

# The Judgment of Jehovah

Turn to Rom. 2

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The average citizen walking the streets of America has no concept of Who God really is—and what He is like. Most view Him—if they even believe He exists—as remote, detached, and inaccessible. Many think of God irreverently as the "Old Man Upstairs." To some He is an old man in a rocking chair twiddling His celestial thumbs. **Of course, all of these concepts are wrong and only reflect the Biblical ignorance of our land.** America is experiencing a famine, the famine of Amos 8:11: *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:*

Another false concept of God is that He has only positive, loving attributes: love, mercy, patience, longsuffering, grace and forgiveness. Of course God is those things. But, we must view God in all of His attributes—or we will have a distorted, lopsided view of God. HE IS loving, merciful, patient, longsuffering, gracious and forgiving—but, He is also a God of Holiness, Who displays a holy hatred for sin and a righteous wrath that judges and punishes sin.

So many have a flippant view of God—as it says in Romans 3:18, *There is no fear of God before their eyes.* Listen to these verses on how we should fear God:

*Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

He states the following in Romans 2, verse 5: *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*

*Psalm 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

Paul, in the Book of Romans, deals often with the subject of God's wrath. In Romans 1:17 and 18, He tells us that the righteousness of God has been revealed—and the wrath of God has been revealed!! We must pay close attention to the phrase, the righteous judgment of God.

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**God's judgment is deserved and will be right.** Genesis 18:25 asks the question, *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?* And the answer comes back all through the pages of Scripture, "Absolutely, He will judge in perfection—He will never make a mistake and punish unfairly." Human judges make mistakes and sentence truly innocent people to long terms in prison—God is incapable of making mistakes!!

Christ came the first time as the gentle, meek Lamb of God. He came the first time to be our Sin-Bearer. He took the punishment of our sin on the cross. The second time when He comes—He will be the roaring Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5), and He will execute judgment. Is He your Redeeming Lamb, your Savior—or, will He be the Roaring Lion, your Judge?! Listen to this verse that deals with His Second Coming. 2 Thessalonians 1:8—*In*

*flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:* These verses from Revelation deal with Jehovah God's future judgment of the earth during the coming Tribulation Period. Revelation 15:1—*And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.* Revelation 16:1—*And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*

Yes, now He is patient and longsuffering, but there is coming a day when His loving patience will give way to His flaming vengeance and wrath. With this in mind, listen carefully to this illustration by the famous British pastor, Charles Hadden Spurgeon.

Is it not foolish to be living in this world without a thought of what you will do at the last—what you face after death?!

A man goes into an inn, and as soon as he sits down, he begins to order his wine, his dinner, and his bed; there is no delicacy in season that he forgets to request. He lets the innkeeper know that he will be back several nights. By and by—after several nights lodging and many meals—the bill is presented to him, and it takes him by surprise! "I never thought of that! I never thought of that!"

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The innkeeper relates this story to Spurgeon and says, "Why, here is a man who is either a born fool, or else a

scoundrel. What! He never thought of the reckoning, he never thought of settling up with me?!"

This is like so many in this world. They eat and drink and sin, but they forget the inevitable hereafter, when, for all the deeds done in the body, the Lord will bring them into judgment.

Albert Einstein—one of the world's most brilliant people of past years—was quoted as saying, "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough." He may have been brilliant, but he was foolish in this area of thinking of eternity and what it held for him!!

# Prayer

## 1. Jehovah's Judgment Descends From His Holiness

### **His Throne is a throne of Holiness & Judgment**

Psalms 47:8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Psalms 89:14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Psalms 9:7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

Turn to Revelation 1

 God's Holiness Demands His Judgment

 God's Name is Exalted through His Judgment Isaiah 5:16

*But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.*

## God's Son Has Been Committed All Judgment Note John 5

*22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:*

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*27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*

*28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,*

*29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

### HE HOLDS THE KEYS!! Revelation 1

*17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

*18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

## God's Holy Spirit Warns of Coming Judgment John 16

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

## **2. Jehovah's Judgment is Directed At Sin, Sinful**

## **People & Nations**

*Psalms 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

### **Look at God's Record through History:**

2 Peter 2:4-9

*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

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*And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:*

*(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*

*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

*Yes, God knows How to Judge—He is Well Experienced!!*

**Angels (Lucifer and his cohorts—cast down**

**to hell)**

## **The Universal Flood of Noah's Day**

## **The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah**

Were these events fables and legends??

Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—verified all 3 of these events:

Matthew 25:41—*everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels*

Matthew 24

*37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

*38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,*

*39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

Luke 17

*29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*

*30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

Judgments throughout the Old Testament:

Tower of Babel

## The Plagues of Egypt

Judgments on Israel during the 40 years of wandering (Korah; serpents)

Judgment on idolatrous nations against the God of Israel (Goliath and the Philistines; Baal—Mt. Carmel; )

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Two captivities (Babylonian and Assyrian) of Israel

Judgment on Empires (Babylonian/ Medes-Persians/Greek/ Roman—all prophesied in the Book of Daniel)

### Judgments throughout the New Testament:

On Jerusalem (Its destruction predicted—Mt. 24:2; Titus—70 A.D.)

Herod—eaten of worms (Acts 12:23)

Death of a Christian couple—a direct act of God (Ananias & Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11)

### Judgments throughout the world since the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, A.D.

Fallen kingdoms through the degradation of sin (Rome, etc.)

Wars—death tolls throughout the centuries Example: WW II Pearl Harbor—Hiroshima, etc.)

Nazi Germany

Communist Russia

Many "natural disasters" are not just the act of "Mother Nature"—but, in many cases, are direct judgments of God

**1. Jehovah's Judgment Descends From His Holiness**

**2. Jehovah's Judgment is Directed At Sin, Sinful People & Nations**

**3. Jehovah's Judgment was Demonstrated at Calvary**

Please turn to Isaiah 53

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. **Mel Gibson's—The Passion**

**The Sight of the Son of Man** The sight must have been repulsive and nauseating.

-His face and body were so marred, it was an astonishment to the observers

-He endured the fists of the soldiers and the fury of the Father; the whipping of violent men and the wrath of a virtuous God **Note verse 10**

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I had this thought preparing for this message:

**If God didn't spare His own Son from wrath and judgment, who do we think we are to think we can**

## escape the judgment of Almighty God?!

**3 Great Pinnacles of Suffering**—as Christ went through the valley of death, He was climbing 3 successive pinnacles (high points, summits) of suffering. Each one was higher—and more painful and agonizing:

**GETHSEMANE Matthew 26 GABBATHA John 19:13**

**GOLGOTHA John 19:17**

A group of pioneers in wagons drawn by oxen were slowly making their way to a distant land opened up for homesteading. One day they were horrified to see a long line of smoke in the west stretching for miles across the prairie.

Soon it was evident that a huge prairie fire was coming their way. They had crossed a river some miles back, but there was no time to make it to the safety of the water. One man seemed to have understanding of what had to be done. They set fire to the grass that was behind them and the fire burned away from them. After it had burned down—they barely had time to move all the wagons to the burned out area.

As the flames roared toward them from the west, a little girl cried out in terror, "Are you sure we shall not all be burned up?" The leader replied, "My child, the flames cannot reach us here, for we are standing where the fire has been!" And sure enough, the roaring fire went completely around them, but didn't touch them.

What a picture of the believer, who is safe in Christ!

"On Him Almighty vengeance fell,

Which would have sunk a world to hell.

He bore it for a chosen race.

And thus becomes our Hiding Place."

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H.A. Ironside—who tells this story said, "The fires of God's judgment burned

themselves out on Him, and all who are in Christ are safe forever, for they are now standing where the fire has been."

#### **4. Jehovah's Judgment (upon the lost) is Determined By Their Rejection of Christ's Righteousness**

The Great White Throne Judgment Revelation 20:11-15

He will not be their Redeeming Lamb—He will be the Roaring Lion

(they will want to flee from Him—verse 11)

All will stand before Christ from every century and every country!

*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

*Hebrews 9:27*

Note that this judgment is on those who are already in hell—so, this doesn't determine whether or not they make it into

heaven!!

They are judged by their works!!

They will stand naked before God—not dressed in the righteousness of Christ

Their names are not in the Book of Life (No glitches in Christ's record-keeping!!!)