

# DEATH and RESURRECTION

An Exposé of Eclectic Texts

## *First Part: Scriptural Accounts of Resurrection*

1. Israel is symbolically resurrected In Ezek 37:1-14.

Ezekiel 37:13-14 “And you will know that I am Yahweh, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people, and put my spirit in you, and you revive, and I resettle you on your own soil. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken and done this, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.”

2. But resurrection is applied literally in Daniel 12:2

Daniel 12:1-2 1. "AT THAT time will arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there will be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people will be delivered, every one whose name will be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise will *shine like the brightness of the firmament*; and those who turn many to righteousness, *like the stars* for ever and ever.”

3. Yahshua eludes to the word from Daniel 12:3 in correcting the Sadducees

Mark 12:24-27 Yahshua said to them (Sadducees), "Is not this why you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of Elohim? For when they rise from the dead they . . . are like angels in heaven.”

4. The implication of the following is that Yahshua will go ahead not only to Galilee, but also into resurrection:

Mark 14:27-28. And Yahshua said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

5. Insofar as the dating of the biblical literature, the *first account of resurrection* that has survived in the New Testament is in

1 Corinthians 15:3-8: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

6. Although there were various models and explanations of among the earliest believers in regards to how Yahshua happened to live after being put to death (i.e. he was *raised* [1 Cor 15:4b, Acts 2:24], *received up* [Luke 9:51, Acts 1:11] or *exalted* [Phil 2:6-11, Acts 5:30-31]), all these have been subordinated to the idea that his *dead body* was raised to life. (And this *is* “resurrection”: ἀναστασις (*anastasis*) means, “stand again.”

7. Consider these difficult passages:

John 20:16-17 Yahshua said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" Yahshua said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father." 22. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 27. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."

Gospel of the Nazoreans “Take hold, handle me, and see that I am not a bodiless demon [i.e. spirit].” (from Ignatius and Jerome).

8. This is hard to understand if you think about it. There was an empty tomb. The significance of this is that the body was not to be found. Yahshua took up the same broken body. It was a wounded body, but a healing body. It was a bodily resurrection, not a spiritual one. What follows on from this is that it was Yahshua’ *body* as well as his spirit that ascended into the heavenly dimension. Body and spirit had been severed in *death* but brought back together in *life*. Yahshua was not an illusion, a hallucination or pure spiritual energy.

9. And there is some difficulty in reconciling the bodily appearance and inferences by Yahshua to Paul’s understanding of a spiritual resurrection as in this passage:

1 Corinthians 15:50 I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

## ***Second Part: The Classes***

### 1. Three classes of resurrection for humans:

John 5:24. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who *hears my word* and *believes him who sent me*, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but *has passed* from death to life.

This is the First class – those who already have eternal life now – *a spiritual resurrection*.

25. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of Elohim, and those who hear will live. ... 28. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when *all who are in the tombs* will hear his voice 29. and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,

The Second class – a physical (not spiritual) resurrection (or no resurrection at all).

and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

The Third class -- a physical resurrection of judgment (κρίσεως - crisis)

### 2. Regarding the First Class only – they are ALREADY resurrected since they don't die (that is, they have already died to Messiah)!

Colossians 3:1. You have been raised with Messiah: seek the things that are above, where Messiah is, seated at the right hand of Elohim. 2. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3. For you have died, and your life is hid with Messiah in Elohim. 4. When Messiah *who is our life* appears, then *you also will appear with him in glory* (shekina).

Ephesians 2: 5. even when we were dead through our trespasses, we were made alive *together with Messiah* 6. and (he) raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yahshua, 7. that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Yahshua.

### 3. The Spirit is raised for an eventual spiritual body

1 Cor 15:42. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44. It is sown a physical body, *it is raised a spiritual* (πνευματικόν - "pneumatic") [body]. *If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.* ... 50. *I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

### 4. Do those who have fallen asleep have a spiritual body now? *Not yet.*

Revelation 6:9 9. And when the Lamb opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls (ψυχας - "psychas" – "psyches") of those who had been killed ... 11b. They were told to *rest a little while longer, until everything was complete.*

### 5. The spirits of First Class members remains "in Messiah" until a time when all is complete – a time of 'consummation.'

Ephesians 4:13. How long? Until we are all together.

1 Thessalonians 4:14. For since we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so, through Yahshua, Elohim will bring *with him* those who have fallen asleep. (To where is he coming?) ... 16. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the *trumpet of Elohim*. And the dead in Messiah will rise first; 17. then we who are alive will be *caught up together*

(Gr. συν αυτοις ἁρπαγησομεθα Latin *simul rapiemur cum illis*)

with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will always be with Yahweh.

John 6:38. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; 39. and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day.

6. Where is the final destination of the spiritual body? “On the mountain” or “in clouds of glory” or “in the heavens” (i.e. *sky*) – or in a dimension where one may interact with spiritual beings and physical beings both.

