

The figurative scale and rod Understanding God's judgment What are these scales of judgment?

*When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had **a pair of scales** in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the*

center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.” (Rv 6:5-6)

**The
figurative
scales -
Word of**



judgment

- Tool for weighing something against a standard
- God weighs our hearts & our actions (Prv 24:12, 1 Sm 2:3).
- *Boast no more so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed. (1 Sm 2:3)*

Judged by which standard

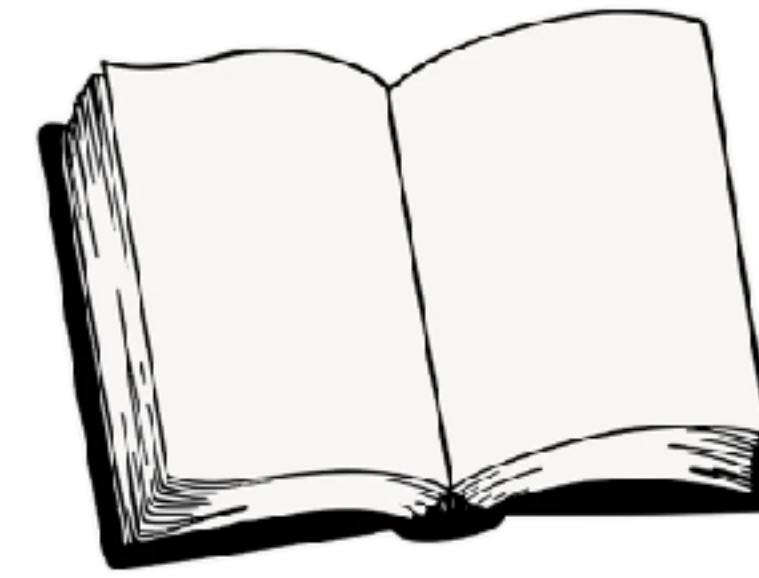
- Although our flesh is judged by the laws of our respective nations, our spirits are judged by God's spiritual laws.
- Although God does not change (Mal 3:6), the standard by which He weighs us does.

Why? • Does a doctor use the same weight standard for a child as an adult? And doesn't God expect our spirits to grow?

God's standard is His revealed Word



- God’s standard is the law of heaven as He reveals it—the “food at the proper time.”
- It was the Mosaic Law 3,500 years ago, but 2,000 years ago didn’t it change? *him at the last day. (Jn 12:48)*
- *He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge*
- What is the standard in the last days? What is revealed in the last days?



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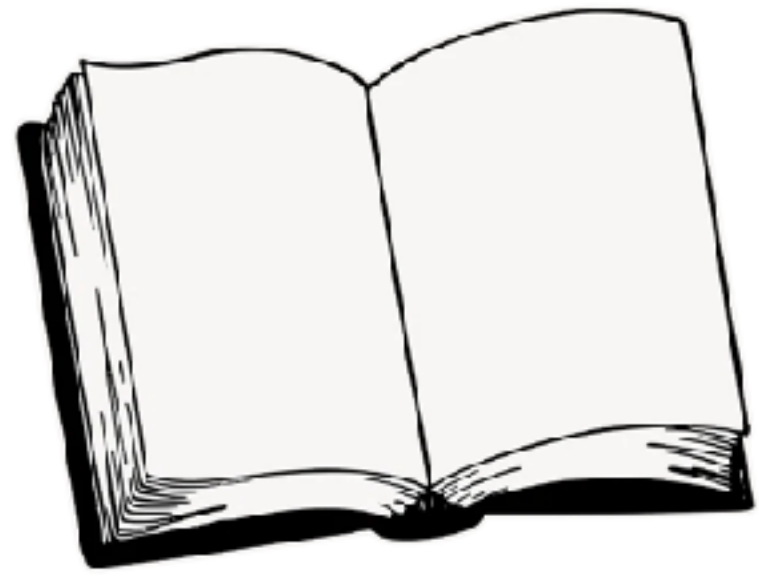
What if we use the wrong

standard? • *A false balance is an abomination to the*

Lord, but a just weight is your final judgment. • If
His delight. (Prv 11:1) • God has shifted His

Using the wrong standard would make you confidently wrong about the outcome of
standard and is expecting more, we too must shift our standard in measuring ourselves.

