

Second Death

Revelations is admonishment to the church — those who believe in Messiah.

Rev 2:11 — “He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” This doesn’t mean that if you don’t overcome you will go to the lake of fire. But those who *don’t overcome* (like *Esau*, who gave up his birthright for some lousy bowl of soup, or *Achan* who gave up his inheritance in Israel for a worthless shirt) will be shut out of the millennial Kingdom of Messiah, having no participation in His government. Is sin ruling over you? Then you’ll be in the second judgment (Rev 20:12). *We have the same potential to give up our birthright for a cheap thrill.* Those who could have given in, but repented, are like Peter, and bless the whole church. The “lawless” will be judged (2 Cor 5:10) and cut off during the 1,000 years, and be thrown into hell until the second resurrection. Mt 5:21-26 — *Hell* is the place where unbelievers go and we also if we have a sin which causes a brother or ourselves to stumble. If we are unbelieving and undeserving, we will also be placed into outer darkness. *Not every little sin, but a sin-producing agency — like uncircumcision, one which continues to corrupt, meaning it is never cut off* (Mt 5:29-30). *Sin-producing* agents must be cut off, or they will lead all of Israel into darkness. What Esau and Achan did, or even what the man who picked up the sticks on the Sabbath did, may seem to us outwardly *insignificant*, but it was the nature of their sin which brought such consequence. It was high-handed revolt. They were going against something which they had full knowledge of — they knew it was sin. It was a deliberate, willful, calculated, and defiant act of revolt against their conscience. Like bosom sins, they were fully aware of what they were doing. It wasn’t something which they just stumbled over (Heb 10:26-27).

“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” (Jn 15:6)

“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.” (1 Jn 5:16).

Other references pertaining to a second death for believers: Lk 13:22-30; Mt 13:24-30, 36-43; Lk 12:41-48 — “assign him a place with the unbelievers” — Mt 24:45-51; 25:1-13,30. These are a few; I’m sure there are others throughout the gospels. *If we confess the things which are done in secret, they will be erased from the “books”* (in Rev 20:12). There are many “books”, like a testimony of our conscience, which hold our recorded confessions and deeds. Works of lawlessness will be judged right along with the world (1 Cor 11).

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the *crown of life*” (Rev 2:1). A crown is something which is gained. In other words, we must do something [end of page, no other pages with it].