**life** (Düsterdicck remarks that the order of  
proceedings indicated seems to be that the  
contents of the books in which were written  
the works of men indicated whether they  
were to be found in the book of life. But  
this could hardly be: for in that sense, what  
need for the book of life at all? Rather  
should we say that those books and the  
book of life bore independent witness to  
the fact of men being or not being among  
the saved: the one by inference from the  
works recorded: the other by inscription  
or non-inscription of the name in the list.  
So the ‘books’ would be as it were the  
vouchers for the book of life): **and the  
dead were judged out of the things  
written in the books according to their  
works** (reff.: and 2 Cor. v. 10). {13} **And the  
sea gave forth the dead that were in her,  
and Death and Hades** (see ch. i. 18, vi. 8)  
**gave forth the dead which were in them**(ie. all the dead, buried and unburied, rose  
again), **and they were judged each according to their** (his) **works. {14} And Death and  
Hades were cast into the lake of fire**(Death and Hades are regarded as two  
demons, enemies of God. So in 1 Cor. xv.  
26. “*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death*:” and in Isa. xxv. 8: Heb.  
and A.V., “He will swallow up death in  
victory.” compare I Cor. xv. 54. Hadés, as in ch. vi. 8, is Death’s follower and the  
receiver of his prey. The punishment of  
sin is inflicted on both, because both are the  
offspring of, and bound up with sin). **This  
is the second death, the lake of fire** (thus  
then our Lord’s saying, ch. ii. 11, and that  
of the Apostle in our ver. 6, are explained.  
As there is a second and higher life, so  
there is also a second and deeper death.  
And as after that life there is no more  
death [ch. xxi. 4], so after that death  
there is no more life, ver. 10; Matt. xxv.  
41). {15} **And if any was not found written  
in the book of life, he was cast into the  
lake of fire** (there was no intermediate  
state).

CH. XXI. 1—XXII. 5.] *The new heavens and new earth: the glories of the  
heavenly Jerusalem.* The whole of the  
things described in the remaining portion  
of the book are subsequent to the general  
judgment, and descriptive of the consummation of the triumph and bliss of Christ’s  
people with Him in the eternal kingdom of  
God. This eternal kingdom is situated on  
the purified and renewed earth, become  
the blessed habitation of God with his  
glorified people. {1} **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven  
and the first earth were departed: and the  
sea exists no longer** (see on the whole, Isa.