

**1 Corinthians 3: 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**  
**12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;**  
**13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

The Bible reveals to us that God has been punishing the unsaved people of the earth since May 21, 2011 and, simultaneously, through the number 1600, the Bible also reveals that God has been severely trying all those that are considered true believers. October 7, 2015 would be the 1600th day since May 21, 2011 and, therefore, the testing would be finished on that day.

### **10,000 OVERALL DAYS OF JUDGMENT: THE COMPLETE JUDGMENT OF GOD**

One of the biggest proofs that October 7, 2015 will be the day that God completes His judgment upon the unsaved people of the earth involves the cumulative number of days of both spiritual judgments. As noted earlier, God judged the congregations of the world during the Great Tribulation period for 8400 days. As we have studied Revelation 14, a chapter that emphasizes the final harvest of this world and gave us the number "1600," the number 1600 goes exceedingly well with the number 8400. As a matter of fact it fits just like a hand into a glove:

8400 days (judgment began on churches/Great Tribulation period)  
+ 1600 days (likely duration of judgment on whole world)  
= 10,000 days (total judgment on the wicked).

Just as with the number "40," a search of the Bible reveals that the number "10" (or multiples of 10 such as 100, 1,000 or 10,000) has a spiritual meaning. The spiritual meaning for the number "10,000" is completeness. This can best be seen through this verse in the Psalms:

**Psalms 50: 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.**

God says He owns the cattle upon 1000 hills. Does God own the cattle only on a 1000 hills? Or does He own all the cattle upon all hills? Of course, since He is God He owns all things. He possesses the cattle upon all the hills in this world. To say it another way, He owns the "completeness" of all cattle. In our quest for the duration of Judgment Day we have been looking for God to complete His judgment on this world. 1600 days from May 21, 2011 brings us to the 10,000th overall Day of Judgment since judgment began at the house of God back on May 21, 1988. October 7, 2015 is that 10,000th day. And as such it is a very strong candidate for the completion of God's end time judgment program and also for the completion of all things related to this world.

### **OCTOBER 7, 2015 THE LAST DAY OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

So far, we have seen that God gives us the number "1600" in the context of Judgment Day in Revelation 14. We have also seen that 1600 breaks down to the very interesting numbers of "40 x 40." Additionally, 1600 fits perfectly with 8400 days to bring the total number of days of judgment to 10,000. This means that October 7, 2015 concludes the 40th period of 40 days since May 21, 2011 and it also will be the 10,000th overall day since judgment began on the churches on May 21, 1988. This information alone makes October 7, 2015 stand out from all other dates, but as we continue to search for further biblical evidence we find something astounding. October 7, 2015 also happens to be the last day of the feast of tabernacles. It is the 23rd day of the Hebrew 7th month. It is the day God set aside for people to return home from the feast of tabernacles:

**2 Chronicles 7: 9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.**

**10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart.**

God gave three main feasts in the Old Testament. The feast of Passover was spiritually fulfilled by Christ going to the cross at the time of the Passover. The feast of Pentecost was spiritually fulfilled by the pouring out of the Holy Ghost (see Acts 2) on the very day the feast was to be observed; and finally, the third and final feast that still needs spiritual fulfillment was the feast of tabernacles. The spiritual fulfillment of this feast would take place at the end of the world.

The phrase "last day" appears only eight times in the Bible. In two of the eight places the last day of the feast of tabernacles is in view:

**Nehemiah 8: 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days;**

**John 7: 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

In the other six places it is the last day of this world's existence that is in view (here are a few examples of its usage):

**John 6: 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.**

**40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**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.**

We see from the above verses that the raising up of the elect (through the resurrection of the dead and the rapture of the living) occurs on the last day. It is also the time God's Word will judge mankind. It so happens that 1600 days from May 21, 2011 and the overall 10,000th day since judgment began on the churches is also the last day of the feast of tabernacles. And therefore presents itself as an excellent day for God to raise up His people and to complete the judgment of the unsaved through the final destruction of annihilation.

