

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE
(Rev. 20:11-15)

- I. The SCENE (Rev. 20:11-12a)
 - A. The DESCENT of the THRONE of GOD
 - 1. Described as VAST and PURE
 - 2. Occupied by the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE
 - B. The DESTRUCTION of EARTH and HEAVEN
 - 1. They FLEE AWAY (Matt. 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Lk. 16:17; 21:33; 2 Pet. 3:10)
 - 2. They cannot be FOUND
 - C. The DISPLAY of the WICKED DEAD (Heb. 9:27)
 - 1. ALL are PRESENT
 - 2. ALL are STANDING
- II. The SCROLLS (Rev. 20:12*b*)
 - A. The BOOKS of the LIVES of the LOST
 - 1. Contains the RECORD of their DEEDS
 - 2. Proves the JUSTICE of their DAMNATION
 - 3. Implies that PUNISHMENT will vary in DEGREE
 - B. The BOOK of LIFE [of the LAMB] (13:18; 21:27)
 - 1. Contains the NAMES of ALL of the REDEEMED
 - 2. Contains NONE of the NAMES of those ASSEMBLED (17:8; 20:15)
- III. The SUMMONS (Rev. 20:13)
 - A. The DEAD are brought out of the SEA
 - B. The DEAD are brought out of “DEATH and HADES”

1. "Hades" is PARALLEL to the Hebrew *sheol*
 2. "Hades" is DISTINCT from the LAKE of FIRE
 3. "Hades" designates a place of PUNISHMENT while awaiting this court's ETERNAL SENTENCE
- C. The wicked dead, as a GROUP, are judged according to their INDIVIDUAL works
1. EACH one suffers for HIS OWN sin
 2. EVERY one is CONDEMNED as a sinner

IV. The SENTENCE (Rev. 20:14-15)

- A. The sentence DECREED
1. ALL receive the SAME sentence
 2. ALL are cast into the LAKE of FIRE
- B. The sentence DESCRIBED
1. Called "the SECOND DEATH"
 2. Contrasted with "the FIRST RESURRECTION"
- C. The sentence DEFENDED: NONE of those condemned were found written in the BOOK of LIFE

V. The SUMMARY

- A. Occurs after the CLOSE of the Millennium (20:5, 12-13)
- B. Takes place neither in HEAVEN nor on EARTH
- C. Involves ALL of the UNSAVED dead
- D. Will be based upon their WICKED WORKS
1. All receive the sentence of the "SECOND DEATH" confirming and making ETERNAL their separation from GOD
 2. It implies DEGREES of punishment in HELL
- E. Will result in ETERNAL separation from GOD, in constant TORMENT in the lake of FIRE