

The End Times

9-The Final Judgement

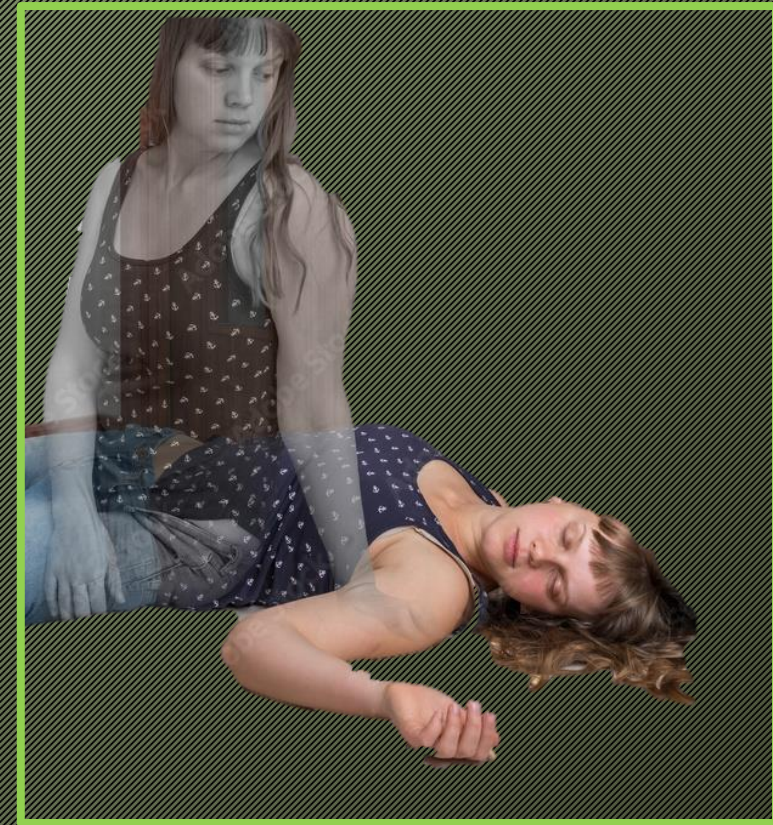
The Intermediate State

- **Death is the separation of spirit and body**
- **John 11:11, 13**
 - After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."
 - Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.



The Intermediate State

- **Death is the separation of spirit and body**
- **2 Corinthians 5:1-9**
 - Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.



The Intermediate State

- **Death is the wages 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.

- **Romans 5:12**

- Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

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- Death is the ultimate manifestation of sin from which we must be delivered
- 1 Corinthians 15:26
 - The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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- **Christ has vanquished death**
- He has annulled its consequences through the triumph of the cross
- **2 Timothy 1:10**
 - ...it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- However, until final disposition, everyone (believer and unbeliever) is subject to death

The Intermediate State

- For the believer, death is not final

- John 11:25-26

- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Intermediate State

- For the unbeliever, the ultimate state is eternal separation from God
- Revelation 20:14
 - Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.
- There is a resurrection of the 'wicked dead' - for purpose of judgement.

The Intermediate State

- **Conscious existence (not 'soul sleep')**
- Moses and Elijah on mount of transfiguration
- **Luke 9:28-31**
 - Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem

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- **Conscious existence (not 'soul sleep')**
- Lazarus and the rich man
- **Luke 16:19-31**
 - The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.
 - In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

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- **Conscious existence (not 'soul sleep')**
- Jesus promised the dying thief that he will be with him in Paradise
- **Luke 23:43**
 - Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

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- The righteous are in 'Abraham's bosom'
 - At Jesus' death the believing thief would be with Him in Paradise
- The unrighteous are separated from the righteous by a gulf. It is a place of torment
 - Old Testament word: **Sheoul**
 - New Testament word: **Hades**
- Though separated by a gulf, the righteous and unrighteous can communicate

The Intermediate State

- **The Lake of Fire (Greek: *Gehenna*)**

- *Gehenna* in Aramaic, referred to the valley of Hinnom, which Ahab made into a place of idolatry, and Josiah made into a place for burning garbage.



