

THREE ASPECTS OF JUDGMENT

	<i>INVESTIGATION</i>	<i>VERDICT</i> <i>(Sentencing)</i>	<i>EXECUTIVE</i>
CASE STUDIES		[In some cases indicates that Probation has closed]	
Jesus Arraigned Before the Sanhedrin John 5:19-30	The Son can do nothing of Himself -vs.19, 30 <i>Humility</i>	Hath everlasting life... not come into Judgment/Condemn <i>Justification through faith</i>	The Son of man hath been given authority <i>Authority to execute judgment</i>
	All Judgment given to the Son -vs.22 <i>To determine who honors the Son</i>	He that heareth and believeth -vs. 24, 25 <i>To reveal the decision</i>	The Son hath been given life <i>spiritual / physical resurrection</i>
Adam and Eve -The Day Sin Entered Genesis 3:8-24*	Where art thou?/Who told you...? -vs.9, 11, 13 <i>To establish principles of God's government of love (agape) in the earth {see footnote B}</i>	To implant enmity in humanity against Satan <i>The Cross {Rev 13:8}</i> <i>Intimation of Redemption promised to guilty</i>	Man driven out of garden -vs.23,24 It Shall crush thy head- vs.15 <i>Consequence of sin</i>
Cain and Abel Account Genesis 4:1-16	Inquiry Warning -Gen 4:6,7 2 Sets of Questions / Examine Facts of Crime	Cain was a marked man -vs.11,12 To reveal Cain's choice	Cain went out from the presence of the Lord [God did not drive him out]
Noah and the Flood Genesis 6-7	God saw and God looked^ -Gen 6:3, 5-7, 11, 12 Long Examination period - 120 years	Declaration of Destruction - Gen 6:3 echod vs. 13 <i>[Noah & family received verdict of acquittal via the ark] -vs.8</i> <i>Probation had closed</i>	Time of Execution -Gen 7:6 Executive Phase - Gen 7:11 Waters Prevailed 150 Days
Tower of Babel Genesis 12	The Lord came down to see the tower -Gen 11:5 To check out / investigate	Divine decision made. Vs. 6, 7 give verdict and sentence The people is one and nothing will be restrained from them Come let us go down and confound their language	God scattered the people over the earth and confounded the language
Sodom and Gomorrah Gensis 18-19	The Lord said, because the cry of Sodom and Gom. is great, I will go down now and see... Gen 18:16, 17, 20, 21 And there came two men to Sodom... Gen 18:22; 19:1	We will destroy this place, because of the cry has waxen great before the face of the Lord to destroy it -Gen 19:13 <i>Probation had closed</i>	Once Lot and family escaped, the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire & overthrew those cities -vss.15-19, 22
Rebellion of Korah Number 16	This Investigation involved the leader, Moses <i>pleading</i> w/ Korah and the sons of Levi in vs.9,10 and stating the terms how the Lord would determine whom He has chosen as His leaders the following day-vss.5-7 <i>[The extra time illicit a call to repentance once more, allowing time to reconsider their fateful step affecting their whole families.]</i>	Even in the Verdict, Moses <i>pleads</i> for the congregation not to be wiped out -vs. 20-22. As a result, God revises his verdict to just include Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Vs.24 A warning is then given to the congregation thru Moses to separate from "the tents of these wicked men" -vs.26 <i>[Interesting to note--that God allows Moses as His chosen leader to dictate the terms of their destruction.]</i> <i>Probation had closed</i>	When Moses finished speaking (vs.31), "the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up" EXECUTION "and they perished from... the congregation." But the next day the people murmured and thus a plague broke out and was not stayed until Aaron took a censer with incense and fire into the midst of the congregation to make and atonement. --14,700 perished!

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Cursing of the Fig Tree Matt 21:18-22 {cf Mark 11:11-14}	Christ being hungry saw a fig tree. In coming to it, He searched it "from the lowest bough to the topmost twig," Jesus found nothing, but leaves only. {DA 581.4} Vs. 18,19 [This became an acted parable for the Jewish nation.]	He thus pronounced a curse, "Let no fruit grow on the henceforward for ever." <i>"The warning is for all time. Christ's act in cursing the tree which His own power had created stands as a warning to all churches and to all Christians. No one can live the law of God without ministering to others. But there are many who do not live out Christ's merciful, unselfish life... God created them to live in a world where unselfish service must be performed. He designed them to help their fellow men in every possible way."</i> -DA 584.1	Immediately, the sentence brought forth the execution -the fig tree withered away. vs.20
Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Ghost	This is a unique case in that questions were asked which turned out to be the verdict, with no response from the guilty. Peter asked pointed questions to Ananias, revealing that he knew their plot. Obviously, while the questions, were being asked their was time for quick repentance . But apparently, Ananias felt no sorrow for sin. >> Questions were asked Sapphira three hours later, (time allotted to respond to Holy Spirit's promptings to tell the truth) Because she failed to tell the truth how much the land was sold for, the sentence (vs. 9) resulting in the same fate. <u>God deals with people individually in judgment.</u>	Execution occurred immediately thereafter. Thus, punishment insued quickly. Thus, punishment insued quickly.	

** A Summary of what took place during this initial example (Gen.3) of Jehovah's judicial procedure will help us formulate a thesis which we shall evaluate and modify in our study of other instances (case studies) of God's Judgments.*

This will form the basis for understanding God's final pre-advent Investigative Judgment.

^ "Saw" and "Looked" = examination / investigation

B. Christ came to unfold Plan of Redemption to Man. Some aspects of this Plan are listed below:

- 1) He came not to condemn (John 3:17)
- 2) He came to reveal who God is (John 5:24)
- 3) To draw man to Himself (John 6:44)
- 4) He came to begin the process of enlightening Adam and Eve with truth (which Satan had blinded them from)
- 5) To reconcile man through sacrifice (typology) -(Rom.5:10 & 2 Cor.5:19)
- 6) To establish the principle of Judgment/Presumption of Innocence which begins with the process of inquiry

