

The 2300 day Prophecy

The jury is in, the verdict read ... case closed! Few thoughts could be more sobering. The day is fast approaching when every person who has ever lived will have their lives reviewed before the all-knowing eyes of God. But don't let this alarm you - take heart! Millions have already found the judgment message in the Bible to be very good news! On four occasions when the book of Revelation mentions the great judgment, it brings forth praise and thanksgiving! But did you know that the Bible mentions judgment more than a thousand times? Almost every Bible writer refers to it, so its importance cannot be overemphasized. In the next few minutes, you're going to get a real eye-opener in this neglected subject.

The Concept of Judgement

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

- Whether you're rich or poor, black or white, no matter who you are, the Bible says you will appear before the all seeing eye in the judgment. God through this verse tells us, that we can fool our friends, colleagues, spouse and even ourselves. But there is going to come a time when our life, our actions, our thoughts will be weighed in the balances.
- God will measure our actions and judge us. It is relevant for each one of us.
- God will judge us based upon what we have done.
- It is faith alone that saves, but faith that saves is never alone. You can only be saved by believing, you can only be lost by disbelieving. People who truly believe God will never refuse His revealed will.
- If you really, really believe in God with saving faith, it will be expressed by the way you live.
- When Jesus comes, will the results of the judgment, showing who is saved or lost be already known or will it remained to be decided?

The Timing of the Judgment

REVELATION 22:11,12

- Jesus declares, before the second coming, who is righteous and who is unrighteous.
- "My reward is with me"
- Judgment has taken place before the second coming.
- (Matt 16:27 "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.")
- The executive part of the judgment is after the 1000 years. But before that an investigative judgment has to take place.
- Has God foretold a specific day for His second coming?

MATTHEW 24:23, 33, 36

- No, God has not foretold a specific day for the second coming of Christ.
- We can know when it is near, at the door.
- But we don't know the day or the hour.
- Has God appointed a specific day for the judgment to begin?

ACTS 17:31

- Yes, He has appointed a specific day.
- Is the book of Acts written before or after the cross? After.
- When will this day be?

- Paul says, that God has appointed a day when he will judge the earth; judgment is future.
- (Acts 24:24,25 Paul reasoned with Felix about judgment to come).

ROMANS 2:16

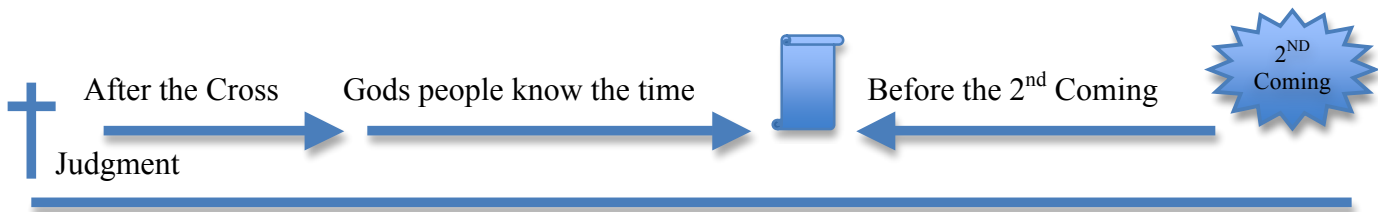
- Is the book of Romans written before or after the cross? After the cross.
- Paul says, God will/shall judge the earth; judgment is future.
- Will God's people know and proclaim this set time?

REVELATION 14:6

- The context of the three angels message is the end of time.
- This message is Gods response to the two beasts from revelation 13 who try to deceive the world into a false kind of worship.
- The angels are the people of God who preach this message.
- What are they proclaiming? "Worship Him for the hour of His judgment has come"
- After the preaching of this message we see the Son of Man on the clouds, indicating the second coming of Christ. (vs. 14)

CONCLUSION:

There is a judgment that comes after the cross and prior to the second coming. At the Second Coming, His judgment is completed, because His reward is with Him, the rewards are Eternal life or Eternal loss.



Every decision that a person may make has 2 phases:

1. Investigative phase of Judgment - Discern/ Discuss/ Judge (In my mind where I want to go eat for lunch).
2. Executive phase of Judgment - Performing what has already been decided. (Actually going to the place where I've already decided to go).

The start of the Judgment

When does this investigative judgment start?

DANIEL 7:9,10

- The In our study about the antichrist we learned that God revealed in verse 2-8 of this chapter the successive rise and fall of earthly powers from ancient Babylon through the Papal power of the middle ages (the "little horn"), which came to an end in 1798.
- What did Daniel see sometime after this?
- Thrones were put in place (vs. 9)
- The court was seated and the books were opened (vs. 10)
- This gives us a vision a judgment scene in heaven.
- A heavenly judgment starts sometime after 1798.

