

Justice Applied to the First Resurrection

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Introduction

As one studies God's word, more and more is opened to understanding. Often scripture that did not make sense previously when reread and studied, suddenly becomes alive and understanding occurs as it fits together with other scripture. The theme of Judgment is one area we are to learn and grow in. If you have accepted the invitation or call to become one of the Saints, Rom 1:7, 1Co 1:2, then you are expected to grow and mature in preparation for your active role during the Millennium. One area of this growth is learning righteous ruling or Judgments. These examples are scattered throughout the Bible and the one presented here is one that pertains to the first resurrection.

The information covered here is one of those special revelations of opening of scripture.

The First Resurrection

One needs to have come to an understanding of what both scripture and the Holy Days tell us of the first resurrection. It occurs at the end of the Tribulation with Yeshua's second coming, coming in the clouds where the righteous dead rise to join with Him followed by those that are alive at this time, 1Th 4:16-17. It is only the Saints that Yeshua is collecting as he comes back. After the collection of His Saints, Yeshua comes down to the Mount of Olive, He comes with All his Saints, Zec 14:4-5. Then Yeshua fights for Jerusalem, Zec 14:12.

The understanding of this event is complex as the first resurrection is divided into two different times, the first portion is right after Yeshua's resurrection of three days and nights, after His crucifixion. This is where the Saints came out of the graves and went into Jerusalem Mat 27:52-53. These Saints are the first fruits of the spring harvest. Then a period of about 2,000 yrs goes by until the second coming of Yeshua and the gathering of the remaining Saints, the first fruits of the summer harvest, which is the second portion of the first resurrection. This is getting very close. Note that there are only 2 resurrections, Rev 20:4-6. Also note that in these verses the Saints rule with Yeshua for the 1,000 years, the Millennium, and it is only the Saints that are resurrected to life and rule.

All others remain sleeping in the earth until the second resurrection where they are awakened and Judged. At this time these are the great fall harvest on the Last Day, where Yeshua will not lose any that are His, Joh 6:39-40, Joh 6:44, Joh 6:54. Understand also that God lives outside of time, so a thousand years is like a day to Him, 2Pe 3:8.

To understand all of this, one needs to use scripture only and then piece it together to understand the complexity of God's plan. God is logical and organized, His ways are higher than man's ways and He knows more than man. Piecing scripture together requires logic and careful definition of words along with deep reflection and thought of what is being said.

Judgment Applied to the First Resurrection

Normally for the first resurrection we focus only on the resurrection of the righteous Saints and their role in the Millennium. This being the completion of the first resurrection. We understand that the second resurrection is one of judgment before the Great White Throne, Rev 20:11-15, where those not found written in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire.

However there is a Judgment that occurs at the completion of the first resurrection. It is given to us in two different books, one in Daniel and the other in Revelations. It is only when using these two scriptures together that the understanding occurs. The scriptures in Daniel in Chapter 12, are directed to the worst time of trouble man will ever experience, the Tribulation, Dan 12:1. It is the following scripture in Daniel that is the one addressing Judgment at the first resurrection.

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 above scripture tells us that the resurrection at the end of the Tribulation many of them that sleep in the earth awake, not all. However it is not only of the Saints, but also of some select evil people. It tells the resurrection to everlasting life are the Saints, but also some select others awake to everlasting shame and contempt.

To fully understand this it needs to be combined with the following scripture in Revelations.

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 scripture above this Rev 1:5 speaks to the firstborn of the dead, these are the first fruits, the Saints. Then Rev 1:6 speaks to the Saints being priests in the kingdom, the Millennium. Now Rev 1:7 is telling us when Yeshua comes in the clouds that every eye will see Him of those Saints that are resurrected, but also those that pierced Yeshua, as well as all others alive at that time. What these two sets of scriptures are telling is that there are some evil people that are resurrected at Yeshua's second coming. The evil people are those that harmed Yeshua at His first coming. They are judged and will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Who are these evil people ? They will be Judas Iscariot, Caiaphas the high priest, the scribes and elders of the Sanhedrin who comprise the whole council, those that spit in His face, and struck Him, Pilate, the Roman soldiers that placed a crown of thorns on Yeshua and mocked Him, those that spit on Him and smote Him, those that nailed Yeshua to the cross and crucified Him, those that mocked Him when on the Cross, and the soldier that pierced the side of Yeshua.

These are those that are resurrected and see Yeshua coming in His glory with all the angels and the Saints. They do not get to sleep in the earth until the second resurrection. They are woken,

Judged and thrown into the lake of fire forever, they are those who have everlasting shame and contempt.

There is one other scripture that reinforces this resurrection of the evil people and it is from Yeshua Himself. It is as follows.

Mat 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.**

This is where Yeshua is addressing Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin.

At the second coming we know the Beast and the False Prophet are thrown into the lake of fire, Rev 19:20. Thus there is some limited judgment and second death of evil people occurring at this second coming of Yeshua and the completion of the first resurrection. The above scriptures tell us that the Beast and the False Prophet are joined by others that harmed Yeshua.

Summary

Our Heavenly Father has devised a complex, yet totally logical plan of resurrections and Judgments. We need to use only scripture with logic in order to understand God's word. Often the scripture is right there in front of us and we cannot understand it, in these times we need the Holy Spirit to open it to our understanding. Often scripture that is opened joins with other scripture and when taken all together gives us an understanding that is reinforced by all the scriptures acting together on the same theme.

These scriptures above help us to grow in understanding of Judgment.

All the Glory and the Praise belongs to our Heavenly Father, may we walk and grow in a manner that pleases Him and in a manner that we will be found acceptable when Yeshua returns.

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