

The Three Eternal Destinies #2 Do Not Be Surprised At This, Part 2

The Three Eternal Destinies of Man are clearly and plainly laid out for everyone who has a mind to understand (Jn 7:17). So (Christians) do not marvel at this, for an hour *is coming* for judgment of the two categories of man in Rev 22:11.

The first category is made up of *two different classifications* — the *Unjust* and the *Filthy* (Jn 5:29). This first category are those who have practiced *evil* and so they will *continue in that state* — the state of condemnation.

The second category is the *Righteous*, those who have practiced the *good* (Acts 10:34-35; Jn 5:29). They will continue to do good for the rest of eternity (*still* — continue hereafter; remain), as Jn 9:41 — *remain*, forever and ever (Rev 19:3). Mt 25:46 also shows the two categories — 1) the Unjust and Filthy; and 2) the Righteous of the nations of the world (the Gentiles).

We see two eternal destinies here in Jn 5:29, as in Rev 22:11, plus the destination of the *Holy*, that is, the *believer*, as in Jn 5:24-25. So we see all three eternal destinies in Jn 5:25,29, as well as in Mt 25:34,40,41, 46 (the *sheep*, the *goats*, and the *brothers*). The Mt 25:34-46 judgment pertains *only to the nations* (Gentiles; individual people who lived in the nations of the world), the first two categories in Rev 22:11.

Heb 9:27; Gen 2:9,17 — Man is appointed to die once, then this judgment will determine his future destiny, that is, his eternal state. Mankind will be appointed to an eternal destiny *based on what they did in their present life*. *So don't be surprised at this!* Men will be judged for *every idle word* they have spoken. They must give an account on the Day of Judgment (Mt 12:36-37). *Don't be surprised at this!* Nothing is covered which will not be uncovered, or hidden that will not be exposed. What you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have spoken in the closet will be shouted on the rooftops (Lk 12:1-3; Mt 23:27). **Life in this present age is for one thing only:** *qualifying* for one's eternal destiny. *Know where you are going!*

Some others who don't know God speak idle, worthless words — gossip (Mt 12:36-37). They talk *uselessly*, for other's detriment. But there is nothing covered up that will not be uncovered, nor secret that will not be made known. Heb 9:27 — the judgment will disclose all things and everyone will get *exactly what he deserves*. For a man *reaps* what he sows.

Yahshua told the "Unjust Christians" He was speaking to, "Stop being so surprised at this." They were very surprised at His words, especially about the two eternal destinies of the heathen or Gentiles *outside of Israel* or the *Jewish religion*. If they were unjust and filthy, they would reap the same consequences as the Unjust and Filthy of the Gentile nations (Rom 2:1,17-24; Rev 17:6).

Lk 12:1-12 prepares us to know how to respond to Christians who are the very counterpart to the religion of fallen Israel (Rev 18:2) — "*the hypocrisy of the Pharisees*," especially Rev 17:6, the day when they *murder* the Holy ones (Jn 16:1-3; Lk 12:4,5). "Do not be afraid, little flock," in Lk 12:32, should read, "Stop being afraid, little flock." And Jn 5:28 should read, "Stop being surprised at this," instead of, "Do not be surprised at this." It seems that it was something He had been telling them more than once. They were surprised because they had never really *considered* what He said.

Jn 5:24-25 and 28-29 presents the Three Eternal Destinies of Man:

- a. The Holy (verse 25)
- b. The Righteous (verse 29)
- c. The Unjust and Filthy (verse 29)

So stop being surprised at this, for "*the time is coming*" — this refers to the future age, the end of the *next age*, verse 28; and "*the time is coming and now is*" in verse 25 refers to the *Holy* in this *present age*.

We are judged worthy of eternal life by receiving and responding to Messiah's work *for us* and at the end of this age (or on the *last day* of this age) we will hear His voice and rise from the dead to be with Him (Jn 6:39,44,54; 1 Ths 4:17; Jn 5:24; 10:27-29).

How is anyone going to know in their hearts the revelation of Jn 3:16 if there is no one who is able to tell them this *authoritatively* (Mt 28:18-20). Without the authority to speak on Messiah's behalf, Jn 3:18 cannot be enacted upon those who do and do not obey the Son (Jn 3:36; 12:47; 9:41). "If you were blind, you would have no sin." But now you keep on claiming, "We can see!" so your guilt remains (*still*, Rev 22:11 — continually, unending smoke goes up forever and ever). Rev 19:2-3 describes the *destiny* of all Christians after Rev 18:4 who will not come out of her, but claim to see!!! INSISTING; STAUNCH, AVID — adherents to the Pope (Rev 18:8,10; 19:2-3). They will be cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of this age. There is no need for them to come up for judgment since they are *judged already* (Jn 3:18; 9:41; Lk 10:16; Jn 12:48).

Judgment

John 5:29 — Those who did good — Eternal Life

Those who did evil — Condemnation — Eternal Death

Rev 20:12-13 — The dead who rise in the second resurrection judgment are judged according to what they did in their lifetime. The eternal destiny of each person is determined by the judgment: those who have done good, *a second life*; those who have done evil, *a second death*.

This Judgment is on the *basis of works* — and the works *determine* their destiny (Jn 5:28-29; but Jn 5:24-25). Their eternal destiny is already determined by what they have done. They have already passed out of eternal death and into eternal life. Once a person dies his eternal destiny is set. Jn 5:28-29 could not be talking about believers in Messiah who *obey* Him, *since eternal life for believers is not based on works* — for it is a *gift from God* in response to hearing the truth (Jn 5:24). We already know that we have passed out of eternal death and into eternal life because we live in accordance to His Word and Spirit in the *Community of Believers* (Acts 2:44-45; 1 Jn 3:14,16,23,24). We know this, because we *do live and lay down our lives for the brothers*. We know by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (1 Jn 5:12-13; Jn 5:24; Rom 10:16-17; Jn 3:36).

So Jn 5:24 has *already* been decided, but Jn 5:29 *waits* for the Judgment that is according to works (Rom 2:5-6). Jn 5:28-29 is speaking of another judgment than the judgment for believers, since eternal life is a gift for believers, but eternal life for unbelievers is according to works (Rom 2:5).

DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THIS: Rom 2:5-8; 14-16. Judgment at the end of time — the Day of God's wrath (Jn 5:30). Rom 2:5 speaks of Rev 20:12-13. This Judgment will determine *life or death* for the people who are *good or bad* (Rom 2:5-8).

Rom 2:9,10,14-16 — The Judgment in Rev 20:11-15 is for judging Ecc 12:14. It is not a condemning judgment for all — only for the evil, vile, unjust and filthy whose names are taken out of the Book of Life and they go to a Second Death which is Eternal. But those whose names are kept in the Book of Life will now have a Second Life which is Eternal.