

JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS, PART 1:
THE SETTING OF THE JUDGMENT
(Matthew 25:31-32a)

- I. The JUDGE (Matt. 25:31a)
 - A. Identified as “the SON of MAN”
 - 1. Also the SON of GOD
 - 2. Also the KING
 - B. With authority DELEGATED by the FATHER (John 5:22; Jude 1:14-15)
 - 1. Will IDENTIFY those who ENTER His KINGDOM
 - 2. Will DESTROY those who will NOT be ADMITTED

- II. The TIME (Matt. 25:31b; cf. 16:27; 24:29-31)
 - A. Identified as “WHEN He COMES in His GLORY”
 - 1. Will immediately FOLLOW the TRIBULATION
 - 2. Will immediately PRECEDE the MILLENNIAL kingdom
 - B. With “ALL the ANGELS” (cf. 24:31; 13:39, 41, 49)
 - 1. Will COLLECT those who are HIS
 - 2. Will GATHER those who are NOT (cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-8)

- III. The PLACE (Matt. 25:31c; cf. Isa. 9:7; Lk. 1:31-33)
 - A. Identified as before the KING upon His GLORIOUS THRONE
 - B. Will be in the JERUSALEM (Zech. 14:4; Joel 3:12-17)

- IV. The SUBJECTS (Matt. 25:32a)
 - A. Identified as “ALL the NATIONS”
 - 1. EVERY person LIVING at the moment He RETURNS
 - 2. NOT the RESURRECTION for FINAL judgment (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - B. Instantly CRYSTALIZES everyone’s DESTINY

- V. Why INSIST on a LITERAL Millennial Kingdom?
 - A. ASSUMPTIONS made by those who DO NOT
 - 1. Transition of God’s promises from ISRAEL to the CHURCH
 - 2. Make PRESENT or PAST what is clearly FUTURE
 - 3. ARBITRARILY make many OT prophecies FIGURATIVE
 - B. Reasons COMPELLING a literal interpretation
 - 1. Only way to CONFIRM the RELIABILITY of God’s PROMISES
 - 2. Only explanation that corresponds with JESUS’ teaching
 - 3. Only CONSISTENT interpretation of MESSIANIC prophecy
 - 4. Best way to DEMONSTRATE Christ’s authority over CREATION
 - 5. A necessary bridge from HUMAN HISTORY to ETERNAL GLORY