

# THE DAY OF THE LORD

## Judgment Day

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### THE SECOND COMING - JUDGMENT DAY

**RIGHTEOUS RECEIVE THEIR JUST REWARD  
WICKED ARE PUNISHED**

Many "Sons of the Kingdom" are "cast out."

### RESURRECTION OF THE SAVED AND THE CONDEMNED

**THE SAVED - The Chosen - Made priests of God.**

**THE CONDEMNED - Cast out - Consumed in fire with the earth**

### WHO IS JUDGED?

**THE CALLED (The informed)**

**Israel and the Mixed Multitude**

**The Nations**

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### AT THE SECOND COMING

**Revelation 22:12** And behold, **I am coming** quickly, and My reward is with Me, **to give to every one according to his work.**

**Matthew 16:27** "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and THEN He will reward each according to his works."

**Matthew 25:31-34 & 41** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 **All the nations** will be gathered before Him, and **He will separate them one from another**, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: .... 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'"

*NOTE: We will address the "everlasting fire" in another study. Here we simply wish to show that the return of Christ IS a day of judgment.*

**Matthew 13:47-50** "So it will be **at the end of the age**. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

**2 Timothy 4:1** “I charge you therefore before God and **the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing** and His kingdom:”

**2 Peter 3:7** “But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until **the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**”

*NOTE: In context Peter is definitely writing about events associated with the Second Coming.*

**2 Peter 2:9** “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto **the day of judgment** to be punished:” (KJV)

*NOTE: Noone is being punished now. They are reserved (in death) for the judgment day, when they will be punished.*

**Romans 2:5** “But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in **the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,**”

**Luke 12:46** [Parable] “... the master of that servant **will come on a day** when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.”

**Matthew 25:30** [Parable] “...And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

## **THE EARTH WILL BE BURNED & THE WICKED ALONG WITH IT**

**Isaiah 13:6** “Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.”

**Isaiah 13:9-13** “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. 10 **For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.** 11 ‘I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore **I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place,** In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.”

*NOTE: I believe that the earth will be impacted by an asteroid so enormous that the earth will literally be pushed out of its orbit. The seven last plagues will result. Remember that the trumpets do overlap the plagues at the end.*

**Malachi 4:1** ““For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,’ Says the LORD of hosts, ‘That will leave them neither root nor branch.’”

**Psalms 11:6-7** “Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.” Then upright men will see His face! (v.7)

**2 Peter 3:10** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

**Mark 13:31** “Heaven and earth will pass away, ...” (Lk 21:33, Matt. 24:36).

**Hebrews 6:7-8** “For the earth .. If it bears thorn and briars, it is rejected ... whose end is to be burned.”

**Zephaniah 1:14-18** “... On the day of the Lord’s wrath; And all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.” NAS

**Genesis 6:13** “And God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.’” Luke 17:26-30 “And as it was in the days of Noah, so **it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:** ... the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: ... on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”

**Jeremiah 4:23-26** (After the great day of the Lord) “I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.”

## **BOTH SAVED AND LOST - will be resurrected on THAT DAY.**

**Daniel 12:1-3** “There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. [The seven last plagues.] But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.” (NIV)

*NOTE: The fulfillment of this prophecy, given to the prophet Daniel, was placed at “the time of the end.” (See v.4, v.9, v.13) Daniel would “arise” to his own “inheritance at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12:13). Note that **this resurrection is for “many,” (07227) but NOT for ALL of those “who sleep in the dust.”** Those raised on this day are divided: Some are given “everlasting life” AND some are raised to “shame and everlasting contempt.” “Everlasting contempt” is a forever judgment - a done deal. I do not believe that these people will ever be rehabilitated.*

**John 5:28-29** “Do not marvel at this; for the hour (singular) is coming in which **all** who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

*NOTE: Here again: those resurrected at “the hour” are divided -- those given “life” AND those condemned. When Jesus said “all who are in the graves” he is being type specific - all Israelites - all of the informed. He is not speaking of the ignorant.*

**Acts 24:15** “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection (singular) of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

**Matthew 26:64** Christ told the high priest who condemned him: “... hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

*NOTE: Certainly - no one thinks that Caiaphas will be raised to everlasting life.*

**Revelation 1:7** “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, and they also who pierced Him.”

*NOTE: The LORD did not hold the Roman soldiers responsible for His death. He prayed, “Father forgive them - they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)*

**Romans 2:5-11** “But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God ‘will repay each person according to what they have done.’ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give **eternal life**. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.” (NIV)

*NOTE: Once again - two types of people - “those who do evil” and “everyone who does good.”*

## **THOSE WHO REJECTED CHRIST OR HIS DISCIPLES - RAISED ON THAT DAY**

**Matthew 10:15** “Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

*NOTE: Lot was a righteous man. He certainly would have shared some knowledge of the God of Abraham with the inhabitants of Sodom. But this knowledge would not compare with that gained from direct contact with Christ.*

**Matthew 12:41** “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

**Matthew 12:42** “The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.”

**Matthew 11:23-24** “And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; or if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

*NOTE: For a study on the word “Hades” please see the study titled “Hell.”*

**Mark 6:11** “And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

**Luke 10:11-12** “The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you. But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.”

