

which the people of the world would be warned that the investigative judgment was taking place in order that they might do what was necessary to secure a favorable decision in this judgment when their cases were investigated. Here the Seventh-day Adventists base the whole interpretation of this passage on the concept that the word "judgment" in this passage refers to the investigative judgment. However, this concept has no evidence to support it. Therefore, this concept is an assumption, and cannot be proven. This means that the whole interpretation of this passage is built on an assumption!

Moreover, this interpretation does not fit with the context of this passage. In this passage the Apostle John predicted that the everlasting gospel would be preached to every person on earth. He predicted that this everlasting gospel would consist of a command to "Fear God, give glory to him, and worship him."⁷⁹ He predicted that the reason for this command would be that the time for God's judgment had arrived, and that the ground for the command to worship God in this time of judgment and not the beast would be that God was the creator of all things and thus was worthy of worship whereas the beast was not worthy of it. The context of this passage suggests that these predictions will be fulfilled in the last half of the Tribulation Period which will immediately precede the return of Christ to earth to reign for one thousand years. There is nothing in this context to suggest that these predictions would be fulfilled from 1844 A.D. to the second coming of Christ. Therefore, the interpretation which the Seventh-day Adventists give to this passage must be rejected.

The Seventh-day Adventists claim that Peter predicted in First Peter 4:17 that the people of God would be judged in the investigative judgment.

⁷⁹Rev. 14:7.