

END TIMES

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VII. THE SEVEN ORDERS OF RESURRECTION

A. Introduction

1. Resurrection is promised (Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:14-15)
2. There are different groups or “orders” of resurrection and differing glories in eternity (1 Cor. 15:20-23; 35-42)
3. Judgments and rewards always follow resurrections (John 5:28-29; Rev. 11:18; 20:5, 11-15)
4. Earthquakes accompany the various resurrections (Mat. 28:1-6; Rev. 6:9-12; 11:11-13, 19)

B. The First Five Orders of Resurrection as understood from the Law of the Harvest in Leviticus 23 [Resurrection is often compared to a harvest in the Bible -1 Cor. 15:20-23; Jas. 5:7-8; Rev. 14:13-15, etc.]

1. The First Order: The sheaf of the “*first fruits*” (Lev. 23:10-11; Ex. 23:19)
 - a. Jesus Christ is called the “*First-born of all creation*” 1 Cor. 1:18; Acts 26:23)
 - b. He also became the FIRST to be perfected as a man and therefore, He is become the Author of our Salvation (Heb. 2:10; 5:8-9)
2. The Second Order: The Two Loaves of the First Fruits (Lev. 23:15-17)
 - a. This refers to the Church, the Bride that is caught up at Christ’s coming. The Church is referred to as “First-fruits” also (1 Cor. 15:23; Jas. 1:18; 5:7-8)
 - b. They have come to the same perfection as Christ (Rom. 8:23, 29; 6:5)
 - c. The Kingdom is compared to leaven in Mat. 13:33 - all three measures must be leavened which speaks of entire sanctification by the working of the Holy Spirit’s power mightily in us! (1 Thess. 5:23-24; Col. 1:28-29)
 - d. Two Loaves (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
 - e. 50 days = Pentecost
 - f. Needs preparation (grinding + fire = trials)
3. The Third Order: The Main Harvest (Lev. 23:22)
 - a. The Great Tribulation Martyrs will consist of a great multitude of people (Rev. 7:9-14)
 - b. After the first 3½ years, the earth will be “reaped” of this harvest of the Great Tribulation Martyrs (Rev. 14:12-16; 13:15)
4. The Fourth Order: The Gleanings - refers to the Two Witnesses which will be resurrected during the second 3½ years of Tribulation (Lev. 23:22; Rev. 11:11-13)
5. The Fifth Order: The Corners - speaks of the resurrection of the O.T. Saints at the end of the Great Tribulation and just before the 1,000-year millennium (Lev. 23:22; Rev. 11:18-19; 20:4-6)

C. The Sixth and Seventh orders of Resurrection

1. The “Sheep” and the “Goats” (Mat. 25:31-46)
2. They are resurrected at the end of the 1,000-year millennium (Rev. 20:5)
3. They are judged and rewarded (Rev. 20:11-15)