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THE EPSTEIN FILES ARE TRENDING. WHOSE FILES WILL BE EXAMINED IN THE JUDGMENT?

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the judgment of God and whose files will be examined in this hearing.
2. **Current Event:** Here's What to Know About the Millions of Pages of Epstein Documents
<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/30/us/what-to-know-epstein-files.html>
3. Revelation 14:6-12 bring to view the everlasting gospel and the final messages to be given to the world before the Second Coming of Jesus. Based on Revelation 14:7, why must we fear God and give glory to Him?

4. What happened when the ten thousands stood before the Ancient of Days (God the Father - Psalm 90:2; Psalm 41:13)? Daniel 7:9-10

5. Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." What books of record will be opened and examined by God in the judgment?
 - a) Revelation 20:12; Revelation 22:18, 19; Philippians 4:3

 - b) Malachi 3:16; Nehemiah 13:14

 - c) Isaiah 65:6-7; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 12:36-37

6. Who will be examined by God in the judgment? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Psalm 96:13; Psalm 98:9

7. When did the judgment officially begin? Daniel 8:14; Daniel 9:24-27; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 **Answer:** October 22, 1844. Study the aforementioned scriptures and the 2300 Days Prophecy. Who are the individuals that are being investigated since October 22, 1844 to the present? See the following note and quotation below.
8. **Note:** While everyone will be judged by God, the Bible makes a distinction. When the judgment was set and the books opened, this time period is referring to the judgment of all those who have professed to know Jesus and have at one time confessed their sins to Him. From this group, God will accept some names as being saved and other names He will reject to be lost (Matthew 7:21-23). The wicked who have never acknowledged Christ as their Redeemer will be judged separately, during the millennium. We will prove these points below. It is important to note that just like in an earthly courtroom, there are three phases of judgment: the investigation phase, the verdict phase, and the execution of the verdict or sentence.

"In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. '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?' 1 Peter 4:17." {GC 480.1}

"As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord

declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: "When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ... all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned." Ezekiel 18:24. {GC 483.1}

9. By what will we be judged? James 2:10, 12; Exodus 20:3-17; Matthew 12:36, 37

10. Notice this excerpt regarding why there are not more prosecutions since the release of the Epstein Files.

Why the Epstein files haven't resulted in more charges

Only Jeffrey Epstein and his longtime confidant and girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell have ever been prosecuted in the U.S. in connection with the sexual abuse of underage girls. However, the recent release of millions of documents related to the Epstein files has raised questions about why no one else has been charged.

"The issue is that the Epstein files, they're hearsay. They're not admissible in court," Neema Rahmani, a former U.S. federal prosecutor, told CBC News in a phone interview.

"Cases aren't built on documents," he said. "They're based on witness testimony."
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/epstein-files-charges-9.7073926>

11. Who will be the witnesses in the judgment? Daniel 7:10; Revelation 5:11; Matthew 18:10

"Every man's work passes in review before God and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel." {GC 482.1}

12. **Note:** Let us transition to the judgment of the wicked. This occurs during the 1,000 years and afterwards when Jesus returns to execute the final sentence upon them. Study Revelation 20.

13. How does Revelation 20:4 describe those who sat on the thrones and judgment was given to them?

14. Those who will sit on these thrones are the righteous saints who were redeemed from the earth. What does it mean that "judgment was given unto them?" Daniel 7:22; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Jude 6

15. **Note:** The fact that the wicked are outside of heaven shows that a verdict on their cases has already been decided, and they are receiving a part of the "sentencing" phase of the judgment. So, since the wicked are not in heaven, why will the righteous be "judging" them? It is because the righteous will be reviewing heaven's record books to see if God's condemnation of them is just and correct. Like an earthly courtroom, the jurors pronounce the defendant guilty or innocent and the judge affirms their decision. In this sense, God would be the juror who pronounces the verdict and the saints will be the judge who uphold the decision. Then, they will declare that God's ways and judgment are "just and true" (Revelation 15:2-3).

16. Why are the wicked who never accepted Jesus not allowed to enter heaven? John 3:18; Acts 4:10, 12

17. Were the wicked given opportunities to be saved and accept Jesus? 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 22:2-3; John 12:37

18. After the 1,000 years expire, the wicked will be raised to life (Revelation 20:5). What will happen to them next? Revelation 20:12, 13

19. What does it mean that they stand before God to be judged? 2 Corinthians 5:10 **Answer:** They will now hear what their sentence is and the reasons why they did not make it to heaven. Even they will bow and confess to Jesus that He is just and true in His verdict (Romans 14:11, 12).

“In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people. Says the prophet of God: “I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20:11, 12. {GC 666.1}

“As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked, they are conscious of every sin which they have ever committed. They see just where their feet diverged from the path of purity and holiness, just how far pride and rebellion have carried them in the violation of the law of God. The seductive temptations which they encouraged by indulgence in sin, the blessings perverted, the messengers of God despised, the warnings rejected, the waves of mercy beaten back by the stubborn, unrepentant heart—all appear as if written in letters of fire.” {GC 666.2}

20. **Note:** As we close, let’s focus on how we can pass the judgment of God. Picture this scenario in your mind: in an earthly court room, there is a prosecuting attorney, who brings charges upon the defendant, and there is a defense attorney, who tries to prove the defendant innocent. Likewise in this judgment, there is someone who is bringing charges against us to prove us guilty of breaking God’s ten commandments. This same person is also accusing Jesus, our defense attorney, of being unjust because He desires to pardon guilty sinners.

21. Who is accusing us of breaking God’s law? Revelation 12:10,12; Zechariah 3:1-3

22. Are Satan’s claims that we have broken God’s commandments false? Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6

23. Since we are guilty of breaking God’s law, what must we give to Jesus and what must we receive from Him? Zechariah 3:4-5; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 3:18; Revelation 19:8

24. After we receive Christ’s righteousness through faith and confession of our sins, what does God expect of us? Zechariah 3:7; 1 Peter 2:21-24
