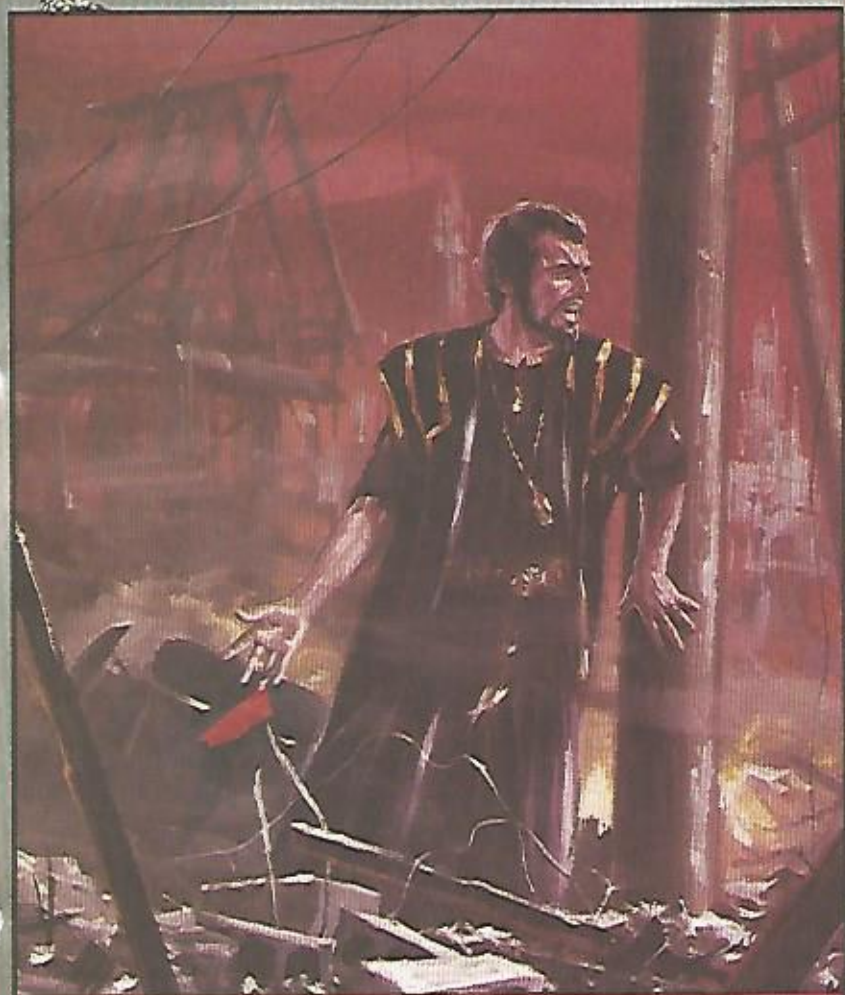




PROPHECY SEMINAR



THE JUDGMENT CONTINUES



Daniel has revealed to us the astonishing truth of the beginning of the judgment in 1844. We have seen that this pre-advent judgment deals primarily with the saints. This judgment is not conducted in order for God to find out who is going to be saved. God brings people into this judgment in order to reveal to the entire universe that these people that He is about to take to heaven are safe to be saved. Jesus Christ pleads their case, and He never loses a case that's entrusted to Him.

Another question arises: If the righteous are judged in the pre-advent judgment beginning in 1844 and ending at the second coming of Christ, when will the wicked be judged? Just as God does not need to have a judgment to find out who's going to be saved, neither does God need to have a judgment in order to find out who's going to be lost. The main purpose of the judgment is to ensure that everyone will be fully satisfied with the way that God has dealt with sin.

There are actually three phases to the judgment:

1. Pre-advent judgment - 1844 to the Second Coming.
2. Judgment of the wicked during the 1000 years.
3. Execution of the judgment at the end of the 1000 years.

The judgment of the righteous satisfies the **angels**, while the judgment of the wicked will satisfy the righteous **people** of the justice of God. Therefore, this judgment of the wicked must occur after the righteous have been saved.

1. When will the judgment begin? Daniel 8:14 (866) [866].

At the end of the _____ days, or in _____.

2. Since judgment begins at the house of God (the righteous), with whom does it end? 1 Peter 4:17 (1165) [1201].

"If it begins with us first, what will be the end of those _____ do _____ obey the gospel of God?"

NOTE: Clearly, the judgment begins with the righteous but continues with the wicked.

3. Who will be involved in the judgment of the wicked? 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3 (1102) [1228].

"The saints will judge the _____ . . . we shall judge _____."

NOTE: Evidently, the righteous will share in this judgment of the wicked and of the evil angels.

4. When do the saints engage in judgment? Revelation 20:4 (1188) [1229].

"I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and _____ was committed to them . . . they lived and reigned with Christ for a _____ years."

NOTE: Here is a time when the saints sit on thrones and engage in the work of judgment, reigning with Christ for 1000 years. In order to get the full picture of this second phase of the judgment, let us study carefully Revelation 20 and the 1000 years.

THE BEGINNING OF THE 1000 YEARS

5. **What event marks the beginning of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:6 (1188) [1229].**

The _____ resurrection.

