

PROPHECIES AND FULFILLMENTS OF GOD'S RESURRECTIONS – A BRIEF

A. Definition:

1. **Resurrection** is the full return to physical life of a human being who has died. In the Bible, resurrection includes a special new indestructible eternal body just like that of Jesus Christ. (1 John 3:2)
2. The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrates that God the Father was satisfied with the work of His Son on the cross, where He died and made atonement for all sins of all mankind once for all time. (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:11-14; 2 Pet. 1:17)

B. Old Testament Prophecies of Resurrection:

1. **God's Gospel in the Stars** teaches resurrection (4004 BC- ?):
The signs of the Zodiac **originally proclaimed God's plan for His creation** including the following: the nature, the incarnation, the life, the death, **the resurrection**, the glorious and eternal reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Many of the constellations and even the star names speak of the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ and His saints such as:
 - a. **Orion** (the Strong One, the Light, **the One who triumphs**; Job 9:9; 38:31; Amos 5:5) *Orion* crushes the head of *Lepus*, the enemy, Gen 3:15
 - b. **Boots** (the **coming One**, who has in His hands a shepherds staff and a **sickle of judgment**; also, under His feet is the constellation, *Serpens*)
 - c. **Ophiuchus** (the **Mighty Man** who holds the *Serpens*, the serpent, restraining him from seizing the crown, *Corona Borealis* (the so-called Northern Cross; also his feet are on the constellation *Scorpio*, the scorpion)
 - d. **Hercules** (the **Mighty Victor, who would come** to destroy the old serpent, *Draco the Dragon*, under His feet) Gen 3:15)
 - e. **Taurus** (the **bull**, which represents the **glorious coming** of Jesus Christ, Num. 23:22; 24:8; cf. Job 39:9, 10) Below *Taurus*, but some distance away, is **the great sea monster**, *Cetus*, who represents Satan chained up for 1000 years during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. Rev. 20:1, 2; cf. Job. 41:1-2, 9-10; Isa. 26:21-27:1)
 - f. **Pleiades** (the seven stars in the head of *Taurus*, meaning **“the congregation of the judge,”** which represent those saved (Church Age Saints) coming with Jesus Christ at the Second Advent; Jude 14, 15; 1 Enoch 1:9; Col. 3:4)
 - g. **Leo** (the **Lion who rends**, tears asunder, and destroys its prey, the *Hydra*, under its feet. Jesus is **“the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah,”** Rev.5:5; cf. Num. 23:24; 24:9.
2. **Enoch** (3382-3017 BC) – A prophecy of the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. (Jude 14, 15; cf. 1 Enoch 1:9; 25:3, 4; 45:3-5; 48:1-3; 49:1-4; 51:1, 2)

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3. **Job** (2110-1900 BC) – Job's Redeemer will rise at the last and Job will see God after his death. (Job 19:23-27)
 4. **Abraham** (1996-1821 BC) – The intended sacrifice of Isaac implies Resurrection (1872 BC)., (Gen. 22:5; cf. Gen. 21:12)
 5. **Moses** (1571-1452 BC) – The Book of Life implies Resurrection (1491 BC). (Exodus 32:33; cf. Psa. 69:28; Isa. 4:3)
 6. **David** (1085-1015 BC) – David understood that he would be resurrected as well as the Holy One (the Lord Jesus Christ). (Psa. 16:10, 11; 30:3; 41:10; 49:15; Psa. 86:13; 118:17; cf. 2 Sam. 12:23; Acts 13:35)
 7. **Hosea** (755-715 BC) – "He will raise us up..." (Hosea 6:2; 13:14)
 8. **Micah** (735-698 BC) – "He will arise and shepherd His flock..." (Micah 1:3, 4; 4:6-8; 5:3-5a)
 9. **Isaiah** (739-681 BC) – "Your dead will live; their corpses will rise." (Isa. 26:19)
 10. **Ezekiel** (593-560 BC) – The reality of resurrection is used as a metaphor for the restoration of the nation of Israel in the last days. ("The valley of the dry bones") (Ezekiel 37:1-14)
 11. **Daniel** (625-539 BC) – Daniel prophecies concerning the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. (539 BC) (Daniel 12:2, 3, 13)
 12. **Zechariah** (522-486 BC) – The Lord will return to the land of Israel in the last Days. (Zech. 14:3-5, 9)
 13. **Malachi** (435-415 BC) – "...who can endure the day of His coming?" (Mal. 3:1-3; 4:11-3)
- C. New Testament Prophecies and Fulfillment of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:**
- NOTE: Dates are the times of the events.**
1. **John** (AD 27) – "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:18-22)

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2. **Matthew** (AD 28) – Jesus uses the sign of Jonah the prophet to predict His resurrection. (Matt. 12:38-40)
3. **Matthew** (AD 29) – Jesus began teaching His disciples about His resurrection. (Mat. 16:21; 17:22, 23; cf. Mk. 8:31; Luke 9:22)
4. **Matthew** (AD 30) – Jesus predicts His resurrection at the last supper. (Matt. 26:26-32)
5. **Matthew** (AD 30) – False witnesses restate Jesus' prophecy of His resurrection. (Matt. 26:59-61)
6. **Matthew** (AD 30) – Jesus prophesies concerning His second advent. (Matt. 26:64)
7. **Matthew** (AD 30) – Accusers at the crucifixion restate Jesus' prophecy of resurrection (Matt. 27:38-43, 63)
8. **Matthew** (AD 30) – The angels tell the women that, "He is risen, just as He said." (Matt. 28:1-10; 16-20)

D. The Importance of the Resurrection to believers in Jesus Christ:

1. **Paul** (AD 54-55) – "...the Gospel which I preached to you..." (1 Cor. 15:1-8) Paul preaches concerning resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:12-23)
2. **Paul** (AD 56-57) – Believers share positionally in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6:5)
3. **Luke** (AD 60-70) – "...they are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection." (Luke 20:33-38; cf. Mark 3:1-27)
4. **Paul** (AD 61-62) - Believers in Jesus Christ will receive their resurrection bodies at the rapture of the Church. (Col 3:4; cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
5. **John** (AD 90-96) – "We shall be like Him,..." (1 John 3:2; cf. John 17:24; Philippians 3:20, 21)
6. **John** (AD 96) – "This is the first resurrection." (Rev. 20:4-6; cf. Luke 14:14)
7. **John** (AD 96) – There is "a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked." (Acts 24:15; cf. Matt. 25:41, 46; John 5:24-29; Rev. 21:11-15)