Gehenna: Valley of Hinnom - Garbage dump

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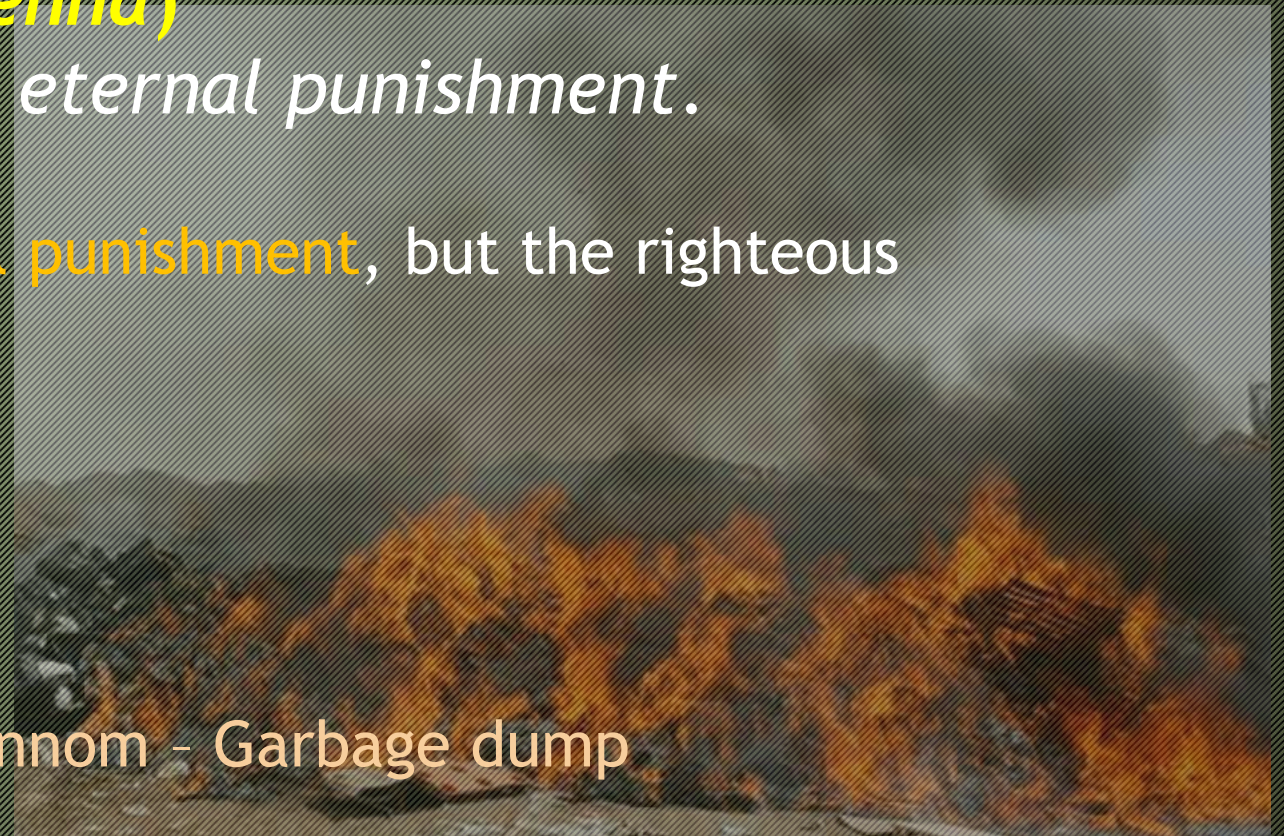
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- *Jesus spoke of it as a type of eternal punishment.*

- **Matthew 25:46**

- "Then they will go away to **eternal punishment**, but the righteous to eternal life."

