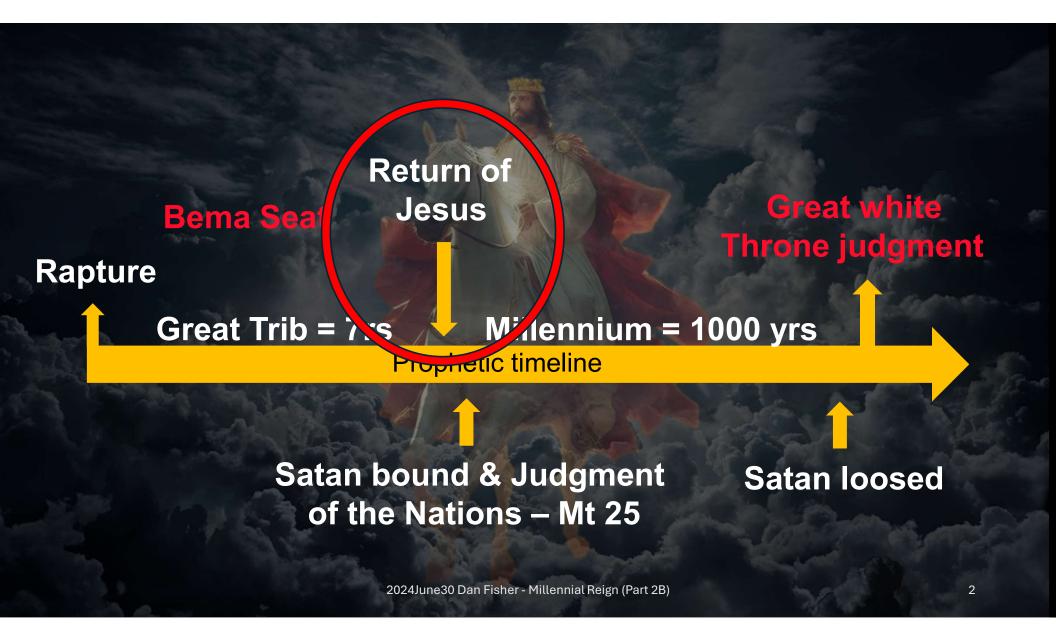
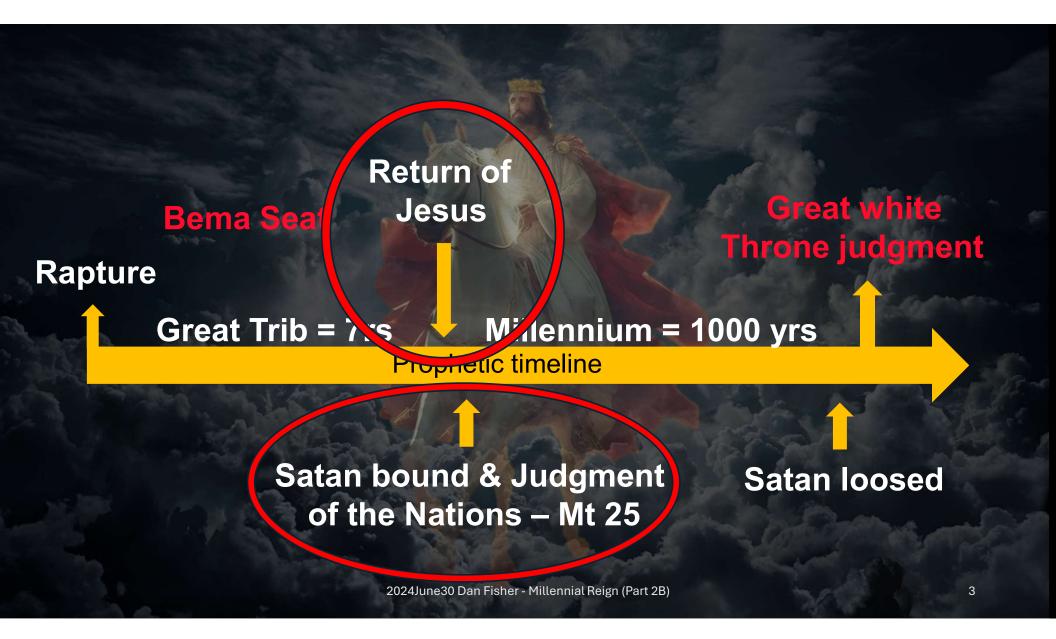
The Millennial Reign of Jesus Part 2: "The Judgment of the Nations"







"Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

1. Where does Scripture discuss the "Judgment of the Nations"?

The "Olivet Discourse"

Mt 25:31-46

31-36 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

2. When this judgment will take place:

Mt 24:29-31 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days ... ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Return of Jesus

Rapture



Millennium = 1000 yrs

Prophetic timeline

Judgment of the Nations Mt 25:31-46

Mt 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

47-49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The last 3 ¹/₂ years of the Great Tribulation (1260 days) – Dan 7:25; 9:27; 12:7; Rev 11:2-3; 12:14; 13:5

Dan 12:11 speaks of an extra 30 days (1290 days)

- Dan 12:12 speaks of an additional 45 days on top of the 1290 days (1335 days)
- This could be the time it takes the Lord to judge the nations and set up the Millennial Reign

2. Where this judgment will take place:

Joel 3:1-2 "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat [Jehovah judges]; and I will enter into judgment 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.

12-14 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow – for their wickedness is great." ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

16 The Lord also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake;

Zech 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

3. Who will be judged at this judgment:

Mt 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

- He will sit on His throne (Phil 2:10-11)
- "Nation" = ethos (ethnic)

• The "nations" are living individuals who survived the Great Tribulation – not the dead at the final judgment

4. Why this judgment will take place:

It is the beginning of the fulfillment of all the "kingdom" prophecies

Is 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Dan 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed. Rom 8:19-22 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

1 Cor 15:24-25 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

- To determine who will enter into the Millennium in "physical bodies"
- And who will be banished to hell of those who survived the Grt. Trib

5. The basis of this judgment:

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

- Their works proving they were saved
- Salvation is never by works

Mt 18:3 "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a]again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Rom 10:9,13 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ... ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Works prove salvation – they do not produce it

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Js 2:14,17 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ... ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Js 2:15-17 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 Jn 3:17-18 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Js 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Jesus said that ministering to His children during the Grt. Trib. Will be the same as doing it to Him

Mt 25:40,45 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' ... ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

(This is a general truth that actually applies to all times)

Mt 10:40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

18:3-6 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. ⁶ "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

6. The results of this judgment:

The believers will be allowed to enter the Millennium in physical bodies

Mt 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

The lost will be banished to hell to await the final judgment

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

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