

Biblical Judgements

Temporal

- Natural law
- Divine intervention
- Holy war
- Church discipline
- Self discipline
- Social discipline

of believers

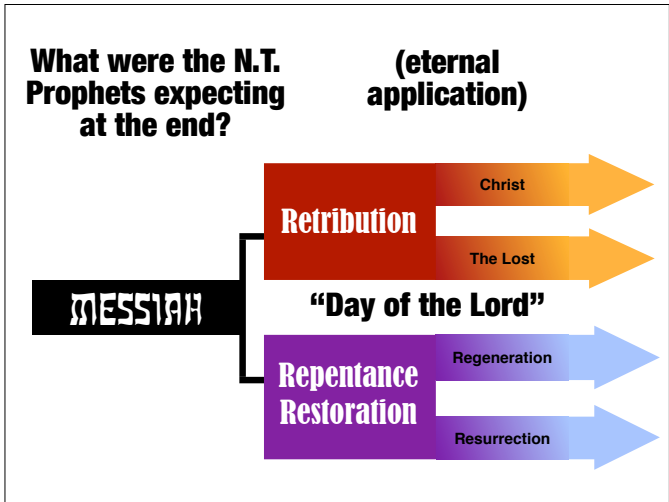
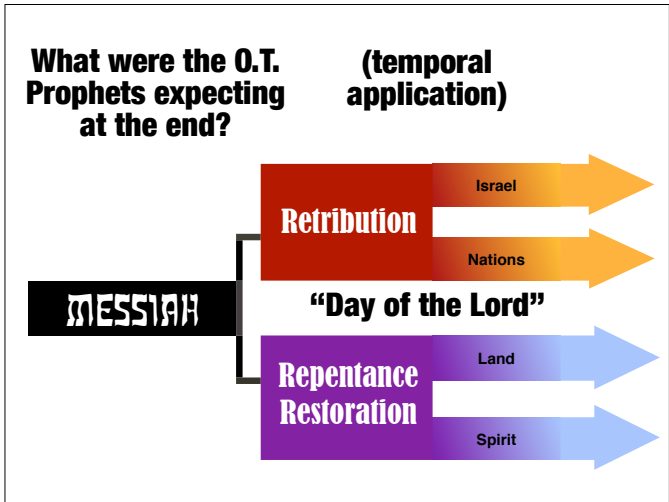
Bema

of Christ

Great White Throne

of all others

End times



Matthew 24:3

“And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Matthew 24-25 is the clearest overview of end time events

Beginning of birth pangs	Great Tribulation	2nd Coming of Christ	Parables	Final Judgment
24:4-14	24:15-28	24:29-31	24:32-25:30	25:31-46
✓ False Christs will come ✓ Wars & rumors of wars ✓ Famine & earthquakes ✓ Believers hated by all ✓ Conflict within the ch. ✓ False prophets ✓ Many are misled ✓ Increased lawlessness ✓ Love will grow cold ✓ World evangelism	✓ Desecration ✓ Tribulation ✓ False signs	✓ Cosmic signs ✓ Christ is seen ✓ Trumpet sounds ✓ Elect gathered	✓ Fig Tree ✓ Servants ✓ Virgins ✓ Talents	 ✓ Sheep ✓ Goats
1 Thess.5:1-11	2 Thess.2:1-12	1 Thess.4:13-18 2 Pet.3:3-13		2 Pet.3:3-13
Rev. 6-7 (seals)	Rev. 8-18 (trumpets, bowls)	Rev.19	The Millennium	Rev.20

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High 159 2003
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Predicted dates of the END

