

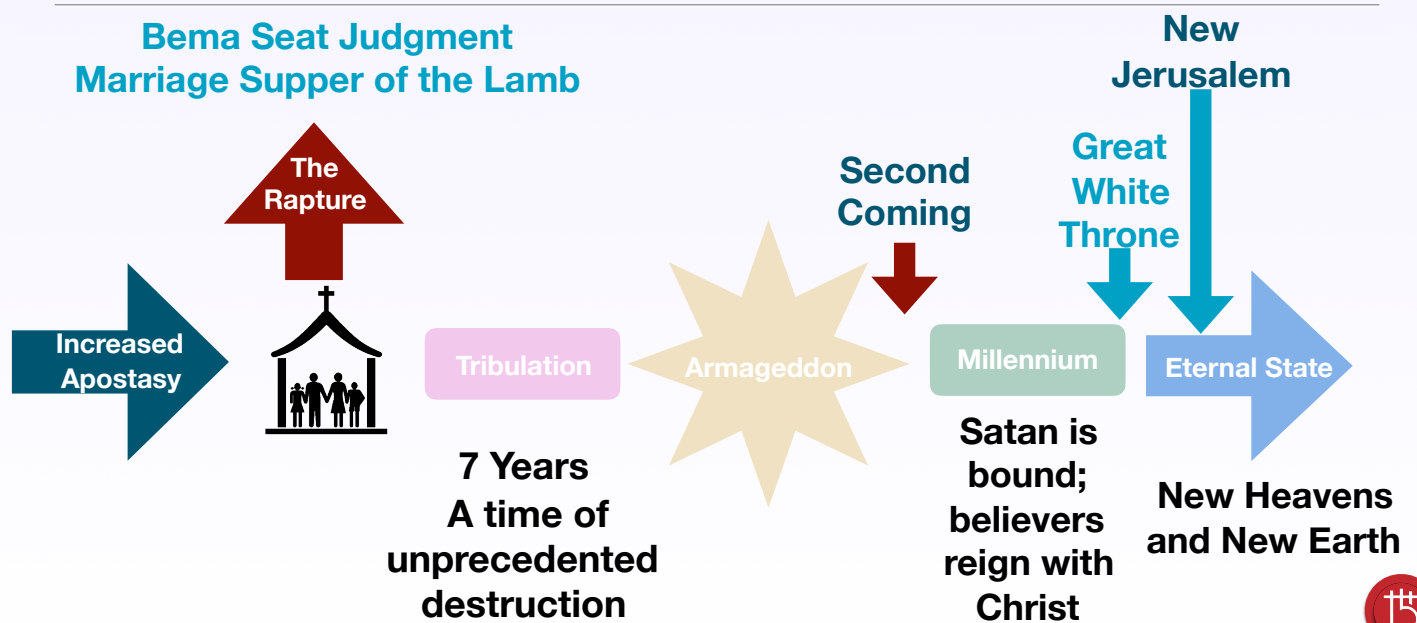


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The Church's Hope: Eschatology

**Dispensational Eschatology:
An Overview of the End of Human History**

The Sequence of Events



The Rapture and the Tribulation



Distinction between the Rapture and the Second Coming

1 Thess. 4.13-18

- The Rapture will occur in the air.
- The Rapture's purpose is to bless and protect.
- The Rapture is imminent.
 - Could occur at any time.
- The Rapture takes the saints to the Father's house



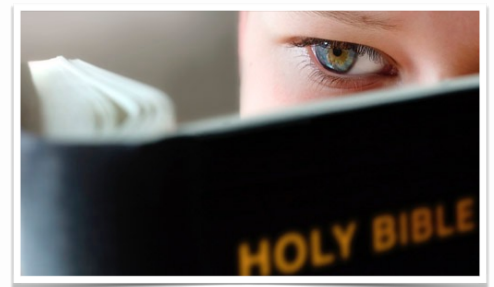
Distinction between the Rapture and the Second Coming

Matt. 24:29-31

- **The Second Coming** will occur on the Mount of Olives
- **The Second Coming's** purpose is to judge
- **The Second Coming** will be preceded by signs
- **The Second Coming** creates an earthly Kingdom

The Rapture: Biblical Teaching

- **Please Read**
 - John 14:1-3
 - 1 Cor. 15:51-53
 - 1 Thess. 4:14-17 (Key Text)

