THE SEVEN JUDGMENTS

I. THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BY GOD

- A. This Is the Judgment the Lord Jesus Christ Took for all Believers at Calvary (Isa 53:1-12; Acts 8:26-35).
- B. Jesus Christ Bore (took on) the Sins of every Believer at this Judgment (1 Pet 2:21-24; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; Heb 9:26-28).
- C. The Whole World Was Judged at this Time at Calvary (John 12:30-32; 1 John 2:1-2).
- D. The Result of this Judgment Was Mankind's Justification (being made legally right) (Rom 4:24-25; 5:1, 8-9; Gal 2:16) and Salvation through Faith (Eph 2:8-9).

II. THE JUDGMENT OF SATAN BY GOD

- A. The Judgment of Jesus Christ by God at Calvary also Resulted in the Judgment of Satan (the prince of this world) (John 16:11; 12:31; Rev 12:9).
- B. Satan's Works (the power of sin and death) Were also Destroyed (overcome) at Calvary (1 John 3:8; Heb 2:14).
- C. Satan's Judgment Will Be Completed when He Is Thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:7-10).

III. THE DAILY JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVER BY HIMSELF

- A. This Judgment Takes Place before the Believer's Death (1 Cor 11:30-32).
- B. Forgiveness and Cleansing from Sin Are Received through Confession at this Judgment (1 John 1:9; Pro 28:13).
- C. This Judgment Makes It Possible for the Believer to Avoid the Chastisement (correction) of God (1 Cor 11:32).

IV. THE JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS BY GOD

- A. This Judgment, which May even Result in Death, Takes Place during a Believer's earthly Life and Is only for those Believers who Do not Judge Themselves during this Time (1 Cor 11:30-32; 5:1-5).
- B. Believers Are Judged as Sons of God and not as Lost People (Heb 12:6-7).
- C. This Judgment Has Nothing to Do with Salvation (see I. Above; 1 Cor 5:1-5).

V. THE JUDGMENT OF CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- A. This Judgment Takes Place at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10), just before His Second Coming (1 Cor 4:1-5; 2 Tim 4:8).
- B. Believers Are Judged as Servants and only for Their "Works" at this Judgment (1 Cor 3:9-15).
- C. This Judgment Results in either a Gain or a Loss of the Believer's Rewards (crowns) and **not** His Salvation (1 Cor 3:8, 14-15).
 - 1. There are five "crowns of reward" to gain or lose at this judgment:
 - **a.** The <u>first crown of reward</u> is **the Incorruptible Crown**. This crown is for those who use self-denial in their ministry to others (1 Cor 9:24-27).
 - **b.** The <u>second</u> *crown of reward* is **the Crown of Rejoicing**. This crown is for those who are soul winners and/or disciplers (1 Thes 2:8-14, 19).
 - **c.** The <u>third</u> crown of reward is **the Crown of Righteousness.** This crown is for those who love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Tim 4:8).
 - **d.** The <u>fourth crown of reward</u> is **the Crown of Life.** This crown is for those who persevere against temptation (Jas 1:2-4, 12; 1 Cor 10:13).
 - 1) This crown is also called "the Martyr's Crown" (Rev 2:10).
 - 2) Since Church Age Believers are saved by grace through faith alone (Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:5), this "life" must refer to their *quality of life* during their reign with Jesus Christ in the "Millennium" (Rev 20:6).
 - **e.** The <u>fifth</u> *crown of reward* is **the Crown of Glory**. This crown is for those who give pastoral care and spiritual nurturing (leadership) (1 Pet 5:1-4).
 - **2.** These "crowns" are <u>rewards</u> and may be forfeited (given up) because of not finishing the race of Christian service (2 Tim 4:6-8). However, these *crowns* have nothing to do with one's "salvation" (1 Cor 3:15)

VI. THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- A. The Judgment of the Nation of Israel Will Take Place first.
 - 1. This judgment will take place after the Great Tribulation Period (Mat 24:15-21), during the "Millennium" (the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth) (Eze 20:33-38; Psa 50:1-7; Mal 3:2-5; Rev 20:4).
 - **2.** Blessings during the *Millennium* will be the result of this judgment (Rev 19:15; Isa 11:1-9).
 - 3. The Twelve Apostles will judge (rule over) the Jews (the Twelve Tribes of Israel) after this judgment takes place (Mat 19:25-28; Luke 22:14-30).
- B. The Judgment of the Gentile Nations Takes Place after Israel's Judgment.
 - 1. This judgment will take place either at the beginning of the *Millennium* or when Jesus Christ physically returns to the earth at the very end of the Great Tribulation Period (Mat 25:31-46; Jer 25:31-33).
 - 2. The basis for this judgment will be on how the Gentile Nations treated the Jews during the Tribulation Period (Joel 3:2, 11-12).
- C. This Judgment Continues through the end of the *Millennium* as Jesus Christ Judges (rules and reigns) over the Nations of the Earth (Rev 20:4).

VII. THE GENERAL DAY OF JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD BY GOD

- A. This Judgment Takes Place at the Great White Throne, after the "Millennium," and just before Eternity Future Begins (see The Seven Dispensations' chart) (Rev 20:7-15; John 5:22-29).
- B. The Judge Will Be God the Father, the Ancient of Days (Dan 7:9-14; Rev 20:12).
- C. The Unsaved Will Be Judged at this Time.
 - 1. Those who die in their sins before the Tribulation Period will be judged here (John 8:21-24).
 - 2. Those who lose their salvation in the Tribulation Period will be judged at this time (Rev 13:16-18; 14:9-10).
 - **3.** Those who lose their salvation in the *Millennium* will also be judged here (Rev 20:7-9).
 - 4. The works of the lost will determine the degree of punishment that they will receive (Mat 23:14; Mark 6:10-11).
 - 5. The final home of the lost will be a lake of fire (Rev 14:11; 20:10-15).

- D. The Angels Who Left Their first Estate Will probably Be Judged at this Time too (1 Cor 6:1-3; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude v.6).
- E. The Saved Who Die during the *Millennium* Will also Be Judged here (Isa 65:20; Dan 7:21-22; Rev 11:18; 20:12).