

Revelation Great White Throne

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Revelation 20:11 (ESV)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.



At the end of Chapter 19 we saw the Beast and the False Prophet thrown into the Lake of Fire! This could flow naturally into the Great White Throne of Judgment, but it doesn't. There is a 1,000-year period revealed before we experience the Great White Throne of judgment! This is beyond normal history and before final judgment. Therefore, let us just read what it says!

Revelation 20:1-3 (ESV)

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Satan was defeated at the cross, but not bound! The NT is full of accounts where Satan, the Evil one is deceiving, scheming, and very active in this Age of the Holy Spirit. Believers have power over Satan, but he is very much present and at work:

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) O/H

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) O/H

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 John 5:19 (ESV) O/H

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

In Chapter 20, Satan is bound to keep him from “deceiving the nations.” This is a future event!

Revelation 20:4a (ESV)

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.

This seems to be the raptured/resurrected pre-tribulation saints in 1Thes. 4:16-18. The next group seems to be the Tribulation saints who were killed and brought back to life.

Revelation 20:4b (ESV)

Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

This seems to be the long awaited earthy kingdom promised in the OT. This is an idea, which also occurs more than once in the New Testament.

Matthew 19:28 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Acts 1:6 (ESV) O/H

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

1 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV) O/H

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?

(Wallace - "the authority to judge" are the raptured/resurrected saints and the "reigning with Christ [not judging]" are the Tribulation saints. The Tribulation saints never had the opportunity to live in a "normal" world.)

Revelation 20:5 (ESV)

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

All unbelieving dead through the Ages have not been brought back to life. However, all those who encompass the total of resurrected believers are those considered to be part of the first resurrection. This First Resurrection in essence is inclusive of the catching up of the saints in 1Thes. 4:16-18.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (ESV)

The dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be “caught up” together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air!

For those who participate in this all-encompassing first resurrection, “the second death” in the lake of fire has no power over them. **On the other hand, “the rest of the dead” mentioned in verse 5 are those unbelievers who will “rise to be condemned”. This event is clearly stated throughout Scripture!**

John 5:28–29 (ESV)

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Acts 24:15 (ESV) O/H

There will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

Therefore, all resurrected believers encompass the First Resurrection and the second death has no power over them.

Revelation 20:6 (ESV)

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Satan's final deception and his destruction!

Revelation 20:7–10 (ESV)

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

In Revelation, the names Gog and Magog, are symbolic of the final enemies of Christ duped by Satan into attacking the community of the saints.

Now the end of all things and the Final Judgment before the Great White Throne!

Revelation 20:11–15 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.** ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and **they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.** ¹⁴ **Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.** ¹⁵ **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**



Only those who are the enemies of God—i. e., the wicked dead— unbelievers stand before The Great White Throne of Judgment!

Final Judgment; Books are opened. O/H

- The dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.
- They were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.
- **Then “another book” was opened, which is the Book of Life.**
- **And if anyone’s name was not found “written” in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.**
- Then Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire.

**TRUTH! THOSE WHO’S NAME IS NOT IN THE BOOK OF LIFE IS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE!
HOWEVER WE HAVE GOOD NEWS! Those who trust in Jesus have their name written in the Book of Life and will not be thrown into the Lake of Fire, and will spend eternity with Jesus in HIS glorious Heaven!
Therefore:**

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) O/H

The Spirit and the Bride say, “**Come.**” And let the one who hears say, “**Come.**”

Prophetic Team

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