

Bible Study Topic:

The Investigative Judgment

There are three phases of the judgment:

1. The Investigative Judgment (occurs before the 2nd Coming of Jesus) Rev. 22:11. In this judgment God examines the books of record to determine whether professed Christians have truly accepted Him.
2. The Millennial Judgment (occurs during the 1000 years) Rev. 20:11-12. The saved examine the records of the lost to be assured that God was fair.
3. The Executive Judgment (occurs after the 1000 years) Rev. 20:11-15. Sin and sinners are destroyed by fire.

Rev. 22:12	God makes the investigation BEFORE HE RETURNS of who will be saved and who will be lost.
Dan. 7:10	The investigation involves examination of the books of record (see Isa. 65:6-7, Rev. 20:12, Mal. 3:16)
Dan. 8:14	This examination (Investigative Judgment) is the New Testament (A-typical) counterpart of the ancient Day of Atonement.
Lev. 23:27	This examination began on October 22, 1844. (day/year principle: Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6)
Lev. 16:16-20, 30-33	On the ancient Day of Atonement, sins that had been pre-confessed and forsaken were “blotted out”. The earthly sanctuary was cleansed from the year’s accumulated sins.
Heb. 8:1-2	The heavenly sanctuary is the great Original. The earthly sanctuary is a pattern, or copy, of the heavenly sanctuary. (see also Rev. 11:19, Rev. 1:12, Ps. 11:4)
Dan. 7:9, 11	As the earthly high priest moved his ministry from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement, so Jesus, our High Priest, went from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place on the day (October 22, 1844) that the Investigative Judgment began.
Matt. 22:2-11	The King checks the guests for the prerequisite white wedding robes BEFORE the wedding supper. We must make Jesus’ righteousness ours before the Investigative Judgment is complete. (see II Peter 3:14)
Rev. 22:11	When God finishes this examination, it’s all over. No more opportunity to be right with God.
Mark 13:33	Jesus longs for us to make our peace with Him now, while the door of mercy remains open.