

# Questions About the Judgment

At the end of times, During Judgment Day, When Jesus is judging us, is it going to be one by one? Or are we all somehow going to get judged at once?

## Answer:

Great question — and one that many believers wonder about! Let's look at what the Bible actually says about how judgment unfolds at the end of time, and whether it is individual, collective, or both.

### 1. The Judgment Is Always Personal

Even though there will be multitudes, Scripture is clear: **God's judgment is personal and individual**. Every person will be accountable for their own decisions, character, and relationship with God.

**"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."** — *Romans 14:12*

**"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive... according to what he has done, whether good or bad."** — *2 Corinthians 5:10*

This means that while millions may be gathered, **Christ sees each heart one by one**, and every person's life is evaluated individually.

### 2. The Judgment Has Different Phases

Understanding *when* and *how* judgment happens clears up a lot of confusion. Bible prophecy outlines **three major phases** of judgment:

#### A. The Investigative Judgment (before Jesus returns)

This phase happens **before the Second Coming**. It's what Revelation 14:7 refers to: **"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come..."**

In Daniel 7:10, we see this described as a heavenly courtroom: “The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

This judgment is **in heaven**, examining the lives of all who claimed to follow Christ — one by one. It determines who will be part of the first resurrection and who is sealed for salvation.

### **B. The Executive Judgment (at the Second Coming and afterward)**

When Jesus comes again (Revelation 19), the verdicts are already decided:

- **The righteous dead are raised**
- **The living righteous are transformed**
- **The wicked are destroyed** (Revelation 20:5, 2 Thessalonians 1:7–9)

This is not when decisions are made — it’s when the results are carried out.

### **C. The Millennial Review Judgment (during the 1,000 years in Revelation 20)**

During the millennium, **the saved will review the records** and understand God’s justice in every case.

**“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?” — 1 Corinthians 6:2**

**“Books were opened...” — Revelation 20:12**

This is collective participation, but again — each case is individual.

## **3. Final Judgment of the Lost (Great White Throne)**

At the end of the 1,000 years:

- Revelation 20:11–15 describes the **Great White Throne Judgment**.
- All the unsaved dead are resurrected and face judgment.
- The Book of Life is opened — and **each person** is judged according to their works.

**“And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.” — Revelation 20:12**

Even though billions are present, this is **still a personal judgment**. No one is lost or saved in a crowd.

### In Summary — Is Judgment One by One or All at Once?

| Aspect                 | Timing               | Nature                           | Individual or Collective?    |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Investigative Judgment | Before Jesus returns | Review of believers' lives       | Individual                   |
| Executive Judgment     | Second Coming        | Rewards and punishments executed | Individual                   |
| Millennial Judgment    | During 1,000 years   | Saints review the record         | Individual (by group review) |
| Final Judgment         | End of Millennium    | Judgment of wicked               | Individual                   |

So yes — **each person will be judged individually**, even though many are present. God doesn't judge crowds; **He judges hearts** — with perfect memory, perfect justice, and perfect love.