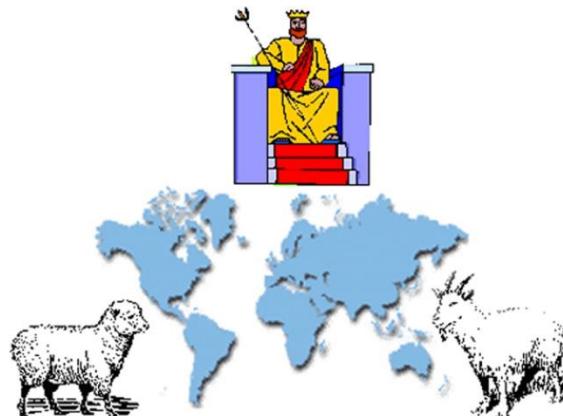


There is the matter of
The Judgment of the
“Gentile Nations”

(Mt. 25:31-46)



There is much confusion about this judgment and the “Great White Throne Judgment” of Rev. 20. One is a judgment of nations and the other is a judgment of the individual sinner, one is on earth while the other is in Heaven and they are separated by a time period of roughly 1000 years. The following comparison will show the difference in the two judgments.

Judgment of the Nations

Matthew 25:31-46

1. No Resurrection
2. Living Nations Judged
3. On the Earth (Joel 3:2)
4. No Books mentioned
5. Three Classes: Sheep, Goats, Brethren
6. Time – Before the Millennium

Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

1. A Resurrection
2. Dead Judged
3. Heaven and Earth gone
4. Books Opened
5. One Class Named, “The Dead”
6. Time - After the Millennium

This is a judgment of nations only. The Jews cannot be in it for they are not “**RECKONED AMONG THE NATIONS.**” Num.23:10. The Church or (Bride of Christ) cannot be in this judgment for they are associated with Christ and are to “**JUDGE THE WORLD**” 1 Cor.6:2.

The prophet Joel is clear that there will be a judgment of nations in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Valley of decision) of all the nations. The judgment will be for the **TREATMENT** of “Yeshua’s Brethren” the Jews, Jehoshaphat means “the Lord Judges.”

Joel 3:1-2, "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; 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."

Joel 3:12, "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations."

Joel 3:14, “Multitudes, multitudes *in the* valley of decision! For the day of the **LORD** is near in the valley of decision.”

As we have seen in our study of the Five Judgments, the Church and the Jews have already been judged. They are not judged a second time for there would be no use in that, so who is meant by the “sheep” in the judgment of the nations? The sheep represent one class of nations and the goat another class of nations. How each nation treated Christ’s “Brethren,” the Jews, will determine into which group a nation is placed. It is certainly obvious that all the nations of the world cannot fit into the **VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT**, but then the entire nation does not have to. Only the nation’s representatives would come on behalf of their nation and that nation will be judged through the representative.

Christ’s sentence upon the Goat Nations will be:

Mt.25:41, “Depart from Me, your cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels,” and “these shall go away into everlasting punishment.”

The “Goat Nations” will be destroyed and they will perish. Christ’s sentence upon the Sheep Nations will be entrance into the “**MILLENNIUM KINGDOM.**”

The people of the sheep nations who have not taken the mark of the beast will live on and enter into the 1000 year reign of Christ. By this time Jesus is sitting on the ancient throne of His father King David.

Luke 1:32-33 (NASB), ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Zechariah 14:9, “And the Lord will be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.”

Isaiah 9:7, “There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”