

Revelation 20 and 21

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Bema (Judgment Seat of Christ)

- **Romans 14: 10-12** says, “For we will **all** stand before God’s judgment seat. . . . So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God” (ESV).
- 2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us, “We must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”
- “All” in both passages refer to all believers. Paul is writing to the Church only.
- This judgment takes place in heaven, after the rapture, and during the time that tribulation and great tribulation takes place on earth.

Judgment of the nations (sheep and goat)

- John does not mention this judgment in Revelation.
- Jesus describes it in Matthew 25: 31-46.
- This judgment occurs after the second coming and before the millennial reign of Christ.
- The sheep are not the church and the goats are not unbelievers as some have interpreted. The sheep have already been raptured and judged at the judgment seat of Christ.

Jesus will return to earth and fight the battle of Armageddon. Nations will have attacked Israel but all nations and people are not destroyed during the battle. Those who are left alive on earth after the battle will go before the throne of God and be judged. The raptured saints will serve with God judging the nations/people. Those who believed and stood with Israel will be judged and designated as sheep. Those who did not believe will likewise be judged and designated as goats. THIS IS NOT A UNIVERSAL JUDGMENT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. ONLY THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON WILL STAND BEFORE GOD AT THIS JUDGMENT.

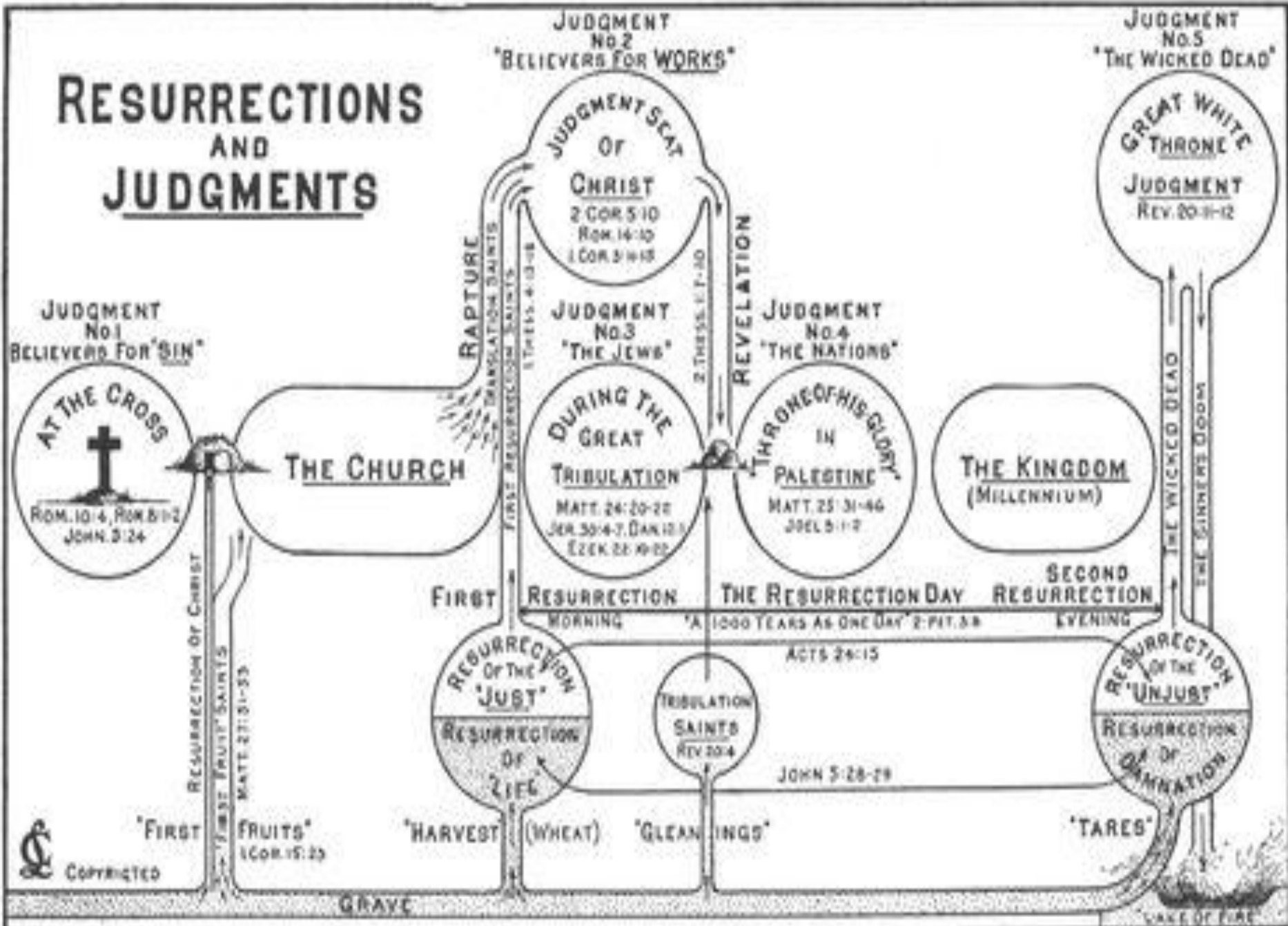
The Great White Throne Judgment

The great white throne judgment is described in Revelation 20: 11-15 and is the final judgment prior to the lost being cast into the lake of fire. This judgment will take place after the millennium and after Satan is thrown into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are (Revelation 19:19-20; 20:7-10).

5 Actual Judgments in time

- Sin was judged at Calvary
- Works of the saints judged at the Judgment seat of Christ
- Jews will be judged in tribulation and great tribulation
- Tribulation Nations will be judged at the Sheep/Goat Judgment
- Wicked will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment.

RESURRECTIONS AND JUDGMENTS



Armageddon is not Gog and Magog

Satan is released and gathers an army.

20:7-8 “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

Battle of Armageddon occurs at the second coming of Christ

Revelation 19:14-21 King James Version (KJV)

- ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- ¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
- ¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
- ¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

- ¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together **to make war against him** that sat on the horse, and against his army.
- ²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- ²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Gog and Magog occurs at the end of the millennium

Revelation 20:7-10

- **7 And when the thousand years are expired,** Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- **8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

- ⁹ And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- ¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39 are the two separate battles

Armageddon in Ezekiel 39: 4, 17

“Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.” Ezekiel 39:4,17 (KJV)

Armageddon in Revelation 19: 17-18

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Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38: 8,11

“After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them...And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,” Ezekiel 38:8,11 (KJV)

Gog and Magog in Revelation

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” Revelation 20:7-9 (KJV)

Who or what are Gog and Magog?

Gog and Magog are two names in the Bible that refer either to a person, Magog the grandson of Noah (Genesis 10), or Magog, the person that comes from the nation of Gog (Ezekiel 38—39), or to two hostile nations referred to as Gog and Magog (Revelation 20:7-8). It seems that these names were originally the names of people and places, but came to represent Gentile nations that are hostile to the nation of Israel. In the end, they are a people who Satan will lead in the final battle against God and Israel.

When Satan is released from the Lake of Fire he was placed in in Revelation 19, he comes out and makes war with God's people in Israel one which is what Revelation 20 declares. This will be his final attempt. We are not told how long it will take for Satan to rally his troops; however, we do know that the battle itself will be brief. God will devour them with one sweep of fire (20:9)

A Battle that ends before it begins

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