**THOUGHT FOR TODAY: There are 4200 religions in the world today, but only one Empty Tomb. There is ONLY one man who conquered sin, death and hell forever. There is ONLY one way to heaven. His name is JESUS!**

**Satan bound with a great chain for a thousand years.**

[**Revelation 20:1**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/1/s_1187001) **Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

1. **An angel coming down from heaven**: This angel comes DOWN from Heaven NOT up from the bottomless pit (Abyss – Greek word Abyssos).
   1. This Angel is NOT called a **strong** angel or a **great/mighty** angel, (Just a regular Angel)
   2. **Revelation 9:1 (NLT) Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.**
   3. **Luke 8:26-33 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.**
   4. This angel that will subdue Satan, is anonymous. It’s not Jesus, and it isn’t Michael or Gabriel or any other high-ranking angel, he is unnamed.
   5. (L. Morris) “The final importance of Satan is perhaps indicated in the fact that it is not the Father who deals with him, nor Christ, but only an unnamed angel.”
   6. This is a dramatic declaration that Satan *is not* God’s opposite or equal; and that God could easily stop Satan’s activity at any time. Yet God allows Satan to continue, because even in his evil, he indirectly serves the purposes of God.

**Satan is imprisoned for 1,000 years.**

[**Revelation 20:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/2-3/s_1187002) **He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devi*l and Satan, and bound him for *a thousand years*; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations *no more till the thousand years were finished*. But after these things he must be released for a *little while*.**

1. **He – the angel**
2. **Laid hold… bound him… cast him… shut him up… set a seal on him**: Satan tried to imprison Jesus in a tomb, but couldn’t. Here, God has no problem restraining Satan, and this imprisonment is *not for punishment*, but *restraint*.
   1. By implication, Satan’s demonic armies are also *restrained* and imprisoned.
   2. (Seiss) “Is this a literal transaction? Certainly it is. The battle is literal; the taking of the Beast and the False Prophet is literal; the slaying of the kings and their armies is literal; Satan is literal; and his binding must be equally literal.”
   3. Some people ask, “What kind of chain can hold the devil?” We don’t know, but God can fashion a chain for that exact purpose.
      1. We know that right now there are angels who are imprisoned and chained

[**Jude 1:6**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jde/1/6/s_1167006) **(KJV) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

* + 1. If God can chain them, He can chain Satan for 1,000 years.
    2. This is the complete **end of his influence on earth for 1000 years** (rather than a restriction of his activities).”
    3. One very important detail is to notice that the conquest of Satan and his powers does not come by any human effort.”

