

A reading from the book of Revelation

(20:11 – 21:1)

I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it;  
the earth and the heaven fled from his presence,  
and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne,  
and books were opened.

Also another book was opened, the book of life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books.

And the sea gave up the dead that were in it,

Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,

and all were judged according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the second death, the lake of fire;

and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;

for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.