



W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —
REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

Revelation 20: 4 (NASB)

Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God,

Revelation 20: 4 (NASB)

and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20: 5 (NASB)

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

Question?

Who are the rest of the dead?

Question?

When do they come back to life?

Revelation 20: 5 (NASB)

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Revelation 20: 6 (NASB)

Blessed and holy is the one who has a 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.

Question?

What is the second death?

This is a common Old Testament phrase meaning the final punishment, or hell.

Question?

Did Jesus speak more about heaven or hell?

Jesus spoke more about hell than any other person in the Bible.

He actually spoke about hell 3 times as much as about heaven.

Revelation 20: 6 (NASB)

Blessed and holy is the one who has a 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.

Revelation 20: 7 (NASB)

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at 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.

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Where do all these people come from that are being deceived into turning against Christ?

Question?

How many of them are there?

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Gog and Magog

The nations deceived and led astray are designated as Gog and Magog. The names are derived from Ezekiel (Ezekiel 38, 39). In rabbinical books the names were used to describe the nations who would rise against the reign of the Messiah.

Gog and Magog

The names are to be understood figuratively because no particular nation could be well spoken of as "the nations in the four corners of the earth."

The four corners of the earth means they come from all over or from all directions.

I believe all those who died outside of the will of God in both the old and new testament, including those who followed the beast and were killed, will again come alive after the 1000 years to be led into one final battle with the outcome being judgement and eternity in hell which is the second death.

Revelation 20: 9 (NASB)

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.

Revelation 20: 10 (NASB)

And the devil who deceived them
was thrown into the lake of fire
and brimstone, where the beast
and the false prophet are also; and
they will be tormented day and
night forever and ever.

Question?

Who were the first people cast
into hell?

The anti-Christ and the false
prophet.

Revelation 19: 20 (NASB)

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone.

Question?

How long have they been burning
in hell waiting for satan to join
them?

1000 years

Question?

Why a thousand years?

2 Peter 3: 8 (NASB)

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

Revelation 20: 11 (NASB)

*Then I saw a great white throne
and Him who sat upon it, from
whose presence earth and heaven
fled, and no place was found for
them.*

This is telling us that there will be nothing present but just Christ and those being judged.



Turn to: Daniel 7: 9

Daniel 7: 9 (NLT)

*I watched as thrones were put in
place*

*and the Ancient One sat down
to judge.*

*His clothing was as white as snow,
his hair like purest wool.*

Daniel 7: 9 (NLT)

*He sat on a fiery throne
with wheels of blazing fire,
and a river of fire was pouring out,
flowing from his presence.*

Daniel 7: 9 (NLT)

*Millions of angels ministered to
him;
many millions stood to attend
him.*

*Then the court began its session,
and the books were opened.*



Revelation 20: 12 (NASB)

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.

Question?

Who is dead at this time?

Hint: Revelation 20: 9

Revelation 20: 9 (NASB)

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.

Revelation 20: 13 (NASB)

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one of them according to their deeds.

Revelation 20: 14-15 (NASB)

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Question?

What happens when you die?

There are only 2 options. Death as a Christian or death as a non-Christian.

Death before Christ's Resurrection



Turn to: Luke 16: 19-24

Luke 16: 19-24 (NASB)

"Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, enjoying himself in splendor every day. And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed from the scraps which fell from the rich man's table; not only that, the dogs also were coming and licking his sores.

Luke 16: 19-24 (NASB)

Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's arms; and the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades he raised his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his arms.

Luke 16: 19-24 (NASB)

And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

Death after Christ's Resurrection



Turn to: Acts 7: 54-60

Acts 7: 54-60 (NASB)

Now when they heard this, they were infuriated, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

Acts 7: 54-60 (NASB)

and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they shouted with loud voices, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one mind.

Acts 7: 54-60 (NASB)

When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

Acts 7: 54-60 (NASB)

Then he fell on his knees and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-8

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight—but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Summary-Christian Death

Old Testament Saints entered a paradise with Abraham when they died and are awaiting eternity in the new Heaven.

Summary-Christian Death

After Christ's resurrection we who are Christians will fall asleep and Jesus will welcome us into a place of paradise awaiting eternity with the Old Testament Saints.

Summary-Death without God

Those who died without God before Christ or without Christ after His resurrection will enter a place referred to as "Hades" which is a place of torment awaiting judgement before Jesus and then the final sentencing of eternity in Hell.

Summary-Death without God

There is also a place of torment for the spiritual world who stand against God. This place is called the Abyss. We discussed this previously.

Question?

Will we all stand before the
Judgement Seat of Christ as
Christians?

Yes

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Question?

Will we be judged as Christians?

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

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John 5: 24 (NIV)

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Revelation 20: 12 (NASB)

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.

Great White Throne Judgement

Note: there are multiple books and not a single book and this is going to be very personal. Each person will appear singly before Christ and He has an eternity to do this. Remember the Dead is another word for those who are without Christ or without God.

Books of Life

Psalm 69: 27-28

Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation. May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

Philippians 4:3

Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Books of Life

Revelation 3:5

The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

Revelation 13:8

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

What is the book of life?

Upon conception God has created life and that life is so precious to God that He writes the name He has given each life He created in the book of life. Everyone, regardless of their lifestyle and faith, has their name written in the book of life.

What is the book of life?

When you become a Christian your name is then also written in the Lambs book of life.

What is the book of life?

Those whose name is not found written in the lambs book of life will have their name blotted out of the book of life at the final judgement. In other words they are considered by God to have never existed, they are remembered no more. They are blotted out. They are forgotten.

Question?

I believe there will be multiple books. The book of life, The Lambs book of life and books containing everything we have done in life-both good and bad.

We will all stand before Christ. Do you think you will have all your sins read from a book by Jesus during this great white throne judgement?

Isaiah 43: 25 (NASB)

*"I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own
sake, and remembers your sins no
more.*

For a Christian the Great White Throne Judgement is not to be feared. is where we will experience the full love of God!

Knowing everything we do, both good and bad, is written down should cause us to strive to live a Godly life, however I believe this is going to be a time of great joy as Christians.

As we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ I believe He will stand and smile and say "I know this one. (Insert your name here if you are a Christian) name is written in my Lambs Book of Life and (Insert your name here if you are a Christian) is mine, I paid (his/her) penalty and all his/her sins were forgiven and forgotten and they are Holy and Pure.

Welcome home my good and faithful servant for you are holy and pure in the sight of God and let me tell you what my new name just for you is. I have been waiting a long time to tell you"

Revelation 21

Revelation Chapter 21 Can be
summarized in one word
Heaven!

Revelation 21: 1 (NASB)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

Question?

What is John seeing now?

Question?

What will happen to the earth?

Revelation 21: 1 (NASB)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

"The heavens" as referred to here, is not referencing the heaven where God dwells. The word translated as "heaven" most likely refers to earth's atmosphere and/or space. John is describing our new eternal dwelling!

Isaiah 65: 17 (NASB)

*"For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth; And the former
things will not be remembered or
come to mind.*

Question?

Will we remember our life on
earth?

Isaiah 65: 17 (NASB)

*"For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth; And the former
things will not be remembered or
come to mind.*

Question?

What does John notice is missing?

Revelation 21: 1 (NASB)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

Revelation 21: 2 (NASB)

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Question?

What is John seeing now?

In heaven there will be a Holy City where we will be free to enter and spend time with God. This is telling us that there will be a main city in Heaven known as the new Jerusalem.