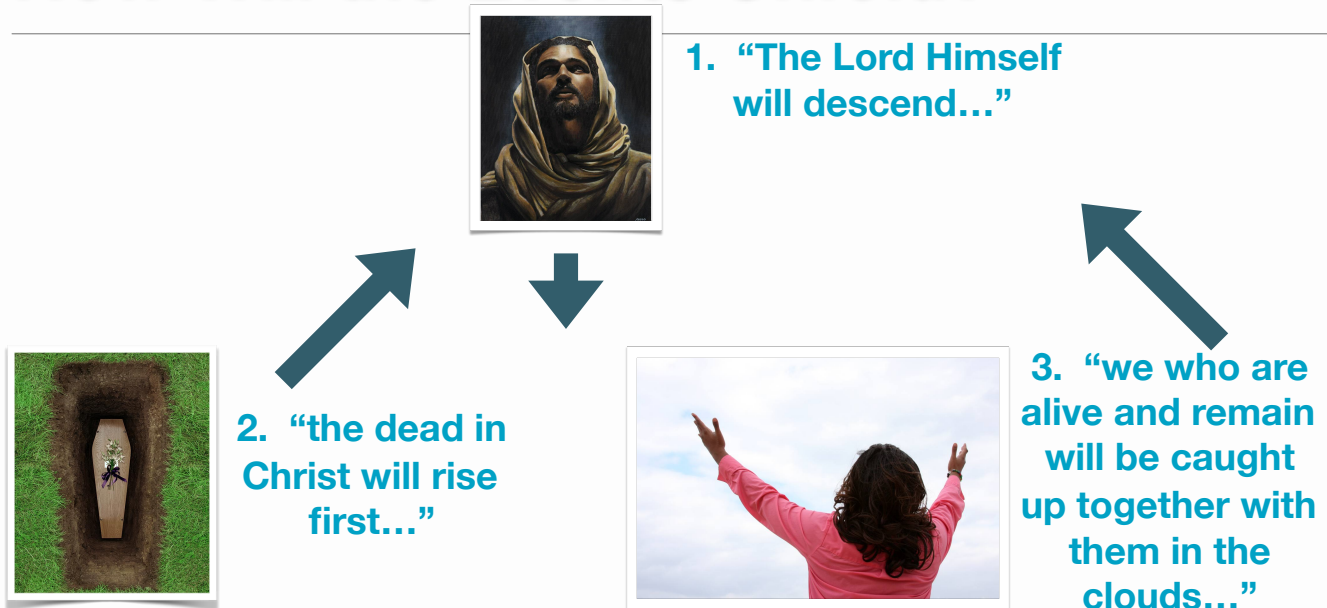


When will the Rapture Occur?

- We don't set dates!
 - Nobody knows when the Rapture will occur.
- The Rapture is imminent.
 - There are no signs or events that must take place first.
- Read James 5:7-9



How Will the Events Unfold?

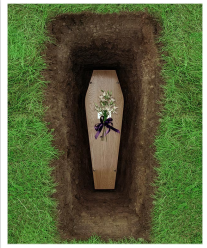


How Will the Events Unfold?

Completion
of our Salvation



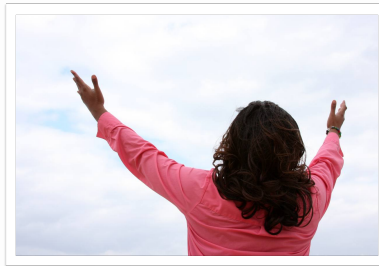
1. "The Lord Himself
will descend..."



2. "the dead in
Christ will rise
first..."

Resurrection of
dead bodies

Transformation of
Living Christians



3. "we who are
alive and remain
will be caught
up together with
them in the
clouds..."

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The Events of the Tribulation

Rapture of
the Church



• [AntiChrist] will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." Daniel 9:27; Matt. 24; Rev. 6-18

Return of
Christ



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Return of Christ



- Restoration & peace for Israel
- Judgments on the Earth
 - Seals of Rev. 6-7
- Apostate Worldwide Religion
 - Rev. 17-18

3 1/2 Years



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Abomination of Desolation

- Covenant with Israel broken
- Antichrist in the Holy Place
- Great Tribulation for Israel
 - “Trumpets” of Rev. 8-9
 - “Bowls” of Rev. 16
- The Climax: Armageddon



The Millennium



Views of the Millennium

- **Amillennialism**

- Rev. 20 is **NOT** a literal 1000-year reign on earth.

