

Blessed Ones or Terrible Twos?

Revelation 20

The two resurrections (4-6, 13)

A. How many resurrections are there?

1. John 11 - Jesus raised L_____ from the dead, but he eventually died again
2. Matthew 27:51-53 records - right after Jesus rose from the dead, some Old Testament believers that were buried in the Jerusalem area came out of the t_____.
 - a. The number that were restored to life were m_____
 - b. The purpose was to make appearances to the residents of J_____.

B. The two resurrections in Revelation 20 are the kind that affects all people whether they are believers in Christ or not – Jesus called classified them as a resurrection to l_____ and a resurrection to j_____ (Jn 5:28,29)

1. The first resurrection corresponds to the resurrection to l_____ (Rev 20:6)
 - a. Those who take part in this resurrection are called b_____ and h_____
 - b. This resurrection precedes the 1000 year reign of Christ occurring at the l_____ trumpet when Christ descends from heaven to reign on the earth (Rev 11:15-17)
 - 1) Jesus will bring with Him the spirits of the d_____ saints (1Thess 4:14), raising the remains of their bodies and making them immortal, joining them with their spirits (1Thess 4:16; 1Cor 15:51-56).
 - 2) Jesus transports the believers who are alive to meet Him in the a_____ (1Thess 4:17) changing them into immortal beings (1Cor 15:51).
 - 3) All those who are with Jesus in the air
 - Have been p_____ with Jesus's blood and will reign upon the earth (Rev 5:9,10)
 - Are described as the b_____ of Christ and the a_____ of Christ.
 - Rev 20:4 states that John saw thrones and they sat upon them. The only "they" that he has seen are the armies of Christ.

2. The second resurrection mentioned corresponds to the resurrection to j_____
 - a. This event occurs a_____ the 1000 years are completed (Rev 20:5)
 - 1) The only people who are dead during the 1000 year reign will be un_____.
 - 2) All unbelievers will be dead by the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ.
 - b. All unbelievers will be resurrected bodily to stand before God's w_____ throne.
 - c. The only way to escape the resurrection to judgment is to trust in Christ (Jn 5:24; Jn 3:18).

The two deaths (6-10, 14)

- A. The first death mentioned is just a t_____ death.
 1. Some believers will escape the first death
 - a. E_____ (Gen 5:24)
 - b. E_____ (2Kgs 2:11)
 - c. All the believers who are a_____ at Jesus's second (1Cor 15:51 – not all will sleep).
 2. One unbeliever will escape the first death (Rev 19:20)
 - a. The beastly government, death, and Hades are thrown into the Lake of First (Rev 19:20; Rev 20:4) – these are not people.
 - b. The false prophet will be thrown a_____ into the Lake of Fire (Rev 19:20)
- B. The second death – the Lake of F_____ (Rev 20:14)
 1. Matt 10:28 – God is going to destroy the physical b_____ and the s_____ in hell (i.e. gehenna, which is Jesus's term for the eternal fire or the Lake of Fire).
 2. The unbeliever is resurrected from the dead and is thrown a_____ into the Lake of Fire and physically dies again, but this time it is not temporary.
 3. The unbeliever's spirit is permanently disconnected from God and suffers spiritual d_____ forever.
 4. This state is described as permanent t_____ (Rev 14:11; Rev 20:10; Matt 25:46)

The two books (11-15)

A. The Book of L_____

1. This book has already been mentioned in Rev 3:5; 13:8; 17:8
 - a. Rev 13:8 has the phrase “from the foundation of the world” (i.e. since the beginning of creation)
 - 1) Some link this phrase with the n_____ that were not written in the Book of Life (NAS - *Everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain*)
 - 2) Some link this phrase with the Lamb who was s_____ (NIV & KJV - *the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world*).
 - 3) I prefer linking the phrase with the Book of Life (*those whose names had not been written in the slain Lamb's book of life that originated from the foundation of the world*)
 - b. The book of life is also mentioned in Ex 32:32,33; Lk 10:20; and Phil 4:3. These verses indicate that because you have a faith relationship with the Lord, your name is recorded in the Book of Life.
2. This Book of Life is way of illustrating God not f_____ us (2Tim 2:19).

B. The Book of D_____

1. A record of every single deed of every single unbeliever.
2. Unbelievers are judged according to their d_____
 - Minimum judgment – the Lake of Fire
 - Degrees of judgment - Matt 11:24 (*it will be more tolerable for Sodom than Capernaum in the Day of judgment*).

Conclusion:

Blessed ones - those who have their names permanently written in the Book of Life will be resurrected to an immortal life, escaping the second death.

Unbelievers – will suffer death temporarily only to be resurrected to judgment according to their deeds and then will suffer death permanently in an aware state.

Have you put your life under the Lordship of Christ?