

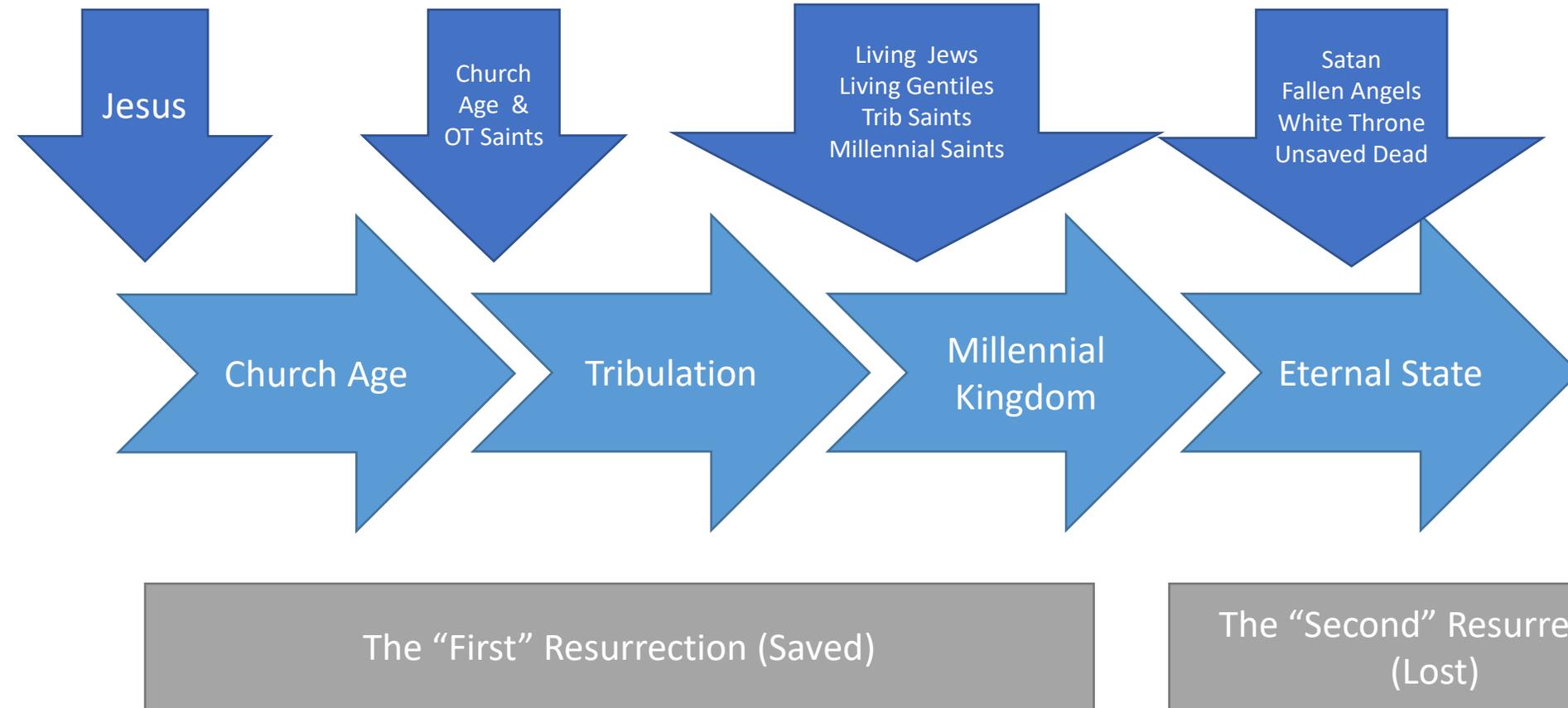
# Revelation Judgment & Resurrections

Lesson 24

# What Will Happen To Me Between Death And The Final Judgment

- Most Christian theologians throughout church history have affirmed an “intermediate state” – a spiritual existence that lasts from death until the final judgment.
- Jesus taught that, even though the fathers of the Israelite nation were physically dead, they were still alive ([Matthew 21:31-32](#))
- Jesus also promised the dying thief that they would be together in Paradise “today” ([Luke 23:43](#))
- Paul expected to be with Jesus immediately when he died. ([Philippians 1:20-24](#))
- Scripture does not provide details about this intermediate state, but it is clear that human beings continue to exist even after death unto the judgment.

