

The Resurrection of People

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A. Death

What does the Bible tell us of our physical death ? We find the understanding mainly from what Yeshua (Jesus) tells us.

Joh 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.**

Joh 11:12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Joh 11:13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

Joh 11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**

Yeshua tells us to equate our death to sleep. This is also reinforced in the following scriptures.

Act 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Act 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Act 13:35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Act 13:36 For **David**, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, **fell on sleep**, and was laid unto his fathers, **and saw corruption**:

Act 13:37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are **asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring with him.

Our understanding is reinforced by the above scriptures in the New Testament. First in Act 13:33 the word begotten is Strong's number G1080 and in this case means delivered from death or resurrected. Yes King David fell on sleep and his body saw corruption. We are not to be filled with sorrow for our brothers and sisters that sleep in Yeshua, for they will rise and be with Yeshua at some point in time in the future. Others that did not accept and follow Yeshua, sleep and there is no hope for them.

Moving to the Old Testament we are given more information on death. At the time Moses was told that he would sleep with his fathers.

Deu 31:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, **thou shalt sleep with thy fathers**; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

The following speaks to King David, when his life was over, God tells him that he will sleep with his fathers.

2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and **thou shalt sleep with thy fathers**, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

Other scriptures as follows, tell us the same thing.

Psa 13:3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, **lest I sleep the sleep of death**;

Dan 12:2 And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth** shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

The scriptures are clear a person's physical death is that of being similar to sleep, with no consciousness, no dreaming. One then sleeps until awakened by Yeshua. Our body sees corruption, it deteriorates and changes back to the earthly elements that it was formed from.

We are also informed that our spirit returns to God while our body returns to dust or the earth.

Ecc 12:7 Then shall the **dust return to the earth** as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God** who gave it.

Death has often been described as going to the grave or down to the pit.

Psa 30:2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Psa 30:3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not **go down to the pit**.

Psa 30:9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I **go down to the pit**? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth on him** that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but **is passed from death unto life**.

Joh 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man **keep my saying**, he shall **never see death**.

In the above two scriptures Yeshua is referring to eternal life with both the Father and Him, being given to man when he is resurrected if he followed Yeshua by hearing and obeying.

B. The Second Death

The second death is defined for us in scripture. This occurs after the second resurrection and after judgment day. Those found to be unrighteous, those whose name is not in the book of life, are those that experience a second death.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt **of the second death**.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in **the first resurrection**: on **such the second death** hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall **reign with him a thousand years**.

In the first resurrection, it is only the Saints and they were found acceptable since they followed Yeshua by hearing and obeying in their walk and growing and maturing properly in their heart or alternately those passing the test of the Tribulation and enduring to the end. They are the only ones that need not worry of being judged at the Last Day and need not be concerned of experiencing the second death.

Those that are cast into the lake of fire are those that experience what is called the second death.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which

burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**

Note first in Rev 21:8, those that are fearful experience the second death. This most likely means that those who do not walk forward in faith and trust in God are not worthy and are not accepted as His people. Note also that liars face the second death.

The second death is separation from the Father and the Son for eternity. Those that are thrown into the lake of fire are imprisoned there for eternity, with no hope. Everyone that has not been resurrected at the first resurrection are on the Last Day resurrected and judged. Once resurrected all become like the angels and cannot die, both the righteous and the unrighteous, in other words everyone.

Luk 20:36 Neither can they **die any more**: for they are **equal unto the angels**; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

So those unrighteous people that were resurrected are tormented forever in the lake of fire along with Satan.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be **tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.**

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The understanding that we receive a resurrection is based upon the fact that man has a spirit that connects him to God and the angels. The angels and God are spirit that live in the spiritual realm. So once resurrected, one is then alive for eternity. Since the angels cannot die and that means they cannot be permanently destroyed. Therefore Satan and the evil angels as well as unrighteous people need to be contained in a prison, removed permanently from the righteous. The lake of fire is that prison.

Mar 9:44 Where **their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

C. The Transformation

The resurrection is a transformation of man who is then born again. At that moment, man is transformed into spirit and becomes the same as the angels. The transformation is one of being described by Yeshua as being born again. It is going from previously living as flesh to that after being resurrected to living as spirit.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except **a man be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Mat 22:30 For in the **resurrection** they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but **are as the angels** of God in heaven.

Mar 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

Luk 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Luk 20:36 **Neither can they die any more:** for they are **equal unto the angels;** and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Those that are righteous and found written in the book of life are the children of God. However all that remain after the first resurrection are resurrected at the second resurrection, both the righteous and the unrighteous. At that point all of mankind have been transformed into spirit. Then all are judged that have not taken part in the first resurrection.

We also know from the Bible that at times angels transform from spirit to flesh and also that Yeshua after His resurrection did the same. In the New Jerusalem we are told that man will be farmers, having the same ability to transform.

Isa 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isa 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isa 65:23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

The above when read in context speaks to the New Earth.

D. The Rapture

This term is not in the Bible but is one that man uses to indicate being resurrected by Yeshua. In its use, it is normally applied to describing the first resurrection. The Bible is clear, the first resurrection is only the Saints. The Saints are clearly defined for us in the Bible, they are not what nearly all Christians think. The Saints are a relatively small group in comparison to the large number of those that call themselves Christians. They are a small number compared to the extremely large number whose name is in the Book of life and are resurrected at the Last Day.

