

THE JUDGMENT “BEMA” SEAT OF CHRIST Part I

Reference: miscellaneous Scriptures

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There are seven different judgments mentioned in Scripture; and out of those seven, the Judgment Seat of Christ might be the most misunderstood.

Reference: **II Corinthians 5:10**, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

This phrase “*judgment seat*” is translated from just one Greek word “*bema*” and *bema* meant a raised or _____ that was mounted by steps.

This *bema* was used in Greece to describe the platform that facilitated the award ceremonies at different ancient games.

This particular judgment **is not** intended to punish sin; but instead, as in ancient athletic games, it is intended to honor us and reward us.

TIME: sometime after the _____

Reference: **II Timothy 4:7-8** and **Revelation 22:12**, “And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me**, to give to every one according to his work.”

LOCATION: in the _____

Reference: **II Corinthians 12:2**

Mormonism has three heavens (degrees of glory)

The three Biblical heavens are:

First heaven is the _____

Reference: **Genesis 2:19, 7:3, 23; Deuteronomy 11:17, 28:12; Psalms 8:8, 78: 23; Lamentations 4:19**, etc.

Reference: **Acts 14:17** (see screen)

Second heaven is _____ (galactic) _____

Reference: **Deuteronomy 17:3; Psalm 2:4, 19:1; Jeremiah 8:2; Matthew 24:29**, etc.

Example: **Isaiah 13:10** (see screen)

Third heaven is _____ (sometimes called the heaven of heavens)

Reference: **Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Kings 8:27, 30; Psalms 2:4, 115:16, 148:4**, etc.

Example: **I Kings 8:30** (see screen)

Reference: **John 14:2-3** (see screen)

PARTICIPANTS: There are two basic participants at this judgment.

THE JUDGE: _____ Himself

Reference: **John 5:22**, “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son (Jesus).”

THE SUBJECTS BEING JUDGED: _____ from the church age

Reference: **II Corinthians 5:10a**, “For **we** (church age saints) **must all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ...”

Reference: **Romans 14:12**, “So then **each of us** (church age saints) shall give account of himself to God.”

PURPOSE: to evaluate the _____ on this earth

Reference: **Romans 14:12** and **I Corinthians 3:13**

Jesus is going to evaluate us in three basic areas:

- our _____
Reference: **II Corinthians 5:10**
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Principle: The Bema seat evaluates only our _____ existence. Example: Paul **II Timothy 4:7, 8**

- our _____
Reference: **I Corinthians 3:13a**, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day (meaning the day Jesus returns) will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”
- our _____
Reference: **I Corinthians 4:5**, “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness (not sins but someone’s motives) and reveal the counsels (in the original language counsels means intent or motives) of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”