The End

THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

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They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20 functions partially as a false ending. In this one chapter, the timeline expands by a thousand years in a period called "The Millennium"

With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8

1) THERE ARE TWO BIRTHS

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

John 3:3-6

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

John 3:3-6

When it comes to your first natural birth, it is entirely beyond your control

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

When it comes to your second spiritual birth, it is entirely within your control

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-18

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18

2) THERE ARE TWO RESURRECTIONS

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Revelation 20:4-6

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Revelation 20:4-6

John's parentheses in verse five are critical for distinguishing between his two "numbered" resurrections

The resurrection of posttribulation believing martyrs is called the first resurrection. The resurrection of postmillennium unbelievers is called the second resurrection.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Matthew 27:51-53

Eternal verdicts cannot be decided until every single person that has ever lived and died is resurrected

Diffusion of Innovation Theory

2.5% are the innovators13.5% are early adopters34% are early majority34% are late majority15% are laggards

Diffusion of Resurrection Theology

The Apostles were the innovators
Christians from history were early adopters
Present-day believers are the early majority
Tribulation martyrs will be the late majority
Unbelievers were, are and will be the laggards

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Revelation 20:11-15

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Revelation 20:11-15

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Revelation 20:11-15

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

The only example we have of a glorified body is that of the resurrected Jesus

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Luke 24:36-39

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:27-28

⁴² They gave [Jesus] a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Luke 24:42-43

We will be judged for every empty word we have spoken (Matthew 12:36-37)

We will be judged for the motives of the heart (1 Corinthians 4:5)

We will be judged for the things we have done, both good and bad
(2 Corinthians 5:10)

It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31

They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:10

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

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