

~RESURRECTION (3485)

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• The Greek word *a-na'sta-sis* literally means, raising up, standing up. It is used frequently in the Christian Greek Scriptures with reference to the resurrection of the dead. The Hebrew Scriptures at;

• From the hand of Sheol I shall **redeem** them, from death I shall recover them. Where are your stings, O Death? Where is your

- destructiveness, O Sheol? Compassion itself will be concealed from my eyes. (**Hosea 13:14**)
- **Quoted by the apostle Paul;**
 - **But when this which is corruptible puts on incorruption and this which is mortal puts on immortality, then the saying will take place that is written; Death is swallowed up forever. (**1 Corinthians 15:54**)**
 - **Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? (**1 Corinthians 15:55**)**
 - **Speak of the abolition of death and the rendering powerless of Sheol, Hebrew, *she 'ohl'*, Greek, *hai'des*. *She 'ohl'* is rendered in various versions as **grave** and **pit**. The dead are spoken of as going there.**
 - **And all his sons and all his daughters kept rising up to comfort him, but he kept refusing to take comfort and saying; For I shall go down mourning to my son into **Sheol!** And his father continued weeping for him. (**Genesis 37:35**)**
 - **And you must act according to your wisdom, and not let his gray hairs go down in peace to Sheol. (**1 Kings 2:6**)**
 - **All that your hand finds to do, do with your very power, for there is no work nor devising nor knowledge nor wisdom in **Sheol**, the place to which you are going. (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**)**
 - **Its usage in the Scriptures, along with the usage of its Greek equivalent *hai'des* in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, shows that it refers, not to an individual grave, but **to the common grave of mankind, gravedom.****
 - **The foremost men of the mighty ones will speak out of the midst of **Sheol** even to him, with his helpers. They will certainly go down, they must lie down as the uncircumcised, slain by the sword. (**Ezekiel 32:21**)**
 - **There is where Assyria and all her congregation are. His burial places are round about him. All of them are slain, those falling by the sword. (**Ezekiel 32:22**)**
 - **For her burial places have been put in the innermost parts of a**

- pit, and her congregation proves to be round about her grave, all of them slain, falling by the sword, because they had caused terror in the land of those alive. ([Ezekiel 32:23](#))
- There are Elam and all her crowd round about her grave, all of them slain ones, those falling by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the land down below, those who have caused their terror in the land of those alive, and they will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. ([Ezekiel 32:24](#))
 - In the midst of slain ones they have set a bed for her among all her crowd. Her burial places are round about it. All of them are uncircumcised, slain by the sword, because their terror was caused in the land of those alive, and they will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. In the midst of slain ones he has been put. ([Ezekiel 32:25](#))
 - There is where Meshech and Tubal and all her crowd are. Her burial places are round about him. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced through by the sword, because they have caused their terror in the land of those alive. ([Ezekiel 32:26](#))
 - And will they not lie down with mighty ones, falling from among the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war? And they will put their swords under their heads, and their errors will come to be upon their bones, because mighty ones were a terror in the land of those alive. ([Ezekiel 32:27](#))
 - And as for you, in the midst of uncircumcised ones you will be broken, and you will lie down with those slain by the sword. ([Ezekiel 32:28](#))
 - There is where Edom, her kings and all her chieftains are, who, in their mightiness, were put with those slain by the sword, they themselves will lie down even with the uncircumcised ones and with those going down into the pit. ([Ezekiel 32:29](#))
 - There is where the dukes of the north are, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain ones, in their terribleness because of their mightiness, ashamed. And they will lie down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. ([Ezekiel 32:30](#))

- These are the ones that Pharaoh will see, and he will certainly be comforted over all his crowd. Pharaoh and all his military force will be people slain by the sword, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 32:31](#))
- For he has caused his terror in the land of those alive, and he must be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised ones, with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his crowd, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 32:32](#))
- And the sea gave up those dead in it, and death and Hades gave up those dead in them, and they were judged individually according to their deeds. ([Revelation 20:13](#))
- To render **Sheol** powerless would mean to loosen its hold on those in it, which would **imply the emptying of gravedom**. This, of course, would require a **resurrection**, a raising up from the lifeless condition of death or out of the grave for those there.

See Also HADES

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•• **Through Jesus Christ**

- The foregoing shows that the teaching of **resurrection** appears in the Hebrew Scriptures. Nevertheless, it remained for Jesus Christ to shed light upon life and incorruption through the Good News.
- But now it has been made clearly evident through the manifestation of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death but has shed light upon life and incorruption through the Good News. ([2 Timothy 1:10](#))
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet who said; I will open my mouth with illustrations, I will publish things hidden since the founding. ([Matthew 13:35](#))
- Jesus said; I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Jesus said to him; I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ([John 14:6](#))

- Just how **everlasting life** would come, and more than that, **incorruption** for some, was brought to light through the Good News about Jesus Christ. The apostle affirms that the **resurrection** is a sure hope, arguing;
- Now if Christ is being preached that he has been raised up from the dead, how is it some among you say there is no **resurrection** of the dead? (**1 Corinthians 15:12**)
- If, indeed, there is no **resurrection** of the dead, neither has Christ been raised up. (**1 Corinthians 15:13**)
- But if Christ has not been raised up, our preaching is certainly in vain, and our faith is in vain. (**1 Corinthians 15:14**)
- Moreover, we are also found false witnesses of God, because we have borne witness against God that **he raised up the Christ**, but whom he did not raise up if the dead are really not to be raised up. (**1 Corinthians 15:15**)
- For if the dead are not to be raised up, neither has Christ been raised up. (**1 Corinthians 15:16**)
- Further, if Christ has not been raised up, your faith is useless. You are yet in your sins. (**1 Corinthians 15:17**)
- In fact, also, those who fell asleep in death in union with Christ perished. (**1 Corinthians 15:18**)
- If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (**1 Corinthians 15:19**)
- However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:20**)
- For since death is through a man, **resurrection** of the dead is also through a man. (**1 Corinthians 15:21**)
- Christ himself when on earth performed **resurrections**.
- Closely following this he traveled to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were traveling with him. (**Luke 7:11**)

- **As he got near the gate of the city, why, look! There was a dead man being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother. Besides, she was a widow. A considerable crowd from the city was also with her. (Luke 7:12)**
- **And when the Lord caught sight of her, he was moved with pity for her, and he said to her; Stop weeping. (Luke 7:13)**
- **With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you, get up! (Luke 7:14)**
- **And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (Luke 7:15)**
- **While he was yet speaking, a certain representative of the presiding officer of the synagogue came, saying; Your daughter has died, do not bother the teacher any longer. (Luke 8:49)**
- **On hearing this, Jesus answered him; Have no fear, only put forth faith, and she will be saved. (Luke 8:50)**
- **When he reached the house he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter and John and James and the girl's father and mother. (Luke 8:51)**
- **But people were all weeping and beating themselves in grief for her. So he said; Stop weeping, for she did not die but is sleeping. (Luke 8:52)**
- **At this they began to laugh at him scornfully, because they knew she had died. (Luke 8:53)**
- **But he took her by the hand and called, saying; Girl, get up! (Luke 8:54)**
- **And her spirit returned, and she rose instantly, and he ordered something to be given her to eat. (Luke 8:55)**
- **Well, her parents were beside themselves, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened. (Luke 8:56)**
- **Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying**

against it. (**John 11:38**)

- Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (**John 11:39**)
- Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? (**John 11:40**)
- Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. (**John 11:41**)
- True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order, that they might believe that you sent me forth. (**John 11:42**)
- And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (**John 11:43**)
- The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. (**John 11:44**)
- Only through Jesus Christ can **resurrection**, with everlasting life thereafter, be possible.
- For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted also to the Son to have life in himself. (**John 5:26**)

·· A Sure Purpose Of God

- Jesus Christ pointed out to the Sadducees, a sect that did not believe in **resurrection**, that the writings of Moses in the Hebrew Scriptures, which they possessed and claimed to believe, prove there is a resurrection. Jesus reasoned that when Yehowah said He was the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, **who were actually dead**, He counted those men as alive because of the resurrection that He, the God, not of the dead, but of the living, purposed to give them. God, because of his power, makes the dead alive and calls the things that are not as though they were. Paul includes this fact when speaking of Abraham's faith.

- On that day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and asked him. (**Matthew 22:23**)
- As regards the resurrection of the dead, did you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying; (**Matthew 22:31**)
- I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living. (**Matthew 22:32**)
- On hearing that, the crowds were astounded at his teaching. (**Matthew 22:33**)
- Just as it is written: I have appointed you a father of many nations. This was in the sight of the One in whom he had faith, even of God, who makes the dead alive and calls the things that are not as though they were. (**Romans 4:17**)

·· **God's Ability To Resurrect**

- For the One with the ability and power to create man in His own image, with a perfect body and with the potential for full expression of the marvelous characteristics implanted in the human personality, it would pose no insurmountable problem to **resurrect** an individual.
- If scientific principles established by God can be used by scientists to preserve and later reconstruct a visible and audible scene by means of videotape, how easy it is for the great Universal Sovereign and Creator to **resurrect** a person by repatterning the same personality in a newly formed body. Concerning the revitalizing of Sarah to have a child in her old age, the angel said; Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah?
- Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah? At the appointed time I shall return to you, next year at this time, and Sarah will have a son. (**Genesis 18:14**)
- Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here you yourself have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm. The whole matter is not too wonderful for you yourself. (**Jeremiah 32:17**)
- Here I am, Yehowah, the God of all flesh. For me is there any matter at all too wonderful? (**Jeremiah 32:27**)

· How The Need For Resurrection Arose

- In the beginning a **resurrection** was not necessary. It was not a part of God's original purpose for mankind, because death was not the natural, purposed thing for human's.
- Rather, God indicated that he purposed the earth to be full of **living** human's, not a deteriorating, dying race. His work was perfect, hence without flaw, imperfection, or sickness.
- The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (**Deuteronomy 32:4**)
- Yehowah blessed the first human pair, telling them to multiply and fill the earth.
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)
- Such blessing certainly did not include sickness and death, God set no limited life span for man, but he told Adam that disobedience is what would cause death.
- This implies that man would otherwise live forever. Disobedience would incur God's disfavor and remove his blessing, bringing a curse.
- But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)
- And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wife's voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command; You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)
- And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)

- In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
- Consequently, death was introduced into the human race by the transgression of Adam.
- That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)
- Because of their fathers sinfulness and resultant imperfection, Adam's offspring could not get a heritage of everlasting life from him, in fact, not even a **hope** of living forever.
- Likewise every good tree produces fine fruit, but every rotten tree produces worthless fruit. (**Matthew 7:17**)
- A good tree cannot bear worthless fruit, **neither can a rotten tree produce fine fruit.** (**Matthew 7:18**)
- Man, born of woman, is short-lived and glutted with agitation. (**Job 14:1**)
- Like a blossom he has come forth and is cut off, and he runs away like the shadow and does not keep existing. (**Job 14:2**)
- The **resurrection** was brought in, or **added**, to overcome this disability for those of Adam's children who would desire to be obedient to God.

