

# THE JUDGMENT OF NATIONS

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When Jesus Christ the King, begins to establish His Kingdom on Earth, one of the first things that He must do is judge the nations to determine which ones will be allowed to enter His kingdom.

There is more than one judgment spoken of in the bible. It is important to make the correct application whenever the word "judgment" appears.

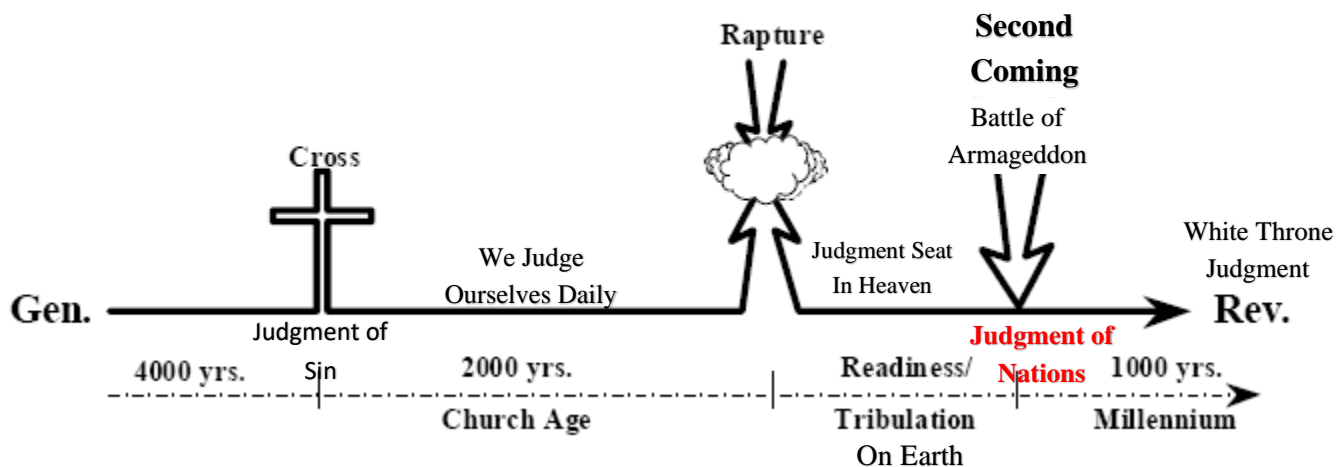
**The judgment of Sin:** This took place when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world.

**The Judgment Seat of Christ:** takes place in heaven. Believers' works will be tried, and rewards given. This judgment does not determine if a person will go to heaven. These people are already in heaven.

**We judge ourselves daily:** we examine ourselves by the bible and make necessary corrections in our life.

**The White Throne Judgment:** takes place after the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. All those who rejected Christ will be tried, found guilty, and sentenced to the lake of fire.

**The judgment of nations:** Jesus Christ will judge nations, not individuals at the end of the tribulation and the establishment of His kingdom on earth.



## Matthew 25:31-46

**Vs 31** *"When the Son of man shall come..."* Jesus returns to earth from heaven. *"...in his glory..."* (not a spiritual coming to dwell in believers). *"...and all the holy angels with him..."* The angels come with Christ from heaven to earth. Christ comes to *"sit upon the throne of his glory,"* not to abide in believers' hearts.

**32-34** <sup>32</sup> *"And before him shall be gathered all nations..."* (not individuals). <sup>34</sup> *"Then shall the KING say... inherit the kingdom..."*

- God determined from the foundation of the world that there would be 12 nations in His Kingdom. The judgment of nations determines which of the existing nations will get to occupy one of the 12 nations in His Kingdom.

**35-40** *"...ye gave me meat...gave me drink...took me in...clothed me...visited me...came unto me..."* *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren (Israel), ye have done it unto me."*

- The “**brethren**” of Jesus Christ are clearly the Israelites (Rom. 1:3). He is the “**King of the Jews**” (Mt. 2:2, 27:11, 37, Jn. 19:19, etc.). The Jews are called “**His own**” (Jn. 1:11). Jesus Christ was “**Sent unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel**” (Mt. 15:24).
- The nations of the earth that assist the Jews during the Tribulation will be granted access into the Millennial Kingdom.

**Vs 41** “...**everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.**” Calvinism is refuted by this statement. God did not create a certain number of people for the purpose of burning in hell.

- Hell was not made for humans. Hell will need to be enlarged to accommodate humans (Isa. 5:14), depending on how many people reject Christ to follow the Devil to hell.

**42-46** The nations which do not aid the Jews during the Tribulation time, and choose instead to follow the Antichrist and his program, they will not enter Christ’s Kingdom, but will “**go away into everlasting punishment.**”

- This judgment does not determine eternal salvation. It determines which nations will enter the kingdom on earth after the Tribulation. “**The righteous** [enter] **into life eternal**” (vs 46), not the do-gooder nations.
- **John 14:2-6**, Jesus Christ is the way to eternal life, not good works.

### **Joel 2:28-32 (Tribulation passage)**

In this Trib. passage, those who “**call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered.**” Believing Jews in the Tribulation will be safely transported through the Tribulation troubles on earth before the “**great and terrible day of the LORD come.**”

### **Acts 2:20-21 (Church application)**

Peter references Joel 2 when he writes “**whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” Believers today are saved before “**that great and notable day of the Lord.**” That day is not a terror to the Church.

### **Joel 3:1-2 (After the Tribulation)**

“**I will also gather all nations...into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people...**” The Lord will speak to the nations concerning their treatment of His people, Israel.

**“I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...”** (Gen. 12:3)

### **Psalms 50:1-6**

At the Second Coming, God calls to the earth (Vs 1), He shines (vs 2; 2 Thess. 2:8) like a Sunrise (Mal. 4:2), a fire devours before Him (Vs. 3; Psa. 18:8; Mal. 4:1)

The Lord gathers His people, the Jews unto Him that He may judge His people (vs 4-5). These events are included in the judgment of nations.

### **Summary**

The good deeds done to the Jews by the sheep nations grants them entrance into the Kingdom. It does not grant individuals entrance into heaven and eternal life.

God wants us to do good works because we are saved and we love Him and want to serve Him and be a help to others. Our good works (done with right motives) will earn us rewards in heaven (if we have received Jesus Christ).