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Lesson 52: "God's Passionate Response to Sin Draws Forth Intercession"

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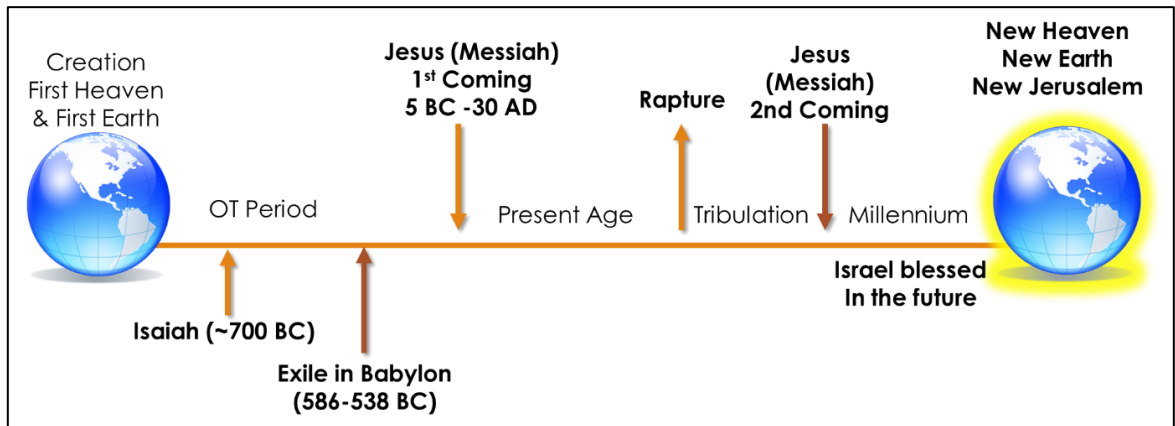


Figure 1 God's Plan of the Ages (Walvoord)

I. CONTEXT

A. MAIN IDEA

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden the earth has been filled with evil. However, a future time will come when God will judge unsaved sinners in preparation for the sinless eternity in the New Heaven, New Earth, and the New Jerusalem.

B. KEY WORDS

Edom: A nation which descended from Esau's line and was a constant enemy with Israel. They are known for rejoicing whenever Israel faced troubles. Edom symbolically represents a God-hating world.

Bozrah: The royal city of Edom. The Messiah is represented as coming from Bozrah, wearing blood-sprinkled garments having trodden the winepress of his wrath upon the Gentile nations.¹

II. GOD'S FUTURE JUDGMENTS OF SIN

A. THE JUDGMENT OF SINFUL ISRAEL

- Scriptures: Ezekiel 20:33-38
- When: Either during the Tribulation or immediately after the second coming of Jesus.²
- Description: Jesus will purge the nation of Israel of all those who rebel against him.

B. THE JUDGMENT OF SINFUL NATIONS

- Scriptures: Joel 3:1-16; Matthew 25:31-46

¹ (Nelsen's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary 226)

² (MacArthur and Mayhue, Bible Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth 866-867)

- When: At the second coming of Jesus
- Description: When Jesus returns, he will judge the “nations” (Gr. *ethnos*) meaning all living Gentiles. The Gentiles are described as either sheep or goats. The sheep, metaphorically representing believers, are those Gentiles who fed and protected Christian Jews (“brothers of mine”) during the Tribulation. Christ identifies himself so strongly with his people that he refers to them as “I” in these verses. For this, these Christian Gentiles inherit the millennial kingdom. The “goats” representing the unsaved, are the followers of the Antichrist who worshipped him and participated in all his treacherous deeds during the Tribulation. They despised and persecuted the believing Jews, and for this Christ says they will go away into eternal punishment.

C. JUDGMENT OF THE ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET

- Scriptures: Revelation 13:16-19; 19:11-21
- When: At the conclusion of the Battle at Armageddon after Jesus' second coming.
- Description: At the conclusion of the Battle at Armageddon, all enemies of Christ will be killed and the beast (Antichrist) and the False Prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire. The Antichrist and False Prophet will spend eternity in the lake of fire.

D. THE JUDGMENT OF SATAN AND DEMONS

- Scriptures: Revelation 20:1-10
- When: At the end Millennium.
- Description: Satan, who had been bound for the 1,000-year period will be released and will be released for a little while. During that time, he will deceive the nations, and then along with those demons³ who are with him, will be thrown into the lake of fire forever.

E. THE FINAL (GREAT WHITE) JUDGMENT

- Scriptures: Revelation 20:11-15
- When: At the end of the Millennium
- Description: Jesus will sit upon The Great White Throne and judge every unsaved creature, both living and dead. Death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire. The one on the throne is none other than God Almighty (Rev. 4:2-11), which must certainly refer to Jesus since all judgment has been granted to him (John 5:22, 26-27).

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³ Note: Some demons will have been judged previously (MacArthur and Mayhue, *Bible Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth* 719).