

Realized Eschatology

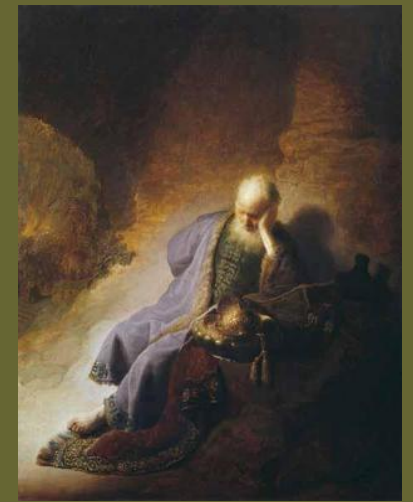
The Resurrection of the Dead



Introduction

- **Realized Eschatology teaches that ALL Bible prophecy has been fulfilled:**

- The second coming of Christ
- The resurrection of the dead
- The day of judgment
- The end of the world



- **All these things were fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the destruction of Jerusalem**

Realized Eschatology View of the Resurrection

- Believe and teach that the resurrection has already occurred in 70 A.D.
 - Deny that there will be a future resurrection of the dead from the graves
 - Believe that the resurrection was a spiritual resurrection, not a bodily resurrection
 - The suppressed spiritual body of Christ, the church, released from Jewish suppression

The **natural body that was sown** answers to the fleshly or carnal system of Judaism in which existed prophecies, types, and patterns from which came the spiritual body designed of God. Judaism answers to the field or the world in which the good seed was sown (Matthew 13:37-38). This *natural body*, receiving its death blow at the cross and beginning then to wax old and decay (Hebrews 8:13), became a nursery or seed-body for the germination, growth, and development of the spiritual body by means of the gospel. **Thus, out of the decay of Judaism arose the spiritual body of Christianity that became fully developed or resurrected by the end-time.** Hence, this is the primary meaning of Paul's statement, "*It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.*" (SOP, P. 200).

Realized Eschatology View of the Resurrection

- This doctrine (theory) is not a series of misunderstandings
 - This doctrine is a systematic effort to rewrite the scriptures

“as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.”

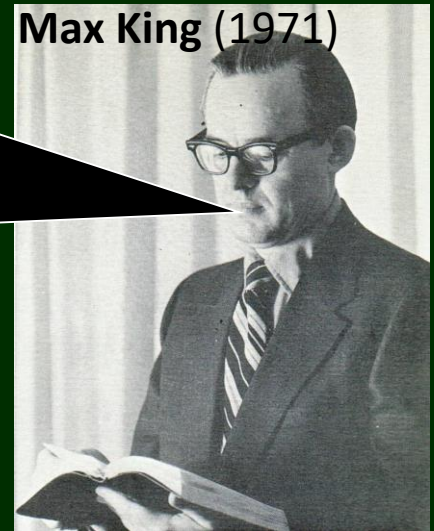
2 Peter 3:16

Who Will Come Forth From the Graves?

- In his debate with Gus Nichols in July 1973, Max King said the church:

“was in the grave or the casket of Judaism until the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem”

Max King (1971)



Who Will Come Forth From the Graves?

- If the church was born on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 and was raised from the grave of Judaism in 70 A.D.....
 - WHEN DID THE CHURCH DIE?
- The church was not raised from the casket of Judaism in 70 A.D. or at any other time

Who Will Come Forth From the Graves?

- When the New Testament discusses a resurrection...
 - It is discussing a resurrection from the grave

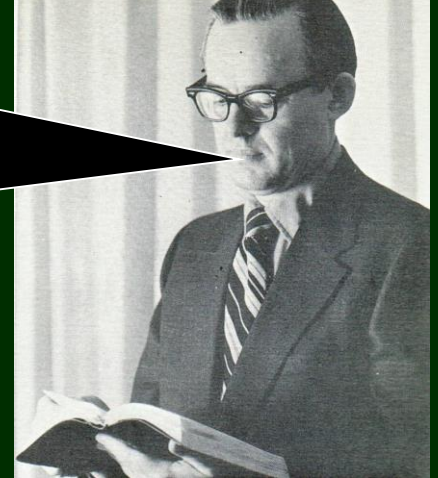
*“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **all who are in the graves** will hear His voice and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” (John 5:28-29)*

Who Will Come Forth From the Graves?

