**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of September 7, 2025**

***“Because the Time is Near,” “Part 6: The Sovereign Courtroom” Revelation 20: 11-15***

**INTRODUCTION: “*Revelation 20:11-15 describes the final sentencing of the lost and is the most serious, sobering, and tragic passage in the entire Bible. Commonly known as the Great White Throne of Judgment, it is the last courtroom scene that ever takes place. The accused – all the unsaved who have ever lived – will be resurrected to experience a trial like no other. There will be no debate over guilt or innocence. There will be a prosecutor, but no defender;… There will be an indictment, but no defense mounted by the accused; the convicting evidence will be presented with no rebuttal or cross-examination…those who reject God’s grace and mercy in this life will inevitably face His justice in the life to come.”
 John MacArthur***

**1. crowning authority**

***“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.”***

***Revelation 20:11***

* + - ***Sovereign Rule – Revelation 3: 20-22***
		- ***Sweeping Ruin – 2 Peter 3:10***
		- ***Standing Rejectors - John 5: 28-30***

**2. COMPULSORY ACCOUNTING**

***“And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”***

 ***Revelation 20:12***

* + - ***Presented for Sentencing – Daniel 7:9-10***
		- ***Proof of Steps / Statements – 1 Peter 4:5***
		- ***Perfect Standard – Matthew 5:48***

**3. catastrophic answer**

***“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 14-15***

* + - ***Eternal Suffering – Matthew 13:42, 25:30***
		- ***Expressly Settled – Acts 17:31, John 5:24***

**CONCLUsion**

BOW TO CHRIST’S AUTHORITY

BEHAVE KNOWING WE’LL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE

BE BURDENED AND AVAILABLE (TO REACH THE LOST)