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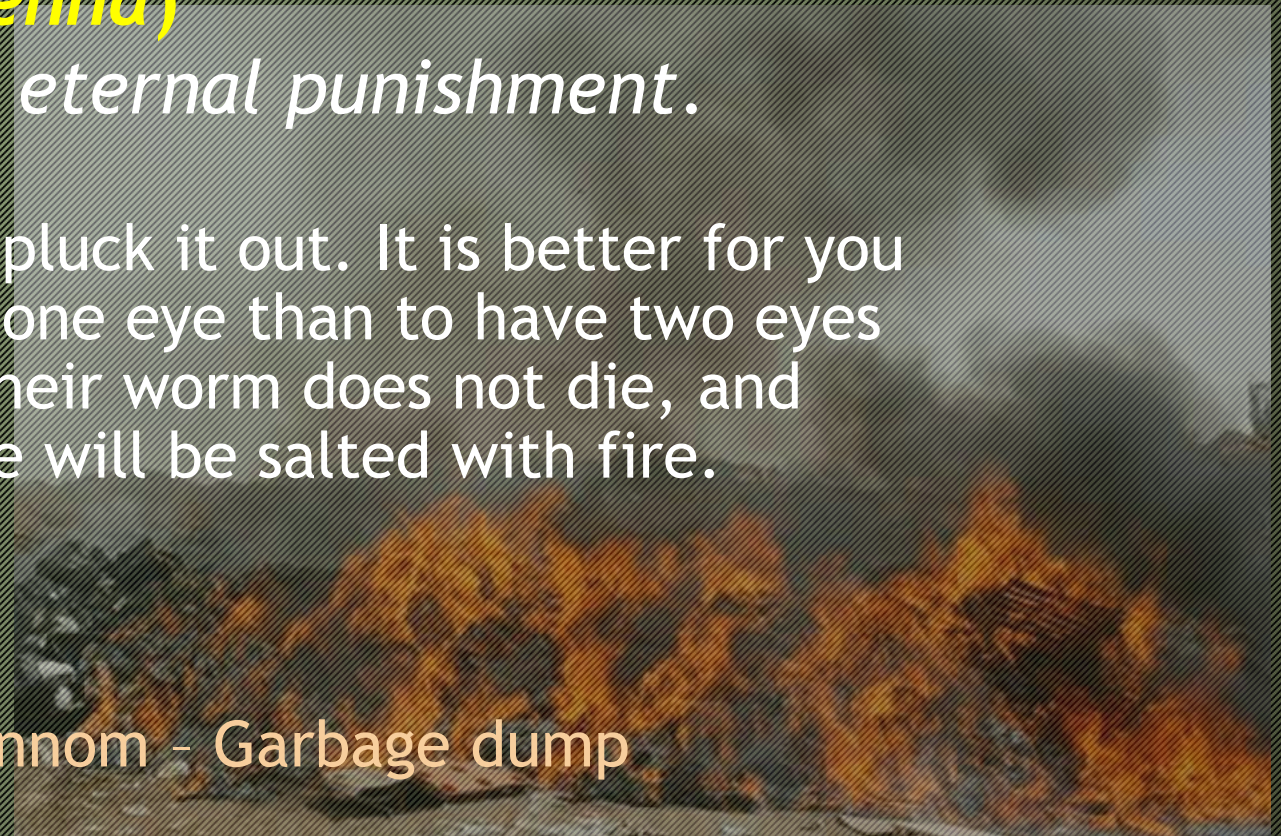
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- **Mark 9:47-48**

- And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Everyone will be salted with fire.

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- **The Lake of Fire (Greek: Gehenna)**

- *Jesus spoke of it as a type of eternal punishment.*

- **Revelation 14:11**

- *And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."*

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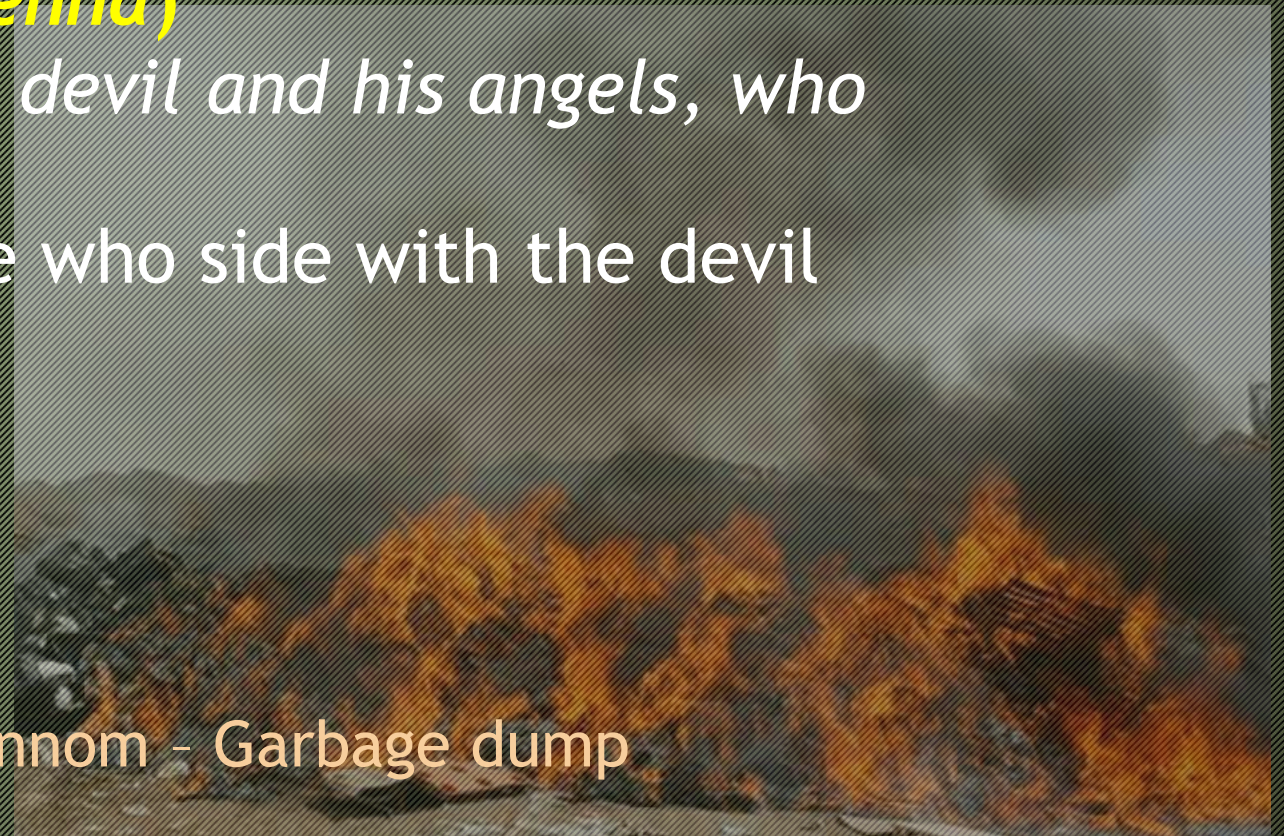


