

14 Topic: First Resurrection

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Tagline

"...there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." | Acts 24:15

Synopsis

The topic of the first resurrection has caused much debate among Christians about the order and timing of the events of the end. Even in ancient Israel the idea of resurrection at all was debated between religious leaders. For those who believe in Yeshua and dwell with His Spirit, that ancient debate was over almost 2,000 years ago, but not to be without continued controversy and debate, its application to the time of the end continues to bring confusion and misunderstanding. How many first resurrections can there be? When does it or when do they happen? This topical Bible study is my understanding and how I believe that answers these questions and how that fits into the larger narrative of yet unfulfilled prophecy.

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Details

- Introduction
 - What is meant by resurrection? There are two kinds of resurrection in the Bible, a temporary resurrection from mortal death that was later followed again by mortal death later in life and a future resurrection that is a transition from mortal death to eternal life.
 - Elijah
 - **1 Kings 17:19-24** - "And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And **he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.** And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and **Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.** And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou [art] a man of God, [and] that the word of the LORD in thy mouth [is]

truth."

- The child that Elijah prayed to come back to life presumably lived the rest of his life and later died, this wasn't an eternal resurrection.
- As discussed in the [Man of Sin: False Christ](#) study, the resurrection of the false christ is one of the things that convinces the world to worship the beast who was killed and brought back to life. This could possibly point to the false prophet of Revelation 13, who points everyone to worship the false christ, may be the Dragon's fulfillment of the expectation of Israel that Elijah would come before the day of the Lord in the very last verses of the Old Testament.
- **Malachi 4:4-6** - "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:** And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."
- Elisha
 - **2 Kings 2:9-12** - "And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: [nevertheless], if thou see me [when I am] taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be [so]. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw [it], and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces."
 - Elisha took on the mantle of Elijah and we see later, a similar case where a boy has died and in similar fashion Elisha brings him back to life. Again, this wasn't a resurrection to eternal life as the way was not yet prepared through the atonement by the blood of Christ.
 - **2 Kings 4:18-20, 30, 32-37** - "And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and [then] died. ... And the mother of the child said, [As] the LORD liveth, and [as] thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. ... And **when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, [and] laid upon his bed.** He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and **stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.** And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out."
- Lazarus
 - **John 11:40-44** - "Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone [from the place] where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up [his] eyes, and said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said [it], that**

they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, **he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin.** Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go."

- Similarly, Lazarus was not resurrected to eternal life, but back to mortal life that would again end in the future.
- It was after this that many people believed and the Pharisees and chief priests, concerned of losing power and people being led away from them, convened to see what they could do to put him to death. This was just before the Passover of Yeshua's crucifixion.
- The Pharisees and Sadducees were the religious leaders of Israel. They were not the priesthood that ministered at the temple of God in Jerusalem, but sages building interpretations around the Law and scriptures. The desire to follow God's statutes in every way possible caused many additional details to be added of how to live one's life according to Torah, effectively adding to what God said and teaching man's interpretation over the actual Word. This is based on the commandment and examples given of what not to do. They weren't to go and gather sustenance or make a fire in their house on Sabbath.
 - **Exodus 20:9-11** - "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."
 - **Exodus 16:27-30** - "And it came to pass, [that] there went out [some] of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day."
 - **Exodus 35:3** - "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day."
 - But these things were added to over time. For instance on the weekly Sabbath and high Sabbath's during appointed times, they were to do no servile work. What that means could be taken at face value as a time of rest from normal labor to survive, relying on God and dwelling on Him as families. Or it could be interpreted to mean that even too much movement could be work or that the turning on of lights or the internal combustion engine equates to kindling a fire. So things like limits on activity during Sabbath were added, like "device-driven means of transportation are prohibited and the maximum walking range from one's city is 3,049.5 feet. Unless there is more than 112.24 feet between one house and the next, all contiguous housing is considered to be part of the same city. Therefore at times it would be permitted to walk even from one city to the next, as long as the whole way is populated."
 - **Matthew 22:23-33** - "The same day came to him **the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection**, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not

knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. **For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.** But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard [this], they were astonished at his doctrine."

- If you recall in [The Moedim: Appointed Times](#) study, the 3rd of the 4 spring appointed times is the wave sheaf offering that tied the moedim to the same time of year of the greening of the crop in the month of Abib. Because the first light after the new moon was to begin each month, and the appointed times began on the 14th of the month, the moedim shifted from year to year.
 - ◆ According to the Pharisees, the majority view of the sages interpreting through the Oral Law, the accepted time to celebrate the wave sheaf offering, the omer, was the second day of Unleavened Bread because **Leviticus 23:11** states it to be the "morrow after the sabbath" and the first day of Unleavened Bread is a high Sabbath. Therefore the second day of Unleavened Bread should be the timing of the Wave Sheaf offering, regardless of what day of the week it falls on.
 - ◆ According to the Sadducees, a minority viewed by some as heretical, they accepted a literal interpretation of the verse and brought the omer on Sunday, the day after the weekly Sabbath. This was regardless of the first day of Unleavened Bread. I believe the Sadducees were right based on scripture, because Shavuot, or Pentecost ties it to the weekly Sabbath. If Shavuot must fall on the day after the seventh Sabbath and there are no high Sabbaths during this time, then clearly the end of the 7 Sabbaths, 49 days, counting back would likewise be on a weekly Sabbath
 - **Leviticus 23:15-16** - "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD."
 - ◆ What I find interesting is that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, but they were right about the timing of the Wave Sheaf offering, or Firstfruits falling on a Sunday. And it was that Sunday, April 9, 30 AD, when the Firstfruits of the eternal resurrection took place, fulfilling the meaning and purpose of that appointed time, at the appointed time, in the resurrection they didn't believe in.
- Overview Timeline
 - This topic spans a great deal of time, from the resurrection of Yeshua to the Messianic Kingdom. I believe highlighting these various times visually will help understand the concept of the first resurrection.
- Types of bodies: Terrestrial and celestial
 - So we see in scripture examples of resurrection back to mortal life and for Yeshua, the first resurrection to eternal life. But what does that mean to be resurrected into eternal life? What's the difference from just being alive again?
 - **1 Corinthians 15:39-49** - "All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds. **[There are] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another.** [There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory. **So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised**

in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit. Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.** As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the heavenly, such [are] they also that are heavenly. And **as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."**

