

# The Great White Throne

## 1. Readings:

- a) Rev. 6:12-17
- b) Rev. 8:1
- c) Rev. 19:11 - A series of judgments
  - i) Rev. 20:11-15, the last 2 judgments:
    - 1. That on an earth and heavens corrupted by sin and satanic deceptions (Rev. 20:11)
    - 2. That of those who die unsaved (Rev. 20:12)

## 2. The Revelation and its:

- a) Openings
- b) That which is seen when there is an opening
  - i) Ch 4:2. A door in Heaven is opened and a piece of furniture was seen
    - 1. A Throne, signifying the judgment of God is because of man's rebellion against the government of God
  - ii) Ch 8:1-5. A seal is opened in Heaven and two pieces of furniture are seen
    - 1. The 2 altars, a judgment of God because man has rejected the sacrifice of Christ, and His keeping ministry
  - iii) Ch 11:19 The Temple of God is opened in Heaven and a piece of furniture is seen
    - 1. The ark, a judgment of God because man has rejected the moral directives of God, in the law
  - iv) Ch 15:5 The Temple of the Tabernacle of the testimony in heaven is opened and no furniture is seen
    - 1. It is a place which is opened, the holy of holies, a judgment because man has rejected the way into the holiest being opened
  - v) Ch 19: 11 Heaven is opened, and Christ comes out in judgment, a judgement of God because man has rejected Christ.

## 3. This Is The Climax Of The Openings in Heaven, The Chronological Order

- a) The preliminary horrors:
  - i) The changes celestially
    - 1. The stars of the heaven shall be shaken and fall. (Rev. 6:13)
    - 2. The sun darkened. (Isa. 13:10)
    - 3. The sun becomes black as sackcloth. (Rev. 6:12)
    - 4. The moon turns to blood. (Rev. 6:12)
    - 5. The heavens depart as a scroll. (Rev. 6:14)
    - 6. The heavens are black. (Jer. 4:28)
  - ii) The changes terrestrially
    - 1. The earth shall reel. (Isa. 24:20)
    - 2. Every mountain and Island moved out of their places. (Rev. 6:14)
  - iii) The changes humanity
    - 1. Humanity stands in fear. (Rev. 6:15-17)
  - iv) As it were the seals are the drum roll of heaven, then the silence of Rev. 8:1

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### **4. Then The Heaven Opens, Unfolds As a Scroll**

- a) The Vail between God and man is removed and there is nothing to prevent the full blast of divine justice against sinful man.
- b) The withering condemning unrestrainable Word of the Judge of all the earth.
  - i) As a man tramping grapes he stands on humanity in fierceness (Rev. 14:9-10; 17-20)

### **5. The Amount Of Space Given To The Judgment**

- a) Compare the space given to the seals as compared to this judgment, why?
- b) As long as man lives God will seek to use every possible mean to restore man to himself.
- c) But when all hope is over, the executing of the sentence will be swift.

### **6. Throne**

- a) A place of governmental judgment
  - i) Rebellion against the command of God, insurrection, insolence.
    - 1. Illus. A child in impudence saying No. That must be judged.
  - ii) How much more righteous for God to judge the rebellious sinner
- b) Unlike the throne of Rev. 4
  - i) Nothing before this one
  - ii) Nothing around this one
  - iii) No threatening, lightening etc.
  - iv) No praises

### **7. It is Great Because Of Its:**

- a) Authority
  - i) Him that sat on it:
  - ii) No description given, no name given, no office given, just the August and awful mysterious presence.
- b) Finality
  - i) Man will be cast into hell:
    - 1. At the minute without hope and without God in the world
    - 2. Then to be without God for all eternity.
    - 4. Without any kindness of God
    - 5. Not without the consciousness of God
- c) Solemnity
  - i) The throne sitter from whose face the heavens flee away
  - ii) Christ rises no longer as saviour but judge
  - iii) Illus. The 2 lads in Scotland.
  - iv) Because of the exposure manifested
  - v) Because of the One who sits on the throne
- d) Intensity
  - i) The books are opened and the dead are judged
  - ii) Judged out of the things written in the books
    - 1. Book of knowledge and opportunity
    - 2. Book of Life
    - 3. Whosoever name not written

- e) Severity
  - i) Man left standing naked before God
  - ii) Man left standing naked but alive before God
  - iii) The removal of everything
    - 1. No heaven
      - (b) The starry and planetary heaven all gone
      - (c) No guidance then from celestial bodies or channeling masters
    - 2. No earth
      - (a) No assistance from any one or anything on earth
  - iv) A conscious judgment
- f) Solitariness
  - i) All who are dead but alive, but dead spiritually

## 8. The Judgment

- a) The righteousness of the Judge in Himself
- b) The righteousness by which He judges.
- c) Its purity
- d) In judgment
- e) No mistakes
- f) No retrials
- g) No appeals

## 9. The Double Emphasis On What They Will Be Judged On:

- a) According to their works, v.12, 13.
  - i) The major work, the rejection of Christ. John 8: 28-30
  - ii) Matt. 11:21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
  - iii) Matt. 11:24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

## 10. The Decision To Be Made

- a) Ask yourself the question: Will I bow to Christ now as Saviour or then as Judge?
- b) Illustration: Two little boys in Scotland the deepest of friends. One day they were swimming and one got into trouble and the other jumped in and saved him. They grew up and one turned to the criminal lifestyle and the other to the law. The one who turned criminal and eventually murdered a man. He was brought to the court and the Judge was his friend from boyhood days. The jury came back with the verdict of "Guilty". The judge looking at his boyhood friend said "There was a day when I was your Saviour, today I am your judge".
- c) That is the words you will hear if you do not accept Christ as Saviour.

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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