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- It was also used by the Greeks to refer to the platform an athlete stood on to receive his victor's wreath after winning a game.

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“In all of these passages, “Paul was picturing the believer as a competitor in a spiritual contest. As the victorious Grecian athlete appeared before the Bema to receive his perishable award, so the Christian will appear before Christ’s Bema to the Bema bestowed rewards to the victors. He did not whip the losers” ... “We might add, neither did he sentence them to hard labor” [J. Hampton Keathley, III, “The Doctrine of Rewards: The Judgment Seat (Bema) of Christ”].



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- **How Many Judgments Are There?**
John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-11
- **Can A Christian Lose Their Salvation?**
John 3:18; 5:24; Hebrews 6:4-6; Colossians 3:23-25; Romans 2:3-11

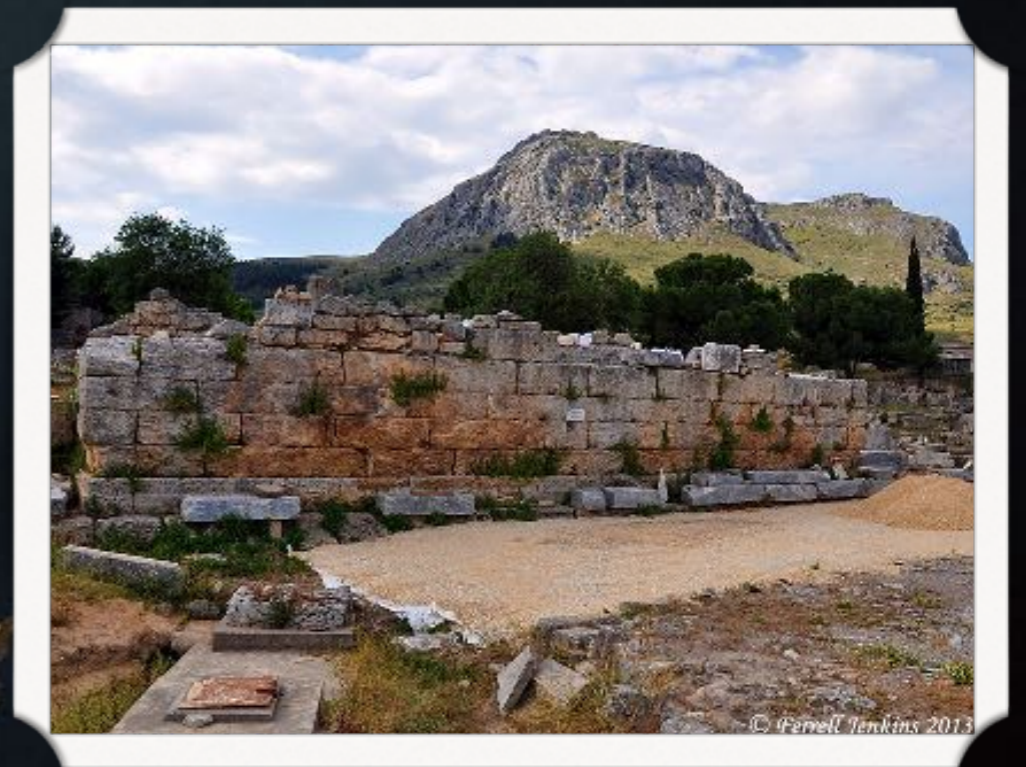


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John 19:13

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.



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- Not Usually Used For The Bringing Of A Case, But Rather For Rendering A Final Judgment - Acts 12:21; 18:12-16; 25:6, 14-18, 10
- God The Father Is The Judge By Or Through **Jesus** - John 5:18, 22-30; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 20; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3



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- **Some “Difficult” Passages** - John 8:15-16; 12:47-50; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 2:16
- **We Are Living Our Case Now!** Matthew 25; Romans 14:7-12; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11



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Our Day Before The “Bema” Of Christ

- **Is Inevitable** - Hebrews 9:27
- **All Will Be Made Known** - Ecclesiastes 12:7-14;
Hebrews 4:13
- **Will Be According To Truth** – Romans 2:1-16
- **It Will Be Final** - Mark 9:43-49



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ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT DAY?

2 Timothy 4:1, 8

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom...Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



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