- We know the material world in which we are locked in, it's all we know and understand based on our experience and what we learn of those who came before us. For many, this mental block prevents them from accepting anything that cannot be proven by testing material things. We know all kinds of things about our terrestrial bodies, they've been poked and prodded, bruised and healed, mended and dissected for thousands of years. Even still we continue to learn there is so much more to learn.
 - But the idea of anything other than what we can sense with our 5 senses is relegated by most to the stuff of mythology and fairy tales. For those who take the Word of God seriously, we must contend with the idea that the world we live in today was not always this way and the world of the future will not always be this way.
 - It is clearly stated that there are two kinds of bodies, terrestrial and celestial, one of the dust of the earth and one apart from the material existence we know. It's still material, but it is different.
- **Genesis 6:1-6** - "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That **the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they [were] fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also [is] flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare [children] to them, the same [became] mighty men which [were] of old, men of renown.** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."
- Fallen angels left their incorruptible celestial bodies to put on corruptible terrestrial bodies so they could have children with the female descendants of Adam and Eve.
 - It was because of this breeding of giants and men of renown that God chose to save Noah because he was "perfect in his generations." Given the context in which this is stated, it seems clear that his lineage to that point had not yet become corrupted by this breeding program begun by the fallen angels.
 - It may be that the ancient mythological characters of Greek, Roman, Nordic, and other cultures that many of our pop culture comics are based on are from this period of time before the flood, passed down through the generations of Noah and his family that survived and turned into gods.
- **Jude 1:5-7** - "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, **having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.** Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and **going after strange flesh,** are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."
- We are reminded that Israel in unbelief was judged and that judgement extends beyond Israel and back to the angels that left their initial celestial bodies to corrupt mankind as well as all who are separated from God by sin, which is every one of us. Understanding why the angels left their heavenly habitation to go after strange flesh is paralleled with the idea of sodomy, not in a physical sense so much as a spiritual

sense. Just as many things with Israel and at a baser level humanity, God designed things to be a certain way for a certain purpose. When Israel failed to follow God's design, they separated themselves from Him. I believe this is why God looks on sodomy as a sin because the purpose of sex was always for the purpose of multiplying a family and filling the earth. It is not possible for two genetic males to reproduce, just take pleasure in each other. Likewise it is not possible for two genetic females to reproduce, just take pleasure in each other. This was not God's design for sex and so being outside of his design it is not acceptable to Him.

- **Genesis 1:27-28** - "So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth**, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."
- The angels were never meant to reproduce, that is a human thing, but they rebelled against God's design and went after strange flesh, producing the Nephilim and corrupting the lineage of mankind.
- But why would the fallen angels have done this? The sin that was brought into the world with Adam and Eve when they became aware of good and evil and having free will required a remedy by a loving God who didn't want to lose that relationship with His creation that He desired when creating them. I believe the last Adam had to be purely human in order to save humans, yet also God to be able to remain absolutely pure as a valid sacrifice. Corrupting the genetics of mankind was an attempt to stop God's plan to save us, just like the attempts to kill God's messengers and Messiah through time were attempts to stop the inevitable end judgement coming for the angels and the salvation of God's creation. Ultimate selfishness breeds death and corruption, and yes, the fallen angels really do hate us that much.
- **2 Peter 2:1-8** - "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And **many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth [person], a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, **making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his] righteous soul from day to day with [their] unlawful deeds;)"
 - We have all sinned, and sin corrupts and leads to death. The first death is temporal and mortal, the second death is eternal and spiritual. It is joining the angels in the place God prepared for separation from Himself. This is the judgement, but it is also meant to keep the corruption separated from His eternal kingdom so that those who love God can exist apart from the corruption of darkness. Eternity in God's presence is going to be the eternal utopia that everyone is looking for on this earth, but it cannot exist if the corruption that is destroying this world and our relationships with each other here and now is allowed to continue to exist amongst us. It would no longer be a utopia, it would be just like it is now forever.
- **Matthew 25:40-43** - "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:** For I was an hungred, and ye

gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not."

