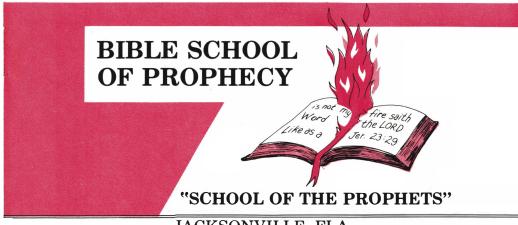
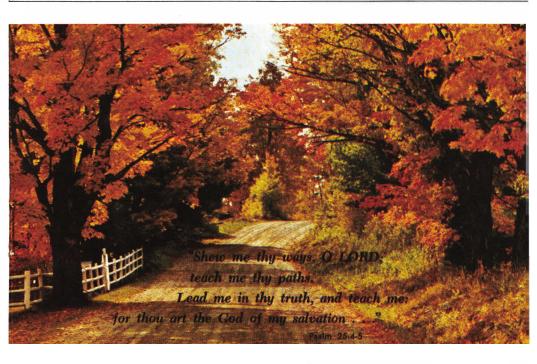
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# BIBLE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY LESSON NO. 10

#### **ESCHATOLOGY**

#### **DECLARATION:**

Eschatology is a theological term that embraces a number of individual biblical subjects. **The definition is:** "The branch of theology, or doctrines of the Bible, dealing with death, resurrection of the dead, judgment, immortality, heaven, hell, etc." This important subject is a natural sequel to Bible Lessons Nos. 8 & 9 on Bible Prophecy. Therefore, Eschatology, is the study of prophesied future events of individuals and nations — life after death, or Eternity!

Every person ever born on this planet has possessed a soul — and, that soul will live on and on throughout eternity somewhere. The Holy Bible is the only source of information that tells man the real truth of his future life after death. That information by theological designation is called Eschatology.

#### INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES.

"What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" Psalm 89:47. AND: "For the living know that they shall die." Eccles. 9:5. Also: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

#### Man was made for Time and Eternity

Men were created by God, in the image of God, and for God. (Gen. 1:27). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7. "And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5:23. Therefore, if God is Eternally Existent, so is every son of Adam! That is, you and I!

#### DEATH

God warned Adam: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**" Gen. 2: 16-17. However, on that sorrowful day of man's fall from his innocence, his tragic decision to rebel against God's commandment resulted from Satan's lie to Eve which was: "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day that ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Gen. 3:4-5.

What was the result of this sin by the fountainhead of our race? God declared, "For dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. 3:19. Also: "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death [i.e., both physical and spiritual death] passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12.

Death comes to every member of the human race because of sin. Now, don't blame Adam and Eve too much — because God tested them for us all, knowing that you and I, standing where they stood, and tempted as they were by Satan, would have rebelled and sinned also.

#### LESSON EXPOSITION.

#### TWO RESURRECTIONS.

I Corinthians 15 is called the Resurrection chapter of the Bible, and it contains a most definitive, detailed revelation on the Resurrection of the Just. The Bible also reveals two distinct Resurrections of the Dead, to wit: Jesus declared, "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his [Jesus'] 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.

Also: "And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 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..." Rev. 20:4-6.

#### **ETERNITY**

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth **Eternity**, whose name is Holy..." Isa. 57:15. This is the only place the word "eternity" appears in the Bible—but other words express eternity as forcefully such as "for ever and for ever."

Also: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Psa. 90:2. Time without End! Eternity! Every son of Adam's race on this planet now, and all who were ever born and are now dead, will live for ever and ever! "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14. Answer: Yes! Let's remember this promise of God's Word: "And as it is appointed unto men [all men] once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

#### **JUDGMENT**

Every saint and sinner, sometime in the future, will be resurrected in their own bodies to appear at God's judgment seat. Cf. Rev. 20:11-15. Remember Jesus's Word: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming,

in the which 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 that they have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28-29.

Ponder this vivid revelation: "Because he [God] hath appointed a day [i.e., certain day of Judgment], in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained [i.e. Christ]; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, (1) some mocked: (2) and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter...(3) Howbeit certain men clave unto him [i.e., the Apostle Paul], and believed." Acts 17:31-34.

