

# JUDGMENT BEGINS AT THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH

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One verse of the Bible was formerly quoted more often than it is today, even though today we are arriving at the time of its fulfillment. This verse is 1 Peter 4:17, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Yahweh: and if it first begins at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of Yahweh?" Strangely enough, this verse is almost always used by the ministers to threaten their own congregations with judgment and condemnation. This is as though it was the Christian who should be in fear of this judgment. Perhaps this does get more money in the offering that Sunday but, is this a correct use of the word of Yahweh? Let's examine the subject in detail.

**This is a Christian nation.** It was founded by Christians, who came to this continent when it was an untamed wilderness, peopled by fierce savages. They came here, as their own records tell us, to establish Christian communities where they could worship Yahweh without interference. Even today, although we have allowed the entrance of millions of people who hate our God Yahweh, and everything we hold sacred, yet the great majority of our people are still Christian.

Our people are not completely perfect, people were never sinlessly perfect at any time, that is why there was a need for Yahshua to come and save us by His sacrifice on the cross. His death and resurrection were not in vain. Yahshua has cleansed us of the guilt of our sins, if He had not, then He would have died in vain. Yahweh's purpose can never fail. He has saved us from the judgment for our sins and **redeemed us as His children**, who had strayed like lost sheep. It isn't the Christians who need to fear the judgment. 1 John 4:17 tells us, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world."

It is still true that judgment must begin at the house of Yahweh but, we see it is not judgment upon the Christians. Who then, are to be judged among those who are found in this nation which is the household of Yahweh? Those who hate our God, are loud in their denunciation of us for our supposed sins. These supposed sins consist mostly in not helping them to commit their own sins, on a scale as great and profitable as they desire. Should we hang our heads in shame and plead guilty to their accusations? Never! Isaiah 54:17 gives the answer. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of Yahweh, and their righteousness is of Me, saith Yahweh."

Yes, our righteousness is of Him. The righteousness which Yahweh imputed to Christians because Yahshua died and was resurrected to accomplish this very thing. Therefore, every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

In many places, the Bible tells us that Yahweh's judgment will fall upon the ungodly. Upon those who hate Him and refuse His sacrifice made for us upon the cross. One of these many verses is, 1 Samuel 2:10, "The adversaries of Yahweh shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall He thunder upon them: Yahweh shall judge the ends of the earth." There are many more verses to the same effect, those nations which are not Christian must face the final accounting for their wickedness. This is because they have refused to accept the salvation offered them by Yahshua. What can possibly remain except the judgment of complete justice? What a heavy penalty complete justice will require for their many centuries of continuous wickedness!

Then why are we told that judgment must begin at the house of Yahweh? There is time enough to get the other nations in their own turn, meanwhile let them stew in their own juice. The household of Yahweh, His people the Anglo-Saxon, Scandinavian, Germans, all Israelites, must be cleansed at the beginning of this period of judgment which we see already coming over the horizon. We must be made ready to receive Him. Since the Christians are not the people against whom the judgment is coming, then why does it begin with our own nation?

It begins here precisely because we have allowed those who hate our God to come here and live among us in great numbers. They ceaselessly attack every mention of the name of Yahshua. They constantly strive to prohibit all mention of His name in the schools, in any public place or in governmental proceedings. They even want to remove the slogan, In God We Trust, from our money. In all other respects they love our money with a greed which has been proverbial for many centuries. No nation can be righteous with such people in its midst. Consequently, the judgment must begin in this nation in order to remove those who fight against Yahweh in His own household.

Psalm 1:5 tells us, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous". Note this is completely different from the judgment upon the other **nations**. Those nations who reject Yahweh and all His commandments, could never be called the congregation of the righteous. This speaks of a judgment which falls upon those who are sinners while they are **among** the congregation of the righteous.

Obviously, they couldn't be part of the congregation of the righteous, for then they would not be sinners. They are found among the congregation of the righteous, as an unassimilable, forever alien element among them. Having rejected Yahshua, they must therefore face the judgment they have earned. Yahshua tells us in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

It should not be hard to identify those who must be removed by this judgment. Yahshua, as well as many of the prophets, tell their rejection of Him leaves them no escape from judgment. Isaiah 3:9 completes the identification. It is very appropriate that this should come in verse nine, as nine is the number always associated with judgment in the Bible. This verse points out, "The show of their countenance doth witness against them: and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! For they have rewarded evil unto themselves."

Today our nation is flooded with corrupting influences. Salacious movies and books, a false psychology taught in many of our schools, which undermines the confidence of the youth in their own parents. The list grows longer with liquor dealers who grow rich selling whiskey to youths. There is a well financed campaign to break down all moral standards in the coming generation. Then there is politics, wherein nothing counts but winning public office, no matter what kind or degree of corruption is needed to win. There is merchandise sold by advertising, which cleverly contrives to mislead the buyer to expect better quality than he receives.

Surely none of this could have come from truly Christian sources, it is the antithesis of Christianity. Yet we find it here wealthy, powerful, numerous and utterly corrupt. It is the work and the evidence of sinners who are physically present in, but not a part of, the house of Yahweh, the congregation of the righteous. This element must be removed before we can be ready to enter into the kingdom of Yahweh as the congregation of the righteous, the household of Yahweh. It is upon these aliens that the judgment falls, not upon us. It is this very process which Yahshua was describing to us in the parable of the tares among the wheat. This is recorded in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, where Yahshua told us of the tares growing among the wheat, but being no part of it. The tares were the children of the devil. Yahshua also identified them in John chapter 9, living among Yahweh's own children, who must be weeded out to be burned in the fires of judgment.

When this is completed, we shall have a glorious nation which is truly fit to be the kingdom of Yahweh, the **congregation of the righteous**, with nothing remaining that can tarnish our glory. Yahshua concludes His explanation of the parable of the tares among the wheat, with the statement that as soon as the tares are removed, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father". The time of judgment is at hand. The tares themselves are publicly declaring their fear of the national resentment rising against them. They bitterly attack every attempt to reinstate the moral and political values of the day when this nation was morally great. They attack all this as a movement of the extreme right. Be glad that you are extremely right, for only thus can you be in the company of Yahweh. Let judgment begin at the house of Yahweh as quickly as possible, so that we can be cleansed and made ready to receive our God, Yahweh!

**Critical note** by Clifton A. Emahiser: I would like to add some comment here to what Comparet has already presented. I find it interesting where Comparet says: "It is upon these aliens that the judgment falls, not upon us." It is also interesting that Comparet brings up the parable of the tares and the wheat. In that parable it is definitely stated that the tares are to be gathered first and burned in the fire, and then secondly, and only after the tares are burned, the wheat (people of the kingdom) are to be gathered into the barn. With the rapture theory, which nearly all the preachers teach, the wheat is supposedly to be gathered first by a secret rapture, and secondly, according to them, the wicked who are "left behind" will then suffer a so-called "tribulation." What Yahshua Christ taught and what the preachers proclaim today are two opposed scenarios. Not only are the tares going to be burned, but at Matthew 13:47-50, it says the non-white races are also going to be destroyed. Here is how that passage is to be understood:

“ 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was **cast into the sea [of people]**, and gathered of **every race**: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the **good [racial kind]** into vessels, but cast the **bad [racial kind]** away. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them **[the bad racial kind]** into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”