- This place, separated from God and all that is the result of His Spirit, was prepared for the angels who rebelled. That spiritual wickedness in high places that we battle against, and the deception it breeds that pulls us away from God in rebellion is the ultimate destination of judgement.
- I think people tend to have a cartoon vision of what hell is like, let me explain how I envision it. We are given two contrasting views of good and bad.
 - **Galatians 5:19-21** - "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."
 - **Galatians 5:22-23** - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."
 - Now imagine a place that is not just physically separated from God, but also void of any part of His Spirit and the fruits of it.
 - ◆ There is no love, only unrestrained selfishness, pure evil.
 - ◆ There is no joy, only unfettered anguish.
 - ◆ There is no peace, only endless anxiety and restlessness.
 - ◆ Those separated from God coexist only with people who have lost all these things. They know what they lost because while they lived in this earth, they experienced it in some fashion at some point in their lives, but now it is gone completely and they know it is gone for time without end and they will never get it back.
 - ◆ The fallen angels exist in this same place and they hate humanity. If they're not driven to complete inaction, whimpering spirits in fear, they will most certainly gain much selfish enjoyment in the eternal torment of those they gave up heaven to destroy.
 - ◆ So this place with no aspect of God, populated by hateful, unclean, murdering, proud, panicking, countless people filled with terror and trying to escape a place that cannot be escaped will be the home for time without end of those that decline the free gift of salvation from the only One that has the ability to offer it, because He was the only one without sin that was able to pay the debt of sin, take it upon Himself in death, and offer payment in full of the righteous at the time of judgment.
 - Meanwhile, being in the presence of God for time without end is to be in the source of all that is good, a place of selfless love full of meek, gentle and good people who are subservient to the God that saved them from separation from Him. Instead of the anger and hatred and striving, the relationships that will grow for eternity between those there and their Creator will be endless. There will be nobody living selfishly, taking from others for themselves and destroying their spirit in the process. The only way we can live in a place of incorruption is to have corruption eternally separated from that place, like the East from the West, like two strong magnets that can't touch each other on a spiritual level.
- **Hebrews 2:9** - "But we see **Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; **that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**"
 - Just as we understand when we break the law and stand in the courtroom facing the judgements defined in the law, we will stand before the great white throne facing the judge of our eternity. None will have any excuse or explanation able to save them

from the judgement to be handed down. However, those who accept Yeshua have an advocate who is the only one able to pay off the judgement before the judge. And just like in a human court when the judgement is paid we are free, so too are we free in Christ who died for our sins that we can live. The wages of sin is death and the Creator humbled Himself and submitted to the Father so He could be born a human being in order to die in our place and pay our judgement of death. In Him the curse of death begun at Eden by the first Adam is reversed in the last Adam. This doesn't necessarily save us from mortal death, but from spiritual death, which is separation from God.

- **Luke 20:34-38** - "And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But **they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 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.** Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. **For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him."**
 - Just as the angels in heaven fell by putting on corruption and leaving incorruption behind, we will be changed, just as Christ the firstfruits was, into our incorruptible, eternal, celestial bodies.
- We were born in a fallen world, with a corruptible body. The meaning of life is to learn to trust God and accept the gift of salvation so that by our own choice we can choose to serve God and obey Him. He gave us free will so the choice is each of ours individually. He is merciful to allow such time to pass and gather all that are His and He looks forward to meeting you face to face!
 - How do we obey Him? Selfless love of God and others. When we grow from the milk of the Word and learn these things and understand, we begin to understand the meat of the Word, the spiritual reality of who we are eternally. We continue fighting the flesh and obey, and grow the kingdom until the day we are changed to incorruption.
- I heard a while back a concept presented that perhaps our brains are not the source of who we are, but more like a finely tuned receiver. Like a radio is tuned to a particular frequency and the audio becomes clear, perhaps each brain is finely tuned to our particular spirit. We are born tied to and locked in our physical body and that is all we know as freshly birthed spirits in physical temples. Then we grow and learn how to control our muscles, we learn how to walk, we learn to talk, we learn how to interact with other people who are also tied intimately to their own physical bodies tuned to their spirit, oblivious to the reality that we are more than our physical brains and bodies.
 - [Brain works like a radio receiver](#) - Science Daily January 22, 2014 - "Initial evidence is found that the brain has a 'tuning knob' that is actually influencing behavior. Brain circuits can tune into the frequency of other brain parts relevant at the time."
 - If the spiritual realm is to the physical realm like the 4th dimension is to the 3rd, there is no "space" between them, and the higher dimensions could invade the lower in noticeable ways, or perhaps in ways we cannot differentiate from brain activity.
 - This would explain the phenomenon of near death experiences (NDE), where people are fully self-aware and able to "see" and "hear" while seeing their body and the events happening around it. At the time of death, the spirit that was at one time locked into the body is released and departs from it, leaving the 3-dimensional "temple" behind as the spirit moves into its natural home in a higher dimension we call heaven. People often attempt to describe colors as the most vibrant they've ever seen and struggle to explain in terms that those who did not experience it can understand.
- [Exploring other dimensions](#) (play YouTube video)
 - I believe the idea of higher dimensions explain this difference as well as the idea of the third heaven from a more modern scientific perspective. While science cannot speak to higher dimensions because it cannot perceive it to test it and prove it out,

with the intelligent minds we have been given, we can conceive partially of that world by looking at lower dimensions from our higher dimension. There's a great short video on that from a 2013 TED-Ed on YouTube I would recommend watching called [Exploring other dimensions - Alex Rosenthal and George Zaidan](#). Could it be that the fantastical visions of multi-headed creatures and flying creatures are simply a 3-dimensional mind attempting to explain an incomprehensible vision of existence in a higher dimension? The idea of terrestrial and celestial bodies also brings another intriguing thought when it comes to unidentified aerial phenomena that don't obey the laws of physics. Is this really something new or has this phenomenon been described before? And we inhabit terrestrial bodies formed from the dust of the earth, isn't the very definition of extraterrestrial another way to describe a being not created of the dust of the earth? Does an extraterrestrial being have to be locked in the same 3-dimensional material world we are in, or could it be from a higher dimension that one might call heaven, right next to us but invisible to us, and full of beings that one might call angels who are able to phase in and out of our perception by nature of their celestial bodies?

