

# THE RESURRECTIONS

Rev. 19:20-20:15, 1 Cor. 15:23—"every man in his order"

The passage in Revelation (see above) is an important passage for understanding the 'resurrections.' There are **two principle resurrections**. The first resurrection is divided into three phases. This is similar to the two phases of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, which are the rapture phase and the phase at the end of the tribulation (Jn. 6:40). However, not all believers will experience resurrection because they have not died, but will experience a change at the rapture (1 Thess. 4:15-17, Jn. 11:23-26).

**The first resurrection phases** are:

1. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Firstfruits (1 Cor. 15:23, 51-55, cf Rev. 1:5, Psa. 16:9-10, Isa. 26:19, ). Because of the power of the resurrection, some saints were resurrected at the time of Jesus' resurrection and went into Jerusalem (Mat. 27:52-53).
2. The resurrection of the church, the body of Christ, which some people call the Universal Church, but the name does not appear in Scripture. We prefer 'the body of Christ,' who are the "dead in Christ" (1 Cor. 15:23, 1 Thess. 4:16).
3. The resurrection of the Old Testament and Tribulation (70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel) saints (Rev. 20:4, Isa. 26:19, Daniel 12:1-2, Hos. 5:15-6:2, 13:14, Job 14:1-13, 19:26).

**The second resurrection** is a resurrection of those who came to Christ in the Millennium written in the book of life and the unbelievers of all the ages. (Rev. 20:11-12). The second death (Rev. 20:6) is the judgment by God on those who do not believe in God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The second death is "death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14). Those written in the book of life in the Millennium are not cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).

**The last trump** is often confused with the last of the seven trumpets in Revelation (Rev. 8:1-11:15). However, the trump sounding the resurrection is associated with the feasts of Israel, specifically the feast of trumpets associated with the rapture when many trumpets are blown (1 Cor. 15:52, 1 Thess. 4:16). The trumpets in Revelation are judgment trumpets and are different (see *Things To Come* by D. Pentecost).