1. **That he should deceive the nations no more**: This shows us Satan’s main mode of attack is revealed. Satan is a ***Deceiver*** and a **Liar**, so the strongest defense and weapon against Satan is ***God’s Word***.
   1. **John 8:44** (NLT) **For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.**
   2. Since Satan’s work of deception continues today, we know that he is not bound in the way that this passage describes. We know that Satan was **not bound** at the finished work of Jesus on the cross, at the resurrection, or at the founding of the church. We know this because Peter said in [**1 Peter 5:8**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1pe/5/8/s_1156008) (KJV) **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**
2. **Till the thousand years were finished**: This thousand-year period is known as the *Millennium*. (Latin *mille*, Thousand, and *annus* = Year)
   1. Through church history, there has been many different ways of understanding the Millennium. Tragically, the Church through history has often ignored or denied the promise of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.
      1. The early church until Augustine almost universally believed in an earthly, historical reign of Jesus, initiated by His return.
      2. Tyconius (in the late 300’s) was the first to influentially champion a spiritualized interpretation, saying that this Millennium is *now* (*amillennialism – no millennial reign of the righteous*) and must be understood as a *spiritual* reign of Jesus, not a literal reign. His view was adopted by Augustine, much of the Roman Catholic Church and most Reformation theologians.
      3. Growing out of *amillennialism* is the doctrine of *postmillennialism*, saying the millennium will happen in *this* age, *before* Jesus’ return — but that the church will bring it to pass. Yet the clear teaching of the Bible isn’t *amillennialism* or *postmillennialism*, but what is called ***premillennialism*** — the teaching that Jesus Christ will return to this earth *before* the millennial earth, and *He* will establish and govern it directly.
      4. There is no need to say that Satan is only bound in a *spiritual* sense, and Jesus only rules in a *spiritual* sense. When we consider the rest of the Scriptures, the earthly reign of Christ and His people on this earth is plainly taught in the Old and New Testaments.
      5. In the Old Testament, we see it in [**Psalm 72**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/psa/72/1-20/s_550001)**,** [**Isaiah 2:2-4**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/2/2-4/s_681002)**,** [**Isaiah 11:4-9**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/11/4-9/s_690004)**,** [**Jeremiah 23:5-6**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jer/23/5-6/s_768005), and many more passages.
      6. In the New Testament we see it in [**Luke 1:32-33**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/luk/1/32-33/s_974032), [**Matthew 5:18**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/mat/5/18/s_934018), [**Luke 19:12-27**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/luk/19/12-27/s_992012), among other passages.
      7. All in all, there are more than **400** verses in more than **20** different passages in the Old Testament which deal with this time when Jesus Christ will rule and reign personally over planet earth.
      8. Who will be on the earth in the Millennium?
         1. Even after the rapture and the vast judgments of the Great Tribulation, there will be **many** people left on earth.
         2. After Jesus returns in glory, He will judge those who survive the Great Tribulation in the judgment of the nations ([**Matthew 25:31-46**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/mat/25/31-46/s_954031)).
         3. This is not a judgment unto salvation, but a judgment of moral worthiness, and entrance into the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus. The unworthy will be sent into eternal damnation, and the worthy will be allowed in Jesus’ Millennial Kingdom.
3. **Till the thousand years were finished**: Some of what we know of the Millennium from other passages of Scripture.
   1. *During the Millennium, Israel will be the superpower of the world*, the leading nation in all the earth, and the center of Israel will be *the mountain of the LORD’s house* — the temple mount, which will be the “capital” of the government of the Messiah. *All nations shall flow* to the “capital” of Jesus’ government ([**Isaiah 2:1-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/2/1-3/s_681001)**,** [**Ezekiel 17:22-24**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/17/22-24/s_819022)).
   2. *During the Millennium, the citizens of earth will acknowledge and submit to the Lordship of Jesus*. It will be a time of perfectly administrated enforced righteousness on this earth ([**Isaiah 2:1-5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/2/1-5/s_681001)).
   3. *During the Millennium, there will be no more war*. There will still be conflicts between nations and individuals, but they will be justly and decisively resolved by the Messiah and those who reign with Him ([**Isaiah 2:1-5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/2/1-5/s_681001)).
   4. It isn’t the reign of the Messiah itself that will change the heart of man. Citizens of earth will still need to trust in Jesus and in His work on their behalf for their personal salvation during the millennium. But war and armed conflict will not be tolerated.
   5. *During the Millennium, the way animals relate to each other and to humans will be transformed*. A little child will be safe and able to lead a wolf or a leopard or a young lion or a bear. Even the danger of predators like cobras and vipers will be gone. In [**Genesis 9:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/gen/9/2-3/s_9002), the LORD gave Noah, and all mankind after him, the permission to eat meat. At the same time, the LORD put the *dread* of man in animals so they would not be effortless prey for humans.
   6. *During the Millennium, King David will have a prominent place* in the millennial earth, ruling over Israel ([**Isaiah 55:3-5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/isa/55/3-5/s_734003)**,** [**Jeremiah 30:4-11**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jer/30/4-11/s_775004)**,** [**Ezekiel 34:23-31**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/34/23-31/s_836023)**,** [**Ezekiel 37:21-28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/37/21-28/s_839021)**,** [**Hosea 3:5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/hos/3/5/s_865005)).
   7. *During the Millennium, there will be blessing and security for national Israel* ([**Amos 9:11-15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/amo/9/11-15/s_888011)).
   8. *The Millennium will be a time of purity and devotion to God* ([**Zechariah 13:1-9**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/zec/13/1-9/s_924001)).
   9. *During the Millennium, there will be a rebuilt temple and restored temple service* on the earth as a memorial of God’s work in the past. ([**Ezekiel 40-48**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/40/1-49/s_842001)**,** [**Ezekiel 37:26-28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/37/26-28/s_839026)**,** [**Amos 9:11**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/amo/9/11/s_888011)**,** [**Ezekiel 20:39-44**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/20/39-44/s_822039)).
   10. *During the Millennium, saints in their resurrected state will be given responsibility in the Millennial Earth* according to their faithful service ([**Luke 19:11-27**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/luk/19/11-27/s_992011)**,** [**Revelation 20:4-6**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/4-6/s_1187004)**,** [**Revelation 2:26-28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/2/26-28/s_1169026)**;** [**3:12**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/3/12/s_1170012)**,**[**22**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/3/22/s_1170022)**,** [**1 Corinthians 6:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1co/6/2-3/s_1068002)).
4. **Thousand years**: Is it a literal 1,000 years? We should take a number literally *unless* there is clear reason or evidence to do otherwise. We should take these **thousand years literally**, because God has an *important work to accomplish* during the Millennium.
   1. This is one reason why some wonder about the 1,000-year reign - **2 Peter 3:8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.**
   2. The Millennium is important because it will demonstrate Jesus’ victory and worthiness to rule the nations.
   3. The Millennium is important because it will reveal the depths of man’s *rebellious nature* in a **perfect** environment. Some people seem to believe that man is basically good, and deep down he really *wants* God’s righteous rule. Many believe that man is really innocent, and corrupted only by a bad environment. The Millennium will answer these questions *before* the great judgment ([**Revelation 20:11-15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/11-15/s_1187011)).
   4. The Millennium is important because it will display the eternal depravity of Satan, who continues his evil as soon as he is released from his bondage.

