

The Names in the Book of Life

Revelation 20:11-21:8

- I. The Great White Throne judgment – The reality of hell (Revelation 20:11-15).
 - A. God's presence is terrifying at the Great White Throne judgment (11).
 - Earth and sky fled – God will destroy this earth (2 Peter 3:10-12).
 - B. God's books reveal the eternal status of all (12).
 - Book of life – The names of believers.
 - Books of deeds – The record of unbelievers showing all have sinned (Romans 3:10-23).
 - C. Unbelievers are resurrected to be judged (13-14).
 - D. Those whose names are NOT in the book of life are punished forever (15).

Key issue: What are you trusting in for eternal life?
(John 3:16-18; Ephesians 2:8-9)

- II. The New Jerusalem – The reality of heaven (Revelation 21:1-8).
 - A. God's presence is gracious and loving in heaven with believers (1-5a).
 - New heaven and earth – God re-creates our eternal home (2 Peter 3:11-13).
 - His people – We belong forever in God's family.
 - Everything new – Death, sadness and pain are gone forever.
 - B. God's eternal promise is that heaven is given only as a free gift (5b-7; Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - C. Unbelievers are excluded from heaven (8).