### **OCTOBER 7 2015 IS ALSO THE LAST DAY OF HARVEST/INGATHERING**

One last thing we should look at is that October 7, 2015 is also the last day of the feast of harvest. The feast of harvest (known as ingathering) was a feast held in conjunction with the feast of tabernacles:

**Leviticus 23: 34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.**

**39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:**

It is nothing short of incredible that the Bible gives us a number (1600), in Revelation 14, that is in the context of the final harvest at the end of this world; and when we go 1600 days from the beginning of Judgment Day on May 21, 2011 we come to a day (October 7, 2015) that is the last day of harvest in the biblical (Hebrew) calendar. Therefore we dare to say that on that day there is a strong likelihood that God will gather into heaven the precious fruit of all those He has saved and complete the destruction of all of those He did not save.

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# A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT OCTOBER 7, 2015 WILL BE THE END OF THE WORLD

*LIVING IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TRACT SERIES #3*

As you read the title of this tract your first question may be: why that date?

The answer to that question has a great deal to do with another date that the world became very familiar with: May 21, 2011. The date that was proclaimed to the people of the world as Judgment Day!

In our previous Bible pamphlet entitled: "Spiritual Judgment Began May 21, 2011" we demonstrated God's propensity toward bringing spiritual judgments to pass; the judgment upon mankind in the garden of Eden; the judgment of God upon the Lord Jesus Christ in the garden of Gethsemane; and the judgment upon the corporate churches of the world. These were all spiritual judgments and in bringing about a spiritual judgment on the world (beginning May 21, 2011) the Lord is following this biblical pattern.

### **THE NATURE OF THE JUDGMENT**

On May 21, 2011 the Bible indicates that God shut the door of heaven:

**Luke 13: 24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

**25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:**

The Bible also describes the spiritual judgment God brought to pass on that day by the language of the lights of the gospel going out:

**Matthew 24: 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**

The going forth of the gospel of salvation has often been typified in the Bible as rivers of water. But the Word of God declares these waters have been turned to blood once

Judgment Day began:

**Revelation 16: 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.**

Also, the imagery of the gospel waters being dried up is used in the Scriptures:

**Revelation 16: 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**

To say it plainly, through all of these Biblical types and figures (door of heaven being shut, light of the sun, moon, and stars put out, and the turning of waters to blood or waters being dried up) the one consistent theme is that God ended His salvation program. He stopped saving people on May 21, 2011. The nature of the spiritual judgment on this world is that salvation has come to an end. God is no longer saving any person anywhere in the world.

#### **JUDGMENT BEGAN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD for 8400 DAYS**

For some time we have known that God began His end time judgment program by first bringing judgment on the New Testament churches and congregations of the world:

**1 Peter 4: 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:**

The Lord's judgment on the churches (due to their unfaithfulness) started May 21, 1988. Careful study of the biblical calendar of history showed that the timeline for God's judgment on the churches would be for a period of 23 years, to the very day, from May 21, 1988 until May 21, 2011. This 23 year period was also an exact 8400 days. One of the big proofs that May 21, 2011 would be the appointed Day of Judgment had to do with the 23 year judgment on the churches (also known as the Great Tribulation period) concluding on that day. Since we have known the timeline for the spiritual judgment on the churches would be 23 years, the big question has been: how long will God's spiritual judgment on the world continue? If we could determine the duration of the judgment which began on the date of May 21, 2011, we could then know the timing for the end of the world.

A thorough search of the Bible reveals only one serious possibility. The amount of biblical evidence pointing to the date of October 7, 2015 makes that day an exceedingly strong candidate to conclude the prolonged period of judgment that began on May 21, 2011; and for that day to be the end of the world.

#### **JUDGMENT ON THE WORLD CONTINUES FOR 1600 DAYS**

In a few places, God speaks of His wrath upon the churches of the world, and then gives information regarding a time of transition from judgment on the corporate church to the general judgment of all unsaved mankind. We see this twofold end time plan of judgment laid out in the book of Jeremiah:

**Jeremiah 25: 29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.**

God begins to bring evil (judgment) on the city called by His name (the Christian church) and then He declares that He will call for a sword (judgment) upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Again, we have known for some time that the judgment which began on the churches would be for 23 years (8400 days). But how long will God's judgment continue on the inhabitants of the earth?

