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Stever posts:

When will the dividing of the sheep and the goats, recorded in Matthew 25:31-46, take place, before or after the thousand year kingdom?

I have often wondered about the timing of this end time event. If we look at Verse 31 we find:  
"When the Son of man shall come in his glory ...."

So we know this event will occur at the end of the seven year tribulation and right before the thousand year kingdom begins.

Verse 34 also shows that this will occur at the beginning of the kingdom. The Son of man will tell the sheep, "... Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you ...."

Many people accidentally confuse Matthew 25:31-46 with the great white throne judgment, recorded in Revelation 20:11-15, which will happen after the thousand year kingdom. But the sheep and goats will all be living people on earth at the time of the dividing of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:31-46. But the great white throne judgment in Revelation 20 will be the judgment of all of the lost people of all time. Thus, in the great white throne judgment, there will be no division to be made, since all those who will be present will be lost.

God bless,

Stever ;-)