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# **The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.**

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### INTRODUCTION.

This study looks at the events leading up to and surrounding that royal, majestic moment when God descends on a great White Throne to earth and the events leading up to and surrounding the lake of fire and the second death. Following are the six verses that mention the Great White Throne, the second death and the lake of fire.

1. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death (Rev. 2:11).

This means that the second death will have no power over those who hear the message of the cross and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and not only respond to it, but also faithfully follow the Lord.

2. The beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur (Rev. 19:20).

This clearly shows that the false prophet (a global religious leader) and the beast (a symbol of a political world leader and by extension all nations aligned to him) and those who affiliate themselves with the beast and his system are thrown into the lake of fire.

3. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6).

This shines a light on the truth that those who the second death has no power over will reign with Christ during his glorious millennial reign on earth.

4. The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Rev. 20:10).

Again, we are told all who deny God and are aggressively against Him or deliberately cause harm to others will be thrown into the lake of fire.

5. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14).

This verse shows that there are two deaths and that death and hades (the grave) are thrown into the lake of fire at the second death.

6. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death (Rev. 21:8).

Again, we see that those who deny God, are grossly corrupt and have such a hard heart that they can deliberately inflict harm upon others (especially for their own gain) will be cast into the lake of fire. Before shining a light on the breathtaking events mentioned in these verses it will help to take a brief overview of the events that have transpired prior to God descending on a great White Throne, the second death and the lake of fire so that we have an idea of where the awesome and eternal events spoken of in these verses fit into God's prophetic timetable.

**Revelation Seventeen:** tells us Jesus the Lord of lords and King of kings will conquer a woman full of abominations and adorned with gold, jewels and pearls (symbolic of global false religion) sitting on a scarlet beast full of blasphemous names (symbolic of the global secular world system) because both the woman and the beast are of one mind to make war against him.

**Revelation Eighteen:** records the fall of Babylon the Great who the kings and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the power of her global banking financial system of credit, interest, greed and excessive profits and corrupted the earth with immorality and self-indulgent luxurious living.

**Revelation Nineteen:** in this chapter Jesus descends in glory on a white horse as King of kings and Lord of lords with great power, we see God by His mighty power destroying the armies of the nations who attempted to destroy Jesus and those with him and the birds of the air feasting on the dead and decaying bodies.

**Revelation Twenty:** tells us the following eight things: -

1. The faithful come to life and reign with Christ for a thousand years (symbolic of a long duration of time) this is the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4).
2. The rest of the dead do not come to life until the thousand years are ended (Rev. 20:5).
3. The second death has no power over those who attain to the first resurrection they will be priests of God and of Christ during Jesus glorious millennial reign for a thousand years.

In Revelation chapter one we are told that, "Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father and that Christ is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth" (Rev. 1:5-7) and Revelation chapter five tells us, "Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:9-10).

4. At the end of the thousand years Satan deceives the nations of the earth and gathers them for battle against God's beloved city they surround Jerusalem, but before any battle begins God from heaven destroys them (Rev. 20:7-9).
5. After this, God Himself descends from heaven on a great White Throne (Revelation 20:11).
6. The sea, death and hades (the grave) give up all the dead who were in them and they are judged, according, to what they had done (Rev. 20:13).
7. While they are standing before the Throne of God the Book of Life and some other heavenly books are opened and those standing before God are judged according, to what is written in the books according, to what they had done (Revelation 20:12-13).
8. Death, Hades and whoever's name was not found in the Book of Life are thrown into the Lake of Fire.

The Lake of Fire is the second death a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total-destruction and extinction) (Rev. 20:14-15). For further information see the following two titles: -

- Kingdom of God.
- The Book of Life and the Lake of Fire.

Both titles are in, Revelation (ON WEBSITE MENU).

