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Judgment - 2
Corinthians 5:10
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2 Corinthians 5:10 says:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad."

At first glance, some link this to the White Throne Judgment in Revelation 20:11-15, since both involve judgment according to deeds. But here's the key: the "judgment seat of Christ" and the "White Throne" are related in nature, but they are not separate

future events spaced thousands of years apart.

From a fulfilled view:

Both passages speak of covenantal judgment.

Both involve evaluation according to works (not for salvation, but covenantal faithfulness).

Both are directed at those who were under the influence of the Old Covenant system.

The "judgment seat of Christ" in 2 Corinthians 5:10 refers to the same timeframe as the White Throne Judgment. Paul was warning the first-century church about the soon-coming judgment that Jesus Himself predicted in Matthew 16:27-28 and Matthew 24:30-34.

So, does it have anything to do with the White Throne Judgment? Yes - it's the same judgment scene viewed from another angle. Paul uses personal language for the church, while John in Revelation uses apocalyptic imagery to show the wider covenantal fallout for Israel and the dead of that age.

They both point to the same first-century judgment that culminated in the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD, marking the end of the Old Covenant age and the full arrival of the New.

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