

## The Resurrection

1. There is a Spiritual Resurrection
2. There is a National Resurrection
3. There is a Material Resurrection—Just because the coming of Christ is imminent, it does not mean that it is immediate.
  - a. There is a First Resurrection Revelation 20:6- *“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power...”*
    - (1) Christ the First Fruits I Corinthians 15:23- *“But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits...”*
      - (a) John 20:11-17 (v. 17)
      - (b) Because of the blood Hebrews 9:11-14
      - (c) It was the day after the Sabbath. On this day the high priest was to take the sheaf of first fruits and wave it before the Lord. Leviticus 23:10-11
      - (d) Jesus had to ascend with the first fruits I Corinthians 15:23
      - (e) The Old Testament Saints ascended up with Jesus. Matthew 27:52-53
    - (2) Christ’s at His Coming I Corinthians 15:23- *“...afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.”*
      - (a) Flesh and blood cannot enter into heaven. At the Resurrection God will change this terrestrial into celestial.
      - (b) God adapts the flesh of creatures to their environment. Fish flesh cannot fly in the air and bird flesh cannot swim in the sea.
      - (c) The human body of flesh and bones cannot survive the environment of heaven, but God will change all of that.
      - (d) We will be transfigured like Moses and Elijah at the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3
      - (e) Jesus had a resurrected body that had wounds (John 20:27) and ate fish (Luke 24:42-43), but it also walked through closed doors (John 20:26). Our bodies will be able to appear and disappear at will like Jesus in Luke 24:31.
    - (3) Then Cometh the End I Corinthians 15:24- *“Then cometh the end...”*
  - b. There is a Second Resurrection Revelation 20:5- *“But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”*

## The Tribulation Period

- I. The Titles of the Tribulation Period
- A. Ezekiel 20:37- *“And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:”*
  - B. Ezekiel 22:21-22- *“Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.”*
  - C. Jeremiah 30:6-7- *“Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”*
  - D. 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.”*
- II. The Times of the Tribulation Period
- A. The Day of Christ
    1. Philippians 1:10- *“That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ”*
    2. Philippians 2:16- *“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.”*
    3. II Thessalonians 2:2- *“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”*
  - B. The Day of the Lord
    1. Joel 1:15- *“Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.”*
    2. Joel 2:1- *“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand”*
    3. Joel 3:14- *“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”*
    4. Acts 2:20- *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come”*
    5. Revelation 6:12- *“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood”*
  - C. The Day of God
    1. II Peter 3:12- *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”*
    2. Revelation 16:14- *“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”*

**The Two Witnesses**  
Revelation 11:3-12

- Enoch cannot be one of the witnesses:
  1. Genesis 5:24- *“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”*
  2. Hebrews 11:5- *“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”*
  3. Revelation 11:7- *“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”*
  
- I. Two Men at the Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-4
  - A. Peter mistook the glory that he saw (v. 2) for the kingdom that was coming.
  - B. That is why he wanted to build three tabernacles in v. 4.
  
- II. Two Men at the Tomb Luke 24:4-5
  
- God knows the difference between two angels and two men:
  1. Genesis 19:1- *“And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground”*
  2. John 20:12- *“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.”*
  
- III. Two Men at the Ascension Acts 1:10-11
  
- IV. Two Men at the Tribulation Revelation 11:3-12
  - A. Their Powers (Revelation 11:6) parallel that of Elijah
    1. James 5:17- *“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.”*
    2. I Kings 17-18
  - B. Their Powers (Revelation 11:6) parallel that of Moses
    1. Exodus 7:19-20- *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.”*

**The Satanic Trinity**  
Revelation 20:10, 16:13

- I. Satan—Tries to Mimic God the Father
  - A. Isaiah 14:12- *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”*
  - B. Isaiah 14:13- *“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north”*
  - C. Isaiah 14:14- *“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”*
  
- II. Antichrist—Tries to Mimic God the Son
  - A. Satan is cast out of heaven and incarnates himself as Antichrist. Revelation 12:9, 17, 13:1
  - B. The Antichrist is not revealed until Revelation 13:1. (The Antichrist is not revealed in 6:1-2)
  - C. The Beast out of the Sea is the Antichrist. Revelation 13:1
  
- III. False Prophet—Tries to Mimic God the Holy Spirit
  - A. The Another Beast out of the Earth is the False Prophet. Revelation 13:11
  - B. He is not the same as the Antichrist. Revelation 19:20, 20:10

## Christ and Antichrist Similarities

1. God sent His Son into the world  
Satan sends Antichrist into the world
2. God was in Christ  
Satan will be in Antichrist
3. Christ—Mystery of Godliness I Timothy 3:16  
Antichrist—Mystery of Iniquity II Thessalonians 2:7
4. Christ has the Church of God Acts 20:28  
Satan has the Synagogue of Satan Revelation 2:9, 3:9
5. Christ has a Bride—The Church Ephesians 5:25-27, 32, Revelation 21:9  
Antichrist has a Bride—The Harlot Revelation 17:1-3
6. Christ has a Cup of Communion I Corinthians 10:16  
Satan has a Cup of Devils I Corinthians 10:21
7. Christ's Earthly Ministry was 3 ½ years  
Antichrist's Earthly Ministry will be 3 ½ years Daniel 7:7-8, 23-25, Revelation 13:5
8. Christ was Resurrected  
Antichrist will be Resurrected Revelation 13:3-4, 12, 14
9. Christ is Exalted by the Holy Spirit John 16:13-14  
Antichrist will be Exalted by the False Prophet Revelation 13:12
10. Christ Worked Miracles and Wonders  
The False Prophet will Work Wonders Revelation 13:13
11. God has a Seal Revelation 7:2, 4  
Satan has a Seal Revelation 13:16-17

