

APOCALYPSE NOW XLVII

May 17, 2026

READ: Revelation 20:11-15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Describe the scene which now presents itself before the Apostle John (v. 11).

What is happening as “earth and heaven” flee from the presence of the enthroned Judge (2 Peter 3:10-12)?

Why does this happen (Matthew 19:28; Acts 3:21; Revelation 21:1; 1 Peter 3:13)?

2. Who is standing before the great white throne (v. 12a)?

Who else, of necessity, is also standing before the throne (1 Peter 4:5; Ecclesiastes 3:17; Romans 14:10-12)?

What has occurred to assemble mankind before the throne (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53)?

3. What is the primary focus of final judgment (vv. 12:b, 13b)?

Why are deeds/works the focus of this judgment? What does God intend to do?

- Romans 14:12
- 1 Corinthians 4:5
- Ecclesiastes 12:14

- 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
- 2 Corinthians 5:10

How does this differ from salvation “by grace . . . through faith” (Ephesians 2:8-10)?

4. Identify the two stages of final judgment (v. 12).

(1)

(2)

What purpose is served by the *books*?

What purpose is served by the *book* (of life)?

Which record, in the end, is most important in regard to one’s eternal destiny (v. 15)? Why?

5. Why do “death and Hades” (personified) find themselves in the same circumstance as Satan & the beast & the false prophet (v. 14)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will, this week, pursue holy conduct & godliness by . . .

I will, this week, walk in good works by . . .