

THE SEVEN RESURRECTIONS

I. THE RESURRECTION DEFINED.

- A. The Word “Resurrection” Means, “a raising from the dead.”
- B. The Resurrection Is Spoken of as *one* Event in John 5:25, 11:23-24 and Acts 24:14-15 but as *two* Events in Revelation 20:4-13.
- C. There Are two Stages (parts) to the Resurrection.
 1. The *first* stage of the resurrection is called “the resurrection of the quick (the living)” in 2nd Timothy 4:1, “the resurrection of life” in John 5:29, “the resurrection of the just” in Luke 14:14 and “the first resurrection” in Revelation 20:4-6.
 2. The *second* stage of the resurrection is called “the resurrection of damnation” in John 5:28-29, “the resurrection of the dead” in 1st Peter 4:5, “the resurrection of the unjust” in Acts 24:15, “the last day” in John 11:24 and “the time of the dead” in Revelation 11:18.
- D. There Are a Total of seven different Resurrections that Occur in these two Stages of the Resurrection.

II. THE “FIRST STAGE” OF THE RESURRECTION

- A. The **first** Resurrection Is the physical Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, after His Crucifixion.
 1. This physical resurrection of Christ is found in Matthew 28:1-6, Luke 24:36-39, Acts 2:22-32 and 1st Corinthians 15:3-4.
 2. This resurrection is called “the firstfruits of God” from 1st Corinthians 15:20 and 23.
- B. The **second** Resurrection Is the Physical Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints, after Christ’s Resurrection.
 1. This resurrection is found in Ephesians 4:7-10.
 2. This resurrection is called “the firstfruits of Christ” from 1st Corinthians 15:20-23.

3. Many, but not all, bodies of these Saints arose and appeared to others after this resurrection took place according to Matthew 27:50-53
- C. The **third** Resurrection Is the spiritual Resurrection of Church Age Saints, at Their Salvation (Eph 2:1; 1 Tim 5:6; Mat 8:21-22).
1. This resurrection includes those who became Saints (believers) during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, **before** His crucifixion (Luke 9:60; 10:20), and remained alive until **after** His resurrection (Heb 9:14-17).
 2. Those who become Saints **after** the crucifixion of Jesus Christ are also included in this resurrection (Eph 2:1-8; Phil 4:3).
- D. The **fourth** Resurrection Is the physical Resurrection of the New Testament Saints (called “the harvest”), at the “Rapture.”
1. This resurrection takes place at the end of the present Church Age (1 Thes 4:13-17; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 15:23).
 2. First, the bodies of those Saints that are dead (asleep) when this resurrection happens will be raised (1 Thes 4:13-16; John 11:11-14, 25; 1 Cor 15:50-55).
 3. Next, the bodies of those Saints that are alive when this resurrection happens will be changed (1 Cor 15:51-53; 1 Thes 4:15).
 4. Finally, both the living Saints and the Saints that were dead physically will be raised *together* to meet the Lord in the air during this resurrection (1 Thes 4:16-17).
- E. The **fifth** Resurrection Is the physical Resurrection of the Tribulation Saints (called “the gleanings”), at the End of the Tribulation Period.
1. This resurrection will occur (happen) just before the end of the Tribulation Period (Isa 26:19-21; Mat 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-37).
 - a. The two witnesses (Elijah and Moses) of Revelation 11:3-12 will be included in this resurrection.
 - b. The 144 thousand (Jews) of Revelation 7:1-4 and 14:1-4 will also be included in this resurrection.
 2. There will be a resurrection at the end of the Tribulation Period of those who believe the testimony of the Two Witnesses and the 144 Thousand Jews who will be killed (Mat 24:29-31; Rev 20:4).
- F. The **sixth** Resurrection Is the physical Resurrection of the Nation of Israel, after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
1. This resurrection first occurred “in type” when Israel became a nation again in A.D. 1948, after almost 1900 years of being scattered worldwide, partly fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel 37:1-10.
 2. The nation of Israel (the Jews) will be scattered once again in the middle of the Tribulation Period (Rev 12:1-17).

3. The Jews will be forgiven and regathered at the end of the Tribulation Period or in the very beginning of the “Millennium” (Rom 11:25-29; Eze 36:24-28). The Saints who died during the Tribulation Period will be resurrected (Eze 37:11-14, 21-22) and the kingdom (the nation) will be restored to both the Old Testament and the Tribulation Period Jews (Luke 22:28-30; Acts 1:6).
4. The Gentile Nations that come through the Tribulation Period alive will also be physically regathered (resurrected) at this time for judgment (Mat 25:31-46; Rev 11:18).

III. THE “SECOND STAGE” OF THE RESURRECTION

- A. The **seventh** Resurrection Is the general physical Resurrection of the Dead, after the “Millennium,” the Thousand-Year Reign of Jesus Christ (Rev 20:7-15).
- B. This Resurrection Includes both lost and saved People.
 1. Most of those resurrected in this stage will be lost (Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29).
 2. The saved people who die during the *Millennium* will also be resurrected at this time (Isa 65:19-20; Rev 20:7-9).

CHART OF THE SEVEN RESURRECTIONS

THE RESURRECTION IS SPOKEN OF AS BEING
 “ONE” EVENT (JOHN 5:25; 11:23-24; Acts 24:14-15)

THERE ARE “**TWO**” STAGES TO THE RESURRECTION
 (REV 20:4-6)

THE **FIRST** STAGE OF THE RESURRECTION
 HAS SIX PARTS:

1. The physical Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, after His Crucifixion (Mat 28:1-6; Luke 24:36-39; Acts 2:22-32; 1 Cor 15:3-4).
2. The physical Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints, after Christ’s Resurrection (Eph 4:7-10; Mat 27:50-53).
3. The spiritual Resurrection of Church Age Saints, at Their Salvation (Eph 2:1-8).
4. The physical Resurrection of the New Testament Saints, at the *Rapture* (1 Thes 4:13-17; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 15:23).
5. The physical Resurrection of the Tribulation Period Saints (Isa 26:19-21; Mat 24:29-31; Luke 12:35-36; Rev 20:4).
6. The physical Resurrection of the Nation of Israel, after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Eze 37:1-14, 21-22).

THE **SECOND** STAGE OF THE
 RESURRECTION ONLY
 HAS ONE PART:

7. The general physical Resurrection of the “Dead,” including the millennial Saints (Rev 20:11-13; Isa 65:19-20; Rev 20:7-9).