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Understanding God's judgment

- God's final judgment in the last of the last days appears in Rv 20:12.
standard by which we will be judged before our final exam.
- God giving us His Word is God giving us the scales and
• Should we not be grateful and use them to prepare?
And I saw the dead, the great

and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. (Rv 20:12)

The figurative rod, staff, and scepter

- Tool that measures, protects, guides disciplines, or rules depending on the situation → **God's word of judgment**
one who wields it



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- *He who withholds his **rod** hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently. (Prv 13:24)*
- *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; **Your rod and Your staf**, they comfort me. (Ps 23:4)*

The figurative rod, staff, and scepter

*And He will strike the earth with the **rod of His mouth**, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. (Is 11:4)*



As a weapon

The figurative rod, staff, and scepter

*Then there was given me **a measuring rod like a staf;**
and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple*

*of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. (Rv
11:1)*



Building God's temple

The figurative rod, staff, and scepter

*The **scepter** shall not depart from Judah, nor the **ruler's staf** from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
(Gn 49:10)*



Ruling God's kingdom

“But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.” “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’”

Ps 2:6-9

Scales & rods at 1st coming

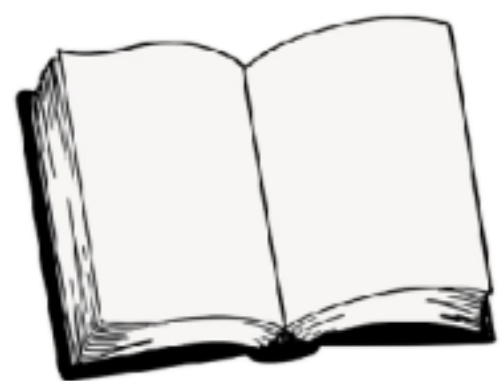
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Smash vessels

Judgment (Ps 2:6-9)

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True rod & scepter

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False scale

Own
thoughts



Hell

Christians

safety (Jn 10:27)

Jewish Believers

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not

prophecy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

Mt 7:21-23

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which

are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Rv 22:18-19

He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to

him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from

My Father;

Rv 2:26-27

Scales & rods at 2nd coming Rv

6:5-6, Rv 11:1 Christian leaders Judgment (Rv 2:26-27)

Smash vessels

Kingdom

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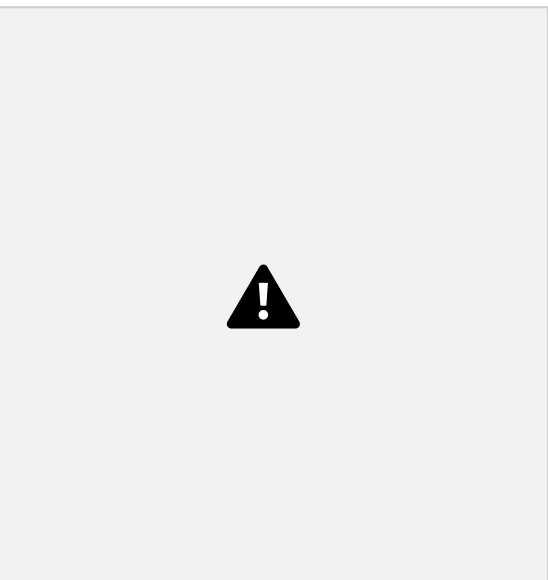
False scale