· Purpose Of The Resurrection

- The **resurrection** shows forth not only Yehowah's unlimited power and wisdom but also his love and his mercy and vindicates him as the Preserver of those who serve him.
- Yehowah is a Killer and a Preserver of life, a Bringer down to Sheol, and He brings up. (**1 Samuel 2:6**)
- Having **resurrection** power, he can go to the extent of showing that his servants will be faithful to him to the very death. He can answer Satan's accusation;

- **But Satan answered Yehowah and said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. (Job 2:4)**
- **Yehowah can let Satan go the full limit, even to killing some in a vain effort to support his false accusations.**
- **Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name. (Matthew 24:9)**
- **Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)**
- **And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer, until the number was filled also of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed as they also had been. (Revelation 6:11)**
- **The fact that Yehowah's servants are willing to give up life itself in his service proves their service is, not for selfish considerations, but out of love.**
- **And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. (Revelation 12:11)**
- **It also proves that they acknowledge Him as the Almighty, the Universal Sovereign, and the God of love, who is able to resurrect them. It proves they render exclusive devotion to Yehowah for his wonderful qualities and not for selfish material reasons. Consider some of the exclamations of his servants, as recorded at;**
- **O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his judgments are and past tracing out his ways are! (Romans 11:33)**
- **For who has come to know Yehowah's mind, or who has become his counselor? (Romans 11:34)**

- Or, Who has first given to him, so that it must be repaid to him? (**Romans 11:35**)
- Because from him and by him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. (**Romans 11:36**)
- You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. (**Revelation 4:11**)
- Saying; Amen! The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen. (**Revelation 7:12**)
- The **resurrection** also is a means by which Yehowah sees that his purpose toward the earth, as stated to Adam, is carried out.
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)

· Essential To Mans Happiness

- The **resurrection** of the dead, an undeserved kindness on God's part, is essential to mankind's happiness and to the undoing of all the harm, suffering, and oppression that have come upon the human race.
- These things have befallen man as a result of his imperfection and sickness, the wars he has waged, the murders committed, and the inhumanities practiced by wicked people at the instance of Satan the Devil.
- We cannot be completely happy if we do not believe in a resurrection. The apostle Paul expressed the feeling in these words,
- If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (**1 Corinthians 15:19**)

· How Early Was Resurrection Hope Given

- **After Adam had sinned and had brought death upon himself and thereby introduced death for those who would be his posterity, God, in addressing the serpent, said;**

- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (Genesis 3:15)**

· **One Originally Causing Death To Be Removed**

- **Jesus said to the religious Jews who opposed him.**

- **You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (John 8:44)**

- **This is evidence that it was the Devil who spoke through the instrumentality of the serpent, and that this one was a manslayer from the beginning of his lying, devilish course.**

- **In the vision that Christ later gave to John, he revealed that Satan the Devil is also called, **the original serpent**.**

- **So down the great dragon was hurled, **the original serpent**, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (Revelation 12:9)**

- **Satan got his hold on mankind, gaining influence over Adam's children, by inducing their father Adam to rebel against God. So in the first prophecy,**

- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (Genesis 3:15)**

- **Yehowah gave hope that this Serpent would be put out of the way.**

- **For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be**

with you. (**Romans 16:20**)

- **Not only is Satan's head to be crushed but also all of his works are to be broken up, destroyed, or undone. **NW, KJ, AT****
- **He who carries on sin originates with the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made manifest, namely, to break up the works of the Devil. (**1 John 3:8**)**
- **The fulfillment of this prophecy would of necessity require the undoing of the death introduced by Adam, including bringing back by a resurrection those of Adam's offspring who go into Sheol or Hades, as a result of his sin, the effects of which they inherit.**
- **As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (**1 Corinthians 15:26**)**

· **Hope Of Freedom Entails Resurrection**

- **The apostle Paul describes the situation that God permitted to exist following man's fall into sin and His end purpose in doing so.**
- **For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)**
- **That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)**
- **Look! With error I was brought forth with birth pains, and in sin my mother conceived me. (**Psalms 51:5**)**
- **In order to experience the fulfillment of this hope of glorious freedom, those who have died would have to have a **resurrection**, they would have to be freed from death and the grave. Thus, by his promise of the **seed** that would crush the serpents head, God set a marvelous hope before mankind.**

See Also SEED

· **Abraham's Basis For Faith**

- **The evidence in the Bible record reveals that when Abraham attempted to offer up his son Isaac he had faith in God's ability and purpose to raise the dead. And as stated at;**
- **By faith Abraham, when he was tested, as good as offered up Isaac, and the man that had gladly received the promises attempted to offer up his only-begotten son. ([Hebrews 11:17](#))**
- **Although it had been said to him; What will be called your seed will be through Isaac. ([Hebrews 11:18](#))**
- **But he reckoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead, and from there he did receive him also in an illustrative way. ([Hebrews 11:19](#))**
- **He did receive Isaac back from the dead in an illustrative way.**
- **Now after these things it came about that the true God put Abraham to the test. Accordingly he said to him; Abraham! To which he said; Here I am! ([Genesis 22:1](#))**
- **And he went on to say; Take, please, your son, your only son whom you so love, Isaac, and make a trip to the land of Moriah and there offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall designate to you. ([Genesis 22:2](#))**
- **So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his ass and took two of his attendants with him and Isaac his son, and he split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he rose and went on the trip to the place that the true God designated to him. ([Genesis 22:3](#))**
- **Then Abraham put out his hand and took the slaughtering knife to kill his son. ([Genesis 22:10](#))**
- **But Yehowah's angel began calling to him out of the heavens and saying; Abraham, Abraham! To which he answered; Here I am! ([Genesis 22:11](#))**
- **And he went on to say; Do not put out your hand against the boy and do not do anything at all to him, for now I do know that you are God-fearing in that you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me. ([Genesis 22:12](#))**

- At that Abraham raised his eyes and looked and there, deep in the foreground, there was a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering in place of his son. (**Genesis 22:13**)
- Abraham had a basis for faith in a **resurrection** because of God's promise of the **seed**.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- Also, he and Sarah had already experienced something comparable to a **resurrection** in the revitalizing of their reproductive powers.
- They now said to him; Where is Sarah your wife? To this he said; Here in the tent! (**Genesis 18:9**)
- So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was listening at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man. (**Genesis 18:10**)
- And Abraham and Sarah were old, being advanced in years. Sarah had stopped having menstruation. (**Genesis 18:11**)
- And Yehowah turned his attention to Sarah just as he had said; and Yehowah now did to Sarah just as he had spoken. (**Genesis 21:1**)
- And Sarah became pregnant and then bore a son to Abraham in his old age at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. (**Genesis 21:2**)
- Then God said to Abraham; Do not let anything that Sarah keeps saying to you be displeasing to you about the boy and about your slave girl. Listen to her voice, because it is by means of Isaac that what will be called your seed will be. (**Genesis 21:12**)
- And, although he did not grow weak in faith, he considered his own body, now already deadened, as he was about one hundred years old, also the deadness of the womb of Sarah. (**Romans 4:19**)

- But because of the promise of God he did not waver in a lack of faith, but became powerful by his faith, giving God glory. (**Romans 4:20**)
- And being fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. (**Romans 4:21**)
- Job expressed similar faith, saying, in his intense suffering; O that in Sheol you would conceal me, that you would set a time limit for me and remember me! If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.
- O that in Sheol you would conceal me, that you would keep me secret until your anger turns back, that you would set a time limit for me and remember me! (**Job 14:13**)
- If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, until my relief comes. (**Job 14:14**)
- You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning. (**Job 14:15**)

•• Resurrections Before Ransom Was Given

- **Resurrections** were performed by or through the prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- And it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and his sickness came to be so severe that there was no breath left in him. (**1 Kings 17:17**)
- At this she said to Elijah; What do I have to do with you, O man of the true God? You have come to me to bring my error to mind and to put my son to death. (**1 Kings 17:18**)
- But he said to her; Give me your son. Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the roof chamber, where he was dwelling, and laid him upon his own couch. (**1 Kings 17:19**)
- And he began calling to Yehowah and saying; O Yehowah my God, is it also upon the widow with whom I am residing as an

alien that you must bring injury by putting her son to death? (**1 Kings 17:20**)

- And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Yehowah and say; O Yehowah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him. (**1 Kings 17:21**)
- Finally Yehowah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life. (**1 Kings 17:22**)
- Elijah now took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Elijah then said; See, your son is alive. (**1 Kings 17:23**)
- Upon that the woman said to Elijah; Now, indeed, I do know that you are a man of God and that Yehowah's word in your mouth is true. (**1 Kings 17:24**)
- At last Elisha came into the house, and there the boy was dead, being laid upon his couch. (**2 Kings 4:32**)
- Then he came in and closed the door behind them both and began to pray to Yehowah. (**2 Kings 4:33**)
- Finally he went up and lay down upon the child and put his own mouth upon his mouth and his own eyes upon his eyes and his own palms upon his palms and kept bent over him, and gradually the child's flesh grew warm. (**2 Kings 4:34**)
- Then he began walking again in the house, once this way and once that way, after which he went up and bent over him. And the boy began to sneeze as many as seven times, after which the boy opened his eyes. (**2 Kings 4:35**)
- He now called Gehazi and said; Call this Shunammite woman. So he called her and she came in to him. Then he said; Lift up your son. (**2 Kings 4:36**)
- And she proceeded to come in and fall at his feet and bow down to him to the earth, after which she lifted up her son and went out. (**2 Kings 4:37**)
- After that Elisha died and they buried him. And there were marauding bands of the Moabites that regularly came into the

land at the coming in of the year. (2 Kings 13:20)

- And it came about that as they were burying a man, why, here they saw the marauding band. At once they threw the man into Elisha's burial place and went off. When the man touched the bones of Elisha, he immediately came to life and stood upon his feet. (2 Kings 13:21)
- However, these resurrected persons died again, as did those **resurrected** by Jesus when he was on earth as well as those **resurrected** by the apostles. This reveals that **resurrection** is not to **everlasting** life in every case.
- Because of having been resurrected by his friend Jesus, Lazarus was likely alive Pentecost 33 C.E, when the Holy Spirit was poured out and the first ones of the heavenly calling
- Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. (Hebrews 3:1)
- Were anointed and spirit begotten.
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)
- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (Acts of Apostles 2:33)
- Peter said to them; Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you

will receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit. ([Acts of Apostles 2:38](#))

- Lazarus **resurrection** was similar to those performed by Elijah and Elisha. But it probably opened up to Lazarus the opportunity of receiving a **resurrection** like Christ's, which he otherwise would not have had. What a remarkable act of love on Jesus part.
- Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ([John 11:38](#))
- Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. ([John 11:39](#))
- Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? ([John 11:40](#))
- Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ([John 11:41](#))
- True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order, that they might believe that you sent me forth. ([John 11:42](#))
- And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! ([John 11:43](#))
- The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. ([John 11:44](#))

.. A Better Resurrection

- There were those faithful persons of old times of whom Paul speaks;
- Women received their dead by **resurrection**, but other men were tortured because they would not accept release by some ransom, in order, that they might attain a better **resurrection**. ([Hebrews 11:35](#))

- These men exhibited faith in the **resurrection** hope, knowing that life **at that time** was not the all-important thing. The **resurrection** they and others will have through Christ comes **after** his **resurrection** and appearance in heaven before his Father with the value of his ransom sacrifice.
- At that time he repurchased the life right of the human race, becoming the potential Eternal Father.
- However, when Christ came as a High Priest of the good things that have come to pass, through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (**Hebrews 9:11**)
- He entered, no, not with the blood of goats and of young bulls, but with his own blood, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance for us. (**Hebrews 9:12**)
- For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us. (**Hebrews 9:24**)
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us. The princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)
- He is a life-giving spirit.
- It is even so written: The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (**1 Corinthians 15:45**)
- He has the keys of death and of Hades, or Sheol.
- And the living one. And I became dead, but, look! I am living forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of **Hades**. (**Revelation 1:18**)
- With the authority now to give **everlasting** life, at God's due time he performs, a **better resurrection**, since those experiencing it can live forever, none of such unavoidably need to die again. If obedient, they will continue living.

