THE BEGINNING OF THE END
Session Six
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“The Great White Throne Judgment”

Rev. 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that 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, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. [13] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. [14] And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

It was late afternoon April 30, 1945. The place: battle-torn Berlin, Germany. The long and lethal World War II was in its final days as the Nazis began their plans for surrender to the Allies.

Nearly fifty feet below the historic Reichstag building the architect of the Third Reich and the man responsible for literally millions of dead, Adolf Hitler made arrangements for his short-lived marriage to his mistress Eva Braun and his much-debated death. It would come at his own hand for he would never allow his body to come into the hands of the hard-charging Russians. Once again he checked over his Walther .77 PPK pistol which would provide the power to propel a shell to penetrate his skull, blowing out one side of his head. One thing was sure: he would never stand before a court to justify his murderous life.

Or so he thought.... A court of much higher authority waited him, called the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT. The books of evidence were prepared and ready. And the judge could not be bought or influenced.
The Judge would be none other than Almighty God. And Adolf Hitler will be given a temporary resurrection from a fiery Hell to stand meekly at his trial to hear the verdict on his fate.

He will be joined by multitudes of humans both men and women, whose crime against God will be the rejection of Son Jesus as Lord and Savior. God’s Word clearly teaches that there will come a time - and I believe that time is not all that far away - when God will deal with this major issue of life:

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH JESUS CHRIST
WHO IS GOD’S ONLY WAY OF SALVATION?

There will be no judgment on those who have accepted Christ, who love Him and serve Him, for Scripture declares in Romans 8:1 – There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

THE DIVING LINE HERE IS JESUS CHRIST WHO STILL ASKS,
AS HE DID HIS DISCIPLES AT BANIAS,
“BUT... WHOM DO YOU SAY I AM?”

Three Curses in Genesis

1. GOD’S CURSE UPON THE SERPENT - SATAN

Genesis 3:14
And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Satan’s “turn” is coming; until then he will work feverishly to damn as many souls to share his fate as he can.
2. GOD’S CURSE UPON MANKIND

Gen 3:17
And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Jesus Himself became the curse for mankind with His death on the cross.

Gal 3:13
Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

3. GOD’S CURSE UPON THE EARTH

This will be fulfilled when God judges the lost at the Great White Throne Judgment and then destroys this earth and creates a new one.

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MILLENNIUM – THE ONE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST THAT TAKES PLACE AFTER THE RAPTURE.

THE LOCATION OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT?

It will not be on this earth, for by this time, the earth has been destroyed.

2 Peter 3:10
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Nor is the locale in Heaven for there will be millions of eternally lost people to be judged, and no unsaved person would ever be allowed in Heaven.
This destruction of Planet Earth is the fulfillment of God’s curse on the earth (see line 15 on page 3). This earth, which has been the site for mankind’s rejection of God, will be purged, cleansed and rebuilt so that it may become the scene of God’s redemptive glory.

And now God brings the judgment cycle to a stunning close:

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Verse 13 grabs our attention:

**Rev. 20:13**

> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Not even the depth of the sea can withstand the gaze of God Who now metes out judgment on the lost.

In 1912 the great ship Titanic was crossing the north Atlantic when she hit an iceberg and sank, taking nearly 1500 passengers to their water graves. The ship was split in two and continues to disintegrate some 12,400 feet below the surface of the sea. The pressure of the water at that depth is so great that nothing much remains.

Except... the books.

**Rev. 20:12**

> ...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
There were some on that ship who knew the Lord. Those who did not will be judged on this day in question based on what’s in the books. So the question is: can anything change what’s written therein?

**YES... THE RECORDS CAN BE BLOTTED OUT BY THE BLOOD OF GOD’S LAMB, JESUS, THE SAVING CHRIST.**

So the eternal question everyone must answer is this: Is my record of sin and displeasure to God cleansed? Blotted out?

If not, what happens? The lost and damned are not judged because of their sinful acts alone... but because they “come short of the glory of God...”

**Romans 3:23**

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

What is the glory of God? None other than Jesus Himself. He is the yardstick, the measure of that which is acceptable to God. Everyone who has ever been born will be held accountable to this single standard? Did I measure up to Christ?

No, of course not. That’s why Jesus took our place on the cross, took upon Himself our sinful natures, and expunged our dreadful record in this tell-tale books.