

Judgment Upon the Nations



Message Outline

- God rewards nations according to their works.
- He measures back to the nations their deeds.
- He executes justice, particularly on bloodguilt.
- He waits until the cup of iniquity is full before He judges a nation.



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- He uses other nations to execute judgment.
- He Uses Apostolic Power to push judgment
- Judgment Must First Begin in the Household of God



God Rewards Nations According to Their Works

Jeremiah 25:14 KJV For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and **I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.**



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Hosea 12:2 KJV The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, **and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.**



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Romans 2:1–11 KJV Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. (2) But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things...



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Romans 2:1–11 KJV ...(3) And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? (4) Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?...



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Romans 2:1–11 KJV ... (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; (6) **Who will render to every man according to his deeds:...**



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Romans 2:1–11 KJV ... (7) To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: (8) But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,...



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Romans 2:1–11 KJV ... (9) Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; (10) But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: (11) ~~For there~~ **is no respect of persons with God.**



Sometimes God Uses Individuals to Also or Exclusively Mean Federal Representatives of Nations

Romans 9:13 NKJV As it is written, "JACOB I HAVE LOVED, BUT ESAU I HAVE HATED."

Malachi 1:2-3 NKJV "I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; (1:3) ~~But Esau I~~ have hated, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness."



Individuals, but Not Nations, Saved By Grace

Ephesians 2:8–10 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, (9) not of works, lest anyone should boast. (10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



Individuals, but Not Nations, Saved By Grace

- Individuals can be Saved by Grace Through Faith rather than works
- He See Christ's righteousness
- Grace Produces Good Works



Individuals, but Not Nations, Saved By Grace

- Only Those in Christ have assurance of Grace
- Nations can only be judged by Works
 - Except for Israel, Nations cannot be in Christ.
 - Ethnic Israel is Judged in Unbelief, but Ultimately Saved by Grace (Rom 11:26)



God Rewards Nations According to Their Works

Psalms 62:8-12 KJV Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (9) Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity...



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Psalms 62:8–12 KJV ...(10) Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. (11) God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. (12) Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Matthew 7:1–5 KJV Judge not, that ye be not judged. (2) For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. (3) And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?...



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Matthew 7:1–5 KJV ...(4) Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? (5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.



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Revelation 13:10 KJV He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Jeremiah, 50:28–30 KJV The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple. (29) Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape:....



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Jeremiah 50:28–30 KJV ...(29)
...recompense her according to her work;
according to all that she hath done, do
unto her: for she hath been proud against
the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.
(30) Therefore shall her young men fall in
the streets, and all her men of war shall be
cut off in that day, saith the LORD.



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Ezekiel 7:1-4 KJV Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (2) Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land...



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Ezekiel 7:1–4 KJV ...(3) Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations..



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

Ezekiel 7:1–4 KJV ...(4) And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.



He Measures Back to the Nations Their Deeds

2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 KJV Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:....



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2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 KJV ... (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.



He Executes Justice, Particularly on Bloodguilt

Genesis 9:4-10 KJV But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. (5) And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man....



He Executes Justice, Particularly on Bloodguilt

Genesis 9:4–10 KJV ...(6) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. (7) And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. (8) And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,...



He Executes Justice, Particularly on Bloodguilt

Genesis 9:4–10 KJV ...(9) And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; (10) And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.



He Executes Justice, Particularly on Bloodguilt

Numbers 35:31–34 KJV Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. (32) And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest...



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Numbers 35:31–34 KJV ...(33) So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. (34) Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.



He Waits Until the Cup of Iniquity is Full Before He Judges a Nation.

Genesis 15:13-18 KJV And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; (14) And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance...



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Genesis 15:13–18 KJV ...(15) And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. (16) But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full...



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Genesis 15:13–18 KJV ...(17) And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. (18) In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:



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Ezekiel 9:1–5,9–11 KJV He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. (2) And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand;...



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Ezekiel 9:1-5,9-11 KJV ...(2) ...and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. (3) And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;..



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Ezekiel 9:1–5,9–11 KJV ...(4) And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. (5) And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:...



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Ezekiel 9:1–5,9–11 KJV ...(9) Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not...



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Ezekiel 9:1–5,9–11 KJV ...(10) And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. (11) And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.



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Revelation 18:1–6 KJV And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. (2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird...



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Revelation 18:1-6 KJV ...(3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies...



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Revelation 18:1–6 KJV ...(4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities....



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Revelation 18:1–6 KJV ... (6)
Reward her even as she rewarded
you, and double unto her double
according to her works: in the cup
which she hath filled fill to her
double.



Stupor Before Judgment

Jeremiah 25:15–17 NKJV For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. (25:16) And ~~they~~ **will** drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them." (25:17) Then I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD had sent me:



Stupor Before Judgment

Romans 1:18–32 NKJV ...(1:24) Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

...(1:26) For this reason God gave them up to vile passions...

...(1:28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind...,



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

- Israel as a Prototype of Nation
- Babylon as a Prototype of Nation
- The Coming Davidic Kingdom



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

Deuteronomy 9:4–5 NKJV "Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you..."



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

Deuteronomy 9:4–5 NKJV "...(5) It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

2 Samuel 7:12–15 NKJV "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever..."



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2 Samuel 7:12–15 NKJV "...(14) I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. (15) But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

Jeremiah 25:29–30 NKJV For behold, I begin to bring calamity on the city which is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished, for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth," says the LORD of hosts...



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Jeremiah 25:29–30 NKJV ...(30) "Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: 'The LORD will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth.



He Uses Other Nations to Execute Judgment

Psalms 118:9-10 NKJV It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes. (10) All nations surrounded me, But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.



He Uses Apostolic Power to Push Judgment

Jeremiah 1:4-10 NKJV Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: (5) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (6) Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth..."



He Uses Apostolic Power to Push Judgment

Jeremiah 1:4–10 NKJV ...(7) But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. (8) Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD..



He Uses Apostolic Power to Push Judgment

Jeremiah 1:4–10 NKJV ...(9) Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. (10) See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."



He Uses Apostolic Power to Push Judgment

Revelation 2:26–27 NKJV And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— (27) 'HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER'S VESSELS'—as I also have received from My Father;



Judgment Must First Begin in the Household of God

1 Peter 4:16–17 NKJV Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. (17) For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?



Judgment Must First Begin in the Household of God

Matthew 7:1–5 NKJV "Judge not, that you be not judged. (2) For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. (3) And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?...



Judgment Must First Begin in the Household of God

Matthew 7:1–5 NKJV "...(4) Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? (5) Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.



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