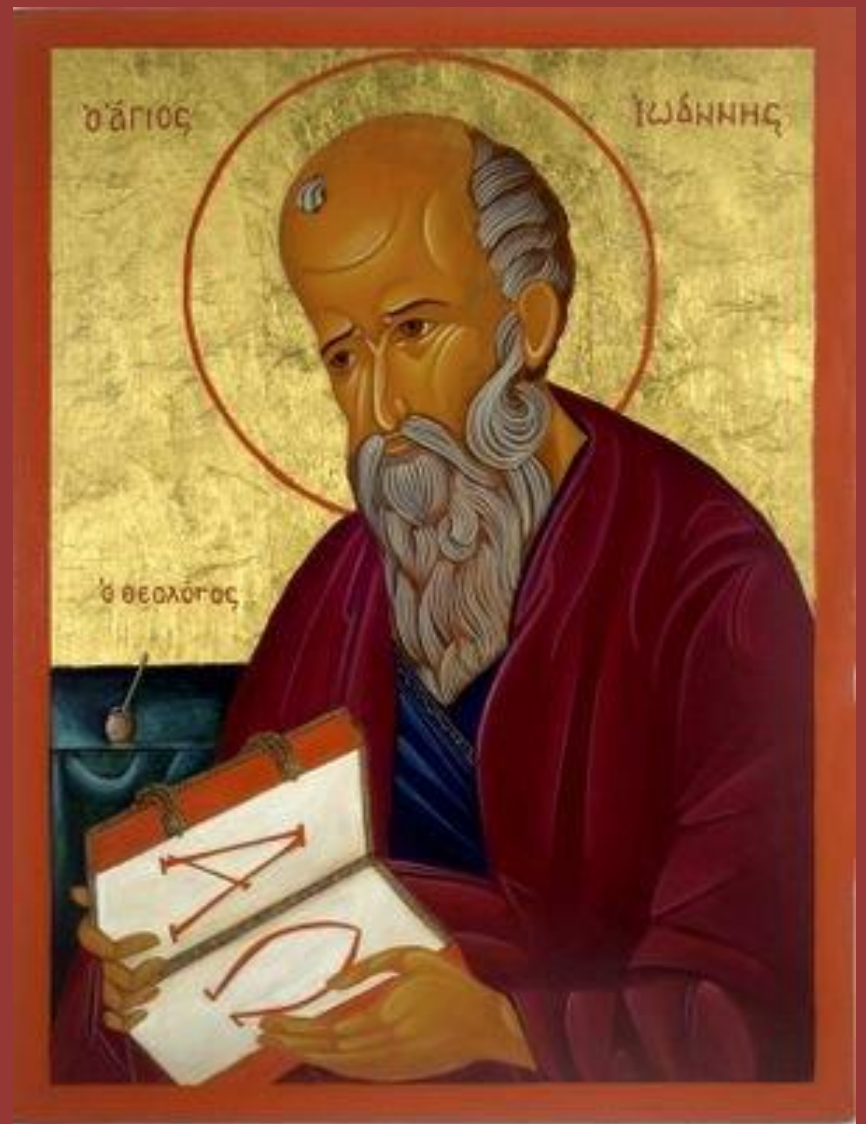


Revelation #6:

*“GOD CALLS
Us TO
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HOW WILL IT
ALL END?”*

Revelation 19; 20



Introduction

➤ **Final Judgement - a universal theme**



Introduction

➤ Final Judgement – Jesus teaches it



- "God Calls Us to Account"
- "How Will It End?"

Setting the Scene

➤ Chapter 19:

- **Jesus appears and wages war:**



"With justice he judges and makes war" (verse 11)

...against the forces of evil:



"The beast and the kings of the earth and their armies" (verse 19)

- **They are defeated (verses 20-21)**

Setting the Scene

➤ Chapter 20:

- **1000-year reign (Satan bound) (vs. 4)**
- **Satan released, wages war (vss. 7, 8)**
- **Satan is defeated (verse 9)**
- **Day of judgement (verses 11-15)**
- **Perplexity?**
 - **Separate events?**
 - **2 rebellions: (19:19, 20:7-8)?**
 - **2 comings of Christ: (19:11; 20:5)?**

Setting the Scene

➤ Chapter 20:

– “web page” view:



"When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them" (11:7)

- Retold in 14:17-20; 16:12-16; 17 (8, 12-14; 19:19-21; 20:2-3, 7-10
- Same story = one rebellion
- 1000-year reign is now

Setting the Scene


➤ Chapter 20:

- Satan's captivity?