Own thoughts

Rv 15:4, Rv 19:15 Lead all

nations back to God

Christian believers

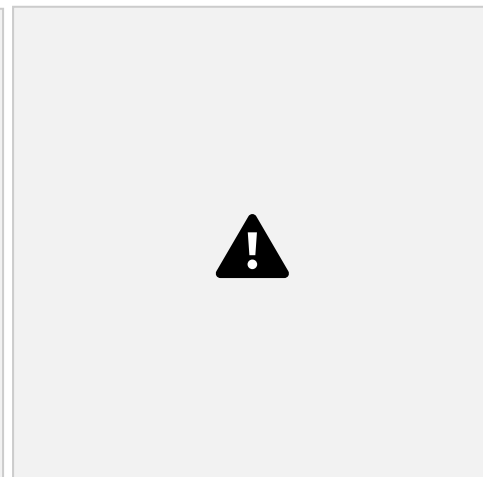
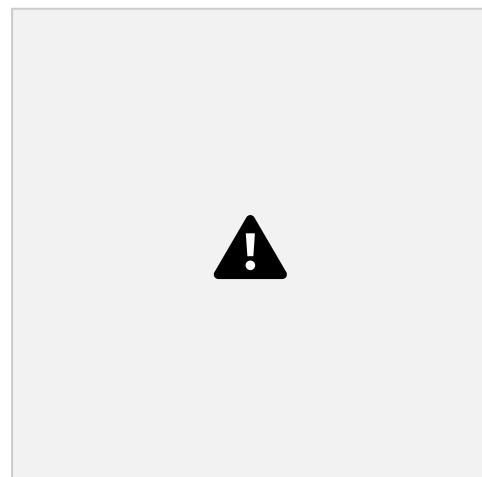


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True rod

& scepter

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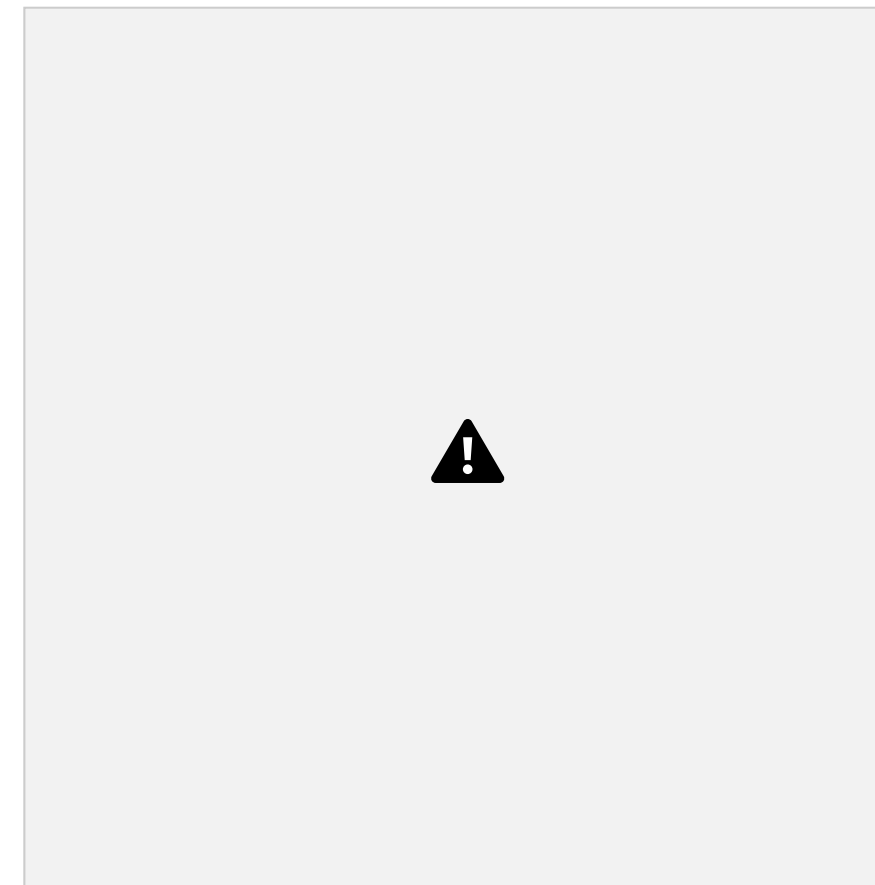


God's Final

Summary and conclusion

- As tools that measure and guide, the figurative scale and rod represent both God's word of judgment that helps us discern His will and the one who wields it.
- As God guides us back to our full restoration to Him, He sends His scale and rod into the world in each new era to help us.
- God does this in hope that we will humble ourselves and accept His new standard. Those

who do are truly His people who receive His blessings. Those who reject it show God that they prefer His enemy, and they will be judged accordingly.



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Let's pray