·· Heavenly Resurrection

- **Jesus Christ is called the firstborn from the dead.**
- **And he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. (Colossians 1:18)**
- **He was the first ever to be resurrected to everlasting life. And his resurrection was in the spirit, to life in heaven.**
- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
- **Moreover, he was raised to a higher form of life and a higher position than that which he had held in the heavens prior to coming to earth. He was granted immortality and incorruption, which no creature in the flesh can have, and was made higher than the heavens, second only to Yehowah God in the universe.**
- **For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. (Hebrews 7:26)**
- **That you observe the commandment in a spotless and irreprehensible way until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 6:14)**
- **This manifestation the happy and only Potentate will show in its own appointed times, he the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords. (1 Timothy 6:15)**
- **The one alone having immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:16)**
- **For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name. (Philippians 2:9)**
- **So that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground. (Philippians 2:10)**

- **And every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:11)**
- **Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (Acts of Apostles 2:34)**
- **For God subjected all things under his feet. But when he says that all things have been subjected, it is evident that it is with the exception of the one who subjected all things to him. (1 Corinthians 15:27)**
- **His resurrection was performed by Yehowah God himself.**
- **Whereas you killed the Chief Agent of life. But God raised him up from the dead, of which fact we are witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 3:15)**
- **The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew, hanging him upon a stake. (Acts of Apostles 5:30)**
- **But also for the sake of us to whom it is destined to be counted, because we believe on him who raised Jesus our Lord up from the dead. (Romans 4:24)**
- **For if you publicly declare that word in your own mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)**
- **However, for 40 days after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples on different occasions in various fleshly bodies, just as angels had appeared to men of ancient times.**
- **Like those angels, he had the power to construct and to disintegrate those fleshly bodies at will, for the purpose of proving visibly that he had been resurrected.**
- **So, quickly leaving the memorial tomb, with fear and great joy, they ran to report to his disciples. (Matthew 28:8)**
- **And, look! Jesus met them and said; Good day! They approached and caught him by his feet and did obeisance to him. (Matthew 28:9)**

- **Then Jesus said to them; Have no fear! Go, report to my brothers, that they may go off into Galilee, and there they will see me. (Matthew 28:10)**
- **However, the eleven disciples went into Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them. (Matthew 28:16)**
- **And when they saw him they did obeisance, but some doubted. (Matthew 28:17)**
- **And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. (Matthew 28:18)**
- **Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)**
- **Teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (Matthew 28:20)**
- **But, look! On that very day two of them were journeying to a village about seven miles distant from Jerusalem and named Emmaus. (Luke 24:13)**
- **And they were conversing with each other over all these things that had come about. (Luke 24:14)**
- **Now as they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began walking with them. (Luke 24:15)**
- **But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (Luke 24:16)**
- **He said to them; What are these matters that you are debating between yourselves as you walk along? And they stood still with sad faces. (Luke 24:17)**
- **In answer the one named Cleopas said to him; Are you dwelling as an alien by yourself in Jerusalem and so do not know the things that have occurred in her in these days? (Luke 24:18)**
- **And he said to them; What things? They said to him; The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who became a prophet powerful**

- in work and word before God and all the people. (Luke 24:19)
- And how our chief priests and rulers handed him over to the sentence of death and impaled him. (Luke 24:20)
 - But we were hoping that this man was the one destined to deliver Israel, yes, and besides all these things, this makes the third day since these things occurred. (Luke 24:21)
 - Moreover, certain women from among us also astonished us, because they had been early to the memorial tomb. (Luke 24:22)
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 - Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? (Luke 24:26)
 - And commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)
 - Finally they got close to the village where they were journeying, and he made as if he was journeying on farther. (Luke 24:28)
 - But they used pressure upon him, saying; Stay with us, because it is toward evening and the day has already declined. With that he went in to stay with them. (Luke 24:29)
 - And as he was reclining with them at the meal he took the loaf, blessed it, broke it and began to hand it to them. (Luke 24:30)
 - At that their eyes were fully opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from them. (Luke 24:31)
 - And they said to each other; Were not our hearts burning as he

- was speaking to us on the road, as he was fully opening up the Scriptures to us? ([Luke 24:32](#))
- He is not here, but has been raised up. Recall how he spoke to you while he was yet in Galilee. ([Luke 24:6](#))
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 - So they called his sayings to mind. ([Luke 24:8](#))
 - And they returned from the memorial tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ([Luke 24:9](#))
 - They were the Magdalene Mary, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. Also, the rest of the women with them were telling the apostles these things. ([Luke 24:10](#))
 - However, these sayings appeared as nonsense to them and they would not believe the women. ([Luke 24:11](#))
 - But Peter rose and ran to the memorial tomb, and, stooping forward, he beheld the bandages alone. So he went off, wondering within himself at what had occurred. ([Luke 24:12](#))
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- **And in that very hour they rose and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and those with them assembled together. (Luke 24:33)**
- **Saying; For a fact the Lord was raised up and he appeared to Simon! (Luke 24:34)**
- **Now they themselves related the events on the road and how he became known to them by the breaking of the loaf. (Luke 24:35)**
- **While they were speaking of these things he himself stood in their midst and said to them; May you have peace. (Luke 24:36)**
- **But because they were terrified, and had become frightened, they were imagining they beheld a spirit. (Luke 24:37)**
- **So he said to them; Why are you troubled, and why is it doubts come up in your hearts? (Luke 24:38)**
- **See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself, feel me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones just as you behold that I have. (Luke 24:39)**
- **And as he said this he showed them his hands and his feet. (Luke 24:40)**
- **But while they were still not believing for sheer joy and were wondering, he said to them; Do you have something there to eat? (Luke 24:41)**
- **And they handed him a piece of broiled fish. (Luke 24:42)**
- **And he took it and ate it before their eyes. (Luke 24:43)**

- **After saying these things, she turned back and viewed Jesus standing, but she did not discern it was Jesus. (John 20:14)**
- **Jesus said to her; Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? She, imagining it was the gardener, said to him; Sir, if you have carried him off, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. (John 20:15)**
- **Jesus said to her; Mary! Upon turning around, she said to him, in Hebrew; *Rabboni!* Which means, **Teacher!** (John 20:16)**
- **Jesus said to her; Stop clinging to me. For I have not yet ascended to the Father. But be on your way to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God. (John 20:17)**
- **Mary Magdalene came and brought the news to the disciples; I have seen the Lord! And that he said these things to her. (John 20:18)**
- **Therefore, when it was late on that day, the first of the week, and, although the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them; May you have peace. (John 20:19)**
- **And after he said this he showed them both his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced at seeing the Lord. (John 20:20)**
- **Jesus, therefore, said to them again; May you have peace. Just as the Father has sent me forth, I also am sending you. (John 20:21)**
- **And after he said this he blew upon them and said to them; Receive Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)**
- **If you forgive the sins of any persons, they stand forgiven to them, if you retain those of any persons, they stand retained. (John 20:23)**
- **But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called The Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. (John 20:24)**
- **Consequently the other disciples would say to him; We have seen the Lord! But he said to them; Unless I see in his hands the**

- print of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe. (John 20:25)**
- **Well, eight days later his disciples were again indoors, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and he stood in their midst and said; May you have peace. (John 20:26)**
 - **Next he said to Thomas; Put your finger here, and see my hands, and take your hand and stick it into my side, and stop being unbelieving but become believing. (John 20:27)**
 - **In answer Thomas said to him; My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)**
 - **Jesus said to him; Because you have seen me have you believed? Happy are those who do not see and yet believe. (John 20:29)**
 - **Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of Mamre, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. (Genesis 18:1)**
 - **When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (Genesis 18:2)**
 - **Now the two angels arrived at Sodom by evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot caught sight of them, then he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the earth. (Genesis 19:1)**
 - **And it came about when Joshua happened to be by Jericho that he proceeded to raise his eyes and look, and there there was a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand. So Joshua walked up to him and said to him; Are you for us or for our adversaries? (Joshua 5:13)**
 - **To this he said; No, but I, as prince of the army of Yehowah I have now come. With that Joshua fell on his face to the earth and prostrated himself and said to him; What is my lord saying to his servant? (Joshua 5:14)**

- In turn the prince of the army of Yehowah said to Joshua; Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place on which you are standing is holy. At once Joshua did so. (**Joshua 5:15**)
- Later Yehowah's angel came and sat under the big tree that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abi-ezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out wheat in the winepress so as to get it quickly out of the sight of Midian. (**Judges 6:11**)
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him and said to him; Yehowah is with you, you valiant, mighty one. (**Judges 6:12**)
- In time Yehowah's angel appeared to the woman and said to her; Look, now, you are barren and have borne no child. And you will certainly become pregnant and give birth to a son. (**Judges 13:3**)
- So Yehowah's angel said to Manoah; From everything that I mentioned to the woman she should keep herself. (**Judges 13:13**)
- His many appearances, and particularly his manifesting himself to more than 500 persons at one time, provide strong testimony to the truth of his **resurrection**.
- For I handed on to you, among the first things, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. (**1 Corinthians 15:3**)
- And that he was buried, yes, that he has been raised up the third day according to the Scriptures. (**1 Corinthians 15:4**)
- And that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (**1 Corinthians 15:5**)
- After that he appeared to upward of five hundred brothers at one time, the most of whom remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:6**)
- After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. (**1 Corinthians 15:7**)
- But last of all he appeared also to me as if to one born prematurely. (**1 Corinthians 15:8**)

