

Book of Revelation – The Final Judgment-- Rev 20:11-13

Series REV-63

Part 1

Review Revelation 20:4-6 - The Judgment of the Lost

Before we look at the last few verses of the chapter, we need to do a quick review and notice a couple things which bring more clarity on the subject. Verse 4 is quite revealing. As we saw from last week's lesson, particularly the chiasm of verse 3-7, noticed an alternating pattern between Satan, the Originator of sin, then the saved—the lost—the saved again. Note the diagram below of the sequence of Judgment.

Examination Judgment of the Lost (After COP)

- Saints with Jesus sit on thrones examining books of the wicked/ungodly.
- Sentence is passed, determining duration of punishment
- City descends to the earth for final battle and execution of the wicked.

Execution of Judgment

- When Jesus looks upon the wicked, they are conscious of every sin committed.
- All worship the Son of God.
- Fire comes down from God and consumes the wicked.

God follows the same pattern of Judgment above as He did with saints below:

Investigative Judgment of the Saints (Prior to COP) Verdict of Acquittal

- Those who profess Christianity, profess belief in Christ have their books examined (righteous dead first, then righteous living) Living cooperate with Christ in overcoming through **blood of the Lamb** & word of their testimony. (**repentance** and **faith**)

- Come up in 1st Resurrection
- Comprise those who are Redeemed
- Earn the right to judge the wicked/ungodly.

Revelation 20:11-13 – The Great White Throne

We will be looking at a number of statements connected with these verses and from them answers will be derived for the following questions:

- 1) Vs.11 indicates that “the earth and heaven fled away” from the face of Him that sat on the throne. Is this referring to the same group of people in Rev 6:16? _____. Does the COL statement on page 318 support your assessment? _____. Who do you think she is referring to with such statements as:
“Sad will be the retrospect in that day when men stand face to face with eternity.”
“Men will then see that the righteousness they despised is alone of value.”
“They will have a knowledge of what it means to transgress the commandments of God.”

2) There are four groups mentioned in the first GC statement surrounding the throne in square fashion. List the four groups and make mental note of the differences.

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____
- D) _____

3) In the same statement it is mentioned the final coronation of the Son of God which takes place before “the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven.” If this is the final, when did the former ‘coronations’ take place? [hint: there were two we know of before this. See DA 379 and AA 38.3]

1st Coronation: _____

2nd Coronation: _____

4) What consisted of the Saviour’s joy in the GC statement at the bottom of p.2?

The last page of SOP statements was the most fearful, in my humble opinion. This passage from Vol 4 of the Testimonies should be read often. I will not ask any questions on this passage, but I will make the following bullet points for your consideration.

- She had a vision of the Coming Judgment. Note what group of people engaged her attention primarily.
- In the 4th paragraph, she listed a number of categories of sins for this group then “was filled with inexpressible anguish.” Note what she next exclaimed.
- Note the reason for the “nameless terror” and “quaking of heart” which seized every soul.
- At the beginning of the last paragraph, it stated that the names of all of this group were mentioned. Just think about this for a moment--how long this ‘judgment process’ could take if you have hundreds of thousands of names to mention? {Just a thought}
- Note the words spoken by the Judge in that last paragraph and the ‘wise arrangement of God’ and what it entailed.

As I was contemplating these points and the awesome solemnity of this passage, it struck me who the intended audience this passage would be written. And more than likely who would be those who would ever read it—not the very group referred to.

*May the Lord help us appropriate the truths
He has graciously revealed to us.*

Part 2 Next Week