- **John 20:19-20** - "Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them [his] hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord."
 - I love this short video that visually presents the idea of higher dimensions by looking down to the dimensions we can comprehend. Not only does it hint at an unseen world right next to us that we can't perceive, but it explains things like Yeshua suddenly appearing in the locked room among the disciples after His resurrection. He had His uncorruptible resurrection body.
- The 2D square being lifted up into the 3rd dimension can be thought of as what will happen as we are changed in a moment and caught up to Yeshua in the clouds. We will forever be changed from our terrestrial material bodies into our glorified celestial bodies. For the first time in our existence we will be able to behold the glorified Christ as He is and enter heaven in a body no longer locked in 3 dimensions.
 - **Isaiah 64:4-7** - "For since the beginning of the world [men] have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, [what] he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, [those that] remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And [there is] none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for **thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.**"
 - ◆ And why has God hidden His face?
 - **Exodus 33:18-23** - "And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Behold, [there is] a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."
 - ◆ It would seem that the full glory of God causes mortal death, so God hiding His glory from us is for our own protection, that we would have the

full time to repent and turn back to Him. But when He comes again in glory, we will be changed to be as He is and behold Him face to face in eternity.

- **1 Corinthians 2:9-11** - "But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**"
- It would seem that our material bodies cannot exist in a higher dimension than that in which we reside. Those who have experienced death and come back with experiences in it have those experiences burned into their memory, but find it hard to explain with words that we understand.
 - ◆ It has also been scientifically proven that people have near death experiences (NDEs) where there is no measured brain activity for long periods of time, yet the braindead individual has heightened senses of sight, smell, hearing in experiencing spiritual awareness without brain activity.
 - ◇ I'm not talking about the experiences that cannot be affirmed by those living during the same period of time. For instance, the moments they go through the tunnel or experience what they describe as heaven or hell.
 - ◇ I'm talking about the time before all that, the immediate experiences of floating over their bodies and seeing themselves. They hear conversations in the surgical room or events unfolding at the place they are lying dead that are confirmed after they return by those who experienced the same events while they were lying without heartbeat, breathing, or brain activity. The more compelling states being those under close medical supervision.
 - ◇ There are not a lot of these more heavily validated hospital room experiences, but they do exist
 - ▶ [Near-Death Experience and the Afterlife](#)
 - ◇ There are plenty of NDEs that have very similar basic experiences of out of body senses seeing events unfold followed by experiences only they could speak to that are typically difficult to put into words that make sense. Almost like the experiences are abnormal to the physical reality we could easily explain from experience. Senses are heightened and colors are other-worldly vibrant, etc.
 - ▶ [Near-Death Experience Research Foundation \(NDERF\)](#)
- The idea of a spiritual dimension beyond the perception of mankind, locked in corruptible, weak, natural bodies, fits perfectly with the idea of heaven and hell outside the understanding of man except it be explained by the God who resides in that higher place we cannot perceive through His Word.
- Scientists will never discover it because they have limited their toolbox to only those things that are material. This is right and should be so, science has its place. But then so too does philosophy and belief in the spiritual realm, understanding that we will not see or understand it fully until we have transitioned to incorruption when our seed that was planted in the physical body will be raised and changed in the celestial body that is incorruptible and whose home and ability to perceive is in the dimension beyond this body's comprehension.
- This is also why we are cautioned not to talk to the dead, divination, or any other thing we don't comprehend. How easy it is to deceive the blind when they do experience things, but don't realize who is giving them that experience. The Word of God is the foundation for understanding and for all our curiosities about the next world, we should wait patiently, focused on the task at hand in this world, bringing whoever has ears to hear to the knowledge of salvation through Yeshua the Christ that they might join us in eternity with God.

- Timing of the resurrections
 - As was covered in [The Moedim: Appointed Times](#) study, each spring there were three harvest periods that very interestingly correlate with this topic of the resurrection.
 - ◆ First fruits that were offered to God on the Sunday within Unleavened Bread. These were the first of the harvest of the crops
 - ◆ The regular harvest of the grain crops after the first fruits. There were several different types of grain crops that ripen at different times, so the harvest would happen in waves to harvest each crop as it ripened through to Shavuot and beyond as needed.
 - ◆ The gleanings for each crop was to be left for the poor and stranger to harvest
 - The four spring appointed times were fulfilled in Christ's first coming, but what is interesting is that of the harvests, only one is explicitly tied to an appointed time, and that was fulfilled by Christ at the resurrection to His celestial, eternal, incorruptible body.
 - Firstfruits
 - **Psalm 16:8-11** - "I have set the LORD always before me: because [he is] at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. **For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence [is] fulness of joy; at thy right hand [there are] pleasures for evermore."
 - **Psalm 49:14-15** - "Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But **God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.** Selah."
 - **Psalm 71:19-21** - "Thy righteousness also, O God, [is] very high, who hast done great things: O God, who [is] like unto thee! [Thou], **which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.** Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side."
 - **Jonah 1:17-2:6** - "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, **I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, [and] thou heardest my voice.** For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, [even] to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. **I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.**"
 - **Matthew 12:38-42** - "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and **there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas [is] here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon [is] here."
 - Just like the North Pole is the one place where no matter what direction you walk you're going South, so too is the one place where no matter what direction you go it's up. Is that not the definition of a bottomless pit? There is no bottom when you're in the middle, it's all up.