# Time Chart of Resurrections



# Two Judgments

Judgment Seat of Christ  
(Saved)

Old Testament Saints

- Resurrected at Rapture

New Testament Saints

- Resurrected at Rapture

Tribulation Saints

- At Christ's triumphant Return

Millennial Saints

- At conclusion of the Millennium

JUDGMENT: Heaven

Great White Throne Judgment  
(Unsaved)

Old Testament Non-Believers

- Resurrected at end of Millennium

New Testament Non Believers

- Resurrected at end of Millennium

Tribulation Non-Believers

- Resurrected at end of Millennium

Millennial Non Believers

- Resurrected at end of Millennium

JUDGMENT: Lake of Fire (Hell)

# Upcoming Judgments & Resurrections

- Judgment Seat of Christ
  - [Romans 14:10](#); [1 Corinthians 3:11-15](#), [4:5](#), [2 Corinthians 5:10](#)
  - Church Age Saints (Bride) after they are raptured.
- Judgment on the nation Israel
  - [Ezekiel 20:37-38](#); [Zechariah 13:8-9](#)
  - Living Jews at the end of the Tribulation
- Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints & Tribulation Martyrs
- Judgment of the nations
  - [Mat 25:31-56](#); [Isaiah 34:1-2](#)
  - Living Gentiles at the end of the Tribulation
- Judgment on the fallen angels
  - [Jude 6](#)
  - All fallen angels at the end of the Millennium
- Judgment of the great white throne.
  - [Revelation 20: 11-15](#)
  - All the expired unsaved humans

# Judgment Seat Of Christ

- [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [Romans 14:10](#); [1 Corinthians 3:9-15](#) states that believers are to be brought into an examination before the Son of God.
- The idea here is of prominence, dignity, authority, honor, and reward rather than the idea of justice and judgment. The word that Paul chose to describe the place before which this event takes place suggests its character.
- Time of the Judgment
  - This judgment takes place immediately following the translation of the church out of this earth's sphere.
    - According to [Luke 14:14](#) reward is associated with the resurrection
    - According to [1 Thessalonians 4:13-17](#), resurrection is an integral part of the resurrection, so reward must be a part as well
    - When the Lord returns to the earth with His bride to reign, the bride is seen to be already rewarded.
    - Review [1 Corinthians 4:5](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#); [Revelation 22:12](#), The reward is associated with 'that day' that is, the day in which He comes for his own.
    - Therefore the rewarding of the church must take place between the rapture and the revelation of Christ to the earth.

# Judgment Seat Of Christ (2)

- Place of the Judgment
  - Heaven ([1 Thessalonians 4:17](#); [2 Corinthians 5:1-8](#))
- The Judge
  - [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [John 5:22](#); [Romans 14:10](#) makes it clear that this examination is conducted before the presence of the Son of God.
- The one's judged
  - Church age believers
- Basis of the judgment
- Results of the judgment

# Crowns

- **Incorruptible Crown**

- [Luke 9:25, 1 Corinthians 3:15](#)

- The victor's crown: Is conferred upon those who have purged themselves from the inducement and pleasures of this world in order to be of profitable services for the Lord Jesus Christ

- **Crown of Life**

- [Revelation 2:10](#)

- Martyr's Crown: This reward will rectify the many injustices Christians suffer in live, even death for Jesus,. Those who have suffered much, yet endured with a sweet Christian spirit will be given the crown of life.

- **Crown of Glory**

- [1 Peter 5:2-4](#)

- Shepherd's or Pastor's Crown: This reward is reserved for those who have given their lives to the teaching of the Word of God.

# Crowns (2)

- Crown of Righteousness

- [2 Timothy 4:8](#), [Titus 2:12-14](#), [1 John 3:2-3](#)

- For those who love his appearing: A special crown is reserved for those Christians inspired by the imminent return of Christ, have lived a very righteous and holy life. God does not demand talented vessel for His service. Christ simply Lays down one major requirement that a Christian be clean. Somehow the doctrine of the imminent return of Christ has a purifying effect upon the believer.

