

THE SECOND DEATH

Revelation 20:7-15

1.) The Millennium is **NOW** (v. 7).

2.) Jesus is the **HERO** of history (v. 7b-10).

3.) Judgment Day is **COMING** (v. 11-15).

- The inescapable reality of Judgment Day is one of the most common declarations of Scripture (Matthew 12:36, John 12:48, Romans 14:10, 2 Peter 3:10, Hebrews 9:27, Daniel 7:9-10).
- v. 11 – God will arrive on the scene in His unimaginably awesome and terrifying holiness.
- v. 12-13 – Every detail of every life will be judged.

a.) The salvation of believers is not at **RISK** on Judgment Day (Romans 8:1, 5:9).

b.) Judgment Day will divulge **EVERY** desire and deed (Luke 12:2-3, 1 Corinthians 4:5).

c.) Judgment Day will reveal **REWARDS** for God's people (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

d.) Judgment Day will **VALIDATE** our faith.

- God will display the deeds we have done by the Spirit as evidence that we did, in fact, possess the Holy Spirit (Luke 6:43-44).

e.) Judgment Day will **MAGNIFY** God's glory.

- We will stand in reverent awe as we experience the full measure of God's unblemished holiness.
- We will rejoice to discover the glory of the mercy God has shown us in Christ.

-- v. 14 – Death and Hades will be **ABOLISHED**

- Death – Once the return of Christ has ushered in the physical resurrection from the dead, His victory over death will be complete (1 Cor. 15:25-26).
- Hades – At death, unbelievers are consigned to Hades, which is a spiritually conscious holding place of death and torment (Luke 16:19-31).
- A place where disembodied souls await the resurrection will no longer be needed.

-- v. 14-15b – Unbelievers will suffer the **SECOND** death of eternal hell (v. 14b-15).

Application

- How would our choices and priorities change if we truly kept Judgment Day in mind? Would our deeds and desires remain as they are today?
- The coming judgment should fuel the pursuit of **GODLINESS** (2 Peter 3:11-12).
- Judgment Day is more than an intense warning; it is also a perfect **HOPE**
- What could be more satisfying than a Savior who sacrificed Himself for us while knowing our every sin? (Romans 5:8).