

The Resurrection of Israel

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When Adam was formed and (eternal) life breathed into his nostrils, he was given dominion over the earth. He, as king over the earth, and the servant of Yahweh/God on the earth, was not given 40 acres and a mule, or a hoe and a rake and a packet of seeds. No, Adam's job was to help fulfill the plan of God for the earth and its people, who had been living here for many thousands of years. They certainly knew how to feed themselves and reproduce before the advent of Adam.

Adam was to introduce the people of the earth to a Creator they did not know, teach them His ways, and show them how to live in harmony on the earth. However, Adam's fall put him in exactly the same flesh and blood position as those he had dominion over. His dominion then became one of flesh and blood over flesh and blood. Consequently, tension exists on earth simply because flesh and blood cannot inherit (rule over) the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 15:50)

After 6000 years, most of the people living on earth including descendants of Adam still do not know their Creator, or even that they have been created. Adam as flesh and blood has failed in his leadership and must be restored to the spiritual realm in order to fulfill his calling. Resurrection is the final step in that process

In Revelation

Revelation 20 is a companion passage, a summary or second witness to the examination of resurrection in Ezekiel. In particular, look at verses 4-5. Verse 4 is talking about the overcomers, or remnant of Israel. The last sentence of 4 says "and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years", thus fulfilling Revelation 5:10.

Verse 5 makes 2 statements: "But the rest of the (Israelite) dead lived not until the 1000 years were finished", followed by "This is the first resurrection." 1 resurrection, 2 parts, 1000 years apart. The 1000 years of verse 4 is the Seventh day of restoration. This period of time is also called the age of tabernacles.

Verse 6 is John's commentary on the resurrection of Israel, showing that those of verses 4 and 5 shall reign during the Eighth day. Starting with the loosening of Satan in verse 7, the rest of chapter 20 deals with events of the Eighth day.

In Ezekiel

Chapter 37 of the old testament book named after the prophet Ezekiel is called the "valley of dry bones" chapter of the Bible. It is a detailed account of the coming resurrection of the children of Israel. Verses 1-14 shows resurrection to be in two parts, just as Revelation 20 does. The two parts are separated by 1000 years. The division is between verses 10 and 11. The first 10 verses have both prophecy and fulfillment and show the prophetic time of chapter 37 to be at the beginning of the 7th day.

The bones of the overcomers are in plain sight, lying on the ground in verses 1-2. In verse 7 the skeletons come together bone to his bone, with a great shaking (vibration). Sinews, flesh, and skin then come upon the bones. When the Spirit of God (breath) is added to the process in verse 10 it seems to be as the forming of Adam must have been, attaining the likeness shown in 1 John 3:2. Likeness is different than "in the image of," isn't it?

This first part of the resurrection provides an "exceeding great army," the army of God, who will live in the camp of the Saints." (The Spiritual realm) Words to look up: great, army, (Ez. 37:10) camp, saints. (Rev 20:9) Look for the shape of DNA in these definitions. These are also known as the "Sons of God", "friends of the Bridegroom", and are those brethren of whom Jesus is called the firstborn of many. Romans 8:29.

1000 years later, at the end of the 7th day, there is the 2nd part of the resurrection of Israel, the "whole house (the rest) of Israel." The root meaning of the word "whole" means to complete, or make perfect. In this second part of the rising up of Israel, the bones are brought up out of graves rather than being found in plain sight. (Ez. 37:12-13). Verse 14 says that these people receive (eternal) life by the Spirit of God just as the exceeding great army of verse 10 did, just as Adam did. The people of verses 11-14 are not called an army.

These Israelites are then put in their own land, the Beloved (agapao) city, for the bride has made herself ready. See Revelation 21, verses 2, 9, and 10. Chapter 20 verses 8-9 show the camp of the Saints and the city of God encompassed about by Gog and Magog during the eighth day. Biblical history shows that Gog and Magog are Adamic people, though not Israelite. The camp of the Saints is the abode of the overcomers and the beloved city is the abode of the rest of Israel, the bride of Christ.

Non-Israelites

Israelites will not stand at the great white throne judgment on the eighth day, for they have already been cleansed and accepted (restored) by God on the 7th day

as shown in verses 4-5. As well, this is the meaning of John's commentary in verse 6. We are living the first death right now, aren't we?

The resurrection and events of Rev. 20:11-15 are for the people of the earth. These of the 8th day are judged by their works, according to verses 12-13. Their required works are found in Acts 15:19-20. Thou shall have no other gods (idols) before Me, abstain from sexual sin, and things strangled, and blood. All of the context should be read, starting with verse 1, where the initial discussion is of the Abrahamic rite of circumcision for non-Israelite converts. Companion verses to 16-17 are Amos 9:11-12. where verse 11 refers to the Seventh day, and verse 12 refers to the Eighth day.

These works do not preclude the blessings of faith for non-Israelites, as is seen in Matthew 15:22-28. This passage is a pattern of the ministry to Israel that takes place during the Seventh day. The exception is in verse 24, because both Israel and Judah are included on the Seventh day. The appointed time for restoration of the non-Israelite is the Eighth day.

Job Speaks

In speaking of his own death and resurrection, Job (14:10-15 and 19:25-27) says that even though dead and his body hidden in the grave, yet in his flesh he will with his own eyes see God. 19:27 reads in part, "though my reins be consumed within me". The concordant meaning of "reins" is kidneys, which are used to cleanse the blood. The word "consumed" means to be completed, or finished. As we understand this passage, the resurrected Job will have no need of kidneys or blood cells.

If there is no cleansing to be done, there is no need for kidneys, which remove impurities from the blood stream. Blood consists basically of plasma and red and white blood cells. Plasma is the fluid carrier or conductor of red and white blood cells and is contained within the arteries, blood vessels, etc. Red blood cells use the plasma to move nutrients to all parts of the cardiovascular system. White blood cells are also called lymphocytes and are the "soldiers" that attack and destroy such impurities as infection and disease in that system.

The plan of God

Romans 8:19-23 talks of events surrounding the manifestation of the Sons of God (Israel). Verse 21 in particular says, "Because the creature (original formation or creation) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the Sons of God." 1 Corinthians 15:22 says that "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

The plan of God for the earth and its people is seen throughout Scripture, plainly, as well as in parables and patterns. A few examples are Isaiah 45:22, 49:5-6, 60:1-3, Habakkuk 2:14, and Luke 3:7. The Noahic covenant in Genesis 9, verses 8-17 is in truth a covenant with all flesh (spoken 4 times) and the earth itself. The elements of resurrection are found in Exodus, chapter 19. Philippians 2:10-11 says in part that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess (willingly) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The ministry of Jesus Christ that we read in the gospels is the exact pattern for the ministry of the Seventh day by the army of God. The work of the Seventh day by these overcomers completes the restoration of Adam/Israel and the work of the Eighth day completes the plan of God for all the earth. Each man in his own appointed time as 1 Corinthians 15:23 says in part, "each man in his own order."

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