



The Judgments; Past, Present, and Future

Introduction

A great deal of confusion exists with respect to the subject of God's judgments and particularly regarding the final judgment.

It is the purpose of this study to cover all the major judgments (past, present, and future) that we find in Scripture to help resolve this confusion.

For instance, many do not understand that instead of one final judgment, the Bible teaches that there are a series of five to seven future judgments (depending on how they are categorized) that differ in respect to time, purpose, subjects, and circumstances.

Understanding these various judgments will give insight into God's program, but the goal here is not just information.

God wants Christians to understand the truth of the judgments to both comfort and motivate them to godly living.

He wants those who have not trusted in Christ to understand the judgments that, this might motivate them to trust in Christ as their personal Savior because He bore the judgment for their sin in their place.

The Christian will not face the final judgment because Christ was judged for us, but all believers will face a judgment called the Judgment Seat of Christ, the nature of which will be covered in the material to follow.

Sin always has its consequences and the Doctrine of the Judgments calls our attention to both the reality and nature of the consequences of sin.

The details of this will be developed in a summarized fashion in the material that follows.

Though one's primary focus might be on the future judgments, this study will also cover the judgments of the past and the present because they are related and form a part of the total picture revealed in Scripture.

The Past Judgments

The Judgment of Satan and the Fallen Angels



Key Scriptures: **Matt. 25:41 (NIV):**

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Isa. 14:12-14 (NIV)

12 How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

13

You said in your heart,

“I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne

above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,

on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[a]

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I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.”

Ezek. 28:11-19 (NIV)

11 The word of the Lord came to me:

12 “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

““You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden,
the garden of God;

every precious stone adorned you:

carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,

topaz, onyx and jasper,

lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.

Your settings and mountings were made of gold;

on the day you were created they were prepared.

14. You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God;

you walked among the fiery stones.

15 You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.

16 Through your widespread trade
you were filled with violence,
and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,
and I expelled you, guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.

17 Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.

So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.

18 By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.

So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.

19 All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.’”

Rev. 12:3-4 (NIV)



3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

This is God's judgment to cast Satan down from his position in heaven as the anointed cherub with all those angels who followed him to this earth and its atmosphere as the primary abode of their operations;

Ephesians 2:2 (NIV)

2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

“the ruler of the kingdom of the air,”



“air” in the Greek, is the word: *aer*, and it’s a reference to the atmospheric heavens.

Evidently, immediately after Satan’s fall, God sentenced Satan and his angels condemning them to the Lake of Fire:

Though anticipated as certain and viewed as accomplished, this sentence against Satan and his evil host will not be carried out until after the millennial reign of Christ:

Let us compare the following verses:

John 12:3 (NIV)

3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume with:

Rev. 20:10 (NIV)

10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The basis of Satan's judgment and final disposal is the finished work of Christ on the cross first anticipated in the protevangelium of:

Gen. 3:15 (NIV)

And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Then in anticipation of His death on the cross, the Lord spoke of Satan's judgment and doom in

John 12:31 (NIV)

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

John 16:11 (NIV)

11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Luke 10:18-19 (NIV)

18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Compare also:

Romans 16:20 (NIV)

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Ephesians 1:20-21(NIV)

20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Colossians 2:14-15 (NIV)

14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hebrews 2:14-1 (NIV)

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

The Edenic Judgments of Genesis 3



After the fall of Adam and Eve, and as a judgment for mankind's disobedience regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil;

Gen. 2:17 (NIV)

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

certain curses or judgments were placed upon Satan (the promise of his final doom), upon Adam and Eve, and upon the earth.

Adam and Eve died spiritually and began to die physically.

Physical death became a certainty for their future because they took of, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Therefore, as the Scripture says, “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment”:

Hebrews 9:27 (NIV) 27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Present Suffering and Future Glory



Rom. 8:18-22 (NIV)

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

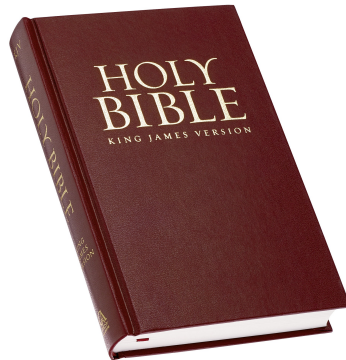
19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)



The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1 Pet. 5:8 (NIV)

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins? :

How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?



Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life a be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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