

The 7 major judgements of God

There are seven major judgements in the New Testament:

- 1) **Judgement Of Sin**
- 2) **Judgement Of Self**
- 3) **Judgement Of The Believer's Works**
- 4) **Judgement Of Israel**
- 5) **Judgement Of The Nations**
- 6) **Judgement Of Satan**
- 7) **Judgement Of The Unsaved**

What is the purpose of God's judgements? Quite simply, it is because He is the sovereign ruler of this Universe, with a sovereign right to judge, and we are all going to appear before Him. We should remember that "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God". (Hebrews 10:31)

1) The **Judgement Of Sin** took place on the Cross at Calvary in 30 A.D. There, "He who knew no sin, became sin for us". (2 Corinthians 5:21) God judged sin fully and finally in the death of Christ. (Hebrews 10:12)

2) The **Judgement Of Self**, is an ongoing one, in which we as believers judge ourselves. We review our sins and seek forgiveness, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged". (1 Corinthians 11:31) I John 1:9 tells us that if we judge ourselves, we will avoid the chastening of the Lord.

3) The **Judgement Of The Believer's Works** takes place in Heaven after the Rapture of the Church. In 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Paul the Apostle tells us that it is when the believer will give an account of himself to God as to his / her motives, intentions, conduct, and service. At this time Yeshua, Jesus Christ, will then reward (with various crowns) the believer accordingly. This judgement is also known as the **Bema Judgement**.

4) The **Judgement of Israel** is next, and occurs on Earth at the end of the Tribulation Period (Tribulation = 3.5 years, and Great Tribulation = 3.5 years = 7 years). Israel is going to be judged as recorded in Ezekiel 20:33-44. When Yeshua returns at the end of the Tribulation, He is going to purge unbelievers out of Israel, and take the remaining believers into the Kingdom.

5) On Earth, at the end of the Tribulation, the **Judgement Of The Nations** will occur as explained in Matthew 25:31-46. At this time the Lord separates the believing Gentiles who were saved during the Tribulation, from the unbelieving ones, and the latter are cast into Hell. Those believing Tribulation saints, who died as martyrs, go into the Kingdom.

6) The **Judgement Of Satan** occurs on Earth at the climax of the 1000 year period known as the Millennium Reign. Jude 6 tells us that “the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day”. There is a special judgement for Satan and his fallen angels and demons, after which they will be cast into the Lake Of Fire, to be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41)

7) Lastly is the **Judgement Of The Unsaved**, known also as the **Great White Throne Judgement**. It occurs in Heaven at the end of the Millennium Reign, after the 1000 year reign of Jesus on Earth. This judgement is for all of the unsaved of all the ages since the Creation, and is recorded in Revelation 20:11-15. All the unsaved are resurrected, brought before the Great White Throne, and judged out of the books on the basis of their good deeds. Since their names are not found written in the Book Of Life, and because no one can receive salvation on the basis of good deeds, they are all sentenced to spend eternity in the Lake Of Fire, prepared for Satan and his fallen angels and demons.