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- **The Lake of Fire (Greek: Gehenna)**

- *It is a place prepared for the devil and his angels, who rebelled against the Lord*
- It is enlarged to include those who side with the devil

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- The **righteous dead** are resurrected at the rapture, and during the tribulation
- The Bible calls this the 'first resurrection'.
- **Revelation 20:6**
 - Blessed and holy are those who have part 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.
- The **unrighteous dead** are resurrected at the final Judgement (The Great White Throne Judgement).

The Rebellion

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- **During the Millennium**
 - the devil is bound and in the abyss
 - He is no longer able to deceive the nations
 - The righteous rule of Christ will permeate the world and bring healing



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- **During the Millennium**

- Wim Reitkerk, on the healing of the nations:
“... their history and culture with all that it has ever produced will be subjected to a liberating process, prior to the final judgment and the moment of glorification.”



The Rebellion

- **During the Millennium**

- The people of the earth will only know the righteous rule of Christ
- They have had no other option, since the devil is absent
- In the garden of Eden, in Genesis, the serpent challenged the commands of God and Adam and Eve chose to do what he said.



The Rebellion

- **At the end of the Millennium:**

- Satan is released from the Bottomless pit (Abyss) for a short time

- **Revelation 20:3**

- He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

The Rebellion

- **At the end of the Millennium:**
- Satan is released to provide the other option
 - God sees choice as important
 - Choice enables us to have God's best or turn our backs on it
 - As in Eden, God does not want anyone following Him who has not chosen to do so

The Rebellion

- **At the end of the Millennium:**
- Satan succeeds in deceiving some of the people on the earth
 - The followers of Satan rebel against the righteous rule of Christ
 - Fire comes down on them and the rebels find themselves in the realm of death
 - Satan becomes the third resident of Hell