- **What is it?**

- Deceased believers reigning in heaven with Christ
- Christ reigning in the Church

Christ Reigning in the heart of believers



Return of Christ



Views of the Millennium

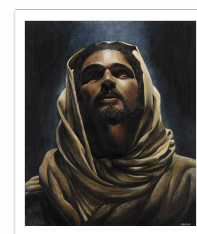
- **Postmillennialism**

- Rev. 20 is **NOT** a literal 1000-year reign on earth.

- **What is it?**

- A future time when the Gospel is preached, the world is Christianized, and earth experiences peace & prosperity.

Church produces



Return of Christ

Christianized World

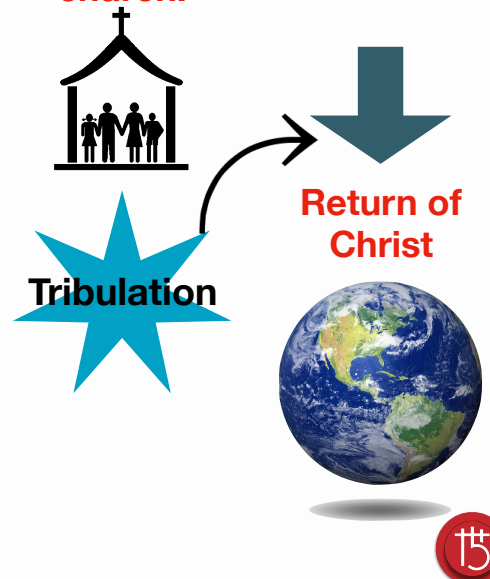


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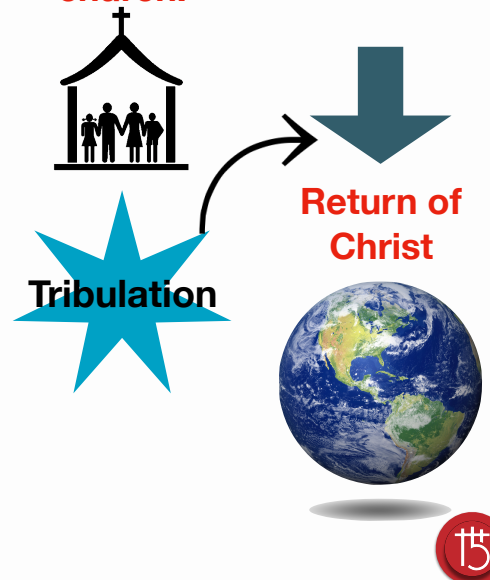


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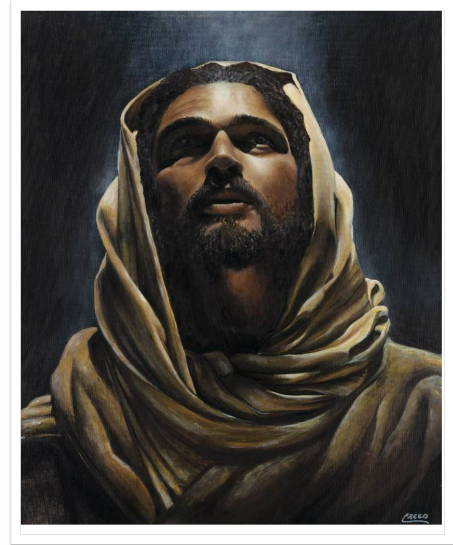
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- Dispensationalism, in contrast, sees the Kingdom as fulfillment of promises to **Israel**.

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Views of the Millennium

- YES
 - The reign of Christ on earth for 1000 years, in fulfillment of God's Kingdom plan.



Views of the Millennium

- The Millennium is the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel, i.e., the Davidic Kingdom.
- This means it must be earthly, as was promised to the Jews.



The
Rapture



Tribulation

Second
Coming



Millennium



Characteristics of the Millennium

- **Duration: 1,000 years**
 - “There is no reason to reject the literal meaning of 1000 as indicating the length of the millennial reign of Christ.” (Ryrie, BT, 593)
- **Purpose:**
 - To fulfill the promises of Scripture
 - To display Christ’s victory in the same arena in which he was rejected and seemingly defeated: on earth.



