

TWO RESURRECTIONS

AND A THOUSAND YEARS

Part Two : “THE FIRST RESURRECTION”

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BACKGROUND PREPARATION FOR THIS STUDY: Please read through these studies at the web site. “The Second Coming,” and “What Happens When We Die?” These two studies will give you the background you need before starting this study.

ONE RESURRECTION EVENT : SOME SAVED AND SOME CONDEMNED

Daniel 12:1-3 “And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And **many** of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake - some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

The fulfillment of this prophecy, given to the prophet Daniel, was placed at “the time of the end.” (See v.4, v.9, v.13) Daniel would “arise” to his own “inheritance at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12:13).

*Note that **this resurrection is for “many,” (07227) but NOT for ALL of those “who sleep in the dust.”** The word is also translated “multitude.” Those raised on this day are divided:
Some are given “everlasting life” AND some are raised to “shame and contempt”*

*The names of those raised to contempt are obviously **not “found written in the book.”** WHY?
There are two possible reasons:*

- 1. The names of these persons were never written into the Book of Life.*
- 2. The names of these individuals were “blotted out” of the “Book of Life” because they had forsaken covenant, and lived in rebellion against God’s Law.*

John 5:28-29 “Do not marvel at this; for **the hour** (singular) is coming in which **all** who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

*Here again: those resurrected at “the hour” are divided ----
those given “life” AND those condemned.*

Acts 24:15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be **a resurrection** (singular) of the dead, **both of the just and the unjust.** (NKJ)

Matthew 26:64 Christ told the high priest who condemned him: “... hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

NOTE: Certainly - no one thinks that Caiaphas will be raised to everlasting life.

Revelation 1:7 “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, and they also who pierced Him.”

THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO COVENANT

Psalm 50:3-5 “May our God come and not keep silence; Fire devours before Him, and it is very tempestuous around Him,...**Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me** by sacrifice. And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge.”

NOTE: During the Old Testament period, one entered into covenant by partaking of the Passover Lamb sacrifice. Now that Christ has been “sacrificed” once for all - we enter into covenant by claiming His death as our own “sacrifice.” We are all saved in the SAME WAY, by grace - thru faith. During the Old Testament believers looked forward - thru the Lamb. Today, we look back - to the Lamb. We are all saved because of the death of the Son of God. I absolutely disagree with those who say that the Israel was saved by the law. Paul said that “noone is justified by the law.”

*At His coming, Christ will gather only those who have entered into covenant - that is - Israelites. That term - I believe - refers to **all of those who have entered into covenant with God**, thru Christ the Mediator.*

NOTE: Gentiles (not biological Israelites) who come to faith in Messiah, are “grafted” into Israel. They become Israelites! This is the message of Ephesians chapter 2, and Romans chapter 11.

Those “raised to shame” would be Israelites who entered into covenant, and then knowingly forsook the covenant and persisted in rebellion against God. They are “cut off from the people” on that day. Their names are blotted out of the Book of Life.

NOTE: This resurrection to “shame and everlasting contempt” precludes rehabilitation (thru any means) or reintroduction into the family of God. These people are “cut off” forever. This is judgment day, and after they face the LORD, they will be left to die in the plagues. I do not believe they will ever be raised again. There is no third resurrection in Scripture.

FELLOW TRAVELERS

A “mixed multitude” of Egyptian, and mixed blood people left with the Children of Israel, following Moses. The LORD made it clear that the LAW applied to them also.

Leviticus 24:22 “There shall be **one standard** for you; it shall be for the stranger, as well as the native, for I am the Lord your God.”

Numbers 9:14 “You shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.”

Isaiah 56:6-8 “Also **the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord**, to minister to Him, and love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, **everyone who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant**; Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house shall

be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Exodus 12:19; Exodus 12:48; Exodus 12:49; Exodus 20:10; Deuteronomy 5:24; Leviticus 16:29; Leviticus 17:10-12; Leviticus 18:26; Leviticus 24:22; Numbers 9:14; Leviticus 17:8; Numbers 15:14-16

The point here, is that non-Israelites were judged in the same way, and by the same standards with Israel. On the Day of Atonement, these fellow-travelers were also judged and those who persisted in rebellion against the Law of God were “cut off” from the camp. This was the type. In the anti-type - the Day of Atonement judgment will take place on the day that Christ returns in glory. Both Israelites and fellow-travelers will be judged on that day.

Who exactly are fellow-travelers. I believe they are those are ARE aware that GOD is, that there is right and wrong. We cannot judge any individuals - only the LORD knows, and we must leave judgment to HIM.

AN ANCIENT JUDGMENT DAY

Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) - a day appointed by the LORD when any Israelite (or fellow traveler) who had forsaken the covenant, who refused to humble himself before the LORD, was “cut off” from the people of God. (Lev. 23:29, Deut. 29:20).

I believe that Jesus will return on a future Day of Atonement. That will be judgment day for the Israel of God, and for fellow travelers.

THE STORY OF LOT

The “day that the Son of Man is revealed” is compared with the day that Lot and his family were pulled out of Sodom and Gomorrah by the angels. Immediately it rained fire and brimstone from heaven. (Luke 17:29-30). Lot is a type of those who will be delivered from the destruction at the end of the age. Lot’s wife “looked back” and she was “turned to a pillar of salt.” She is a type of those who will be raised to shame, whose hearts are in this sinful world - who will be left behind. (Genesis 19)

NOTE: Abraham questioned the LORD. “Would you slay the righteous with the wicked? Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The LORD finally said that He would “not destroy” Sodom, so long as there were any righteous persons living there. This is a message. The righteous must be removed - as were Lot and his daughters - BEFORE the final plagues can be poured out (Genesis 18:23-32).