**The saints live and reign for 1,000 years.**

[**Revelation 20:4**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/4/s_1187004) **And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

1. **And I saw thrones, and they sat on them**: Who sits on these **thrones**? Perhaps the twenty-four elders representing the church ([**Revelation 4:4**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/4/4/s_1171004)) or the apostles ([**Matthew 19:28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/mat/19/28/s_948028)) or the company of saints as a whole ([**1 Corinthians 6:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1co/6/2-3/s_1068002)).
2. **And judgment was committed to them**: Perhaps this is the “judging of angels” mentioned in [**1 Corinthians 6:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1co/6/2-3/s_1068002), but it is more likely that these are the saints ruling on and over the earth.
3. **They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years**: These saints reign with Jesus for the same period of time that Satan is bound (**a thousand years**).
   1. They administrate the kingdom of Jesus Christ over the earth, reigning over those who pass from the earth of the Great Tribulation to the earth of the Millennium.
4. **Who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus… who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark**: ***All*** those who overcome in Jesus will rule and reign with Him ([**Revelation 2:26-28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/2/26-28/s_1169026)**,** [**3:12**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/3/12/s_1170012)**,**[**22**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/3/22/s_1170022)**,** [**1 Corinthians 6:2-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1co/6/2-3/s_1068002)). Why does John only mention the Tribulation saints?
   1. They are specifically mentioned so as to encourage them, while not implying others will be left out. This is special vindication for Tribulation saints. They suffered under Antichrist who had said, “*I* will rule the earth;” now *they* are in authority and Antichrist is destroyed. So, these martyrs are literal, but also representative of all that give their lives in faithfulness to Jesus.
   2. **Beheaded** is actually a broader word than we might think. The ancient Greek word really means “***executed***.”

