REVELATION Lesson 177
Chapter 20:4, The Judgment of the Nations

Joel 3:1-3, 12 Following the Great Tribulation, after the Lord's return and the Battle at Armageddon, God will begin to restore the nation of Israel, and gather all the nations in the Valley of Jehoshaphat to judge the heathen.

- Those gathered for judgement will be representatives of each nation. These are political leaders who plan wars and send men to war, but never lead the battle.
- They will have to answer for all their wicked decisions and actions against the Jewish people.

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Mat 25:31-46 At the Judgment of Nations, each national leader will have to explain their actions against the Jewish people during the Tribulation and Armageddon. The Lord will judge them and decide which 12 nations will exist during the millennium.

- Righteous nations at this judgment are NOT getting eternal life and a home in heaven for doing good works unto the Jewish people. Their good works earn them the right to live in the kingdom.
- The unrighteous nations will be sent to everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (vs 41). Hell was not intended for humans, but it will be enlarged (Isa 5:14) to accommodate those who rejected Jesus Christ and refused to help His people.
- **The principle**: when you mistreat God's people, you mistreat God. (**Acts 9:3-4**).
    - Similarly, when you assist God's people, you are assisting God (Mt 25:40).
- **Historically**: those nations that helped the Jews during World War Two were protected. The nations that refused to help the Jews were punished. (Gen 12:3).

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Mat 13:38-42 During the millennium, those who commit iniquity will be cast into a furnace of fire.

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Psalm 50:1-5 At the Judgment of Nations, the Lord will call His people to act as witnesses for or against those nations being judged.

- Judgment requires two or three witnesses (Mt 18:16, 2 Cor 13:1, De 17:6, 19:15).

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1 Tim 2:2 Pray for the leaders of your nation, especially in regard to the treatment of the Jews.

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