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REVELATION PART 4, LESSON #12

The First Resurrection and the Second Death:

Who goes where? How? When?

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING:

2 CHOICES:

I. THE FIRST RESURRECTION-Revelation 20:4-6

A. WHEN?

AFTER Revelation 19:11-21 (Christ's return, striking down of the nations, treading the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the great supper of God, the beast and false prophet thrown alive into the lake of fire, and the rest who were killed and feasted on by the birds).

AFTER Revelation 20:1-3: Satan was bound, sealed, and shut in the abyss for 1000 years.

B. WHO?

**Those who believe when Christ returns-Ezekiel 36:22-28; 37:25 homework p.150
Believers in Revelation 20:4-6: describes the people who had a part in the first resurrection.**

They will reign with Christ for 1000 years.

C. HOW?

1 Corinthians 15 "The Resurrection Chapter" homework pp.150-151

Verses 1-19: Paul reminds us that without the resurrection there is no good news, we are dead in our sins, and the second death awaits us

Verses 20-28: the order of Resurrection

Verses 22- 23: *"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,"*

- 1. Christ was the first, as the first fruits of the resurrection harvest**
- 2. 3 stages of resurrection for those who are Christ's at His coming (Matt.24:36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13)**
 - a. Believers from Pentecost to the Rapture (1 Thess.4:16,17)**
 - b. Believers during the Great Tribulation and OT saints will be raised up to reign with Christ during the 1000 year reign (Rev.20:4)**
 - c. Believers who die during the 1000 years *may be instantly transformed at death into their eternal bodies and souls***

3. **Verses 24, 28:** *"24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power."*
 28 *"When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all. "*

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT JESUS? homework chart p.163

4. **Verses 35-49: How are the dead raised?** homework chart p.164

Our resurrection bodies will be different from our earthly bodies-vv.42b-49

II. THE SECOND DEATH Revelation 20:11-15

A. WHEN?

AFTER Revelation 20:9-10 (the nations who gathered for Gog and Magog war and were devoured by fire from heaven, and Satan was thrown into the lake of fire).

The lake of fire IS the second death

B. WHERE?

Revelation 11-13: The great white throne *"from whose presence the earth and heaven fled away"*

C. WHO?

Unbelievers-The dead, great and small, from the sea, from death, and from Hades

Revelation 21:8: *"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

Matthew 24:37-41, 45-51: homework p.152 chart

D. HOW?

Judged, every one of them according to their deeds which were written in the books
Then, all were thrown into the lake of fire, the second death.

THE DESTINIES OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION:

A. PEOPLE FROM CHRIST'S ASCENSION TO THE CATCHING UP (RAPTURE) OF THE CHURCH

1. **Believers:**

Souls/spirits: of the dead will be with Jesus until the rapture

Bodies: temporarily in the ground until...1Thessalonians 4:13-18: All

asleep/dead in Christ rise to be with Him. Then those who are still alive rise to be with Him, Christ, the first fruits.

2. **Unbelievers:**

Spirits go to Hades. Bodies are in the ground until the end of 1000 years, when they are judged and cast into the lake of fire (second death)

B. **OLD TESTAMENT PEOPLE-Luke 16:19-31** homework p.155

Defn: Hades, #86, HAIDES-the region of departed spirits of the lost (but including the blessed dead in times preceding the ascension of Christ- corresponds to Sheol in the O.T.- A temporary condition of the doomed, until cast into the lake of fire. Christ has the keys: Rev. 1:18; it is personified in Rev. 6:8; at great white throne in Rev. 21:13
from VINES

1. **Righteous:**

Spirits to Sheol/Hades, to Abraham's Bosom/Paradise [What did Jesus say to the thief on the cross beside Him about Paradise?]

Ephesians 4:8-10: What happened to Abraham's bosom when Christ went to the cross?

He took all the souls there with Him to heaven.

Bodies are raised at the first resurrection-Rev. 20:4-5

2. **Unrighteous:**

Spirits go to Sheol/Hades, to the place of torment

Their spirits are still in Hades, until after 1000 years, at the great white throne, when Hades is thrown into the lake of fire

Bodies are raised to judgment then to lake of fire

C. **PEOPLE DURING THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL**

1. **Those who die**

a. **Believers:** souls go immediately to heaven:

Rev.6:9-11- souls under the altar homework p.156

Rev. 7:9-17- tribulation saints

Bodies resurrect at the first resurrection: Rev. 20:4

B. **Unbelievers:** reject the eternal gospel that is preached

Spirits to Hades and bodies to lake of fire

2. **Some don't die**

144,000-martyred(?), then in heaven. Bodies rise at the first resurrection

Rev.14:3: *"And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and*

forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

When we go into heaven our bodies are not marked with the nature of Adam (because of the sin nature which God cannot look upon), so we have glorified bodies in heaven. So, the 144,000 received their new bodies, having become first fruits to God and the Lamb. (Wayne Barber and Sharon's thought)

D. PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING THROUGH THE END OF THE 70TH WEEK (SHEEP AND GOATS)

Matthew 25:41-46:

- 1. Sheep/believers: Enter the kingdom into eternal life with normal bodies. They don't die during the 1000 years. Their offspring who die unbelieving will go to Hades**

? When will they get their new bodies? Homework p.154 #5

In the New Jerusalem

- 2. Goats/unbelievers who fought against the Lord, are sent straight to the lake of fire**

? How will the sheep stay alive in the New Heavens, Earth, Jerusalem?

They will eat from the Tree of Life- Genesis 3:22-24; Rev.22:1-2 homework p.155

E. PEOPLE WHO DIE DURING THE 1000 YEAR REIGN

- 1. Unbelievers' souls go to Hades
Rev.20:13-14: their souls and bodies go to the lake of fire**
- 2. Believers don't die !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

APPLICATION:

pp.156 and 158: "Ask God to reveal your attitude towards life and death and whose pleasure you are living for."

Born twice, die once; born once, die twice. See John 3:1-7