

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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### **Chapter Forty-Seven**

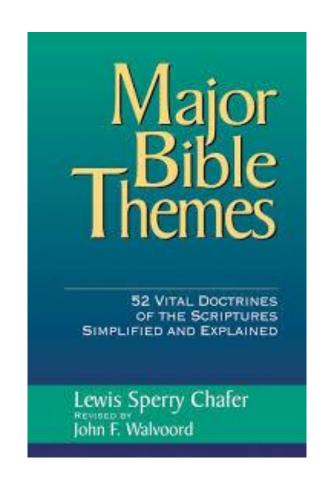
The Resurrections

# Step # One

# **Chapter Forty-Seven The Resurrections**

### Find the Outline





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- A. Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- B. Resurrection of the Jerusalem Saints
- C. Resurrection of the **Church**
- D. Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints
- E. Resurrection of the Tribulation Saints
- F. Resurrection of the Millennial Saints
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### **Chapter Forty-Seven** The Resurrections

Understand It A. Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Instead of one general resurrection, Scripture presents as many as seven resurrections, some of which are past, others separated by long periods of time such as resurrections which precede or follow the thousand-year reign of Christ. The Scripture clearly teaches that all will be raised in their time and place and that human existence goes on forever.

First in order of the resurrections is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, presented in prophecy in the Old Testament presented historically in the four gospels, and dealt with its implications Theologically and practically for us in the New Testament beginning with the Book of Acts.



B. Resurrection of the Jerusalem Saints At the time of the resurrection of Christ, a token resurrection also took place, according to Matthew 27:52-53. No explanation is anywhere given concerning this unusual event. While the graves were opened at the time of the death of Christ, it appears that the saints themselves were not raised until Christ Himself was raised, for Scripture makes plain that Christ is the first fruits. Although some have interpreted the references in Luke as merely a restoration to life like that of Lazarus, the fact that it occurred at the time of the resurrection of Christ would indicate a permanent resurrection. The probable meaning of the resurrection of saints may be found in the Levitical offering of the wave sheath of which they comprised typically as part of the bundle of the first fruits, Christ being the first grain.

# Understand It C. Resurrection of the Church



As previously brought out in the studies of the coming of Christ for His saints and the doctrine of the Rapture, the dead in Christ will be raised at the time of the return of Christ for His own, and together with living Christians, who will be translated, will meet the Lord in the air and go to heaven. Both the resurrected saints and the translated saints will receive resurrection bodies which will be patterned after that of Christ's own resurrection body. The resurrection of the church is the first massive resurrection and is the forerunner of others to follow.



### D. Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints

Although the Old Testament constantly assumes the doctrine of resurrection, as stated in Job 19:25-26, it is not the subject of extensive prophecy. Such references as are found, however, seem to place the resurrection of the Old Testament saints at the time of the second coming of Christ to the earth, rather than His coming for His saints at the time of the Rapture.

Daniel 12 describes the Great Tribulation in verse 1 and the resurrection in verse 2 as a subsequent and climactic event in relation to it; in this case it would be clear that the Old Testament saints are not raised at the Rapture but rather at the time of the establishment of the kingdom. In a similar way, the doctrine of resurrection in Isaiah 26:19-21, the awaking of dead bodies from the earth, is related to the time when Christ comes to judge the world.



### E. Resurrection of the **Tribulation Saints**

Special mention is made of the resurrection of those who died as martyrs in the Tribulation as being raised in connection with the second coming of Christ to establish His kingdom

In Revelation 20:4 John writes that he saw "the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, ...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

This statement is explicit that the martyred dead of the Tribulation will be raised when Christ comes to establish His kingdom.



Revelation 20:5 declares, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." the term "the first resurrection" refers to all resurrections of the righteous even though they are widely separated in time. They all are "first," that is, before the final resurrection of the wicked.



### F. Resurrection of the Millennial Saints

Scripture in no passage clearly predicts the resurrection of the millennial saints, and some have concluded that saints who enter the Millennium will never die. Scripture, of course, is also silent about a rapture of living saints at the end of the millennial kingdom when the earth is renovated with fire. It is likely that there will probably be saints who die in the Millennium and that they will be raised at the end of the millennial kingdom. This doctrine, however, is not built upon explicit Scripture, but is probably the best explanation.



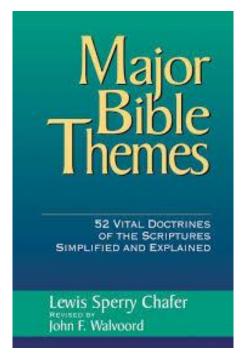
### G. Resurrection of the Wicked

The final resurrection is a resurrection apparently related only to those who are wicked at the judgment at the great white throne, all the dead not previously raised are resurrected and stand before God to be judged.



Taken as a whole, Scripture is plain that all men are destined to be raised. Although men may die, all will be raised, but the resurrections will not be the same. The resurrection of life is a glorious resurrection in which the bodies of believers will be patterned after the resurrection body of Christ. The resurrection of damnation, however, is an awful spectacle. Men will be given bodies that will last forever, but bodies that are sinful and subject to pain and suffering.

