

**FIRST READING**

DANIEL 12:1-3

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

THE GOSPEL *of the* LORD

MARK 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

FRESCO OF THE

LAST JUDGEMENT

Michelangelo

(March 6, 1475 – February 18, 1564)



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The Last Judgment fresco by Michelangelo, painted on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, is a profound depiction of the final judgment of souls, a central theme in Catholic doctrine. Painted between 1536 and 1541, it portrays Christ at the center, surrounded by saints, angels, and the souls of humanity, emphasizing the consequences of earthly life. To Christ's right, the blessed are drawn towards heaven; to His left, the damned are cast into hell by powerful angels. The fresco challenges viewers to reflect on their faith, the mercy of God, and the eternal destiny awaiting each soul. This powerful artwork calls us to ponder the gravity of the last judgment and the hope for salvation through Christ.