

Bible Study

Steps in the Resurrection Process

V2.5
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Phil 3:10-11: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

The purpose of this Bible Study is to assemble many or most of the Scriptures pertaining to the resurrection of Christians and assembling them in a particular order.

What I am trying to achieve is to understand the events that will happen at our resurrection in time-sequence order.

Feedback/critique is always welcomed.

Fall asleep/die

The very first thing that happens, unfortunately, is that we all die:

11Sam 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and **thou shalt sleep** with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

1Kings 2:10 So David **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

John 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may **awake him out of sleep**.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

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.

1Cor 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and **the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Awaken to eternal life to Christ's call and the trumpet

Ps 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I **awake**, with thy likeness.

Is 26:19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. **Awake** and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs [Heb = luminousness, bright or light], and the earth shall cast out the dead.

The New Living Translation has it:

But those who die in the LORD will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! For your life-giving light will fall like dew on your people in the place of the dead!

Question: when we first open our eyes, will we see an incredible beaming light from the angels and also radiating out from ourselves?

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall **hear the voice** of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the **graves shall hear his voice**

John 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he **cried with a loud voice**, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

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 [cp Ex 19:16-19; Deut 5:22]

1Cor 15:40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

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

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.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

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.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? {grave: or, hell}

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and **arise from the dead**, and Christ shall give thee light. {he: or, it}

John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Graves will open and you will live again!

Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away:
yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?
{wasteth...: Heb. is weakened, or, cut off}

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the
flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the
heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor
be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave,
that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy
wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a
set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days
of my appointed time will I wait, **till my change
come.**

15 **Thou shalt call**, and I will answer thee: thou
wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

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.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to
vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who
hath subjected *the same* in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be
delivered from the bondage of corruption into
the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation
groaneth and travaileth in pain together until
now. {the...: or, every creature}

23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which
have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we
ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the
adoption, *to wit*, **the redemption of our body.**

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is
seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why
doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do
we with patience wait for *it*.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our
infirmities: for we know not what we should
pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh
intercession for us with groanings which cannot
be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth
what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he
maketh intercession for the saints according to
the will of God. {because: or, that}

28 And we know that all things work together
for good to them that love God, to them who
are the called according to *his* purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did
predestinate **to be conformed to the image of
his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among
many brethren.

NB:

*J. Barton Payne in Encyclopedia of
Biblical Prophecy:*

*"Bible prophecy may leap from one
prominent peak in predictive topography
to another, without notice of the valley
between, which may involve no
inconsiderable lapse in chronology..."
(p.137).*

Da 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.

Jn 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is
coming, in the which all that are in the graves
shall hear his voice,

Jn 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have
done good, unto the resurrection of life; and
they that have done evil, unto the resurrection
of damnation.

*"A final point of departure for both OT
and NT telescoping is that of the earlier
elements of the Messiah's future
kingdom, as compared with certain later
ones, and the millennium coming
between. Prophecies such as Daniel 12:2*

or John 5:28-29 may bring together as one both the premillennial and the postmillennial phases of humanity's resurrection, and in Matthew 25:31-32 the final judgment may be directly linked to the Parousia of Christ. Such verses, however, do not disprove millennialism. The omission of data that are spelled out in other passages constitute the essence of telescoping ... The key to it all is whether the progressive revelation of later Scriptures requires an actual time separation. Revelation 20:4-6, 12-13, is thus clear on the fact of two resurrections, separated by the 1,000 years ..." (p.140).

Resurrection glory

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.

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.** {wise: or, teachers} [cp Job 11:17]

Matt 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; {things...: or, scandals}

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall **the righteous shine forth as the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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Phil 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: {conversation...: or, we live or conduct ourselves as citizens of heaven, or, for obtaining heaven}

21 Who shall **change** our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

["Change" = **Strong's: 3345**

metaschmati,zw metaschematizo {met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo}

Meaning: 1) to change the figure of, to transform

Origin: from 3326 and a derivative of 4976; TDNT - 7:957,1129; v

Usage: AV - transform 2, transfer in a figure 1, transform (one's) self 1, change 1; 5

Misc: For Synonyms see entry 5863]

Some have speculated that the metamorphosis that Paul had in mind was that of the transformation of the ugly caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly, typifying the christian translation from physical to spirit.

The process a caterpillar to transform into a butterfly, known as a metamorphosis: the caterpillar spins a tomb of silk where it is apparently dead and of little substance. The sun arises in the Spring, warming up the cocoon, awakening the now transformed caterpillar that emerges as a magnificent butterfly.

