

Ready or Not

Here I Come!

## Lesson 4. The Great White Throne

Revelation 20:11-15

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. 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 he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

### 1. The Eternal Courtroom

#### ▼ The white throne

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 invincible Almighty
- ▲ The inescapable Almighty

#### ▼ The wicked throng

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, — 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,

- ▲ Grave and sea
- ▲ Great and small
- ▲ Gathered and standing

### 2. The Evidence Considered

#### ▼ The books of records

Revelation 20:12 and books were opened. — The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

- ▲ Sins recorded
- ▲ Sins remembered
- ▲ Sins reintroduced

#### ▼ The book of the redeemed

Revelation 20:12 Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Revelation 21:27 names are written in the Lamb's book of life

Revelation 13:8 the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world

- ▲ Book of life
- ▲ Belonging to the Lamb
- ▲ Being lengthened

### 3. The Everlasting Curse

#### ▼ Fact-checked sinners

Revelation 20:12 The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

#### ▼ Forfeited salvation

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life,

#### ▼ Fiery sentence

Revelation 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### ▼ Forever suffering with satan

Revelation 20:10 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.

### 4. The Evangelistic Call

#### ▼ Repent and receive salvation, all you sinners!

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

- ▲ The Spirit of God calls you!
- ▲ The saints of God compel you!

#### ▼ Rejoice, all you saints!

Luke 10:20 rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

## Lesson 1. *The Rapture of the Church*

The rapture, or the catching up of the Church out of this wicked world, may happen at any moment. No one knows the day or the hour, and the rapture will take place “in a flash.” All true Christian believers, along with the bodies of all Christian believers who have died, will rise to meet the Lord in the air. The disappearance of the Church from this world will mean the removal of the restraining power of godliness.



## Lesson 2. *The Great Tribulation*

The rapture will be followed on earth by seven years of great tribulation. This tribulation period will be marked by the rising of a wicked world leader, the Antichrist. Great spiritual darkness and deception will cover the earth. God’s wrath will poured out from heaven upon the rebellious world that has rejected His grace and the lordship of His Son, Jesus. World war will erupt. Raging against God, the nations and their armies will curse God and “make war” against Him. Christ will come from heaven in his second coming and crush the wicked kingdoms of this world.



## Lesson 3. *Christ's Kingdom Come to Earth*

At the end of the great tribulation, Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will come from heaven to earth, followed by the armies of heaven and the saints. This is the second coming. Destroying the rebellious armies of earth, throwing the beast and false prophet into the lake of fire, and binding Satan, Christ will establish his thousand-year kingdom on earth. His kingdom will be marked by rest and righteousness and peace and plenty. His glorified saints will reign with him on earth. At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be loosed and lead a large rebellion, but it will be consumed and crushed. Satan himself will be thrown into the lake of fire.



## Lesson 4. *The Great White Throne*

Once Christ’s kingdom on earth has enjoyed its thousand years of righteousness and peace, the kingdom age will close. All attention will be turned toward heaven and the great white throne judgment. The wicked dead will be raised to stand before God. They will be judged according to their wicked works. Because their names were not written in the Lamb’s book of life, they will be cast into the lake of fire. Death itself will be thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire will burn forever, tormenting those condemned to it. The lake of fire is the second death.



## Lesson 5. *Heaven on Earth*

God will make all things new, creating a new heaven and a new earth. The Holy City, the new Jerusalem, will come down out of heaven from God to the earth. The radiant city will shine with the splendor and glory of God and with the brilliant light of the Lamb. The river of life will flow through the city and the tree of life will flourish. No longer will there be any curse. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. God’s people, those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, will live forever in the perfection and presence of God. *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.*