

# Revelation: A Vision of the Coming King

## The Rule of the Saints – Revelation 20:4-6

### Introduction

The verses we will look at today will give us a glimpse of some of the things what we will enjoy and experience during the time that Satan is bound. As we have already seen over the last two weeks, the events of the Millennium are too vast and wonderful to completely cover in one sitting, so we are each week going to look at the various aspects with the many layers connected to it.

This will be a time like no other and one that the world has never known. Things will be as God intended in the very beginning.

In our section in the book of Revelation today, it gives us a picture of the saints who are resurrected at the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom. These saints will sit on thrones and the task of judgment/ruling will be committed to them.

The text says that they reign with Christ for the full thousand years, and we will see that in a moment in Revelation 20:4. If they reign *with* Christ during this period, then it follows that He must reign upon the promised throne of David during the Millennial Kingdom. There are many passages which show this is true, and we will look at some of them today.

The reign and rule of the saints alongside Christ will be our subject matter today.

# 1. The Redeemer's Reign – Psalm 2 ; Luke 1:30

**Matthew 25:31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

## The Promise of His Reign

As we've seen throughout our study of the book of Revelation, **Psalm 2** is the bedrock Old Testament promise upon which this great theme of Revelation develops: the actual and physical placement of Christ over the nations.

**Psalm 2:6** “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” **7** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Christ will be given the ends of the earth for His possession. If this is to be the case, **how can it be true now?** We know that the fulfillment of this is not happening right now, so this will be in the future.

## David's Throne

Isaiah tells us of a specific time when Messiah will reign from the throne of David:

**Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## Reign in Jerusalem

He also says that the reign will be in Jerusalem and that there will be elders who rule with Him.

**Isaiah 24:21** On that day the Lord will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. **22** They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. **23** Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for the Lord of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.

## The Presence of the Redeemer

This will be what makes the Millennium a special time – the literal presence of

Jesus on a throne on the earth. Today, we have the great blessing of the Holy Spirit living in us, but imagine how life here will be when we get to be in the very presence of Jesus on the earth!

## **Time of Great Righteousness**

We will live in a world where Jesus rules and reigns as a sovereign King. He will set up His earthly kingdom and we will live under His rule. Listen to Jeremiah...

**Jeremiah 23:5** “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Connected to this verse, we should ask the question: **how do we know if this is now or future?** First, the world cannot be characterized by righteous judgment from Christ. Secondly, Israel is not dwelling safely in her land.

## **War Will be Over – Great Time of Peace**

When Jesus reigns as King, the weapons of warfare will be replaced with the tools of prosperity. The nations of the earth will live together in perfect peace and harmony.

**Isaiah 2:4** He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

It will be a world without the influence of Satan and one that has the physical presence of the Lord during the Millennium. We will enjoy the perfect environment that the Lord will establish on earth.

## **Scriptures that Affirm His Physical Presence**

**Revelation 19:16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, **King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**Luke 1:30** And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**Daniel 2:25** Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.” 26 The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?” 27 Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: 29 To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. 30 But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind. 31 “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

This stone that Daniel speaks of will become this great mountain that will fill the whole earth.

## **2. The Rule of the Saints – 20:4a**

**Revelation 20:4** Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.

This verse tells us that there is coming a day when the saints of God will rule with their Redeemer.

Here's a reminder of the events leading up to this moment for the saints of God.

- Jesus will return in the clouds above this earth in the Rapture and at that time He will take His Bride home to Heaven.
- Most likely, when Christ-followers return to heaven in the rapture, they will most likely face Him at The Judgment Seat of Christ (Judged for our works) – 1 Corinthians 3:11-15
- The Great Tribulation will take place
- Jesus will return to this earth in power and glory, bring His people back with Him.
- He will defeat all His enemies
- Then we will join Him for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
- Establish His kingdom on earth
- All the Saints will then have the privilege of reigning with Him for 1,000 years

John says...

### Then I saw thrones

**Q: What kind of thrones?** Honestly there are only two kinds in the world:

#### 1. Judicial

#### 2. Royal

and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.

**Q: Who is this that is seated upon them?**

These seated on these thrones John sees are from are from what is known as the *first resurrection*, **which is made up of 4 groups:**

## 1. OT Saints

In the Old Testament, there are those who came to faith and yet died before the baptizing work of the Spirit that began on the Day of Pentecost. We rightly call them Old Testament saints, many of them if not most are Jews, and are those who will be resurrected after what is often called Jacob's Trouble and the Great Tribulation.

