

Investigating the Judgment

-And the Coming Day of Accountability-

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** Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) What is one of the more important issues to be found in the end-time book of Revelation and is also part of the gospel message to be given to the world? Revelation 14:6 *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting _____ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to _____ nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his _____ is come: and _____ him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. NOTE: One of the end-time messages that has to be proclaimed as part of the gospel is a judgment hour message. This study will discover much of what the Word of God has to say about the day of judgment. The Bible mentions 3 types of Judgments: 1.) The Pre-Advent Judgment, 2.) The Millennial Judgment, and then 3.) The Executive Judgment when the wicked or lost are judged and punished in the lake of fire. The Pre-Advent judgment, the one we will look at in this study is also part of a time prophecy found in the book of Daniel. The timing and prophecy of this one will be briefly covered in this lesson but more fully dealt with in a separate future lesson.*

- 2.) Obviously we can see from God's Word that there will be a judgment that takes place before Jesus returns (pre-advent) because His reward will already be with Him when He comes. What scriptures bring this out? Revelation 22:12 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my _____ is _____ me, to give every man _____ as his work shall be. Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall _____ in the glory of his Father with his angels; and _____ he shall reward every man _____ to his works.*

- 3.) Does the Bible say that there would be a day or specific time when this (pre-advent) judgment would occur? Would God leave us in the dark about a specific time He would begin this judgment which was to take place before Jesus comes again? Acts 17:31 *Because he hath _____ a _____, in the which he will _____ the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Romans 2:16 In the _____ when God shall judge the _____ of men by Jesus Christ according to my _____.* **NOTE: These texts say quite plainly that there would be a specific "day" when this judgment would occur which would determine what reward people would receive when Jesus comes back the second time. If there was to be a specific "day" when this happens, then logically there must be a "time prophecy" that would reveal when this judgment occurs. And, there definitely is. Look at the next question below.**

- 4.) What is this time prophecy and where is it to be found? Daniel 8:14 *And he said unto me,*

Unto two _____ and three _____ days; then shall the _____ be cleansed. **NOTE: In this particular study we won't get into the details of the 2300 day (year) time prophecy, but for a certain "day" or time when this would have to take place, there has to be a starting point for this "time prophecy."** The starting point is given in Daniel 9:25 in which a portion of this prophecy entails the 490 day (year) in which both have the same starting point. The starting point date for this prophecy is 457 B.C. More details on all this will be given in the study ["The Bible's Longest Time Prophecy"] & [The 70 Week Prophecy and the Messiah]. The book of Ezra gives more information about the decrees that were given by King Artaxerxes from which -one of these forms the starting point for this prophecy. Two thousand three hundred years from 457 B.C. with no "0" year between B.C. and A.D. comes to 1844. According to one of the strictest sects of Jews who keep meticulous track (practically on a scientific level) of Jewish time tables, feast days and special events, the Day of Atonement fell on October 22 of the year 1844. These are irrefutable scholarly calculations that have been done.

5.) How is the detailed description given for the "cleansing of the Sanctuary" or the "Judgment" that was to occur (in heaven) before Jesus comes back? Daniel 7:9 *I beheld till the _____ were cast down, and the Ancient of days did _____, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the _____ was set, and the _____ were _____.* **NOTE: Since a day equals a year in Bible Prophecy, this means 2,300 years from the starting point of 457 B.C.. So, this has to be referring to the sanctuary in heaven because there is no earthly sanctuary as it was never rebuilt since the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. [See the study on "The Sanctuary After the Heavenly Pattern"] The Bible is very clear that there is a Temple in heaven where God's throne is, and the earthly tabernacle was patterned after this heavenly. This "Cleansing of the Sanctuary" is also known as the heavenly pre-advent judgment that is depicted here in the scriptural passage above.**

