

The Resurrection In The Old Testament

The New is in the Old Contained. The Old is in the New Explained

Let Scripture Interpret Scripture! Especially As it regards the NT interpreting the OT!

John 11:19-24

19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.
20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.
21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
22 "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Martha was confident of Lazarus' resurrection "**on the last day**"

Only NT use of this exact English phrase in John's Gospel 7xs

6xs regarding THE Last Day 5xs Jesus says it - Last was Martha here

OUR DILEMMA - Mary here speaks with complete confidence in the resurrection!

Where did her confidence come from?

So NOW we look back to the Old Testament:

A (More or Less) Chronological List of Resurrection Passages in the OT:

The Idea of Death was first introduced in God's caution to Adam in **Genesis 2:17** "... but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." NASU

The Tree of Life **Gen. 2:7** and especially in **3:22-24** Introduces the Concept of Eternal Life

Enoch was translated to Heaven in **Genesis 5:24**

In **Genesis 22:1-19** Abraham believed fully that God could & *would* raise Isaac from the dead in order to fulfill His promises!

Hebrews 11:17-19 *

Hebrews 11:19 "Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death." NIV

Job 19:25-27a

25 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

26 "Even after my skin is destroyed,

Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

27 Whom I myself shall behold,

And whom my eyes will see and not another.

In Jesus' interchange with the Sadducees recorded in both **Matthew 22:30 & Luke 20:37&38** the

Savior points back to the significance of God's words to Moses from the burning bush.

Luke 20:37&38 "But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB. 38 "Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him." NASU

Psalm 73:24-28

"With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory." NASU

Psalm 86:13

For Your lovingkindness toward me is great,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." NASU

Peter's First Sermon in Acts 2 takes us back to:

Psalm 16 - It Was Impossible for the grave to hold our Savior!

Psalm 110:1 - Christ is at the Father's right hand as His enemies are being subjugated!

Elijah Got the ride of his life in **II Kings 2:11&12**

Several Old Testament individuals were miraculously returned to life, including:

The widow's son in Zarephath **II Kings**
17:17-22

The Shunammite's son **II Kings**
4:18-37

The man thrown into Elisha's grave **II Kings 13:20**

I Corinthians 15:54-57 takes us back to **Isaiah 25 & Hosea 13:14**

Isaiah 25:6-8

"8 He will swallow up death for all time,
And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces,..."

Hosea 13:14

"O Death, where are your thorns?

O Sheol, where is your sting?"NASU

Daniel 12 -Two distinct resurrections in the Great Tribulation - One Good/One Bad
Let's go back to **John 11** for a moment before we close:

Here is **OUR DELIGHT** as Jesus took a Teachable Moment To Introduce Himself even more fully to Martha and to call on her to personally react to His revelation

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world." NASU