- His **resurrection**, so well attested, furnishes a guarantee to all men regarding the certainty of a future day of reckoning or judgment.
- Because he has set a day in which he purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and he has furnished a guarantee to all men in that he has resurrected him from the dead. (**Acts of Apostles 17:31**)

· Resurrection Of Christ's Brothers

- Those who are called and chosen and faithful, Christ's footstep followers, his brothers, who are spiritually begotten as God's children, are promised a **resurrection** like his.
- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. (**Revelation 17:14**)
- For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his **resurrection**. (**Romans 6:5**)
- For you did not receive a spirit of slavery causing fear again, but you received a spirit of adoption as sons, by which spirit we cry out; Abba, Father! (**Romans 8:15**)
- The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. (**Romans 8:16**)
- For both he who is sanctifying and those who are being sanctified all stem from one, and for this cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers. (**Hebrews 2:11**)
- The apostle Peter writes to fellow Christians;
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to a living hope through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead. (**1 Peter 1:3**)
- To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you. (**1 Peter 1:4**)

- Peter also describes the hope such ones possess as precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature.
- Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)
- They must undergo a change of nature, giving up human nature to obtain divine nature, thus sharing with Christ in his glory. They must die a death like Christ's maintaining integrity and giving up human life forever and then they receive immortal, incorruptible bodies like Christ's by a resurrection.
- Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (Romans 6:3)
- Therefore we were buried with him through our baptism into his death, in order, that, just as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, we also should likewise walk in a newness of life. (Romans 6:4)
- For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. (Romans 6:5)
- However, this I say; brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit God's kingdom, neither does corruption inherit incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:50)
- Look! I tell you a sacred secret. We shall not all fall asleep in death, but we shall all be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51)
- In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52)
- For this which is corruptible must put on incorruption, and this which is mortal must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:53)
- But when this which is corruptible puts on incorruption and this which is mortal puts on immortality, then the saying will take place that is written; Death is swallowed up forever. (1

Corinthians 15:54)

- **Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? (1 Corinthians 15:55)**
- **The sting producing death is sin, but the power for sin is the Law. (1 Corinthians 15:56)**
- **But thanks to God, for he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)**
- **For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, should be dissolved, we are to have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting in the heavens. (2 Corinthians 5:1)**
- **For in this dwelling house we do indeed groan, earnestly desiring to put on the one for us from heaven. (2 Corinthians 5:2)**
- **So that, having really put it on, we shall not be found naked. (2 Corinthians 5:3)**
- **The apostle Paul explains that it is not the **body** that is resurrected, but rather, he likens their experience to the planting and sprouting of a seed, in that God gives it a body just as it has pleased him.**
- **Nevertheless, someone will say; How are the dead to be raised up? Yes, with what sort of body are they coming? (1 Corinthians 15:35)**
- **You unreasonable person! What you sow is not made alive unless first it dies. (1 Corinthians 15:36)**
- **And as for what you sow, you sow, not the body that will develop, but a bare grain, it may be, of wheat or any one of the rest. (1 Corinthians 15:37)**
- **But God gives it a body just as it has pleased him, and to each of the seeds its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:38)**
- **Not all flesh is the same flesh, but there is one of mankind, and there is another flesh of cattle, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. (1 Corinthians 15:39)**

- And there are heavenly bodies, and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly bodies is one sort, and that of the earthly bodies is a different sort. (**1 Corinthians 15:40**)
- It is the **soul**, the person, that is resurrected, with a body to suit the environment into which God resurrects him.
- In the case of Jesus Christ, he gave up his human life as a ransom sacrifice for the benefit of mankind. The (**Psalms Chapter 40**) is applied to him by the inspired writer of the book of Hebrews, who represents Jesus as saying, when he came into the world as God's Messiah;
- Hence when he comes into the world he says; Sacrifice and offering you did not want, but you prepared a body for me. (**Hebrews 10:5**)
- Jesus himself said;
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever, and, for a fact, the bread that I shall give is my flesh in behalf of the life of the world. (**John 6:51**)
- It follows that Christ could not take his body back again in the **resurrection**, thereby taking back the sacrifice offered to God for mankind. Besides, Christ was no longer to abide on earth. His home is in the heavens with his Father, who is not flesh, but spirit.
- Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, that where I am you also may be. (**John 14:3**)
- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (**John 4:24**)
- Jesus Christ therefore received a glorious immortal, incorruptible body, for he is the reflection of Yehowah's glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places.

- So he has become better than the angels, **who are themselves mighty spirit persons**, to the extent that he has inherited a name more excellent than theirs.

- He is the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. (**Hebrews 1:3**)

- So he has become better than the angels, to the extent that he has inherited a name more excellent than theirs. (**Hebrews 1:4**)

- But this man offered one sacrifice for sins perpetually and sat down at the right hand of God. (**Hebrews 10:12**)

- From then on awaiting until his enemies should be placed as a stool for his feet. (**Hebrews 10:13**)

- Christ's faithful brothers, who join him in the heavens, give up human life. The apostle Paul shows that they have to have new bodies repatterned, or refashioned, for their new environment:

- As for us, our citizenship exists in the heavens, from which place also we are eagerly waiting for a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 3:20**)

- Who will refashion our humiliated body to be conformed to his glorious body according to the operation of the power that he has, even to subject all things to himself. (**Philippians 3:21**)

•• Time Of The Heavenly Resurrection

- The heavenly **resurrection** of Christ's joint heirs begins during Christ's presence, to give first attention to his spiritual brothers.

- Christ himself is called, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. Paul then says that each one will be resurrected in his own rank, Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence.

- However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:20**)

- But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ **during his presence**. (**1 Corinthians 15:23**)
- These, as the house of God, have been under judgment during their Christian life course, beginning with the first of their number at Pentecost.
- For it is the appointed time for the judgment to start with the house of God. Now if it starts first with us, what will the end be of those who are not obedient to the Good News of God? (**1 Peter 4:17**)
- They are **certain**, or literally, **some firstfruits**.
- Because he willed it, he brought us forth by the word of truth, for us to be certain, **or some**, firstfruits of his creatures. (**James 1:18**)
- These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (**Revelation 14:4**)
- Jesus Christ can be compared to the barley firstfruits offered by the Israelites on Nisan 16, Christ the firstfruits, and his spiritual brothers as firstfruits, certain or some, firstfruits, can be compared to the wheat firstfruits offered on Pentecost day, the 50th day from Nisan 16
- These are the seasonal festivals of Yehowah, holy conventions, which you should proclaim at their appointed times. (**Leviticus 23:4**)
- In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the two evenings is the Passover to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 23:5**)
- And on the fifteenth day of this month is the festival of unfermented cakes to Yehowah. Seven days you should eat unfermented cakes. (**Leviticus 23:6**)
- On the first day you will have a holy convention occur. No sort of laborious work may you do. (**Leviticus 23:7**)

- **But you must present an offering made by fire to Yehowah seven days. On the seventh day there will be a holy convention. No sort of laborious work may you do. (Leviticus 23:8)**
- **And Yehowah continued to speak to Moses, saying; (Leviticus 23:9)**
- **Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; When you eventually come into the land that I am giving you, and you have reaped its harvest, you must also bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. (Leviticus 23:10)**
- **And he must wave the sheaf to and fro before Yehowah to gain approval for you. Directly the day after the Sabbath the priest should wave it to and fro. (Leviticus 23:11)**
- **And on the day of your having the sheaf waved to and fro you must render up a sound young ram, in its first year, for a burnt offering to Yehowah. (Leviticus 23:12)**
- **And you must count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day of your bringing the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths. They should prove to be complete. (Leviticus 23:15)**
- **To the day after the seventh Sabbath you should count, fifty days, and you must present a new grain offering to Yehowah. (Leviticus 23:16)**
- **Out of your dwelling places you should bring two loaves as a wave offering. Of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour they should prove to be. They should be baked leavened, as first ripe fruits to Yehowah. (Leviticus 23:17)**
- **And you must present along with the loaves seven sound male lambs, each a year old, and one young bull and two rams. They should serve as a burnt offering to Yehowah along with their grain offering and their drink offerings as an offering made by fire, of a restful odor to Yehowah. (Leviticus 23:18)**
- **And you must render up one kid of the goats as a sin offering and two male lambs, each a year old, as a communion sacrifice. (Leviticus 23:19)**

- **And the priest must wave them to and fro along with the loaves of the first ripe fruits, as a wave offering before Yehowah, along with the two male lambs. They should serve as something holy to Yehowah for the priest. (Leviticus 23:20)**
- **These have been under judgment, so at Christ's return it is time to give the reward to them, his faithful anointed ones, just as he promised his 11 faithful apostles on the evening before his death; I am going my way to prepare a place for you. Also, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, that where I am you also may be.**
- **In the house of my Father there are many abodes. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going my way to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2)**
- **Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, that where I am you also may be. (John 14:3)**
- **Therefore he said; A certain man of noble birth traveled to a distant land to secure kingly power for himself and to return. (Luke 19:12)**
- **Calling ten slaves of his he gave them ten minas and told them, Do business till I come. (Luke 19:13)**
- **But his citizens hated him and sent out a body of ambassadors after him, to say; We do not want this man to become king over us. (Luke 19:14)**
- **Eventually when he got back after having secured the kingly power, he commanded to be called to him these slaves to whom he had given the silver money, in order to ascertain what they had gained by business activity. (Luke 19:15)**
- **Then the first one presented himself, saying; Lord, your mina gained ten minas. (Luke 19:16)**
- **So he said to him, Well done, good slave! Because in a very small matter you have proved yourself faithful, hold authority over ten cities. (Luke 19:17)**
- **Now the second came, saying; Your mina, Lord, made five minas.**

(Luke 19:18)

- **He said to this one also; You, too, be in charge of five cities. (Luke 19:19)**
- **But a different one came, saying; Lord, here is your mina, that I kept laid away in a cloth. (Luke 19:20)**
- **You see, I was in fear of you, because you are a harsh man. You take up what you did not deposit and you reap what you did not sow. (Luke 19:21)**
- **He said to him; Out of your own mouth I judge you, wicked slave. You knew, did you, that I am a harsh man, taking up what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? (Luke 19:22)**
- **Hence why is it you did not put my silver money in a bank? Then on my arrival I would have collected it with interest. (Luke 19:23)**
- **I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is destined to judge the living and the dead, and by his manifestation and his kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:1)**
- **From this time on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his manifestation. (2 Timothy 4:8)**
- **Saying; We thank you, Yehowah God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun ruling as king. (Revelation 11:17)**
- **But the nations became wrathful, and your own wrath came, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, and to give their reward to your slaves the prophets and to the holy ones and to those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to bring to ruin those ruining the earth. (Revelation 11:18)**