"Now you know what is holding (the man of lawlessness) back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work...And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming" (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8)

The Certainty of Judgement

- **Not a popular message today, but...**
 - **Vs. harsh fundamentalism**
 - **Vs. prevalent sentimentalism**
- 1. God is a God of justice – punishes sin**
 -  ***"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)***
- 2. God is a God of mercy – wants to save**
 - **Gives opportunity to repent**

The Certainty of Judgement

➤ Demonstrated by...

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The Certainty of Judgement

➤ Demonstrated by...

2. Resurrection of Jesus:



"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead" Acts 17:30-31

The Certainty of Judgement

➤ Demonstrated by...

3. The whole of Scripture:



"Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgement" (Eccles. 11:9)



"A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned" (John 5:28-29)

The Nature of Judgement

1. Judgement displays the awesome holiness of God:



"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there as no place for them" (20:11)



The Nature of Judgement

2. Judgement is inescapable and inclusive:



***"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne..."
(20:12)***

The Nature of Judgement

3. Judgement is fair:



" And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books...If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (20:12, 15)

The Nature of Judgement

3. Judgement is fair:


- Two books: deeds and names
- Deeds will not save us:



"No one will be declared righteous in God's sight through observing the law...there is no one righteous, not even one...all have turned away"
(Romans 3:20, 10-12)

The Nature of Judgement

3. Judgement is fair:

- **Two books: deeds and names**
- **Salvation by grace through faith:**
 **"A person is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16)**
- **Deeds reveal faith**

The Nature of Judgement

4. Judgement is God's final verdict on sin and evil:



"Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire...If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (20:14-15)

Two Challenges

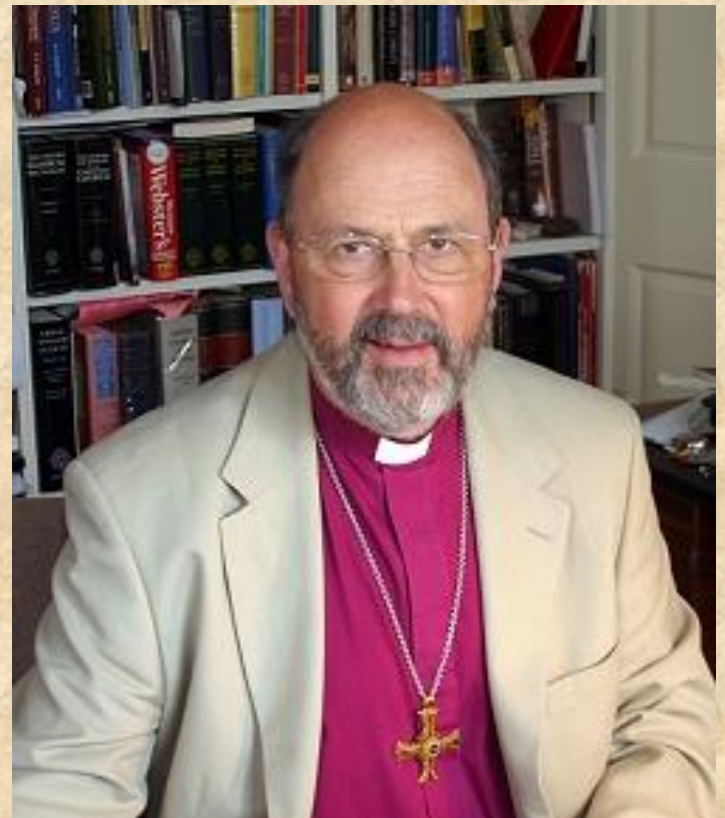
- 1. Heed God's warnings**
- 2. Develop deep gratitude**



How Will It End?

➤ **Misconceptions about the afterlife:**

- **Misuse of Scripture**
- **Foreign ideas**
- 1. "The Rapture"**
- 2. Immortality, resurrection and the nature of the afterlife**



How Will It End?

➤ Limitations on knowledge:



- **Resurrection**
- **Helpful analogies**

Resurrection



"I believe in...the resurrection of the body"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended into hell;
the third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty,
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.



***"Children of the resurrection"
(Luke 20:36)***

Resurrection

1. The concept of resurrection

- “Immortality of the soul”?



