

The Heavenly Preparation for Judgment

Matthew 24:21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. (New American Standard Bible 1995)

1) There is the sign of God's judgment in heaven.

Revelation 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. (NKJ)

Matthew 3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (NKJ)

Luke 13:3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. (NKJ)

2) There is a reason for the judgment.

Revelation 15:2-4 And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and ^[a]over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. ³They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the ^[b]saints! ⁴Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." (NKJ)

Matthew 10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. (NKJ)

3) There will be the judgment of God sent forth.

Revelation 15:5-8 After these things I looked, and ^[a]behold, the ^[b]temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. ⁶And out of the ^[c]temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. ⁷Then 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. ⁸The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. (NKJ)

⇒ **There is the cup of salvation.**

Psalms 116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the Lord. (NKJ)

⇒ **There is the cup of wrath and judgment.**

Psalms 75:8 For there is a cup in the Lord's hand. It is full of strong wine that is well mixed. He pours out from it, and all the sinful people of the earth must drink all of it. (NIV)

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (NKJ)