- Crown of Rejoicing

- [1 Thessalonians 2:19-20](#)

- Soul Winner's Crown: This crown is intended for those who have devoted their primary attention to the salvation of lost souls. Often this service is rendered obscurely, unknown to other Christians.

- Crowns are a symbol of authority. They denote the authority that will be granted to Christians during the Millennial period when they reign with Christ for 1000 years. Christians are now earning their position of service for Christ during the Millennium. Knowing this should give us incentive to pursue better and more lasting heights of Christian service here on earth.

# Final Word On Christian Service

- [Revelation 3:11](#) “I am coming quickly, hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”
- [2 John 1:8](#) “Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished.”
- [Revelation 2:10](#). [1 Corinthians 3:15](#) Many Christians have served the Lord for many years, only to capitulate to the enticement of carnality, sensuality, or some other temptation that turns them from serving Christ to reveling in the appetites of the flesh.
  - Such individuals will not lose their salvation
  - They will forfeit their rewards or they may lose the crowns they have already earned.
  - “To come to Christ costs you nothing, to follow Christ costs you something, to serve Christ will cost you everything.” M.R. DeHaan

# Judgment Of The Nation Israel

- Time of the Judgment

- Chronology given by the Lord in Matthew 24 & 25
  1. The Tribulation period ([Matthew 24:4-26](#))
  2. The second advent of Messiah to the earth ([Matthew 24:27-30](#))
  3. The re-gathering of Israel ([Matthew 24:31](#))
  4. The judgment on Israel ([Matthew 25:1-30](#))
  5. The judgment on Gentiles ([Matthew 25:31-46](#))
  6. The Kingdom to follow.
- In this carefully developed chronology of events in Matthew, the judgment on Israel follows the second advent of Christ to the earth and the consequent re-gathering of Israel as a nation.

- Place of the Judgment

- This judgment must take place on the earth after the Lord's physical return to the earth ([Zechariah 14:4](#), [Ezekiel 20:34-38](#))
- Will probably take place on the borders of the land.

# Judgment Of The Nation Israel (2)

- The one's judged
  - It is evident from the passage of [Ezekiel 20:34-38](#), as well as the numerous passages dealing with Israel's restoration, that this judgment will be on all living Israelites, all of whom are to be re-gathered and judged. [Matthew 25:1-30](#) envisions a judgment on the entire nation.
  - Resurrected Israel must be examined for rewards and this doubtless will be done in connection with Israel's resurrection at the second advent.
  - Resurrected Israel is not in view in this judgment.
- Basis of the judgment
  - God is judging to separate the saved from the unsaved in Israel. The individual's works will be brought into judgment. [Ezekiel 20:37-38](#), [Mal 3:2-3](#), [5](#).
  - One's action will reveal clearly the spiritual condition of the heart in this judgment, which is to divide the saved from the unsaved.
- Result of the judgment
- There is a two-fold result from this judgment
  - The unsaved are cut off from the land ([Ezekiel 20:27](#)) and destroyed ([Matthew 25:30](#))
  - The saved are taken into millennial blessing.
- Thus God is going to re-gather the nation Israel who are alive at the second advent and divide the saved from the unsaved. The unsaved will be cut off and destroyed and the saved will be taken into the millennium which he will institute to fulfill their covenants

# Judgment Of The Gentiles

- Time of the Judgment

- Description [Matthew 25: 31-46](#), [Joel 3:1-2](#)

1. Follows The re-gathering and judgment of Israel which follows the judgment seat of Christ.
2. Precedes the Millennium

- Place of the Judgment

- The “valley of Jehoshaphat” ([Joel 3:2](#))

- No one really knows where this it.
- Some speculate this is synonymous with the Valley of Berachah ([2 Chronicles 20:28](#))
- Others believe it to be in the Valley of Kidron which is a deep ravine outside of Jerusalem that separates the city from the mount of Olives.
- Yet another large group believes the location is given [Zechariah 14:4](#) where we are told that at the Lord’s return to the mount of Olives, a great valley shall be opened.