•• The Lambs Marriage

- **These as a body are called his prospective bride.**
- **And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven**

bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (**Revelation 21:9**)

- **They are promised to him in marriage, and they must be resurrected in order to take part in the marriage of the Lamb.**
- **For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 11:2**)**
- **Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. (**Revelation 19:7**)**
- **Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine linen, for the fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. (**Revelation 19:8**)**
- **The apostle Paul looked forward to receiving his heavenly resurrection.**
- **From this time on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his manifestation. (**2 Timothy 4:8**)**
- **When Christ's presence takes place, there are some of his spiritual brothers yet alive on earth, invited to the evening meal of the Lambs marriage, but those of their number who have died are given first attention by a resurrection.**
- **And he tells me; Write! Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lambs marriage. Also, he tells me; These are the true sayings of God. (**Revelation 19:9**)**
- **This is explained at;**
- **For this is what we tell you by Yehowah's word, that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Thessalonians 4:15**)**
- **Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a**

commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#))

- **For this is what we tell you by Yehowah's word, that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep in death, because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first.**
- **Paul then adds;**
- **Afterward we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. ([1 Thessalonians 4:17](#))**
- **Thus, at the time that they finish their earthly course faithfully in death, the remaining ones who have the invitation to the evening meal of the Lambs marriage are immediately resurrected to join their fellow members of the bride class in heaven.**
- **They do not fall asleep in death in the sense of waiting in a long sleep, as did the apostles but, on dying, are changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
- **Look! I tell you a sacred secret. We shall not all fall asleep in death, but we shall all be changed. ([1 Corinthians 15:51](#))**
- **In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#))**
- **Evidently, though, the marriage of the Lamb does not take place until after judgment has been executed upon Babylon the Great. ([Revelation Chapter 18](#)). After describing the destruction of this great harlot,**
- **Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. ([Revelation 19:7](#))**

- Says; Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself.
- When all the 144,000 have been finally approved and sealed as faithful ones and have been resurrected to the heavens, the marriage can proceed.

· First Resurrection

- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first **resurrection**. (Revelation 20:5)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first **resurrection**, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (Revelation 20:6)
- Refers to the **resurrection** of those who will reign with Christ as the first resurrection. The apostle Paul speaks of this first **resurrection** also as the earlier **resurrection** from the dead, literally, the **out-resurrection the out of dead ones**.
- To see if I may by any means attain to the **earlier resurrection** from the dead. (Philippians 3:11)[NW, Ro, Int]
- On the expression Paul uses here, Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament [1931, Vol. IV, p. 454] says: Apparently Paul is thinking here only of the **resurrection** of believers out from the dead, and so double ex-out, *ten exanastasin ten ek nekron*.
- Paul is not denying a general resurrection by this language, but emphasizing that of believers. Charles Ellicotts Commentaries [1865, Vol. II, p. 87] remarks on
- To see if I may by any means attain to the earlier **resurrection** from the dead. (Philippians 3:11)
- The **resurrection** from the dead, i.e, as the context suggests, the **first resurrection**.
- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the **first resurrection**. (Revelation 20:5)

- **When, at the Lord's coming the dead in Him shall rise first.**
- **Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)**
- **And the quick be caught up to meet Him in the clouds.**
- **Afterward we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)**
- **But those who have been counted worthy of gaining that system of things and the **resurrection** from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. (Luke 20:35)**
- **The first **resurrection** will include only true believers, and will apparently precede the second, that of non-believers and disbelievers, in point of time. Any reference here to a merely ethical resurrection (Cocceius) is wholly out of the question.**
- **One of the basic meanings of the word *e-xa-na'sta-sis* is getting up from bed in the morning, thus it can well represent a **resurrection** occurring early, otherwise called, the **first resurrection**. Rotherhams translation of;**
- **To see if I may by any means attain to the earlier **resurrection** from the dead. (Philippians 3:11)**
- **Reads; If by any means I may advance to the earlier **resurrection** which is from among the dead.**

·· **Earthly Resurrection**

- **While Jesus was hanging on a stake, one of the evildoers alongside him, observing that Jesus was not deserving of punishment, requested:**
- **And he went on to say; Jesus, remember me when you get into your kingdom. (Luke 23:42)**
- **And he said to him; Truly I tell you today, you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)**

- In effect, Jesus said; On this dark day, when my claim to a kingdom is to outward appearances highly unlikely, you express faith. Indeed, when I do get into my kingdom, I will remember you. This would require a **resurrection** for the evildoer.
- This man was not a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. He had been engaged in wrongdoing, lawbreaking meriting the death penalty.
- In reply the other rebuked him and said; Do you not fear God at all, now that you are in the same judgment? (**Luke 23:40**)
- And we, indeed, justly so, for we are receiving in full what we deserve for things we did, but this man did nothing out of the way. (**Luke 23:41**)
- Therefore, he could not hope to be one of those receiving the first **resurrection**. Additionally, he died 40 days before Jesus ascended into heaven and hence before Pentecost, which was 10 days after that ascension, when God through Jesus anointed the first members of those who will receive the heavenly **resurrection**.
- To these also by many positive proofs he showed himself alive after he had suffered, being seen by them throughout forty days and telling the things about the kingdom of God. (**Acts of Apostles 1:3**)
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (**Acts of Apostles 2:1**)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (**Acts of Apostles 2:2**)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (**Acts of Apostles 2:3**)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (**Acts of Apostles 2:4**)
- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured

out this which you see and hear. (**Acts of Apostles 2:33**)

See Also PARADISE

- The evildoer, Jesus said; would be in Paradise. The word means a park or pleasure ground. The **Septuagint** rendered the **Hebrew** word for garden, *gan*, as at;
- Further, Yehowah God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (**Genesis 2:8**)
- By the **Greek** word *pa-ra'dei-sos*. The paradise in which the evildoer will be would not be the paradise of God promised to him that conquers, at;
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations; To him that conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, **which is in the paradise of God**. (**Revelation 2:7**)
- For the evildoer was not a conqueror of the world with Jesus Christ.
- I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have peace. In the world you are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world. (**John 16:33**)
- The evildoer would therefore not be in the heavenly Kingdom as a member of it
- However, you are the ones that have stuck with me in my trials. (**Luke 22:28**)
- And I make a covenant with you, just as my Father has made a covenant with me, for a kingdom. (**Luke 22:29**)
- That you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Luke 22:30**)
- But would be a subject of the Kingdom when those of the first **resurrection** would, as kings of God and Christ, sit on thrones, ruling with Christ for a thousand years.
- And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of

those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)

- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first **resurrection**, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)

· The Righteous And The Unrighteous

- The apostle Paul said to a group of Jews who also entertained the hope of a **resurrection** that there is going to be a **resurrection** of both the righteous and the unrighteous.
- And I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a **resurrection** of both the righteous and the unrighteous. (**Acts of Apostles 24:15**)
- The Bible makes it plain who are the righteous. First of all, those who are to receive a heavenly **resurrection** are **declared righteous**.
- Now we know that God makes all his works cooperate together for the good of those who love God, those who are the ones called according to his purpose. (**Romans 8:28**)
- Because those whom he gave his first recognition he also foreordained to be patterned after the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (**Romans 8:29**)
- Moreover, those whom he foreordained are the ones he also called, and those whom he called are the ones he also declared to be righteous. Finally those whom **he declared righteous** are the ones he also glorified. (**Romans 8:30**)
- Then the Bible calls faithful men of old such as Abraham righteous.
- And he put faith in Yehowah, and he proceeded to count it to him as righteousness. (**Genesis 15:6**)

- Was not Abraham our father declared righteous by works after he had offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? (**James 2:21**)
- Many of these men are listed at (**Hebrews Chapter 11**), and of them the writer says;
- And yet all these, although they had witness borne to them through their faith, did not get the fulfillment of the promise. (**Hebrews 11:39**)
- As God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made perfect apart from us. (**Hebrews 11:40**)
- So, the perfecting of them will take place after that of the ones having part in **the first resurrection**.
- Then there is the great crowd described in (**Revelation Chapter 7**), who are not members of the 144,000 sealed ones, and who consequently do not have **the token of the spirit** as being spirit-begotten.
- But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**. (**Ephesians 1:13**)
- Which is a **token** in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. (**Ephesians 1:14**)
- Now he that produced us for this very thing is God, who gave us the **token** of what is to come, that is, **the spirit**. (**2 Corinthians 5:5**)
- They are described as coming out of the great tribulation as survivors of it, this would seem to locate the gathering of this group in the last days shortly before that tribulation. These are righteous through faith, being clothed in white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.
- After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree. (**Revelation 7:1**)

- **After these things I saw, and, look! A great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and there were palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)**
- **And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying; Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb. (Revelation 7:10)**
- **And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (Revelation 7:11)**
- **Saying; Amen! The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 7:12)**
- **And in response one of the elders said to me; These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they and where did they come from? (Revelation 7:13)**
- **So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14)**
- **That is why they are before the throne of God, and they are rendering him sacred service day and night in his temple, and the One seated on the throne will spread his tent over them. (Revelation 7:15)**
- **They will hunger no more nor thirst anymore, neither will the sun beat down upon them nor any scorching heat. (Revelation 7:16)**
- **Because the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will shepherd them, and will guide them to fountains of waters of life. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)**
- **As a class, they will not need to be resurrected, but faithful ones of that group who die before the great tribulation will be resurrected in God's due time.**

- **Also, there are many unrighteous persons buried in Sheol, or Hades, mankind's common grave, or in the sea, watery graves. The judgment of these along with the righteous resurrected on earth is described in,**
- **And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. But another scroll was opened, it is the scroll of life. And the dead were judged out of those things written in the scrolls according to their deeds. (Revelation 20:12)**
- **And the sea gave up those dead in it, and death and Hades gave up those dead in them, and they were judged individually according to their deeds. (Revelation 20:13)**
- **And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. But another scroll was opened, it is the scroll of life. And the dead were judged out of those things written in the scrolls according to their deeds. And the sea gave up those dead in it, and death and Hades gave up those dead in them, and they were judged individually according to their deeds. (Revelation 20:12)**

·· Time Of The Earthly Resurrection

- **We note that this judgment is placed in the Bible in the account of events occurring during Christ's Thousand Year Reign with his associate kings and priests. These, the apostle Paul said; will judge the world.**
- **Or do you not know that the holy ones will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you unfit to try very trivial matters? (1 Corinthians 6:2)**
- **The great and the small, persons from all walks of life, will be there, to be judged impartially. They are judged out of those things written in the scrolls that will be opened then. This could not mean the record of their past lives nor a set of rules that judges them on the basis of their past lives. For since the wages sin pays is death, these by their death have received the wages of their sin in the past.**
- **For he who has died has been acquitted from his sin. (Romans 6:7)**

- For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord. (**Romans 6:23**)
- Now they are resurrected that they might demonstrate their attitude toward God and whether they wish to take hold of the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ that was given for all.
- Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (**Matthew 20:28**)
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (**John 3:16**)
- Though their past sins are not accounted to them, they need the ransom to lift them up to perfection. They must make their minds over from their former way of life and thought in harmony with God's will and regulations for the earth and its population.
- Accordingly, the scrolls evidently set forth the will and Law of God for them during that Judgment Day, their faith and their obedience to these things being the basis for judgment and for writing their names indelibly, at last, into the scroll of life.

