

REVELATION Lesson 188

Chapter 20:11-15 The Great White Throne Judgment

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Vs 11 “From whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.” Only God can command His own creation to flee away, leaving behind men and women who rejected Jesus Christ and are now standing upon nothing before the Lord to be judged.

Job 38:12-13 illustrates nicely. Notice: “**They stand as a garment.**”

“**There was found no place for them**” (for earth and heaven), but also for the individuals who now have no place to stand.

- They had no room for Jesus at His birth (Luke 2:7). For two thousand years people have had no place for Jesus Christ in their lives. At the White Throne Judgment, they will find that the Lord has no place for them in His kingdom.

Vs 12 “I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...” Your status or your position in this world will play no role in whether you will stand before God at this judgment. Small or great, if you rejected Jesus Christ, you will give account to Him at this judgment.

“**The books were opened...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books.**” God has a written standard that He will use to judge anybody who has not received forgiveness and eternal life through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Romans 2:16—the Christ-rejector will not only be judged according to the things they did or didn’t DO, but according to their secret thoughts.

The dead, standing before God, proves that nobody gets annihilated, or reduced to non-existence.

John 17:2—The Lord can summon the dead because they all belong to him. He has “**power over all flesh.**”

1 John 2:15-16—These two verses describe the mass of humanity that follows the devil.

1 John 2:1-2—Jesus Christ died on the cross for that same mass of humanity. He paid for their sins, and He will judge them for rejecting His payment.

- Jesus created them, died for them, and therefore has every right to judge them.

2 Peter 2:1—When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He died for the false prophets whose teachings led people straight to hell.

Philippians 2:9-11—Everyone who is in heaven, in earth, and under the earth (hell) will bow the knee to Jesus Christ and every tongue will confess that He is Lord.

John 12:47-48—anyone who hears the words of Jesus Christ and does not receive them will be judged by those words in the last day.

Hebrews 12:23—God is the judge of all.

John 5:22, 27—"The Father...hath committed all judgment unto the Son... And hath given him authority to execute judgment also."

- The Father gives authority to judge to the Son, but the Son commits judgment unto His word. The word of God will be the final authority in judgment. It will not pass away (Mt 24:35).

Vs 13 "They were judged every man according to their works." Their evil works remain unforgiven, their rejection of Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation has sealed their fate.

Here is the Judgment in a nutshell:

Received Jesus Christ: receive eternal life in heaven with Him.

Rejected Jesus Christ: sentenced to eternal damnation in the lake of fire.