Is this a type of the resurrection?

Angels appear

KJV Matthew 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the **angel** of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. {was: or, had been}

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

5 And the **angel** answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Luke 24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of **angels**, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

John 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two **angels** in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his **angels**, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the **angels**.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his **angels**, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

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31 And he shall send his **angels** with a great **sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. {with...: or, with a trumpet, and a great voice}

2Thess 1:6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty **angels**, {his...: Gr. the angels of his power}

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: {taking: or, yielding}

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.



The Apotheosis of Emperor Titus. An eagle carries the dead Emperor Titus to heaven after he was deified by the Roman Senate.

The above appeared in Bible and Spade, Spring 2010, p.41. Compare Is. 40:31; Mal. 4:1-3

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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.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. {comfort: or, exhort}

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his **saints**,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Ascend into the clouds

Mark 14:61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the **clouds** of heaven.

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Rev 1:7 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.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Singing with joy!

Ps 30:3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. {at...: or, to the memorial}

5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning. {his anger...: Heb. there is but a moment in his anger} {for a night: Heb. in the evening} {joy: Heb. **singing**}

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

Ps 69:27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. {iniquity unto...: or, punishment of iniquity, etc}

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a **song**, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Is 38:18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore **we will sing my songs** to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

Is 26: 19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. **Awake and sing**, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. {blood: Heb. bloods}

IPet 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, **ye may be glad also with exceeding joy**.

Rev 5: 9 And they **sung a new song**, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (cp 14:3)

Rev 15: 3 And **they sing the song of Moses** the servant of God, **and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints. {saints: or, nations, or, ages}

Whether this singing that occurs at the resurrection process is the same as the new song, is unknown. There may be at least two separate singing events mentioned in scripture.

See also Ps 33:3; 40:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Is 42:10; Jer 31:7; Hos 2:15; Zeph 3:14; Zech 2:10; 1Cor 14:15; Eph 5:19.

From the above scriptures we can see the joy and singing of Israel in the second exodus; of the church; of individual Christians – all typological of the resurrection experience.

NB: there may be three or four songs mentioned here:

- 1. sing with ecstasy and jubilation at the time of the resurrection*
- 2. singing a new song*
- 3. singing the song of Moses*
- 4. song of the Lamb (unless this is the new song)*

The Judgment

Rom 14:9-10 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ**.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God**.

IICor 5:9-11 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. {labour: or, endeavour}

10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. (See also ICor 4:3-5; Job 19:26-29)

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he [Christ] which was ordained of God *to be* the **Judge** of quick and dead.

Acts 17:30-31 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will **judge** the world in righteousness by *that* man [Christ] whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. {hath given...: or, offered faith}

John 5:22-28 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all **judgment** unto the Son:

23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

IPet 4:5 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

5 Who shall **give account to him that is ready to judge** the quick and the dead.

IJohn 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and **not be ashamed before him at his coming**.

Rom 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Note that we are judged by our works and rewarded accordingly: Luke 14:14 (cp ICor 15:58; Heb 6:10; Col 3:23-24; ICor 3:9-15 (cp Luke 18:11-27); ICor 15:41-42

Rewarded and receive a new name

Ps 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a **reward** for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth. {a reward...: Heb. fruit of the, etc}

Is 62:10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his **reward** *is* with him, and his work before him. {work: or, recompense}

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Matt 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall **reward** thee openly.

Matt 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water*

only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his **reward**.

Matt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall **reward** every man according to his works.

Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your **reward** is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

1Cor 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward**.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the **reward of the inheritance**: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Rev 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give **reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. {destroy the earth: or, corrupt the earth}

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my **reward** is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Refer to Rev 2 & 3 where further rewards are mentioned.

Marriage feast

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. {white: or, bright}

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Matthew 25:1 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.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. {gone out: or, going out}

9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the **marriage**: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Mat 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. [see also 8:11; 9:15]

Descend to the earth to reign with Christ

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Notice: the seven last plagues of the final day of the Day of the Lord period are poured out in the presence of Christ and the saints

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.

Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But **the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom** for

ever, even for ever and ever. {most...: Chaldee high ones, that is, things, or, places}

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; {from...: Chaldee from all those}

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and **the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. {dominions: or, rulers}

See also Zech 14:1-5 for further reference.

NB: whether the wedding ceremony between Christ and the Church takes place in the clouds or in heaven can be debated. Rev 14:5; 15:2-8; 19:1-3, 14; John 13:36.

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