The book of Revelation presents us with an intense chapter detailing God's final judgment of mankind. We find that awful day described as follows:

**Revelation 14: 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:**

The Day of Judgment is further spoken of as a time of harvest:

**Revelation 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.**

We are not surprised that God pictures His final judgment using the imagery of harvest. After all, the Lord had previously told us in the parable of the Sower that harvest had to do with the end of the world:

**Matthew 13: 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

Returning to the passage speaking of harvest and the end of the world in Revelation 14. We find this unusual statement made at the conclusion of the chapter:

**Revelation 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.**

From these verses we can see that God is punishing the unsaved by crushing their life's blood out of them as they are trodden under foot in the winepress of His wrath. The Bible tells us that the life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). The blood of the unsaved flows forth out of the winepress and continues for a space of 1600 furlongs. We wonder why God reveals the distance that the blood flowed. Is there some significance to the number 1600? Is it possible that the Word of God is revealing the timeline for the prolonged period of Judgment Day through this language? After all, the Bible says the life is in the blood. Could it be that from the time God begins to press the life out of the wicked people of the world that the flow of their blood indicates the time remaining of their existence in this world while suffering the wrath of God?

But someone may say, "Furlongs has nothing to do with time. Furlongs have to do with distance and not time." That is true, but we have to remember this is God's Word, the Bible, and He consistently speaks in parables. Let's look at a Biblical example of God interpreting a non-time word as time:

**Genesis 40: 8 ... And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.**

**9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, ... behold, a vine was before me; 10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: 11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.**

**12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:**

**13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place:**

In this account Joseph interprets the butler's dream concerning three branches to mean three days. Now we could ask the question: what do branches have to do with time? And the answer is absolutely nothing. A branch is not a day and, yet, God still applies a spiritual meaning to each of the branches so that they represent a day of time. Likewise, we freely admit that furlongs have no

relationship to days. But the account in Genesis 40 (as well as other Biblical accounts) establishes Biblical precedent for understanding non-time words (like branches) to represent periods of time. Therefore, 1600 furlongs may be viewed as 1600 days. If we go 1600 days from May 21, 2011 we arrive at October 7, 2015. We now have a time path that leads us to the date of October 7, 2015. The question is: does the Bible present any additional evidence supporting that particular date as the date for the end of the world?

#### **40 X 40 = 1600 (A TIME OF SEVERE TESTING FOR PEOPLE OF GOD)**

Before we discuss the time path of 1600 days landing on October 7, 2015 and further evidence for that day being the end of the world, an important aspect of the number 1600 first needs to be pointed out. The number 1600 can be broken down to "40 x 40." The number "40" in the Bible is a number that identifies with testing. For instance, the Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness, and God calls that time a 'day of temptation' (Hebrews 3:8). And of course, many of us are familiar with Christ's period of temptation:

**Matthew 4: 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.**

We find that Jesus was tempted of the devil during a period of 40 days and 40 nights. A careful examination of the Scriptures reveals that this is the typical spiritual application that God gives to the number 40. The number 40 denotes testing or trial. This is especially significant because we have learned that it is God's plan to leave His saved people (the elect) on the earth to live side by side with those (unsaved people) that are being punished by God.

**Isaiah 24: 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.**

**1 Thessalonians 4: 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**

But why would God leave His people in the world during the time of the outpouring of His wrath upon the wicked? There are a few reasons, but one very important reason is that God is putting His people's faith to a test through a fiery trial, testing them to see if they are truly saved:

**1 Peter 1: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

**Acts 17:10,11** And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: ... These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.:

God's people do not just simply ignore information from the Bible with a dismissive wave of their hand; but rather they listen carefully and then check out the things they are hearing in the Bible to see if they are true or not.