## **Christ and Antichrist Differences**

1. Christ came from above John 6:38  
Antichrist Comes out of a pit Revelation 11:7
2. Christ came in His Father's name John 5:43  
Antichrist comes in his own name John 5:43
3. Christ humbled Himself Philippians 2:8  
Antichrist exalts himself II Thessalonians 2:4
4. Christ was despised Isaiah 53:3, Luke 23:18  
Antichrist will be admired Revelation 13:3-4
5. Christ is exalted Philippians 2:9  
Antichrist will be cast down to hell Isaiah 14:15
6. Christ came to do His Father's will John 6:38  
Antichrist came to do his own will Daniel 11:36
7. Christ came to save Luke 19:10  
Antichrist comes to destroy Daniel 8:24
8. Christ is the truth John 14:6  
Antichrist is a lie II Thessalonians 2:11
9. Christ is the man of sorrows Isaiah 53:3  
Antichrist is the man of sin II Thessalonians 2:3
10. Christ is the Son of God Luke 1:35  
Antichrist is the son of perdition II Thessalonians 2:3
11. Christ is the mystery of godliness—God manifest in the flesh I Timothy 3:16  
Antichrist is the mystery of iniquity—Satan manifest in the flesh II Thessalonians 2:7

## Who is the Antichrist?

### I. We Must Understand Two Phrases

- A. The Mystery of Godliness I Timothy 3:16- *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*
1. God was manifest in the flesh—How?—Through Mary
  2. It was through this that Jesus became the Son of God
  3. Luke 1:35- *“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”*
- B. The Mystery of Iniquity II Thessalonians 2:7- *“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”*
1. Iniquity is the opposite of godliness
  2. Jesus is the Son of God—The Antichrist is the Son of Perdition
  3. II Thessalonians 2:3- *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”*
  4. Satan has a seed:
  5. Genesis 3:15- *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*

### II. We Must Understand Who the Son of Perdition Is

- A. The phrase “son of perdition” is used only twice in the Bible.
- B. In reference to the Antichrist II Thessalonians 2:3- *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”*
- C. In reference to Judas Iscariot John 17:12- *“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”*
1. Judas believed not John 6:64- *“But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.”*
  2. Judas was a devil John 6:70-71- *“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.”*
  3. Satan entered into Judas John 13:26-27- *“Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.”*
  4. Judas was not clean John 13:11- *“For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.”*
  5. Judas was a thief John 12:4-6- *“Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three*

*hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.”*

6. Judas lifted his heel against Jesus John 13:18- *“I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.”*

### III. Judas is the Son of Perdition

- A. John 17:12- *“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”*
- B. II Thessalonians 2:3- *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”*
- C. Judas went to his own place. (Not mentioned of anyone else in the Bible)
  1. Acts 1:25- *“That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.”*
  2. Revelation 11:7- *“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”*
- D. The Antichrist comes out of his own place.
  1. Revelation 11:7- *“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”*
  2. Revelation 13:1- *“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”*
- E. Antichrist is going into perdition (When Judas was on the earth he “was”. When Judas went to his own place he “was not”.)
  1. Revelation 17:8- *“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”*
  2. Revelation 17:11- *“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.”*
- F. Judas is the son of perdition
  1. John 17:12- *“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”*
  2. II Thessalonians 2:3- *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”*

## The King and the Kingdom

- If there is a kingdom, then there must be a king. Up to the time of Jesus' rejection as King, all genealogical records were preserved in the Temple, and easily accessible to all the people, but when Titus in AD 70 destroyed the city and the Temple those records were all destroyed.
- The only lineage that is proven now is found in Matthew 1 and Luke 3.
- The only legal right to kingship that can be proven and is legal today belongs to Jesus Christ.
- Revelation 19:16- *"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*

### I. The Mentioning of the Kingdom

#### A. There are four gospels:

##### 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom

- a. Matthew 4:23- *"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."*
- b. Matthew 9:35- *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."*
- c. It will be preached again during the tribulation period Matthew 24:14- *"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."*

##### 2. The Gospel of the Grace of God Acts 20:24- *"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."*

##### 3. The Glorious Gospel I Timothy 1:11- *"According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."*

- a. II Corinthians 4:4- *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."*

##### 4. The Everlasting Gospel Revelation 14:6- *"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people"*

#### B. John the Baptist Preached It Matthew 3:1-2- *"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

#### C. Jesus Christ Preached It Matthew 4:17- *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

#### D. The Twelve Apostles Preached It Matthew 10:7- *"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

#### E. The Seventy Preached It Luke 10:9- *"And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."*

- The Kingdom of God
  1. The Kingdom of God is the reign of God in the universe over His creatures. Revelation 4:11
  2. The Kingdom of God is spiritual.
  3. The Kingdom of God is entered by the new birth. Luke 17:20-21
  
- The Kingdom of Heaven
  1. Found only in the book of Matthew
  2. The Kingdom of Heaven is limited to a time and a place
  3. It is the Kingdom of Heaven because it was not received of men and it was a gift from God in heaven
  
- II. The Mystery of the Kingdom Matthew 13:11- *“He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”*
  
- III. The Manifestation of the Kingdom Revelation 20:1-7

### **The Church Is Not The Kingdom**

- I. Point Number One
  - A. The Kingdom—It was presented in the past and it will take place in the future.
  - B. The Church—It is taking place in the present.
  
- II. Point Number Two
  - A. The Kingdom will be “Set Up” Daniel 2:44- *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”*
  - B. The Church will be “Caught Up” I Thessalonians 4:16-17- *“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: 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.”*
  
- III. Point Number Three
  - A. The Kingdom is From the Foundation Matthew 25:34- *“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”*
  - B. The Church is Before the Foundation Ephesians 1:4- *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love”*