Characteristics of the Millennium

- **Physical**
 - The curse on creation will be lifted
 - Peace in the animal kingdom
 - Abundance of produce
 - Absence of sickness
 - Peace and prosperity on earth



Characteristics of the Millennium

- **Spiritual**

- Christ will be present to reign
- A time of spiritual refreshment
- Satan will be bound and absent



Characteristics of the Millennium

- **Government**

- Jesus will reign as King, fulfilling the Davidic Covenant
- He will reign over a united Israel, with Jerusalem as its capital



Humanity's Final Destiny

Individual Eschatology
The Resurrections
The Judgments

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Individual Eschatology

- **Death means separation.**
- **According to Scripture, there are three kinds.**



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Individual Eschatology

- **Physical**

- Separation of the material and immaterial parts of man. “By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Gen. 3:19; cf. Heb. 9:27



Individual Eschatology

- **Spiritual**

- Separation of creatures from God.
- You were dead in your trespasses and sins.” Eph. 2:1



Individual Eschatology

- **Eternal**
- **Final and permanent separation of the unsaved from God.**
- **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:15**



Individual Eschatology

- **“If God is for us, who is against us?...Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 8**

Individual Eschatology

- **“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15**



The Resurrection

- **Christ, the first fruits**
 - **“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep....in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.” 1 Cor. 15:20, 22-24**



The Resurrection

- Those who are Christ's (at his 'coming')
 - At the Rapture: Church-Age saints
 - At The Second Coming: OT believers and dead Tribulation saints
- The Unsaved (at 'the end')
 - Great White Throne Judgment

