

The Three Eternal Destinies #54 Judgment, Part 3

The Three Eternal Destinies Reserved For Man

The Holy — the Eternal City *the New Jerusalem*

The Righteous — the Eternal Nations

The Unjust & Filthy — the Eternal Second Death *the Lake of Fire*

The Lake of Fire was not originally reserved for man, but for *Satan and his angels* (Mt 25:41). But if one will *not listen* to the voice of his *own conscience* then he will be led astray from the *Everlasting Covenant* (Gen 3:16-19). Remember Gen 2:9,17.

Man was not *automatically* judged and condemned to the Second Death. Gen 3:16-19 was instituted for the very sake of *saving man* from the place reserved for Satan (Rev 19:2-3,20; 20:10; 14:10-11; 21:8; 22:15; Mt 25:41,46; Mk 9:47-48).

Take note: Acts 2:24,31. Yahshua went to *Death* for all mankind, to free them *all* from both the First and Second Death. He went to Death, *in your place*, so you do not have to go to Death. He was judged (to death) for you (Acts 2:36-41). The result is Acts 2:44,45. The *starting point* is verse 42. This is the *result* of the sufferings of His soul in Death (Isa 53:11). Acts 2:24,31 and Isa 53:10 says His soul (in Death) was the offering, the sacrifice made *on our behalf*.

Acts 2:38 — *Repent* refers to the *initial act* of repentance made by the guilty in order to cleanse his *soul from sin*. But your soul being clean can only take place if you *repent* and are *baptized* into his Death (Rom 6:2-5). This is *identifying with Him* in His death for you and it is for the *forgiveness of your sins*. And only then (having been baptized *into* the Body of Messiah) will you be able to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in order to *live* as all believers have always lived on earth (Acts 2:44-48).

Believers can live no other way. The Church (Community) is the result of the *true gospel* and the Church can be no other way than Acts 2:42 and Acts 4:32-35. This is the result of what He suffered in Death (Isa 53:10-11; Acts 2:24). He bore our sins. The *penalty* of our sins is death (the place of the *departed spirits and souls* of mankind).

God's Witness on Earth

Messiah did not suffer as He did to provide atonement only (Mt 1:21; Ex 20:5-6). As Isa 53:4 says, He *suffered* to bear our grief's and sorrows. He suffered for our peace and healing (verse 5). Surely, atonement for sins is our greatest need, yet God sending His Son to suffer, die and *experience death* provided more than our escape from judgment and condemnation (punishment forever and ever). He provided for Himself a Bride (Wife) — one *worthy* of Himself (Mt 10:37-38; Col 1:10).

Through His suffering in Death He made for Himself (and for His Father) a *witness* on Earth — *the Edah* (Isa 43:10-13; 49:6) in order to bring about what He promised to Abraham (Gen 15:18; Acts 26:6-7), even as He promised His Apostles (Mt 19:28). This promise would find its fulfillment in the *Millennial Kingdom* (Acts 3:21; Mt 21:43; 24:14; Ps 102:18; etc.).

Jn 5:28-29 and Rev 20:12-13 — The "All" (mentioned in Jn 5:28) are those who have not been *saved* according to Jn 5:24-25. Nor are they those who have been *judged already* as Jn 3:18 says. These "all" (every last human being) will stand in Judgment (Rev 20:11-15). Verse 28 is in reference to the *Last Resurrection and Judgment* in Rev 20:11-15, which is 1,000 years later than verse 25.

Those who were *judged already* as Jn 3:18 says and all who *did not respond to the voice* in Rev 18:4 will go directly into the Second Death when they die along with the False Messiah and the False Prophet since they too are *already* in the Lake of Fire before the Last Resurrection and Judgment (Rev 19:2,3,20 and 2 Ths 1:8). There is no need for any further judgment for these (Jn 3:18; Rev 18:4) since they were *judged already*.

Those Worthy of the Nations

Mt 25:34-46 — **Only those** *at the end of this age*, who received the *Brothers of Messiah* (if they died) would go to the Judgment to be rewarded *eternal life*. They would be awarded eternal life after they (like all others *worthy of the Nations*) go to the First Death to pay for their own sins. Then after the 1,

000 years are up they must stand in the Judgment of Rev 20:11-15.

Their names would be found in the Book of Life for the Nations (Rev 21:24; 22:2). Those rewarded (Mt 25:34) *the Kingdom* of the Nations (Mt 10:42 and Gen 12:3) would not *lose* their reward of life. Heb 9:27 says only *after* they paid for their sins in death would they be raised to stand in Judgment. There it would be determined that they were *worthy* of a second life instead of a second death. This is because they *kept* the Covenant (the natural law of conscience; Rom 2:14-15).

So Jn 5:28-29 is when all who were *left in the graves and Sheol* (verse 29 — *after* the 1,000 year reign of Messiah) will rise to face their *eternal destiny* as the Judgment determines (Rev 20:12-13; Ecc 12:14). The Judgment (Rev 21:8; Rev 20:14-15) will determine two things:

- a. Those who are worthy of a *second life and ...*
- b. Those who are worthy of a *second death*.

God is a good God. He remembers *mercy* in wrath and *discrimination* in judgment. Jn 5:29 proves that God is a *discriminating* God in judgment. This is the purpose for the Judgment.

When Adam and Eve sinned and fell, God would not have given them the instructions of Gen 3:16-19 if He had *already* condemned them and their offspring to the *Second Death*. This Second Covenant was made with man in the hope that he and all his offspring would only experience the First Death in payment for their sins. The Second Death is determined only after the Judgment of mankind. They will then be judged as to whether or not they abided in the Covenant of Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7. This Covenant (*before* and *after* the Flood) is the basis for the judgment of the nations.

Judged in Advance

When Israel was born their requirements superseded those of the nations. Num 15:30,31 was a judgment *in advance* where a member of Israel was judged *already*. Our Master said this as well in Jn 9:41. There was *no need* for them to go to any future judgment other than that. They were *judged already* according to Jn 3:18, based on *the light* and *the good news* they heard as Jn 5:24 says. But in Jn 5:28-29 those people *did not hear* the *good news* from a true sent one or from any publication they may have published (Jn 6:44). Our Father uses our *publications* which are written in a way that all can understand and in the Spirit of compassion draw His people out of the world and Christianity. But *personal letters* are more appealing to our friends and relatives as was the gospel of John an example of this in Jn 20:31. John wrote this as a *personal letter* to his friend, even as Luke did in his Gospel and concerning The Acts (of the Apostles; Acts 1:1; Lk 1:1-3). These were not written as "Gospels" per se, but as it says, as personal letters giving an account of our Master's life and the acts of the Apostles. God *knows the heart* when someone reads a letter or a publication whether or not they are *judged already*. But more than likely it will be as Jn 5:24 says, "heard" or *hears* My Word, meaning they are confronted with an *ambassador* of Messiah. But if a person spurns the Word he reads it may be enough to judge him *already*.