DANIEL 8:1-14

- What does the two-horned ram symbolize (vs. 3,4)?
 - o Daniel 8:20: the kings of Media and Persia (the second kingdom in Dan 2 & 7)
- What does the goat with the notable horn represent (vs.5-7)?
 - o Daniel 8:21,22 the kingdom of Greece (the third kingdom in Dan 2 & 7)
- What does the growing little horn represent (vs. 9-12)?
 - o In harmony with the prophetic rule of “repeat and enlarge”, Rome must be the kingdom that followed Greece.
 - o Daniel 8 says the Medo-Persians would become “great” (vs. 4), the Grecians “very great” (vs. 8) and the little horn power “exceedingly great”. History is clear that no power following Greece became “exceeding great” other than Rome.
 - o Rome extended its power to the South (Egypt), the East (Macedonia), and the “Pleasant land” (Palestine) precisely as the prophecy predicted (vs. 9). No major power other than Rome fits this point.
 - o Only Rome stood up against Jesus, the “Prince of the host” vs. 11, 25. Pagan Rome crucified Him.
 - o Papal Rome effectively caused the heavenly sanctuary to be “cast down” (vs. 11) and “trampled underfoot” (vs. 13) by replacing the essential ministry of Jesus our High Priest in heaven, with an earthly priesthood, which claims to forgive sins. No one but God can forgive sins (Luke 5:21). And Jesus is our only Priest or Mediator (1 Tim 2:5)
- Daniel 8 informs us that this little horn power would also destroy many of God’s people (vs. 10, 24, 25) and cast truth to the ground (vs. 12). When a saint asked how long God’s people and heavenly sanctuary would be trodden under foot, what was heaven’s reply?
 - o “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”
 - o Heaven was here assuring that sin and the little horn power would not continue to prosper, control the world and persecute God’s people endlessly. Instead, in 2300 years God would step in with the heavenly Day of Atonement, or judgment, where sin and sinners would be identified and later removed from the universe forever. Thus the universe will be cleansed from sin. The wrongs against God’s people will at long last be righted, and the peace and harmony of Eden will once again fill the universe.

DANIEL 8:14

- Daniel’s prophecy’s each expands on the one before (repeat and enlarge), the next prophecy gives the exact date for this judgment to begin.
- God’s throne, before which the judgment is held is, is in the heavenly sanctuary. We studied this in the Law study.
- Another term for the judgment in the sanctuary is “the cleansing of the sanctuary”.
- This expression is used because the record of sins for those who will pass the judgment will be cleansed and blotted out of the books of record. (Lev 16:16, 30 34; Heb 9:7-12, 23, 24; Isa 43:25; Acts 3:19)
- The names of those who do not pass the judgment will be blotted out of the book of life. (Ex 32:33; Rev 3:5; Lev. 23:28-31)
- When does the Bible say that this “cleansing of the sanctuary would begin?”
- After 2300 prophetic days, or literal years. (Eze 4:6; Num 14:34).

The angel Gabriel explained to Daniel the whole vision of Daniel 8, except the last part, the starting date for the 2300 days (possibly because Daniel fainted). Did Gabriel come back to finish the explanation?

DANIEL 10:1

- Did Daniel understand the vision later at the beginning of chapter 10?
- Yes, so when did Daniel receive his understanding?
- Between chapters 8 and 10, let's turn to Chapter 9!

DANIEL 9:20-23

- In explaining "the vision" of the 2300 years, Gabriel said that 490 years of it (70 wks) were "determined" for a certain purpose. (The word "determined" is from the Hebrew "chatak" which literally means to "cut off")
- For who were these first 490 years cut off? For the Jewish nation.
- In our study about the 70 wk prophecy we learned that this 490-year period lasted from 457 BC to 34 AD. Four hundred and ninety years cut off from 2300 leaves 1810 years from 34 AD until the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the beginning of the judgment.
- What year would that be? (34 + 1810 = 1844) In the year 1844.
- As the Passover in the spring (Jewish first month) symbolically pointed forward to Jesus' crucifixion, so the Day of Atonement pointed forward to the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, or the start of the investigative judgment.
- Jesus died on the very day of the Passover in 31 AD, so the judgment must have begun on the Day of Atonement in 1844, which was on October 22.

Conclusion

ECCLESIASTES 12:13, 14

- In the light of the fact that the judgment has already begun, how should we live?
- "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"
- This is the same message as the first angels message in Rev 14:7
- "Fear God" means show reverence to God.

1 JOHN 2:1, 2, 28

- Who has promised to be our advocate in this judgment?
- Jesus Christ is our faithful high priest who knows our weaknesses, and is able to aid us when we are tempted (Heb 2:17,18).
- That's why we should have an attitude of confidence toward the judgment. (vs. 28)

REVELATION 22:11, 12

- After the judgment is finished, what decree will God issue?
- (As the door of the ark was closed seven days before the flood began, so probation will close shortly before Jesus comes. Matt. 24:37-41)
- God could have finished this judgment which He began on October 22, 1844, long before this time, but He delays because He is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9)
- Jesus is preparing a place for us, is Jesus busy building mansions for us? He is preparing us to be able to be in heaven. (John 14:2)

Jesus is working on making his people, his kingdom. Jesus is working to fill up his kingdom. My question is; are you going to allow Jesus to work on you to prepare you for heaven? He allows us to go through trials and hardships to transform our character. He is the one in control in the Heavenly Sanctuary. We need to rejoice that God allows these hardships. Is there anything that would take your name out of the Book of life?

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7		DANIEL 8		DANIEL 11, 12	
GOLD	BABYLON	LION	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)			
BRASS	GREECE	LEOPARD	THE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)			
IRON	ROME	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)			
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS	LITTLE HORN GREAT	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)			
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)			
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)			