God’s Final Judgment Of Satan And His Fallen Angels

The Scriptures do not provide a complete account of all the details of God’s judgment of Satan and fallen angels. But there are enough relevant verses to obtain a general overview of it. In John 16:11, Jesus said Satan was already under a sentence of condemnation by God at that time: “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” This judgment of condemnation had been pronounced by God sometime in the past. When it occurred is unclear.

Revelation 19:11-20:8 shows at Jesus’ Second Coming, Satan will be thrown into a temporary holding-prison called the Abyss. Revelation 20:7-14 reveals Satan will later be thrown into Hell or the Lake of Fire prior to the Great Final Judgment.

Jude 6 indicates fallen angels will be judged at the Great Final Judgment: “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.” 2 Peter 2:4 speaks of at least some of these fallen angels being bound at the present time in a temporary holding-prison called “Tartarus” in the original Greek: “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”

Hell is the same as Lake of Fire – the place of everlasting punishment (cross reference Matthew 18:8-9, 25:41, Mark 9:43-44 and Revelation 20:10). But English translations of the Bible sometimes translate “Tartarus” and “Hades” – the place where unbelievers in Old Testament times were temporarily sent after they died (see Matthew 11:23, Luke 10:15 and 16:23) – as “Hell”. Whether it is right to translate “Tartarus” and “Hades” as “Hell” is debatable.

Matthew 25:41 shows the Lake of Fire was prepared for both Satan and fallen angels: “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Therefore even though Revelation 20:10 speaks of Satan being thrown alone into the eternal fire prior to the Final Judgment Day, fallen angels will be sent there later.

Matthew 8:29 and Luke 8:31 reveal fallen angels know their appointed future time of judgment.

Genesis 3:15 records God promised to defeat Satan through the Seed of the woman – Jesus Christ. Also, Colossians 2:15 demonstrates fallen angels were defeated and disarmed through Jesus’ death: “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Such total defeat of Satan and his fallen angels related to removing their rule over the fallen human race. Jesus’ death was not necessary for Satan and his evil angels to be eternally condemned.

The verses quoted or mentioned above – John 16:11, Jude 6, Matthew 8:29, 25:41 and Luke 8:31 – show they were eternally condemned some time in the past prior to Jesus’ death.

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1 One view suggests that some demons are not fallen angels. I do not have space here to discuss this contentious issue.
Bible Study Question

1. What does the Bible teach about the Final judgement of Satan and his fallen angels?