NOTE: Noah (another type) and his family were safe inside of the ark, with the door shut - BEFORE it began to rain. (Genesis 7:16). Regarding the return of Christ – It will be “as in the days of Noah” (Luke 17:26). I believe that we will be safely removed from this earth BEFORE the seven last plagues, but we will be here for the trumpet judgments.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Daniel 12:1-3 “... your people shall be delivered, every one who is found **written in the book**”

Hebrews 12:23 “the general assembly and church of **the firstborn** who are registered in Heaven”

Exodus 4:22 “thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.”

Israel = firstborn = written in the book

My impression is that one’s name is entered into The Book of Eternal Life when he/she enters into a life covenant with God, thru the blood of Christ. It is blotted out only if one knowingly persists in rebellion against the LORD in violation of this covenant.

Note: All believers enter into covenant thru Christ. Old Testament era believers looked forward to “The Lamb of God” thru animal sacrifice.

Luke 10:20 “rejoice ... because your names are written in heaven.”

Why would believers be told to rejoice, if names are entered at the moment of birth?

Revelation 13:8 “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast), whose names are not written in the Book of Life ...”

Philippians 4:3 “these women who labored with me in the gospel ... whose names are in the Book of Life.”

Why would Paul especially mention the fact that the names of these women were in the Book of Life, if everyone’s name is written in the Book at birth? Having one’s name in the Book would be nothing special.

Malachi 3:16-18 “So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. ‘They shall be Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘On the day that I make them My jewels.’”

BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK

Deuteronomy 29:20 (*Penalty for forsaking the covenant*) “And every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, **and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven.**”

Ezekiel 14:7 “For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, ... I the LORD will answer him by Myself. I will set My face against that man . . . and **I will cut him off from the midst of My people.** Then you shall know that I am the LORD.”

Hebrews 10:26, 29 “For if we sin willfully (with rebellious attitude) after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment...”

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT: NAMES WERE BLOTTED OUT

Leviticus 23:27-32 “Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) ... For any person who is not afflicted of soul on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.”

Leviticus 16: 33 “... He shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the congregation,” including “the stranger who sojourns among you” (v. 29).

Anyone who had become part of the congregation, who then refused to repent and assume an attitude of humility towards God ON THIS DAY was “cut off from the people.” To be “cut off” was a death sentence!!

PLEASE NOTE: **The “nations” were NOT judged on this day!** The only people judged on Yom Kippur were Israelites and those who “sojourned with” them..

Example: If a man was considered to have been judged and condemned by God, his name would be blotted out of Temple records from that time forward. This explains why the name Jehoiachin does not appear in the genealogy of Joseph (Jesus’ legal Father) given by Matthew the Levite (Matthew 1:1-17, Jeremiah 22: 28-30).

PROPHECY FULFILLED

The LORD’s appointed festivals were given as acted prophecy. The Passover Lamb symbolized Jesus, “the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29, I Cor. 5:7). The Day of Atonement foretold a day of final atonement for sin, and of judgment for the rebellious.

I have believed for some years that the Day of Atonement prophecy will be fulfilled on the day that Christ returns in glory. The “last trump” of the festival year was sounded ON the Day of Atonement. (Lev. 25:9, I Cor. 15:52). It announced the start of the Jubilee, when the land returned to its original owner, when all Israelite slaves were set free, (Lev. 25:39-41) when all Israelite debt was cancelled. (Lev. 25: 10). In fulfillment, the earth will return to Christ, and to those who serve Him (Daniel 7:27). All the debts (sins) of God’s people will be forgiven. Israelite slaves of sin and death will be set free by the resurrection.

Those raised “to everlasting life” at the first resurrection, on the day that Jesus returns in glory, will be Israelites – those who have repented of their sins, claiming the blood of Christ as their covering. They will receive atonement (covering) - and everlasting life.

Those who have forsaken covenant, and remain rebellious in heart will be “cut off from the people.” Their names will be “blotted out” of the “Book of Life,” and they will be left to die. The “plagues” and curses of Deuteronomy Chapter 28 will overtake them. (See esp Deut. 28:21, 27 29, 59). I do not believe that they will ever rise again. They are judged worthy of “everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:3).

*Note: The curses of Deuteronomy were fulfilled when the Babylonians, and then the Romans conquered and dispersed the Israelites - this was **the type**. They will be completely fulfilled at the end of this age.*

NOTE: Israelite slaves were to be freed after six years of service. (Exo. 21:2, Jer. 34:14). The freedom of the 7th year symbolizes our freedom at the start of the 7th millennium.

THE JUST - THE UNJUST - AND THE IGNORANT

When Jesus returns, there will be a resurrection “of the just and of the unjust” - of those “raised to everlasting life,” and those “raised to shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:1-3). But there are many human beings who were neither just, nor unjust.

They were not justified, because they have never entered into covenant with God, thru Christ. But they were not unjust - because they were ignorant. They may have died as infants or as children. They may have been mentally handicapped, or mentally ill. They may have lived at a time (or in a place) when there was no knowledge of the LORD or of His Law. They certainly are not worthy of “everlasting contempt.

Jesus said, “If you were blind (ignorant), you would have no sin” (John 9:41). “To him who knows to do good, and does not do it - to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

These people have not “rejected knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). The truths of God were never revealed to them.

NOT WILLING THAT ANY BE LOST

Our study continues with Part Three - “A Kingdom of Priests.” How will the LORD provide for those who lived and died without ever knowing of HIS Law, HIS justice, or HIS love?

We pray that this study will be a blessing.
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