•• Resurrection To Life And To Judgment

- Jesus gave the comforting assurance to mankind; The hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who have given heed will live. Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a **resurrection** of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.
- Most truly I say to you, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who have given heed will live. (**John 5:25**)
- For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted also to the Son to have life in himself. (**John 5:26**)
- And he has given him authority to do judging, because Son of

man he is. (John 5:27)

- Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice (John 5:28)
- And come out, those who did good things to a **resurrection** of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. (John 5:29)

•• A Judgment Of Condemnation

• In Jesus words here, the word **judgment** translates the Greek word *kri'sis*. According to Parkhurst, the meanings of this word in the Christian Greek Scriptures are as follows:

- **1. Judgment, 2. Judgment, justice.**
- Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, **justice** and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. (Matthew 23:23)
- And he said to them; Whose image and inscription is this? (Matthew 22:20)
- **3. Judgment of condemnation, condemnation, damnation.**
- However, whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit has no forgiveness forever, but is guilty of everlasting sin. (Mark 3:29)
- Most truly I say to you, He that hears my word and believes him that sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life. (John 5:24)
- And come out, those who did good things to a **resurrection** of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. (John 5:29)
- **4. The cause or ground of condemnation or punishment.**
- Now this is the basis for judgment, that the light has come into the world but men have loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked. (John 3:19)

· **5. A particular court of justice among the Jews, Mat. (A Greek and English Lexicon to the New Testament, London, 1845, p. 342)**

- **You heard that it was said to those of ancient times; You must not murder, but whoever commits a murder will be accountable to the court of justice. (Matthew 5:21)**
- **However, I say to you that everyone who continues wrathful with his brother will be accountable to the court of justice, but whoever addresses his brother with an unspeakable word of contempt will be accountable to the Supreme Court, whereas whoever says, You despicable fool! Will be liable to the fiery Gehenna. (Matthew 5:22)**
- **If Jesus, in speaking of judgment, meant a trial the result of which might be life, then there would be no contrast between this and the **resurrection of life**. Therefore, the context indicates that Jesus meant by **judgment a condemnatory judgment**.**

· **The Dead That Heard Jesus Speak On Earth**

- **In considering Jesus words, we note that when Jesus spoke, some of the dead were hearing his voice. Peter used similar language when he said;**
- **In fact, for this purpose the Good News was declared also to the dead, that they might be judged as to the flesh from the standpoint of men but might live as to the spirit from the standpoint of God. (1 Peter 4:6)**
- **This is so because those hearing Christ were dead in trespasses and sins before hearing but would begin to live spiritually because of faith in the Good News.**
- **Furthermore, it is you God made alive though you were dead in your trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1)**
- **Jesus said to him; Keep following me, and let the dead bury their dead. (Matthew 8:22)**
- **But the one that goes in for sensual gratification is dead though she is living. (1 Timothy 5:6)**

- And come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. (John 5:29)

- **Refers To End Of Judgment Period**

- But a very important thing to notice, something that helps to determine the time feature of Jesus words concerning the resurrection of life and the resurrection of judgment, is what he said earlier in the same context, in speaking of those living then who were spiritually dead, as explained under the subheading **Passing Over From Death to Life:**

- Most truly I say to you, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who have given heed will live. (John 5:25)
- This indicates that he was not speaking merely of someone audibly hearing his voice but, rather, of the ones having heard, namely, those who, after hearing, accept as true what they hear. The terms hear and listen are used very frequently in the Bible with the meaning of give heed or obey.
- Those who prove to be obedient will live. The use of the same Greek term *a-kou'o*, hear or listen, at;
- Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said; This speech is shocking, who can listen to it? (John 6:60)
- Greek *u'o*, hear or listen, at;
- Why is it you do not know what I am speaking? Because you cannot listen to my word. (John 8:43)
- He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why you do not listen, because you are not from God. (John 8:47)
- The doorkeeper opens to this one, and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3)
- My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

- They are judged, not on what they did **before** hearing his voice, but on what they do **after** hearing it.

See Also OBEDIENCE

- Jesus was therefore evidently taking a similar position in time in speaking of those who did good things and those who practiced vile things, namely, a position at the end of the period of judgment, as looking back in retrospect or in review of the actions of these resurrected persons **after** they had opportunity to obey or disobey the things written in the scrolls.
- Only at the end of the judgment period would it be demonstrated who had done good or bad. The outcome to those who did good things, according to those things written in the scrolls, would be the reward of life, to those who practiced vile things, a judgment of condemnation. The resurrection would have turned out to be either to life or to condemnation.
- The practice of stating things as viewed from the standpoint of the outcome, or stating them as already accomplished, considering them in retrospect, is common in the Bible. For God is the One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done.
- The One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done, the One saying; My own counsel will stand, and everything that is my delight I shall do. (**Isaiah 46:10**)
- Jude adopts this same viewpoint when he speaks of corrupt men who slipped into the congregation, saying of them:
 - Too bad for them, because they have gone in the path of Cain, and have rushed into the erroneous course of Balaam for reward, and have perished in the rebellious talk of Korah! (**Jude 1:11**)
 - Some of the prophecies use similar language.
 - Comfort, comfort my people, says the God of you men. (**Isaiah 40:1**)
 - Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her that her military service has been fulfilled, that her error has been paid

off. For from the hand of Yehowah she has received a full amount for all her sins. (**Isaiah 40:2**)

- Bel has bent down, Nebo is stooping over, their idols have come to be for the wild beasts and for the domestic animals, their loads, pieces of luggage, a burden for the tired animals. (**Isaiah 46:1**)
- For Moab this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Woe to Nebo, for she has been despoiled! Kiriathaim has been put to shame, has been captured. The secure height has been put to shame and been put in terror. (**Jeremiah 48:1**)
- No more is there any praise of Moab. In Heshbon they have thought out against her a calamity. Come, men, and let us cut her off from being a nation. You, too, O Madmen, should keep silent. After you there walks a sword. (**Jeremiah 48:2**)
- There is the sound of an outcry from Horonaim, a despoiling and great breaking down. (**Jeremiah 48:3**)
- Moab has been broken down. Her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. (**Jeremiah 48:4**)
- **Consequently the viewpoint taken at;**
- And come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. (**John 5:29**)
- **Is not identical with that at;**
- And I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a **resurrection** of both the righteous and the unrighteous. (**Acts of Apostles 24:15**)
- In which Paul speaks of the **resurrection** of the righteous and the unrighteous. Paul is plainly referring to those who have had a righteous or unrighteous standing before God **during this life**, and who will be **resurrected**. They are those in the memorial tombs.
- Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice. (**John 5:28**)

- And come out, those who did good things to a **resurrection** of life, those who practiced vile things to a **resurrection** of judgment. (**John 5:29**)
- Jesus views such persons **after** their coming out of the memorial tombs and **after** they, by their course of action during the reign of Jesus Christ and his associate kings and priests, have proved themselves either obedient, with eternal life as their reward, or disobedient, and so deserving judgment, or condemnation from God.

See Also MEMORIAL TOMB

•• **Soul Recovered From Sheol**

- **King David of Israel wrote; I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope, because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, or Sheol, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**
- And come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. (**John 5:29**)
- I cannot do a single thing of my own initiative, just as I hear, I judge, and the judgment that I render is righteous, because I seek, not my own will, but the will of him that sent me. (**John 5:30**)
- If I alone bear witness about myself, my witness is not true. (**John 5:31**)
- I have placed Yehowah in front of me constantly. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be made to totter. (**Psalms 16:8**)
- Therefore my heart does rejoice, and my glory is inclined to be joyful. Also, my own flesh will reside in security. (**Psalms 16:9**)
- For you will not leave my soul in Sheol. You will not allow your loyal one to see the pit. (**Psalms 16:10**)
- You will cause me to know the path of life. Rejoicing to satisfaction is with your face, there is pleasantness at your right hand forever. (**Psalms 16:11**)

- On the day of Pentecost, **33 C.E.**, the apostle Peter applied this Psalms to Jesus Christ, in declaring to the Jews the truth of Christ's resurrection.
- For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (**Acts of Apostles 2:25**)
- On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. (**Acts of Apostles 2:26**)
- Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:27**)
- You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. (**Acts of Apostles 2:28**)
- Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (**Acts of Apostles 2:29**)
- Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. (**Acts of Apostles 2:30**)
- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:31**)
- The Scriptures, both the Hebrew and the Greek, therefore show that it was the soul of Jesus Christ that was **resurrected**. Jesus Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
- Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (**1 Peter 3:18**)
- **Flesh and blood cannot inherit God's kingdom, said the apostle Paul.**
- However, this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit

God's kingdom, neither does corruption inherit incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:50)

- **This would also exclude flesh and bones. Flesh and bones do not have life unless they have blood, for the blood contains the soul or is that which is necessary for the life of the creature of flesh.**
- **Only flesh with its soul, its blood, you must not eat. (Genesis 9:4)**
- **Throughout the Scriptures it is evident that there is no immaterial soul separate and distinct from the body. The soul dies when the body dies.**
- **Even of Jesus Christ it is written that he poured out his soul to the very death. His soul was in Sheol. He had no existence as a soul or person during that time.**
- **For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in, and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose. (Isaiah 53:12)**
- **Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:27)**
- **Look! All the souls, to me they belong. As the soul of the father so likewise the soul of the son, to me they belong. The soul that is sinning, it itself will die. (Ezekiel 18:4)**
- **Consequently, in the resurrection there is no joining again of soul and body. However, whether spiritual or earthly, the individual must have a body or organism, for all persons, heavenly or earthly, possess bodies.**
- **To be again a person, one who has died would have to have a body, either a physical or a spiritual body. The Bible says; If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one.**
- **It is sown a physical body, it is raised up a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one. (1 Corinthians 15:44)**

