

Revelation-West Sub-Notes

February 21

Chapter 19-Battle of Armageddon; **Chapter 20**-1,000 Reign of Christ on the earth.

In **Matthew 25**, Jesus describes an event that happens **in between** these events—just **after** the Battle and just **before** the 1,000 year Reign begins.

- **Judgment of the _____ and the _____.**

Matthew 25: 31-41

- **All the _____** are gathered before Him.
 - Those who have come through the Tribulation _____!
- The **sheep** are _____ who will **go into the _____**.
- The **goats** are _____ who go away into **eternal _____**.
- The sheep **apparently** go into the Kingdom in their _____ bodies.

Revelation 20: 4-6

- **Christ draws John's attention to a special group of people.**
 - _____ (beheaded)
 - because of their *testimony about Jesus* and because of *God's word*
 - They had _____ accepted the _____ (on foreheads or hands)
 - They came to _____ and _____ with Messiah for _____ **years.**
- Then John says, "*The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1000 years were completed.*"
 - So, there will be **another _____ after** the millennium.
- John calls this resurrection of the **tribulation martyrs the _____ resurrection.**
 - He says, "*Blessed and holy is the one who "shares" in the first resurrection—*
 - **the _____ death has no power over them.**

There is only one group of people mentioned here as the **first resurrection**.

Are there other believers who will also be in the Kingdom with **resurrected** bodies?

- _____ (Matthew 8: 11-12)
- The _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Cor.15:23)
- The Two _____ (Revelation 11: 12)
- *Others* who died during the _____ who *were not* martyred.
- *Others in the Old Testament* _____

Does the **First Resurrection** apply to all of them, or **only to these martyrs**?

If it **does** apply to them, **why aren't they included here**?

Does the **First Resurrection** imply that all of these resurrections happen at the **same time**?

- (Even though that is not stated.)

How are we to understand this term "**First Resurrection**"?

More specifically--If the Church has been raptured **before** the Tribulation--as I believe it has, **how** is this resurrection of these **martyrs** called the **first resurrection**?

1 Corinthians 15: 22-23 “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ **all** will be made alive. But **each in his own order: Christ, the first-fruits; afterward, at His coming, those who belong to Christ.**”

Let me suggest that the “**First Resurrection**” means “**first type of Resurrection**” with **another type** of resurrection to follow. This is what I mean:

Daniel 12: 1-2 Many of those who sleep in the dust will awake:

- Some to **eternal** _____.
- Some to shame and **eternal** _____.

As **Jesus** put it in **John 5: 28-29**

- Resurrection of _____ (-the _____)
- Resurrection of _____ (-the _____)

The **first type** is **Resurrection to** _____.

The **second type** is **Resurrection to** _____.

Revelation 20: 4 makes the statement “Blessed is the one who **shares** in **the first resurrection**.”

- If the **First Resurrection** is the “**Resurrection to Life**”, all believers will **share** in that resurrection—even if their resurrections occur at different times.

The **Resurrection to life** occurs _____ the Millennium.

The **Resurrection to judgment** occurs _____ the Millennium, which coincides with the **Great White Throne Judgment** (and the second death).

If this is correct, the **order** of the **First Resurrection** would look something like:

- _____, the first-fruits--1st Corinthians 15: 23—around A.D. 30
- The _____—1 Thessalonians 4: 16 and 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57.
 - The dead in Christ first.
 - Then those who are alive.
 - This occurs **before** the 70th week of Daniel (the Tribulation) which is for *Daniel’s people, Israel*--Daniel 9: 24.
 - We see the Bride in Heaven **during** the tribulation **before** the return of Christ—making herself ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb--Revelation 19: 7.
 - We see the Bride returning with the armies of Christ just **before** the Battle of Armageddon—Revelation 19: 14.
- The Two _____—Revelation 11: 12, killed and raised **during** the Tribulation.
- _____—Matthew 5: 28-29 and Luke 13: 28-29
 - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets, etc.
 - This occurs **after** the 70th week of Daniel (which is for Daniel’s people and will lead them to “*everlasting righteousness*” in Messiah—Daniel 9: 24)
- Other _____ believers from the Old Testament. (raised at same time as *Israel*-?)
- The **Tribulation** _____-Revelation 20: 4—who are given authority to rule--**after** the tribulation, at the **beginning** of the Millennium.

20: 6 **The 2nd death has no power over them!!** **John 10: 10, 11: 25**

- **After** the Millennium, is the **Resurrection of Judgment**. (we will look at next week.)