

EVENTS AT JESUS' RETURN - Part 2

(Revelation 20:11 - 15)

INTRODUCTION - last week's lesson noted 2 events: 1) The return of Jesus and 2) The resurrection. This lesson notes 2 more events: 3) The end of earthly living and the earth ("heavens). 4) Judgment Day. Next lesson will note: 5) Eternity

3. THE END OF EARTHLY LIVING AND THE EARTH ("HEAVENS")

(2 Peter 3:7 - 12) "But the heavens and the earth are preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment ... (v10) But the day of the Lord will come ... **both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up** ... what manner of persons ought you to be ... **the heavens** will be dissolved, being on fire, and **the elements** will melt with fervent heat"

4. JUDGMENT DAY

(Hebrews 9:27) "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

1) The greatest crowd ever assembled.

(Matthew 25:31-32) "When the Son of Man comes in His glory ... **All the nations** will be gathered before Him ... "

(Romans 14:10) "For **we shall all** stand before the judgment seat of Christ"

(Revelation 20:11-12) "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it ... I saw the dead, **small and great**, standing before the throne"

2) The greatest individual reckoning or accounting.

(Romans 14:12) "So then **each of us** shall give account of himself to God"

(2 Corinthians 5:10) "So we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ **that each one** may receive the things done in the body ... "

3) The greatest Judge.

(Matthew 25:31-32) "When the Son of Man ... **He will sit on the throne** ... "

(2 Timothy 4:6-8) (v8) "the Lord, the **righteous Judge**"

(Romans 2:11) "For there is **no partiality** with God"

(Acts 17:30-31) " ... because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by **the Man whom He has ordained**.

He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

4) The greatest books will be opened.

(Revelation 20:12) "... and books were opened,
and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life ... "

1. The Word of God (Bible): (John 12:48-50; Romans 2:2)

2. The "Book of Life"

(Philippians 4:3) "... whose names are in the Book of Life"

(Luke 10:20) "rejoice because your names are written in heaven"

(Hebrews 12:23) "to the general assembly and church of the first-born
who are registered ("enrolled") in heaven ... "

This is vital to salvation: (Revelation 20:15) "And anyone
not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

(Revelation 21:27) "... enter it ...
only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Warning: (Psalm 69:27-28) "be blotted out of the living,
and not be written with the righteous."

(Exodus 32:33) "I will blot him out of My book"

(Revelation 3:5) "and I will not blot out his name from the
Book of Life, but will confess his name before My Father ... "

5) The greatest separation ever known to mankind.

(Matthew 25:31-34) "... All nations will be gathered before Him,
and He will separate them one from another ... "

(v33) "He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."

6) So, it will be a day of the greatest surprise to many: (Matthew 7:21-28)

7) It will be the greatest final event that ushers in eternity.

Words to hymn #852 "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There"

CLOSE: Now we extend THE GREATEST INVITATION ever offered.

(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

(Matthew 16:26) "For what profit is it to a man
if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"