- Jesus is talking about a resurrection from the grave
 - The Realized Eschatologist says Jesus is speaking of the grave of Judaism

“I deny John 5:28 is a literal grave in the cemetery somewhere.”

Max King (1971)



Who Will Come Forth From the Graves?

- Jesus IS NOT discussing a resurrection of the church from the grave of Judaism
 - He is talking about a literal death and a literal resurrection from literal graves
- The apostle Paul said:

*“I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that **there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.**” (Acts 24:15)*

Paul's Teaching of A Bodily Resurrection

Examining the text of 1 Corinthians 15

■ Verses 1-8

- Facts of the gospel are critical
 - Consist of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ – must be believed



■ Verses 17-18

- Without a bodily resurrection of Christ there is no hope for those who have died in Christ

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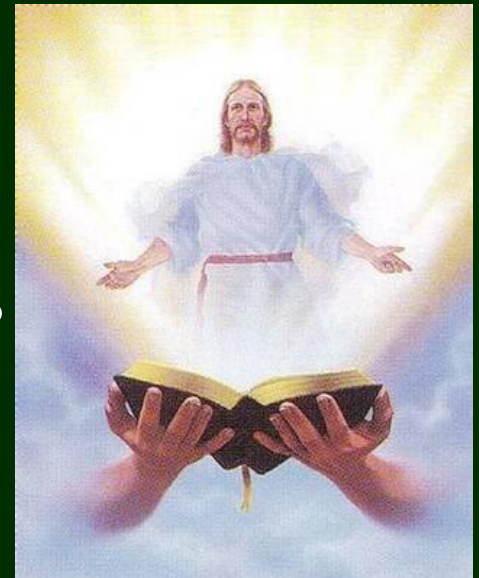
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■ Verse 20

- First fruits guaranteed a harvest
 - Resurrection of Jesus guarantees a future resurrection

■ Verses 21-23

- When Jesus returns, the dead will be raised from the grave



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Examining the text of 1 Corinthians 15

■ Verses 29-34

- Paul presents the consequences of denying the resurrection of the dead



■ Verses 35-50

- He anticipates objections to the bodily resurrection

Paul's Teaching of A Bodily Resurrection

Examining the text of 1 Corinthians 15

■ Verses 51-58

- Paul praises the victory over death God gives us in Christ through the resurrection
 - False doctrine of Realized Eschatology denies that this will happen
 - They do not believe that there will be a future resurrection of the dead

Paul's Teaching of A Bodily Resurrection

- Those who believe that the resurrection is past, which the Realized Eschatologist believes...
 - In the same company as two men in the Bible

“But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.”

2 Timothy 1:16-18

The Gospel of Christ Teaches That **We Will Be Raised!**

Jesus said:

*“And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and **I will raise him up at the last day.**”*

John 6:40

The Gospel of Christ Teaches That **We Will Be Raised!**

- The resurrection will take place at the last day
 - John 6:44
 - Realized Eschatology doctrine says Jesus is discussing the resurrection of the dead church from the grave of Judaism – and the last day is September 70 A.D.
 - They teach no literal graves opened and no physical bodies were raised at that time

The Gospel of Christ Teaches That **We Will Be Raised!**

*“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and **I will raise him up at the last day.**”*

John 6:54

- Jesus is speaking of individuals literally being raised from the dead
 - Not discussing a resurrection of a cause
- This resurrection will occur at the last day
 - at His second coming

The Gospel of Christ Teaches That **We Will Be Raised!**

- The last day – the day the dead will be raised, is the day of judgment

*“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — **the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**”*

(John 12:48)

- How did those who lived during the lifetime of Jesus understand these words?

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- **John 11:** Martha understood what the resurrection was
 - Jesus returned to Bethany upon the death of Lazarus – He says:
 - *“Your brother will rise again” (11:23)*
 - Was she affected by a future type of resurrection in 70 A.D. that is now taught by the Realized Eschatologists?

The Gospel of Christ Teaches That **We Will Be Raised!**

Martha said to Him, “I **know** that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

John 11:24

- **Martha understood that Lazarus would be raised in the resurrection at the last day**
 - She had NO knowledge of a resurrected dead church from the grave of Judaism
 - Martha got it right – understood Jesus’ words
 - **John 11:25** *“though he may die, he shall live”*

Conclusion



- Faithful Christians have so much to **look forward to!**
 - The resurrection in the last day to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ eternally
- Apostle Paul assures us of our hope of immortal glory

2 Corinthians 5:1-8