**When are the Resurrections and Judgments?**

**High Level View of Man’s Relationships with God Over Time**

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|  | **Old Testament** | | **Church Age** | | **Tribulation** | | **Millennium** | |
|  | **Jew** | **Gentile** | **Jew** | **Gentile** | **Jew** | **Gentile** | **Jew** | **Gentile** |
| **Saints** |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **Unbelievers** |  | | | | | | | |

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1. **The Church is one of three groupings of people after Christ’s resurrection***:* **1 Cor. 10:32** “**Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks [***non-Jews***] or to the church of God**” – thus, there are unbelieving Jews, unbelieving gentiles, and believing Jews and gentiles. This does not address “those of faith” before and after the Church age.

**The Church is all who believe [by faith in Christ] from Pentacost to the Rapture:** Note this does not include Old Testament saints, tribulation saints, nor millennial saints. This is evident in the below resurrections and judgments. To be specific, the Church is defined as:

**One body, whether Jew or Greek, but all baptized in the Spirit***:* **Ephes. 2:12-15** *remember* that **you were at that time** separate from Christ, **excluded from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers to the covenants of promise**, … 13But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14For **He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one**, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

1. **The Resurrection and Judgment Order:**

**1st Resurrection ⎯ Christ***:* **1 Cor. 15:3-4** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

**2nd Resurrection** **⎯ Many Saints**: **Matthew 27:51-53** ... the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, 52and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. [*Celebration of the Feast of Harvest – first fruits,* ***1 Cor. 5:23***]

1. **The Church Period** [Pentecost to the Rapture]

**3rd Resurrection [Rapture]⎯The dead “in Christ” [baptized by the Holy Spirit], and then those who are living***:* **1 Thes. 4:16-18** … For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17Then we who are alive andremain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord…

**1st Judgment[Bema Seat] ⎯ The Church***:* **2 Cor. 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**1 Cor. 3:14-15** If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

1. **The Tribulation Period** [7 year period preceding the Second Coming of Christ]

**4th Resurrection ⎯ Two Witnesses: Rev. 11:3-13** …11And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them. 12And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, …

1. **The Second Coming of Christ**

**5th & 6th Resurrections** [order is indeterminate] **⎯**

* **Old Testament Saints***:* **Daniel 12:1-3** "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt…

**Daniel 12:11-13** "And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* 1,290 days. 12"How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! 13"But as for you, go *your way* to the end; then you will enter into rest and **rise *again* for your allotted portion at the end of the age**."

* **Tribulation Saints: Rev. 20:4-6** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. **This is the first resurrection… [includes the Church, OT saints, & tribulation saints]**

**Marriage Supper of the Lamb***:* **Rev. 19:9** And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' "And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

**2nd & 3rd Judgments [**order is indeterminate] **⎯**

* **Nations of the Tribulation: Matthew 25:13-46** …31"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32"And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat…
* **Israel judged: Ezekiel 20:33-44** "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. 34"And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; 35and I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face… 38and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the Lord… 40"For on My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord God, "there the whole house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land…

**Israel saved, Jerusalem rebuilt: Jeremiah 31:31-40** … 33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people… 38"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the city shall be rebuilt for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate…

**Israel in Jerusalem Isaiah 61:1-9** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners; 2To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, **And the day of vengeance of our God**; To comfort all who mourn, 3To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. 4Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations, And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations…9Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they are the offspring whom the Lord has blessed.

1. **The End of the Millennium** [Christ’s 1000 year reign on earth of after His Second Coming]

**7th Resurrection, ⎯ Millennial Saints who died:** *The Scriptures do not speak specifically of this resurrection but it is required if believers who die during the Millennium are to receive glorified bodies to live in eternity with Christ*.

**8th Resurrection and 4th Judgment ⎯ All unbelievers: Rev. 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. 14And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**, **the lake of fire**. 15And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.