#### **THE BIBLE RECORDS ANOTHER MAJOR SPIRITUAL JUDGMENT**

But those two judgments of God aren't all, there's also another judgment for us to consider: The judgment of God upon the New Testament churches:

**1 Peter 4:17** 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?

God has provided us great amounts of information in His Word pointing to His end time plan to bring to pass judgment on the world's congregations. He also uses the figure of a cup to picture the outpouring of His wrath upon those in the churches and congregations:

**Jeremiah 25:15-18** For thus saith the LORD... Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me: To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah...

God first gives the cup to Jerusalem (a figure of the churches) and then to the rest of the nations (pointing to the world).

**Jeremiah 25:29** For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

By God's goodness and grace, He has revealed to us that the church age ended. Judgment began on the churches in the year 1988. God's Spirit came out of the midst of the New Testament congregations at that time, and immediately the light of the gospel was put out within all churches of the world. And yet despite the Bible's teaching on this point, the New Testament churches continue on completely undisturbed by this terrible truth.

Many of their pastors and elders have heard about the Bible's teaching regarding judgment upon them, but they dismiss it and completely disregard it. But how can they ignore such an enormous teaching of the Scriptures, especially on such a grave point? They are able to ignore it and dismiss it as nothing because it is a judgment found in the spiritual realm. The Spirit of God could never be seen while in their midst, and also could not be seen once

He had left them. The darkness that presently engulfs all churches all over the world is a spiritual darkness; it cannot be detected with physical sight and natural understanding. But God's people are able to understand and detect these things based upon discernment, or spiritual sight that God has given to them:

**Daniel 12:10** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

God's elect heard and understood the seriousness, the reality of the judgment on the churches, despite the fact that it was entirely a spiritual judgment.

#### **SUMMARY**

We've now examined three Biblical judgments, and we have found something remarkable: each of these three judgments can only be described as being spiritual in nature. And we're not speaking of minor, unknown and rather obscure judgments, but three of the most major judgments recorded in the Bible. How could we discuss anything more important than God's judgment upon mankind in the Garden of Eden: or, God's judgment upon Christ in Gethsemane: or, God's judgment upon the New Testament corporate church during the period of the great tribulation?

As a matter of fact, it would be impossible to name a judgment in the Bible more important than these three. That leads us back to our main question: does the Bible teach spiritual judgments? After searching the Bible we can say with assurance, that yes it does! The Bible does indeed teach that God brings spiritual (unseen to the naked eye) judgments to pass upon mankind due to their sin.

But the big question for us all in the world today is: did God bring to pass a spiritual judgment beginning on May 21, 2011? The Bible's response is: Yes! There is a good deal of Biblical justification for saying that a spiritual judgment began on that day and continues up until this present time.

In fact, the Biblical evidence is so strong that we really need to ask ourselves: how could it be that we had never

previously considered a spiritual judgment as even a possibility for the final judgment? We should note however, that the Bible does teach us that God will physically and very literally destroy this world on the last day of earth's existence. We wholeheartedly agree with this sound Biblical teaching. But the Bible is also teaching that May 21, 2011, began a period of time known as *Judgment Day* in a spiritual way.

This spiritual judgment will continue for a set number of days and then finally, on the very last day of this period of time God's wrath will physically manifest itself and utterly destroy this entire creation with every unsaved person along with it. The Bible reveals that every living person alive today has entered into the period of time the Bible identifies as Judgment Day. At this time we are all living in the Day of Judgment. Terribly, the following Scripture is now being fulfilled:

**Isaiah 24:17** Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

Of course this terrible truth leaves us with many questions concerning the character of this present period of judgment.

And also we wonder how it is that God's elect people are still living and remaining upon the earth during this time. We will seek to answer these questions and many more in the next installment of our tract series, *Living in the Day of Judgment*.

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# SPIRITUAL JUDGMENT

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# MAY 21, 2011

## LIVING IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TRACT SERIES #1

The date May 21, 2011 was the most publicized date for the Day of Judgment that the world has ever seen. It was publicized on billboards, and advertised on buses. The message was seen on cars, bumper stickers, t-shirts, literature, magazines and newspapers. The news media all over the world also trumpeted the warning message of the gospel that that date would be JUDGMENT DAY! Much of the world was, in a sense, holding its collective breath in anticipation of the final judgment of God.

