23rd June, 2024 Sungai Nibong Gospel Hall

**Three important Future Judgments**

**1 – The Judgment Seat of Christ for Saints. II Cor. 5:8-10**

**2 – The Judgment at the Throne of His Glory for the Sheep and Goats. Mt. 25:31-46**

**3 – The Judgment at the Great White Throne. Rev. 20:10-15**

**Recapitulation**: The Three passages of Scripture re: The Judgment Seat of Christ.

 Rom. 14:10; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:10-15

**1**. The **M**ention: we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ

**2**. The **M**eaning: a. Gk. *Bema*; b. Gk. *Criterion*

**3.** The **M**otives – a judgment of Motives and Works.

**4.** The **M**oment in time – Future, after the Rapture.

**5.** The **M**anner – Let the Lord Judge. Rom. 14:3-21

The Coming Future Judgments –

Pt. 1: The Judgment Seat of Christ - At the First Resurrection

Pt. 2: The Judgment at The Great White Throne - At the Second Resurrection.

**Part. 2 - The Judgment at The Great White Throne.** **Rev. 20:11-15, NKJV**

*11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.*

*12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*

*13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.*

*14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

*15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

**A. The Designation of the Person on the Throne.**

**1**. The **P**erson is not identified – God?

 *I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it.* 20:11

 Cf. *I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God.* 20:12

**2**. **P**roperly it could be Jesus:

a. As God had **O**rdained a Man to judge the world. Acts 17:3

 *Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world…*

 *by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men,*

 *in that He hath raised Hm from the dead.*

b. The Man God raised was none **O**ther than Jesus. Rom. 1:3f

 *Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord… declared to be the Son of God with power*

 *…by the resurrection from the dead*

c. Jesus Himself said it **O**ut loud and clear:

 *The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son*. Jn. 5:22

**B. The Designated… Rev.**

**1.** The **P**eriod (time) –

1. After the Millennium… 20:1-10

 *When the devil…was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast*

 a*nd the false prophet are*

 Cf. 19:20 – *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet*

 *These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

 *when the earth and the heaven fled away and there was found no place for them.* 20:11

 b. When the earth and the heaven fled away.

 *When the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and…*

 *the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* II Pet. 3:10

 Referring to a complete destruction of the old heavens and the old earth, bringing about a new heaven and a new earth after the Judgment at the Great White Throne.

 *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.* Rev. 21:1

**2.** The **P**lace – *and there was found no place for them* [old heavens and earth] 20:11
 After the old earth and the heavens are burnt up, i.e. in space?

**3.** The **P**eople *– I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God.* 20:12, 13

a. *The Dead* – Those dead in trespasses and sins.

 Note: no one living involved. Cf. Eph. 2:1

 *The small and great.* Note: no one will escape – *How shall we escape…?*  Heb. 2:3

b. *The Rest of the dead* [that] *lived not again until the thousand years were finished.* Rev. 20:5

 Those in Christ who were not raised in the **R**apture and in the first **R**esurrection.

c. *The sea gave up the dead that were in it,* *Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them.* 20:13, NRSV

 All the **D**ead in **D**eath, in whatever place and whatever form, will be resurrected to unite

 with their spirits and souls in Hades which will deliver them up for this judgment.

 d. *Whosoever was not found written in the book of life.* 20:15 Cf. 17:8

**4**. The **P**enalty (**P**unishment) – all cast into the Lake of Fire (Hell). Rev. 20:14, NKJV

a. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

 Cf. *For the wages of sin is death.* Rom. 6:23

b. *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire* 20:15

 Note: Only one group of people mentioned – the dead, and all will be cast into the lake of fire.

**C. THE DESIGN**: **to judge and to pass sentence.**

**1.** The **P**urpose – judged out of those things which were written in the books. 20:12

 a. The Books (of Works) – the books were opened. See #E below.

 The dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books,

 according to their works.

 b. The Book of Life – *another book was opened, which is the book of life.* See #E below.

**2.** The **P**rinciples –

a. The **C**onviction from the Books of Works:

 Positively, their works would **A**djudge them guilty – ***A****ccording to their works.* 20:12, 13

 *And none would be saved, for by grace are ye saved through faith…not of yourselves:*

 *it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.* Eph. 2:8, 9

b. The **C**onfirmation from the Book of Life:

 Negatively, the Absence of their names in the Lamb’s Book of Life would disqualify them: Rev. 21:27

 *There shall in no wise enter into it [except] they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

 Ct. *him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.* Jn. 6:37

**D. THE DESTINIES.**

**1.** **A**ll cast into the Lake of Fire –

a. The sea gave up the dead that were in it. 20:13a, NRSV

 i.e. no matter the condition of the body, it will be resurrected to face judgment.

b. Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, 20:13b, NRSV

 i.e. the union of the resurrected physical bodies from land and sea with the spirits and souls delivered from Death and Hades.

c. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire, 20:14, NRSV

 i.e. the raised physical bodies that died, united with their spirits in Hades,

 will be sentenced to Hell.

**2.** **A**nyone not found in the Book of Life – 20:15, NRSV

*Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

 These same (#1.c above) are those Whose names are not in the Lamb’s Book of Life

 and whose sins have not been Washed in the Blood of the Lamb:

a. *For the wages of sin is death.* Rom. 6:23

b. *This is the second death –* Rev. 20:14, 15

*And Death and Hades were thrown 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.*

 Cf. Rev. 21:8; 22:15; 21:27;

*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

Note: The second death has no power over...

i. The overcomer in Christ – *He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.* Rev. 2:11

ii. Those in the first resurrection – Rev. 20:6

 *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death*

 *hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years*

**E. The Differences**

**1**. **H**ades, **H**ell and the **Lake of Fire.** 20:13

a. *Hades* (Gk.) – the **D**estination of the **D**eparted **D**ead at time of **D**eath.

 Its equivalent in the O. T. is *sheol* (Heb.) Cf. Incorrectly translated as “*hell*” in the KJV.

 b. *Hell* (Gk. *Gehenna*) is the **P**lace of **P**erpetual **P**unishment,

as in Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6.

 It is translated “*hell*” in KJV and NIV, with “*fire*” added in certain cases.

 *Gehenna*, originally referred to a place for burning refuse. It was located in the Valley of Hinnom south of Jerusalem. The term as used here refers to eternal punishment

c. *The Lake of Fire* 20:14, 15; cf. 19:20
*And death and hell* [hades, NKJV] *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.*

 It is referred to as a Lake of Fire burning with brimstone (KJV) or the fiery lake of burning sulphur (NIV), historically, known to burn with a blue flame producing suffocating odour.

 It is the same as *gehenna* which is Hell

d. Hell Fire – Mk. 9:43-48

 What it is – **The Fire that never shall be quenched…**

i. **P**hysical –

*Where their worm dieth not…Where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth*

ii. **P**erpetual - Preserved with salt – Mk. 9:49

 *for every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt*.

**2**. Book of **L**ife and **L**amb’s Book of **L**ife, etc., Rev. 20:12,15 cf. 21:27

a. The Book of **L**ife: 8 occ. in N.T. – Phil. 4:3; 3:5; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

 A record of the saved whose names were written in the book of life from the creation of the world.

b. Cf. The Book of the **L**iving. Psa. 69:28

 Let them be **B**lotted out of the **B**ook of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

 It is God, the Father’s book –

 *Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I Blot out of My* ***B****ook.* Exo. 32:33

 A record of all born into this world whose names are blotted out when they die without the Saviour. (?)

c. Cf. The Lamb’s Book of Life. Rev. 21:23, 27

 *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof…And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, … but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

d. *all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* Rev. 13:8

 It is God, the Son’s book. A record of all whose sins have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. 13:8

**3**. The first death and the second death. 20:14

a. The first death – *it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*: Heb. 9:27

 The death of every person born into this world

b. The second death –

 *And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.* 20:15, NKJV

 *Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* 20:14, NKJV

 This is the final destiny of all without Christ – an eternal punishment in hell.

i. Cf. The first resurrection. Rev. 20:5, 6

 *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

A series of resurrections starting from the resurrection of Jesus:

(1) *Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.* I Cor. 15:20

(2) *The graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.* Mt. 27:52

(3) *The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven…and the dead in Christ shall rise.*

 I Thes. 4:16.

(4) *I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus… and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.* Rev. 20:4

(5) The resurrection of those who die in the millennium. (No mention)

ii. Cf. the Second Resurrection:

*The sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them.* 20:13, NRSV

*All those who did not take part in the first resurrection:* Rev. 20:5

*The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection*

Conclusion:

**4.The Judgment at the Great White Throne is different from
the Judgment at the Throne of His Glory**

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| **Item** | **Judgment at the** **Throne of His Glory** | **Matt. 25: 31-46** | **Judgment at the** **Great White Throne** | **Rev. 20:****11-15** |
| 1.
 | When the Son of man shall come in His glory. | 25:31 | When the earth and the heaven fled away… there was found no place for them. | **20:11** |
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 | Then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: | 25:31 | I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it. |  |
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 | before him shall be gathered all [living] nations: | 25:32 | the dead, small and great, stand before God; | **20:12** |
| 1.
 | No books opened: He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: | 25:32 | the books were opened: | 20:12 |
| 1.
 | Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. | 25:37-40 cf. 45 | Judged… according to their works. | 20:12 |
| 1.
 | No resurrection of the dead as the subjects were living nations on earth. |   | the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: | 20:13 |
| 1.
 | Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: | 25:41-45 | death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. | 20:14 |
| 1.
 | Two groups, two destinies.these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. | 25:46 | One group (the dead), one destiny) whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. | 20:15 |

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