

# SESSION 19 JUDGEMENT OF JEWS AND NATIONS

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## The Judgement of Jews

Subjects	Time	Place	Basis of Judgement	Result
The Jews	The Great Tribulation	Jerusalem and vicinity	Rejection of the Godhead	Their conversion and reception of Christ as their Messiah

While the Church is being judged at the judgement Seat of Christ in the air, the Jews will be judged under Antichrist on the earth. The Jews are an "earthly" people; and as all the promises to them are earthly, it follows that their judgement must be of an earthly character. The basis of their judgement is their rejection of the Godhead. In the days of Samuel, they rejected God the Father:

### Three Fold Rejection

- “And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." 1 Samuel 8:7
- In the days of Christ, they rejected God the Son: “And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"” Luke 23:18.
- In the days of Stephen, they rejected God the Holy Spirit: “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it." When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Acts 7:51-56

For their sin they have been scattered among the nations until the ‘Times of the Gentiles’ is fulfilled. When the ‘Times of the Gentiles’ is about to end, the Jews will be gathered back to the Holy Land "unconverted" and caused to "pass under the rod."

“I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord GOD.” Ezekiel 20:34-36

They will be cast into God's "Melting Pot" (Ez. 22:19-21), and pass through an experience spoken of by Jeremiah and Daniel as the "TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE" (Daniel 12:1).

*"Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah. "For thus says the LORD: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labour with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labour, and all faces turned pale?" Jeremiah 30:4-6*

Christ calls it "The Great Tribulation," and He and Zechariah the Prophet associate it with the "Return of the Lord."

*"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it." Matt. 24:21-23.*

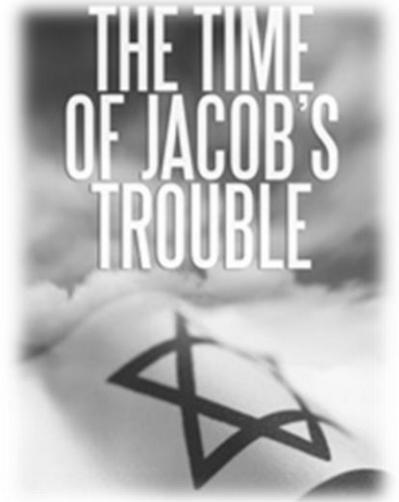
*"Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle." Zech. 14:1-3*

The human agent the Lord will use will be Antichrist, the awfulness of whose rule will be supplemented by the pouring out of the "Vials of God's wrath" upon the earth. Rev. 15:1, Rev. 16:21.

*"After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever." Rev. 15:5-7*

The result of these terrible judgements will be that the Jews will call in their misery upon the Lord. Then Christ will come back to the Mt. of Olives (Zech. 14:3) and the Jews will look upon Him whom they "pierced", and a nation, the Jewish Nation, shall be "born (converted) in a day." Isa. 66:8. This will complete the judgement of the Jews.

*"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn." Zech.12:10*



## The Judgement of The Nations

Subjects	Time	Place	Basis of Judgement	Result
The Nations (Gentiles)	The Revelation of Christ	The Throne of His glory, on the earth – Valley of Jehoshaphat	Their treatment of Christ's Brethren, the Jews	Some nations SAVED, others DESTROYED

The account of this judgement is given in Matthew 25:31-33. The description of this judgement and of the one given in Rev. 20:11-13 are often combined to represent one judgement but when we compare them, they differ so widely, that it is evident that they do not describe the same event. The following comparison will show the difference in the two accounts:

### **Matt. 25:31-33.**

1. *No Resurrection.*
2. *Living Nations judged.*
3. *On the Earth (Joel 3:2)*
4. *No Books Mentioned.*
5. *Three Classes Named – Sheep, Goats and Brethren*
6. *Time - Before the Millennium*

### **Rev. 20:11-13.**

1. *A Resurrection.*
2. *Dead judged.*
3. *Heaven and Earth Gone.*
4. *Books Opened.*
5. *One Class Named – The Dead*
6. *Time - After the Millennium.*

This comparison reveals the fact that one of these judgements is on the earth while the other is in the heavens, and that they are separated by 1000 years.

The Greek word "ethnos" here translated "Nations," occurs 158 times in the New Testament. It is translated "Gentiles" 92 times, "Nation" or "Nations" 61 times, and "The Heathen" 5 times, but it is never in any instance applied either to the "dead" or the "resurrected."

As this is a judgement of Nations only, the Jews cannot be in it, for they are not reckoned among the nations.

*“For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; there! A people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations.” Numbers 23:9*

As we have seen, the Church (believing saints) and the Jews have already been judged, so the "Judgement of the Nations" cannot be a general judgement. Who then are the Sheep? Do they represent the "righteous" from the beginning of the world to the end of time? And do the Goats in like manner represent all the wicked?

If the Sheep are the Righteous, and the Goats the Wicked, then who are the Brethren? If they are the "followers of Christ," as some claim, they should be classed with the Sheep. The Scriptures teach that the Righteous are saved by "faith," and the Wicked are lost because

they "reject Christ," but in this judgement scene the Sheep inherit a "Kingdom" and the Goats are commanded to "depart," because of their treatment of the Brethren.

All the confusion is caused by trying to make a judgement of "nations" represent a judgement of "individuals." The Sheep represent one class of Nations, and the Goats another class, while the Brethren represent the Jews (Christ's brethren).



We must bear in mind the time and place of this judgement. The time is at the "Revelation of Christ," when He comes to set up His "Millennial Kingdom" on the earth. The place is the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

*"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgement with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land." Joel 3:1-2.*

This prophecy clearly states that there is to be a "Judgement of Nations" on the earth in the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" at the time of the restoration of the Jews to their own' land, and that the basis of judgement is the treatment by the nations of Christ's brethren, the Jews.

During the "Tribulation Period" the Nations that treat the Jewish people kindly, feeding and clothing them, and visiting them in prison, will be the Sheep Nations while those who neglect and offend the Jews will be the Goat Nations.

At the "Judgement of Nations" the King (Christ) will say to the Sheep Nations, inasmuch as ye have been kind to My brethren (the Jews), "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." This Kingdom is the "Millennial Kingdom" that the "Sheep Nations" as Nations will "inherit" and possess during the Millennium. It can be said of them that they, or at least the righteous individuals of them, shall enter into life eternal. (Matt. 25:46)

Christ's sentence upon the "Goat Nations" will be "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire ' prepared for the Devil and his angels," and "these shall go away into everlasting punishment." The "Goat Nations" will at once be destroyed as Nations and the wicked individuals that compose them will perish and be eternally lost.

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