



**Matthew 25:31-46**

Matt. 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Matt. 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Matt. 25:33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matt. 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matt. 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

Matt. 25:36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Matt. 25:37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

Matt. 25:38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

Matt. 25:39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

Matt. 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

Matt. 25:41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matt. 25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

Matt. 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Matt. 25:44 “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’

Matt. 25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’

Matt. 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## Observations & Discussion

1. Carefully look at the scripture you just read; using the timeline below draw *brackets* to show the beginning & end of the Tribulation; use a downward pointing *arrow* to show when Jesus returns to the earth; a *throne* to indicate when Jesus will separate the sheep & the goats; and finally draw *brackets* to show when the Millennial Kingdom begins and ends.

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(Time)

2. Using something like **BlueletterBible** look up the word “*nations*” in vs. 32. In context, what collective people group is Jesus talking about in the scripture we are studying?

3. Now look up John 10:16; who are the *sheep*, and who are the *goats* in the scripture we are studying?

The sheep are =

The goats are =

4. Look at vss. 34-40; what did the *sheep* do to earn the King’s praise? What reward do the sheep receive?

5. Look at vss. 41-46; what did the *goats* do to earn the King’s condemnation? What fate do the goats experience?

6. In our scripture Jesus mentions *three different groups of people*—sheep, goats, & “My brethren” (vs. 40). Who are the people that the King describes as “*My brethren*” in vs. 40?

7. Read Acts 9:4; how do the words of Jesus to Saul of Tarsus correlate to the words of the King to the goats in vs. 45?