

# Revelation 20:11-15

20:11 – “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.”

2532 [e]	3708 [e]	2362 [e]	3173 [e]	3022 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2521 [e]	1909 [e]	846 [e]	3739 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]			
Kai	eidon	thronon	megan	leukon	kai	ton	kathēmenon	ep'	auton	hou	apo	tou			
11	Καὶ	εἶδον	θρόνον	μέγαν	λευκὸν	,	καὶ	τὸν	καθήμενον	ἐπ'	αὐτόν	,	οὗ	ἀπὸ	τοῦ
	And	I saw	a throne	great	white		and	the [One]	sitting	on	it		whose	from	-
	Conj	V-AIA-1S	N-AMS	Adj-AMS	Adj-AMS		Conj	Art-AMS	V-PPMP-AMS	Prep	Pro-AM3S	RelPro-GMS	Prep	Art-GNS	

4383 [e]	5343 [e]	3588 [e]	1093 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3772 [e]	2532 [e]	5117 [e]	3756 [e]	2147 [e]	846 [e]		
prosōpou	ephygen	hē	gē	kai	ho	ouranos	kai	topos	ouch	heurethē	autois		
προσώπου	ἔφυγεν	ἡ	γῆ	καὶ	ὁ	οὐρανός	,	καὶ	τόπος	οὐχ	εὐρέθη	αὐτοῖς	.
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N-GNS	V-AIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Conj	N-NMS	Adv	V-AIP-3S	Pro-DM3P	

## 1. “earth and sky fled”

### a. Destroyed and recreated

- i. 2 Peter 3:7, 10-12
- ii. Luke 16:17 – “But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.”
- iii. Luke 21:33 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”
- iv. Matt 24:35 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”
- v. Mark 13:31 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

### b. Renovated

20:12 – “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”

2532 [e]	3708 [e]	3588 [e]	3498 [e]	3588 [e]	3173 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3398 [e]	2476 [e]	1799 [e]	3588 [e]	2362 [e]	
kai	eidon	tous	nekrous	tous	megalous	kai	tous	mikrous	hestōtas	enōpion	tou	thronou	
12 καὶ	εἶδον	τοὺς	νεκρούς	, τοὺς	μεγάλους	καὶ	τοὺς	μικρούς	, ἐστῶτας	ἐνώπιον	τοῦ	θρόνου	,
And	I saw	the	dead	-	great	and	-	small	standing	before	the	throne	
Conj	V-AIA-1S	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	Conj	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	V-RPA-AMP	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	

2532 [e]	975 [e]	455 [e]	2532 [e]	243 [e]	975 [e]	455 [e]	3739 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	2222 [e]	2532 [e]	2919 [e]
kai	biblia	ēnoichthēsan	Kai	allo	biblion	ēnoichthē	ho	estin	tēs	zōēs	kai	ekrithēsan
καὶ	βιβλία	ἠνοιχθήσαν	. Καὶ	ἄλλο	βιβλίον	ἠνοιχθῆ	, ὃ	ἐστὶν	τῆς	ζωῆς	. καὶ	ἐκρίθησαν
and	books	were opened	And	another	book	was opened	which	is	the [one]	of life	And	were judged
Conj	N-NNP	V-AIP-3P	Conj	Adj-NNS	N-NNS	V-AIP-3S	RelPro-NNS	V-PIA-3S	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Conj	V-AIP-3P

3588 [e]	3498 [e]	1537 [e]	3588 [e]	1125 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	975 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	2041 [e]	846 [e]	
hoi	nekroi	ek	tōn	gegrammenōn	en	tois	biblois	kata	ta	erga	autōn	
οἱ	νεκροὶ	ἐκ	τῶν	γεγραμμένων	ἐν	τοῖς	βιβλίοις	, κατὰ	τὰ	ἔργα	αὐτῶν	.
the	dead	out of	the things	having been written	in	the	books	according to	the	deeds	of them	
Art-NMP	Adj-NMP	Prep	Art-GNP	V-RPM/P-GNP	Prep	Art-DNP	N-DNP	Prep	Art-ANP	N-ANP	PPro-GM3P	

1. “dead” are the unbelievers of all time coming out of sheol or hades
2. “great and small” in worldly status, and possibly some reference to some sort of spiritual status
3. “standing” = resurrected
  - a. Rev. 20:5 – “
  - b. Daniel 12:1-3 – “At that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever..”
4. “books” refer to recordings of their deeds as in “the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”
  - a. Deut. 32:34 – “
  - b. Ps. 56:8 – “You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?”
  - c. Isa. 65:6 – “Behold, it is written before me: ‘I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap.’ ”
  - d. **Dan. 7:10** – “A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”
  - e. Mal. 3:16 – “Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.”
  - f. Matt. 12:36-37 – “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
  - g. The GREAT WORK is believe in Jesus or faith as in John 6:29 – “Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ”