**Revelation 21:** after the great White Throne Judgment, the first earth and the first heavens are dramatically changed and a new heaven and a new earth appear. God not only restores our planet to its original pristine condition and alters the climate and weather patterns so that deserts will blossom and storms will be no more, but also changes the wild nature of animals so that a lamb will be able to play with a wolf and there will be nothing on earth that can harm or hurt. When these dramatic changes occur, it will be right and proper to say that we are living under a new heaven and dwelling on a new earth.

The Holy city, New Jerusalem, comes down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband and the dwelling place of God is not heaven, but with mankind. God will dwell with those who have been counted worthy of ETERNITY and they will be his people and God Himself will be with them as their God. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will there be mourning, crying or pain because all these former things have passed away and God by His mighty creative power has made all things new (Revelation 21:1-5).

**John's vision of the Bride the wife of the Lamb:** in this chapter God gives John a majestic vision of the Bride, the wife of the Lamb. He sees the Holy City New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God and having the glory of God. There is no temple in this most glorious holy and royal eternal city because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lord Jesus Christ is its temple. The city has no need of the sun or the moon because the glory of God and the Lord Jesus Christ are its light.

Every king and nation dwelling outside of the Holy Eternal City will live in the cities light and since there will be no night in the city and nothing that can harm or hurt on earth and its gates will never be shut. Kings and nations will bring their honour and glory into God's Holy City and never again will anything offensive to God and the Lord Jesus Christ enter its gates even though kings and nations will visit the Holy Eternal City only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will dwell in it (Rev. 21:27).

**NOTICE:** the glory and rich beauty of the language: we are told, the cities radiance is like a most rare jewel, like a jasper clear as crystal, the city is built of pure gold, clear as glass and adorned with twelve stones of, jasper, sapphire, agate, emerald, onyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth and amethyst.

Each of the twelve gates were made of a single pearl and the street of the city was pure gold transparent as glass. Pearls, gold and these precious, unique and glorious stones are the most valued and most rare to be found on earth,

Figuratively these precious stones are not only symbols of the glory and beauty that God will honour those in His Kingdom with, but also show how esteemed, treasured and precious God values the faithful who love his Son and who has endured through the struggles and hardships of life because of their devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and their hope in his return and who by faith have believed in God's promise of an eternity that surpasses anyone's wildest dreams.

**Revelation 22:** now John sees the throne of God and of the Lamb in the city and those who have the Lord's name on their forehead worshipping the Lord face to face. The expression, face to face means being in an intimate relationship with a friend you truly love and not only enjoy being with. It carries the idea of being with a person who you share every secret and hidden thing with.

Every brother and sister in Christ is fully aware of their own devotion toward the Lord and their excitement in seeing him when he returns, but sadly not all have the same awareness of the Lord's love toward them and his excitement to gather them to himself and his joy to be with them in ETERNITY.

**His name written on their forehead:** does not mean that the name is literally written on their forehead, it carries the idea that the Lord is their dominate excitement and joy and the uppermost desire of their life and their best thought. It means that Christ has the highest place in their heart and is the exalted King on its throne and the champion of their life.

There is a river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the Throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city and on either side of the river is the tree of life with twelve kinds of fruit and leaves for the healing of the nations.

In John's vision, he sees the tree of life as being on both sides of the river. It is most likely the tree appeared in the vision with its branches arching over the river and intertwining with each other to give the appearance of one tree.

The symbolism of this vision would be one of the Jews and Gentiles being united by the ever-flowing Spirit of Christ (i.e., the River of Life). John is told there will be no night in the city and no need of a light or of a lamp or of the sun, because God the Father and Christ will be its light and they will reign forever over the global eternal Kingdom and nothing offensive to God or anything that can harm or hurt will ever enter the city again.

**Fire:** is a perfect symbol of total and utter destruction since it forever seeks out fuel to burn and continues to burn until everything in its path is totally and utterly-destroyed. This, is why the, "The Lake of Fire," is a perfect title to symbolise eternal death meaning total and utter extinction, especially since it also carries the idea of God's utter distain toward those who are cast into the lake of fire.