- **Ephesians 4:7-10** - "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that **he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"
- **1 Peter 3:18-22** - "**For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."
- **John 2:19-21** - "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? **But he spake of the temple of his body.**"
 - Yeshua spoke of His body as a temple. The temple in Jerusalem was the tabernacle of the Spirit of God. So too was Yeshua's body the temple of the Spirit of God. We each have our spirit dwelling within our temples of flesh. God desires a relationship with our spirit, and we can invite His Spirit into our temple to cohabitate with Him and let Him comfort, guide, and give us peace. This was fulfilled in the Shavuot appointed time in 30 AD, when the Spirit of God indwelt the bride of Christ and continues to do so today in those that remain obedient to the Spirit of selfless love.
 - **Revelation 3:19-22** - "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, **I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-26** - "But **now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.** For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then [cometh] the end,** when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death."
 - As covered in [The Moedim: Appointed Times](#) study, the Sunday during the week of Unleavened bread is the wave sheaf offering, firstfruits.
 - ◆ Yeshua died on Passover, Wednesday April 5, 30 AD, and after 3 days and 3 nights was the Sunday during Unleavened Bread, firstfruits. He not only fulfilled the appointed time for the Passover lamb without spot or blemish to be slain, He literally fulfilled the appointed time for the feast of firstfruits when the firstfruits of the harvest was to be presented to God. We are the harvest of the people of the earth who believe in Yeshua and we will be gathered to Him because of Him.
 - **Acts 2:29-33** - "Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us

unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and **knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

- **Matthew 27:52-53 - "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."**
 - Yeshua was still the firstfruits of the resurrection, it was only after He rose that many of the saints were resurrected. Were these resurrected in their incorruptible bodies? It isn't explicitly stated, but I have a theory based on scripture as to who these may have been and why they may have been resurrected.
 - **Revelation 4:4, 10-11 - "And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. ... The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."**
 - ◆ We see 24 elders at the throne in heaven. This has caused many to believe that the catching away happens before the events in Revelation, that these 24 symbolize the church. However, I think there is a different possibility.
 - **1 Chronicles 24:1-19 - "Now [these are] the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and [thus] were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar [there were] sixteen chief men of the house of [their] fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. **Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors [of the house] of God,** were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, [one] of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and [before] the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and [one] taken for Ithamar. ... **These [were] the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD,** according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him."**
 - ◆ David divided the sons of Aaron into 24 orders that would go into the house of the Lord to serve him according to the direction of the Lord. We see many times the ordering of things on the earth as shadows of the heavenly version. Could it be that these 24 elders were resurrected after Christ in order to serve in the heavenly temple of God as the priesthood after Aaron served in the earthly tabernacle? Were they the advance team we see in heaven in John's vision of heaven before the throne and the empty sea of glass that is later obscured by the multitudes in heaven?

- ◆ **Revelation 4:6** - "And **before the throne [there was] a sea of glass like unto crystal**: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, [were] four beasts full of eyes before and behind."
- ◆ **Revelation 7:9** - "After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;**"
- **Hebrews 11:39-40** - "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."
 - ◆ This whole chapter reviews all the giants of faith in scripture, ending with this statement that they will see the promise with those alive at the end. Perhaps this is a counter to this view of the 24 elders resurrected after Christ in 30 AD, or perhaps they are literally 24 humans picked from history for a role we don't fully understand, apart from the giants of faith who will be resurrected at Christ's coming. We will just have to wait and see I suppose.
- The Shroud of Turin
 - Regarding the resurrection of Christ, if you have not heard of the Shroud of Turin or perhaps you dismissed it as another phony relic, you might want to take a fresh look at the new counter arguments to some of the scientific reasoning that turned many off to it. There are many recent videos on YouTube that you can get these details from.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:12-19** - "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And **if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins**. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."
 - ◆ For something so central to our faith, could it be that God left us evidence of this?
 - **Matthew 27:57-60** (also **Mark 15:42-47**, **Luke 23:50-56**, **John 19:38-42**) - "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."
 - **John 20:1-9** - "Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and **seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself**."
 - [Scientific Evidence on the Shroud of Turin](#) 4/8/2023 by "The Joy of the Faith" 8 reasons to believe the Shroud of Turin is real
 - New studies on the age - The 1988 carbon dating results of 1300s were not valid samples. In early 2000s, Raymond Rogers, a chemist and laboratory fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory, had the raw samples and Shroud samples. He concluded that all samples sent to different laboratories were taken from the same physical location, a medieval

repair of the Shroud that had been died to match the coloring of the rest of the Shroud. His report stated, "The radiocarbon sample was thus not part of the original cloth and is invalid for determining the age of the shroud." He calculated a new date, between 1300 and 3000 years old.

