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Resurrection - Resurrection and the End of the Age



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Resurrection and the End of the Age

Daniel 12:1-7 gives a clear prophecy about the end of the age and the timing of the resurrection.

Verse 2 speaks of the resurrection.

Verse 6 asks, "How long...?"

Verse 7 answers: It would happen *when the power of the holy people is completely shattered.*

Israel's only true power was its covenant relationship with God. So, the resurrection would occur when that covenant relationship was completely destroyed.

Daniel 12 predicted the end of the age and the resurrection. The only age the Bible ever predicted to end was the Old Covenant age of Israel.

In Matthew 13:39-40, Jesus confirms there were only two ages:

"This age" (Old Covenant)

"The age to come" (New Covenant)

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life-Giving Spirit.

Ephesians 2:4-6 says: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ... and raised us up together, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places."

We were dead - but now we're alive in Christ. We have eternal life and cannot die spiritually. So, we don't need a resurrection. When our bodies die, we go straight to heaven.

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even if he dies; and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

He was the Resurrection for those who died under the Old Covenant. He is the Life for those who live under the New.

Under the New Covenant, there is no spiritual death - and where there is no death, there is no need for resurrection.

The resurrection was not for us - the living. It was for the dead. For those who died under the law, under works. Not

for those who now live in Christ, by grace.

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