6.) "Books" are involved in this judgment. Is there a record of sins written down in these heavenly books? Jeremiah 2:22 *For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine _____ is _____ before me, saith the Lord GOD. Jeremiah 17:1 The _____ of Judah is _____ with a pen of iron, and with the point of a _____: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and _____ the horns of your altars; Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the _____ were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were _____ out of those things which were _____ in the books, according to their _____.* **And good things are also written down in "books." Malachi 3:16 Then they that _____ the LORD _____ often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a _____ of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that _____ upon his name. NOTE: Every sin is recorded**

down in the books of heaven as a record for the Pre-advent Judgment, Millennial Judgment and Great White Throne Judgment (Executive Judgment). It is not for God's knowledge because He knows everything, but for the on-looking universe [see study on "The Universe is Watching Us!"]. Everything is faithfully chronicled so that at the end of time God's dealings with wicked angels and men will be vindicated that He is fair, just and true. During the Millennial Judgment after Jesus comes and takes the saints to heaven, if they have any questions on behalf of lost loved-ones, everything is recorded and their questions will be satisfactorily answered. The EVIDENCES of good and evil will be plainly and fairly demonstrated so there will be no question about all the issues involved and how God has handled everything.

- 7.) How is the record of sin symbolized in the Sanctuary service when it is taken into the Sanctuary? **Leviticus 16:18, 19** And he shall go out unto the _____ that is before the LORD, and make an _____ for it; and shall take of the _____ of the bullock, and of the _____ of the goat, and _____ it upon the _____ of the altar round about. **19** And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and _____ it, and hallow it from the _____ of the children of Israel. **Jeremiah 17:1** The _____ of Judah is _____ with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is _____ upon the table of their heart, and upon the _____ of your _____; **NOTE: The record of sin is through the blood that is placed upon the horns of the altar. This record of sin accumulates through the year until the Day of Atonement and then a final Atonement takes place in which everything is cleansed. This is known as the cleansing of the Sanctuary.**
- 8.) What other "Book" does the Bible talk about that is used in the Judgment and which we want to make sure our name is written there? [first in the New Testament] **Philippians 4:3** And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose _____ are in the _____ of _____. **Revelation 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the _____ of _____ of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **Revelation 17:8** The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not _____ in the _____ of _____ from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. **Revelation 21:27** And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's _____ of _____. **Then Old Testament references - Exodus 32:32** Yet now, if thou wilt _____ their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy _____ which thou hast _____. **Psalm 69:28** Let them be _____ out of the _____ of the _____, and not be written with the righteous. **Daniel 12:1** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that

time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found _____ in the _____.
NOTE: There are even more Bible references to the Book of Life than the ones listed here, so, it is very evident that heaven keeps track of information and names and this Book of Life is involved in the judgment.

9.) How certain is it that a judgment is taking place [the pre-advent judgment is going on now] for every person that has ever existed for every deed –good or bad that has ever been done? **Ecclesiastes 12:14** For _____ shall bring _____ work into _____, with every _____ thing, whether it be good, or whether it be _____. **2Corinthians 5:10** For we must _____ appear before the _____ seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, _____ to that he hath done, whether it be _____ or bad. **Romans 14:12** So then _____ one of us shall give _____ of himself to God. **Matthew 12:36** But I say unto you, That every _____ word that men shall _____, they shall give _____ thereof in the day of _____. **NOTE: As certain as you were born into this world it is as certain that you will face the judgment. But, the good news is –if you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior and you are abiding in Him you have nothing to worry about. But whether this world likes it or not, there is a day of accountability in which every person will have to answer for what they have done in this life! Everyone has an opportunity to come to Jesus and receive pardon and ultimately victory over their sins. In the pre-advent judgment no human will be there in person (physically) but their names from the books will come up and be decided and this is what is depicted in the judgment scene of Daniel 7:9, 10 earlier in our study. Take note of this scripture found in Paul’s writings -1Timothy 5:24 Some men’s _____ are open beforehand, going _____ to _____; and some men they follow after. **So where are all those who have died before Jesus comes?** **John 5:28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which _____ that are _____ the _____ shall hear his voice, **29** And shall come forth; they that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____; and they that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____. **How can they appear before the judgment seat of Christ? As we have seen above it is through their “names” which represents their character. Since our present time period is the cleansing of the heavenly Sanctuary of the record of the sins of God’s people, how earnest we should be in putting away sin in our lives and seeking to become more like our Savior Jesus! Soon this will all be finished; Jesus will come back for His people and sin will be no more! This bright DAY OF HOPE is shining brighter and brighter!****

10.) On the other hand what will happen to those who have not made Christ their safety and shelter during the Judgment time? **John 12:48** He that _____ Me, and receiveth not My _____, hath one that _____ him: the _____ that I have spoken, the _____ shall _____ him in the _____ day. **NOTE: If we are lost at the end we will then have to face in person the Executive Judgment after the 1,000 year (millennium). As the text above brings out, humans are only held accountable when they have a knowledge of God’s word or law. And not too long after we come into this world we soon obtain a**

knowledge between right and wrong. God has given us His word to not only show us how to be saved but to understand His will and righteous principles. If we are found lost at last we will be without excuse. The blame will lie at our own door.