- Needless to say, the samples taken were not taken very scientifically, all from the same repaired corner of the cloth. This was likely due to the desire to leave the main cloth as undamaged as possible and the tests are destructive.
 - Replica cannot be recreated - In a March 2019 study, a replica was attempted and the results stated, "...the perfect reproduction of the Turin Shroud remains a challenge since many other characteristics of the original image have not yet been obtained with any of the processes used for reproduction to date." An experiment with lasers to attempt the superficial coloration of the Shroud, but the ultraviolet light necessary to do so "exceeds the maximum power released by all ultraviolet light sources available today... requiring pulses having durations shorter than one forty-billionth of a second, and intensities on the order of several billion watts."
 - The image is 3-dimensional - A 3D image can be taken from the 2D cloth. They tested several methods and were unable to properly replicate the 3D nature of the image on the Shroud.
 - Matches Sudarium of Oviedo Blood Stains - The "napkin" found lying apart from the burial clothes was part of Jewish culture to capture all body fluids to keep together with the dead body and cover the face as Yeshua was removed from the cross. The blood stains, calcium, and strontium patterns on this cloth match those of the Shroud of Turin. These all "...suggest that both cloths were used by the same person..."
 - Forensic Analysis - The medical accuracy of the Shroud matches every aspect of the writings of the crucifixion of Christ. Other crucifixions would not have had the crown of thorns, this was specific to Christ, mocking his claim that He was the Messiah, king of the Jews. Forensic pathologist Robert Bucklin, M.D. wrote, "...the largest blood stain on the burial cloth is on the right side of the chest. It covers the area of the fifth and sixth ribs. This stain very clearly shows separation of blood from a clear watery material."
 - ◆ **John 19:34** - "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."
 - Pollen grains - Max Frye used adhesive tape in the 1978 STURP investigation and found 58 pollen grains were found on the cloth and compared them to the largest botanical museums around the world. He concluded the majority of the pollen grains were from Jerusalem.
 - Coins minted by Pontius Pilate identified on the Shroud - It was a custom to put coins over the eyes so they would stay shut. The 1978 STURP team reported this and Robert M. Haralick reported that, "...the Shroud did indeed contain a faint image of the Pilate coin."
 - AB Blood - The blood on both the Shroud and Sudarium are type AB.
- The shroud of Turin is potentially explained by the transition of the dead body into the immortal higher dimensional body in an intense flash of radiation that not only left the image on the very surface of the woven thread, but in a 3D transform. As we will see in upcoming scripture, this sounds very similar to the idea of being changed in a moment, the twinkling of an eye, with a flash of radiation as our corruptible puts on incorruption.
- At Christ's Parousia

- The harvest
 - We've seen the idea of sowing and harvesting tied to the appointed times covered in [The Moedim: Appointed Times](#) study and also in parables Yeshua told at His first coming regarding the kingdom.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** - "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"
 - Recall in Daniel 2 that the stone cut without hands destroys the statue representing the kingdoms of this world and then grows to become a large mountain that fills the earth. This represents the kingdom of God that has grown with the spread of the Gospel, bringing the hearts of men to God through the atoning blood of Yeshua. His kingdom is not of this world, but exists in it, silently growing and unstoppable till His return.
 - It is this period of time I feel is typically left undefined in the minds of believers, yet I believe scripture gives us the granularity we need to understand.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:35-38** - "But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? [Thou] fool, **that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain**, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."
 - The seeds that are planted to be harvested come from that which must first die. The seed that is planted then becomes that which can be harvested.
 - **Romans 8:12-18** - "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but **if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live**. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us**."
 - ◆ We must not live by the flesh but put to death the deeds of the flesh, living by the Spirit. Those led by the Spirit of God are sons of God, and so joint heirs with Christ.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** - "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we [him] no more. **Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new**. And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**."
 - ◆ We don't regard according to the flesh, even Christ is no longer in the flesh. We are a new creation in our reconciliation to Him. He became sin

for us that we might gain righteousness in Him. He took on the burden of our debt so that we can be free of it through Him.

- **Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23** - "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some [seeds] fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. ... Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. **When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth [it] not, then cometh the wicked [one], and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.** This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is **he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.** He also that received seed among the thorns is **he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.** But he that received seed into the good ground is **he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."**

- ◆ The seed is the Word and only when planted in good ground does it take root and grow. The combination of death of the flesh and the word taking root produces fruit. This is the same principle as dying to self to live for God, denying the lusts of the flesh for the Spirit of God and showing the fruits of it.

- **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** - "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:** But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat,** and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.** ... Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, **He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one]; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."**

- ◆ The good seed are the children of the eternal kingdom sown by Christ that

take root. The bad seed are sown by the devil, who live by the flesh.

- ◆ **Revelation 14:14-20** - "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and **upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. **And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God.** And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs."
 - ◆ Yeshua thrusts His sickle into the earth and reaps. Then another angel comes out of the temple in heaven and is told to reap the clusters of grapes from the vine of the earth and cast them into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
 - ◆ Tied to the Moedim, while the spring was the grain harvest and in the fall was the fruit harvest, we see a convergence of both grain and fruit harvests tied to judgment. The tares represent a spring harvest that are cast into the fire while the grapes represent the fall harvest that are cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God. Interestingly, the angel that has the power over fire is the one that tells the second harvester to reap.
 - ◆ Yeshua fulfilled the firstfruits of the grain harvest in His first coming and He will fulfill the fall harvest of the fruit at His second coming.
- **1 Corinthians 15:22-23** - "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."
- **1 Corinthians 15:50-58** - "Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.** Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.** 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. O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. **But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
- **1 Corinthians 13:12-13** - "For **now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity."
 - We can conceptualize partly, but are unable to understand fully. Even so, until we reach that place, we must live in faith, hope, and charity and show forth the fruits of the Spirit in us.
- There is coming a time at the end when God will say the harvest is ripe. Looking back

from eternity, not everyone in history will have died. Because God's people must be removed before the earth is judged in righteousness, some will be changed into their immortal bodies just as Yeshua was in the resurrection. And as He was the firstfruits, so will the dead in Christ be raised incorruptible first. Then those alive will join them and in their celestial bodies be caught up to the Lord at His coming.

