

# REVELATION'S FINAL COUNTDOWN

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## Lecture #11 – BLESSED ARE THE DEAD

### ARE THE DEAD COGNITIVE?

**Revelation 14:13** "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'"

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**James 2:17-18** "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

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### DECEPTION

**Genesis 2:16-17** "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"

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**Genesis 3:4:** "Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die.'"

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### BREATH OF LIFE

**Genesis 2:7** "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being."

**Job 27:3** "As long as my breath is in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils..."

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**James 2:26** "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

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## DEATH IS THE CONSEQUENCE

**Genesis 3:19** "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

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**Genesis 3:15** "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

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**Romans 6:8-10** "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God."

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## CONSEQUENCE FOR SIN IS DEATH

**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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**Isaiah 26:19** "Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead."

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## SLEEP

**Daniel 12:2** "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt."

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**Matthew 27:50-53** "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many."

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**Job 14:10-13** "But man dies and is laid away; indeed he breathes his last and where is he? As water disappears from the sea, and a river becomes parched and dries up, so man lies down and does not rise. Till the heavens are no more, they will not awake nor be roused from their sleep."

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**1 Kings 2:10** "So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David."

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**Acts 2:29-30, 34** "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... For David did not ascend into the heavens."

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### **THE DEAD KNOW EVERYTHING? NO. THE DEAD KNOW NOTHING**

**Ecclesiastes 9:5** "For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten."

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**Psalms 115:17** "The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who go down into silence."

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**Isaiah 38:18-19** "For Sheol cannot thank You, death cannot praise You; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth. The living, the living man, he shall praise You, as I do this day; the father shall make known Your truth to the children."

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### **THERE IS NO REMEMBRANCE**

**Psalms 6:5** "For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks?"

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### **RETURNS TO THE EARTH**

**Psalms 146:4** "His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish."

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**Job 14:14-15, 19:25-27** "If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes... For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

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**1 Corinthians 15:51-54** "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

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**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

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**John 11:1-3** "Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, 'Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.'"

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**John 11:11-14** "These things He said, and after that He said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.' Then His disciples said, 'Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.' However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.'"

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HE WILL RISE AGAIN ON THE LAST DAY

**John 11:23-24** "Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to Him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'"

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**John 11:25** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'"

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## **A COUNTERFEIT**

**Revelation 16:13-14**"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

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**1 Samuel 28:11-19** "Then the woman said, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' And he said, 'Bring up Samuel for me.' When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, 'Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!' And the king said to her, 'Do not be afraid. What did you see?' And the woman said to Saul, 'I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth.' So he said to her, 'What is his form?' And she said, 'An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle.' And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. Now Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?' And Saul answered, 'I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do.' Then Samuel said: 'So why do you ask me, seeing the Lord has departed from you and has become your enemy? And the Lord has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day. Moreover, the Lord will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.'"

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**1 Peter 3:19** "by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison."

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## **PUNCTUATION MATTERS**

**Luke 23:42-43** "Surely I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise." "Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.' And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'"

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**John 20:17** "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." "'

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### LIES AND DECEPTION

**Genesis 3:4-5** "Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'"

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**1 Timothy 6:15-16** "which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen."

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**John 5:21-22** "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son."

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**John 5:23-24** "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

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**John 5:28-29** "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

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**Colossians 3:3** "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

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**Proverbs 12:2** "A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but a man of wicked intentions He will condemn."

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**1 John 5:12** "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

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