

Revelation: The Time is Near

The Second Death

Revelation 20:11 - 21:8

Revelation Review:

- John on Patmos, **revealed** Jesus in glory, in heaven
- **The end of the world (as we know it) - The Great Tribulation** most of earth, cities, climate, oceans, peoples destroyed - great earthquake at end levels everything
- **Judgment on the nations and those who follow satan (it's clear)**
- **A last ditch effort to get the world to repent**

- The END revealed
- The CHURCH revealed
- HEAVEN revealed
- JESUS revealed
- The FUTURE revealed
- THE FUTURE FUTURE revealed
- **The Father Revealed**
- **The Books Revealed**
- **Our works revealed**
- **A New Heaven & Earth Revealed**

“Bible says more about the End Times than any other time in history.” Missler

Previously:

- Rider on a White Horse - The REAL Jesus
- His army of saints behind him
- KING OF KINGS LORD OF LORDS
- 1,000 Year Reign
- One final rebellion - free will
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[James 4:11-12 NKJV] Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

Turn to Psalm 46

Remember - all of this in Revelation is just the beginning.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
- Amazing Grace*

[Pray]

20:11-15

A Great White Throne

The One on it, Jesus - truly the *fullness* of of the Trinity (*Guzik*)

Bema Seat

bema was also a place of judgment, being the extension of the raised seat of the judge, as described in the New Testament, in Matthew 27:19 and John 19:13, and further, as the seat of the Roman emperor, in Acts 25:10, and of God, in Romans 14:10, when speaking in judgment.

From whose face the earth and heaven fled away...and there was found no place for them

[2 Peter 3:10-13 NKJV] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

[1 Timothy 6:13-16 NKJV] I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and [before] Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep [this] commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, [He who is] the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom [be] honor and everlasting power. Amen.

I believe that it's this moment that all of current creation is destroyed.

The effects of sin and the broken world cannot stand before God's presence.

God is fully revealed here. Jesus. The Father. The Holy Spirit. The throne. Nothing is left hidden. Nothing can stand in his presence.

There's no place it can hide. It is utterly done away with.

Thankfully for us:

[Psalm 103:12 NKJV] As far as the east is from the west, [So] far has He removed our transgressions from us.

There's this zooming, peeling away of everything physical in creation, and only people are left to **stand before God.**

Quite a long line!

Can you imagine standing there and not being ready? Having not bowed the knee in this life? Having raged against him your whole life? And now there's literally no place to hide.

We hide behind so many things in this life. Apparent good motives. Excuses. Blaming others. Procrastination.

[Jeremiah 17:9-10 NKJV] "The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, [I] test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings."

Today is the day of salvation - this is the day of judgment

Truly judged for what we did with Jesus and the knowledge of the truth (Romans 1)

It's not just good works or bad works. It's truly, did we trust Jesus and live our life on that foundation or did we hate him and live our life on that foundation?

[Luke 20:17-18 NKJV] Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'? "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

**Accepting his judgment on our sin in this life, leaning on him for our salvation, falling down in worship in him now - will break us. (But truly we are already broken)
It will cost us something in this life.**

But none of what it costs us now is truly worth anything eternally.

[Philippians 3:8-11 NKJV] Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which [is] from the law, but that which [is] through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

But to those who haven't trusted, they will be utterly pulverized at the judgment and in eternity.

Everyone - small and great - before the throne

Your station in this life has no bearing on your position in line
 You either represent yourself or let Jesus represent you - and you make that decision now, not then

One set of books:

The books with everything you've ever thought and done in it
The amount of data big tech has on us

Can you imagine waiting in line and everything is playing before you, remembering it?

Read aloud before everyone.

[Hebrews 9:27 NKJV] And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Thankfully this is in the beginning of Eternity - it won't take all of it

The first part of hell for these folks is standing before God, being rightly judged for what they did

The first part of heaven for us is standing before God NOT being judged for our sin, but being rewarded for our faith and the works that came from them

[2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NKJV] Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

[Romans 14:10-13 NKJV] But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "[As] I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in [our] brother's way.

Remember - the judgment we are to have in this life is not one TO condemnation, that is for God alone. But our judgment is one of DISCERNMENT between right and wrong and CORRECTION to lead others to life, not approve of them in the things they do UNTO DEATH.

[1 Corinthians 3:9-17 NKJV] For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, [you are] God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will

declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which [temple] you are.

[2 Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV] For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

"As there is a second and higher life, so there is also a second and deeper death. And as after that life there is no more death, so after that death there is no more life." (Alford)

It's sobering to realize there's a record of it all

God doesn't miss a thing. That should be a warning and a comfort. He doesn't miss when you do in secret what is right.

[Matthew 6:1-6 NKJV] "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who [is] in the secret [place]; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

The Sea, Death and Hades delivered up the dead in them

Remember the flood? All those who died? Not necessarily in the ocean waiting. Burial at sea...

Sea had frightening and unknown and powerful connotation to ancient peoples. Vast ocean of wonder, not knowing what was beyond - similar to space these days - a dangerous place, only could venture so far. Storms could come up at any moment.

