all unbelievers.

I. The Two Resurrections

Revelation 20:4-6 “⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the 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 upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has 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.”

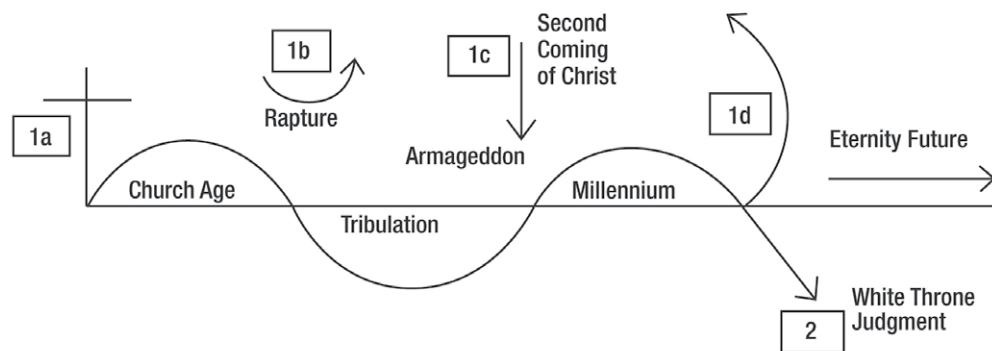
A. The First Resurrection (Revelation 20:6)

1. Illustrated by example

2. Explained in Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:20-24)

1 Corinthians 15:20 "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:22-24 "22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power."



1a "Christ the first fruits"

1b & 1c "After that, those who belong to Christ at His coming"

1d "Then comes the end when He delivers up the kingdom"

B. The Second Resurrection

2 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them." Revelation 20:13

II. The Unleashing Of Satan (Revelation 20:7-9)

A. The Reality of Satan's Release

Revelation 20:7-9 ⁷ And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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."

B. The Purpose of Satan's Release

C. Those Who Are Deceived by Satan's Release

John 10:28 "And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

Isaiah 65:20 "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 shall be thought accursed."

III. The Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

A. Description of the White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11 “And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.”

B. Subjects of the Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:12-13 “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 from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ 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.”

C. Basis for the White Throne Judgment

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God keeps two sets of books on each of us:

1. The Book of Life that contains the name of every believer who has trusted in Christ.

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

2. Books that record all of our words, thoughts, actions.

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Acts 17:31 “Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

D. Result of the White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:14-15 “¹⁴And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Conclusion