# Judgment Of The Gentiles (2)

## The Subjects of the Judgment

- Those brought into this judgment are living individuals.
  - Nothing is said of the 'dead'
  - The word translated "nations" is never used to designate the 'dead'
  - The word translated "nations" is always used to denote living, existing nations and almost exclusively gentile nations.
  - The Holy Spirit gives us abundant testimony that precisely such a fathering of living nations shall take place just before the Millennium
  - National judgments are only poured out upon the living, existing nations and not the dead who are devoid of any organizational belonging
  - There is no statement that any part of them descended from heaven to be judged.
- According to Strong's Concordance, the word nation (ethnos) is translated as
  - 'people' twice, 'heathen' 5 times, 'nation' 64 times, 'gentiles' 93 times

# Judgment Of The Gentiles (3)

- The Basis of the judgment ([Matthew 25:40, 45](#); [Joel 3:2](#); [Isaiah 66:19-20](#))
  - God is judging the spiritual condition of the Gentiles to determine whether one is saved or lost
  - During the Tribulation, the Gospel will be preached by the Jewish brethren, including the remnant (144,000). [Ezekiel 20:37-38](#), [Malachi 3:2-3](#), [5](#).
- Result of the judgment
  - There is a two fold result from this judgment
    - To those who have been appointed to the King's right hand, the invitation is extended to come and inherit the Kingdom ([Matthew 25:34](#))
    - To those who are consigned to the King's left, the judgment is to be thrown into the everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angel ([Matthew 25:41](#))
    - This group of Gentiles taken into the kingdom fulfills the prophecies ([Daniel 7:14](#); [Isaiah 55:5](#); [Micah 4:2](#)) that state that a great group of Gentiles will be brought under the King's reign, even though this is Israel's kingdom.

# Resurrection Of The Old Testament Saints & Tribulation Saints

- All people saved unto eternal life ***outside*** of the church age, will be resurrected together, for they all need go into the earthly kingdom that God promised them.
  - They need to be resurrected after the Rapture, after Jesus Christ comes back at His Second Coming, but before He initiates His kingdom on Earth.  
([Revelation 19:11-21](#)).

# Judgment Of The Fallen Angels

- Time of the Judgment
  - [Jude 1:6](#) reveals the fact that angels are to be brought into judgment on 'the great day'.
  - 'the great day' is believed to be the Day of the Lord, in which all judgment is to be fulfilled.
  - These angels are evidently followers of Satan and share Satan's fate.
  - The judgment will be after the millennial age is over, but prior to the judgment of the great white throne. ([Revelation 20:10](#))
- Place of the Judgment
  - Scripture is silent as to the place at which this judgment takes place.
- Subjects of the judgment
  - All the fallen angels will be included in this judgment ([2 Peter 2:4](#))
- Basis of the judgment
  - Judgment comes on the fallen angels for their one sin of following Satan in his rebellion against God ([Isaiah 14:12-17](#); [Ezekiel 28: 12-19](#))
- Results of the judgment
  - All fallen angels at this judgment are tossed into the lake of fire forever. ([Revelation 20:10](#))

# The Great White Throne Judgment

- ‘Great’ speaks of the infinite One who is the judge. ‘White’ speaks of divine holiness, purity, and justice. And ‘throne’ speaks of the majesty of the One who has the right to determine the destiny of His creation
- At This Judgment there will be ....
  - A Judge, but no jury
  - A prosecution, but no defense
  - A Sentence, but no appeal
  - No one will be able to defend himself or accuse God of unrighteousness.
- The Judge upon the Great White Throne is Jesus Christ ([John 5:22, 27](#); [Romans 2:16](#); [Acts 10:42](#); [Revelation 20: 11-12](#))
- Time of the Judgment
  - Can also be called the Final Judgment
  - This judgment constitutes the termination of God’s resurrection and judgment program.
  - This judgment takes place after the Millennial Kingdom. ([Revelation 20:5, 12-13](#))
- Place of the Judgment
  - This judgment apparently does not take place on heaven or earth, but somewhere between
  - The judgment cannot take place on earth because, at the appearance of the Lord, “the earth and the heaven fled away.” ([Revelation 20:11](#))
  - The judgment cannot take place in heaven, because no sinner can enter the presence of God there. The Great White Throne therefore must take place somewhere between heaven and earth.

