

# RESURRECTIONS and TRANSLATIONS – Part One



Resurrection – arising from the dead; a living being coming back to life after death.

**John 11:25-26** – Jesus said unto her, I Am the resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead (though he dies) , yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Jesus is showing here that the righteous dead and the living believers will never die. Jesus is the resurrection. Martha believed. Do you?

There have been many resurrections in Scripture. We are going to look at the resurrections that begin with Christ's resurrection and thereafter.

## **CHRIST WAS RESURRECTED FIRST**

**1 Cor.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 (in his own turn): Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

All through the Bible God uses metaphors of farming to teach us about His plan for us. In Lev.23:10-11 you can read where God required a sheaf of the first fruits of their harvest to be brought unto the priests and offered unto the Lord. Jesus Christ was offered up to God as the first fruits of the church so that the rest of the

harvest will be blessed. Christ's resurrection guarantees the resurrection of all who follow Him.

Let's look at a miraculous resurrection that took place right after Jesus was resurrected.

**Matt.27:50-53** - Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost (He released His spirit). And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom (torn in two from top to bottom); and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent (the earth shook and rocks split); And the graves were opened (tombs were opened); and many bodies of the saints which slept arose (the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life), And came out of the graves (tombs) after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Can you imagine witnessing that?

Some say that Christ took the Old Testament saints with Him when He ascended to heaven.

**Eph.4:8** - Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Many are teaching that when He ascended that the saints were in His train or wake as He ascended up and they are basing that on this passage. But when you look at what is being said here, it is a picture of a victory in war. The King won and has taken those that were putting people into captivity as His slaves or conquests. He led captive principalities and powers and defeated death, hell and the grave. He celebrated His great victory with His people by giving them gifts.

**Col.2:15** - *And* having spoiled principalities and powers (and having disarmed spiritual rulers and authorities), He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (He made a public spectacle of them by His victory on the cross).

After Christ, the First Fruits was offered, then the Bible says every man in his own order or turn:

turn:

τάγματι (tagmati)

Noun - Dative Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 5001: Rank, division, an ordered series. From tasso; something orderly in arrangement, i.e. a series or succession.

The harvest was gathered in at different times and that is the same way that those belonging to Christ will be harvested or gathered in to Him as well. The righteous are harvested in stages. You won't understand the imagery of people being harvested if you don't read the Old Testament.

### FIRST RESURRECTION of SAINTS

Not counting the saints that came out of their graves immediately after Jesus' resurrection, because that was a special one time thing that God did. The next resurrection is going to be what many of us call the rapture or harpazo. A resurrection is not the same thing as the rapture. However, a resurrection is contained within the rapture.

<b>KJV Translation Count — Total: 13x</b>	
The KJV translates Strong's G726 in the following manner: catch up (4x), take by force (3x), catch away (2x), pluck (2x), catch (1x), pull (1x).	
<b>Outline of Biblical Usage [?]</b>	
I. to seize, carry off by force II. to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly III. to snatch out or away	
<b>Strong's Definitions [?]</b>	<b>(Strong's Definitions Legend)</b>
ἁρπάζω <b>harpázō</b> , har-pad'-zo; from a derivative of G138; to seize (in various applications):—catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).	

**1 Thess.4:13-17** – But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep (sleep in death), that ye sorrow not (grieve not), even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again (since 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 to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain (still alive) until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep (will by no means precede those who have died). For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout (with a commanding 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 (snatched out, taken 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.

Remember the crops were gathered in, in stages. Some teach that this is the general harvest but I believe it is the first fruits unto Christ.



Those who are alive at the rapture will not go ahead of those who have already died in Christ. The dead in Christ shall rise first.



Then we which are alive and remain.

I was surprised to learn this next thing that I am going to share with you because I have taught this incorrectly in the past.

Theologians are divided as to when the OT saints will be resurrected. Some believe they are resurrected after the tribulation just before the millennial reign begins. Some believe that they are raised at the Great White Throne Judgment. I believe the Old Testament Saints are part of the rapture!

Let's take a look at scripture that leads me to believe this:

Hebrews chapter 11 is referred to as the "Hall of Faith" chapter in the Bible. It talks of all those that had faith but did not receive the promise.

**Hebrews 11:13-16** - These all died in faith (they kept the faith until death), not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers (foreigners) and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country (looking for a country of their own). And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* (longing for that country) from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly (a heavenly one): wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city.

The next Scripture is the one that makes it clear that they are part of the rapture.

**Heb.11:40** – God having provided (forseen) some better thing for us, that they (Old Testament Saints) without us should not be made perfect (complete / glorified bodies).

Also the revelation given to John leads me to believe this. Scott reminded me of this when I was putting this message together.

