

Study Guide #21 – The Two Resurrections

XXI. That out of this prison house of the grave mankind are to be brought by a bodily resurrection; the righteous having part in the first resurrection, which takes place at the second advent of Christ, the wicked in the second resurrection, which takes place a thousand years thereafter. Rev. 20:4-6.

1. That out of this prison house of the grave mankind are to be brought by a bodily resurrection;

• A resurrection for all

John 5:28, 29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, “And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

1 Corinthians 15:21 “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.”

Acts 24:15 “And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”

Thought Question(s):

- 1. Why must there be a resurrection of the wicked?
- 2. What was Paul's response to those Christians that did not believe in the resurrection? (1 Cor 15:12-19)

2. The righteous having part in the first resurrection, which takes place at the second advent of Christ

• The first resurrection:

1 Thessalonians 4:14-16 “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (αγω - ago, ag’-o - lead) with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

Romans 6:5 “For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”

Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

Thought Question(s):

1. What illustration for the resurrection does Romans 6:5 use?

3. The wicked in the second resurrection, which takes place a thousand years thereafter

- **The second resurrection:**

Revelation 20:4, 5 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection.”

Job 21:30 “That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.”

Revelation 20:13 “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”

Revelation 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

Thought Question(s):

1. Why are the wicked raised?
2. Why is there a lapse of 1000 years allowed before the wicked are resurrected?