

received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands ; and they came to Life and were kings with Christ for a thousand years. No one else who was dead rose to Life until the thousand years were at an end. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are they who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they shall be priests to God and to Christ, and shall be kings with Him for the thousand years.

But when the thousand years are at an end, the Adversary will be released from his imprisonment, and will go out to lead astray the nations in all the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, and assemble them for war, and they are like the sands on the sea-shore in number. And they went up over the whole breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of God's people and the beloved city. But fire came down from Heaven and consumed them ; and the devil, who had been leading them astray, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the wild Beast and the false prophet were, and day and night they will suffer torture until the ages of the ages.

Then I saw a great white throne and One who was seated on it, from whose presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing in front of the throne. And books were opened ; and so was another book—namely, the book of Life ; and the dead were judged by the things recorded in the books in accordance with what their conduct had been. Then the sea yielded up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades yielded up the dead who were in them, and each man was judged in accordance with what his conduct had been. Then Death and Hades were

5. *No one else &c.*] Lit. 'The rest of the dead did not live.' *The first resurrection*] Cp. Dan. xii. 2 ; Luke xiv. 14 ; John v. 25 ; 1 Cor. xv. 23 ; Heb. xi. 35, n.

7. *When the thousand years are at an end*] These words appear to exempt the remainder of the book from the limits of time laid down in i. 1, 3, 19 ; xxii. 6, 10.

8. *Gog and Magog*] See Ezek. xxxviii. (R.V.).

10. *Who had been leading them astray*] Greek imperfect participle. See *Aorist* iii. 4, 5, 6.

11. *A great white throne*] Emblematic of almighty power and absolute holiness.

12. Cp. Dan. vii. 10 ; John v. 29 ; 1 Cor. xv. 24. The last two passages predict a universal judgement which is still future. *Books*] Those of God's memory, and possibly also those of the human memory. Every detail of our past lives appears to be indelibly recorded upon our minds and brains, and, if so, may at any time be revived. Cp. Luke xvi. 25 : "Remember!"

14. *The lake of fire*] Implying awful pain and complete, irremediable ruin and destruction. See Heb. x. 27, second note. *The second death*] Cp. ii. 7, n. ; iii. 11 ; verse 6 ; xxi. 8.