



# The Coming Judgment Of The Church

For the time has come for judgment to begin at  
the house of God

1 Peter 4:17

# Judgment is Coming

- 17 For the time *is come that* judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1 Peter 4:17-18

- *“For the (specific) season of judgment will commence at the house of God”*
- What does this mean?

# Judgment is Coming

- 'Judgment' occurs over 300x in the Bible
- Over 100x 'Specific season of judgment'
- 'The day of the LORD' (25x)

# Judgment is Coming

- But what about the Church?
- Peter says the specific season of judgment will begin with the church(?)
- Isn't the church exempt?

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Part 1 – *Apostacy in the last days*

Part 2 – *That which has been, will be ...* (Ecc 1:9)  
*(Israel's history repeated in the Church)*

Part 3 – *The future of the church seen through the history of Israel*

Part 4 – *The final One World Church  
'Babylon The Great'*

# Already Revealed

<sup>7</sup> Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**Amos 3:7**

# History Recorded In Advance

- Matthew 13 lays out the history/future of the church
- 7 Parables – parallel the 7 letters (Rev 2&3)

# Matthew 13 / Rev 2&3

- 7 Kingdom Parables

- 7 letters

#1 – Parable of the sower <small>verse 3-9</small>	<i>Ephesus</i>
#2 – <i>Parable of the wheat &amp; tares</i> <small>verse 24-30</small>	<i>Smyrna</i>
#3 – <i>Parable of the mustard seed</i> <small>verse 31-32</small>	<i>Pergamos</i>
#4 – <i>Parable of the leaven</i> <small>verse 33</small>	<i>Thyatira</i>
#5 – <i>Parable of the hidden treasure</i> <small>verse 44</small>	<i>Sardis</i>
#6 – <i>Parable of the goodly pearl</i> <small>verse 45-46</small>	<i>Philadelphia</i>
#7 – <i>Parable of the dragnet</i> <small>verse 47-50</small>	<i>Laodiceans</i>



A wooden gavel with a fluted shaft and a pointed head is positioned vertically on the left side of the image. In the center, an open scroll of parchment is unrolled, displaying columns of Hebrew text. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights the textures of the wood and the parchment.

# 1 Corinthians

## 10:1-12

### Repeating The Mistakes of the Past

# Lessons To Learn

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**1 Cor 10:1-4**

# Lessons To Learn

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

# Lessons To Learn

- 5 But with **many** of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things were **our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

**1 Cor 10:5-6**

**Q. What did they lust after?**

**A. That which was acceptable to the human palate**

**Q. Do you know any churches that have abandoned the bread God has provided, in favour of that which is 'acceptable' to the multitude?**

# Lessons To Learn

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

**1 Cor 10:6**

**Q. What is idolatry?**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
  - making a God in your own image,
  - from your own imagination,
  - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god ‘LORD’! (cf Ex 33)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- Q. Do you know any churches today  
where they worship a god other than the  
One revealed in scripture?  
- even if they still call him LORD?

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- ‘God won’t send anyone to hell’
- ‘God can be worshipped in the way you choose’
- ‘God loves and accepts homosexuality’
- ‘God would never punish His Son’
- ‘God chooses to reveal Himself through ‘fresh revelations’ – experience is key’
- ‘God says she doesn’t want us to become gender exclusive’
- ‘God’s written word is not the be-all and end-all’



# Lessons To Learn

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1 Cor 10:8

**Q. What is fornication?**

**A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to**

- Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after (embracing) false god's

# Fornication

*"Standing before a crowd of devout Muslims with the Grand Mufti, I know that we're all doing God's work together. Standing on the edge of a new millennium, we're labouring hand in hand to repair the breach." "I believe in positive thinking. It is almost as important as the resurrection of Jesus Christ"*

**Robert Schuler**

# Fornication

Schuller's marketing methods laid the foundation for the Church Growth movement. He claims to have launched the mega-church movement through his Institute for Successful Church Leading. *"Here ministers are inspired to believe in their dreams", says Schuller, "and to present the good news of the gospel in positive terms"*

# Fornication

And some of those students are well-known:

Bill Hybels now pastors one of the largest churches in the United States - Willow Creek Community Church. *“Bill has often said that there probably would not be a Willow Creek Church if he hadn’t been able to come to our pastors institute here. I’m so proud of him.”*

Rick Warren was also a frequent visitor of the Institute. Schuller said: *“And there’s Rick Warren, a pastor who today is phenomenal. He came to our institute time after time.”*

# Lessons To Learn

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

**1 Cor 10:8-10**

# Lessons To Learn

Q. What led to the Numbers 21 event?

A. A rejection of the bread that God had provided

- The murmuring of dissatisfaction
- *'We want something else'*

# Tempting Christ?

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in the USA and author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, in an article in a Philadelphia newspaper said that he:

*'despises fundamentalism in the church'.*

# Tempting Christ?

Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be *'one of the big enemies of the 21st century'*.

*'Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism - they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other.'*

(January 8th 2006 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer).



# Lessons To Learn

- 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**1 Cor 10:11-12**

# History Repeating

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

**Ecclesiastes 1:9**

"Man learns from history that man learns nothing from history."

Hegel

# Israel

Espousal **Jer 2:1-2**  
38 years **Deut 2:14**

Victory through time of war  
cf: Promised Land

Complacency brings defeat **Prov 29:18**  
Time of the Judges / Embracing the world

Rejection of Theocracy **1 Sam 8:7**  
Beginning of the Monarchy - Saul

Division of Kingdom  
Solomon's Apostacy

**Israel** (Idolatry) **Judah** (Not perfect)  
Good works (**Jer 3:11**) worse than Israel (**Jer 3:10**)

Judgment foretold **Jer 25:9**  
Faithful taken to Babylon **Jer 29:4-10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed  
**Jer 52:12-13** Jerusalem burned with fire

Faithful return to inherit the land.  
Temple built that Messiah will teach from (**Hag 2:9**)

# Church

Espousal **Rev 2:4**  
38 years / Ephesus **AD32-70**

Victory through suffering  
cf: Smyrna

Complacency brings defeat  
cf: Pergamos/Constantine-Married to the world

Rejection of Theocracy **Rev 2:6**  
Beginning of the Papacy / cf:Thyatira

Division of Church  
Catholic Apostacy / cf:Sardis

**Catholic** (Idolatry) **Protestant** (Not perfect) **(Rev 3:2)**  
Good works (**Rev 2:19**) Nothing good said

Judgment foretold **2 Pet 2:1-2**  
Faithful Raptured / cf:Philadelphia **Rev 3:10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed  
cf:Laodicea "Lord, Lord...I never knew you" **Matt 7:22-23**  
'burned with fire' **Matt 13:30 / Rev 17 & 18**

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Temple built that Messiah will teach from (**Is 2:2-3**)



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## Next Session: Part 3

Jeremiah Speaks Prophetically to  
the Church



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