

The Great Day of Judgment – JD

1JD – Acts 17:31. The judgment is at an appointed time. It was still in the future in Paul's day, (Acts 24:25).

2JD – Revelation 14:6-7. The hour of God's judgment begins in heaven and proceeds with its eternal decision while men are going about their ordinary pursuits here upon the earth. This angel of Rev. 14:6-7, preaching to all nations to fear God, because the hour of His judgment IS come, is a symbol of a special message which God will send to the world in the closing age, just before the appearing of Christ at the last day as described in Revelation 14:14.

3JD – Daniel 7:9-11. This prophecy of Daniel, in harmony with Rev. 14:6-7, shows that the judgment will be set in heaven, and will be carried forward during the closing era of this present age. This scripture also shows that in the judgment, certain books will be used – records will be investigated. There are two divisions to the work of judgment in the human courts: first, an investigative phase, when the evidence is examined before a judge and jury, which ends in a verdict; second, an executive phase when the decision is executed. There are the same two phases to God's judgment.

4JD – Ecclesiastes 3:17. There are three great classes to be judged: The righteous, the wicked, and the evil angels who rebelled against God, (Jude 6).

5JD – 1 Peter 4:17. The judgment will begin with the righteous who are the house of God. When Christ appears, every truly righteous person in the grave will rise from the dead with an immortal body, while the rest of the dead will not rise until 1,000 years later, (Rev. 20:5). When Christ appears, every truly righteous person among the living will be changed instantly from mortality to immortality, to live forever, while the rest of the living people (the wicked) will be slain by the presence of the Lord (2 Thess. 2:8). This proves that before Christ appears at the last day, the decisions will have been made as to just who among the billions of dead are entitled to be raised to immortality at His coming, and just who among the billions of the living are entitled to immortality at His appearing. Hence the judgment, in the cases of the righteous, is past when Jesus appears at the last day.

6JD – Leviticus 23:26-30. The Day of Atonement, on which the earthly sanctuary was cleansed, was a day of judgment on Israel as the professed people of God.

7JD – Daniel 8:14. So according to the type, the time set for the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, from 1844 to the second coming, must be the time for the judgment of the professed righteous. The cleansing of the sanctuary, beginning in 1844, and mentioned in Daniel 8:14, is the same as the hour of God's judgment as set forth in Rev. 14:7.

8JD – Revelation 11:18-19. The time for the dead to be judged is the time beginning in 1844 when the ministration was opened in the second apartment of the heavenly temple, where the ark of God's testament is seen, and when the sanctuary is cleansed. The work of God's judgment may be grouped under four headings:

1. The hour of His judgment during the closing era of human history, between 1844 and the end, when the cases of the professedly righteous will be decided.
2. The executive judgment of the righteous at the appearing of Christ, when these decisions of the judgment hour for immortality will be carried out.
3. The great day of judgment during the 1,000 years that follow the second coming of Christ, when the amount of punishment due each of the wicked will be decided.
4. The executive judgment of the wicked at the end of the 1,000 years when they appear before Christ's judgment seat to receive their punishment.

9JD – James 2:11-12. In the judgment, men will be judged by the Ten Commandments.

10JD – Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. It behooves us now to square our lives by these Ten Commandments, through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may pass the judgment, to have every sin of the past forgiven and blotted out so that we may have our names retained in the Book of Life. Then we shall be given the right to enter into that New Jerusalem, (Rev. 22:14).