

Prophecy devo #36 – Final judgments

Eight judgments are mentioned in the Bible: (1) Judgment of the Cross (Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:26-28; I Peter 2:24). This is God's judgment on sin. (2) Judgment of Believers (I Corinthians 11:30-32; Hebrews 12:3-150). This is chastisement for correction. (3) Judgment of the Believer's works (II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10; II Timothy 4:8). This is the Judgment Seat of Christ. It will determine rewards for service (4) Judgment of Self (I Corinthians 11:31-32). This is a believer's confession and repentance for sins, which restores a believer to fellowship. (5) Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46). This will be a judgment of nations and individual Gentiles based on their treatment of Israel. (6) Judgment of Israel (Ezekiel 20:33-44). This judgment is connected to the Tribulation. It prepares Israel for the restoration to their land.

Today we deal with the last two judgments:

- (7) JUDGMENT OF THE ANGELS. There are two aspects to judging angels. The first is connected with the Great White Throne Judgment (I Corinthians 6:3). The Lord Himself will judge fallen angels (II Peter 2:4; Jude 6). The Greek word for judge can mean "govern" or "rule." This probably means the church will have authority over holy angels. Angels today are "ministering spirits" (Hebrews 1:14), it appears they will serve us in glory.
- (8) THE JUDGMENT OF SINNERS. This is called the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15). The basis of this judgment will be works. There will be different degrees of punishment. All who are not found in the "book of life" will be cast into the "lake of fire." This is referred to as "the second death." It will involve a final and complete cutting off from the presence of God. This will occur after the Millennium. The bodies of the wicked will be resurrected to stand before this final judgment. They will forever be in Gehenna (13), a place prepared for the Devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).