A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 20:11-15

- Rev. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
- 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### **Scriptural Introduction**

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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(1) The Setting, 20:11-12

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- (a) The Background, 20:11-12a
  - i. A Terrible Fact, 11a "And I saw a great white throne..."
  - ii. A Terrible Figure, 11b "...and him that sat on it..."

<u>Dan. 7:9</u> I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

iii. A Terrible Fear, 11c "...from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

Psa. 114:7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

iv. A Terrible Fellowship, 12a And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God..."

(b) The Books, 20:12b-15

i. The Book of the Life, 12b "...and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life..."

1 Cor. 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

- 2 Pet. 2:4, For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ...
- 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
- <u>2 Pet. 3:7</u> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
  - ii. The Book of the Lost, 12c "...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Jn. 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

#### (2) The Summons, 20:13

Rev. 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

#### (3) The Sentence, 20:14-15

Rev. 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

#### **Conclusion**

- Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- <u>7</u> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.