- i. This is the only “work” or “deed” that eternity (eternal life or eternal death) pivots on.
  - ii. This “work” or “deed” places your name into the Lamb’s Book of Life
  - iii. John 5:24 – “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”
- 5. “book of life”
  - a. Rev. 3:5 – “Like them, he who overcomes will be dressed in white. And I will never blot out his name from the **Book of Life**, but I will confess his name before My Father and His angels.”
  - b. Rev. 13:8 – “all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the **book of life of the Lamb** who was slain.”
  - c. Rev. 17:8 – “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the **book of life** from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.”
  - d. Rev. 20:15 – “if anyone’s name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
  - e. Rev. 21:27 – “But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the **Lamb’s Book of Life**.”
  - f. Isa. 4:3 – “he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem
  - g. Ps. 69:28 – “Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.”
  - h. Dan. 12:1 – “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.”
  - i. Luke 10:20 – “Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your **names are written in heaven**.”
  - j. Phil. 4:3 – “Yes, and I ask you, my true yokefellow, to help these women who have labored with me for the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the **Book of Life**.”
  - k. (Exodus 32:32 – Moses said, “now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”
  - l. (Deuteronomy 9:14 – “Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.”)
  - m. (Deuteronomy 25:19 – “ Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.”)
- 6. Since the deeds of the resurrected unbelievers are judged (evaluated) and rewarded according to Rev. 20:13 (“they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.”) there does seem to be room for levels of punishment or degrees of judgment in eternal damnation.

- a. Matthew 11:20-24 – “...it will be more bearable on the day of judgment or Tyre and Sidon than for you...it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you...”

20:13 – “And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.”

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kai	edōken	hē	thalassa	tous	nekrous	tous	en	autē	kai	ho	thanatos	kai	ho	hadēs	edōkan		
13	καὶ	ἔδωκεν	ἡ	θάλασσα	τοὺς	νεκροὺς	τοὺς	ἐν	αὐτῇ	;	καὶ	ὁ	θάνατος	καὶ	ὁ	ᾗδης	ἔδωκαν
	And	gave up	the	sea	the	dead	who were	in	it	and	-	Death	and	-	Hades	gave up	
	Conj	V-AIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	Art-AMP	Prep	PPro-DF3S	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	V-AIA-3P	

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tous	nekrous	tous	en	autois	kai	ekrithēsan	hekastos	kata	ta	erga	autōn		
τοὺς	νεκροὺς	τοὺς	ἐν	αὐτοῖς	;	καὶ	ἐκρίθησαν	ἕκαστος	κατὰ	τὰ	ἔργα	αὐτῶν	.
the	dead	who were	in	them	and	they were judged	each [of them]	according to	the	works	of them		
Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	Art-AMP	Prep	PPro-DM3P	Conj	V-AIP-3P	Adj-NMS	Prep	Art-ANP	N-ANP	PPro-GM3P		

1. “Sea gave up the dead who were in it”

- a. All the dead bodies of all the unbelievers in the state of “death” whose souls are kept in the location of “Hades” are resurrected to rejoin the dead souls.
- b. The “sea” is mentioned because these are bodies that were lost to time and decayed without burial or a tomb location. The bodies at sea represent all the lost bodies that have no burial location.
- c. Point: Every body of the unbeliever is resurrected
- d. Jesus warned there would be a resurrection of not only the righteous, but also the unrighteous, unbeliever:

- i. Matthew 10:28 – “do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

2532 [e]	3361 [e]	5399 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]	615 [e]	3588 [e]	4983 [e]	3588 [e]	1161 [e]	5590 [e]	3361 [e]	1410 [e]		
Kai	mē	phobeisthe	apo	tōn	apoktennōntōn	to	sōma	tēn	de	psychēn	mē	dynamenōn		
28	Καὶ	μὴ	φοβεῖσθε	ἀπὸ	τῶν	ἀποκτεννόντων	τὸ	σῶμα	,	τὴν	δὲ	ψυχὴν	μὴ	δυναμένων
	And	not	you should be afraid	of	those	killing	the	body	,	the	however	soul	not	being able
	Conj	Adv	V-PMM-2P	Prep	Art-GMP	V-PPA-GMP	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-AFS	Conj	N-AFS	Adv	V-PPM/P-GMP	

