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**Saints**  
given  
**Authority**  
**To Judge**

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## Saints Given Authority to Judge.

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The Scriptures teach that the resurrected redeemed will be given authority to judge. This study looks at various verses that speak of judgement, with the goal of discovering when they will judge, where they will judge and who they will judge.

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### JUDGEMENT GIVEN TO THE SAINTS

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- **Daniel 7:22:** The Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom. (Dan. 7:22).

The word saint, refers to a person that is acknowledged as being holy, righteous, virtuous, patient and kind. Biblically it embraces faithful believers of Old Testament Israel, and faithful believers in the New Testament. The kingdom could apply to the following two kingdoms:

1. The kingdom of Israel, when God gave them victory over their enemies and they had full control, and authority and judgment in their land, in this context the judgement would apply to the magistrates of Israel having power to judge all who dwelt in their land.
2. To Christ's glorious millennial Kingdom, in which those gathered to Christ will be given authority to judge the nations remaining in the world.

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### JUDGEMENT IN THE NEW WORLD

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- **Matthew 19:28:** Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This verse clearly refers to Christ's glorious millennial Kingdom. Sitting on thrones, signifies, being given the chief power and authority to govern and judge. The focus is judging the nation of Israel, which means this verse could very well apply to that day when the armies of the ten horned beast nations surround Jerusalem, and the LORD destroys them, and pours out upon the nation of Israel a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on him who they pierced, they mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. (Zech. 12: 8-10). It is possible, those seated with Christ, will judge the people of Israel at this time, and it is certain they will judge the nations in the New World, during Christ's millennial reign.

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### SAINTS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD

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- **1 Corinthians 6:2-3:** Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

The world here refers to the New World to come under Christ's rule, in this New World, the resurrected redeemed will reign with Christ as his government with supreme authority over all others. This is the sovereign

honour of the faithful in the New World to come. Righteousness will reign supreme; wickedness and sin will be restrained and the administration of justice and judgment will be given to the resurrected redeemed.

**ANGEL:** the English word angel comes from the Hebrew word mal'ak meaning messenger. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word mal'ak has in some verses been translated angel while in others it has been translated messenger. This means that the word angel can apply to heavenly angels or human messengers. In most instances the context the word angels is used in make it clear as to whether it is referring to human messengers or heavenly angels (though there are some exceptions).

The following are some Bible examples where the word (mal'ak s) has been translated to messenger showing that the Hebrew word (mal'ak) can refer to human people or heavenly angels. In all the following verses the word angels is the Hebrew word (mal'ak) meaning angel, but is translated in our English Bibles as messenger which means the following men referred to as messengers are in the original manuscripts called angels.

**The Biblical Pattern:** in most instances (there are exceptions). Bible translators have translated the Hebrew word (mal'ak) to the English word angels when they are identified with God or heaven and translated it to the word messenger when they are identified with man or the earth. When man sends (mal'ak) (angel) the translators of the Bible have translated the Hebrew word (mal'ak) to messenger whereas when God sends (mal'ak) the translators of the Bible have translated the Hebrew word (mal'ak) to angel.

#### **John the Baptist is a human angel.**

- **Matthew 11:9-11.** What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my *messenger* (aggelos) (angel) before your face, who will prepare your way before you.

#### **John the Baptist sent human angels.**

- **Luke 7:24.** John's *messengers* (aggelos) (angel) had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"

#### **John the Baptist is Jesus' human angel.**

- **Luke 7:27.** This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my *messenger* (aggelos) (angel) before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

#### **Jesus sends human angels.**

- **Luke 9:51-52.** When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent *messengers* (aggelos) (angel) ahead of him, to the village of the Samaritans.

#### **Titus is a human angel of the church.**

- **2 Corinthians 8:23.** As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are *messengers* (aggelos) (angel) of the churches, the glory of Christ.

The means that the mighty angels in (2 Thess. 1:7), that Jesus returns with may be real supernatural angels, or they could be the resurrected redeemed who Christ will bring with him when he returns in glory, which means, the expression, "you are to judge angels," could refer to either of the following:

1. The angels are not literal supernatural angels, but, heads and chief men who bring the gifts of the nations to Jerusalem to offer to Christ and his government.
2. Those governing with Christ will judge real angels, but not in the sense of judging if they are worthy or not, but in the sense of judging what ministries, works and service they are to do, for the Scripture says, the angels are:
  - All ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? (Heb. 1:14).

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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See the title:

- Angels can be Human Messengers in, Angels (ON WEBSITE MENU).
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