God "alone is immortal"
(1 Timothy 6:16)

- Humans are not independently immortal



Resurrection

2. The "Intermediate State"

- **Paradise:**



"Today, you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)

- **Sleep:**



"We do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death" (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

Resurrection

3. Why we need resurrection bodies:

- “Go to heaven” = ethereal, intangible



"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you...the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time"
(1 Peter 1:3-5)

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The whole of creation "...liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:21)



Resurrection

4. What the resurrection body is like:

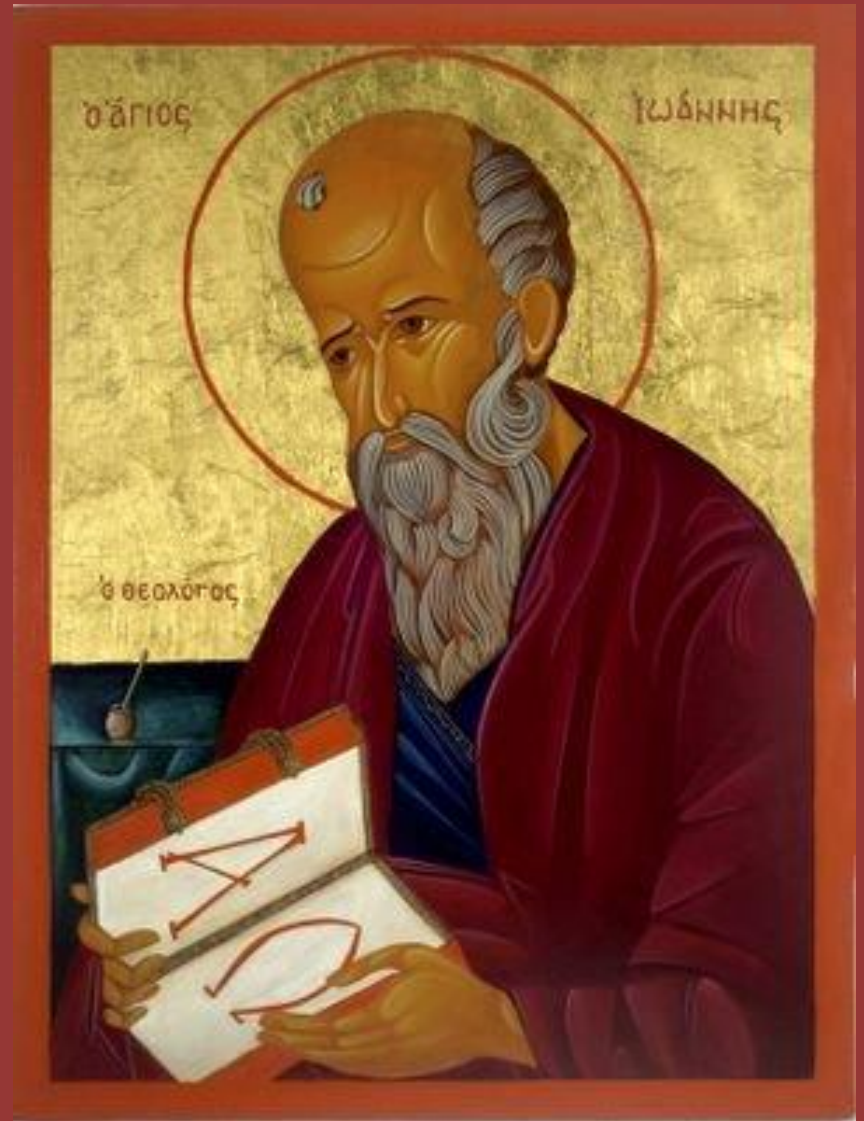
- a plant compared to seed**

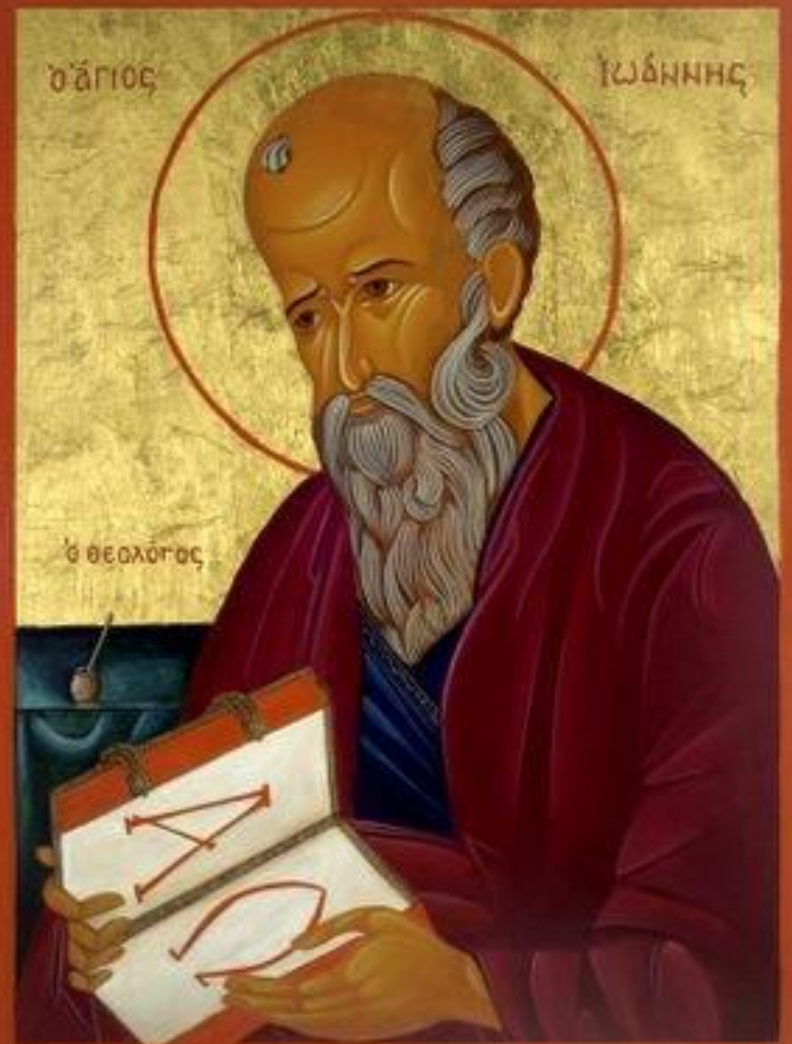
5. How the expectation of Resurrection affects us today:

- the care of our bodies**
- the care of the world**

Conclusion

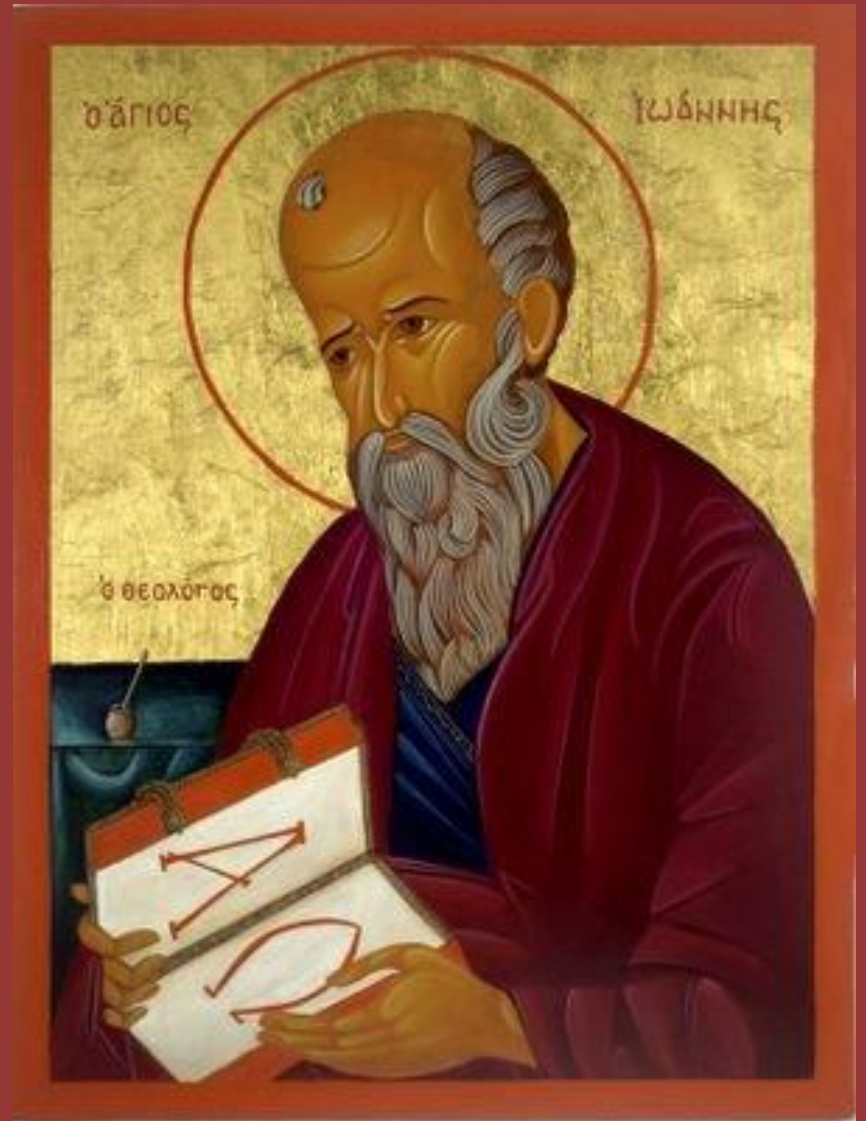
📖 “We groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies” (Rom. 8:23)





Conclusion

📖 “For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently”
(Romans 8:23-25)



Questions?