And yet, (seemingly) nothing happened. Things did not transpire as thought. There was no worldwide earthquake and awful circumstances that accompanied the date of May 21, 2011. Instead that day came and went like any other day. Nothing outwardly visible happened at all. Many in the world, quite relieved, ridiculed the whole idea. "See," they said, "it was all foolishness." And they were not alone, those in the churches likewise rejoiced: "We told you no one can know the day or the hour!"

However, what the world and the church failed to take into account was God's propensity towards bringing spiritual judgments to pass. A spiritual judgment, like anything spiritual, cannot be seen. By definition something *spiritual* is invisible to the human eye. For example, the Bible declares that God is Spirit:

**John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The Bible tells us that God is a Spiritual Being. But since the world cannot see him, and since the world cannot touch Him, and since it cannot detect him with its senses, therefore according to the world's reasoning God does not exist. Spiritual things are simply nonexistent to the world. But of course God does exist. Despite the fact that He cannot be seen with the natural eye, He is still very real. God's people understand this. We also understand that the Bible is a spiritual book. It is God's book, and since He is Spirit we're not surprised at all that the bible is full of spiritual truth. God's people believe through the eyes of faith which makes spiritual (invisible) things visible to the believer:

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Since much of the world denies God exists because they cannot see Him, we're not surprised that the idea of an invisible or spiritual judgment of God is ridiculous to them. And yet, as believers of the Bible we really aren't interested or concerned at all with what the world finds ridiculous or foolish. Our very gospel, our very book the Bible, our very Savior Jesus Christ is thought foolish by the world: proving beyond doubt to the child of God that the world is extremely blind and ignorant concerning spiritual things. We do not take our leading or direction from the world in spiritual matters whatsoever. The world's opinion of us and our beliefs is of absolutely no importance to the child of God. No. As a child of God our only concern is what does the Bible say.

Well, let's ask that question. What does the Bible say about the idea of a spiritual Judgment Day? Is it possible? Is there any Biblical precedent for this kind of an idea? In order to answer these questions we must search the Bible for answers. And as we do so it so happens that we will find quite a good deal of information concerning this very point.

#### **THE FIRST JUDGMENT IN EDEN: A SPIRITUAL JUDGMENT**

Let's begin our search in the book of Genesis. Soon after creating Adam God gave a very stern warning concerning one of the trees found in the Garden of Eden.

**Genesis 2:16,17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

A great many people, even many not all that familiar with the Bible, no doubt, have heard of this first and only law given to newly created man. God clearly told man not to eat of the fruit of that one particular tree. And God also told man that in the day he ate of that tree he would surely die. It was a very direct, unequivocal statement. Certainly if you or I had been present at that time and had heard this statement coming from God, we would have understood perfectly. Eat of that tree—and you die! And of course we all know what happened. The sad tragic history of the world testifies to the fact that Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They soon ate of the tree God had told them not to eat from.

**Genesis 3:3-6 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:**

**For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

Adam and Eve transgressed the only law God had given to them. They ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. And yet they did not die in that day. If you were to read the entire historical account found in Genesis chapter 3, you will not find Adam, nor his wife Eve, falling over and dying after eating from the fruit of that tree. As a matter of fact, the Bible records Eve giving birth, having one of her children killed (Abel) and then giving birth to more children: all after eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. The Bible also records Adam living for hundreds of years thereafter; Adam didn't die until he was 930 years of age.

