

**Sunday School on the End Times**  
REVELATION 20:11-15: JUDGEMENT DAY

Order of Events on the Last Day

1. The Lord Jesus returns (1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 24:30-31).
2. All resurrected believers will meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 Cor 15:51-55).
3. All the ungodly will be destroyed with the earth (2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:10; Jude 1:14-15).
4. All the ungodly will be raised from the dead to be judged (John 5:28-29).
5. Judgement Day (2 Tim. 4:1; John 5:22; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-32).
6. The wicked “will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matt. 25:46; cf. Matt. 13:40-43; 49-50).
7. Eternal life in the new heaven and earth (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1).

“God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ [Acts 17:31], to whom all authority and right to judge has been given by the Father [John 5:22, 27]. In that day not only the apostate angels will be judged [1 Cor. 6:3; Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4], but also all persons who have lived on the earth will appear before the tribunal of Christ to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds, and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil [2 Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Rom. 2:6; Rom. 14:10, 12; Matt. 12:36, 37]” (*WC*, 33.1).

**20.11a.** White is a symbol of purity and holiness and righteousness (19:8, 11-14; 7:14).

**20.11b:** The universe will be *renewed, not annihilated* (Psalm 102:25-27).

**20.12.** “books were opened – a record of each person’s life. “The Book of Life” contains the names of all who have eternal life. See 13:8; 17:8.

**20.13:** \*We are not saved according to our works (Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 1:9), but we will be judged according to our works (22:12; Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6). The unbeliever will have only bad works. The believer will have good and bad works (1 Cor. 3:8-15; 4:5).

**20.14-15.** The second death is endless torment of soul and body.

“The doctrine of final judgment ... stresses man’s accountability and the certainty that justice will finally triumph over all the wrong things which are part and parcel of life here and now. ... This doctrine gives meaning to life. The Greek idea of history as a cyclical process shut men up to a treadmill in which they might strive mightily, but neither gods nor could men advance. The Christian view of judgment means that history moves to a goal. ... Judgment protects the idea of the triumph of God and of good. It is unthinkable that the present conflict between good and evil should last throughout eternity. Judgment means that evil will be disposed of authoritatively, decisively, finally. Judgment means that in the end God’s will, will be perfectly done” (Leon Morris, *Judgment*, 72).

**Conclusion:** See *Belgic Confession*, Article 37.

APPLICATION

- The greatest danger people are facing in the world today is eternal torment of body and soul in the lake of fire. Their suffering will never end (Rev. 14:10-11). Therefore, their greatest need is to hear and believe the gospel. We should always pray that our Lord would give us opportunities to share the gospel and invite people to church.