

# The 2 Resurrections

## “First (Gk. *πρωτος* means superior or best) Resurrection” (Re. 20:4)

“Resurrection of life” (Jn.5:29; Lk.14:14; Ac.24:15)

“But every man in his own order... Christ the firstfruits... they that are Christ’s at His coming... then cometh the end...” (1Co.15:23-24)

## “Second Death” (Re. 20:6, 14)

“Resurrection of damnation” (Jn.5:29)

God’s “great white throne” judgment of the dead (Re.20:11-15).

### FIRSTFRUITS

PHASE 1

#### CHRIST

**Christ the “first fruits”** (1Co.15:20-23). Christ is the first to be raised with a spiritual body (1Co.15:44). This resurrection was the day after the Sabbath as required by the Law (Le.23:10-11; Ex.23:19; De.26:1-11).

### MANY OT SAINTS

PHASE 2

#### MANY

**A resurrection of “many” Old Covenant Saints** (Mt.27:51-53). These were resurrected around, but after, the time of the Christ’s resurrection. This occurred around Jerusalem, but was few in number. Israel is also called the “firstfruits” of His increase (Je.2:1-3).

### RAPTURE

PHASE 3

#### CHURCH

**The “Rapture” or “Catching away” of the Church** (1Th.4:13-18). Those that are dead in Christ (have died) will be resurrected first. Then those that are alive at the catching away will be resurrected to meet the Lord in the air. Church age saints are also called “firstfruits of His creatures” (Ja.1:18).

### SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

PHASE 4

#### OT SAINTS

**Old Testament Saints** (Da.12:1-3; Is.26:19), Daniel says “many”. He does not say all. It says many because there is one more resurrection that is going to follow this one. Plus, there were resurrections prior to this one.

PHASE 5

#### TRIB SAINTS

**Tribulation Saints** (those saved during Daniel’s 70th Week). The Tribulation saints (those still alive) physically go into the Millennial kingdom of Christ (1Co.15:23). Those that are martyred (those who die during Trib., Re.20:4) will be resurrected, and will reign in the Millennial kingdom in immortal bodies.

### NEW BEGINNING

**Then the end, when Christ delivers the Kingdom to God the Father** (1Co.15:24). This occurs after the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. This is the New Beginning Age or the 8th Dispensation.

#### TIME

“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed” (Re.20:5).

1,000  
Year Kingdom

#### PARTICIPANTS

“All who are in the tombs” (Jn.5:28). That is, those who were not taken during the first resurrection.

#### JUDGMENT

- “And I saw the dead, the great and the small” (Re.20:12).
- “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds (Re.20:13).

The first resurrection involves those who have believed. It includes those that have physically died and those alive when Christ returns. The word used for “first” (Gk. *πρωτος*, Re.20:5-6) means superior or best. It refers to the resultant quality of the resurrection. All saints are the harvest (5 is the number of fulness). The resurrection unto life for the believer is a better resurrection than a resurrection unto death for the lost. Another word (Gk. *πρωτον*) is used to refer to the idea of first in a consecutive order (1,2,3, etc). This is not the word used here. “The rest of the dead” (Re.20:5), i.e., those who remained in the grave during the first resurrection, are resurrected to judgment after the Millennial Kingdom. Passages such as Daniel 12:2 and John 5:21 teach the universality of the resurrections. They are not concerned with when they take place. These are NOT teaching a general resurrection, but rather the fact that there will be a resurrection.