**Symbolism:** there is clearly a mountain of glorious symbolism for the ardent Bible student who loves to pursue and study Scriptures that refer to the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, prophecy and Bible visions contained within these chapters, but our focus in this study is not upon the detail or the multitudes of symbolisms, but upon a broader view of the main events that will occur when Christ returns in glory and the events that will follow his majestic return.

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#### **SUMMARY: Seven stages from Christ's Return in Glory to Eternity.**

1. Jesus returns in glory and those who died in faith come to life and the faithful who are alive are gathered up to be with them in glory to reign with Christ as kings and priests during his millennial reign, this is the first resurrection. The second death will have no power over those who attain to this resurrection.
2. Jesus millennial reign begins, during this new Kingdom age everything that withstands and opposes God, and is wicked and corrupt is restrained by the authority and rule of the Lord Jesus Christ who is reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords over the nations.
3. The Kingdom age of Christ comes to an end and the armies of the rebellious and self-willed nations who refuse to submit to God and who defy Christ's rule attempt to attack Jerusalem, but fire comes down from heaven and consumes them.
4. God Himself descends on a great White Throne and the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead and they stand before the Throne of God.
5. The Book of Life and some other heavenly books are opened and those standing before God are judged, according, to what they had done and according, to what is written in the other heavenly books. Those counted unworthy are cast into the lake of fire (a symbol of eternal death) (i.e., total and utter extinction) this is called the second death.

6. The Holy city New Jerusalem: comes down to earth out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
  7. Eternity begins there is no more death, sorrow, suffering, weeping and pain and ETERNITY begins in all its majestic royal fullness.
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**NOTE:** I am very aware when I am writing of the things concerning Christ's return, the millennial age and the thing relating to ETERNITY that it is with a fallen and finite mind that is limited to time (as we understand it) that I am attempting to understand things not yet happened and that are radically different to anything any generation of every age of history has experienced on earth.

Because of this I would never be dogmatic and absolute in my understandings and explanations concerning Christ's return, the millennial age and the things concerning ETERNITY, but always allow for certain amount of mystery to remain and am always open to receiving greater light since there are clearly many extremely detailed glories and wonders that can be found in the symbolism of these amazing prophetic chapters.

Hopefully the overview of what I have written will give the passionate and enthusiastic Bible reader a launching pad to begin their own exiting discoveries and build and expand on what I have done.

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### **The Resurrection and Computers.**

Some people find it difficult to comprehend God raising the dead, but think of it this way: we have super computers today that have in their memories literally trillions of bits of information and at the touch of a key any one of those bits is resurrected to us on a brightly coloured screen (soon it is most likely they will simply appear in the air), then with another touch of the key it all vanishes into the super memory and is gone, until we resurrect it again.

Knowing that God has given his creation a mortal mind and finite memory to be able to build such amazing computers should make it very easy to understand how God keeps us all in His immortal mind and eternal memory waiting for the right time to touch the supernatural keyboard of heaven and raise us once again to life. Added to this very few Christians have any trouble believing God created the universe that we live in so raising the dead in comparison is not such a difficult task for such an awesome, powerful and majestic God (Heb. 11:3).

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### **Eternal Salvation and Billionaires.**

Peter wrote: -

- In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Tested faith is more precious than gold because if it endures the test it leads to eternal life and everlasting glory. If our world's top scientist and medical practitioners could invent a pill that would give people eternal life the billionaires of this world would write out a cheque no-matter what the cost to buy them for all their family and friends, and almost all the world would sell everything they had to purchase one.

This is the high value Peter and the apostles placed on the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. To Peter and the faithful brothers and sisters who supported him there was nothing in this world more valuable for any man or woman to possess than the gift of eternal life.

How sad it is that in some modern churches today this high value of eternal life has been lost and replaced by a gospel that focuses on a blessed, prosperous and materially successful life now in this mortal and corrupt world and messages that appeal to self, ego and pride. Especially when one considers what it cost God the Father to redeem us and the high price his Son paid to purchase this gift of eternal life for all who would humbly accept by faith the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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