6. **Is this a resurrection of the righteous or the wicked? Revelation 20:6 (1188) [1229].**

The _____.

7. **If there is a first resurrection, there must also be a second. When does this second resurrection take place? Revelation 20:5 (1188) [1229].**

But "the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were _____."

NOTE: The righteous will be raised at the first resurrection. The wicked will be raised at the second resurrection at the end of the 1000 years. The 1000-year period separates the two resurrections.

8. **How many resurrections did Jesus talk about? John 5:28, 29 (1030) [1050].**

a. The resurrection of _____.

b. The resurrection of _____.

9. **When does the first resurrection occur? 1 Thessalonians 4:16 (1137) [1169].**

"For the Lord Himself will _____ from heaven . . . And the dead in Christ will rise _____."

NOTE: Please note that the second coming of Christ marks the beginning of the 1000 years.

10. **What happens to the righteous who are alive when Jesus comes? 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (1137) [1169].**

"Then we who are _____ and remain shall be _____ together with them in the clouds to meet the _____ in the air."

NOTE: What a fantastic event! Not only are the righteous dead resurrected from their graves, but the righteous living are caught up and meet the Lord in the air (see diagram).

11. **Where does Jesus take the righteous dead and the righteous living? John 14:1-3 (1042) [1063].**

"In My Father's house are many _____ . . . I go to prepare a _____ for you. . . I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I _____, there _____ may be also."

NOTE: Jesus promised His followers that He would go back to the Father and prepare a special place for them in the Father's house. He would then return to earth to take His followers where He was. The purpose of the second coming of Christ is to take the redeemed, the living righteous and the resurrected righteous, to the Father's house. What a glorious privilege it will be to go to heaven itself with Jesus.

12. What happens to the wicked when Jesus comes? 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (1138) [1170].

"And destroy with the _____ of His coming."

13. How bright will the second coming of Christ be? Matthew 25:31 (962) [973].

"When the Son of Man comes in His _____, and all the holy _____ with Him."

NOTE: When Christ rose from the dead, one lone angel opened the tomb. At this angel's appearance, the Roman guards fell as dead men. When Christ returns, He will come in His own glory, plus the glory of all the holy angels. No wonder the wicked are destroyed by the brightness of His coming.

14. How does the prophet Jeremiah describe the destruction of the wicked at the second coming of Christ? Jeremiah 25:33 (756) [757].

"And at that day the _____ of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be _____, or gathered, or _____; they shall become _____ on the ground."

NOTE: Jeremiah pictures a very gruesome scene: The wicked are slain by the Lord. Nobody gathers them, nobody buries them; they rot upon the surface of the Earth. Why doesn't anyone bury them? Why doesn't anyone mourn over them? There is no one left alive upon the earth. The righteous have all been taken to heaven. The wicked who were already dead remain dead until the end of the 1000 years, and the wicked who were alive have been slain by the brightness of His coming. Events transpiring at the beginning of the 1000 years very quickly depopulate the earth. The righteous have all gone to heaven; the wicked are all dead. No person is now alive on planet earth. (Please note the diagram and refer to it often as you continue this study.)

DIAGRAM OF MILLENNIUM

Saints in heaven judging wicked

1000 Years

Earth desolate—Satan bound

First Resurrection

1. Second Coming
2. Righteous dead raised
3. Righteous living translated
4. All righteous go to heaven
5. Wicked slain by second advent
6. Wicked dead stay dead

Second Resurrection

1. Wicked raised
2. Righteous descend in New Jerusalem
3. Wicked attack city
4. God vindicated before wicked
5. Wicked cast into lake of fire
6. New heaven and new earth created

EVENTS DURING THE 1000 YEARS

15. What happens to Satan during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:1, 2 (1188) [1229].

Satan is "_____ . . . a thousand years".

Obviously, this does not mean that God takes a rope and places it around Satan. He is bound by a chain of circumstances beyond his control.

16. Why is Satan bound? Revelation 20:3 (1188) [1229].

"So that he should _____ the nations no more till the thousand years were finished."

NOTE: Satan's main work is to tempt and to deceive men. If he is bound, he is thereby prevented from doing his work of deception. Since the righteous are in heaven, Satan cannot touch them. Since the wicked are all dead, Satan cannot touch them. Therefore, he is bound by a galling chain of circumstances that is beyond his control. There simply is no one for him to tempt. God leaves Satan and his angels alone on planet earth for 1000 years to reflect on the ruin they have caused. Satan claimed that he could rule better than God. Now, God gives Satan 1000 years to see the results of his kind of government.

17. How does Jeremiah describe the earth during the 1000 years? Jeremiah 4:23-26 (730) [733].

"The earth... was without _____, and _____"
and the heavens... had _____. There was
man. The fruitful land was a _____, and all its
cities were broken down at the _____ of the Lord."

NOTE: Jeremiah sees the earth in absolute desolation. He states categorically that there is no man on the earth. This condition, he states, is brought about by the presence of the Lord. Jeremiah sees the earth in the very same condition as John recorded in Revelation 20—a time of universal desolation caused by the coming of Christ which has taken the righteous to heaven and totally destroyed the wicked.