Many wrongly think that the Church will be collected and raptured or resurrected ahead of the Tribulation such that they will not be required to pass through the Tribulation period. There is no scripture that supports this, but there is scripture that tells us that this does not happen. This is described in detail in the document titled "*The Secret Rapture that does not happen*". In the end times, there is only one moment of time at which only the Saints are resurrected and that occurs at the end of the Tribulation. That is when the dead rise first followed by those that are alive and join with Yeshua in the clouds.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; **and every eye shall see him**, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

The above verse has some duality but it refers primarily to the Last Day, the second and final resurrection. It indicates that all, everyone will see Yeshua in the clouds, including those that persecuted Him and were instrumental in His crucifixion. The duality can also to some degree mean when Yeshua returns at his second coming, He will be in the clouds and many that are dead that will be resurrected will see Him, possibly including some that persecuted Him at His first coming and then repented and walked forward properly through the rest of their life by following Yeshua and the Bible.

Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the **one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.**

Luk 17:35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luk 17:36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we **which are alive** *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them **which are asleep**.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**:

1Th 4:17 Then **we which are alive** *and* remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

In the above **1Th 4:13**, those that took on and followed Yeshua and died, will be resurrected to eternal life so do not grieve and feel sorrow for them, rather others that rejected Christ that died have no hope as they will experience the second death. Note in the scripture above that those that are dead or asleep rise first, then after them those that are alive follow after them. The resurrection is orderly with everyone in their respective place. This is very important scripture that tells us when combined with select other scripture that there is no secret resurrection ahead of or before the end of the Tribulation period.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed**,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be **raised incorruptible**, and **we shall be changed**.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal *must* put on immortality**.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Just after this resurrection at Yeshua's second coming, which is the completion of the first resurrection, then Yeshua comes down to earth, His feet standing on the Mount of Olives and all the Saints that have been resurrected come with Him.

Zec 14:4 And **his feet shall stand** in that day upon the **mount of Olives**, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and all the saints with thee*.

Understand that it is only the Saints that are resurrected at Yeshua's second coming and it is only the Saints that are with and serving under Yeshua during the Millennium. All others still sleep until the Last Day when Yeshua will raise all that are His and not loose any.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, **neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;** and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the **first resurrection.**

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Note from the above verses of Revelations that those people that pass through the Tribulation and do not take the mark of the beast become Saints or are rewarded by being given the status of Saint. This is the major reward of passing the test that comes upon the whole world just before the Tribulation begins.

During the Millennium, people will be living and dying and procreating since not everyone has been resurrected at the first resurrection, which includes the large majority of those that are dead as well as those still alive at the end of the Tribulation. These people living during the Millennium will be ruled over by Yeshua and the Saints with a rod of iron, all following the Torah. For understanding read the document "**3. The Millennium**".

E. Summary

What we learn from scripture is that when we die our spirit goes back to God and we sleep until called forth at either the first or second resurrection. Our body sees corruption or decays back to the elements of the earth from which it was first formed. Our new body is obtained during our resurrection and this is the same as being born again, now born as spirit. We learn that spirit cannot die and we now become like the angels in that we join the spirit world. There is no more marriage or being married in the spirit world. We also learn that once spirit we are able to transform to flesh and in fact we will spend eternity living on the New World and farming.

The first resurrection is only for a select few, those being what are known as the Saints. These are formed by two groups, those few walking and growing properly and those in the end times that pass the test of God when going through the Tribulation. These now are the spring and summer harvest of the first fruits. These few are always with Yeshua and come back to earth to serve and rule with Him during the Millennium. The first resurrection is completed at the end of the Tribulation when Yeshua comes back in the clouds. The Saints rise up and join with Him.

The second resurrection takes place at the end of the Millennium, which is referred to as the Last Day. All those that did not take place in the first resurrection are now raised up as spirit and are then judged on how they walked through life. The righteous are those whose name is in the book of life, and will be gathered to be with the Father and the Son on the New Earth, spending eternity there. The unrighteous are those whose name is not in the book of life, they will be thrown into the lake of fire and trapped there for eternity. Being thrown into the lake of fire is called the second death, trapped and isolated for eternity from the Father, the Son and all the righteous people. The lake of fire is in fact a prison, used since all those now being spirit cannot be killed or destroyed. The second resurrection is the large fall harvest of God's people.

Walking properly is by hearing, obeying and following Yeshua, that is accomplished by following the complete Bible. It is obeying and doing the Father's will. It is not following Church doctrine or what pastors or anyone tells you. It is found by opening your mind, letting go of preconceived ideas, praying, repenting and asking God to guide you to the truth in His word and that you will accept and obey what He shows you. You then go forward in submission to God and in total obedience. The **only doctrine** one is to follow is that of the **Complete Bible** itself.

If you are walking forward in the same manner that the early Gentile congregations as set up by Paul were walking, then you will be one of the Saints. Look carefully at scripture as these in Paul's congregations were zealous for the Torah, they walked in the Torah and in love. If you are not doing this and are alive in the end times you will then pass through the Tribulation, being required to take the test and to endure to the very end. If you change and walk forward properly then you will not have to pass through the Tribulation, however time is short in order to change properly, it is not something that can happen suddenly. Look around the end time period is well under way.

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