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Greeting to all . . .

The Lord blessing to you and your family. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. As Fall has begun we are supposed to have cooler weather but the heat just doesn’t want to go away for at least the time of this writing.

This month **BSL** will be on **“The Sheep and Goat judgment”**. Looking at my library, I was amaze how much information I had on this topic. I believe it was because I quite didn’t understand it at that time especially why and when this judgment was going to happen. With that said, this **BSL** will not be from one source only but of many which I’ll will put the source at the end of the **BSL**. I condensed the topic to just two very short pages.

So, let’s get started.

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**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

 **‘Sheep and Goat judgment”**

**Bible Scripture Letter #41**

First of all, let’s see where we find scripture passage of ‘Sheep and Goat Judgment”. It’s found in the book of **Matthew 25:32-33**. A parable is a short, simple story of comparison. Jesus used parables to teach spiritual truths by means of earthly situations.

* **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
* **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Notice, verse **32** says “*All the nations will be gathered”.* This means saved and unsaved, Jews or gentile who are alive at the 2nd Coming of Christ. The subjects of Christ’s judgment will be **all the nations**. Ethna (**nations**) has the basic meaning of peoples and here refers to every person alive on earth when the Lord returns. Although He will have taken all believers into heaven at the Rapture, during the following seven years of the Tribulation many other people will come to believe in Him. During that dreadful time, multitudes of Gentiles - **Rev. 7:9,13-14**, as well as all surviving Jews - [**Rom. 11:26**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rom.%2011.26) **- 27**, will be brought to faith in Christ.

**Rev. 7:9,13-14**

* **9** After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.
* **13** Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”
* **14** I answered, “Sir, you know. “And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Rom. 11:26-27**

* **26** and in this wayall Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
* **27** And this is my covenant with them
    when I take away their sins.”

Keep in mind, this is happening at the 2nd Coming of Christ, therefore, the setting of this event is at the beginning of the [millennium](https://www.gotquestions.org/millennium.html), after the tribulation. All those on earth at that time will be brought before the Lord, and He will separate them “as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

The core message of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats is that God’s people will love others. Good works will result from our relationship to the Shepherd. Followers of Christ will treat others with kindness, serving them as if they were serving Christ Himself. The unregenerate live in the opposite manner. While “goats” can indeed perform acts of kindness and charity, their hearts are not right with God, and their actions are not for the right purpose – to honor and worship God.

Jesus then ends the discourse of the “Sheep and Goats” with a contrast: “They will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life” - **Matt.25:46**.

I would like to add this additional information that’s out there in the world that needs to be address. Some have said the “Sheep and Goat Judgment” occurs immediately at Jesus’ Second Coming. Others believe it occurs at the Great White Throne. This difference of opinion occurs because of one’s view of the end times held by dispensationalists and non-dispensationalists (amillennialists and postmillennialists). This is another topic for the future if I get enough request to presented for a **BSL**.

*Sources:*

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