**The first resurrection.**

[**Revelation 20:5-6**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/5-6/s_1187005) **But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

1. **The rest of the dead**: Those who *do not* have part in the *first resurrection* are *not* blessed, they are *under the power* of the **second death**.
2. Jesus described two resurrections: [**John 5:28-29**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jhn/5/28-29/s_1002028) (KJV) **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**
   1. The two events are separated by this 1,000-year period because the **rest of the dead** are not given their resurrection bodies until **the thousand years were finished**.
3. **This is the first resurrection**: If the **1st resurrection** is a singular event, it argues well for a post-tribulation rapture, because it implies that all saints receive their resurrection bodies at the same time, immediately before the rule and reign of Jesus Christ.
   1. If the **1st resurrection** is an order or class encompassing previously dead believers (who are at once with the Lord), the raptured church (already in heaven), and saints from the Great Tribulation, then the idea fits in a pre-tribulation framework.
   2. Donald Barnhouse says of the phrase **1st resurrection**: “It must be especially emphasized that our phrase in the Apocalypse covering this resurrection is a retrospect that looks back over all three phases (of resurrection).”
   3. (Walvoord) “‘The ‘first resurrection’ is not an event but an order of resurrection including all the righteous who are raised from the dead before the millennial kingdom begins.”

**Satan is released and gathers an army for battle.**

[**Revelation 20:7-8**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/7-8/s_1187007) **Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is as t*he sand of the sea.**

1. **Satan will be released**: For the thousand years of the direct reign of Jesus over this earth, Satan was bound and *inactive*. But after the thousand years are over, he will be released and successfully organize many people of the earth in another ***rebellion*** against God.
2. If Jesus has reigned so wonderfully for a thousand years, then why will the earth rebel?
3. They will do it, and God will allow it, as a final demonstration of man’s rebellion and depravity. *Outward* conformity to Jesus’ rule will be required during His reign, but seemingly, an inward embrace of His Lordship will still be up to the individual.
4. In this we see more of the important reason God has for the Millennial Kingdom and allowing this final rebellion. For all of human history, man has wanted to blame his sinful condition on his *environment*. **“Of course I turned out the way I did. Did you see the family I came from? Did you see the neighborhood I grew up in?”** With the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus, God will give mankind *a thousand years* of a perfect environment — with no Satan. But at the end of the 1,000 years, man will still rebel against God at his first opportunity. This will powerfully demonstrate that the problem **is in *us***, not only in our environment.
5. **Gather them together to battle**: Who will these rebels be? They will be those who survive the Great Tribulation, enter into the Millennial Kingdom, and their descendants.
6. **Gog and Magog**: These are prophetic enemies of Israel in [**Ezekiel 38**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/38/1-23/s_840001)**-**[**39**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/39/1-29/s_841001), but the battle described in those chapters of Ezekiel seems to be distinct and different from this final battle.
   1. John seems to borrow the term and use it as a symbol. Seemingly, the battles described in [**Ezekiel 38**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/38/1-23/s_840001)**-**[**39**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/eze/39/1-29/s_841001) take place before the return of Jesus, perhaps right before or during the tribulation.
   2. This final battle clearly takes place at the *end* of the thousand-year reign of Jesus.

**A battle ends before it begins.**

[**Revelation 20:9-10**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/9-10/s_1187009) **They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

1. **Surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city**: We don’t know if the **saints** referred to here are glorified saints who reign with Jesus, or earth-inhabitants who come to faith in Jesus during the Millennium.
   1. Either way, the strategy of this vast Satanic army is clear: to destroy God’s people, and the “headquarters” or “capital city” of His administration, Jerusalem (**the beloved city**).
2. **Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them**: We shouldn’t even call this a final battle, because there is no battle. The fight is over before it begins. At this point, God finally deals with the devil and his followers forever.
3. **Cast into the lake of fire… they will be tormented day and night forever and ever**: After this final attempt of a battle, Satan is then judged and **tormented** forever — together with the **beast** and the **false prophet**, who were cast into the lake of fire alive one thousand years ago ([**Revelation 19:20**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/19/20/s_1186020)).
4. The presence of the beast and the false prophet in the lake of fire after a thousand years argues against **annihilationism**. In eternal punishment, a thousand years is *just the beginning*. It never ends.
5. **Forever and ever**: Is this really *eternal* punishment? Yes, it is; the words mean exactly what they appear to mean.
   1. (Walvoord) “There would be no way possible in the Greek language to state more emphatically the everlasting punishment of the lost than here in mentioning both day and night and the expression ‘forever and ever,

