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Black - The Eternal Judgment of Sin

Throughout the scriptures we see a correlation between the color black or dark and sin. There was three hours of darkness over all the earth when Jesus Christ suffered the eternal condemnation of sin on behalf of the elect family of God. For those who are not of the elect family of God and for those angels who left their first estate there awaits an eternal judgment of sin. That judgment, as the following verses show, will include an eternal darkness:

1. 2 Pet. 2:4 "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"
2. 2 Pet. 2:17 "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever."
3. Jude 1:6 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."
4. Jude 1:13 "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

These verses show both a reservation in chains of darkness unto judgment, then a judgment of eternal mist and blackness of darkness. That the angels who left their first estate and the non-elect end up in the same place in judgment is consistent with what we are taught in Revelations chapter 20:

1. Rev. 20:10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."
2. Rev. 20:12 "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."