

Separating Sheep from Goats 1

Mat 25.31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ... 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels ... 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'"

* Jesus' separating of individuals is part and parcel of Jesus'

_____ of the nations, and they both involve a

_____ that was begun in the _____ century,

that continues throughout _____, and will be

completed and perfected in _____ judgment.

* Vs 41 & 46 of our text refer to what?

* But vs 31 ties into Dn. 7, which is talking about what?

* When did Christ sit down on God's throne?

Mark 16.19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

* What did the Father say to the Son when he ascended to heaven?

Psalm 110.1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool." 2 ... "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" ... 6 He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill the places with dead bodies, he shall execute the heads of many countries.

When did Christ begin judging among the nations, and what kind of judgment was involved?

* What was the first example of Jesus judging the nations, and when did it occur?

* Vs 34 is a link to Daniel 7: 21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

– What is meant by "the same horn"? (Dn. 7.8)

– What is that horn doing in Dn. 7.21?

– What happens in Dn. 7.22?

– When did all these events occur?

* What Jesus was telling the disciples in Luke 22.28-29?

Luke 22.28 "But you are those who have continued with me in my trials. 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,"

* What is Rev. 12.1-5 talking about, and how was it fulfilled?

Rev 12.1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads ... 4 ... And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Mat 2.13 Now ... behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ... 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

* What does Herod's son do to John the Bapt. in Mt. 14.1-12?

* What do the high priests, Sadducees, scribes, and Pharisees do in Jn. 11.47-53 and Mt. 26.57-66; 27.17-26?

And what did that trial produce among the servants in the parables?

* Little did Satan know that by crucifying Jesus, he was sealing his own _____.

And now, to that trial is added what additional trial?

1Cor 2.7 But we speak the wisdom of God ... 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

* The OT exodus was a picture of what?

Rom 8.1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ... 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

* How did it produce two "sorting outs" for God's people?

* When Jesus ascended into heaven, who was thrown down from heaven?

– 1st sorting out

Rev 12.5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne ... 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

– 2nd sorting out

* What did Satan do when he was cast out of heaven?

Rev 12.3 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child ... 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

* How does this parallel what Christ did 30-70AD?

* How does this show up in Acts,
– ch 5?

– ch 7?

– ch 8?

– ch 21 & 23?

* What major change occurs in July of 64AD?

* What 3 things did the fall of Jericho and of Jerusalem prove?

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* What trial has Jesus already warned the d's about in his three parables in the Olivet Discourse?

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