- **2 Corinthians 5:1-8** - "For we know that **if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house[G3613] which is from heaven:** If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in [this] tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing [is] God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, **whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:** (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
 - Paul associates being with the Lord prior to the resurrection as being naked without the body, yet a better state than we are in now being apart from Him. Yet we still groan to have our eternal bodies and not be naked, or spirits without a body. Those who have died in the Lord are earnestly awaiting the blessed hope and the resurrection into the eternal bodies.
 - Interestingly, the only other place oikētērion[G3613] is used for the word house comes from Jude in speaking of the fallen angels that left their eternal bodies to take on corruptible bodies to procreate and give rise to the Nephilim. So the same "house" our spirits are to be clothed with, or dwell in, is that incorruptible body that the angels gave up to bring corruption to the seed of mankind for which they are to be judged.
 - ◆ **Matthew 22:29-30** - "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For **in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.**"
 - ◆ **Jude 1:6** - "And the angels which kept not their **first estate[G746]**, but left their own **habitation[G3613]**, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."
 - ◇ G746 the first place, principality, rule, magistracy, office given in charge. Hence the term is transferred by Paul to angels and demons holding dominions entrusted to them in the order of things.
 - ◆ **Genesis 6:1-2, 4-5** - "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they [were] fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ... There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, **when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare [children] to them, the same [became] mighty men which [were] of old, men of renown.** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually."
- **Romans 8:16-25** - "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope,

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, [then] do we with patience wait for [it]."

- linking redemption of our body to the resurrection of the just.

- **Titus 2:11-15** - "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

- Christ taught us that, "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ"

- The redemption of our bodies is the blessed hope tied to the glorious appearing of the great God and our savior Yeshua.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** - "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. 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: 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.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

- focuses more on the catching away, but the resurrection and changing are tied together followed by the catching away.

- **Matthew 24:29-31** - "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

- As covered in the [Great Tribulation](#) study, I believe scripturally that the phrase "Immediately after the tribulation of those days" is very specific to a particular place in Judea and time between the abomination of desolation and cut short by the return of Christ, saving of Israel into the wilderness. We see the return of Christ tied to the signs of the sixth seal. This aspect of His coming and our catching away to Him will be covered in greater detail in the [Harpazo: The Blessed Hope](#) study.

- **Job 19:23-29** - "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know [that] my redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth: And [though] after my skin [worms] destroy this [body], yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; [though] my reins be consumed within me. But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath [bringeth] the punishments of the sword, that ye may know [there is] a judgment."

- Job speaks of the resurrection of his dead body to see the redeemer, Yeshua,

stand on the earth in the latter day.

- **Isaiah 26:19-21** - "**Thy dead [men] shall live, [together with] my dead body shall they arise.** Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew [is as] the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

- **John 14:1-3** - "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also."

- ? ▪ **(Maybe leave this to next two studies) Matthew 25:1-13** - "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish. They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

- Warning to watch, which means be aware of the times. Do not get caught up in life so much you don't build a personal relationship with Christ in Spirit and Truth. 50% of those waiting for the bridegroom, representing the church, are shut out of the marriage. This doesn't mean they aren't saved, they are just cast into great tribulation and the hour of temptation.

- Oil, light, lamp, menorah symbology

- Following Christ's return in glory to gather His bride and protect Israel in the wilderness, the day of the Lord will begin with the wrath of God.
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:1-9** - "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"
 - we are not appointed to wrath. Therefore our gathering to Him from the earth, while not after the wrath begins, will coincide with Christ's coming suddenly catching the world not watching by surprise.

- **Hosea 6:1-3** - "**Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.** Then shall we know, [if]

we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter [and] former rain unto the earth."

- This is a fascinating prophecy when taking several things into account.
- While this is spoken to Israel about their resurrection to live in His sight, it also hints at the resurrection of Christ on the third day.
- Before His crucifixion at the triumphal entry, Yeshua cursed Jerusalem and therefore the people in it with destruction and blindness. In this He had smitten and torn the people
 - ◆ **Luke 19:41-44** - "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but **now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**"
 - ◆ **Matthew 23:37-39** - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not! **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**"
- But the Lord promised to heal and bind Israel back up and after two days revive them and in the third day raise them up. Reviving and raising them up could mean the same thing, but they occur on different days so perhaps they are two different things.
- **2 Peter 3:8-10** - "But, beloved, **be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**"
 - ◆ As will be covered in greater detail in the [Day of the Lord, Framework of the End](#), and [Messiah 2030](#) studies, this thing we're not supposed to be ignorant of may have a more literal meaning than we read from it.
 - ◆ We are coming up on 6,000 years since creation, and just as was depicted in the creation account, the Lord created the heavens, the earth, and everything in them in 6 days and rested on the 7th. I believe these were literal days, evening and morning given the plants were created before the sun and moon and any longer than a day they would not survive.
 - ◆ Adam was told the day he ate of the tree he would surely die, yet he lived to be over 900 years old. That is less than 1,000 years, so according to the Lord who told him this, it was literally true. Within 1,000 years of eating the fruit of the tree he died.
 - ◆ The day of the Lord both begins with the wrath of God and in that day the elements will melt and earth burned up with all her works.
 - ◆ **Revelation 21:1-2** - "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
- So we see that Israel is revived after 2 days, or 2,000 years. We are still in the

2nd day since Yeshua had smitten and torn Israel yet promising to bind and heal them. In 1948 Israel became a nation again in the Promised Land and ever since more and more of her people have begun to move back to the land. The nation was effectively revived in the second day.

- On the third day would line up with the beginning of the seventh day according to the Lord, what is referred to as the Day of the Lord and the beginning of the wrath of God to which we are not appointed. So the resurrection and catching away will happen at the third day!
- After Armageddon
 - **Revelation 20:4-6** - "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. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. 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."**
 - This verse is what this study is centered around. It was this idea of an order of resurrections, this being the first, that has caused much confusion and debate. However, I think if we take each scripture regarding this, accept them as true, and use logic then we will get to an answer that resolves the confusions.
 - As established, Christ is the firstfruits of the resurrection and the first resurrected to His eternal incorruptible body.
 - After His resurrection, many saints came to life and appeared to many. We don't know for sure they were raised incorruptible or if they later died again.
 - At Christ's coming the dead in Christ are raised incorruptible and those who are alive and remain are changed while alive in the twinkling of an eye. Then both are caught up in their incorruptible, eternal bodies to meet the Lord in the air.
 - After Armageddon, when the wrath of God has been finished and Christ returns to take the kingdoms, defeat the false christ and false prophet, lock away the Dragon, there will be another resurrection. It is after this resurrection that they rule with Christ for 1,000 years in His Messianic Kingdom. These are covered more in the [Hour of Temptation: Left Behind](#) study.
 - We see the dead who did worship the beast are not resurrected until the 1,000 years are completed. It is at this time we see the dead stand before the great white throne and are judged according to their works.
 - Accepting each of these resurrections after Christ as stated and putting these all together logically there is a theme. Each of the first four depicted resurrections are those who have remained faithful to God at various points when He comes into our world according to His design and plans. The fifth one is of those who did not remain faithful.
- Of the Just and Unjust
 - I know when I first thought about the term "First resurrection" my mind went straight to an order as in first, second, third, etc. However, there is another way of thinking of it that it is simply the first resurrection and not the last resurrection. But is there a reason to view multiple resurrections in a binary way?
 - Christ's resurrection in 30 AD would be the first resurrection if it meant there were none before. However, the only time first resurrection is used is tied to that after Armageddon at the beginning of the 1,000 year Messianic Kingdom.
 - **John 5:25-29** - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him

- authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for **the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**"
- **Acts 24:14-16** - "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that **there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.** And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and [toward] men."
 - This provides the idea of a binary view of the resurrections, the first and last being of the just and unjust, to life and damnation respectively.
 - **Luke 14:12-14** - "Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor [thy] rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for **they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**"
 - Not only is this suggesting the kind of good works that show the fruits of the Spirit in us, but the blessing will "be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." This echoes Acts 24:15.
 - There are multiple "first resurrections"
 - **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** - Christ the firstfruits
 - **Matthew 27:52-53** - After His resurrection, many of the dead saints were raised and appeared to many in Jerusalem.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:23** - Those that are Christ's at His coming
 - **Revelation 20:4-6** - Those who were killed for His witness in the time of great tribulation
 - **Daniel 12:1-3** - "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **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.** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."
 - We see a view of when the just resurrections will take place, after a time of trouble unparalleled in history. As covered in the [Olivet Discourse: Vision of the Future, Great Tribulation](#) and the [Harpazo: The Blessed Hope](#) studies, this confirms a sequence that only begins with the resurrection and catching away of the bride of Christ at His coming before the wrath of God.
 - The wording of this would seem to jump from the unparalleled tribulation to the end of the millennium since some are resurrected to everlasting contempt, and we see the rest of the dead are not raised until the great white throne judgement.
 - This also echoes the idea of the "first resurrection" not being first in and ordered number of them, but rather the resurrection of the just coming first and the unjust last. We see this in the more timing agnostic view of some awaking from the dust of the earth to everlasting life, just, and some to everlasting contempt, unjust.
 - So the first resurrection, of which Christ was the firstfruits of, all come after the start of the great tribulation and before the wrath of God, while denoting order in the sense of just vs. unjust.
 - Great White Throne
 - **Revelation 20:11-15** - "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from

whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 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**. 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. **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.** **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."**

- After the 1,000 years are completed, the dead, small and great, stand before God, hinting at a resurrection here that is stated in Revelation 20:5. Those who rejected God in their varied ways are judged by God according to their works and cast with everything else not written in the book of life.
- This is the second death. The first death is our mortal death, but the second is when "death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" along with those not in the book of life.
- **Isaiah 64:6-7** - "But we are all as an unclean [thing], and **all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away**. And [there is] none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities."
- As Christians, if we were judged according to our works, we would suffer the same judgement. Thank God He provided a way to pay our debt through faith in Christ, showing the works of the Spirit in us through the selfless life of love we live as imagers of God in this world. Christ has added us to His ledger the book of life, debts paid, so that we can live with Him forever because we are judged by His works and our obedience in alignment with His Spirit.
- One Exception
 - There is one exception to the unjust not being resurrected until the great white throne judgement and it has to do with what was covered in greater detail in the [Visions of Daniel and John](#) and [Man of Sin: False Christ](#) studies.
- Conclusion
 - It's clear that even in the Old Testament there was resurrection prophesied, the Sadducees got that part wrong.
 - As we've seen from scripture there were temporal resurrections that would once again lead to death, but there is also the promise of resurrection to eternal life made possible by the blood sacrifice of Yeshua to take away our sins and remove the chasm of death that separates us from God.
 - As with many things in Bible prophecy things become a little more nuanced when getting into the details. We must trust each place that speaks of the resurrection and the context in which it mentions it. This has brought many different interpretations of when it all happens depending on whether you try and fit all mentions into one particular time or accept there are multiple "first resurrections."
 - I believe the concept of the resurrection of the just to everlasting life and the unjust to damnation and everlasting contempt, introduces the binary view that makes sense of multiple first resurrections and a last resurrection. Each scripture actually is accurate as written and we simply see different times that the just and unjust are resurrected in, depending on where in God's plan we are getting a peek into prophetically.
 - The next resurrection time is fast approaching and is one of the most debated among the church as to its timing. I'm more interested in sharing my perspective from scripture than debating the other views and so in the [Harpazo: The Blessed Hope](#) study, we will delve into the scripture surrounding the catching away of the bride of Christ to meet Him in the air at His Parousia.

May God continue to bless you as you remain in Him.

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