

Over Such the Second Death Has No Power

The last Brief ended in a discussion about “*the first resurrection of the dead*”, and now we will examine “*the second resurrection*” that will occur after Christ has reigned on earth for a thousand years. This final resurrection will be much larger in numbers than the first resurrection (see: <https://www.onetruthonelaw.com/the-holy-days.html>).

Christ described some aspects associated with the second resurrection in the following texts,

The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgment (2nd resurrection) with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.⁴² The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here (Matthew 12:41-42; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parentheses).

Logically, if the second resurrection occurs at the end of Christ’s one thousand year reign on earth and, just before he hands all the power and authority granted to him, back to his Father (cf. 1Cor. 15:28), then we should see more information



I Will Not Blot His Name from the Book of Life

Anyone facing judgment will be measured by a standard that is applied equally to everyone, because God does not show favoritism (Dt. 1:17; Mal. 2:9; 1Tim. 5:21). This standard is based on the law and commandments of Almighty God; so anyone who broke any of these “laws”, and did not repent, will be guilty of sin (1Jn. 3:4). Their words and actions will be examined in juxtaposition to those who, during their lifetime, chose to trust and obey God’s word. King David would be an example of this. He was aware that God was taking note of his conduct,

*You number (record) my wanderings (life experiences); put my tears (prayers; cf. Psa. 39:12) into Your bottle; **are they not in Your Book?** (Psalm 56:8; cf. Dan. 12:1; Lk. 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Like David, those who are part of the first resurrection are recorded in God’s Book of Life, and will not be in the second resurrection, or potential “*second death*” for anyone who refuses to repent of the sins they committed during their physical lifetime,

He who overcomes (sin) shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot his name from the Book of Life... (Revelation 3:5; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished... (Revelation 20:5a; emphasis added).

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power... (Revelation 20:6a; emphasis added).

As Almighty God is not willing that anyone perish forever, it seems likely that everyone in the second resurrection will

on this subject at the end of the Bible,

*Then I (John) saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In his presence, earth and sky vanished, leaving no trace. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing in front of his throne, while **the book of life was opened, and other books opened which were the record of what they had done in their lives, by which the dead were judged***
(Revelation 20:11-12; The Jerusalem Bible; Ed. note in parenthesis).

genuinely repent of their past sins, and ask Him to forgive what they did,

(The Lord is) *not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance* (2Peter 3:9b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

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