

Sabbath ~ April 22, 2017

Lecture 16: The Partial Resurrection .

1.) Subject: The Partial Resurrection .

- 1.1.) I like to begin with truth. This has excellent appeal to me because how common it is to call forth the example of how to discover counterfeit money. That how is simply to study the authentic. Become an expert at knowing the authentic. Then, the counterfeit sticks out like the sore thumb that it is.
- 1.2.) Beginning with a Bible text seems best. We'll look at Rev 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." This text has four important phrases.
 - 1.3.) 1.) "he cometh with clouds," is a reference to the angels that are with him and not earthly clouds. We have this verse to witness. "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. Dan 7:13. That the word 'they' in this text refers to 'the clouds of heaven' few would be disposed to deny. That it is a reference to angels is couched in the fact that they are 'of heaven,' and "are they not all ministering spirits" serving the needs of the Father and his Son? of course. "And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Mar14:62; repeated in Mat26:64. And God's word testifies that these clouds of heaven are in fact angels, in these verses. "And

then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Mat 24:30. “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:” Mat 25:31. Hereby we know, for it says ‘all’ the angels are coming. Surly that will be quite a cloud!

- 1.4.) 2.) Our next phrase is “and every eye shall see him.” This could not apply to the second coming, for only the righteous will be alive for those events; because any living wicked will be destroyed by “the brightness of his coming,” 2Thessalonians 2:8. This can only happen at the third coming, at the end of the 1,000 years, THEN, all the angels, all the righteous, and all the wicked will be present. None of the wicked will be destroyed by “the brightness of his coming” at the third coming, for that is the time for their resurrection. That is the time for them to realize what they have bargained for. And judgment.
- 1.5.) 3.) Now we have a key phrase, “and they also which pierced him.” Here is a reference to the wicked Jews responsible for Christ’s crucifixion, and the Roman soldiers who actually did the act. All the wicked are resurrected at the third coming and none of the righteous. This is an important point we will cover in a moment.
- 1.6.) 4.) And our last phrase, “and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.” Notice it says ‘all,’ not part, not some, not a few, but, ‘all,’ which is inclusive of the whole. This also tells me that we are here dealing with the third coming. All kindreds would mean those before the flood as well as those after the flood. All means all.

- 1.7.) It should be distinctly noticed at this point that each of these four phrases are bound by a conjunction, the word and. By this act of God I understand that these phrases cannot be cut apart, nor separated by any means.
- 1.8.) Now we'll combine some authentic Spirit of Prophecy for guidance from God, not man. The earliest this passage is to be found is in *The Present Truth*, No. 11, page 86, at the top of the right column. We quote, "Then at the close of the 1000 years, Jesus, and the angels, and all the saints with him, leaves the Holy City, and while he is descending to the earth with them, the wicked dead are raised, and THEN the very men that "pierced him," being raised, will see him afar off in all his glory, the angels and saints with him, and will wail because of him."
- 1.9.) This important information was next published in the 1851 *A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White*, page 34, at the top, and it reads exactly the same, including the word 'then' all in caps. Notice, the last phrase of the passage is actually a quote from our first text, thus binding both together in perfect harmony, not requiring any lengthy explanation.
- 1.10.) Time for more texts.
- 1.11.) In the book *Early Publications*, page 207, we are told, "I saw that the Apocrypha was the hidden book and that the wise of these last days should understand it." Therefore, we now quote from the Apocrypha, 2 Esdras 2:23 "and I will give thee the first place in my resurrection."

1.12.) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh **with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. Jud 1:14-16

1.13.) There are two important facts in this text that have bearing on the subject. These are 1.) He is coming “with ten thousand of his saints.” and 2.) He is coming “to execute judgment upon all.” This only happens at the third resurrection. Notice that not once are they “that pierced him” mentioned in this lineup of the wicked.

