

# The Seven Resurrections

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## 1. Christ Rose FROM the Dead (The First Resurrection)

- a. Matthew 28:1-7, “In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for **the angel of the Lord descended from heaven**, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **His countenance was like lightning**, and **his raiment white as snow**: And for fear of **him** the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And **the angel** answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for **I** know that ye seek **Jesus**, which was crucified. **He** is not here: for **he is risen**, as **he said**. Come, see the place where **the Lord lay**. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that **he is risen from the dead**; and, behold, **he goeth before you into Galilee**; there shall ye see **him**: lo, **I have told you**.” The angel of the Lord is NOT Jesus Christ.
- b. Mark 16:1-6, “And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in **the morning the first day of the week**, they came unto the sepulchre **at the rising of the sun**. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw **a young man sitting** on the right side, **clothed in a long white garment**; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: **he is risen**; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.”
- c. Luke 24:1-7, “Now upon **the first day of the week, very early in the morning**, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and **found not the body of the Lord Jesus**. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, **two men stood by them in shining garments**: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the

earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen**: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, **The Son of man** must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and **the third day rise again.**”

- d. John 20:1-9, “**The first day of the week** cometh Mary Magdalene early, **when it was yet dark**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. 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**. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that **he must rise again from the dead**.”
- e. Acts 3:14-15, “But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And **killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses.”
- f. Romans 1:3-4, “Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**...”
- g. Romans 6:9, “Knowing that **Christ being raised from the dead** dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion over him.**”

## 2. Old Testament Saints Rose FROM the Dead (The First Resurrection)

- a. 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.**”

Something changed in the nether parts of the earth at the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. All the saints came out; some walked around but everyone that was in paradise came out and eventually they all went up at the assention of Christ. Christ assented twice: once after His resurrection and the other 40 days after His resurrection.

- b. Ephesians 4:8-10, “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.)” At the resurrection many came out of their graves; and then when He ascended up he led the captivity captive out of their captivity from the lower parts of the earth.
- c. Psalms 68:18-20, “**Thou hast ascended on high,** **thou hast led captivity captive:** thou hast **received gifts for men;** yea, **for the rebellious also,** that **the LORD God might dwell among them.** Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even **the God of our salvation.** Selah. **He that is our God is the God of salvation;** and **unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.**” Issues FROM death is a resurrection from the dead. This is what was quoted in Ephesians 4 above and has to do with the salvation of the Old Testament Saints that were in Abraham’s Bosom: paradise. This is no longer in the nether parts of the earth.
- d. Isaiah 53:1-12, “Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For **he** shall grow up **before him** as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: **he** hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see **him,** there is no beauty that we should desire **him.** **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:** and we hid as it were our faces from him; **he was despised, and we esteemed him not.** Surely **he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet **we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.** But **he was wounded for our transgressions,** **he was bruised for our iniquities:** **the chastisement of our peace was upon him;** and **with his stripes we are healed.** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.** **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,** and as

a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Sin was paid for in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ; then sin was transferred to His soul that departed from His body at death. His soul was an offering for sin; but not His own sins and because He was totally innocent He could NOT suffer in Hell. He went there and was brighter and hotter than Hell and dropped off all sin in hell; and when He rose from the dead He had NO SIN or SINS on him. Those that were in paradise were taken OUT.

- e. Ezekiel 31:16-18, “I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when **I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit**: and **all the trees of Eden**, the choice and best of Lebanon, **all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth**. They also went **down into hell with him** unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen. To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among **the trees of Eden**? yet shalt **thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth**: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is **Pharaoh** and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.” Pharaoh went to hell and the trees of Eden went to the nether parts of the earth. Hell is IN the nether parts of the earth; however there is a part of hell that is comfort and there is a part that is fire and torment. This is prior to the resurrection.

- f. Luke 23:43, “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**” He went down to paradise in the nether parts of the earth. This is prior to the resurrection. This man on the cross died the same day that Christ died; and was in the nether parts of the earth in paradise three days and saw the Lord show up there and was taken OUT when paradise was taken out.
- g. Luke 16:22-26, “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels **into Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried; And **in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments**, and seeth Abraham **afar off**, and **Lazarus** in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame**. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but **now he is comforted**, and **thou art tormented**. And beside all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.**” This is also prior to the resurrection. There are two places in the nether parts of the earth. Abraham’s bosom was taken OUT and Hell Fire was left there.
- h. 2 Corinthians 12:4, “How that he was **caught up into paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” Paradise was taken out and now is up in heaven. This is after the resurrection.

### 3. New Testament Church Rose FROM the Dead (The First Resurrection)

- a. 1 Corinthians 15:35-57, “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. **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**. 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.**”

- b. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, “But I would **not have you to be ignorant**, brethren, concerning them which are **asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For **if we believe that Jesus died and rose again**, even so **them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him**. 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.”

- c. Acts 1:3-11, “To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And **while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up**, behold, **two men stood by them in white apparel**; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, **why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**”

#### 4. The Body of Christ Spiritually are Rison FROM the Dead (believer’s in Christ)

- a. Romans 6:4-11, “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like **as Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together **in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the **likeness of his resurrection**: Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified** with him, that **the body of sin might be destroyed**, that **henceforth we should not serve sin**. For **he that is dead is freed from sin**. Now **if we be dead with Christ**, we believe that **we shall also live with him**: Knowing that Christ **being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him**. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but **in that he liveth, he liveth unto God**. **Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through**

## Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- b. Ephesians 2:1-9, “And **you hath he quickened**, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quickened us together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;) And **hath raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
- c. Colossians 2:8-15, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **hath he quickened together with him**, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

## 5. The Nation of Israel Rose FROM the Dead (the Birth of the Nation)

- a. Ezekiel 37:3-14, “And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I



will cause breath to enter into you, and **ye shall live**: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and **ye shall live**; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, **that they may live**. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and **they lived**, and **stood up upon their feet**, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel**. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, **when I have opened your graves**, O my people, and **brought you up out of your graves**, And shall **put my spirit in you**, and **ye shall live**, and **I shall place you in your own land**: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.”

- b. Isaiah 66:6-13, “A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. **Before she travailed, she brought forth**; before her pain came, **she was delivered of a man child**. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? **Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?** for as soon as **Zion travailed, she brought forth her children**. Shall I bring to the birth, and **not cause to bring forth**? saith the LORD: shall I **cause to bring forth**, and **shut the womb**? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, **I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream**: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. **As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in**

**Jerusalem.”**

Israel is born a man: Jacob; Israel is born a nation out of Egypt; Israel is born again as a nation out of Babylon; Israel dies at the end of the Old Testament; and is spiritually raised back as a nation before the Tribulation called Jacobs Trouble. This is the National life cycle not individuals.

## **6. Post-Tribulation Saints Rose FROM the Dead (The First Resurrection)**

- a. Revelation 11:3-12, “And I will give power unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city,** which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.** And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations **shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.** And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And **after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet;** and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And **they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud;** and their enemies beheld them.”
- b. Revelation 7:4, “And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were **sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**”

- c. Revelation 14:1-5, “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and **with him an hundred forty and four thousand**, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song **before the throne**, and **before the four beasts**, and **the elders**: and **no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth**. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. **These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb**. And in their mouth was found no guile: for **they are without fault before the throne of God**.”

## 7. The LOST are Raised OF the Dead (Second Resurrection)

- a. Revelation 20:11, “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**.”
- b. 2 Peter 3:7-13, “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men**. 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.** Seeing then that all these things shall be **dissolved**, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto **the coming of the day of God**, wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved**, and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat**? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

- c. Jude 1:12-23, “These are **spots** in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves **without fear**: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit **withereth**, without fruit, **twice dead**, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; **wandering stars**, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, **having not the Spirit**. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And **of some have compassion, making a difference**: And **others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire**; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.”

**The End**