

BOOK OF DANIEL
POSTLUDE TO DANIEL'S 4TH VISION
PART 3-RESURRECTION
DANIEL 12:2

Last week we looked at the matter of **DEATH** from Scripture! This week we're looking at the matter of **RESURRECTION** from Scripture!

I. BIBLICALLY SPEAKING, WHAT IS A RESURRECTION?

Physical resurrection is the raising of the dead! It involves the raising of the body from the state of death, not the spirit.

A. The Spirit Of Man Continues To Have Consciousness After Death!

(e.g. The rich man and Lazarus in *Luke 16:22-31*)

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Philippians 1:21-23 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

2 Peter 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

Revelation 6:9-11

B. Physical Death Is A Departure Of The Soul And Spirit Of Man From His Body.

We saw the basic meaning of death is separation!

Physical death is separation from the body.

James 2:26 says, "the body without the spirit is dead."

Some teach falsely that at death man's spirit sleeps unconsciously in his body in the grave until resurrection.

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They try to prove this with some O.T. verses.
(See *Job 14:10-12* and *Ecclesiastes 9:5*)

When we look at the subject of physical death in the Bible taken on the whole, this idea is clearly proven to be wrong!

The verses we just saw and quoted in the New Testament disprove that idea about death!

The Apostles taught that death is a departure of the spirit from the body. We saw last week how *1 Thessalonians 4:13-17* tells us that when Christ returns to earth He will bring with Him the dead saints to receive their resurrection bodies.

The bodies of the deceased believers are sleeping in the graves, but their spirits are with the Savior in Heaven.

The Bible plainly says death cannot separate the believer from Christ (*Romans 8:38-39*).

There are many O.T. references also teach that death is a departure of the spirit (See *Genesis 25:8; 35:18; Numbers 27:13; 1 Kings 17:21,22*).

II. THERE ARE DIFFERENT RESURRECTIONS SPOKEN OF.

Understand that there will not be just one general resurrection!

A. Jesus Taught Two Separate And Distinct Physical Resurrections! (*John 5:28-29*)

1. Resurrection Of Life! (The Righteous)

2. Resurrection Of Damnation! (The Unrighteous)

The saved will be raised to eternal glory; the unsaved to eternal punishment and shame!

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B. The First Physical Resurrection Is In Three Stages!

1. The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ!

(See 1 Corinthians 15:20)

Christ is the **"first fruits"** of the resurrection of life both spiritual and physical!

In fact, the Old Testament feast of first fruits was a picture of Christ's resurrection as the first fruit of those who sleep in death! *(See Leviticus 23:9-14)*

a. It was prophesied by Old Testament prophets! *(Psalm 16:8-11; Acts 2:24-31)*

b. It was prophesied by Jesus Himself!
Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

c. It was foreshadowed by Isaac!
(Hebrews 11:17-19)

d. It was fulfilled bodily!
(Luke 24:36-43; 1 Corinthians 15)
When the disciples thought the resurrected Christ was a spirit, He told them to touch Him, and He ate food to prove to them that He had risen bodily! Anyone who denies the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ denies the plain testimony of Scripture! The Apostle Paul called all such doubters "fools"! (1 Cor. 15:35-36)

e. It was significant!
The single most significant thing in history!

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(1) It proves that Jesus is the Son of God!

Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

(2) It guarantees our salvation!
Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

(3) It illustrates the power of God!
Ephesians 1:19-20 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

(4) It promises our resurrection!
(1 Corinthians 15:20-24)

(5) It encourages us to live steadfast Christian lives! *(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

2. The Resurrection Of New Testament Believers At The Rapture! *(See 1 Corinthians 15:22-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)*

3. The Resurrection Of Israel, Old Testament Saints And Tribulation Saints At The Coming Of Christ! *(Job 19:25-27; Daniel 12:1-3, 13; Revelation 20:4, 6)*

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C. **The Second Physical Resurrection Is After Christ's Millennial Reign!** (*Revelation 20:5, 10-15*)

D. **The Nature Of The Resurrection Body:**

1. **It is a real, physical body!** (*Luke 24:36-43*)

2. **It is an incorruptible body!** (*1 Corinthians 15:42*)
It is not subject to decay and infirmity!

3. **It is a glorified body!** (*1 Corinthians 15:43*)
This speaks of the kingly glory of the resurrected Christ in which the believer will share!

4. **It is a spiritual body!** (*1 Corinthians 15:44*)
This does not mean the resurrection body is not physical, which would contradict the entire testimony of Scripture; it means the resurrection body is not natural like man's present body.

1 Corinthians 15:44 contrasts the natural body with the spiritual body. Both are real bodies, but they are different types of bodies. In man's present condition, man's spirit is subject to the body to a large degree; in the resurrection, the spirit will control the body.

Of the cherubim, the Scripture says, "Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went." (*Ezekiel 1:20*) This will be true for the resurrected believer.

5. **It is an immortal body!** (*1 Corinthians 15:53*)
This simply means that it is not subject to death!

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E. **The New Testament Also Teaches A Spiritual Resurrection!**

This happens when a person is born into God's family by grace through faith in Christ's blood. Such a person is risen spiritually with Christ and seated with Him at the right hand of God in Heaven! (See *Romans 6; Ephesians 2:1, 4-6*)

This spiritual union with Christ is not the fulfillment of our future physical resurrection, but rather is the promise and guarantee of it! (*Romans 8:9-10, 23-25*)

Just as surely as there is a spiritual resurrection for the believer, there is also a physical one. At conversion the believer is raised with Christ both spiritually and positionally!

God sees the true believer identified with His Son in death, burial, and resurrection.

He imputes to the believer these things.

In God's eyes, every believer is dead in Christ to sin.

In His eyes, the believer is raised to new life in Christ.

But there also remains a physical resurrection at Christ's coming. The bodies of the dead saints will be raised. The living saints will be instantly transformed by God's power, so that all will put on immortal bodies! (*See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Romans 8:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15*).

Some men teach there is only a spiritual resurrection; some teach only a physical resurrection, but the Bible teaches both!