ENDGAME
A Study On Revelation (Week #200)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Banquet of the Beasts
- Beast and False Prophet captured
- Fiery lake of burning sulfur

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- Belief that after the Last Judgment the damned (including Satan and demons) are totally destroyed and their consciousness is extinguished, rather than suffering eternal torment.
  - It is also closely related to conditionalism, which teaches that a soul is not immortal unless it receives eternal life.
  - Most strongly pushed by Seventh-day Adventists.
  - John Stott - British Evangelical Anglican pastor and theologian.

The Doctrine Of _____ _____

- Salvation supposes a prior damnation.
  - What are we saved from?
  - In order to escape danger, one must believe in it.
    - No error is more fatal than that of Universalism. It blots out the attribute of retributive justice; transmutes sin into misfortune; turns all suffering into chastisement; relegates the sacrifice of Christ to mere moral influence; and makes it a debt due to man, rather than an unmerited boon from God. Throughout the Bible, we see God's love and grace freely available to all who will accept it. The entire Bible is a record of the extremes He has gone to to help us avoid the destiny of our fallen state.
  - Universalism: the belief that ALL people will ultimately be saved and reconciled to God. In Christian universalism specifically, this is often taught as universal reconciliation, meaning everyone will be restored to a right relationship with God.
    - This is NOT that all roads lead to God (although some argue that it is).
    - Universalist Church believes that all will be saved through Jesus Christ.
    - Christian universalists disagree on whether hell exists. However, they agree that if it does exist, the punishment there is corrective and remedial (neither everlasting nor purely retributive) and does not last forever.
  - Repentance vs Regret
    - People's response: "No, God, I do not want to love you"; "I want to run things my own way."
    - UNTIL…I don't have a choice, and you "caught me."
    - Three lawyers in the last century have concluded there is more historical evidence for the bodily resurrection of Jesus than Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. And they knew people who were alive at the Battle of Waterloo.
    - If you see that kind of evidence and you still say, "No thanks," you will be deceived because you don't want to see the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. *(NLT)*

Matthew 25:41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. **42** For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. **43** I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' **44** "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or

naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' **45** "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' **46** "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." *(NLT)*

God's _____ Alternatives

- Do Nothing
  - He can indulge it and allow it to go on forever, but in that case all the cruelty, injustice, hatred, pain, and death that now prevails on the earth will go on forever, too. God does not want that, and neither does man.
- Force Submission
  - He can force man into automata (robots). However, removing our free will would also take away our capacity to give our love to God freely. Love cannot be forced.
- Eternal Separation
  - He can withdraw Himself from those who refuse His love. He must let them have their own way forever. Since God is necessary for our existence, the decision to reject God is a decision to plunge ourselves into the most terrible sense of loneliness and isolation a human being can know—and to endure this eternally, without any hope.

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. **8** But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. **10** This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. *(NLT)*

Two _____

- First Death
  - Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body.

Hebrews 9:27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, **28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. *(NLT)*

1 Peter 3:18 Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. *(NLT)*

- Second Death
  - Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from the Spirit of God Himself.

Revelation 2:11 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. *(NLT)*

Revelation 21:8 "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." (NLT)

- Ultimately…
  - **We ourselves** choose whether God will judge us.
  - **We ourselves** will decide whether to accept or refuse His grace, love, and forgiveness.
  - **We ourselves** choose everlasting life—or everlasting death.

- What you believe about _____ and _____ will determine how you _____.
  - No one is perfect. We have sinned.

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. *(NLT)*

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. *(NLT)*

  - No one is good.

Mark 10:17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **18** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good." *(NLT)*

Matthew 7:18 "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. **19** So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and

thrown into the fire. **20** Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions." *(NLT)*

Matthew 12:33 "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. **34** You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. **35** A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart." *(NLT)*

Deuteronomy 30:6 "The Lord your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live! *(NLT)*

- If Hell isn't real, why did Jesus speak 3 times more about Hell than He did about Heaven?

_____ Of Hell

- Hell was created for _____ and his _____.

Matthew 25:41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons." *(NLT)*

- Hell is a _____.

Isaiah 5:14 The grave *[Sheol]* is licking its lips in anticipation, opening its mouth wide. The great and the lowly and all the drunken mob will be swallowed up. *(NLT)*

Matthew 7:13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way." *(NLT)*

Joshua 24:15 "But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." *(NLT)*

- Satan is not in _____ - he is being _____.
  - Torture - someone inflicts punishment on you.

- Torment - you inflict punishment on yourself.
  - The Bible describes hell as a place of torment.

Revelation 20:10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

- Hell at this time is _____.

Revelation 20:13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave *[and Hades]* gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. **14** Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. **15** And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. *(NLT)*

How Is Hell _____?

- _____ (Greek) / _____ (Hebrew)
  - Both mean “place of the dead”
    - The English word "Hell" refers to a place of eternal punishment for the wicked.

Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20** At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21** and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24** So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ **25** “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ **27** “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, **28** for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ **29** “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ **30** “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ **31** “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” *(NASB)*

- We are not given proper names but descriptions.
- Those in agony, pain, fire, and torment can see those who are not.
- The temporary place of torment for the souls of the wicked dead, and it WAS a temporary place of rest for the faithful.
- One side is for evil; the other is for the comfort of the righteous.
  - It is still "Hell" it is just not the final, eternal, resting place.
- This is where the theology of purgatory came from.
  - You cannot pray or pay for people to change their post-death location.

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! *(NLT)*

Matthew 18:3 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven." *(NLT)*

- Previous believers were counted as righteous until Jesus' death provided the proper payment.

Hebrews 9:12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. **13** Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. **14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds *[dead works]* so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. **15** That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant…**22** In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. **23** That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals… **27** And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, **28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. *(NLT)*

Luke 23:43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." *(NLT)*

Revelation 1:18 I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. *[Hades] (NLT)*

2 Corinthians 5:8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. *(NLT)*

- _____ (Greek)
  - Specific place currently holding fallen angels (demons).
    - Only mentioned once in the Bible.
    - No Biblical reference of people going here.

2 Peter 2:4 For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell *[Greek: Tartarus]*, in gloomy pits of darkness *[in chains of gloom]*, where they are being held until the day of judgment. *(NLT)*

Jude 6 And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. *(NLT)*

  - This is the place where demons are currently chained and will be released.
    - Possible place where the "sons of God" (demons) reside?

Genesis 6:4 In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times. *(NLT)*

    - Could this be the same place mentioned in Revelation 9, described as the "bottomless pit?"
    - Both groups are locked away.
    - If this is the same place, these prisoners of the bottomless pit hate humanity and seek to destroy them, but God controls their terror and limits their power.

Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. *[the abyss, or the underworld]* **2** When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke. **3** Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. **4** They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. **5** They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. **6** In those days people will seek death but will not find it.

They will long to die, but death will flee from them! **7** The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. **8** They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. **9** They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. **10** They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. **11** Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon—the Destroyer. *(NLT)*

Revelation 11:7 When they *(two witnesses)* complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit *[abyss, or the underworld]* will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. **8** And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, *[the great city]* the city that is figuratively called "Sodom" and "Egypt," the city where their Lord was crucified. *(NLT)*

- The "beast" mentioned in Revelation 11 is the same as the one mentioned in Revelation 13.
- The abyss will be used again to bind Satan for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit *[abyss, or the underworld]* and a heavy chain in his hand. **2** He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. **3** The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:7 When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. **8** He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. **9** And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. **10** Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

- _____ (Greek, but originally from a Hebrew name)
  - Lake of Fire, Second death, Presently uninhabited
    - One of two Eternal resting places.
    - The Beast and the False Prophet will be cast alive into it at the end of the tribulation.

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- One thousand years later, Satan will be cast into it.

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- This will be followed shortly by the lost people of all previous time periods.

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- They will all enter Gehenna together, in their resurrected bodies, and remain in torment for all eternity.