See Also SOUL

- **But is the old body reassembled in the resurrection? Or is it a precise replica of the former body, made exactly as it was when the person died?**
- **The Scriptures answer in the negative when they deal with the resurrection of Christ's anointed brothers to life in the heavens.**
- **Nevertheless, someone will say; How are the dead to be raised up? Yes, with what sort of body are they coming? (1 Corinthians 15:35)**
- **You unreasonable person! What you sow is not made alive unless first it dies. (1 Corinthians 15:36)**
- **And as for what you sow, you sow, not the body that will develop, but a bare grain, it may be, of wheat or any one of the rest. (1 Corinthians 15:37)**
- **But God gives it a body just as it has pleased him, and to each of the seeds its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:38)**
- **The heavenly ones receive a spiritual body, for it pleases God for them to have bodies suitable for their heavenly environment. But those whom Yehowah pleases to raise to an earthly resurrection, what body does he give them?**
- **It could not be the same body, of exactly the same atoms. If a man dies and is buried, by process of decay his body is reconverted into organic chemicals that are absorbed by vegetation. Persons may eat that vegetation.**
- **The elements, the atoms of that original person, now are in many persons. In the resurrection it is obvious that the same atoms cannot be in the original person and in all the others at the same time.**
- **Neither is the resurrected body necessarily one constructed to be the exact duplicate of the body at the moment of death. If a person has had his body mutilated before death, will he return in the same way? That would be unreasonable, for he might not be in a condition even to hear and to do those things written in the scrolls.**
- **And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the**

- throne, and scrolls were opened. But another scroll was opened, it is the scroll of life. And the dead were judged out of those things written in the scrolls according to their deeds. (**Revelation 20:12**)
- **Say a person died from having the blood drained from his body. Would he return without blood? No, for he could not live in an earthly body without blood.**
 - **For the soul of the flesh is in the blood, and I myself have put it upon the altar for you to make atonement for your souls, because it is the blood that makes atonement by the soul in it. (**Leviticus 17:11**)**
 - **For the soul of every sort of flesh is its blood by the soul in it. Consequently I said to the sons of Israel; You must not eat the blood of any sort of flesh, because the soul of every sort of flesh is its blood. Anyone eating it will be cut off. (**Leviticus 17:14**)**
 - **Rather, he would be given a body as it pleases God. Since God's will and pleasure are that the resurrected person must obey the things written in the scrolls, it would have to be a sound body, possessing all its faculties. Even though Lazarus body was already partially decomposed, Jesus resurrected Lazarus in a whole, sound body.**
 - **Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (**John 11:39**)**
 - **In this way the individual could properly and justly be held responsible for his deeds during the judgment period. Yet the individual would not be perfect when brought back, for he must exercise faith in Christ's ransom and must have the priestly ministrations of Christ and his royal priesthood.**
 - **But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (**1 Peter 2:9**)**
 - **And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (**Revelation 5:10**)**
 - **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection,**

over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. ([Revelation 20:6](#))

·· **Passing Over From Death To Life**

· **Jesus spoke of those who have everlasting life because they hear his words with faith and obedience and then believe on the Father who sent him. He said about each one of such;**

· **Most truly I say to you, he that hears my word and believes him that sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life. ([John 5:24](#))**

· **Most truly I say to you, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who have given heed will live. ([John 5:25](#))**

· **Those who have passed over from death to life **now** would not be those who had literally died and were in actual graves. At the time when Jesus spoke, all mankind were under the condemnation of death before God the Judge of all.**

· **So the ones Jesus referred to were evidently persons on earth who had been dead in a spiritual sense. Jesus must have referred to such spiritually dead ones when he said to the Jewish son who wanted to go home first to bury his father:**

· **Then another of the disciples said to him; Lord, permit me first to leave and bury my father. ([Matthew 8:21](#))**

· **Jesus said to him; Keep following me, and let the dead bury their dead. ([Matthew 8:22](#))**

· **Those who become Christians with true belief were once among the spiritually dead people of the world. The apostle Paul reminded the congregation of this fact, saying,**

· **Furthermore, it is you God made alive though you were dead in your trespasses and sins. ([Ephesians 2:1](#))**

· **In which you at one time walked according to the system of things of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit that now operates in the sons of disobedience.**

(Ephesians 2:2)

- **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us. (Ephesians 2:4)**
- **Made us alive together with the Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses, by undeserved kindness you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:5)**
- **And he raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly places in union with Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6)**
- **Thus, because of their no longer walking in trespasses and sins against God, and because of their faith in Christ, Yehowah lifted his condemnation from them. He raised them up out of spiritual death and gave them hope of everlasting life.**
- **For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have worked out the will of the nations when you proceeded in deeds of loose conduct, lusts, excesses with wine, revelries, drinking matches, and illegal idolatries. (1 Peter 4:3)**
- **Because you do not continue running with them in this course to the same low sink of debauchery, they are puzzled and go on speaking abusively of you. (1 Peter 4:4)**
- **But these people will render an account to the one ready to judge those living and those dead. (1 Peter 4:5)**
- **In fact, for this purpose the Good News was declared also to the dead, that they might be judged as to the flesh from the standpoint of men but might live as to the spirit from the standpoint of God. (1 Peter 4:6)**
- **The apostle John describes this transfer from deadness in trespasses and sins to spiritual life in these words;**
- **Do not marvel, brothers, that the world hates you. (1 John 3:13)**
- **We know we have passed over from death to life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love remains in death. (1 John 3:14)**

.. An Undeserved Kindness Of God

- The provision of a **resurrection** for humankind is indeed an undeserved kindness of Yehowah God, for he was not obligated to provide a **resurrection**.
- Love for the world of mankind moved him to give his only-begotten Son so that millions, yes, even thousands of millions who have died without a real knowledge of God might have opportunity to know and love him, and so that those who love and serve him can have this hope and encouragement to faithful endurance, even as far as death.
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (**John 3:16**)
- The apostle Paul comforts fellow Christians with the **resurrection** hope, writing to the congregation at Thessalonica about those of the congregation who had died and who had hope of a heavenly resurrection:
 - Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who are sleeping in death, that you may not sorrow just as the rest also do who have no hope. (**1 Thessalonians 4:13**)
 - For if our faith is that Jesus died and rose again, so, too, those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus God will bring with him. (**1 Thessalonians 4:14**)
 - Likewise, for those faithful to God who died with hope of life on earth under God's Messianic Kingdom, and also for others who have not come to know God, Christians should not sorrow as the rest do who have no hope. When Sheol, or Hades, is opened, those in there will come out.
 - The Bible mentions many who have gone there, including the people of ancient Egypt, Assyria, Elam, Meshech, Tubal, Edom, and Sidon.
 - Son of man, lament over the crowd of Egypt and bring it down, her and the daughters of majestic nations, to the land down below, with those going down into the pit. (**Ezekiel 32:18**)

- **Compared with whom are you more pleasant? Do go down, and you must be laid with the uncircumcised ones! (Ezekiel 32:19)**
- **In the midst of those slain by the sword they will fall. To a sword she has been given. Drag her away and all her crowds, you men. (Ezekiel 32:20)**
- **The foremost men of the mighty ones will speak out of the midst of Sheol even to him, with his helpers. They will certainly go down, they must lie down as the uncircumcised, slain by the sword. (Ezekiel 32:21)**
- **There is where Assyria and all her congregation are. His burial places are round about him. All of them are slain, those falling by the sword. (Ezekiel 32:22)**
- **For her burial places have been put in the innermost parts of a pit, and her congregation proves to be round about her grave, all of them slain, falling by the sword, because they had caused terror in the land of those alive. (Ezekiel 32:23)**
- **There are Elam and all her crowd round about her grave, all of them slain ones, those falling by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the land down below, those who have caused their terror in the land of those alive, and they will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. (Ezekiel 32:24)**
- **In the midst of slain ones they have set a bed for her among all her crowd. Her burial places are round about it. All of them are uncircumcised, slain by the sword, because their terror was caused in the land of those alive, and they will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. In the midst of slain ones he has been put. (Ezekiel 32:25)**
- **There is where Meshech and Tubal and all her crowd are. Her burial places are round about him. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced through by the sword, because they have caused their terror in the land of those alive. (Ezekiel 32:26)**
- **And will they not lie down with mighty ones, falling from among the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war? And they will put their swords under their heads, and their errors will come to be upon their bones, because mighty ones were a terror in the land of those alive. (Ezekiel**

32:27)

- **And as for you, in the midst of uncircumcised ones you will be broken, and you will lie down with those slain by the sword. (Ezekiel 32:28)**
- **There is where Edom, her kings and all her chieftains are, who, in their mightiness, were put with those slain by the sword, they themselves will lie down even with the uncircumcised ones and with those going down into the pit. (Ezekiel 32:29)**
- **There is where the dukes of the north are, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain ones, in their terribleness because of their mightiness, ashamed. And they will lie down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and will bear their humiliation with those going down into the pit. (Ezekiel 32:30)**
- **These are the ones that Pharaoh will see, and he will certainly be comforted over all his crowd. Pharaoh and all his military force will be people slain by the sword, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 32:31)**
- **Jesus himself said that the people of Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom would be on hand for Judgment Day, some of the pagans being more likely to repent than many to whom Jesus himself preached in Bethsaida, Chorazin, and Capernaum.**
- **Then he started to reproach the cities in which most of his powerful works had taken place, because they did not repent. (Matthew 11:20)**
- **Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the powerful works had taken place in Tyre and Sidon that took place in you, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. (Matthew 11:21)**
- **Consequently I say to you, it will be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on Judgment Day than for you. (Matthew 11:22)**
- **And you, Capernaum, will you perhaps be exalted to heaven? Down to Hades you will come, because if the powerful works that took place in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this very day. (Matthew 11:23)**

- **Consequently I say to you people, it will be more endurable for the land of Sodom on Judgment Day than for you. (Matthew 11:24)**
- **Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the powerful works that have taken place in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (Luke 10:13)**
- **Consequently it will be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. (Luke 10:14)**
- **And you, Capernaum, will you perhaps be exalted to heaven? Down to Hades you will come! (Luke 10:15)**

•• Ransom Applied To All For Whom It Was Given

- **The greatness and expansiveness of God's love and undeserved kindness in giving his Son that whoever should believe in him might have life would not limit the application of the ransom to only those whom God chooses for the heavenly calling.**
- **For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)**
- **In fact, the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ would not be completely applied if it left off with those who become members of the Kingdom of heaven.**
- **It would fall short of accomplishing the full purpose for which God provided it, because God's purpose was that the Kingdom have earthly subjects.**
- **Jesus Christ is High Priest not only over the underpriests with him but also for the world of mankind who will live when his associates also rule as kings and priests with him.**
- **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received**

- the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)**
 - **He has been tested in all respects like ourselves, his spiritual brothers, but without sin. Therefore he can sympathize with the weaknesses of persons who are conscientiously trying to serve God, and his associate kings and priests have been tested in the same way.**
 - **For we have as High Priest, not one who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin. (**Hebrews 4:15**)**
 - **Let us, therefore, approach with freeness of speech to the throne of undeserved kindness, that we may obtain mercy and find undeserved kindness for help at the right time. (**Hebrews 4:16**)**
 - **Beloved ones, do not be puzzled at the burning among you, which is happening to you for a trial, as though a strange thing were befalling you. (**1 Peter 4:12**)**
 - **On the contrary, go on rejoicing forasmuch as you are sharers in the sufferings of the Christ, that you may rejoice and be overjoyed also during the revelation of his glory. (**1 Peter 4:13**)**
 - **On behalf of whom could they be priests if not on behalf of mankind, including those resurrected, during the Thousand Year Reign and judgment period?**
 - **Servants of God have anxiously looked forward to the day when the resurrection will complete its work. In the outworking of his purposes, God has set exactly the proper time for it, in which his wisdom and long-suffering will be fully vindicated.**
 - **For everything there is an appointed time, even a time for every affair under the heavens. (**Ecclesiastes 3:1**)**
 - **A time for birth and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to uproot what was planted. (**Ecclesiastes 3:2**)**

