

1. Last week I completed an exegesis of Dan 12:1 and when time expired I was in the process of teaching Dan 12:2.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then pickup with new material at point thirteen but first let me give you an expanded translation of Dan 12:1.

Dan 12:1 During the Tribulation Michael, Israel's guardian angel, will establish himself as the protector of your people. Although Israel will experience great distress, Michael will make certain that all which occurs is in the permissive will of God. The trauma will be without parallel. In that period of great persecution true Israel shall be delivered - in fact all whose names are left in the Book of Life shall rule with Him on earth in the Millennium.

3. Now let's continue our study of verse two.

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Dan 12:2 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.

NIV

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Principles:

1. As a climax to the time of tribulation described in the preceding context, verse two reveals that there will be a resurrection from the dead.

2. Although there have been many who see this passage as the first mention of a resurrection, they are wrong. This is not the earliest passage where this belief is revealed.

3. It is clear that Abraham had confidence in a bodily resurrection from the dead in offering Isaac (Gen 22:5; Heb 11:19).

4. Job, who lived before Moses, stated his faith in a resurrection, "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" (Job 19:25-26).

5. Isaiah, who lived more than a century before Daniel, predicted that dead men would live again and that their bodies should rise (Isa 26:19).

6. Hosea, a contemporary of Isaiah, predicted, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave, I will redeem them from death" (Hos 13:14).

7. Even the resurrection of Christ is predicted in the words, "My flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Psa 16:9-10).

8. Here Daniel is not revealing something new but he is simply restating that which has always been the hope of the saints. This, of course, is enlarged in the New Testament with the added truth of the rapture.

8.1 In the New Testament we have an explicit "Order of Resurrection" delineated.

9. Both liberal and conservative scholars generally agree that the resurrection is in view in this passage, because of the wording of the prophecy, however, certain questions have been raised as to:

9.1 the character of the event,

9.2 the time of the event, and

9.3 the inclusion of the event.

10. What is presented here is that those who have died as redeemed or real Israel will be raised from the dead to join those living in a period of restoration.

10.1 Believers who are martyred in the Tribulation and those who survive the Tribulation will be joined by the Old Testament saints who are raised from the dead. This would include the saints of Age I, or The Gentile Age as it is also called, those of the Jewish Age proper and some Kingdom Age saints.

11. This period of restoration will occur after the Tribulation, at the Second Coming of Christ.

12. Those delivered at the Second Advent of Christ will join in establishing Israel in the land in the millennial kingdom which follows the Messiah's return.

12.1 The bodies of those described in paragraph 10.1 above will not be in resurrected bodies but in fact they will have "ordinary bodies" i. e. bodies capable of performing ordinary things during the Millennium. This would include procreation to repopulate the millennial earth.

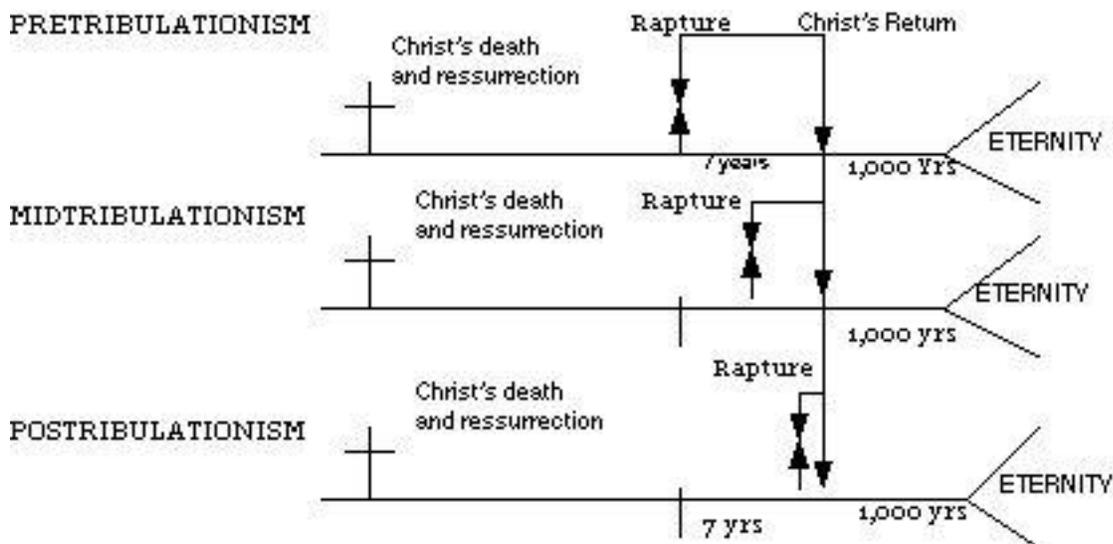
12.2 Most would agree procreation inappropriate and incompatible with various descriptions of our resurrection bodies.

13. Accordingly, the best exegesis of this passage interprets it as revealing an event occurring at the time of the Second Coming of Christ. At the same time, those who have died in the great tribulation just preceding will also be raised as taught in Rev 20:4.

Rev 20:4 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.

14. By the beginning of the millennial kingdom, all the righteous dead will already have been raised.

15. Pretribulationist believe that the church, the saints of the present age, are raised before the Tribulation; if Old Testament saints are not raised before the tribulation, they will be raised after the tribulation, prior to the millennial kingdom. Therefore, there is no conflict with Daniel's statement in Dan 12:2.



16. There is an order of Resurrections:

16.1 First of all, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

16.2 Second the resurrection of the church prior to the great tribulation.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory     Ÿthrough our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

16.3 A natural and normal interpretation of Revelation 20 would indicate that there is a resurrection of the rest of the righteous occurring at the beginning of the thousand years and that there is a resurrection of the wicked at the end of the thousand years (Rev 20:12-14).

Rev 20:12 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.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

16.4 Since those involved in the third resurrection will only receive "ordinary bodies," there must accordingly be a subsequent resurrection in which these regenerated saints will receive their resurrection bodies. This occurs at the end of the Millennium.

Dan 12:2 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.

Dan 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

16.5 Walvoord writes:

"Only by spiritualizing this passage and making the first resurrection the new birth of the believer rather ridiculous in the context of Rev 20:4-5 which speaks of martyred dead can a genuine separation of the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked be denied."

Rev 20:4 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.

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

17. Before we move to verse three, I want to give you an expanded translation of Dan 12:2.

Expanded Translation

Dan 12:2 Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some will be raised and live forever in ecstatic happiness and others will be raised for judgment, shame and everlasting contempt.

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