



**Scriptures and Doctrine :: The First Resurrection**

**The First Resurrection, on: 2005/2/13 7:39**

The vast majority of the church today believes that just prior to the beginning of the tribulation period of 7 years, Jesus will catch away the saints to be with Him during this 7 year period and then return at the end of it and reign with Him for 1000 years on the earth as we know it today. The dead in Christ shall rise first, and then those of us who are alive will be caught up to meet with Him in the air. True? Is this what the Bible says?

Toward the end of Revelation, chapter 19, we see that the anti-Christ is destroyed along with the beast. I do think most agree that this is at the end of the 7 year trib. But then there is a startling revelation at the beginning of Chapter 20. Then comes the "First Resurrection". Now wait a minute, if the saints are going to rise at the beginning of the trib, wouldn't that be the "first" resurrection? I mean we couldn't have two first resurrections, could we? Look in chapter 20 or Revelation and see who is resurrected. It's those saints killed during the 7 year trib. These and the ones still alive at that time will be the ones who will rule with Jesus during the millenium. Isn't that what it says? There seems to me a huge conflict then in what is being taught, versus what the scriptures say. What say ye?

**Re: The First Resurrection - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/2/13 18:19**

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**Re: Philologos, on: 2005/2/13 20:09**

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**Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/2/13 23:15**

You have merely pointed to one piece of the puzzle. In I Thess. 4:15-17 we see that those who are alive do not precede those who die in Christ.....many will die in Christ prior to His return in Glory. If the pretrib rapture were true, then live saints would precede those who will die in Him. Scripture teaches otherwise. The thing which nails it for me: The Body of Christ IS the Church. Jesus will not remove "part" of His Body. When He comes it will be to gather IN ONE all things IN HIM----the dead in Christ (those in heaven He will bring with Him---I Thess. 4:14, Mt. 24:31, Mk. 13:27, Eph. 1:10,) will be gathered with those who are alive and remaining (surviving all around). Peter clearly teaches in II Pet. 3:3-9 that the reason for Jesus' delay is: the repentance of all who will come to salvation---when that number is complete (Jn. 6:37-39, Rev. 6:9-11, James 5:7) THEN He will come and the dead shall be raised and we who are alive and remaining shall be caught up together with them. Blessings in Jesus, Cindy

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/2/14 3:42**

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It was a joke that I had heard two days earlier! Eschatology is the 'knowledge' of 'last things'.

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**Re: The First Resurrection - posted by StevenL (), on: 2005/2/14 17:10**

You know, for a book about the "unveiling" of Jesus Christ, there sure hasn't been much unveiled has it? 2000 years of conflicting argument over something that has been unveiled. Weird, ain't it? :-)

Is it possible that Bible scholars have simply missed the whole thing?