**Rev.4:4** – And round about the throne were four and twenty seats (surrounding the throne were twenty four thrones): and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.



We know that at least 12 of these elders were the apostles of Jesus and at the time of sitting on those thrones they would have all died, even John.

**Matt.19:28** - And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration (renewal of all things / when the world is made new) when the Son of man shall sit in (on) the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**2 Timothy 4:8** - Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing (have longed for His appearing).

So in order to sit on the thrones with crowns on their heads they must have loved the Lord's appearing. The Old Testament saints longed to see the Messiah.

**Matt.13:17** - For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

They were seeing Christ Himself, and the miracles He performed, and they were hearing Him, the Living Word, teach and speak the Word of God.

So it is safe to say that when Jesus appears, the Old Testament saints along with all the righteous since that time will love His appearing. We see that at chapter 4 in the book of Revelation none of the seals have been opened yet but they have

already resurrected and have received their rewards because they are in bodily form and have crowns on their heads.



So they have already been to the Judgment Seat of Christ. The Judgment Seat of Christ is for the righteous, for those that were raptured who loved His appearing. Who did not see this world as their home and were longing for Jesus to return for them, who kept the faith.

**2 Cor.5:10** – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body (so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things we did while in the body), according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

**Romans 14:10** – But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother (treat them with contempt or look down on them)? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Some translations say the judgment seat of God but God the Father has turned all judgment over to Christ.

**John 5:22** - For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

**1 Cor. 4:5** – Therefore judge nothing before the time (the appointed time), until the Lord come (wait until the Lord comes), Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts (will expose

the motives of the heart) : and then shall every man have praise of God (whatever praise is due from God).

**1 Cor.15:24-28** - Then *cometh* the end, when He shall have delivered up (handed over) the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He (Christ) shall have put down (destroyed) all rule and all authority and power. For He (Christ) must reign, till He (Christ) hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. For He (God the Father) hath put all things under His feet (Christ's feet). But when He (God the Father) saith, all things are put under *Him* (*Christ*), *it is* manifest that He (God the Father) is excepted (this does not include God the Father), which (Who) did put all things under him (Christ). And when all things shall be subdued unto Him (Christ), then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him (the Father) that put all things under Him (Christ), that God may be all in all.

**Luke 14:13-14** - But when thou makest a feast, call (invite) the poor, the maimed (crippled), the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee (repay you): for thou shalt be recompensed (repaid) at the resurrection of the just.



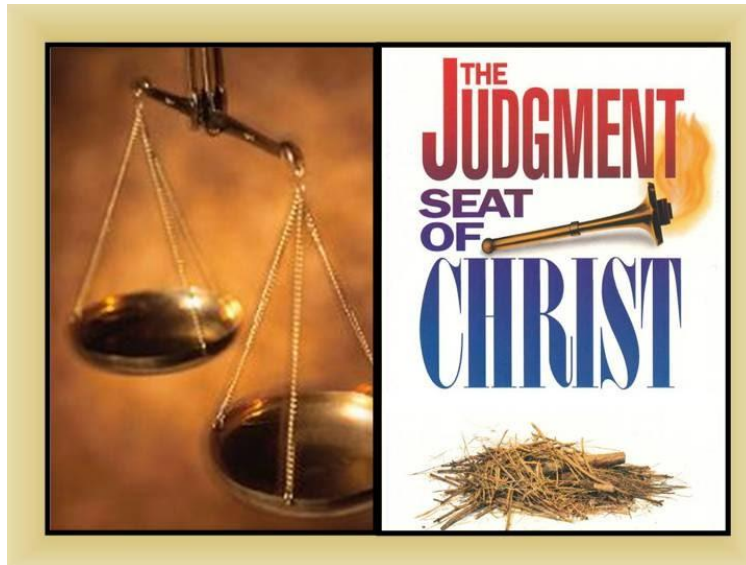


So we see that there is a resurrection of the just and that is where those who kept the faith will receive their rewards.

## **CLOSING**

Let's look at where the Judgment Seat of Christ is mentioned in Revelation.

**Rev.11:18** - And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name (them that reverence Your name), small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.



The Bride of Christ, those that obeyed God in the Old Testament according to His laws and statutes and those that have received Him under the new covenant, all those who kept the faith will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

**1 Cor.3:13-15** - Every man's work shall be made manifest (shown for what it is): for The Day (judgment day) shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try (test) every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide (survives) which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames).

People like to say that our judgment, the judgment of the righteous, will just be pleasant but that isn't so much the picture presented here. Jesus Christ will judge justly. One thing we can be sure of, if you are at this judgment you have been saved from eternal damnation.

So before the seals are opened in Revelation we see that Christ has already resurrected those that are His.

## **PRAYER**