

One more important judgment is recorded in Scripture. It is depicted in Revelation 20 as taking place after the Millennium has been ended by the release of Satan for a little season, and the uprising of a multitude who had given only lip service to Christ. The chapter tells us how this uprising will be put down by the miraculous power of the Lord. Then all who have died in wickedness will be resurrected to receive their just deserts. Revelation 20;11-15 describes this judgment as follows:

11. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

In the account of this judgment there is no mention of anyone having been acquitted. All who were saved through Christ are justified as soon as they have received Him into their hearts. No true believer will be concerned in this judgment. It is the purpose of this judgment to make evident to the lost, and to the whole universe, the fact that those condemned are receiving only their just deserts. The books are opened, the actions of their lives are displayed, and it is made very clear that they deserve condemnation. Also, the Book of Life is opened and it is indicated clearly that no one of them has his name written in it. This Great White Throne judgment closes the present era of God's dealings. All the righteous have now received their rewards, and all the wicked have been rightly condemned.