Men may mock and wonder in their apathy and unbelief at God's mighty promised Resurrection of all who are dead, and His terrible Judgment that follows — yet, all men will attend this mighty future drama in their own flesh and body!

#### IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL!

The only creation of God on this planet who possesses a soul is man. Jesus told of a certain rich man who said to himself, "I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12:19-20. He died that night, and his soul went into eternity to await the Judgment.

Your soul as well as mine is the seat of our affections and emotions — the real you and me! Jesus said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." Matt. 26:38. Again the Apostle Paul said: "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Heb. 10:38.

Our spirit is the life of the body, or that which animates it. "The body without the spirit is dead." James 2:26.

#### THE CREATION OF MAN.

- (1) The body of man makes him World-conscious.
- (2) The spirit of man makes him God-conscious.
- (3) The soul of man makes him Self-conscious.

God's Word declares: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit** which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." I Cor. 2:12. Also: Speaking of death, God's Word declares, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was [i.e.human body]: and the spirit [i.e., man's spirit] shall return unto God who gave it." Eccles. 12:7. Cf. Ezra 1:1,5 — God stirred their spirits.

#### TWO DEATHS.

- (1) "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Rev. 20:14.
- (2) "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.
- (3) Jesus declared to His saints: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." Rev. 2:10-11.
- (4) "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." Cf. Rev. 20:6.

The first death is the natural death of the human body. The second death is eternal or everlasting destruction in the lake of fire. Cf. II Thess. 1:9.

#### ESCHATOLOGICAL ORDER.

Including the natural incidence of death, the doorway into Eternity, the following events will be experienced by every son of Adam, in this chronological sequence:

- (1) Death (natural).
- (2) Heaven or Hell.
- (3) Resurrection (of the human body, which is a re-union of body, soul, and spirit). Resurrection of the Just.
- (4) Judgment seat of Christ (for Christians).
- (5) Great White Throne Judgment (After the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ the millenium). Resurrection of Damnation. The wicked are cast into the lake of fire forever the Second Death!
- (6) Heaven comes down upon the Earth forever!

No more Sin — No more Death — No more Devil!

### THE TRUE ORDER & EXPERIENCE OF LIFE AFTER DEATH — ESCHATOLOGY!

# PART A. DEATH: THE DOORWAY INTO ETERNITY. DISCUSSION.

The death of a person is the doorway into eternity — into eternal existence somewhere! But where? Agnostics do not doubt the reality

declaration of hell and heaven — of resurrection and the judgment! The terrible truth of this matter is, that the person who dies unsaved or out of Christ, goes immediately to hell, to wit: "The rich man also died, and was buried: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments." Luke 16:22-23. Here he awaits the resurrection of damnation. The wonderful truth of this matter of the hereafter is, that the real Christian who dies in the Lord, goes immediately into heaven, that is, his soul and spirit, to wit: "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord... We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the

and certainty of death, but they scoff at the belief in the Biblical

#### I. DEATH OF THE BODY.

Lord." II Cor. 5:6-8.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

The Book of Job contains great revelations about death, and life after death.

"When a few days are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return." Job 16:22.

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:26.

David, God's prophet, writes:

"What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" Psa. 89:48.

"As thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." I Sam. 20:3.

Also: "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit [his own spirit]; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war." Eccl. 8:8. Death, the old Grim Reaper, is stalking every member of the human family — and, in the war for survival, he will ultimately win!

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psa. 73:25 II Cor. 12:1-3 Phil. 1:23 Isa. 26:19 Psa. 116:15 Acts 7:54-60 Mark 12:24-25 Phil 3:21

#### II. SPIRITUAL DEATH.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

God declares: "Behold, all souls are mine: as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die [i.e., die the second death]." Ezek. 18:4.

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death [i.e., spiritual or second death], and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

The word "death" is used throughout the Bible to signify and indicate both physical and spiritual death!

#### a. The Spirit of Man.

- (1) "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly [or his innermost being]." Prov. 20:27.
- (2) "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Job 32:8.
- (3) "With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early." Isa. 26:9.
- (4) "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?" Prov. 18:14.
- (5) "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying [as he died], Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Acts 7:59.
- (6) "The body without the spirit [of man] is dead." James 2:26.

