

Second Advent and the first Resurrection. As marking the transition from the millennial period to the New Earth, there is to be another upheaval of some form, apparently a rebellion of a worldly element that has grown up against the Theocratic form of government centred at Jerusalem: but it is to end suddenly by what is represented as fire from heaven, and with Satan who deceived them *being cast into the lake of fire*, along with the *beast*, and the *false prophet* who perished at the time of the Second Advent (Rev. 20: 10). Then is to come the general resurrection of all the dead—those who were not accounted worthy of being raised at the time of the First Resurrection, and those who die during the Millennial age. Then also takes place the *final judgment* before “the Great White Throne” (Rev. 20: 11, 12), and *time ends*, according to the angel who, “standing upon the sea and upon the land, lifted up his right hand to Heaven and swore that there should be time no longer.” (Rev. 10: 5, 6.) As there is to be no more death, the Intermediate state has served its purpose, and now ends: so both death and Hades are said to be cast into the “Lake of fire” (v. 14), whither the *beast* and the false prophet and *Satan* have already gone.

How the righteous living on the earth at that time meet their change to immortality, we are not told: but all the race whose destiny was not determined at the Judgment-seat of Christ at the Second Advent are now said to be *judged out of the Book of Life*. Final destinies are now reached. It is the Book of Life and the records made therein which determine final destiny with them then, as with us of to-day—“And if any was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the lake of fire” (v. 15). John says, “The lake of fire is the second death” (v. 14), and the symbol used is a very serious one. It appears then that the *beast*, the *false prophet*, *Satan*, and the *finally unrighteous*, are all to disappear. Our light goes not beyond this stage.

Then, in the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters, we have the picture of the New Heaven and the New Earth as the final goal of those who have chosen life eternal. The