1.14.) But they are mentioned in the 1858 Great Controversy, page 214, which we quote here. “At the first resurrection all came forth in immortal bloom; but at the second, the marks of the curse are visible on all. Kings and the noble men of earth come forth with the mean and the low, learned and unlearned together. All behold the Son of man; and those very men who despised and mocked Jesus, and smote him with the reed, and that put the crown of thorns upon his sacred brow behold him in all his kingly majesty. Those who spit upon him in the hour of his trial, now turn from his piercing gaze, and from the glory of his countenance. Those who drove the nails through his hands and his feet, now look upon the marks of his crucifixion. Those who thrust the

spear into his side, behold the marks of their cruelty on his body. And they know that he is the very One whom they crucified, and derided in his expiring agony.”

- 1.15.) Rev 20:5- “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in

the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
Rev.20:5-15

- 1.16.) And, one more, we saved the best for last. “For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”
Mat 23:39
- 1.17.) We ask a question at this point, who is the “you” in the text just quoted? Interestingly it is the very people that “pierced him.” That is correct. The following verses from the same chapter clearly define the “you” in the text: 2, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38. Seventeen verses from the same chapter clearly define that the 39th verse is in fact addressed to the very ones that are fully and totally responsible for Christ’s crucifixion and piercing him.
- 1.18.) And what are we told? Explicitly, that they will not see Christ again until they shall say the words, “Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;” which is only said at the third coming.
- 1.19.) Here is our witness for the correct understanding of the text at hand, taken from the 1858 Great Controversy, page 215.
- 1.20.) “All are seeking to hide in the rocks, and shield themselves from the terrible glory of him whom they once despised. As all are overwhelmed and pained with his majesty and his exceeding glory, they with one accord raise their voices, and with terrible distinctness exclaim, Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.”

- 1.21.) It is my opinion that the error of a resurrection of a bunch of the world's worst wicked, to witness Christ's second coming, and even going so far as to claim they are resurrected by the Father!, originated with Uriah Smith. He was wrong!
- 1.22.) It's important to bring in all the key points of this error so we can show the blindness and rejection of truth associated with this false belief.
- 1.23.) 1.) Daniel 12:2 is the only text I've seen Uriah use, (other than Rev.1:7) but there are more. We quote now from James White's book, Sermons on the Coming and Kingdom, page 12. "The millennium of Rev.20 is to open with the revelation of the Son of God from Heaven, the destruction of the living wicked, the resurrection of the just, and the change to immortality of the living righteous. It is a period in which Christ will reign personally with the just of all ages who have suffered with him. 2Tim.2:12. This period is bounded at each end with a resurrection. Christ plainly declares that "all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28,29. And Paul testifies "that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15. But it is left to the Revelator to place these resurrections one thousand years apart, at each end of the millennium."
- 1.24.) 2.) The wicked do not understand the voice of God.
58GC,p.206

- 1.25.) 3.) There is no foundation for people dying three times, and being resurrected twice.
- 1.26.) 4.) How long do they live? Some quote an obscure text that they will live 100 years. There is no basis for this. "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. Isa 65:20
- 1.27.) 5.) If the wicked are destroyed by the brightness of his coming, they could not even have time to see Christ.
- 1.28.) Here is what Uriah Smith wants you to believe. This comes from his book Daniel and Revelation, page 326. I am adding emphasis and notes in double brackets. The single brackets are Uriah's the bolding is mine.
- 1.29.) Rev.1:7 reads: "Behold, he cometh with clouds [**this is unquestionably the second advent**] **[[true, but, it is also true of the third coming, for, as we have shown, clouds = angels]]**; and every eye shall see him [**of the nations then living on the earth**] **[[not true!, this will only be true at the third coming]]**, and they also which pierced him [**those who took an active part in the terrible work of his crucifixion**] **[[true]]**; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." **[[Uriah makes no comment here, apparently because of the word all]]** Those who crucified the Lord, would, unless there was an exception made in their cases, remain in their graves till the end of the thousand years, and come up in the general assembly of the wicked at that time. But here it is stated that they behold the Lord at his second advent. They must therefore have a

special resurrection for that purpose. {1897 UrS, DAR
326.1}

- 1.30.) That this error appears in all the GC's since James' death I find to be proof of US collusion with Willie.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our lecture today,

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