#### b. The Soul of Man.

- (1) "The first man Adam was made a living soul." I Cor. 15:45.
- (2) The Word of God pierces "even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit [of man]." Heb. 4:12.
- (3) To the rich fool at his death God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12:20.
- (4) Jesus asked, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:37.
- (5) Jesus warned: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him [God] which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28. Christ warns of, not annihilation, but of "everlasting destruction" of the soul and of an unsaved person. Cf. II Thess. 1:9 (Second Death).

#### The Soul in Death.

(1) The Apostle Peter declared of Christ: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Acts 2:27.

- (2) Elijah prayed for a dead child: "And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and **the soul** of the child came into him again, and he revived." I Kings 17:22.
- (3) Of Christ's martyred saints, the Bible reveals: "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar [in heaven] **the souls** of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held." Rev. 6:9.
- (4) God made the soul of Christ our offering for sin and He poured out **His soul** unto death (Isa. 53:10-12).
- (5) In the vision of the Apostle John, he reveals: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them: and I saw **the souls** of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast [antichrist], neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20:4. The souls of the wicked dead will be discussed and their destiny shown by Bible Evidence in the study of "Hell."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Matt. 25:41,46	Isa. 40:6-8	I Pet. 3:18	Rev. 1:18
Matt. 18:8	Rom. 1:14-21	I John 2:17	Jude 6
John 4:47	Rom. 6:22-23	Jude 13	Rev. 14:11

#### III. THE TRINITY OF MAN.

a. The Body Makes Man World-Conscious.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

The human body is world-conscious by necessity — the need of food, water, air, heat, light, security, rest, etc. However, there is another innate need and craving in the soul and heart of man for God, his Creator. The Bible reveals that the human body was created for God to dwell in. Cf. II Cor. 6:14-18; I Cor. 6:19-20.

The physical world about us all, and its effects upon us are all contacted by our bodies — by our 5 senses: (1) Seeing, (2) Tasting, (3) Hearing, (4) Touching, and (5) Smelling.

b. The Soul Makes Man Self-Conscious.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

The soul of man was made by God and characterizes the nature of man from the nature of a beast. The highest order of the animal kingdom or primates are but imitators of man — our understudies possess only a spirit — not a soul. "A man hath no preeminence above a beast." (Eccl. 3:19), only "under the sun" — and that is expressed by Eccl. 3:20: "All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." By the virtue of the soul, man can be

possessed by modesty, dignity, self-respect, nobility, generosity, and the love of God. Not all men have these qualities, but they are available and can be acquired.

- (1) God has a soul, to wit: "And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you." Lev. 26:11.
- (2) "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my [God's] soul hateth." Isa. 1:14.
- (3) God declares: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him [He is speaking of Jesus Christ]: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Isa. 42:1. Cf. Jer. 6:8; 12:7; 14:19; Heb. 10:38; Matt. 12:18. God is self-conscious!
- (4) Jesus has a soul, to wit: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." Matt. 26:38.
- (5) "Now is my soul troubled." John 12:27.
- (6) "When thou shalt make **his soul** [Christ's] an offering for sin...because he [Christ] hath poured out **his soul** unto death." Isa. 53:10, 12. Jesus was and is still a man (Cf. I Tim. 2:5); and Jesus is self-conscious because He has a soul.

The greatest qualities of self-consciousness are the emotions of love, sorrow, joy, pain and pleasure together with responsibility to God and neighbor. The seat of human emotions is the soul.

[Instinct.] Beasts possess instinct, but man has the power of reason, logic, and wisdom which beasts do not possess!

c. The Spirit of Man Makes Him God-Conscious.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

The Bible speaks of the "spirit of our mind," to wit: "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Eph. 4:23. Remember this for sure: Man is the only creature of God's creation that has a mind — all his understudies, i.e., the lower creation of beasts, birds, fish, etc. have only a brain. The spirit of man controls his mind and vice versa — in a total relationship.

