

## Final Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

**Introduction:** Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Peter 1:10 - Review

The Final Judgment – Revelation 20:11-13 - Daniel 7:9-10 - This judgment will finalize the punishment of lost sinners and the degree of their punishments. (Matthew 11:20-24, Luke 12:47-48; John 19:11b)

"Book of Life" - Daniel 12:1-2

"Judged, each according to what they had done" (20:13). Three questions: 'Who is judging?', 'Who is judged?', 'What is judged?'.

The Ultimate Sentence – Revelation 20:14-15 – The second death is the death that we must all be concerned with, it is eternal death in the Lake of Fire.

"Lake of Fire" - Valley of Ben-Hinnom or Topheth located southwest of Jerusalem. First, it is perpetual 'fire'. Second, it is engulfed in total darkness. Third, it is a place where the worm does not die, and finally, a place of unending sorrow and grief filled with weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Conclusion:** Saving grace will not be available forever, it will come to an end when the judgment arrives. (Hebrews 10:26-32)

God judges us according to works; for the unrighteous their works in the flesh and for the righteous their works of unrighteousness have been paid for by Jesus Christ at the cross. At the judgment seat of Christ the works of believers will be judged for their eternal value. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10) All judgment is judgment of works.

Physical, first, death is the end of chances to repent and believe in Jesus Christ; and that should energize and challenge me to communicate the good news clearly and faithfully. The second death is final separation from God and from earthly loved ones; this should further energize and challenge me to pray and testify to the love and grace of God; the Good News.

Satan has played a serious role; first, as an external enemy and secondly, as an internal force for evil, wrong and compromise. He is very active in the west as he dominates culture and marginalizes the impact of the local Church. "In a fallen world like ours unity is no treasure to be purchased at the price of compromise. Loyalty to God, faithfulness to truth, and the preservation of a good conscience are jewels more precious than gold" (A.W. Tozer).