

Study Guide-The Fall of the World: Lesson 14, The Judgment of the Nations

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This study guide examines the events surrounding the return of JESUS CHRIST and the subsequent judgment of the world's peoples. Based on Lesson 14 of "The Fall of the World," the text focuses on the transition from the Tribulation to the Millennial Kingdom. It explores the identity of the Judge, the physical changes to the earth at HIS arrival, and the collapse of the global economic system known as "Babylon." This guide is intended to help students understand the sequence of end-times events and the nature of individual accountability before GOD.

Review Quiz

1. Who is identified as the Judge in the judgment of the nations?
 2. At what specific point in the biblical timeline does this judgment occur?
 3. What are the three distinct judgments mentioned in the study?
 4. What physical location on earth will serve as the site of the throne of glory?
 5. What happens to the Mount of Olives when JESUS CHRIST touches it with HIS feet?
 6. Who are the specific subjects being judged in the "Valley of Decision"?
 7. How does the study define the word "nations" in the context of divine judgment?
 8. What is the spiritual state of the global economic system (Babylon) just before its fall?
 9. How quickly does the judgment and destruction of the world's materialistic system occur?
 10. Who are the 144,000 individuals mentioned, and what was their primary task during the Tribulation?
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Answer Key

1. **JESUS CHRIST is the Judge.** He is referred to as the "Son of Man" during this judgment because HE is pronouncing judgment based on the decisions and actions people have already made.
 2. **The judgment happens at the end of the Tribulation.** It takes place immediately before the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom, determining who is permitted to enter that kingdom.
 3. **The three judgments are the Great White Throne Judgment, the Bema Seat, and the separation of the Sheep and the Goats.** These represent different instances where GOD deals with different groups of people at various times.
 4. **The throne will be located in Jerusalem on Mount Zion.** This is considered the literal throne of David, where JESUS CHRIST will reign over the earth.
 5. **The Mount of Olives splits in two from east to west.** This creates a massive valley, moving half of the mountain toward the north and half toward the south.
 6. **The subjects are the living Gentiles who survived the Tribulation.** This group includes both those who became believers through the work of the 144,000 and those who remained unbelievers.
 7. **The word "nations" refers to individuals or "peoples" (*ethne*).** The study emphasizes that GOD does not judge based on nationality, but rather judges every person as an individual.
 8. **The system is described as "double godless" and inhabited by demons.** It is a super-materialistic economic system that has reached a peak of iniquity and luxury.
 9. **The destruction happens in one hour.** The scriptures indicate that the entire worldwide economic system, including its riches and merchandise, is made desolate in a single hour of judgment.
 10. **The 144,000 are Jewish evangelists who were sealed by GOD.** They traveled throughout the world during the Tribulation to preach the Gospel, resulting in a multitude of saved Gentiles from every nation.
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Essay Questions

1. Describe the atmospheric and celestial changes that occur during the "twilight day" of JESUS CHRIST'S return. How does the manifestation of HIS glory contrast with the darkness of the world?
2. Explain the significance of the "Valley of Decision." Why is the physical creation of this valley by JESUS CHRIST an important part of the judgment process?
3. Discuss the fall of "Economic Babylon." What does the reaction of the "merchants of the earth" reveal about the priorities of the world system during the end times?
4. Analyze the concept of "possession" as it relates to the feet of JESUS CHRIST touching the earth. How does this act fulfill biblical promises regarding the land and the kingdom?
5. Compare the judgment of the Gentiles with the judgment of Israel. How does GOD maintain the same standard of morality while dealing with these groups through separate judgments?

Glossary of Key Terms

Term	Definition
Armageddon	The final battle where the nations of the world gather against Jerusalem before being defeated by JESUS CHRIST.
Babylon	A metaphor for the super-materialistic and godless worldwide economic system that dominates the earth during the end times.
Bema Seat	One of the three judgments mentioned; generally understood as a judgment for believers.
Gentile	A person who is not Jewish; in this context, the "nations" being judged in the Valley of Decision.
Millennial Kingdom	The 1,000-year reign of JESUS CHRIST on earth following HIS second coming and the judgment of the nations.
Mount Zion	The holy hill in Jerusalem where the throne of David is located and where JESUS CHRIST will reign.
Second Coming	The literal, physical return of JESUS CHRIST to the earth at the end of the Tribulation.
Son of Man	A title for JESUS CHRIST often used in the context of HIS humanity and HIS role as the Judge of the earth.

Tribulation	A period of seven years marked by great distress, plagues, and the rule of the Antichrist, preceding the return of JESUS CHRIST.
Valley of Decision	The large valley created by the splitting of the Mount of Olives where the nations are gathered for judgment.

Greek Terminology

The following term from the original biblical languages appears in this study to provide a deeper understanding of the text:

- **Ethne**^[^1]: Phonetic pronunciation: *eth'-nay*.
 - **Definition:** This word is translated as "nations" or "peoples." In the context of the judgment, it refers to the various ethnic groups and individuals of the world, rather than political nation-states.

[^1]: This Greek term is used in the study of Psalm 22:28 and Matthew 25:32 to clarify that the judgment of the "nations" is a judgment of all the "peoples" of the earth individually.