God's Spirit deals with men through their spirits — and men are motivated and directed thru their spirits by the Spirit of God, making them God-conscious. The lower creatures are also directed by God's Spirit and they do not rebel against God as does man, because they are not self-conscious. Man, in rebellion against God says within himself, "Look who I am." Therefore, the spirit of a man must be broken into humility before God will save him.

(1) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit [of man]." Psalm 51:17. Then man declares, "I am nothing — God is great! Jesus is everything!"

- (2) "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." Prov. 20:27.
- (3) "With my spirit within me will I seek thee early." Isa. 26:9.
- (4) "And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel...and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God." Haggai 1:14.
- (5) Jesus declared: "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit [i.e., man's spirit] and in truth." John 4:24.
- (6) "Paul was pressed in the spirit." Acts 18:5.
- (7) "The Spirit itself beareth witness with **our spirit**, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16.

### SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES (STUDY CAREFULLY). The Soul

The bour		The Spirit		
Psa. 19:7	Heb. 6:19	Prov. 18:14	Luke 8:55	
Psa. 33:19	Heb. 10:39	Prov. 25:28	Luke 23:46	
Psa. 42:1	I Pet. 1:22	Eccl. 7:9	John 13:21	
Psa 86:14	John 8:51	Zech. 12:1	Acts 7:59	
Prov. 6:32	Job 7:11	Dan. 7:15	Acts 17:16	
Lev. 17:11	Job 10:1	Mark 2:8	I Cor. 5:3-4	
Ezek. 13:19	Isa. 57:16	Rom. 1:9	I Cor. 2:11-12	

#### d. A State of Dying.

#### DISCUSSION.

This is not the chronological place for this subject, but it is the right place for discussion of this misunderstood Bible Doctrine — Eternal Punishment for a sinner or wicked person. Jesus said God is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Destroy? Annihilation? Answer: No! A state of death or dying is implied here. The beast (Antichrist) and False Prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire — yet not consumed — neither body, soul, or spirit! The Second Death is in reality a state of death or dying, to wit:

- (1) Jesus warned: "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire; where their worm [i.e., their spirit] dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:47-48.
- (2) "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." II Thess. 1:7-9.

- (3) "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." II Pet. 2:4. Angels are spirits (Heb. 1:7), and they are not annihilated in hell fire! Cf. II Pet. 2:4.
- (4) Those who worship the antichrist and receive his mark are cast into hell fire but not annihilated; to wit: "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Rev. 14:11.
- (5) "And the beast [Antichrist] was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 19:20.
- (6) Then note this carefully the antichrist and false prophet are alive in the lake of fire 1,000 years later; to wit: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are **and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**" Rev. 20:10; also Cf. verses 7-9 carefully.
- (7) Here is the scene Christ portrayed of judgment day: "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me ye cursed, **into everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil and his angels... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous **into life eternal**." Matt. 25:41, 46.

#### DECLARATION.

The soul and spirit of the wicked, at death, go into hell to await the resurrection of damnation and the Great White Throne Judgment. Rev. 20:11-15. The soul and spirit of the righteous, at death, go to heaven into the presence of God to await the resurrection of the just at the return of Jesus Christ.

- (1) "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Cor. 5:8.
- (2) The souls of martyred saints were seen in John's Revelation standing right before the throne of God. Rev. 6: 9-11. Cf. Isa. 57:1-2; Rev. 7:9-14; Acts 7:59-60.

#### PART B. HEAVEN OR HELL!

#### DECLARATION.

Immediately at death, an individual's soul and spirit go on living somewhere — but where does that missing person (his soul and spirit) go? And when? **Answer: To heaven or hell immediately!** Hell is still hot — eternity is still long — but, oh, how beautiful heaven must be!

Jesus told the true story of a rich man (unnamed) and a beggar named Lazarus this way:

"There was a certain rich man...And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus...And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom [i.e., Paradise, Luke 23:43]: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments." Luke 16:19-23.

#### I. HEAVEN.

- **a.** God is There! "God is in heaven, and thou upon earth." Eccl. 5:2.
- b. Jesus declared: "Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven, their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10.
- c. "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men." Psa. 11:4.
- d. "But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7:55-56. The Revelation here is: God the Father is in heaven on His throne, and Jesus is at His right hand as our Intercessor. I Tim. 2:5! It means exactly what it says!

#### NO TEARS — NO SORROW — NO DEATH!

e. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne [God] said, Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:4-5.

#### THE SOULS OF GOD'S SAINTS ARE THERE AT REST!

- f. "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He [i.e., the righteous person] shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness." Isa. 57:1-2.
- g. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. Also II Cor. 5:6-8.

#### II. HELL

#### DECLARATION.

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels (i.e., demons). At the Judgment the Lord shall make this pronouncement: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41.

Also: God's Word declares that all rebellious men and nations shall be punished in hell fire.

- (1) "Therefore my people are gone into captivity because they have no knowledge...Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. Isa. 5:13-14.
- (2) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9:17.
- (3) Jesus declared soberly: "If thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire...[next verse says] rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire." Matt. 18:8-9.

#### SUMMARY.

Hell fire is real! Hell is a real place, as real as London, Trinidad or New York — and once a person goes there, he will be there forever without furlough or release! Just Darkness, Torment, and Pain Forever!

#### WHERE IS HELL?

- (1) "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." Prov. 15:24.
- (2) "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming." Isa. 14:9.
- (3) "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Isa. 14:15.

(4) "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them **down to hell**, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." II Peter 2:4. Cf. also Deut. 32:22; Psa. 55:15; 86:13; Matt. 11:23. Hell is in the heart of the earth as Jesus expressed: "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:40. Sheol! Don't worry about the Greek and Hebrew words as Sheol, Tartarus, Hades and Gehenna. We speak and understand English — the English of God's True Word — the King James Version of the Bible!

#### ASLEEP IN JESUS.

The scriptures liken death for a real saint of God as a spiritual sleep. Stephen "fell asleep" when he was martyred. Acts 7:60. The Apostle Paul declared that at Christ's return, "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thess. 4:14. Cf. also John 11:11-13; Acts 13: 36; I Cor. 11:30; 15:51.

#### NO SIN CAN ENTER THERE.

- h. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city [heaven]. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolators, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Rev. 22:14-15.
- i. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate [homosexuals], nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God [i.e., these won't go to heaven] I Cor. 6:9-10. This also means that those vagabond "Christians," or so-called "saved" people who commit these sins will not go to heaven!

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Matt. 23:33 Acts 7:49 Rev. 4:1-2 Rev. 11:19

#### PART C. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRISTIANS.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

Jesus Christ declared that all that have ever lived and died shall be resurrected from the dead! The Apostle Paul also by Holy Ghost revelation declared: "He [God] hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked." Acts 17:31-32. But it will come to pass!

The Resurrection of the Just will occur in two distinct phases—(1) at Christ's secret catching-away of His Bride during the midst of the Great Tribulation Period, and (2) at His literal and physical return at the end of the Great Tribulation. All of God's saints will not be in the Bride of Christ, therefore the order is thus, to wit, as the prophetic scriptures have declared and revealed.

## I. CHRIST'S SECRET COMING — PART I OF FIRST RESURRECTION.

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Rev. 16:15.

Also: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ [i.e., dead without sin in their lives] shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thess. 4:16-17. Cf. also Matt. 25:6, 24:44; 12:37-40; Titus 2:13. Christ will come first to make up his jewels (Bride). Mal. 3:16-17; also Cf. Heb. 9:28.

#### Resurrection of God's Saints:

There will be a secret resurrection of God's saints who are truly sanctified and judged worthy to be in Christ's Bride at Christ's secret coming. These are those who will rule this world with a rod of iron with Christ — "Called, chosen, and faithful." Cf. Rev. 2:26-29; 17:14. Study carefully.

## II. CHRIST'S RETURN TO EARTH — PART II OF FIRST RESURRECTION.

Note the difference carefully: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of saints which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white

and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:11-16.

A Vital Revelation. At the end of the Great Tribulation at Christ's Return, there will be a great resurrection of the just — the second phase, as revealed by God's prophet:

"At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book [i.e., book of Life]. And many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Dan. 12:1-2.

#### [Some Christians Are Resurrected With Shame.]

Here is shown the contrast between the sanctified saints from those who are just barely saved or born-again. What a difference in the reward — The Bride of Christ are the sanctified ones.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed." Isa. 66:5; Cf. also I John 2:28.

#### III. THE RESURRECTION CHAPTER — I CORINTHIANS 15.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible [natural body of dust] must put on incorruption [a spiritual body], and this mortal must put on immortality." Verses 51-53. A Mystery unveiled!

#### [The Two Bodies]

"All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds...So also is the resurrection of the dead...It is sown [or buried] a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body...Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." verses 39-50.

#### [Christ's Symbol of the Resurrection.]

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. Jesus spoke of his death in this parable, and also of the death of his saints.

Christ's revelation of Death and of the resurrection of the Dead were not meant to be euphemistic or enigmatic — He simply did not want a real Christian to fear death, but to fear the Second Death, because the Bible further reveals that there is something more terrible than Hell — the lake of fire which is the Second Death!

#### RESURRECTION: CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS

- (1) "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept...But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward [or next] they that are Christ's at his coming." I Cor. 15:20, 23.
- (2) "And God hath both raised up the Lord [Jesus], and will also raise up us by his own power." I Cor. 6:14.
- (3) "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." I Cor. 15:16-17.

A True Christian's experience has validity based upon the death and subsequent resurrection of Jesus Christ — and in this fact alone!

#### SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES TO STUDY CAREFULLY.

Psa. 16:8-10	John 11:23-26	Luke 20:35-36	Acts 4:2
Job 19:25-27	Matt. 27:53	I Cor. 15:12-13	Acts 23:6-8
Dan. 12:13	Luke 14:14	Rev. 20:5-6	Acts 24:15
Eph. 1:19-20	Acts 13:23-37	Acts 10:39-41	II Tim. 2:8

#### PART D. JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

#### DECLARATION.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5:10. Cf. Rom. 14:10. This is a judgment of Christians for their reward or position in the 1000 year millenium reign of Christ. It also constitutes the judgment of all natural people on earth at Christ's return — the Judgment of Nations!

#### I. JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS.

"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. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep [nations] on his right hand, but the goats on the left." Matt. 25:31-33. Christ then invites the sheep nations to come to His kingdom as citizens, but the goat nations will be cast in everlasting fire, verses 34-46.

#### II. JUDGMENT OF CHRISTIANS.

Jesus by parables taught: "And he [Christ] called his ten servants and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come...And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

- (1) "Then came the first, saying Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.
- (2) "And the second came, saying, Lord thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou over five cities.
- (3) "And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man..." The Lord took his pound and gave it to the servant with 10! The judgment of rewards! Luke 19:11-27. Study carefully Matt. 25:14-30 about Christ's Judgment Seat in the Parable of the Talents!
- (4) DANIEL'S VISION OF GOD THE FATHER AS JUDGE. "I beheld till thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days [God the Father] did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued

and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." Dan. 7:9-10.

(5) Christ Receives His Father's Throne.

"And I saw in the night, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days [The Father], and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, and languages, should serve him." Dan. 7:13-14.

God the Father will set His Son, Jesus Christ, upon His own Throne to be the Judge in this awe-inspiring scene. No wonder the Apostle Paul commented of Christ's Judgment Seat thusly: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." II Cor. 5:11.

#### OTHER SCRIPTURES FOR STUDY.

Psa. 135:14	Isa. 2:4	Acts 10:42	II Tim. 4:1
Eccl. 3:17	Mic. 4:3	Rom. 2:16	Heb. 10:30

# PART E. RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION. SUMMARY.

Resurrected to die the second time! Here's a true proverb: "Born twice — die once! Born once — die twice!" "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15. This is the Great White Throne Judgment where all the dead and living will be judged by God Himself. "And the books were opened," verse 12, and the lifetime records of all who ever lived will be revealed: "And the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works." A place of horrors, and — no persons will be missing except those who were in the Resurrection of the Just. This great prophesied event will take place immediately following the 1,000 year millenium reign of Jesus Christ.

- (1) "[God] hath given him [Christ] authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man...For the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his [Christ's] voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life [eternal]; and they which have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:27-29.
- (2) GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

  "And I saw a great white throne, and him [God] that sat upon 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..." Rev. 20:11-12. As this event unfolds, all motor cars will have stopped, all business have closed, no one is on the beaches or in the lounges and God calls, "Bring forth the dead!"
- (3) ALL SINNERS ARE CAST INTO LAKE OF FIRE WITH THE DEVIL, THE ANTICHRIST, & THE FALSE PROPHET. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast [antichrist] and the false prophet are [1,000 years they've been there], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Rev. 20:10.

#### PART F. HEAVEN ON EARTH.

#### SUMMARIZATION.

Heaven is city, called New Jerusalem, as real as Chicago, Moscow or Tokyo! "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven...Having the glory of God...And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass...And the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." Rev. 21:2, 11, 16, 21-24. How Beautiful Heaven Must Be!

The City of God will come down upon Earth after the 1,000 year Reign of Christ, and will cover an area over half the size of the United States! Just imagine — Heaven and God himself right here on this planet which is the center of God's great universe!

#### (1) No More Sin — No More Death — Nor More Devil!

"For he [Christ] must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he [i.e., God the Father] hath put all things under his feet [i.e., Christ's]. But when he [God] saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he [God the Father] is excepted, which did put all things under him [Christ]. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him [God the Father] that put all things under him, that God [the Father] may be all in all." I Cor. 15:25-28. What a wonderful revelation — Ponder it!

#### (2) WHO WILL LIVE IN HEAVEN?

#### DISCUSSION.

Have you ever wondered about this declaration of Christ? "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven [that is, Jesus]." John 3:13. Jesus spoke of the natural or mortal man. Only the souls and spirits of the righteous go to heaven at death, but at the Resurrection of the Just, the soul, body, and spirit of the righteous will be re-united into a glorified body, and is then able to go to heaven as Jesus did. Jesus Unveiled This Glorious Wonder Thusly:

a. "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself [i.e., heaven]; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2-3. God's saints will live there with Christ!

b. We Will Be Like Jesus Who Is In Heaven. Cf. I John 3:2. Jesus showed his resurrected body to his disciples and explained: "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have," Luke 24:39.

A body of flesh and blood cannot enter into heaven, but a body of flesh and bones can. Cf. I Cor. 15:50; I Tim. 2:5.

- c. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it [New Jerusalem]; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads...the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 22:3-4. God's holy servants in glorified bodies shall live in heaven!
  - d. Everlasting Righteousness.
    - (1) "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression...and to bring in everlasting righteousness." Daniel 9:24.
    - (2) "For so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Pet. 1:11. Peace and righteousness will last forever!

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Psa. 145:13 Isa. 51:8 Dan. 7:27 Dan. 2:35-44

- e. Qualifications For a Heavenly Residence.
  - (1) "Repent or Perish forever in hell," warned Jesus. Luke 13:1-5.
  - (2) To hypocrites, Jesus cried: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?" Matt. 23:33.
  - (3) Jesus also declared: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.
  - (4) Jesus threw down the gauntlet in the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned [i.e., cursed in hell fire]." Mark 16:15-16.
  - (5) Also: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

(6) Jesus again gave the qualifications for everlasting life: "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God [heaven]... Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." John 3:5-7. Heaven is prepared only for holy people, washed in the blood of the Lamb [Jesus]. Cf. Rev. 1:5; 5:9; I Pet. 1:18-19.

#### PART G. MEMORIZATION.

All of the following scriptures should be memorized:

Psa. 9:17	Matt. 10:28	Heb. 9:27	Rev. 21:11-15
Psa. 73:25-76	I Thess. 5:23-24	Heb. 4:12	Rev. 21:4
Prov. 20:27	Mark 8:36-37	II Pet. 2:4	Rev. 20:10
Dan. 12:1-3	Acts 7:55-56	II Cor. 5:8	I John 3:1-3
Psa. 116:15	Matt. 18:18	II Thess. 1:6-9	Rom. 6:22-23
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# CHRIST IN EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE

#### CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In GENESIS He Is The Seed Of Woman

In EXODUS He Is The Passover Lamb

In LEVITICUS He Is The Atoning Sacrifice

In NUMBERS He Is The Smitten Rock

In DEUTERONOMY He Is The Prophet Like Unto Moses

In JOSHUA He Is The Captain Of The Lord's Host

In JUDGES He Is The Deliverer

In RUTH He Is The Near Kinsman

In I &II SAMUEL He Is The Trusted Prophet

In I &II KINGS He Is Our Promised King

In I &II CHRONICLES He Is The Heavenly Descendant of David

In EZRA He Is The Faithful Scribe

In NEHEMIAH He Is The Rebuilder Of The Broken Walls

In ESTHER He Is Our Advocate

In JOB He Is Our Ever Living Redeemer

In PSALMS He Is Our Shepherd

In PROVERBS He Is Our Wisdom

In ECCLESIASTES He Is Our Goal

In SONGS OF SOLOMON He Is Our Satisfier

In ISAIAH He Is The Prince Of Peace

In JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS He Is The Weeping Prophet

In EZEKIEL He Is The Celestial Cherubim

In DANIEL He Is The Fourth Man In The Fiery Furnace

In HOSEA He Is The Faithful Husband Forever Married To The Backslider

In JOEL He Is The Baptizer With The Holy Ghost

In AMOS He Is Our Burden Bearer

In OBADIAH He Is Our Saviour

In JONAH He Is The Great Foreign Missionary

In MICAH He is The Messenger Of Beautiful Feet

In NAHUM He Is The Avenger

In HABAKKUK He Is The Evangelist Pleading For Revival

In ZEPHANIAH He Is The Lord Mighty To Save

In HAGGAI He Is The Restorer Of The Lost Heritage

In ZECHARIAH He Is The Fountain Opened In The House of David For Sin And Uncleanness

In MALACHI He Is The Sun Of Righteousness Rising With Healing In His Wings

#### CHRIST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In MATTHEW He Is The Messiah

In MARK He Is Christ Coming To Seek And To Save

In LUKE He Is The Son Of Man

In JOHN He Is The Son Of God

In ACTS He Is The Risen Christ Working Through Men

In ROMANS He Is The Justifier

In I & II CORINTHIANS He Is The Sanctifier

In GALATIANS He Is The Redeemer From The Curse Of The Law

In EPHESIANS He Is The Christ Of Unsearchable Riches

In PHILIPPIANS He Is The God Who Supplieth All Our Needs

In COLOSSIANS He Is Christ At The Father's Right Hand

In I & II THESSALONIANS He Is Our Soon Coming King

In I & II TIMOTHY He Is The Mediator Between God & Men

In TITUS He Is The Faithful Pastor

In PHILEMON He Is The Friend Of The Oppressed

In HEBREWS He Is The Blood Of The Everlasting Covenant

In JAMES He Is The Lord Who Raised The Sick

In I & II PETER He Is The Chief Shepherd Who Soon Shall Appear

In I & II & III John He Is Love

In JUDE He Is The Lord Coming With Ten Thousands Of His Saints In REVELATION He Is King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords

### Lesson No. 10 The Bible School of Prophecy

#### The Resurrection Is Sure

A Hungarian countess, a professed unbeliever, commanded that her body be interred in a stone casket in a mausoleum that was to be built about it. A plate was placed on the front of the mausoleum giving her name and some particulars of her death, and then the words, "Not to be opened for eternity." She would defy God to raise her from the dead!

But while they were building that mausoleum and before sealing the body in that tomb, an acorn dropped into the tomb, and today there is an oak tree rising out of the center of it. It is broken asunder and the casket is exposed. It was open by an acorn under the hand of Almighty God.

You cannot thwart God; you cannot hinder God's omnipotent working. Pilate said, "Make it as sure as you can," and they did everything that human ingenuity could suggest to keep the body of Jesus in that grave in Judea. All their effort was overthrown. He who had yielded up Himself to death, took His life back again by commandment from God. He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father!

- H. A. Ironside.

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