- **A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to break down and a time to build. (Ecclesiastes 3:3)**
- **A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to wail and a time to skip about. (Ecclesiastes 3:4)**
- **A time to throw stones away and a time to bring stones together. A time to embrace and a time to keep away from embracing. (Ecclesiastes 3:5)**
- **A time to seek and a time to give up as lost. A time to keep and a time to throw away. (Ecclesiastes 3:6)**
- **A time to rip apart and a time to sew together. A time to keep quiet and a time to speak. (Ecclesiastes 3:7)**
- **A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:8)**
- **He and his Son, being both able and willing to perform the resurrection, will complete it in that set time.**

· Yehowah Joyfully Anticipates The Resurrection

- **Yehowah and his Son must anticipate the full carrying out of that work with great joy. Jesus showed this willingness and desire when a leper entreated him;**
- **There also came to him a leper, entreating him even on bended knee, saying to him; If you just want to, you can make me clean. (Mark 1:40)**
- **At that he was moved with pity, and he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him; I want to. Be made clean. (Mark 1:41)**
- **This touching incident demonstrating Christ's loving-kindness for mankind was recorded by three of the Gospel writers.**
- **And immediately the leprosy vanished from him, and he became clean. (Mark 1:42)**
- **And, look! A leprous man came up and began doing obeisance to**

him, saying; Lord, if you just want to, you can make me clean. (Matthew 8:2)

- And so, stretching out his hand, he touched him, saying; I want to. Be made clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed away. (Matthew 8:3)
- On a further occasion while he was in one of the cities, look! A man full of leprosy! When he caught sight of Jesus he fell upon his face and begged him, saying; Lord, if you just want to, you can make me clean. (Luke 5:12)
- And so, stretching out his hand, he touched him, saying; I want to. Be made clean. And immediately the leprosy vanished from him. (Luke 5:13)
- And of Yehowah's love and willingness to help mankind, we call again to mind the words of faithful Job:
 - If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, until my relief comes. (Job 14:14)
 - You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning. (Job 14:15)

•• Some Not Resurrected

- While it is true that Christ's ransom sacrifice was given for mankind in general, Jesus indicated that its actual application nevertheless would be limited when he said,
 - Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (Matthew 20:28)
 - Yehowah God has the right to refuse to accept a ransom for anyone he deems unworthy. Christ's ransom covers the sins an individual has because of being a child of sinful Adam, but a person can add to that by his own deliberate, willful course of sin, and he can thus die for such sin that is beyond coverage by the ransom.

•• Sin Against The Holy Spirit

- **Jesus Christ said that one who sinned against the Holy Spirit would not be forgiven in the present system of things nor in that to come.**
- **On this account I say to you; Every sort of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven. (Matthew 12:31)**
- **For example, whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, no, not in this system of things nor in that to come. (Matthew 12:32)**
- **A person whom God judged as having sinned against the Holy Spirit in the present system of things would therefore not profit by a resurrection, since his sins would never be forgiven, making resurrection useless for him.**
- **Jesus uttered judgment against Judas Iscariot in calling him the son of destruction. The ransom would not apply to him, and his destruction already being a judicially established judgment, he would not receive a resurrection.**
- **When I was with them I used to watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, and I have kept them, and not one of them is destroyed except the son of destruction, in order, that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)**
- **To his opposers, the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus said,**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**
- **His words indicate that these persons, if they did not take action to turn to God before their death, would have a final adverse judgment entered against them. If so, a resurrection would accomplish nothing for them. This would also appear to be true of the man of lawlessness.**
- **Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)**
- **Then, indeed, the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with by the spirit of his mouth and bring to**

nothing by the manifestation of his presence. (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

See Also MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

See Also GEHENNA

- **Paul speaks of those who have known the truth, have been partakers of Holy Spirit, and then have fallen away, as falling into a condition in which it is impossible to revive them again to repentance, because they impale the Son of God afresh for themselves and expose him to public shame.**
- **The ransom could no longer help them, hence they would receive no resurrection. The apostle goes on to liken such ones to a field that produces only thorns and thistles and is therefore rejected and ends up being burned. This illustrates the future before them, complete annihilation.**
- **For it is impossible as regards those who have once for all been enlightened, and who have tasted the heavenly free gift, and who have become partakers of Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 6:4)**
- **And who have tasted the fine word of God and powers of the coming system of things. (Hebrews 6:5)**
- **But who have fallen away, to revive them again to repentance, because they impale the Son of God afresh for themselves and expose him to public shame. (Hebrews 6:6)**
- **For example, the ground that drinks in the rain which often comes upon it, and that then brings forth vegetation suitable to those for whom it is also cultivated, receives in return a blessing from God. (Hebrews 6:7)**
- **But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is rejected and is near to being cursed, and it ends up with being burned. (Hebrews 6:8)**
- **Again, Paul says of those who practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, that there is no longer any sacrifice for sins left, but there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition.**

- **He then illustrates; Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three.**
- **For if we practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins left. (Hebrews 10:26)**
- **But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition. (Hebrews 10:27)**
- **Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (Hebrews 10:28)**
- **Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the spirit of undeserved kindness with contempt? (Hebrews 10:29)**
- **For we know him that said: Vengeance is mine. I will recompense. And again: Yehowah will judge his people. (Hebrews 10:30)**
- **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:31)**
- **Peter writes to his brothers, pointing out that they, as the house of God, are under judgment, and he then quotes from, [LXX]**
- **Look! The righteous one, in the earth he will be rewarded. How much more should the wicked one and the sinner be! (Proverbs 11:31)**
- **Warning them of the danger of disobedience. He here implies that their present judgment could end with a judgment of everlasting destruction for them, just as Paul had written.**
- **For it is the appointed time for the judgment to start with the house of God. Now if it starts first with us, what will the end be of those who are not obedient to the Good News of God? (1 Peter 4:17)**

- And if the righteous man is being saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly man and the sinner make a showing? (**1 Peter 4:18**)
- The apostle Paul also tells of some who will undergo the judicial **punishment of everlasting destruction** from before the Lord and from the glory of his strength, at the time he comes to be glorified in connection with his holy ones.
- These very ones will **undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction** from before the Lord and from the glory of his strength. (**2 Thessalonians 1:9**)
- At the time he comes to be glorified in connection with his holy ones and to be regarded in that day with wonder in connection with all those who exercised faith, because the witness we gave met with faith among you. (**2 Thessalonians 1:10**)
- These would therefore not survive into the Thousand Year Reign of Christ, and since their destruction is **everlasting**, they would receive no resurrection.

•• **Resurrection During 1,000 Years**

- A very liberal estimate of the number of persons that have ever lived on earth is 20 billion (20,000,000,000). Many students of the subject calculate that not nearly so many have lived.
- Not **all** of these, as it has been shown in the foregoing discussion, will receive a **resurrection**, but even assuming that they did, there would be no problem as to living space and food for them.
- The land surface of the earth at present is about 148,000,000 square kilometers (57,000,000 square miles), or about 14,800,000,000 ha (36,500,000,000 acres).
- Even allowing half of that to be set aside for other uses, there would be more than a third of a hectare (almost 1 acre) for each person.
- As to earth's potential food production, a third of a hectare will actually provide much more than enough food for one person, especially when, as God has demonstrated in the case of the nation of Israel, there is abundance of food as a result of God's blessing.

- **Judah and Israel were many, like the grains of sand that are by the sea for multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing. (1 Kings 4:20)**
- **And the tree of the field must give its fruitage, and the land itself will give its yield, and they will actually prove to be on their soil in security. And they will have to know that I am Yehowah when I break the bars of their yoke and I have delivered them out of the hand of those who had been using them as slaves. (Ezekiel 34:27)**
- **On the question of the earth's food-producing power, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization maintains that, with only moderate improvements in agricultural methods, in even the developing areas the earth could easily feed up to nine times the population that scientists have estimated for the year 2000. [Land, Food and People, Rome, 1984, pp. 16,17]**
- **How, though, could the thousands of millions be adequately cared for, in view of the fact that most of them did not in the past know God and must learn to conform to his laws for them?**
- **First, the Bible states that the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he rules as king forever and ever.**
- **And the seventh angel blew his trumpet. And loud voices occurred in heaven, saying; The kingdom of the world did become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will rule as king forever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)**
- **And the Bible principle is that when there are judgments from you, Yehowah, for the earth, righteousness is what the inhabitants of the productive land will certainly learn.**
- **With my soul I have desired you in the night, yes, with my spirit within me I keep looking for you, because, when there are judgments from you for the earth, righteousness is what the inhabitants of the productive land will certainly learn. (Isaiah 26:9)**
- **In his due time, when it is necessary to make it known to his servants, God will reveal how he purposes to take care of this work.**

- For the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will not do a thing unless he has revealed his confidential matter to his servants the prophets. **(Amos 3:7)**

·· **Illustrating The Conceivability Of The Resurrection**

- **Nevertheless, an illustration reveals what a simple, practical thing Yehowah has in mind for mankind. Not to prophesy, but merely for the purpose of illustration, let us assume that those who compose the great crowd of righteous persons who come out of the great tribulation on this system of things alive**
- **After these things I saw, and, look! A great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and there were palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)**
- **So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14)**
- **Number 3,000,000, about 1/1666 of earth's present population. Then if, after allowing, say, 100 years spent in their training and in subduing a portion of the earth**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**
- **God purposes to bring back three percent of this number, this would mean that each newly arrived person would be looked after by 33 trained ones.**
- **Since a yearly increase of three percent, compounded, doubles the number about every 24 years, the entire 20 billion (20,000,000,000) could be resurrected before 300 years of Christ's Thousand Year Reign had elapsed, giving ample time for training and judging the resurrected ones without disrupting harmony and order on earth.**

- **Thus God, with his almighty power and wisdom, is able to bring his purpose to a glorious conclusion fully within the framework of the laws and arrangements he has made for mankind from the beginning, with the added undeserved kindness of the resurrection.**
- **O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his judgments are and past tracing out his ways are! (Romans 11:33)**
- **For who has come to know Yehowah's mind, or who has become his counselor? (Romans 11:34)**
- **Or; Who has first given to him, so that it must be repaid to him? (Romans 11:35)**
- **Because from him and by him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)**