

The Three Eternal Destinies #80 *Judgment of the Body of Messiah and the Judgment of the Nations*

There are people who *appear* righteous or upright (Ps 81:15, NKJV; Ex 20:5-6) but the Judgment will bring the proper light on their deeds, whether *good or bad*. Ecc 12:14 — For every *secret thing* will be revealed. What is done *in secret* (i.e., what other people do not know about, who may think you are just and good) will be revealed, for the judgment will expose you (your true motive and intention) and reveal that you are actually unjust or maybe filthy *still*, as Heb 4:12 says. *Now* is the time that Heb 4:12 needs to reveal our motives and intentions of our heart, and not wait for the judgment to come (Heb 4:13).

The Word of God will judge *every kind of man* (Rev 22:11) at both judgments (1 Cor 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Jn 2:28; 4:17; Heb 10:30; Ecc 12:14; Rom 2:16; Heb 9:27; Rev 20:12-15). The judgment is *based on the Word* that is in the Old and New Testament for Israel (whether it be for the edah or the nations). Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7 is based on Gen 2:9,17; 3:22.

The judgment is based on the Word that is *written in one's heart* (Rom 2:14-16). This is the *knowledge of good and evil*, or the *New Covenant law of God* written in the holy one's heart (Rom 2:12-13).

Both judgments (2 Cor 5:10, the judgment of *the members of the Body of Messiah*, and Rev 20:11, the judgment of *the nations*) will be according to their works. The judgment for the members of the Body (the judgment seat of Messiah) will not determine who *is* or who *is not a true believer* in the Body (as Christians *mistakenly* think about Mt 25:32), because all are *true believers* who make up the Body of Messiah (1 Cor 12:13). Only those who are *disciples* (members of the Body of Messiah) will be present at this judgment.

The judgment for the members of Messiah will determine whether they will go to a *second death* (for believers) or will *rule* with Messiah during the millennial kingdom here on earth (Rev 2:11; 3:5). The judgment of the nations will judge whether or not one will go to a second death (Lake Of Fire) or a second life (the eternal nations).

The Second Death for Believers

Rev 20:4; 2:26-27; 1 Cor 6:2 — The saints (those who belong to Messiah) will judge *the world* as described in Rev 20:11-15. This judgment is *after* the millennial kingdom. The *rest of the dead*, in Rev 20:5, are the nations and those who were disobedient sons of the *Body of Messiah*. These rebellious members were put (for 1,000 years) in a place where the *unbelievers* (the Gentiles — the people of the nations who had *never heard* the good news) were also placed (Lk 12:46). These will not come to life until the 1,000 years are completed. The *first resurrection* is for the members of Messiah who *overcame all obstacles* in their life (Rev 3:4). Ex 25:6 — This is the *generation* of those who *love Him* (1 Cor 16:22; Jn 14:15,21,23,24).

The “second death” is *different* for the nations than for the members of Messiah. Rev 20:6 speaks of the *second death* for the members of Messiah which is the *separation* from the Holy ones who *washed their robes white* during this *present age* (Rev 3:4-5) and not during the next age *in death* (Rev 22:14).

Rev 2:11 speaks of this *second death for believers* and Rev 3:5 speaks of the book of life of *the kingdom* (Dan 12:1-3,10; Mal 3:16). The second death, for us, is that the *stains* on our garment *prohibit* us from having the confidence to meet Him *in the air* (1 Jn 2:28; Heb 10:38). This is the power the second death has over us. Rev 3:4 — But those who are *worthy* of Him (Rev 19:7-8), who *walked with Him* during this *present age*, are worthy to *walk with Him* in white in the next age (Rev 3:4,5; 1 Jn 2:4-6).

Mt 25:30 — The second death only holds sway over the *worthless servants*. They will have a *thousand years of repentance* before them. These worthless servants (verse 30) will be *assigned* a place (Mt 24:51; Lk 12:46) with the *unbelievers* (in outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth). Their *names* (which are now recorded in the Book of Life) were erased, which *prohibits their entry* into the kingdom age. Not until *the day* of Rev 22:14, which is *after* the millennial kingdom of Messiah, will they be permitted to enter into the Holy City for *eternal fellowship* with them to rule with

Messiah (Rev 22:5,14). They were *not worthy* to rule with Him for a thousand years (Rev 3:4) because they *did not overcome* (Ex 20:5-6; Heb 10:13). They were not *violent* to deal with all their *enemies*. They *gave in*. They did not *ask* and *keep on asking* for the greatest gifts (Mt 7:11; 1 Cor 14:1) for the *work of the Spirit* in their lives (Lk 11:13; 2 Ths 2:13).

Notice the *difference*: Jn 5:24-25 is about *believers* who have eternal life in the *Holy City*, and Jn 5:28-29 talks about the *Nations* (who are worthy of a second death or a second life as Mt 25:46 tells us). Mt 25:46 is referring to only those *in the nations* (the *wicked*, “accursed ones” in verse 41 and the *righteous* of the nations in verse 46), as Jn 5:28-29.

The context for Mt 25:31-46 is about the “sheep and the goats” of *the nations*. There will be no “goats” at the Judgment Seat of Messiah (2 Cor 5:10). For this judgment is ONLY for the members of The Body of Messiah. No one who has *believed* (consented in *obedience* to Messiah) will be cast in the *eternal punishment* (fire) *prepared for the devil and his angels* (Mt 25:41,46). Therefore, Mt 25:31-46 could not possibly be the Judgment of the Members of Messiah. It applies only to the *nations* (who have not rejected the message of Yahshua). But Mt 25:41-46 did REVEAL THAT some rejected the message of the Male Child — *the Eternal Gospel*— and are judged worthy of the Second Death (verse 46).