*NOTE: The verses from Matthew, Mark and Luke tell me that those who heard the truth (or refused to hear the truth) will be judged on the day that Jesus returns in glory - judgment Day.*

## **ONLY THE INVITED (THE CALLED) ARE JUDGED**

*I believe that those who have never received the invitation - never heard the call, will NOT be judged when Christ returns. They are “the rest of the dead,” who will “not live again until the thousand years are finished.” (Revelation 20:5)*

**Matthew 8:12** “But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*NOTE: In context Jesus says that believing Gentiles will be welcomed into the Kingdom of God, while the hypocritical Jews - who believed they were “sons of the Kingdom” will be cast out. They believed they were guaranteed a place in the Kingdom because they were Jews - and they despised all non-Jews.*

*NOTE: Christ is the light of the Kingdom - to be without Him will be “outer darkness.”*

**Matthew 22:13-14** [Parable] “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*NOTE: Those repeatedly invited to the wedding feast (Israel and specifically the Jews of Christ’s day) refused the invitation, and even beat and killed the “servants of the King.” He then sent his servants to invite “anyone who would come” “both bad and good” (the Gentiles). When the King arrived at the feast he saw a man who did not have on a “wedding garment” - a white garment which was provided with the invitation (representing the imputed righteousness of Christ). This is the man who was cast out.*

Of those called - some will not listen.

Of those invited - some will not come.

Of those circumcised in flesh - most were not circumcised in heart.

Of those rich in the “things of God” - most were poor in true understand.

Of those who entered into covenant - many forsook HIM.

## **THE IGNORANT**

**1 Timothy 1:12-13** “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.”

**Acts 17:30** “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,”

**John 9:41** “Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.’”

**Hebrews 9:7** “But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;”

*NOTE: Sins “committed in ignorance” are covered by the blood of Christ.*

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST - HE SUFFERED PUNISHMENT DEATH. HE WAS “CUT OFF.”**

*NOTE: The punishment is not death itself. The punishment is the suffering. The punishment is in knowing that one is shut out, rejected, cut off, separated forever - that one has missed out on the best reward imaginable. The punishment is in knowing that one will cease to exist, and no one will long grieve or even remember. This punishment Jesus Christ endured. “Father. Why have you forsaken Me?” In His mind, He was forever separated from God. In that moment He did not foresee His glorious resurrection. He was blinded to all hope, by the forces of darkness. Faith comes from God, and God separated Himself from His Son - therefore all hope was gone. He did not need to die the “second death.” He could not - else He would not now live. He endured the punishment of the lost, believing His death and therefore His separation from God, would be permanent. His death was actually a release, as it will be for the lost.*

*Jesus died “because of sin,” in place of sinners. He “tasted death for every man” (Heb 2:9) He became a curse, for us (Gal 3:13) and the “curse of the law is death.” Jesus did not die in faith, looking forward to resurrection. He did not die the death of the faithful. He died the death which the lost will die - aware of eternal separation and exclusion, and rejection. This is the death we are spared, we who live in Him.*

*The cross displayed the full wrath of God, poured out without mercy.  
It was a revelation of the pain which sin has brought to the heart of Our Heavenly Father.*

*Jesus Christ was resurrected BECAUSE He never sinned.  
There was no sin in Him, for God to reject.  
The saved are resurrected because Christ has won the right to resurrect them.  
And the lost are blotted out of the memory of God, because they rejected Christ in their hearts.*

## **THOSE RAISED TO CONDEMNATION**

Those who have forsaken the covenant. (Heb.6:4-6) (Ezekiel 14:8) (Deut. 29:18-29)  
He who eats the Lord’s Supper (Passover Bread) in an unworthy manner. (1 Cor. 11:29)  
Those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. (Mark 3:29)  
Evil doers. (John 5:29) (1 Tim. 1:9-10) (Rev. 21:8)

Those committed to rebellious sin. (Numbers 15:30)  
Hypocrites. (Matthew 23:14)  
The unforgiving. (Luke 6:37, Matt. 6:15)  
Those who judge others. (Luke 6:37)  
Unbelievers. (John 3:18)  
Those who treat parents with contempt. (Deut 27:16)  
Those who say that they “know Him” but do not keep His commandments. (1 John 2:4)

*Those raised to shame at the Second Coming will die - in realization of permanent separation from God. I personally do not believe that God will resurrect them again - to suffer punishment over again after the millennium.*

### **WHO WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED**

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” (Rom 8:1)

*“You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,  
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday,  
A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you  
Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.  
Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,  
Even the Most High, your dwelling place...”*

*Psalm 91:5-9*