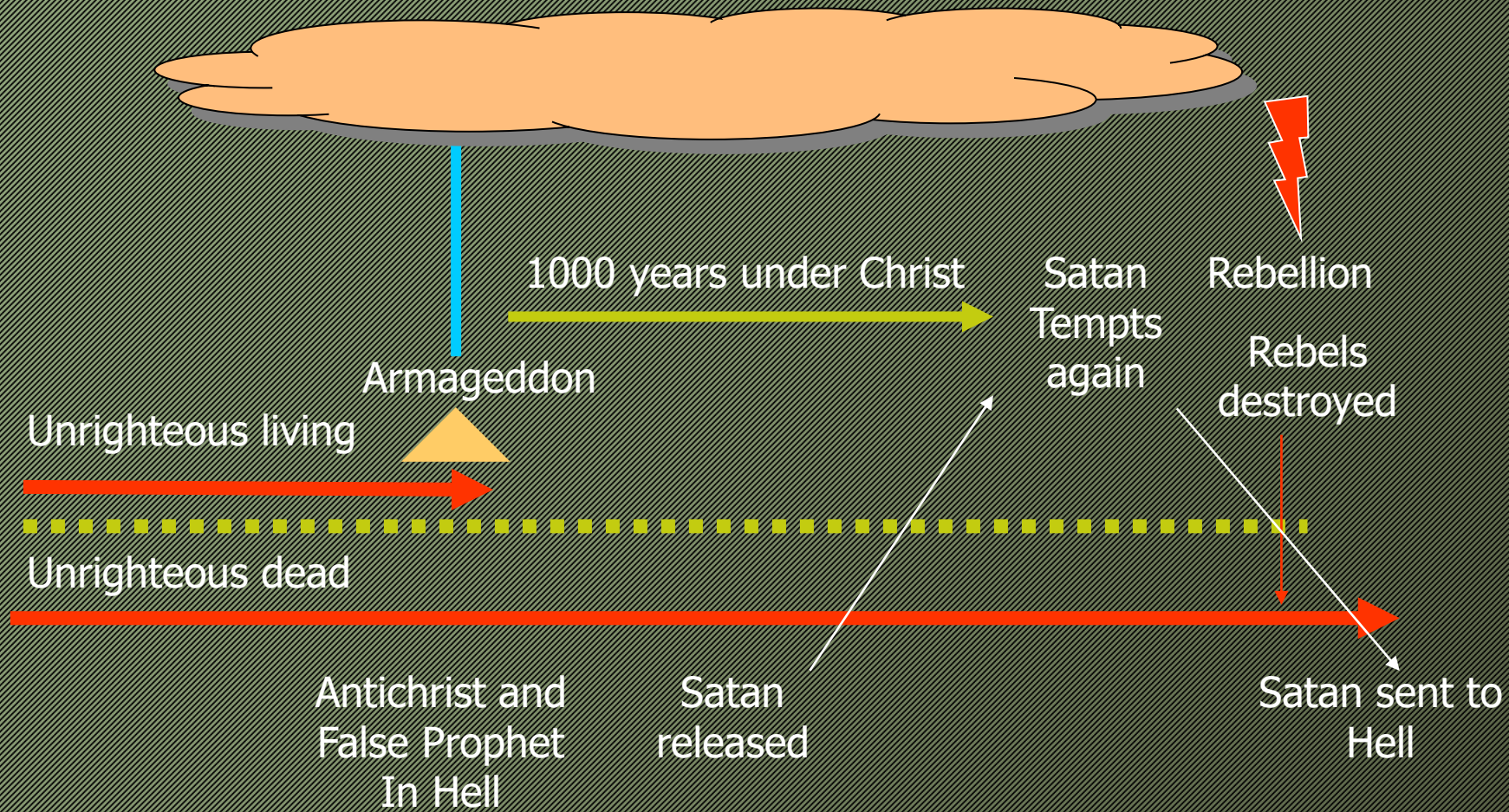
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- **At the end of the Millennium:**
- **Revelation 20:7-10.**
 - When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle.
 - In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves.

The Rebellion

- **At the end of the Millennium:**
- **Revelation 20:7-10**
 - But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.





The Great White Throne Judgment

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- The Bible gives the scene of final judgement
- Revelation 20:11
 - Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.



The Great White Throne Judgement

- Who is He who judges?

- **John 5:22**

- Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son



The Great White Throne Judgement

- Who is Judged?

- **Revelation 20:12**

- 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.

- **Revelation 20:13**

- 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 he had done. .

The Great White Throne Judgement

- The unbelieving dead ('the rest of the dead') are resurrected for judgement
- First their deeds are judged
- But salvation is by faith, not deeds:
 - Ephesians 2:8-9**
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Next, the Lamb's book of Life is opened

The Great White Throne Judgement

- Those whose names are not in it are sent to the Lake of Fire
- Death and Hades are also sent to the Lake of Fire.
 - **Revelation 20:14-15**
 - Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Great White Throne Judgement

- **The Lake of Fire is an eternal fire**
 - Not annihilation (ceasing to exist)
 - Greek *aionious* is used in the Bible for eternal:
 - eternal life,
 - eternal death, and
 - eternal God.
 - The fire is unquenchable, and therefore endless
 - This is the 'second death.'

The Great White Throne Judgement

- **The Lake of Fire is an eternal fire**

- **Matthew 3:12**

- His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

- **Luke 3:17**

- His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The Great White Throne Judgement

- **The Lake of Fire is an eternal fire**

- **Matthew 18:8**

- ... It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire

- **Revelation 21:8**

- But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

