



REVELATION

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Intro:

The choices one makes while alive determines their eternal destiny.

No one is predetermined to spend eternity in hell. It's a matter of choice.

Life does not stop with the grave. There will be a final resurrection, one to eternal life, one to eternal death. **John 5; Daniel 12.**

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I. The Scene

The universe will not be re configured, it will be destroyed.

Four observations here:

1. John sees a Great White Throne.

Daniel 7:10

2. He sees One who is seated on it. The judge is the Lord. **Jn. 5:22, Romans 2:16.**

3. The heavens and earth are uncreated,
2 Peter 3:13, Hebrews 1:10-12.

4. John sees the dead, great and small.

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II. The Summons

The souls of all the ungodly are kept in torment and misery in hades. It's different from hell:

- 1.** It's temporary, **Rev. 20:14**,
- 2.** Only their souls are there, perhaps in a temporary body.

It is the second resurrection called a resurrection unto damnation, or contempt. **Daniel 12:2**

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III. The Standard

God has a record of every person's life according to their deeds. They will be measured against His perfect standards.

Matt. 5:48, 1 Peter 1:15,16;

There will be three main areas of judgment:

- 1. Judged by their thoughts, Lk. 8:17**
- 2. A judgment of words, Matt. 12:37,**
- 3. Judged by their deeds, Matt. 16:27, Rev. 12:22.**

Only a Christian can accomplish “Good Works”.

Matt 7:21-22.

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IV. The Sentence

If scripture is true then there is eternal Punishment. **Matt 5:46.**

If the ungodly are not punished forever then the righteous do not live forever.

If we choose to live without Christ now, we will live without Christ throughout eternity