

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Place in the Book of Revelation

III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).

- I.** The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)
- J.** Events After the 1,000-Year Reign of Christ
(20:7–21:8)

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,**
- 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.**

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.**
- 10 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.**

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.
- 12 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.

Revelation 20:7–21:8

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.**
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,**

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”
- 5 And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.**
- 7 “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.**

Revelation 20:7–21:8

- 8 “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”





J. Events After the 1,000-Year Reign of Christ (20:7–21:8)

- 1. The Loosing of Satan (20:7–10)**
 - a. To deceive the nations and gather them for war against Jerusalem (vv. 7–9a).**
 - b. To lead nations to their final destruction (v. 9b).**
 - c. To be cast into the lake of fire (v. 10).**

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 - b. The Judge: Christ (v. 11).**
 - c. The Judged (v. 12a).**
 - Not all of mankind.**
 - Fallen angels**

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 - d. Books for the Judgment (v. 12b).**
 - “the books”: record of deeds.**
 - “another book” = the “book of life” (cf. 3:5).**

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 - e. The Judgment (vv. 12c–15).**

Great White Throne Judgment (20:12c–15)

- **Considers human works. Book of Life confirms a person's rightful place in eternal condemnation as opposed to eternal life (vv. 12c–13).**
- **Judges the dead, including all who were in the 2nd resurrection—unto damnation.**
- **Death and Hades cast into the lake of fire (v. 14): physical death and spiritual death.**
- **This event is the final death (eternal death).**

Question for Discussion

**What is the sin
for which a person
will be cast into the lake of fire?**

Great White Throne Judgment (20:12c–15)

- The Church's Participation in this Judgment

1 Corinthians 6:2–3

Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?

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Revelation 3:21

‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.’

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- 2. Great White Throne Judgment (20:11–15)**
- 3. New Heavens & New Earth (21:1)**
 - a. See 2 Peter 3:10–13.**
 - b. No more sea. Cf. Ezekiel 47:8, 15–20.**

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- 4. New Jerusalem (21:2)**
 - a. “The holy city” (v. 2a).**
 - b. Descends out of heaven from God (v. 2b).**
 - c. Prepared as a bride (v. 2c; cp. vv. 9–10).**

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- 5. “All things new” (21:3–5).**
 - a. God dwells with mankind (v. 3).**
 - b. No tears, no death, no mourning, no crying, no pain (v. 4).**

Question for Discussion

**Does 21:3–4 refer
to the eternal state
or to the millennial kingdom?**

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- 6. The Promise of These Things (21:5–8).**
 - a. The Basis for the Promise (vv. 5–6).**
 - **Its characteristics: “faithful and true” (v. 5; cf. 19:11; 22:6).**
 - **““It is done!”” (v. 6).**
 - **““I am the Alpha and the Omega” (v. 6; cf. 22:13).**

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 - b. The Bestowal of the Promise (vv. 6–8).**
 - For believers (vv. 6–7)**
 - Water of life without cost (v. 6)**
 - Inherit everything mentioned in the preceding verses (v. 7a)**
 - Full realization of sonship (v. 7b).**

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 - **For believers (vv. 6–7)**
 - **For unbelievers (v. 8)**
 - **The lake that burns with fire and brimstone, rather than the water of life.**
 - **The 2nd death (= eternal death) rather than eternal life in the Son.**

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus loves Jerusalem.
- Jesus defeats Satan.
- Jesus sits on the Great White Throne.
- Jesus raises all the remaining dead.
- Jesus uses the book of life in judgment.
- Jesus will dwell among men.
- Jesus will wipe away tears.
- Jesus will make all things new.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.
- Jesus will give the water of life.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus stands against all the forces of evil.
- Jesus will defeat the Man of Sin and the False Prophet.
- Jesus will defeat all the armies led by the Man of Sin.
- Jesus will reign for 1,000 years with His martyred saints.
- Jesus will be served by those who are in the 1st resurrection.