

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15 Jeff Schreve

“... *there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.*” Acts 24:15

What happens at the final judgment?

1. The Judge will take His seat upon the great white throne.

A. The Judge is terrifying in holiness and majesty.

It is a terrifying thing to fall in the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31

B. The Judge is the Lord Jesus Christ.

“For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.”

John 5:22-23

2. The unrighteous dead will be resurrected to stand trial.

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne.

Revelation 20:12

A. The “bad” people will be there.

B. The “good” people will be there.

C. The procrastinating people will be there.

D. The deceived people will be there.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Matthew 7:21-23

3. The books will be opened.

... 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. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and

death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Revelation 20:12-13

A. Every unsaved person will see just how wicked he truly is.

B. Every unsaved person will be judged with perfect justice.

"And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall receive many lashes, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few." And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. Luke 12:47-48

4. The judgment will fall.

And 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. Revelation 20:14-15

A. The second death is eternal fire.

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.'" Matthew 25:41

B. The second death doesn't have to be your eternity.

Is your name in the book of life?