

THE NEW
HEAVEN
— AND —
NEW EARTH

REVELATION 21:1

“Behold, I make all things new.”



What Will We Be

- 1. Resurrection in the O.T.**
- 2. The Resurrection of Jesus**
- 3. Our Resurrection**

Where Will We Be

New Heavens and New Earth

The Curse Removed

Meeting in the clouds?

“I go to prepare a place”

Resurrection in the Old Testament

Not Every Israelite Believed the in Resurrection

Acts 23:6–8 (ESV)

⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. **It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For **the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection**, nor angel, nor spirit, but **the Pharisees acknowledge them all.****

Resurrection in the Old Testament

Not Every Israelite Believed the in Resurrection

Mark 12:18–27 (ESV)

“And Sadducees came to him, **who say that there is no resurrection... You are quite wrong.”**

Where did Resurrection Belief Come From?

Resurrection in the Old Testament

1. Israel believed that God was the source of life and had power over death.

(Genesis 2:7; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6)

2. Israel believed that God did raise the dead on at least three occasions.

(1 Kings 17:8-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37; 2 Kings 13:20-21)

3. Israel came to believe that God would raise the faithful.

(Ezekiel 37:1-14; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:1-4)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?**” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, **I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.**”**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and **the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, **there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them.** But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, **and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet,** an exceedingly great army.**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, **I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”**

Isaiah 26:19

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.**



Daniel 12:1-4

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. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”



My Reflections:

These passages indicate that resurrection hope was not spirits living eternally without their bodies but dead bodies being raised to eternal life.

The natural reading of these passages suggests that in the resurrection we will have physical bodies, with bones, skin, sinews, flesh, we will have the ability to stand on our feet, and we will come up from the dust.

These are the passages that influenced Jewish belief of resurrection.