70	1533 (Oct.19)	1763 (Feb.28)	1880	1954 (Dec.21)	1994 *8
247	1534 (April 5)	1780 (May 19)	1881	1957 (Apr.23)	1994 (Sept.29)
365	1544	1789	1890	1958	1995
380	1555	1790	1891	1959 (Apr.22)	1996 (Dec.13)
500	1556 (July 22)	1792	1895	1960	1997 *8
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848	1600	1805	1901	1969 (Aug.9)	2001 *17
870 (March 25)	1603	1814 (Dec.25)	1908 (April 23)	1972	2002 *6
992	1623 1624	1820 (Oct.14)	1910 (May 18)	1973	2003 *6
995	(Feb.1)	1832	1911	1974	2004
1000	1648 1654	1836	1914 (Oct.1)	1975	2005 *3
1033	1656	1843 (April 28)	1915	1976	2006 (Feb.12)
1184	1657	1844 (Mar.21)	1918	1977	2007 *4
1186 (Sept.23)	1658	1845	1919 (Dec.17)	1978	2008 (Mar. 21)
1260	1660	1846	1925 (Feb.13)	1978	2009
1284	1666 1673	1847 (April 7)	1928	1981 (June 28)	2010
1290	1688	1849	1934	1982 (Mar.10)	2011 (Dec.31)
1306	1689	1851	1935	1983	2012 (Dec.21)
1335	1694	1856	1936	1984 (Oct.2)	2017
1367	1697	1862	1938	1985 (Mar.25)	2020
1370	1700	1863	1941	1986	2022
1420 (Feb.14)	1708	1867	1943	1987 (Apr.29)	2023
1496	1716	1868	1945 (Sept.21)	1988 (Sep.15)	2025
1504	1719 (April5)	1869	1947	1989 (Sept.30)	2026
1524 (Feb.20)	1734	1870 (June 28)	1950	1990 (April 23)	2033
1525	1736 (Oct.13)	1872	1952	1991 (Mar.31)	2035
1528 (May 27)	1757	1874	1953 (Jan.9)	1992 (April 26)	2037
1532	1761 (April 5)	1878	1953	1993 (Nov.14)	2040

Matthew 25 suggests a Judgement of non-covenant people

“³¹ But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² And **all the nations (ETHNE gentiles)** will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’. . . .

⁴⁰ Then He will answer them (**the goats**), saying, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of **these brothers of mine**, you did not do it to Me.’ ⁴¹ Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

Revelation 20 is John's version of this Judgement

“¹¹ And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead, which were in it; and death and Hades delivered up the dead, which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.** ¹⁵ **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**”

Revelation 3 links the book of life with overcomers.

“¹ To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. . . . ⁴ **But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.** ⁵ **He who overcomes** will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from **the book of life**, and I will confess his name before My Father and before **His angels.** ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

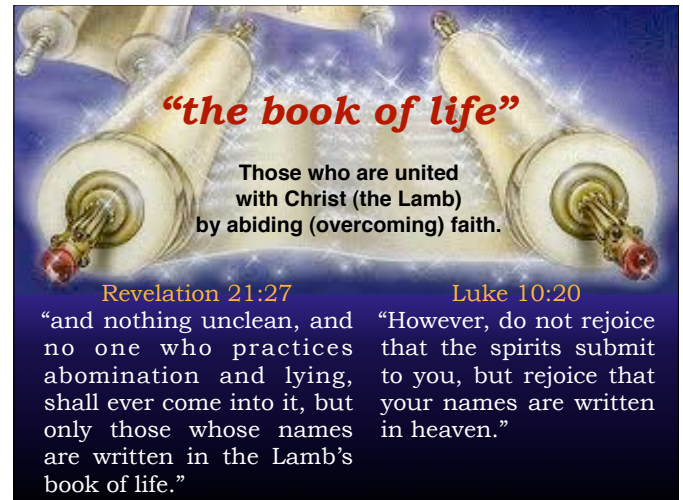
Revelation 21 links overcomers with faith

“⁷ **He who overcomes will inherit these things**, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ But for the cowardly and **unbelieving** and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

1. The overcomers will inherit the new heaven and earth.
2. The overcomers stand in contrast to unbelievers (evil doers) who go to “the lake of fire.”

There were two types of people in Sardis.

pseudo believers	true believers
soiled garments	white garments
are named with the living but are in reality dead	are spiritually alive and well
know the truth but have not fully responded to it (incomplete deeds)	have walked with Christ and have overcome (persevered in faith)
names are not in the book of life	names are in the book of life



The books and the book of life

The books

past deeds
focused on man
based on human performance
the basis of the judgement of those outside Christ
“a certain terrifying expectation of judgement”

The book of life

future destiny
focused on “the Lamb” of God (Christ)
based on Christ’s performance
the basis of the judgement of those in Christ
A part of the Christian’s “blessed hope”

The “Great White Throne” judgement (of those outside Christ)

- The spiritual supreme court for all who stand before God apart from Christ.
- The issue is moral merit based on how well one has born the image of God.
- The guilty verdict stands as there is no substitute, advocate, or excuse.
- The final state of the guilty is what is described as “the lake of fire.”

The end game is “a blessed hope” for those in Christ and “a fearful meeting” for those who are on their own.

Romans 8:18

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

1 Timothy 1:1

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,”

Titus 2:13

“looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,”

What should be our response?

Get serious

- what you do in this life is important.

Give thanks

- Christ bore this judgement for you.
(This is a part of the “blessed hope” for the Christian)

Go to the world

- show the world that you have a living hope.
- share the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ.