

Study Guide: Judgment of the Nations Lesson 3

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This study guide is based on the lesson "Judgment Will Come to the Nations," which explores the biblical prophecy surrounding the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, His physical reign on Earth, and the criteria for judgment as the Millennial Kingdom is established.

Short Answer Quiz

1. What is the primary difference between the first and second coming of Jesus Christ as described in the source context?
2. According to the lesson, who is permitted to enter the Millennial Kingdom at its initiation, and who is excluded?
3. How does the parable of the virgins apply to the timing of the Second Coming and the opportunity for human decision?
4. Where is the specific geographic location of the throne from which Jesus Christ will judge and reign?
5. What physical transformation is prophesied to occur at the Mount of Olives upon the return of Jesus Christ?
6. In the context of Joel 3, what is the "Valley of Decision," and who is making the decision in that location?
7. What does the Greek word *ethne* signify regarding the subjects of the judgment mentioned in Matthew 25:32?
8. How is the Gospel proclaimed to the world during the seven-year Tribulation period despite the absence of the Church?
9. What are the characteristics of the "glorified body" that believers receive during the Rapture?
10. Based on the discussion of Daniel 12, when do the Old Testament saints receive their resurrection bodies?

Answer Key

1. The first coming of Jesus Christ was characterized by His humility and His self-reference as the "Son of Man" to emphasize that humility. In contrast, His Second Coming will be as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, coming in glory to conduct a judgment of a sinful world.
2. No lost people will enter the Millennial Kingdom because they will all be judged prior to its initiation. The kingdom will be composed of redeemed people who survived the Tribulation, though children born during the thousand-year reign will still need to make an ultimate decision to follow Jesus Christ or Satan.
3. The parable illustrates that once the "Bridegroom" (Jesus Christ) arrives and the door is closed, the time for preparation is over. There is no second chance for salvation after His return; individuals must make their choice to follow Him before the moment of judgment or death.
4. Jesus Christ will reign from the Throne of His father David, which is located in Jerusalem on Mount Zion. This is described as a real historical event with an actual geographical location where He will establish judgment and justice forever.
5. When His feet stand on the Mount of Olives, the mountain will split in two from east to west, creating a massive valley. One half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other toward the south, an event that may be part of the devastation and restructuring of Jerusalem for the Millennial Kingdom.
6. The "Valley of Decision" is not a place where men make a choice, as their time for choosing has passed. It is the location where God makes His final decision regarding who is allowed into His kingdom and who is shut out.
7. The word *ethne* refers to "all peoples" or "all nations." It indicates that the judgment involves all living individuals who have survived the Tribulation and have not yet faced God in death.
8. The Gospel is proclaimed by 144,000 Jewish witnesses, two specific witnesses in the streets of Jerusalem, and an angel flying through the sky who can be heard and seen globally. This ensures that an innumerable number of Gentiles and all of Israel have the opportunity to be saved.
9. The glorified body is a post-resurrection body like that of Jesus Christ, which is fit for both Heaven and Earth. It is a physical, literal body that can eat, walk, and be touched, yet it is supernatural, immortal, and no longer subject to the debilitating effects of sin.
10. The resurrection of the bodies of Old Testament and Tribulation saints occurs at the end of the Tribulation period. While their spirits are already with the Lord in a place of bliss, they receive their glorified bodies to participate in the earthly Millennial Kingdom.

Essay Questions

1. Discuss the physical and literal nature of the Millennial Kingdom. Why is it significant that Jesus Christ reigns bodily on Earth rather than just spiritually?
2. Analyze the role of Jerusalem in end-times prophecy. How do the geographic changes and the "instant sanctification" of the city reflect its purpose in the Millennial reign?
3. Compare and contrast the Rapture and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. How do these two events differ in terms of timing, location, and the transformation of the believer?

4. Explore the concept of "The Day of the Lord" as described in the book of Joel. How does the imagery of a harvest and winepress communicate the nature of divine judgment?

5. Explain the theological necessity of the glorified body. Why must a believer be "fit for two worlds," and how does the resurrection of Jesus Christ serve as the prototype for this transformation?

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Abomination of Desolation:** A prophetic event occurring after the first three and a half years of the Tribulation that triggers the "Great Tribulation."
- **Armageddon:** A great battle involving the armies of the world that takes place just before the initiation of the Millennial Kingdom.
- **Ethne:** A Greek term meaning nations or peoples; the root of the word "ethnic."
- **Glorified Body:** The transformed, sinless, and immortal body received by believers, modeled after the resurrected body of Jesus Christ.
- **Millennial Kingdom:** The literal thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on a restored and regenerated Earth.
- **Mount of Olives:** A mountain east of Jerusalem that will split in two upon the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- **Rapture:** The event described in 1 Thessalonians 4 where living believers and the dead in Christ are caught up to meet the Lord in the air.
- **Tribulation:** A seven-year period of judgment and distress on Earth, consisting of the wrath of the Antichrist and the wrath of God.
- **Zion:** Another name for the city of Jerusalem, designated as the holy mountain where God dwells.

Greek Language Reference

Greek Word	Phonetic Pronunciation	Definition
ἔθνη (Ethne) ^[^1]	eth-nay	All nations, peoples, or groups of people; used to describe the subjects of the final judgment of nations.

[^1]: This term is found in the analysis of Matthew 25:32 within the source context to describe the gathering of "all nations" before the throne of Jesus Christ.