18. What are the righteous doing in heaven during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:4 (1188) [1229].

"And I saw _____, and they sat on them,
and _____ was committed to them."

NOTE: Here is phase number two of the judgment. The saints share in the reign of Christ over the entire universe during the 1000 years. They are not reigning on the earth, they are reigning with Christ in heaven. During this time, God opens the records and shows the righteous why the wicked are not there. Our God is so fair and just that He wants all questions answered completely. Perhaps, the saints may wonder why certain people are not in heaven. During this 1000-year judgment session, they will be able to find out. God wants all the questions answered in order that everyone will clearly see His justice in finally destroying sin and sinners.

Phase Number One of the judgment is for the benefit of the angels. In this phase of the judgment God vindicates the saints before he takes them to heaven. That phase began in 1844 and concludes at the second coming of Christ. **Phase Number Two** of the judgment begins at the second coming of Christ and is for the benefit of the righteous so their questions in regard to God's destruction of the wicked will be answered.

EVENTS AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS

19. What happens at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:7 (1188) [1229].

"Satan will be _____ from his prison."

NOTE: Satan is no longer bound, and he's ready to tempt again.

20. What happens to the wicked at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:5 (1188) [1229].

They are _____

There must be people for him to tempt. At the end of the 1000 years, the second resurrection takes place, and all the wicked are raised from their graves.



- 21. What city does God bring to the earth at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 21:2 (1189) [1229].**

The New _____.

NOTE: At the end of the 1000 years, all the righteous return to the earth inside the New Jerusalem.

- 22. Where will Christ and the Holy City land on the earth at the end of the 1000 years? Zechariah 14:4 (927) [923].**

He will land on the _____ of _____.

- 23. Why does Christ come back with all His saints? Jude 14, 15 (1173) [1213].**

"The Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to _____ judgment on all."

NOTE: Please note that the purpose of Christ returning with all His saints is for the execution of the judgment. This is phase three of the judgment that began in 1844. This judgment is for the benefit of the wicked, including Satan and his angels. The righteous and the good angels have already been fully satisfied that God is just. That's why Jude says that this phase of the judgment will convince the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds. God will be fully vindicated before every inhabitant in the universe.

- 24. What does Satan do to the wicked? Revelation 20:8 (1188) [1229].**

Satan "will go out to _____ the nations".

NOTE: Satan hasn't changed in 1000 years. He still wishes to battle God. He still wishes to capture God's city. He actually convinces the wicked to believe that they can go up and conquer the holy city.

- 25. As the wicked come up and surround the holy city, what happens to them? Revelation 20:9 (1188) [1229].**

"_____ came down from God out of heaven and _____ them."

NOTE: It sounds absolutely incredible, but true. Satan actually deceives the wicked into thinking that they can conquer the holy city. As they come up and surround the city, fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. However, before the wicked are destroyed, God very clearly causes them to see that they have been warring against God. In the next few verses, John the Revelator goes back over the events once again, showing us how God is vindicated among the wicked.

- 26. What do the wicked see in the city? Revelation 20:11 (1188) [1229].**

"I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it."

- 27. Was there any place found for the wicked as they stood before the great white throne? Revelation 20:11 (1188) [1229].**

"There was found no _____ for them."

28. What were opened as those who had been dead now stood before God? Revelation 20:12 (1188) [1229].

"and _____ were opened."

29. What happens next to the wicked? Revelation 20:12,13 (1188, 1189) [1229].

They "were _____ . . . by the things which were written in the books."

NOTE: Here is phase number three of the judgment. God opens the records, and the wicked clearly see that their exclusion from heaven is just. The wicked see that they have been rebelling against God. No one now questions the justice of God.

30. What happens to the wicked after they are judged? Revelation 20:14,15 (1189) [1229].

They were "cast into the lake of _____".

NOTE: God does not arbitrarily destroy the wicked. The whole purpose of their being resurrected at the end of the 1000 years is to prove to everyone without a doubt that God has given the wicked every opportunity to be saved, but they have rejected every offer of salvation sent by God.

31. Will the wicked then acknowledge that God is truly the Lord? Philippians 2:10, 11 (1130) [1160].

"Every knee should _____ . . . every tongue should _____ that Jesus Christ is _____."

NOTE: At last there comes a time when everyone in the universe has fully admitted the justice of God. Rebellion arose in the beginning because Satan questioned the justice of God. Now there is no longer any question. Everyone has been fully satisfied and convinced during the three-phase judgment.

1. Phase one, the pre-advent judgment from 1844 until the second coming of Christ has vindicated God to the entire universe of unfallen beings.
2. Phase two of the judgment during the 1000 years has vindicated God before all the righteous.
3. Phase three at the end of the 1000 years has vindicated God before all the wicked. Even they have admitted the justice of God.

Review the diagram after Question 14 that clearly illustrates what happens before, during and after the 1000 years.

32. Those who invite Jesus to handle their case now can be inside the city at the end of the 1000 years. Do you desire to be inside that city with Jesus?

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