REVELATION Lesson 191

Chapter 20:11-15— The White Throne Judgment; Who Else is There?

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Vs 12 "I saw the dead, small and great..." This is not just human beings; this includes Satan's host.

- **Isaiah 24:19-22**, the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones.
 - We wrestle with spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph 6:12).
 - The Principalities and powers, and the kings that they influenced will be shut up in the prison of hell, and after many days shall they be visited (vs 22) to stand at the White Throne Judgment.

Vs 13 "Death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them."

- Death delivers the body of the unbeliever. Hell delivers the soul of the unbeliever.
 - The two are combined (resurrected) so that each person can stand in judgment bodily.
- Acts 2:27, the SOUL of the sinner goes to hell. Jesus' body was in the grave. His soul went to hell for sinners but did not stay there.
- Matthew 10:28, Jesus Christ is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- **1 Cor 15:50-55,** a believer's body may die and see corruption in the grave, but their soul instantly goes to be with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8). At the first resurrection, the believer's body is raised from the dead, joined with their soul, and changed into an incorruptible body.
 - o Believers who don't die will have their body changed into an incorruptible body at the rapture.

"...and they were judged." There will be degrees of punishment determined at this judgment.

- Luke 12:41-48, Level of punishment will depend upon the amount of light a person rejected. One who knew very little about the Lord and His will is going to be punished, but not as severely as the one who knew much and did nothing to prepare.
- Matthew 11:20-22, Cities that had a greater gospel witness will be judged more harshly for their rejection of that light. Judgment will be more tolerable for those who didn't have that kind of witness.

Vs 14 "Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire."

• **1 Cor 15:22-26**, death is the last enemy that the Lord must destroy before we can begin our life in eternal glory.

- **Vs 15** "And whosoever was not FOUND written in the book of life..." God's will is that all men repent and be saved. Everyone's name is in God's book of life until it gets blotted out through unbelief and rejection of the Savior. (Rev 3:5, Deut 9:14, 25:19, Psalm 109:13-14, 69:28).
 - God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9).
 - God did not create anybody to go to hell.
 - 1. Everyone goes to the place for which they are suited. The lost would not be able to live in heaven.
 - 2. You reap what you sow. Rewards and penalties are determined by the life you lived. You will get what you deserve.
 - 3. All those who did not oppose God's will are saved by His will (infants, mentally disabled).
 - 4. Men are lost due to human will, not divine will. God's will is that you do not go to hell.
 - 5. No one will protest the justice of God. Only those who didn't want God will go to the Lake of Fire.
 - 6. All of creation will be in agreement with the fact that God is righteous.
 - 7. God shall be all in all. Everyone left in the universe will submit to God.

THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

This is an unbiblical term. Every person becomes accountable to God at different ages, depending on the gospel light that they are exposed to.

- Romans 5:12-14, "death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Every person born of a man and woman have a sin nature at birth.
 - "Sin is not imputed where there is no law." An infant or a mentally challenged person is not charged with the guilt of sin because they never knew God's law.
- Romans 7:7-11, "I had not known sin, but by the law... but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." When you learn what is right and what is wrong, at that moment your sins are imputed to you. You must repent and call on the Savior.
- Acts 2:29, 34, when David died, he was saved, but did not go to heaven. Those who are not born-again will stand at the White Throne Judgment. Babies and retarded people are included.
- **2 Samuel 12:15-23**, David was a saved man who knew he would see his infant son again one day. His baby had not rejected the revelation of God and was safe when it died.
- **Isaiah 57:1-2**, sometimes God takes a righteous person to the grave to spare them of some evil that was otherwise coming in their future (disease, disaster, heartache, assault, war, etc.).
- **Job 40:10-14**, If you don't want to be accountable to God, here is how you can save yourself. Not really, but God shows you how impossible it really is. We need Jesus Christ, the Savior.

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- **Isaiah 14:16-17**, Satan will be seen at the White Throne Judgment.
- **Psalm 110:1**, God the Father will make His Son's enemies His footstool.
- Joshua 10:22-24, Joshua told his men to put their feet on the necks of the enemy kings.
 - o "Joshua" is the Old Testament form of "Jesus."