"Why does the sea give up its dead? It represents the place of unburied bodies; the emphasis is on the universal character of judgment — everybody is included." Guzik

Death and Hades done away with, cast into the lake of fire

We talked about the misconceptions of hell we have and the truth of the three locations throughout history

Death is done away with here. There will be no more life and death now - just life -

Either eternally dying in torment

Or

Eternally living in paradise

Hades - the place of torment until the judgment is done away with as well, even it is thrown away

In a sense, God wants nothing to do with hell. It's not a place he enjoys sending people to. It's the place, that in a sense, had to exist to deal with those who would turn away from righteousness.

There's no place for anyone to flee from God

There's no place for sin in heaven.

Judgment is right and true and just from God. But in a sense, I don't think it's what he enjoys, lives for. He's more intent on preventing people from receiving it. More desiring of giving people reward for simply trusting His love for them.

Anyone not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire

That's it. The second death.

There is no resurrection from this.

We all will be resurrected from the first death - dying in this life.

Will live for eternity in the Lake of Fire or in the New Heavens and New Earth

(which I believe there is a "gulf fixed" between that no one can pass)

[John 5:28-29 NKJV] "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice "and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

That is sobering...anyone not found in the Book of Life

We're all found in some way in the piles of books of all human history

But if there's no cross reference of us being in the Book of Life

That's it. Gone. Burning in torment forever. Totally aware of everything you've done. Totally aware of complete separation from God. Totally aware you had every chance in the world to turn and receive forgiveness, and you didn't...

God is faithful. This is written here that we might not go there.

21:1-4

First heaven and first earth passed away

That's this, what we're in now. Creation.

Literal 6 days, not a gap theory, not a previous creation satan falling in.

This is it.

No more sea

Interesting that when reading Genesis it seems there was one great Sea. I mean, technically there is today, too. We call it different names depending on what land it borders, but it's all connected in one giant waterway.

More on the Sea

e. No more sea: To the Jewish mind, the sea was a place of separation and evil. Already in the Book of Revelation it is shown to be the source of the Satanic beast (Revelation 13:1) and the place of the dead (Revelation 20:13).

i. In other passages of Scripture, the sea is associated with the heathen (Isaiah 57:20) and in a more general sense, with the opponents of the Lord that must be conquered (Psalm 89:9).

Guzik

Think about the wonders of a new creation. God doesn't give us the day-by-day account here. Was it created here in an instant? Was it a separate event just not outlined? Has it been what Jesus has been working on for the past 2,000 years, "I go to prepare a place for you"

If this creation took 6 days and the new creation takes 2,000 years...

how amazing will that be.

We can't imagine. We can't speak of it, language couldn't do it. Video couldn't handle it.

Colors, sounds, tastes, touches, things we haven't dreamt of in experience, to the fullness for eternity!

New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven

This new city, we'll look at in the next study, is quite amazing.

Coming down out of heaven - a big city floating down out of heaven being installed on earth.

"Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be done!"

Another voice from Heaven

Remember all the voices proclaiming judgments? This is a much better message. One all of heaven is longing to proclaim!

[Revelation 21:3-4 NKJV] And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and be] their God. "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall

be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

The former things have passed away

They're gone. We won't ever deal with them.

In some sense there's a memory of them as we'll know what the voice is talking about here

But we won't feel the pain from them anymore

[1 Corinthians 13:12 NKJV] For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

We'll know everyone. We'll have joy. We'll know who each other are - but I think in a sense, it's based on the Book of Life judgment. Who we are in Christ. If there's any memory of the former things it's not tainted with sin or the lens of it or the scars of suffering.

Marriage isn't a thing - to each other at least - we're all the bride married to Jesus.

Here's the new home for his bride.

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The Words of God on the Throne - in an a sense, the First Word of God here after the judgment

Behold, I make all things new!

I am a new creation in Christ

Everything made over. Made new. Made better. Sin won't happen again. Everyone there has had an opportunity to choose and don't want to ever turn back.

IT IS DONE.

It is finished on the cross.

All the work of God is done.

An eternal rest.

Yet somehow, this word being recorded, is also meant for people of all history to trust in. That they might miss the judgment and go to the reward.

Fountain of water

Woman at the well

Remember there's somehow tiered judgments, far worse for people who've done worse with more knowledge

Hitler more punished perhaps than the grandma - but maybe not, did hitler know of Jesus? Was in he in church every week hearing the gospel constantly and still rejecting? Whatever God has for judgments are right.

Interesting list

Cowardly - timid, fearful - is it wrong to be timid? In a sense, I think this is like the person who "thought God to be a hard man" and buried their talents
But also "perfect love casts out fear for fear involves torment"

Unbelieving - unfaithful, not to be trusted

Abominable - to render foul - both foul in life and considering the cross foul

Murderers

Whoremongers - pornos

Sorcerers - pharmakeus - drug use

Idolaters -

Liars - God hates lying and lying lips!

A part of the lake of fire

- a part due or assigned to one
- Destiny

That's the end of all of those folks and ways of life! DEATH!

[Proverbs 7:27 KJV] Her house [is] the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Remember, God doesn't want this judgment for anyone. He wants all people, especially those of those lifestyles, to turn to him

For him to be their God and them to be His children and to receive His reward not the reward of their sin

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Which is the second death

[2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NKJV] For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.