

PROPHECY/REVELATION 4-1

"THE RESURRECTIONS AND THE RAPTURES"

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?
2. Belief in the resurrection of the body after death is taught in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. What do you learn about resurrection in these Scriptures?
 - a. Genesis 22:6-8/Hebrews 11:19
 - b. Job 19:25, 26
 - c. Isaiah 26:19
 - d. John 5:24-29
3. The resurrection is the essence of the gospel message.
 - a. What was Paul's gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-5?
 - b. Summarize Paul's statement of faith in 1 Corinthians 15:16-23.
 - c. Briefly share your personal statement of faith regarding the resurrection.
4. a. Fill in the question from 1 Corinthians 15:35 (NIV).
But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what _____?"

- b. What was Paul's answer from 1 Corinthians 15:42-50?
Physical Body Spiritual Body
- c. What did Paul say in Philippians 3:20,21?

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4. d. Share what you think your spiritual body will be like. (Include what you might know from other Scriptures.)
 - e. While we await our spiritual resurrection body, how do you think we can glorify God in our earthly bodies?
5. What "mystery" was revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54?
6. The "change" occurs at what is called "rapture" (catching away) of the church. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.
 - a. According to the Lord's own word, what will happen at the "rapture?"
 - b. Write 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
 - c. Share how these Scriptures are an encouragement to you.
 - d. Do you think you will be a part of the rapture? Why or why not?
7. Name the two Old Testament men who are "types" of the rapture.
Genesis 5:21-24

2 Kings 2:9-18
8. Many Bible scholars believe the prophetic Scriptures teach a rapture of the church before the coming day of God's wrath.
 - a. What do these verses say?
1 Thessalonians 1:10

1 Thessalonians 5:9

Revelation 3:10
 - b. (IN-DEPTH) In Revelation 4:1-2 how might John be a "type" of the rapture?
 - c. Consider God's wrath in relationship to these Old Testament characters. Briefly, how did obedience deliver them?

Noah	Genesis 7:1-6
Lot	Genesis 19:15-25
Hebrew firstborn	Exodus 12:21-30

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8. d. What do you think you should do personally to escape the coming wrath of God?
9. Whether the rapture of the church takes place before, in the middle, or after the tribulation period, there will also be a resurrection of the Old Testament saints and of the tribulation saints.
 - a. What was God's prophecy in Daniel 12:1-3?
 - b. What is the prophecy in Revelation 20:4-6?
10. What will happen at the resurrection of the wicked dead according to Revelation 20:15?
11. How does knowing that all men will be resurrected make you feel?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: