Study: Revelation Seminar

Text: Revelation 20:4-15

#### SESSION 8—"Things Which Will Be Hereafter" (Part 6)

### Sunday, October 16, 2016

In this passage we consider the pre & post millennial judgments as well as the literal Millennial Kingdom of Christ which Christ establishes upon the earth.

#### I. Pre-Millennial Judgments

# A. Judgment Seat of Christ—Church is judged (2 Corinthians 5:10)



<u>The First Judgment</u>: This is the judgment of the raptured church both living and dead. This will be the judgment of our *works* as believers.

#### B. Judgment of the Antichrist & False Prophet (19:20)



<u>The Second Judgment</u>: is the judgment of the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

# C. Judgment of the Tribulation People (20:4-5)

<u>The Third Judgment</u>: We know that there will be those who are alive on earth at this time, who have **lived** through the Tribulation. Some are believers and some unbelievers.

The Parable of Wheat and Tares (Matthew 13:34-43)

Christ will separate them; the unbelievers from the believers. The unbelievers will go into eternal fire, the lake of fire. But the believers will repopulate the earth. So <u>ONLY BELIEVERS</u> will start the Millennium Age.

<sup>\*</sup>Reference figure 2 timeline.

#### II. The Millennial Kingdom (20:5-6)



"The rest of the dead" – these will be judged at the Great White Throne.

#### III. Post-Millennial Judgments



#### A. Satan is judged (20:10)

<u>The Fourth Judgment</u>: This is the final judgment of Satan, the great deceiver. He will receive his due reward for his rebellion against God.

## B. Sinners are judged (Great White Throne 20:11-13,15)

*The Fifth Judgment*: This judgment is of all unbelievers.

# 1. The Setting (v. 11-12)

There is a terrible fact set before us, the fact of the great white throne. It is the throne of God, dazzling to the eye, reflecting a purity so intense that before it the very seraphim shrink. Guilty men, summoned to that throne, have no place to hide, nothing behind which to cower. All the foolish little delusions behind which men hide today will be gone, and men will be confronted by a fact too terrible to contemplate—the great white throne.

There is a terrible figure. John sees Him at once and knows Him as the Lord. The nail prints are in His hands, the scars are upon His back and brow, the spear wound is in His side—the marks of what wicked men did to Him. There He is! Men have ignored Him, denied Him, cursed Him, disbelieved in Him, sold Him. Now He is their Judge.

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Jesus is bliss beyond words for the child of God, BUT for the ungodly, it will be the first agonizing stab of hell. The earth and the heavens have fled already from that face, for heaven and earth have been defiled by sin and need to be made anew. Oh, what a face it is! The ungodly spat in it once and wrenched the beard from its cheeks, leaving it more marred than any man's. Now they gaze on it in fear and torment. Everything stable, solid, and familiar in the universe has gone—every landmark, every stone, every hiding place. There is nothing left but emptiness, a throne, a figure, a face, and a cramping fear.

There is a terrible fellowship there too. The dead, small and great, stand before God. Dead souls are united to dead bodies in a fellowship of horror and despair. Little men and paltry women whose lives were filled with pettiness, selfishness, and nasty little sins will be there. Those whose lives amounted to nothing will be there, whose very sins were drab and dowdy, mean, spiteful, peevish, groveling, vulgar, common, and cheap. The great will be there, men who sinned with a high hand, with dash, and courage and flair. Men like Alexander and Napoleon, Hitler and Stalin will be present, men who went in for wickedness on a grand scale with the world for their stage and who died unrepentant at last. Now one and all are arraigned and on their way to be damned: a horrible fellowship congregated together for the first and last time.

# 2. The Summons (v. 13)

Note: ALL unbelievers will appear before God!

There will be no hiding place. The first question put to man by God was, "Where art thou?" As that word rang out across Eden, Adam and Eve came out of hiding to stand naked and ashamed before their Judge. That cry will go forth again, and out of their tombs they will come, up from the depths of the sea, forth from the arctic wastes, up from the burning sands, and out of the tropical bush. From this age and from that they will come, those newly dead and those whose bones are but dust. He knows where every speck of human dust is hidden, and at His word it will all come scurrying

back to make again the forms of the departed. The bodies will rise from the dust, and the souls will come up from Hades. Back they will come, with faces wrecked and ruined by sin and with souls knotted and gnarled, shriveled and shorn by lust and hate, envy and scorn, passion and pride, iniquity and crime. Back they will come to be judged—according to their works.—John Phillips

#### 3. The Sentence (v. 14-15)

Note: Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire. The curse is ended.

The books have been read: every mouth has been stopped, and all at the great white throne are found guilty before God. Now the fearful sentence is read. John says, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (v. 14). The terrible words are spoken: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). It was to save men from this that Christ came and suffered, bled, and died. It was to warn men of this that God wrote the Bible and for centuries has striven by His Spirit with men. The Bible leaves it at that. There is no wracking description of the horrors of the damned, no frightening drawing appended to the page, just the naked narrative, the bare sentence. Eternity itself will fill in the rest.—John Phillips

<u>Hebrews 9:27</u> And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

# Q: On judgment day, at which one of these judgments will you find yourself?

<u>2 Corinthians 13:5</u> Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ** is in you, except ye be reprobates?



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