11.) The book of Daniel has recorded a real life example of a miniature judgment scene which took place vividly portraying the issue of accountability when evil had been done. What story in Daniel brings out this principle? Daniel 5:5,6, 22, 25-28 *In the same hour came forth _____ of a man's hand, and _____ over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king _____ the part of the hand that wrote* **6** *Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts _____ him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his _____ smote one against another. 22* *And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not _____ thine heart, though thou _____ all this; 25* *And this is the _____ that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26* *This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath _____ thy kingdom, and _____ it. 27* *TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the _____, and art found _____.* **28** *PERES; Thy kingdom is _____, and _____ to the Medes and Persians. NOTE: Reading the whole story of this chapter in Daniel 5 shows how God will ultimately deal with rebellion especially when the ones in wrong know better. Justice must eventually be administered. Take note of verse 27 above where it uses the term "weighed in the balances." This is an expression referring to a type of measurement going on, in other words an investigation of the wrong deeds committed as well as motives, etc. When the investigation is completed, the verdict decided, then the consequences are meted out. We will look at another scripture in the book of Revelation that clearly brings out this principle of measurement.*

12.) What does Revelation 11:1 say about the measurement that goes on in God's Temple in heaven and of His people? Revelation 11:1 *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and _____ the temple of God, and the altar, and _____ that _____ therein. NOTE: Much of Revelation uses symbolic language like many parts of the Bible. Measurement has to do with testing the object you are measuring to see if it comes up to a certain standard. In this verse it especially mentions measuring the "worshippers" or God's professed people to see if they measure up to what they are professing. Lots of people can claim to be Christians and followers of Christ but when it really comes down to it they are hypocrites or hollow pretenders. God already knows everyone's heart but everyone else could be fooled. At some point, a measurement or investigation needs to take place so that accountability can be imposed and rewards and results given. We can see this principle of "investigative judgment" all through the Bible.*

13.) How did Jesus share this principle of an "Investigative Judgment" in a parable He taught? Matthew 22:8 *Then saith he to his servants, The _____ is ready, but they which were bidden were not _____* **9** *Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many*

as ye shall find, _____ to the marriage. **10** So those servants went out into the highways, and _____ together all as many as they _____, both _____ and _____: and the wedding was furnished with guests **11** And when the _____ came in to _____ the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding _____: **12** And he saith unto him, Friend, _____ camest thou in hither _____ having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. **13** Then said the king to the servants, _____ him hand and foot, and take him _____, and cast him into outer _____; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **NOTE: Many of Jesus' parables are also symbolic in which certain things in the parable represents something. These parables teach practical, powerful truths many of which are pertinent for the end-times. We do well to take heed and be blessed by the spiritual lessons they contain.**

In the above parable the king represents Jesus the Son of God who comes to inspect or investigate the guests at the wedding. The marriage represents the union of the human with the Divine. When one of the guests is found without a wedding garment which represents character, it is commanded that he be bound and thrown out of the wedding party. Notice Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be _____ in fine linen, _____ and white: for the fine _____ is the _____ of saints. Nobody is going to heaven who has not the righteousness of Christ. Sin will not be allowed in heaven to pollute and spoil it. So an inspection and evaluation must take place to determine who has truly appropriated the righteousness of Christ to their lives before He comes with His reward.

14.) What other parable teaches about inspecting, evaluating, then separating the good from the bad? Matthew 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a _____, that was cast into the _____, and gathered of _____ kind: **48** Which, when it was _____, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the _____ into vessels, but cast the _____ away. **49** So shall it be at the end of the _____: the angels shall come forth, and _____ the wicked from among the just, **NOTE: A work of judgment must take place before Jesus comes because not all who profess to be Christians really allow Jesus to fully change and transform them by His grace. This is also seen in the parable of the "Ten Virgins" and the "Wheat and the Tares." This is also clearly seen in Matthew 7:21 _____ every one that saith unto Me, _____, _____, shall enter into the kingdom of _____; but he that _____ the _____ of My Father which is in heaven. **22** _____ will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not _____ in thy name? and in thy _____ have cast out _____? and in thy name done _____ wonderful _____? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I _____ knew you: _____ from Me, ye that work iniquity.**

15.) During this time while the Judgment [modern-Day of Atonement in the Heavenly Sanctuary] is going on, how do we cooperate with God in searching and cleansing our hearts in making sure we are ready for Jesus to come after the judgment is finished? Leviticus 23:27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a _____ of

_____ : it shall be an holy _____ unto you; and ye shall _____ your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. **28** And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an _____ for you before the LORD your God. **29** For whatsoever soul it be that shall _____ be afflicted in that same day, he shall be _____ from among his people. **30** And _____ soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I _____ from among his people. **2Corinthians 7:1** Having therefore these _____, dearly beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of the flesh and spirit, _____ holiness in the fear of God. **Jeremiah 17:10** I the LORD _____ the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man _____ to his ways, and according to the fruit of his _____. **NOTE: The earthly Tabernacle or Sanctuary with all its services and ceremonies was the "Type." The Heavenly Sanctuary of which was the pattern for the earthly is the "Anti-type" with Jesus being our great High Priest (see the book of Hebrews). The earthly Sanctuary had a special Day of Atonement which took place once a year in which all the record of sins would be atoned for –for those who repented and confessed. Those who didn't were cut off from God's people. Likewise as the earthly is a pattern for the heavenly, so is there a heavenly "Day of Atonement" or day of judgment. And this special event was important enough for God to give a time prophecy for it in Daniel 8:14. The Bible says "the wise shall understand." (Daniel 12:10)**

Afflicting our souls before God (now) in the Anti-typical Day of Atonement is to deny self, search our hearts for any known sin, examining our inner motives, deep repentance with true sorrow and heartfelt confession of sin, spending more time in Bible study and prayer, taking away anything that feeds selfishness and pride which includes the wearing of jewelry & worldly dress [See study on "The LORD of My Life"]. Fasting would not be abstaining from food but anything that is unhealthful, very rich and unduly stimulating and since we are in the Anti-typical Day of Atonement, the closer to God's original diet in Eden, the better. This is what it means to "afflict" ourselves in the fear of God. We want to be ready when the judgment closes and Jesus comes back for His people with His reward with Him! Let's cooperate with Him during this solemn time while the judgment is carrying on in heaven. LET Him have your WHOLE LIFE so He can mold and shape you into His Divine image.

Brief Quiz

Circle One

- 1.) True/False – The only judgment that concerns Christians is the Executive Judgment at the very end before the wicked are destroyed.
- 2.) True/False – Every secret thought and motive will be brought into the judgment.
- 3.) True/False – Every sin whether in thought or deed are recorded in books.
- 4.) True/False – Recorded sins are for the sake of on-looking universe and during millennial judgment when the saved may have questions about lost loved ones.

- 5.) **True/False** – According to Prophecy there is a specific time when the judgment was to occur.
- 6.) **True/False** – The “Pre-advent or Investigative Judgment” is one and the same as the “Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary.”
- 7.) **True/False** – Different places throughout the Bible teach the principle of investigative judgment before reward or retribution.
- 8.) **True/False** – The Bible teaches there are three different types of judgment –**1)**(Pre-advent Judgment) a period of time before 2nd coming of Jesus, **2)** during the 1,000 Years (Millennial Judgment) and **3)** after the 1,000 years (Executive Judgment) -just before & when the wicked or lost are destroyed.

My Response

I understand from this Bible study that the Bible clearly portrays a judgment that occurs before Jesus comes again and that this means He is cleansing the Temple in heaven from its record of sin as well as the “human” temples from their defilement so that He can have a people purified of sin and filled with the Holy Spirit. I desire to be one of those He purifies, fills with His Spirit and sets free to be a witness for Him.

Signed _____