

**BE READY – 5**  
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**REV. 20:1-6**

Before discussing the Great White Throne Judgment, here are some facts about the Millennial Reign of Christ. “Joy to the World” – Isaac Watts didn’t write this to originally be a Christmas carol. The lyrics reflect His second coming, not His virgin birth, when Christ rules the earth from Jerusalem, the world’s capital. **IS. 35:8-10 NASB**. The highway of holiness leads to Jerusalem. Worldwide peace will exist. Peace among animals (**IS. 11:6-8 NLT**). There will be no curse, no prisons, mental institutions, hospitals, cemeteries, or houses of ill repute. When the Lord comes and the Savior reigns, there will be peace, prosperity, purity, personal joy, and prolonged life (**IS. 65:17-23 MSG**). Vegetation will flourish (**IS. 35:1-2 NLT**) and suffering will cease (**IS. 65:13-15 NLT**). The blessings of no sickness, disease, miscarriages, death, sorrow, and mourning are limited to the saints, not to the nations that choose to sin (**ZECH. 14:16-19 NASB**).

**The Great White Throne Judgment REV. 20:7-15**

After the Battle of Gog and Magog, Satan is cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever. Then, standing before the Great White Throne are the resurrected dead who rejected Christ (**JOHN 3:16-21**). The doomed are from all classes of people, from kings to slaves. They are judged by the only one who could provide the way of escape from the lake of fire – Jesus. Because they rejected Him, their names are removed from the book of life, and they are judged on the basis of their works (**REV. 3:5, 20:12**). Because their names aren’t found in the book of life, they, too, are cast into the lake of fire (**REV. 20:15**).

**Judas, Once Saved, Forever Lost**

Judas was a disciple whose name was written in the book of life, **MT. 10:1-4, LUKE 10:20**. He was one of the 12 Apostles who were told they would sit on a throne and judge the 12 tribes of Israel, **MT. 19:27-29**. Judas fell from his apostleship, **ACTS 1:24-25**. He’s an example of how even a disciple and apostle can have his name removed from the book of life.

**God’s Wrath and Righteous Judgment – ROM. 2:5-6 NIV**

God’s wrath is His righteous judgment. People think they are getting away with their evil ways because God is slow to anger, and mercy precedes judgment. **ROM. 1:18** God’s Spirit won’t strive with man forever: Noah’s flood, Sodom and Gomorrah; Egypt’s plagues; Nadab and Abihu; Nebuchadnezzar; the Tribulation; and the final judgment – second death or lake of fire.

## **Good News ROM. 5:8-10**

God's wrath was poured out on Jesus for everyone (**PS. 88:4-7**). No one needs to suffer God's wrath and be sentenced to the lake of fire. Jesus took our place, died our death, suffered God's wrath, and paid our sin debt, but it's not automatic. We must repent and accept His sacrifice to escape the lake of fire.

**Conclusion:** The entire world is under the wrath of God. Only those who receive Christ as Savior will escape the lake of fire. Our duty as ambassadors for Christ is to tell everyone about the Gospel and how they can escape the lake of fire by the sacrifice of Christ.