Rev 14:1. THEN I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ... 14. I looked and there was a *white cloud* (Heb 12:1). There was one sitting on the cloud like the Son of Man. 15. Another angel came out of the *temple sanctuary*. This angel shouted very loudly, “The earth’s harvest is ready!”

7. Summary: Yahshua was raised bodily from the dead. *His wounded flesh was raised*. Second and Third classes are raised *in the flesh* to face life or judgment *on the earth*. The First Class, or *elect*) are not raised in the flesh, but in the spirit to gain a spiritual body eventually. SO -- If the elect (the First Class) are raised *as spiritual bodies* and not in the flesh, why did Yahshua need to be raised bodily (i.e. his actual wounded body was raised from the dead)? Answer: Because Yahshua died for the *whole human race* of flesh. His body was arose for the sake of all flesh and his spirit arose for the sake of the elect.

### ***Third Part: Questions and Answers***

Someone asked: Will Yahshua the Anointed judge all personally?: Matthew 19:27-29

The Disciples will judge Israel and disciples (the *elect*) will judge all, including such as the Queen of Sheba, who is one of the elect. Yahshua the Anointed is enthroned as the highest potentate of the Judgment just as the District Attorney on Law and Order has many subordinates (or “Assistant DAs”).

Someone asked: Will their worm will never die? Isaiah 66:15, 16, 23, 24.

This refers to the trash heap around Jerusalem after the final battle for the city. Although the NEW CITY will be a beautiful place, the decaying remains of the enemy will serve as a reminder of their disobedience and rebellion. Even when the worms have consumed all and the fires are burned out. The memory of the whole terrible thing remains forever.

Someone asked: Second Chance in the Millennium?

The Resurrection and Millennium do not constitute a second chance. This will be the First Chance for most people to know Yahshua the Anointed. Those who *knew Yahshua the Anointed* before but did not love him enough to *keep his commandments* and those who *deliberately rejected* Yahshua the Anointed will end up on the trash heap (Gehenna).

Matthew 10:28:

*Young's Literal Bible* 'And be not afraid of those killing the body, and are not able to kill the soul, but fear rather Him who is able both soul and body to destroy in Gehenna.'

Weymouth's New Testament 'And do not fear those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.'

Those who take part in a rebellion against Jerusalem or are part of the beast system when Yahshua the Anointed returns will be killed in battle or annihilated in Fire Lake. Rev 19:20-21. Both soul and body are to be destroyed.

Those who never had the opportunity to know him *will*, for, in that day,

“they will not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, *Know the Lord: for all will know me*, from the least to the greatest.” Heb 8:10,11.

Those who are born of spirit will live on in the mystical Body of Messiah until the resurrection then become kings, priests and judges in the administration of Yahshua the King.

Did the thief on the cross go to Heaven that day?

Luke 23:43 – *lit.* “I tell you *this day*, you will be with me in the paradise.”

*Day* - “shmeron” – “*This day*” – far more than a literal 24-hour period. And he is speaking not only to a thief on a cross but to disciples like us. “Day” a prophetic period – he has explained this earlier – a thousand years.

*Paradise* “τὸ παραδεισὸν” – the paradise or “the enclosed garden” Referring to the “new earth and sky” of Rev 21-23. This is the resurrection kingdom located on the earth.

*Where did Yahshua the Anointed go from the cross that day?* 1 Peter 3:18-20 to the spirits in prison – the fallen angels – to proclaim his victory over death.

The thief did not go to prison with Yahshua the Anointed. He died and his just-born spirit returned to Eloha to await the resurrection of the dead whereas the other thief *deliberately rejected* Yahshua the Anointed. This thief may expect *stiff punishment* in the Millennium or the trash heap.

What survives when we (the born again) die? Matthew 22:31.

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by Elohim, saying, 32. I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob? Elohim is not the Eloha of the dead, but of the living.

John 3:6-7 *The human spirit* is born through a miracle of restoration. The human spirit is created by Yahweh and is *good*. We who were once spiritually dead become spiritually alive – *babes in the spirit*.

It is our *spirit* that survives physical death.

Eccl 12:7 The spirit returns to Eloha before our bodies return to dust.

John 14:2 In Father’s house are many rooms – we can only understand this destination *allegorically* or *symbolically* – it’s beyond our comprehension and experience as to life outside of the body.

Rev 6:9-11 – Another symbolic representation of those spiritually alive but physically dead as “souls under the altar,” souls simply meaning living beings – referring to those that were “saved” out of the tribulation

1 Cor 15:16-22 – Those *fallen asleep* in Christ; 22-24 – the order of resurrection; 51-58 – Changed!

What Happens Then?

Luke 20:35-38: In the resurrection, those born of spirit will be as angels, or as the resurrected Yahshua the Anointed.

John 11:20-27 Our bodies will be *resurrected and glorified* and our spirit *reunited with them*.

2 Tim 2:7-15 We will rule and reign (and judge) with him over the renewed earth.