

GOD'S JUDGMENTS OF THE EARTH

We are currently studying five divine judgments upon world. We are presently studying the fourth divine judgment known as the curse upon the ground and earth (Gen.3:17-19).

Today's lesson is an extension of the lesson on the Curse on Ground (earth). It will look at the bigger picture of the divine judgments upon the earth from its beginning to its end.

**Five aspects of God's Judgments upon the Earth.
It will take two lessons to cover the material.
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1. Five divine judgments of the Earth are recorded in the Bible since its original creation (Gen.1:1).

They each brought changes to the earth. "By faith, we understand that the worlds (tous aion/ ages) were prepared by **the word of God** (rhema theos), so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible." (Heb.11:3)

The original creation of the heavens and earth was perfect by divine standards (Isa.45:18-19).

- The 1st change of the earth by divine judgment is recorded in (Gen.1:2) (tohu waw bohu) [Formless and Void] related to fall of Satan (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19; Rev.12).
 - The result – God's restoration of creation (Gen.1:3-31).
- The 2nd change of the earth is recorded in (Gen.3:17-19) The 'arar' curse upon ground (Rom.8:18-25) related to fall of Adam.
 - The result - The Antediluvian world [Prior to the Flood].
- The 3rd change of the earth is recorded in (Gen.Ch.6-9) (Gen.8:21-22; 9:11-17; 2 Pet.2:4-5; 3:5-6) related to God's judgment upon the Antediluvian world by water.
 - The result – the Postdiluvian world [After the Flood] (71% of surface is water).
- The 4th change of the earth is recorded in (Rom.8:18-25) related to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ upon the Postdiluvian world.
 - The result - the Millennium earth (Isa.11:-9; 65:20-25; Rev.20:1-3).
- The 5th change of the earth is recorded in (2 Pet.3:7-13) at the end of the Millennium world by fire.
 - The result - The new heavens and new earth (Rev.21-22).

2. The New heavens and earth will bring back the creation for righteousness.

(2 Pet.3:13) "But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." (Rev.21:1, 5; 22:3)

- Christ before creation (John 17:24; Eph.1:4-5; Rom.5:8)
- Christ first of creation (Col.1:15; 1 Cor.15:45; Rev.13:8)
- Christ, last times of human history (1 Pet.1:20-23; Gal.4:4)
- Christ, new creation (2 Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15)

3. At the end of the Millennium, three divine judgments will take place with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ that will close human history.

- The 1st Judgment will be the final war led by Satan against God called Gog and Magog (Rev.20:7-10)
 - The result - The devil, beast, and false prophet will be cast into Lake of Fire (Matt.25:41).
- The 2nd Judgment will be the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - The result - All unbelievers will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev.20:11-15).
- The 3rd Judgment will renovate Millennium world by cataclysm fire (2 Pet.3:7, 10-13).
 - The result - The elements of the Millennium heavens and earth will be dissolved into some other form of matter for the New heavens and earth (Rev.21-22). The nearest thing in modern science would be fusion.

4. The only thing unchangeable in the universe is the Godhead and the Word of God!

(2 Cor.6:16) “For we are the temple of living God; just as God said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’ (1 Cor.6:3:16; 19-20; Rev.21:1, 22).

(Matt.24:35) “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My word shall not pass away.” (Matt.5:18)

(Heb.1:12) “And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end.” (James 1:17)

(Heb.13:8) “Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday and today and forever.”

5. The reason the world follows a fixed pattern of operation each time there is a judgment change is because of the immutability of God and His Word.

(John 1:1-2) “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” (Gen.1:1, 3)

(2 Pet.3:4-6) “All continues just as it was from the beginning of creation. For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that **by the word of God** the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of the water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.” (Heb.1:1-3; 2:10; 11:3)

(Col.1:17) “And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (1 Cor.8:6; Rev.4:11)

Note the phrase “In the same way” in Rom.8:26-28. It refers back to Rom.8:18-25 (creation under judgment of Gen.3:17-19). It teaches the Church Age Believer (CAB) how to be stable in an unstable world (Rom.8:29-39).