# The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet





What does the Bible teach about The Resurrections



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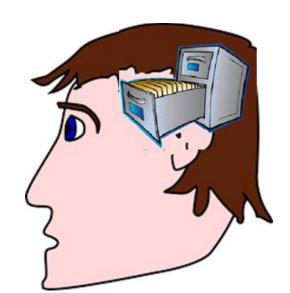
Using Major Bible Themes write a study about the Resurrections

### Memorize it

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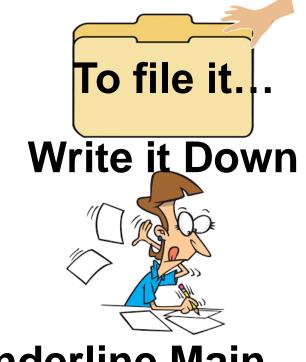


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Underline Main Words...



### Step # Two

### Read the Section and look up the passages



# Chapter Forty-Seven The Resurrections

A. Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Presented in prophecy in the Old Testament

**Psa 16:10** For thou wilt not **leave my soul in hell**; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Paul argues the importance of Christ's resurrection

**1Co 15:13-14** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

B. Resurrection of the **Jerusalem Saints**A token resurrection of OT Saints also took place.

Mat 27:52-53 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

A picture of the First Fruit Offerings

**Lev 23:10** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall **bring a sheaf of the first fruits** of your harvest unto the priest:

#### C. Resurrection of the **Church**

Both the resurrected saints and the translated saints will receive resurrection bodies

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Patterned after that of Christ's own resurrection body

**1Jn 3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

D. Resurrection of the **Old Testament Saints** 

Doctrine of resurrection, as stated in Job

**Job 19:25-26** For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in **my flesh shall I see God**:

Daniel describes the resurrection at Great Tribulation

Dan 12:1-2 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The resurrection of OT Saints is related to the time when Christ comes to judge the world.

**Isa 26:17-19** Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. **Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise**. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

### E. Resurrection of the **Tribulation Saints**

Revelation 20:4 "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."

#### F. Resurrection of the Millennial Saints

Millennial Saints don't die but are translated at the end of the 1000 years

**Isaiah 65:20**, "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days:

Sinners will die and be resurrected with the rest of the unsaved

**Isaiah 65:20**, for the child shall die an hundred years old (those that do not accept Christ; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed."

#### G. Resurrection of the Wicked

The first resurrection in Revelation 20: 4 refers to all the godly who are resurrected the "Rest" refers to the ungodly

**Revelation 20:5** "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."

All the dead not previously raised are resurrected and stand before God to be judged.

**Rev 20:11-12** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 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.

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# Step # Three Memorize one Passage per section



Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning

Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



## Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

### **Chapter Forty-Seven** The Resurrections

1. Will all men who die be ultimately raised from the dead?

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2. Who is the first person to be raised from the dead?

First in order of the resurrections is the resurrection of Jesus Christ

### 3. Explain the resurrection mentioned in Matthew 27:52-53

The probable meaning of the resurrection of saints may be found in the Levitical offering of the wave sheath of which they comprised typically as part of the bundle of the first fruits, Christ being the first grain.

#### 4. Describe the resurrection of the church.

The dead in Christ will be raised at the time of the return of Christ for His own, and together with living Christians, who will be translated, will meet the Lord in the air and go to heaven. Both the resurrected saints and the translated saints will receive resurrection bodies which will be patterned after that of Christ's own resurrection body. The resurrection of the church is the first massive resurrection and is the forerunner of others to follow.

- 5. What evidence supports the conclusion that the resurrection of Old Testament saints will occur at the time of the second coming of Christ to the earth?
- Doctrine of resurrection, as stated in **Job 19:25-26**
- Daniel describes the resurrection at the Great Tribulation Dan 12:1-2
- The resurrection of OT Saints is related to the time when Christ comes to judge the world. Isa 26:17-19

- 6. What does the Scripture reveal about the resurrection of tribulation saints?
- Special mention is made of the resurrection of those who died as martyrs in the Tribulation as being raised in connection with the second coming of Christ to establish His kingdom
- In Revelation 20:4 John writes that he saw "the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, ...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."
  - 7. Will saints die in the millennial kingdom?

Millennial Saints don't die but are translated at the end of the 1000 years

**Isaiah 65:20**, "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days:

- 8. What will happen to the living saints at the end of the millennial kingdom?
- Millennial Saints don't die but are translated at the end of the 1000 years 9. Describe the resurrection of the wicked dead.
- **Revelation 20:5** "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."
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10. Contrast the resurrection body of the saved with the resurrection body of the lost.

Although men may die, all will be raised, but the resurrections will not be the same. The resurrection of life is a glorious resurrection in which the bodies of believers will be patterned after the resurrection body of Christ. The resurrection of damnation, however, is an awful spectacle. Men will be given bodies that will last forever, but bodies that are sinful and subject to pain and suffering.

11. Why does the doctrine of eternal punishment constitute an impelling motive for preaching the Gospel to every creature?

This compelling fact has driven men to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth so as many as possible may be snatched as brands from the burning (Jude 23) and delivered from the wrath of God which is sure to come upon the ungodly.

**2Cor. 5:11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...