### Their Resurrection

**Daniel 12:1** "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**Isaiah 26:19** Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

### Evidence OT Saints will Possess the Kingdom

**Daniel 7:15** "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. 16 I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. 17 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

**Daniel 7:21** As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

**Daniel 7:27** And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

## 2. Apostles and Believers during Jesus' Life

**Matthew 19:23** And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on

his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

**30** But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

**\*\*Notice the futuristic language of 19:28 – when ; in the new world ; will\*\***

(1) Apostles

(2) Everyone who has left \_\_\_\_\_ for His name's sake.

### 3. New Testament Believers

**1 Corinthians 6:2** Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? **3** Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

### 4. Tribulation Saints

**Revelation 20:4bff** Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

**Places where the Tribulation Saints are mentioned...**

**Revelation 6:9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. **10** They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on

those who dwell on the earth?” 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

**Revelation 7:9** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Revelation 12:11** And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

**Revelation 19:1** After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2 for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.

“were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.”

## Jesus Appearing and Judging

**2 Timothy 4:1** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

## Reign with Him

**\*\*Reigning carries the clear idea of judging.\*\***

**2 Timothy 2:11** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;

**Revelation 2:26** The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, (Thyatira Church)

**Revelation 3:21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Laodicea church)

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

### **3. The Righteous’ Distinguishing Marks – 20:4b**

**20:4b** Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God,

At first here, John sees the souls before they are joined with their bodies at the end of this verse. So John sees the souls of some people not yet resurrected. These are quite clearly Tribulation martyrs who died because they held steadfastly to the testimony that Jesus and the word of God.

There are two things, two distinguishing marks of those who suffer for their faith that are found all through the book of Revelation. These same things in particular will mark the Tribulation saints they are seen in a number of places.

#### **beheaded**

In the Greek this word carries two meanings:

- “With an ax”

- “to be put to death”

They were martyred and are now identified as having been faithful unto death as in Revelation 2:10ff, 6:9 ; 7:13-14.

## 1. Testimony of Jesus

## 2. Word of God

### John

**Revelation 1:9** I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

**Revelation 6:9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.

**Revelation 12:17** Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

**Revelation 18:24** And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”

**Revelation 19:10** Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Revelation 19:1** After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2 for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

## **4. Refuse to be Marked by the World – 20:4c** **20:4c** and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.

### **Review of their Refusal**

Earlier in Revelation John saw the Beast that arose out of the sea of humanity, it is the very one who after having recovered from a deadly wound and rose to declare and make himself into God. The acclaim and worship of the world concerning him is seen in **Revelation 13:4ff**.

Among those living on the earth, under the urging of the False Prophet, will build an image of the Beast which was worshiped under penalty of death as seen in **Revelation 13:14-16**.

The Tribulation saints will have faith and they will not be swayed by the deception and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will not be swayed by the great deception of the last days. They will reject the worship of both the Beast and His image. As a result, they will suffer certain martyrdom.

In their *physical* death, they will remain faithful to their testimony of Christ

(**Revelation 12:11ff**), and they will escape the eternal torment revealed in **Revelation 14:9-11**, which is the second death (**Revelation 2:11ff ; 20:6ff**).

Prior to the bowl judgments, John saw those from among them who had already died, who had “victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name” singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb in **Revelation 15:2-4**.

Their refusal of the mark of the Beast meant they could neither buy nor sell as seen in **Revelation 13:17**. Their only means of survival will be by supernatural assistance, living off the land, or through the black market.

Thus, they demonstrated their faith *by their works* and lived under extreme duress in order to remain true to their faith in God.

***They refused to pursue what everyone one else was during the Tribulation.***

The saints here died during the Tribulation, and they will be resurrected as so they can enter into the Kingdom.

There will be other humans who will make it alive to the end of the Tribulation Period, and they will be allowed to enter the Millennium. All of these Tribulation saints join with the Bride of Christ and we will all reign with Jesus for 1,000 years.

And, according to Daniel in...

**Daniel 7:27** **And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**’ This verse also promises that the Old Testament saints will reign during this time period as well.

Imagine a world where there is no devil. Imagine a world filled with the redeemed saints of God from the Old Testament and the church.

Imagine a world where the brave saints of the Tribulation will be living. Imagine a world where you might walk down the street and bump into Adam, Abraham, David, Esther, Moses, Samson, Enoch, Ruth or Elijah!

That world will exist one day!