615 [e]	5399 [e]	1161 [e]	3123 [e]	3588 [e]	1410 [e]	2532 [e]	5590 [e]	2532 [e]	4983 [e]	622 [e]	1722 [e]	1067 [e]		
apokteinaí	phobeisthe	de	mallon	ton	dynamenon	kai	psychēn	kai	sōma	apolesai	en	geennē		
ἀποκτεῖναι	;	φοβεῖσθε	δὲ	μᾶλλον	τὸν	δυναμένον	καὶ	ψυχὴν	καὶ	σῶμα	ἀπολέσαι	ἐν	γέεννῃ	.
to kill		you should fear	however	rather	the [One]	being able	both	soul	and	body	to destroy	in	hell	
V-ANA	V-PMM/P-2P	Conj	Adv	Art-AMS	V-PPM/P-AMS	Conj	N-AFS	Conj	N-ANS	V-ANA	Prep	N-DFS		

- ii. Luke 12: 5 – “But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

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hypodeixō	de	hymīn	tina	phobēthēte	phobēthēte	ton	meta	to	apokteinai	echonta
5 ὑποδείξω	δὲ	ὑμῖν	τίνα	φοβηθήτε	: φοβήθητε	τὸν	μετὰ	τὸ	ἀποκτεῖναι	, ἔχοντα
I will show	however	you	whom	you should fear	Fear	the [One who]	after	the	killing	has
V-FIA-1S	Conj	PPro-D2P	IPro-AMS	V-ASP-2P	V-AMP-2P	Art-AMS	Prep	Art-ANS	V-ANA	V-PPA-AMS

  

1849 [e]	1685 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	1067 [e]	3483 [e]	3004 [e]	4771 [e]	3778 [e]	5399 [e]
exousian	embalein	eis	tēn	geennan	nai	legō	hymīn	touton	phobēthēte
ἐξουσίαν	ἐμβαλεῖν	εἰς	τὴν	γέενναν	ναί	, λέγω	ὑμῖν	, τοῦτον	φοβήθητε
authority	to cast	into	-	hell	Yes	I say	to you	Him	fear
N-AFS	V-ANA	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Prtcl	V-PIA-1S	PPro-D2P	DPro-AMS	V-AMP-2P

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3. Judged for “works” or “deeds” is a principle through out the Scriptures:
- Ps. 62:12 – “O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.”
  - Matt. 25:45-46 – The Sheep and Goat Judgment - “Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
  - Romans 2:6-11 – “He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.”
  - Heb. 4:12-13 – “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”
  - Hebrews 9:27 – “...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment
  - Including believers at the Bema Seat of Christ:
    - Rom. 14:10 – “For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.”
    - 1 Cor. 3:13 – “Each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”
    - 2 Cor. 5:10 – “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

20:14 – “Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”

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14 Καὶ	ὁ	θάνατος	καὶ	ὁ	ᾗδης	ἐβλήθησαν	εἰς	τὴν	λίμνην	τοῦ
And	-	Death	and	-	Hades	were cast	into	the	lake	-
Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	V-AIP-3P	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GNS

4442 [e]	3778 [e]	3588 [e]	2288 [e]	3588 [e]	1208 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	3041 [e]	3588 [e]	4442 [e]
pyros	houtos	ho	thanatos	ho	deuterios	estin	hē	limnē	tou	pyros
πυρός	οὗτος	ὁ	θάνατος	ὁ	δεύτερος	ἐστὶν	ἡ	λίμνη	τοῦ	πυρός
of fire	This	the	death	-	second	is	the	lake	of	fire
N-GNS	DPro-NMS	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Art-NMS	Adj-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GNS	N-GNS

1. “Death” is the state of these souls. These souls are dead and death is separation from something such as:
  - a. Separation from the body
  - b. Separation from God
2. “Hades” is the location of these souls. These souls are in Hades, the underworld which was called Sheol in the OT.
3. The “second death” is separation from God in the Lake of Fire while eternally existing in a resurrected body
  - a. The first death is separation from the body.
  - b. The second death is eternal separation from God.
4. 1 Cor. 15:26, the last enemy, “death”, is here defeated as Paul predicted: “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

20:15 – “And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

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15 καὶ	εἴ	τις	οὐχ	εὐρέθη	ἐν	τῇ	βίβλῳ	τῆς	ζωῆς	γεγραμμένος
And	if	anyone	not	was found	in	the	book	-	of life	having been written
Conj	Conj	IPro-NMS	Adv	V-AIP-3S	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	V-RPM/P-NMS

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eblēthē	eis	tēn	limnēn	tou	pyros
ἐβλήθη	εἰς	τὴν	λίμνην	τοῦ	πυρός
he was cast	into	the	lake	-	of fire
V-AIP-3S	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GNS	N-GNS

1. Eternal damnation is a solid biblical doctrine:
  - a. Matt. 18:8; 23:15, 33; 25:41, 46
  - b. Mark 9:46