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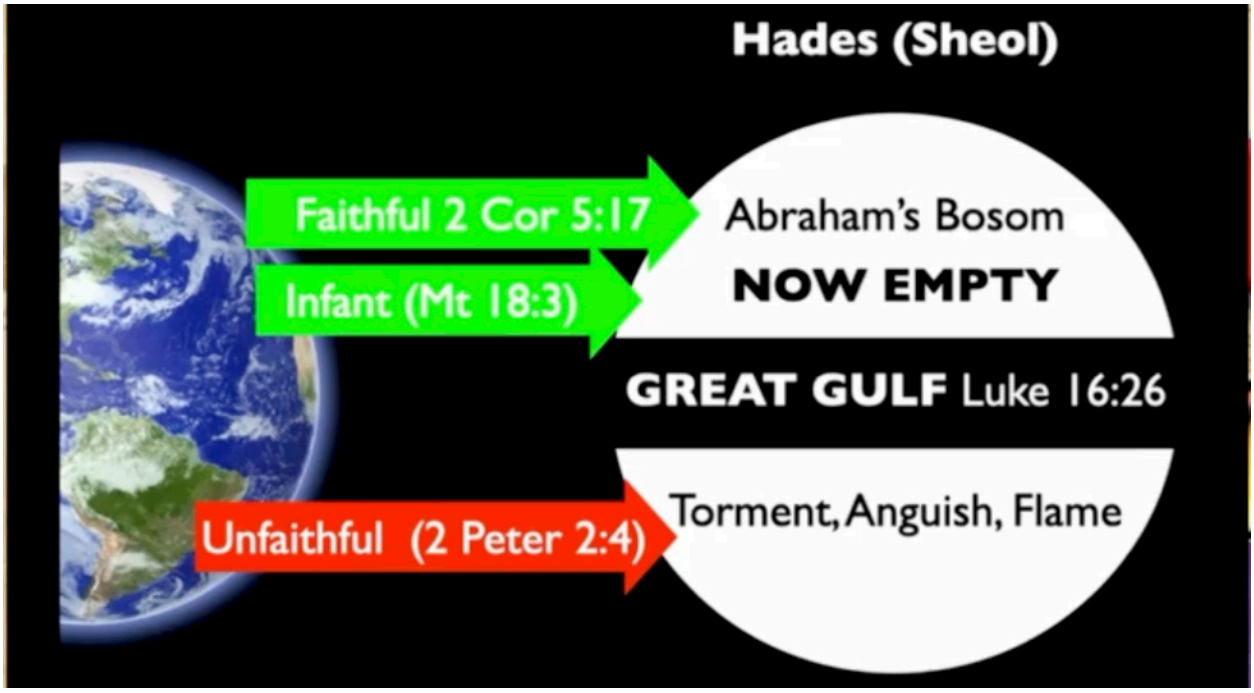
- ☑ For what is the horse a symbol?
- ☑ In what way is the white horse in verse 11 different from the white horse in Revelation 6:2?
- ☑ Who is the Word of God?
- ☑ Where else in Revelation is the appearance of our resurrected Lord described?
- ☑ What insights can we gain from these descriptions?
- ☑ Who makes up the armies of heaven?
- ☑ Who is the animal or the beast?
