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The Day of the Lord—P3

“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne” (Matthew 25:31 NASB).

We left the last Devotional near the end of Christ’s thousand year reign, judging the nations of the earth. Now, “*when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth...to gather them together for the war [against Jesus]”* (Revelation 20:7-8a). They gather together and surround Jerusalem, but fire comes down from Heaven and God destroys them all “*and the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever”* (Revelation 20:9-10). Immediately after this, John “*saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds”* (Revelation 20:11-13).

This is what Jesus referred to “*when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep*

from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’” The righteous then ask when they ever helped Jesus. “*The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’* Then He will also say to those on His left, “*Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’”* The accursed then ask when they ever denied Him. “*Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’* These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:31-46).

“*Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”* (Revelation 20:14-15).

This is the final judgment, the complete end of all sin, for as we will see in next week’s Devotional, God fulfills His promise to His people when He makes “*new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells”* (2 Peter 3:13b). May we all look forward to that Day!