

THE DAY OF VENGENCES OF OUR GOD

Scripture: Revelation 20:11-15

Companion Scripture: Isaiah 61:1, 2; Luke 4:16-21 and Isaiah 45:23; Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 14:11.

Introduction:

- A. The first ten verses of this chapter reveal Satan being bound with a great chain and being cast into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.
- B. They also revealed Christ ruling over the earth for those 1000 years and all who have part in the first resurrection reigning with Him.
- C. Following the 1000 years reign of peace on the earth, Satan is loosed for a little season.
- D. Satan will go forth to deceive the people and many will follow him in his assault against Christ and His saints.
- E. God shall send down fire from heaven and destroy them.
- F. Satan shall be cast into the lake of fire and shall be tormented for ever and ever.
- G. The stage is now set for the long awaited fulfillment of the last part of the prophecy of Isaiah 61:2 “The day of the vengeance of God.” The first time Jesus opened the prophetic writings of Isaiah He preached the acceptable year of the Lord; this last time He will open the prophetic writings He will pronounce the judgment of vengeance of God on those who rejected God’s offer of salvation.

I. THE COURTROOM OF JUDGMENT IS SET.

- A. The Great White Throne is revealed.
- B. Jesus, God’s Little Lamb, is seated upon the throne. (John 5:22 Declares, the Father judges no man, but hath committed all Judgment unto the Son.)
- A. The present physical creation – earth and heaven – has fled away; melted away and there was found no place for them. V. 11 (2 Peter 3:10, 11)

II. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIME ARE PRESENT. Vs. 12, 13

- A. The dead – spiritually dead – the lost.
- B. The sea gave up the spiritually dead which were in it.
- C. And death and hell delivered up the spiritually dead which were in them.
- D. All the spiritually dead, from Cain’s day until the time of judgment will be present.

III. THE EVIDENCE IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT. V. 12

- A. The Books were opened. The 66 books of the Holy Bible – the same book Jesus opened in the beginning of His earthly ministry and the one He referred to many times.
- B. Those present will be judged out of these things which were written in the books.
- C. They will be judged according to their works according to God’s standard of righteousness. (Isaiah 64:6 *We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Matthew 7:22, 23 Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*)
- D. The book of life shall also be opened to verify the correctness of the judgments.

IV. THE PUNISHMENT IS EXECUTED. Vs. 14, 15

- A. All the guilty are immediately cast into the lake of fire – this is the second death.**
- B. They shall join the devil and the false prophet and the antichrist and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. (V.10)**

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Is your name in the Book of Life? Only God and you can really know for sure.**
- B. The only requirement is repentance and faith – Ask God’s forgiveness for sin and trust the saving of your soul to Jesus.**
- C. Today is the day of salvation – Tomorrow is the time for judgment. Trust Jesus today, while you have time and opportunity.**