- ☑ Who is the false prophet?
- ☑ Who is in the lake of fire when the beast and the prophet are sent there?
- ☑ What is the lake of fire?
- How can we disprove the doctrine of annihilation from this chapter?
- Who are the "rest" in verse 21?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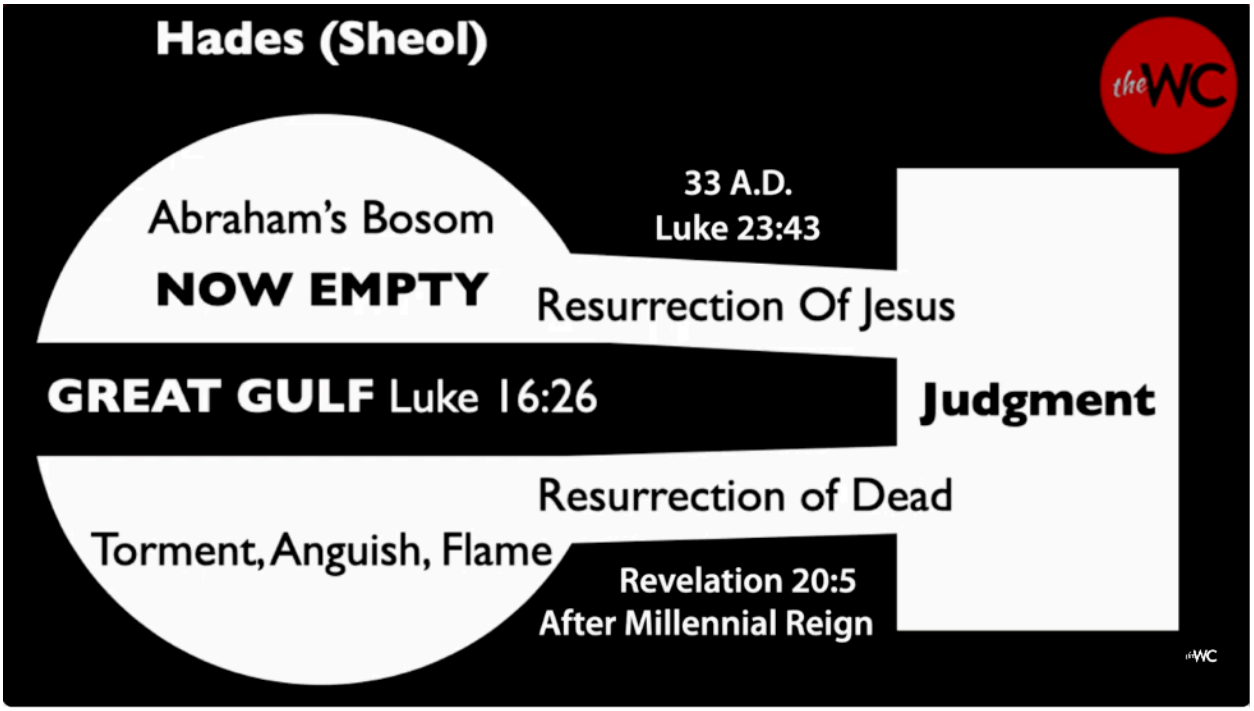
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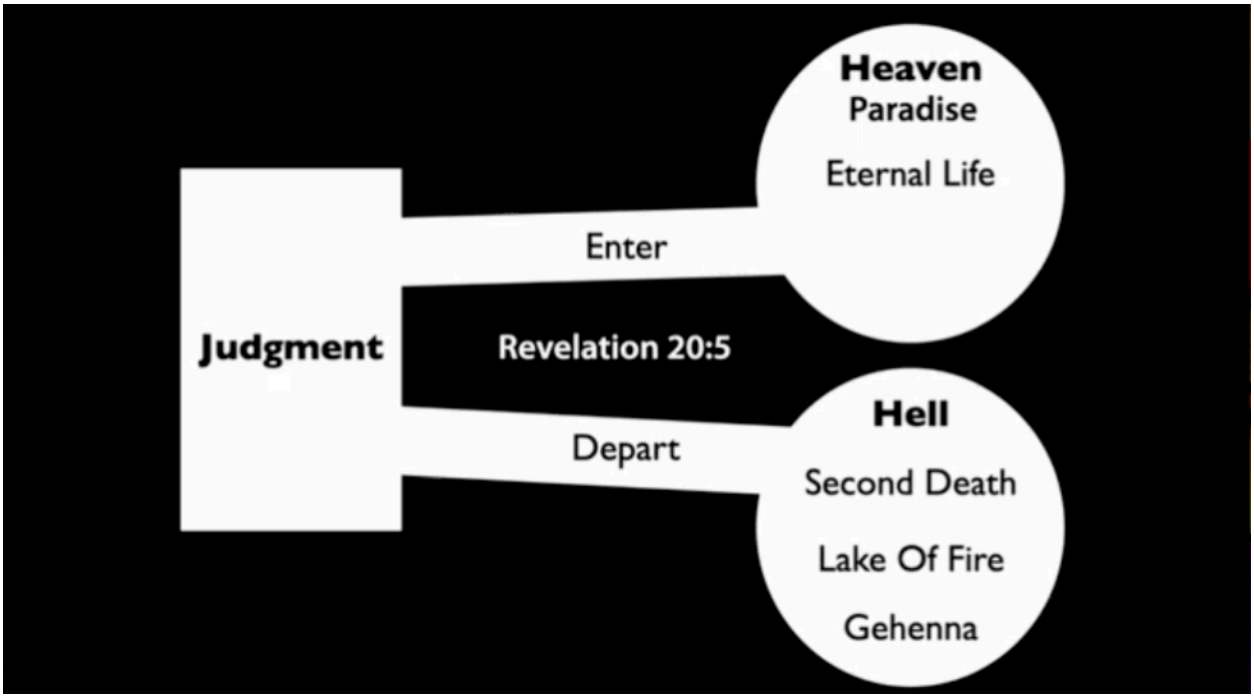
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