

# THE JUDGMENTS.

been "everlasting punishment" to the one class and "life eternal" to the other *v.* 46. Now, will you please state whether these nations will ever be raised from the dead? *e. g.* will the wicked nations who are driven into "everlasting fire" without dying, be raised from the dead more than a thousand years afterwards, and judged again, as in *Rev.* 20 : 12 etc., and "cast into the lake of fire" again, *v.* 15 ? If so, what proof do you offer ?

28 Q. Will you also be so kind as to indicate what particular sins the "living nations" of that day are charged with that they should be deserving of two judgments and being twice visited with "everlasting punishment," while sinners of other ages escape with but one ?

29 Q. And will those "righteous" living nations who are judged at this time and go into "life eternal" ever die, or ever be raised, or what process will they undergo ?

30 Q. Is not the ground of this judgment, viz.—The treatment of Jesus in the person of His ambassadors—a principle distinctly taught in the gospel, which will be necessarily recognized in *general* judgment ? What necessity, therefore, exists for a *separate judgment* of a *particular* generation of men on this principle when all men during all generations, must needs be judged on the same principle ? Would it not be a rational interpretation of this passage to regard it as an illustration of the fact that this principle would constitute an important element, not the only element, but an important one—in the general judgment, so as to afford an incentive on the one hand, and an admonition on the other, to a proper treatment of His servants, the Christian

28 A. No one ever said, to our knowledge, they would be judged twice.

29 A. We find no revelation on these questions. They belong to the age beyond this.

30 A. Opinions have differed with judicious expositors of both schools, pre and post, as to the object and subjects of the judgment in *Matt.* 25 : 30 ; But we think it plain from the words of the Holy Ghost, that no *dead persons* are raised for judgment at this time, because there is no reference to them nor to resurrection. The scene is upon the earth—the nations, are living persons in mortal bodies, because the dead are never referred to in this way. Equally true is it, that the great white-throne judgment in *Rev.* 20 : 12, makes mention of no living persons present in mortal bodies. The subjects of the two judgments, are therefore entirely different. A careful comparison of Scriptures concerning the Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, will show