**Judgment at the Great White Throne.**

[**Revelation 20:11**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/11/s_1187011) **Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.**

1. **I saw a great white throne**: **Great** in status, power and authority; **white** in purity and holiness; and a **throne** in kingly sovereignty.
2. **And Him who sat on it**: Who is this? The Bible tells us that the Judge is Jesus ([**John 5:22-27**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jhn/5/22-27/s_1002022)); or more likely, the fullness of the Triune God.
3. **The earth and the heaven fled away**: **Earth** and **heaven** flee from this throne, but **there was found no place for them**. There is absolutely no hiding from this throne. No one can escape the judgment that it represents.
   1. Many — even most — Bible scholars believe that Christians will never appear before this **great white throne**. It isn’t because we can *hide* from it — no one can. The idea is that we are spared from this awesome throne of judgment because our sins are ***already*** *judged* in Jesus at the cross. We don’t escape God’s judgment; we satisfy it in Jesus.
   2. However, Christians will have to stand before another throne — the *judgment seat of Christ*.
      1. [**2 Corinthians 5:10**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/2co/5/10/s_1083010) (NIV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.
   3. At the judgment seat of Christ, *what we have done* will be judged. Our *motives* for what we have done will be judged. Paul presents essentially the same idea in [**1 Corinthians 3:12-15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1co/3/12-15/s_1065012), where he speaks of a coming assessment of each one’s work before the Lord. In that passage, he makes it clear that what we have done, and our motive for doing it, will be tested by fire, and the purifying fire of God will burn up everything that was not of Him. We won’t be *punished* for what was not done rightly unto the Lord, it will simply be *burned up*, and it will be as if we never did those things. We will simply be rewarded for what remains. Sadly, some will get to heaven *thinking* they have done great things for God, and will find out at the judgment seat of Christ that they really did nothing.

**The judgment of condemnation.**

[**Revelation 20:12-13**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/12-13/s_1187012) **And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.**

1. **Standing before God**: This is not a *trial*, trying to determine what the facts are. The facts are in; here is the sentencing of someone already condemned.
   1. Because this is a sentencing and not a trial, those who stand before the throne have nothing to say. Many think they will “tell God a thing or two” at the final judgment. But of course, there will be no criticism of God on that day.
2. **And the dead were judged according to their works**: If people are *not* listed in the **Book of Life**, *then* each one is judged **according to his works**. Those who refuse to come to God by faith will, by default, be judged (and condemned) by their works.
   1. (Mounce) “The issue is not salvation by works but works as the irrefutable evidence of a man’s actual relationship with God.”
3. **The sea gave up the dead who were in it**: Why does the *sea* give up its dead? It represents the place of unburied bodies; the emphasis is on the universal character of judgment — *everybody* is included.

**Death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire.**

[**Revelation 20:14-15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rev/20/14-15/s_1187014) **(KJV) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

1. **Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire**: The last echoes of sin are now eliminated. **Death** is the result of sin, (**Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**.) and it is gone. **Hell** is the result of death, and it is gone. The last remainders of sin’s unlawful domination are done away with.
2. **This is the second death**: (Alford) “As there is a second and higher life, so there is also a second and deeper death. And as after that life there is no more death, so after that death there is no more life.”
   1. (Trapp) “The devil and the damned have punishment without pity, misery without mercy, sorrow without relief, crying without comfort, mischief without measure, torments without end.”
3. **And *anyone* not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**