

Part 2:

The resurrections

How many resurrections are there?

Who is resurrected and when?

When are the wicked resurrected?

Are there any special resurrections, how many?

Prayer Thought

“During these days that Christ spent with His disciples, they gained a new experience. As they heard their beloved Master explaining the Scriptures in the light of all that had happened, their faith in Him was fully established. They reached the place where they could say, “I know whom I have believed.” **2 Timothy 1:12.** They began to realize the nature and extent of their work, to see that they were to proclaim to the world the truths entrusted to them. The events of Christ's life, His death and resurrection, the prophecies pointing to these events, the mysteries of the plan of salvation, the power of Jesus for the remission of sins—to all these things they had been witnesses, and they were to make them known to the world. They were to proclaim the gospel of peace and salvation through repentance and the power of the Saviour.”

— Acts of the Apostles 27.1

1. Saints that come up after Jesus' resurrection

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

“When Jesus, as He hung upon the cross, cried out, “It is finished,” the rocks rent, the earth shook, and some of the graves were opened. When He arose a victor over death and the grave, while the earth was reeling and the glory of heaven shone around the sacred spot, many of the righteous dead, obedient to His call, **came forth as witnesses** that He had risen. Those favored, **risen saints came forth glorified**. They were chosen and holy ones of every age, from creation down even to the days of Christ. Thus while the Jewish leaders were seeking to conceal the fact of Christ's resurrection, God chose to bring up a company from their graves to testify that Jesus had risen, and to declare His glory.” — **Early Writing 184.1**

2. The special resurrections of Daniel 12

“¹ 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**.

² 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**.

— **Daniel 12:1,2**

- *Notice that this resurrection is mixed – Two groups/classes*

1st Application for SDA's

“³ **And they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that **turn many to righteousness** as the stars for ever and ever.”

— **Daniel 12:3**

“¹⁰ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; **but the wise shall understand.**” — **Daniel 12:10**

“...Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while **we** may rest in the grave, but, when the call comes, we shall, **in the kingdom of God, take up our work once more.**”

— **Testimonies to the Church Vol 7 17.4**

When does the time of trouble start?

“...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time...” — **Daniel 12:1**

“The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to **buy or sell** of any man save him that hath **the mark of the beast**. We came near having this realized in California a short time since; but this was only the threatening of the **blowing of the four winds**. As yet **they are held by the four angels**. We are not just ready. There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bidden to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will be a decisive time for God's children, **a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation**. Now is our opportunity to work.”

— **Testimonies to the Church Volume 5 p 152.2**

What is meant by being wise?

“**And they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that **turn many to righteousness** as the stars for ever and ever.”

— **Daniel 12:3**

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were **wise**, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise **took oil** in their vessels with their lamps.”

— **Matthew 25:1-4**

Who are the wise?

“...You must go back, and if you are faithful, **you, with the 144,000**, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.”

— **Early Writings 39.3**

- The wise take extra oil, extra truth lightens their way.
- The **144 000** are the wise virgins that took extra oil.
- Sister White will be with the 144 000 working in probationary time to proclaim the loud cry. (not one of the 144 000, but with them)

1st application Summary

1. Only those who's names are written in the books are delivered.
2. Those who are resurrected are mixed, both foolish and wise come up
3. “**and they that be wise** [implying that some will be foolish] shall shine as the brightness of the firmament” indicates that these “**wise**” ones are from among the raised.
4. The foolish ones even though given a second chance will prove to continue in sin and eternal ruin.
5. If the wise are from the resurrected and turn many to righteousness, then they must be resurrected **in probationary time, in the time of salvation**, can't be at the 7th last plague as probation is closed.
6. Sister White and other faithful SDA's resume their work of saving souls “**...in the kingdom of God, take up our work once more.**” —
Testimonies to the Church Vol 7 17.4

2nd Application — Daniel 12:2

“But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. **The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath,** came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.

— **Early Writings 285.1**

The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as **God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming** and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth”

— **Early Writings 285.2**

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“...Great hailstones, every one “about the weight of a talent,” are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21.” **(Revelation 16:19,21) — Great Controversy 636.3**

“Graves are opened, and “many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth ... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2. **All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified**, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. “They also which pierced Him” (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.” — **Great Controversy 637.1**

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7 “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, **and they also which pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” — **Revelation 1:7**

- Those who awake to everalting contempt fulfil the scripture and every eye shall see him, **and they also which pierced him** — **Revelation 1:7**

3. Ezekiel 37

“¹¹ Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

¹² Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.**

¹³ And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and **I shall place you in your own land**: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.” — **Ezekiel 37:11-14**

Who's bones will be resurrected?

“There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when **ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God**, and you yourselves thrust out.” Luke 13:28

- Only God's people **Israel** arise in this resurrection
- They do not meet the Lord in the air
- They are taken to the land of Israel
- Not the resurrection of 1 Thessalonians, Revelation or Daniel 12
- It's a separate one

4. The First Resurrection – All righteous

4 “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.

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.” — **Revelation 20:4,6**

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- John makes it clear that only the righteous are called forth at the coming of the Lord.
- The apostle Paul speaks about the same resurrection.
- Only holy ones are raised here.
- These are raised at the commencement of the thousand years. — **1**
Thessalonians 4:17
- They lived with Christ a thousand years

5. The Second Resurrection – all wicked

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...” — **Revelation 20:5**

“At the close of the 1000 years, the second resurrection will take place. Then **the wicked will be raised from the dead** and appear before God for the execution of “the judgement written.” — **From Here to Forever 400**

Timeline of resurrections

