

**Event #4** - There will be a specific Jewish resurrection of all O.T. Israeli believers. **Dan. 12:1-2**

An important question to ask and answer pertaining to the fulfillment of all of the promises and prophecies pertaining to Israel, is how exactly do all of the Jewish people get into this Kingdom? How does a man like David, Daniel, Abraham, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, actually get into the Kingdom? **The answer is that the Jews will have their own special national resurrection.**

There were many faithful O.T. Jewish believers who clearly anticipated a resurrection day. Abraham believed it when he was about to offer up his own son Isaac (Gen. 22:5/Heb. 11:19). Job believed in a resurrection (Job 19:25-26). Isaiah predicted that Israel would have a national resurrection (Is. 26:19). Hosea referred to the potential resurrection that would not include those not right with God (Hosea 13:14). David speaks of a future resurrection of the Holy Son of God (Psalm 16:9-10).

Throughout various passages of Scripture, there is a mention of a promised resurrection, pertaining to various people. There are four specific resurrections we want to observe:

**(Resurrection #1)** - There was a resurrection that was very specific to Jesus Christ.

This is a very significant and momentous resurrection. This is the only resurrection that has already occurred. The rest are yet to occur.

It was clearly predicted that Jesus Christ would be raised from the dead (Matt. 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:46; John 2:18, 19; 10:18). **This certainly is essential for proving He is the only God/Savior/Messiah/King. His resurrection also proves that promises of a resurrection are literal and are to be taken literally (Acts 2:32, 33; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 1:1).**

**(Resurrection #2)** - There is predicted to be an “in Christ” resurrection of all N.T. believers, which will end the Church age (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

This resurrection will be in specific connection with the Rapture of the Church. This resurrection and rapture will signal to the world that it is entering a new period in the program of God that will feature the Great Tribulation.

**(Resurrection #3)** - There is predicted to be a resurrection of Tribulation believers and all O.T. Jewish believers at the end of the Tribulation. Daniel 12:1-2

This resurrection is given the name in Revelation as the “first resurrection” (Revelation 20:5-6).

Old Testament Jewish believers went to a place called “Abraham’s Bosom.” This place specifically mentions Abraham, Moses and the prophets (Luke 16:21-31). At the end of the Tribulation, all of these O.T. believers will be raised up to inherit their kingdom, which has been promised to them by a covenant of God.

**(Resurrection #4)** - There is predicted to be a resurrection of all unbelievers at the end of the 1,000 year Millennium to face Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment before being sentenced to the eternal Lake of Fire- (Rev. 20:11-15)

This resurrection is the second resurrection (Rev. 20:12-13). The Great White Throne Judgment takes place at a special location that is not heaven or earth (Rev. 20:11). Daniel predicts that this will be a court judgment scene in which there is a river of fire flowing (Dan. 7:9-10). This court will feature a judge, but no jury. So this judgment is one designed to pronounce judgment, not to present a defense or an appeal.

Now Revelation 20:12 specifically states that all at this judgment are classified as “the dead.” There are three facts we may see about them:

**Fact #1** - Those who are judged here have no place for them to go in heaven or on earth. **20:11b**

Since God’s home is heaven and Jesus Christ is reigning on earth, those here are not going to end up in either place. So this group judged here is a group of all lost people from all ages.

**Fact #2** - Those who are judged here were previously dead prior to this moment of judgment. **20:12-13**

The adjectives “great” and “small” refer to all lost people from the most famous to the most insignificant. There will be people sentenced to the eternal lake of fire from all spectrums of humanity. There will be politicians, preachers, athletes, entertainers, entrepreneurs, musicians, skid row derelicts. There will be lost people judged who will have lived in a Penthouse, the White House and the woods.

The reference in **verse 13** to the “sea” not only refers to all nationalities of Gentile people, but also to all the places where they died even if their bodies were never found. In Acts 24:15, there are two resurrections mentioned, one for the righteous and one for the wicked. It is the wicked resurrection that is the focus of the “Great White Throne Judgment.”

**Fact #3** - Those who are judged are not found written in the Lamb’s book of life. **20:15; 13:8; 21:27**

Jesus Christ has complete authority over this book of life, which is why it is called the “Lamb’s book.” The way one gets into this book of life is by believing on Jesus Christ (Rev. 3:5; I John 5:5).

The only determining factor for people at this Great White Throne Judgment is that their names are not in this book. What this means is this is a judgment for all unbelievers of all ages.

No believer, either from Israel or the Church, are involved in this judgment.