# The Great White Throne Judgment (2)

- Basis of the judgment ([Revelation 20:12](#); [Luke 12:47-48](#))
  - This is a judgment on the evil works of the unsaved. The sentence of the 'second death' is passed upon them. This second death is the confirmation and making eternal that separation from God which the first death entailed.
  - Books will be opened that records the unbeliever's practice of law, works, secret deeds, words and conscience.
- Book of Life
  - Anyone not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire.
  - No one can read that sentence without realizing that how we live our lives matters.
- Book of Law ([Romans 3:20](#), [23](#))
  - Anyone who stands before Christ the Judge and claims to be justified by the law will be condemned by the law.
  - Only those who are in Christ will be found 'not guilty' in the eyes of the law.

# The Great White Throne Judgment (3)

- Book of Works ([2 Corinthians 11:15](#), [Matthew 16:27](#))
  - God will have a complete record of every moment of every person's life – everything done in secret and everything done in public.
  - Here we have a major difference between the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne judgment. The saved will have their share of sins and failures, but because they put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, the record of their sins will be completely erased, and their debt of sin will be paid in full ([Revelation 3:5](#), [John 5:24](#), [Rom 8:1](#))
- Book of Secrets ([Luke 8:17](#), [Romans 2:16](#), [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#))
  - Scripture makes it clear that although we may be able to hide things from other people, there is nothing we can hide from God.
- Book of Words ([Matthew 12:36-37](#))
  - By a person's own words, he or she will stand condemned before the Lord.
- Book of Conscience ([Romans 2:15](#))
  - This suggests that the human conscience may play a role in the judgment of unbelievers.
  - No person, saved or unsaved, follows the dictates of conscience all of the time.
  - Neither is the conscience an infallible guide to right and wrong.

# The Great White Throne Judgment (4)

- Subjects of the Judgment
  - Unbelievers and those pretending to be Christians will stand before God. Here they will face the consequences of rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This judgment is the final bar of justice in God's plan for the inhabitants of planet Earth, and there will be no grading on a curve.
  - "small and great" is an expression found often in the OT and occurring five times in ([Revelation 11:18](#), [13:16](#), [19:5](#), [18](#), [20:12](#)) The term indicates that all classes of people will be present, from all ranks in the church and in the world.
  - Everyone who stands before the great white throne, small and great, will have this one thing in common. They died without Christ and they have no hope.

# The Great White Throne Judgment ()

- Punishment Given At The Great White Throne Judgment
  - The results of this judgment is very clear in [Revelation 20:15](#)
  - It will be a judgment of grim finality
  - Eternal separation from God is the eternal destiny of the unsaved.
  - Sentenced to the eternal Lake of Fire.
  - Scripture offers a grim picture of hell. It is a place of torment and flames ([Luke 16:21-28](#)), a place of wailing and gnashing of teeth ([Matthew 13:42](#)), a place where the worm does not die and the flame is not quenched ([Mark 9:48](#)) and a place of fire and brimstone ([Revelation 14:10-11](#), [21:8](#))
  - Just as the believer at the judgment seat of Christ will receive rewards based on his or her good works, so the unbeliever at the great white throne will receive degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire based on his/her sinful works.
  - For those of us who have been given the privilege of growing up in Western nations where the gospel has been abundantly available, our punishment will be greater if we do not repent and receive God's forgiveness and grace.
  - I think of where I live and the church I attend and the joy of worshipping there. The Word of God is preached well at all services. We have Sunday programs for the children, youths and adults. We are blessed with the women's ministries and the men's ministries. We have recreational ministries and international ministries. Our ministry is available for disbursement through DVDs and on television and through the Internet, as well as printed media. We have a Bible study groups, special classes and more. We have been given much. And because of that, we are more responsible before God than those who have not been given as many opportunities.