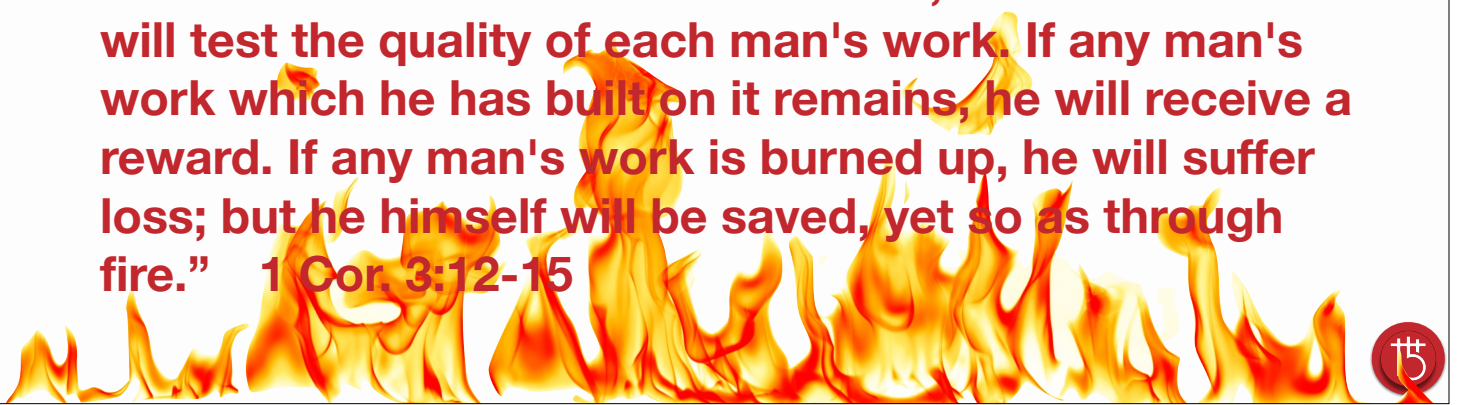


Three Phases of Divine Judgment



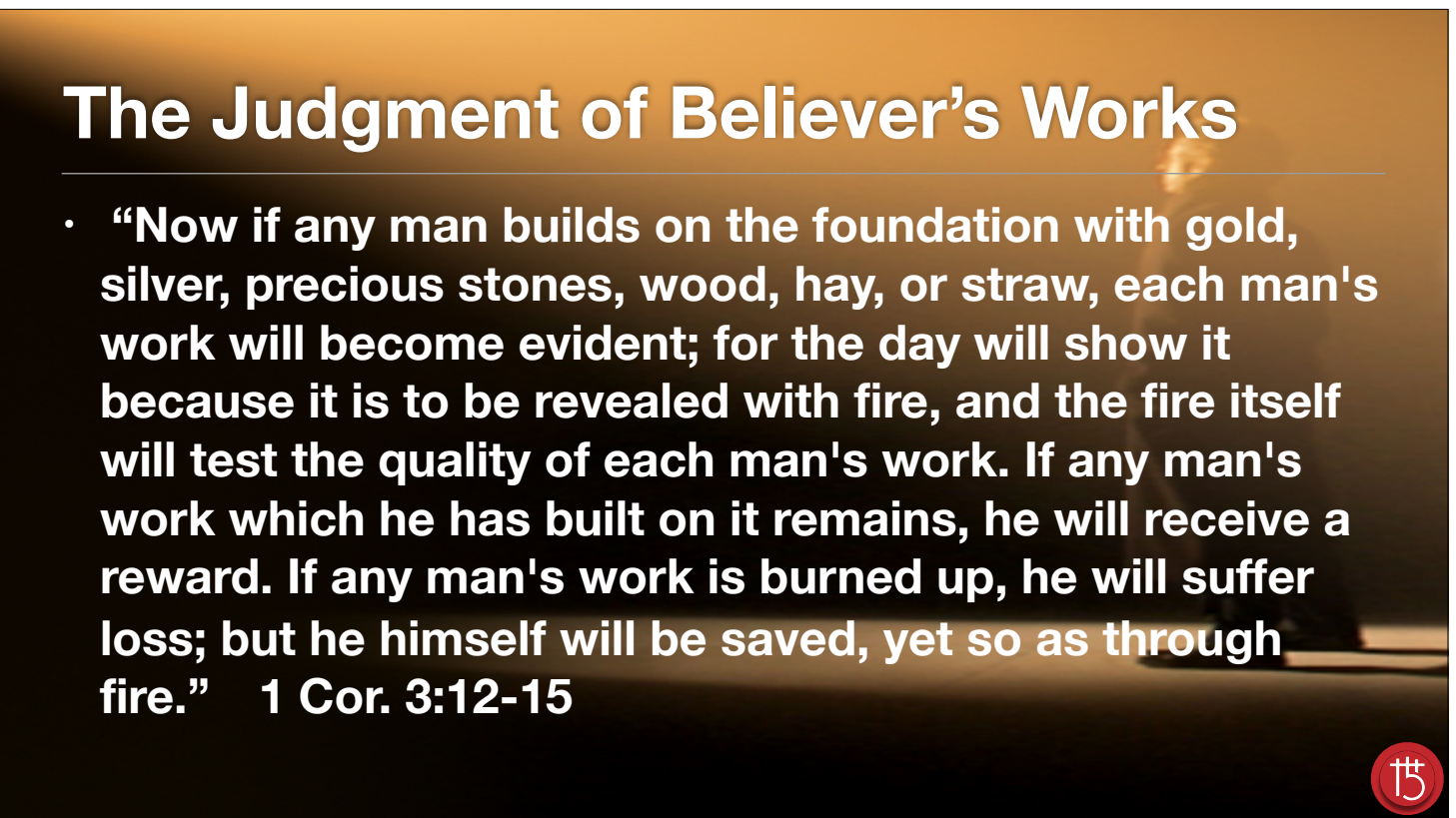
The Judgment of Believer's Works

- **“Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” 1 Cor. 3:12-15**



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The Judgment of Believer's Works

- “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” 2 Cor. 5:10



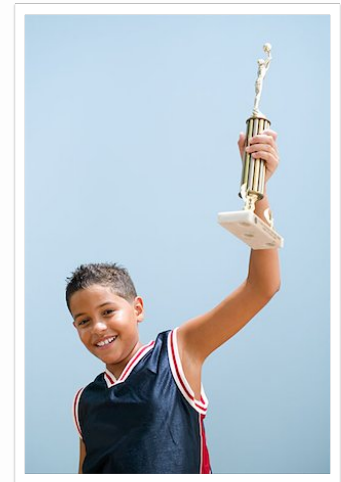
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- **The Judgment Seat of Christ is not a determination of salvation, but an examination of our works.**



The Judgment of Believer's Works

- “Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.” 1 Cor. 4:5
- It will result in “rewards” or “loss of reward.”



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Judgments at the End

- 1. Satan and the Demons
 - Then he will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. Mt. 25:41



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Judgments at the End

- **1. Satan and the Demons**
 - **And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” Rev. 20:10**



Judgments at the End

- **2. Great White Throne**
 - **an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.” John 5:28-29**



Judgments at the End

- **2. Great White Throne**

- **Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it...And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds...And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:11-12, 15**

