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The Great White Throne Judgment

1. The Great White Throne Judgment will immediately follow the ending of the Millennium, or the one-thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth. We are told in the Word of God, that Satan will be loosed from the bottomless pit after the one-thousand year reign of Christ, or the Millennium. And that He shall go out once again and attempt to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. But when he compasses about the camp of God's saints, and the beloved city (Jerusalem), fire shall come down from God out of Heaven and devour him and his followers. (Rev. 20:7-9) But I do not believe that this will be for any long period of time. This time of the Great White Throne Judgment will be for those who have refused to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, while living upon this earth. This great time of God's judgment of the lost, is mentioned many times throughout the Word of God. It will also be just before the beginning of the new eternity, which God has prepared for those who love Him, and have accepted Him. All of the dead; both small and great; who will be living in the place of torment, where they went upon their earthly death; will be resurrected to appear before God; Who will be the eternal Judge. There are books kept in Heaven, which shall be opened at this time, which contain all of the works of the lives of those who are lost; from which none of these works have been erased by the blood of Jesus Christ. The lost will stand condemned by their own works. It is at this time that Phil. 2:9-11 shall be fulfilled, which tells us: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The greatness of this throne will not be found in the size of it, or in how many people stand condemned before it, but in the greatness of the Judge who presides over it; the Lord Jesus Christ. The white color of the throne will represent Christ's holiness and purity. Those who refuse the free gift which God offers to all mankind; salvation; will find out that it is truly a fearful thing, to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. 10:29-31 tells us:

“And of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who have trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

a. Sanctified-Greek-hagiazo (hag-ee-ad-zo): to be made holy, purified (from sin), hallowed, or to be made righteous in the sight of God Almighty.

b. Despite-Greek-enubrizo (en-oo-brid-zo): to insult, that which indicates a shameful position, or to ignore that which is beneficial or for one's own good (the Spirit of grace).

c. Vengeance-Greek-ekdikesis (ek-dik-ay-sis): punishment upon others who have done wrong or harm unto oneself, retaliation, or to see that justice is done.

d. Recompense-Greek-antapodidomi (an-tap-od-ee-do-mee): repayment, due wages (for right or wrong which has been done), or reward (for good or for evil). Every person will receive reward for the deeds which they have done while they live upon this earth; whether they have lived a life of good, or a life of evil. The Lord Jesus shall be the Judge of which type of reward that we receive after our earthly death. And if one has done deeds which shall bring unto them the reward for evil, they shall fall into the hands of the living God; and He will see that justice is done.

2. The Great White Throne Judgment will not be at all for Christians; but only for those who have refused to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. And all that one must do, in order to avoid this great judgment, is to repent of their sins, believe in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and invite Him to come into their heart by faith; allowing Him to become their personal Lord and Savior. God tells us in both Acts 2:21, and also in Rom. 10:13, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved. And we also read in 1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” God's Word also tells us in 1 Cor. 6:1-2, that his saints shall have a part in the judgment of the lost sinners. We read in these two verses: “Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?” We, I do not believe, will be the ones to make the final judgments as to the eternal destination of the lost. For as we read in John 5:22, the Heavenly

Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son. But I do believe according to these two verses from Paul's writings, that we as Christians will play some part in the matter. .

3. We also read in Rev. 20:11-15: "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

A. We have already stated that the Judge who sits upon the Great White Throne will be Jesus Christ. For all judgment shall be committed unto Him, according to John 5:22. But as we also read from 1 Corinthians, there will be a part in the final judgment that is to be played by the saints of God.

B. The earth and the sky fled from his presence must surely be speaking of the moving or the destroying of the old heavens and the earth that we now know of. For we are told in Revelation Chapter 21, that there shall be a new Heaven and a new earth which shall come down and replace this old heavens and earth. We are told in Isa. 66:22: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain." And also in Matt. 24:35 we read: "**Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**" Without any doubt whatsoever, this old heavens and earth is definitely going to come to an end one day. Peter also prophesied of this great event in 2 Pet. 3:10-11: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." We also read in Rev. 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

C. Every individual from every walk of life, who has refused to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, will stand before Him on this day. They shall be judged from the book of deeds; which contains the thoughts, the words, and the deeds, of each individual. There shall also be what is

known as the "Book of Life." This book will contain the names of those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, once they become accountable for their own personal sins. Every one will be judged according to their own divine record; even those from the bottom of the sea. Jesus will also raise up those who are temporarily abiding in Hades; or the temporary abiding place of those who are lost. Believers and unbelievers will be raised and judged separately. As we stated earlier, the Great White Throne Judgment will be only for those who have refused to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior; and the other judgment will be for those who have been washed in the blood of Jesus. They will go before the Judgment Seat of Christ; where their works will be judged. The purpose of this judgment is not to see whether or not we have received salvation; but this is a judgment of works; for the purpose of receiving rewards and crowns; for the way in which we have lived our Christian lives here on this earth.

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Conclusion:

There is definitely going to be a Great White Throne Judgment which shall come to pass; and Jesus Christ will be the eternal Judge Who sits upon the throne. It shall come to pass immediately following the one-thousand year reign of Christ upon this present earth. We are also told that at this time, this present heavens and earth which we now know of, shall be passed away, or destroyed. This judgment will be totally for the lost, who have refused to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Those who are presently abiding in the temporary place known as Hades, will all be called up before this mighty throne of God, to be judged according to their spiritual relationship with God; and will be cast eternally into the lake of fire; or Hell; the final destination for all who have refused to surrender their lives unto God. They will eternally accompany the devil, the antichrist, the false prophet, and all of the angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God Almighty. And they every one shall suffer eternal torment in the lake of fire.

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