## 5. The Resurrection of the Saints – 20:4d

**20:4d** They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

### They came to life

*They came to life* is ἐξήσαν [ezēsan] and it used of “dead persons who return to life, *become alive again.*” It literally means “*they came to life and began to live*”. The same word is used by Christ to describe His own resurrection.

This can only mean one thing, they are resurrected as it is the very same word Jesus spoke in **John 11**...

**John 11:25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

**2 Timothy 2:11** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we

will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;

### Believing Saints will literally be over everything:

- TV and Movies
- Cities
- Economy
- Laws
- Food
- Etc

He will rule and we will carry out the rule of Christ for 1,000 years.

## 6. The Rest of the Dead – 20:5 ; 20:11

**20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.**

The "**rest of the dead**" evidently refers to the wicked who are physically dead whom God will raise at the end of the Millennium as we see in **Revelation 20:12**.

These verses reveal that there are two resurrections. Some people believe in just a general resurrection where all of the dead will be raised at one time and the sheep, which represent the saved, will be sent to Heaven while the goats, which represent the lost, will be sent to Hell.

The Bible teaches very clearly that there will be two resurrections – one for the saints and one for the evil dead.

**Revelation 20:11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

## **This is the first resurrection.**

*First* is πρώτη [prōtē] which can be used “of time: *first, earliest*” or it can describe relative priority: “foremost, chief, most important of all.”

The various individual resurrections which make up the category of the first resurrection all precede the second resurrection in time. It is also the chief or foremost resurrection, the “better resurrection” as we seen in **Hebrews 11:35** since being a part of the first resurrection reveals a person is saved and get to be a part of the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom on earth.

**Hebrews 11:35** **Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.**

## **7. The Righteous Blessing – 20:6**

**20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.**

This is going to be a literal bodily resurrection and it will happen very early after Jesus returns, likely very quickly. The first resurrection will include all of the saints.

**The first resurrection will be of the righteous and the second one will be consisted of those who are evil and do not know Christ which we will look at in the weeks to come.**

## **Resurrections in the Scripture**

### **Jesus' Resurrection**

The resurrection of Christ is the true 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection and because of His, there can be one for all the other Christ-followers. Let's look for a moment at...

**1 Corinthians 15:20** **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.**

**15:23** is a key to our understanding what will happen at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. When

He comes the saints will be resurrected. **1 Corinthians 15:23** – “*own order*” – “*battalion*”. Jesus led the victory march and we will all follow Him, each in our own place!

## The Resurrected after His Death

**Matthew 27:51** And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, **53** and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

## The Resurrection of the Saints

**Luke 14:13** But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

**John 5:25** “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. **26** For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. **27** And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

This is a resurrection to life.

**John 6:39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

**John 6:54** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Hebrews 11:35** Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

**Philippians 3:8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the

surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

## 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!

### Blessed

The first resurrection occurs at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus and includes the saints raised at the Rapture as well as all those resurrected at the end of the Tribulation. The Bible says that those who have a part in this resurrection are “*blessed*”.

They are blessed because “**they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years**”.

### Holy

These are *holy* (ἅγιος [hagios] ) because they are the saints (ἁγίων [hagiōn] ). They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”.

### “Over such the second death has no power,”

**Why also are they blessed?** They will not have to endure “*the second death*”. However, all those who have rejected Jesus as their Savior, from the time of Adam all the way to the end of the Millennium, will be raised in the second resurrection.

**We are Overcomers,  
which was a huge point in Revelation 2-3.**

## **Q: What is the second death?**

**Revelation 20:14** Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The poor, unfortunate souls will all face Jesus at the Great White Throne and they will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.

“but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years”.

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## **Q: What happens at the resurrection to our body? What will we be like?**

### **1. At Death**

At death if we know Christ then our soul goes to heaven and our body to the ground. At Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, our body will no longer remain in the ground but it will be united with our soul. Our body will stay in the ground until the Resurrection.

### **2. We will be Different**

**1 Corinthians 15:35** But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” **36** You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. **37** And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. **38** But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. **39** For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. **40** There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. **41** There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. **42** So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. **43** It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. **44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. **45** Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. **46** But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. **47** The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. **48** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. **49** Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The seed that goes in the ground looks complete different from what comes out of the ground and that is how it will be when we are resurrected. We will not be fully as we are now.

**15:40-41** – Mountain and a star are different.

### **3. We will be Like Christ**

**Philippians 3:20** But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

### **4. Instantaneous Transformation**

**1 Corinthians 15:50** I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **51** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. **53** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. **54** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”**55** “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” **56** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.