**Genesis 5:3,4 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son ... and called his name Seth: And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years:**

But how is it possible for Adam to have lived for hundreds of years after eating of the fruit of that tree? Is it possible that God was wrong somehow? We dare not think that He (God) lied. No. Neither of these things is an option: God is never wrong and it is impossible for Him to lie. How then can we explain it? The answer comes once we look at the Bible with a view towards spiritual understanding. That is, we must consider the possibility that God did bring death to mankind on the very day He said He would; but that the death man died that day was not physical but rather a spiritual death:

**Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

Through these verses we learn that man died in his sins. The Bible reveals that mankind died in his soul existence. Before they fell into sin man was alive in both body and soul. He had communion with God. An intimate relationship existed between God and mankind. But once man sinned that spiritual connection between God and man was broken: he died that very day in his soul. This is why when God saved people during the day of salvation that it was necessary that they became born again in their soul. Salvation was the re-generation of the

sinner's dead soul. The important point for our study is, that God simply said: "In the day you eat thereof you will die." God said this without specifying what type of death man would die. He did not reveal in advance that he meant death in soul and not death in the physical body.

Therefore we see that the first major judgment recorded in the Bible was actually a spiritual judgment. It was spiritual, because no one could have seen Adam and Eve's soul die that day. In fact, Satan could have claimed he was right and have said, "See, I told you that you wouldn't die. Look! Nothing happened to you. You're still very much physically alive." And any outward observers would have agreed with him. Yes, indeed, nothing happened as God had said. And yet, that idea would have been completely wrong. Something did happen. Something very real and something very grievous did occur, albeit in the spiritual realm. God's wrath fell upon them and they died in their soul existence.

"Alright," some may say, "we'll allow the idea that God did bring a spiritual judgment upon Adam and Eve: but that doesn't mean that May 21, 2011 was a spiritual judgment." Yes that's true, but at this time we're not trying to prove May 21, 2011, was the beginning of Judgment Day.

The question before us right now is: is it possible that God could bring the world's final Day of Judgment to pass, in a spiritual way? Once we establish the answer to this question, we can then move on to discuss the good deal of outstanding Biblical evidence that continues to point to May 21, 2011, as Judgment Day. For now though, let's turn again to the Bible and see if we can discover anything further regarding spiritual judgments.

#### **THE FIGURE OF A CUP**

The Bible often refers to God's wrath by using the figure of a cup.

**Psalms 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.**

Notice that along with fire and brimstone God intends to rain down "snares" upon the wicked. Perhaps you can envision literal fire and brimstone falling down upon unsaved mankind in the awful Day of Judgment, but snares? That's traps. Does anyone really believe that traps or cages are going to fall down from the sky all over the earth? Of course not! God added this word "snares" in order to assist us in understanding that the cup of wrath given to all the unsaved people of the world will be a spiritual cup. It's not literal, but spiritual judgment. This is why the Bible also says the whole world will be snared at the time of the end:

**Luke 21:34,35 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

On May 21, 2011, as the world rejoiced and exclaimed (the church along with them) "nothing happened." At that very time God ensnared all of the unsaved people of the earth (in and out of the churches) and began to give them the cup of His fury to drink.

#### **SECOND SPIRITUAL JUDGMENT: CHRIST DRINKS FROM CUP OF GOD'S WRATH**

The Bible also reveals to us that Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sins of His people, and that God poured out His wrath upon Christ: punishing Him in their place. The Lord Jesus entered into the human race in order to demonstrate and show forth His glorious atoning work. While in the Garden of Gethsemane he began to experience God's wrath while making this demonstration:

**Matthew 26:39,42 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.**

Jesus drank of the cup of the wrath of God; but what did this mean? Did fire bolts come down from heaven to destroy Him? No. There was nothing like that. Actually, any outward observer in the Garden of Gethsemane would have only seen a sorrowful and grieved Jesus, nothing else. There were no outward indications of God's wrath at all. In other words, Christ's drinking of the cup of the wrath of God while in the Garden of Gethsemane was not a physical judgment, but rather a spiritual judgment. Jesus suffered greatly due to His experiencing punishment in the spiritual realm.

This means then, that now two important Biblical judgments were completely spiritual in nature: the judgment upon Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and the judgment of God upon Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. These two judgments by themselves present sufficient evidence to support the idea of Judgment Day occurring in a spiritual way; at least the existence of these Biblical precedents ought to move the sincere child of God to honestly investigate this as a genuine possibility. The Bible refers to those that honestly search for truth concerning the things they hear coming forth from the Word of God as Bereans: