

The Doctrine of the Resurrection in the Old Testament

I Cor. 15:3-4 "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

1. Prophecies about the Messiah's Resurrection

Old Testament	New Testament
<p>Ps. 16:10 "Because you will not abandon my life to the grave. You will not let your favored one see decay."</p> <p>Is. 55:3 "Turn your ear toward me, and come to me. Listen, so that you may continue to live. Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies promised to David."</p>	<p>Acts 2:31 "he saw what was coming and spoke about the <u>resurrection of Christ</u>, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay."</p> <p>Acts 13:34-35 "That <u>God would raise him from the dead</u> never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way: I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David. "Therefore he also says in another place: You will not let your Holy One see decay."</p>

Death	Resurrection
<p>Ps. 22:15 "My strength is dried up like broken pottery, and my tongue is stuck to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death."</p> <p>Is. 53:10a "Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring."</p>	<p>Ps. 22:22 "I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you."</p> <p>Is. 53:10b "He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand."</p>

2. Passages Teaching the Resurrection

Dan. 12:2 "Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt."

Is. 26:19 "But your dead ones will live. Their dead bodies will rise. Wake up and sing for joy, you who dwell in the dust, because your dew will glisten like morning light, and the earth will give up the spirits of the dead."

Ps. 49:15 "But surely God will redeem my life from the power of the grave. Yes, he will take me to himself."

Ps. 116:15 "Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his favored ones."

Old Testament	New Testament
<p>Ex. 3:6 "He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God."</p> <p>Is. 25:8a "He has swallowed up death forever!"</p> <p>Hos. 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave! I will redeem them from death! Death, where are your plagues? Grave, where is your destruction? Compassion will be hidden from my eyes."</p>	<p>Luke 20:37-38 "Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: 'The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him."</p> <p>I Cor. 15:54-55 "But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?"</p>

3. Statements of Faith in the Resurrection

II Sam. 12:22-23 He said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept because I said, 'Who knows? Will the LORD be gracious to me and let my child live?' Now he has died. Why should I fast? Am I able to return him to life again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Job 19:23-27 "Oh how I wish that my words were written down. Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze, that they would be engraved in rock forever with an iron tool and letters filled with lead. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust. Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God. I myself will see him. My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger. My emotions are in turmoil within me."

1 Kings 17:17,19-24 "After these events, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. The illness became worse until he stopped breathing. He said to her, "Bring your son to me." Then he took him and carried him to the upstairs room where he was living, and he laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD, my God, have you sent tragedy on this woman with whom I am staying by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times, and he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD, my God, let this boy's soul return to his body!" The LORD listened to Elijah's voice, and the boy's soul returned to his body, and he came to life. Then Elijah took the boy and brought him down to the house from his upstairs room, and he gave him to his mother. Elijah said, "See, your son is alive!" The woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is true."

2 Kings 4:32-37 When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes. Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the woman of Shunem!" So he called her, and she came in. He said, "Pick up your son." So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out."

4. The Jews in Jesus' day had learned of the resurrection from the Old Testament

John 11:23-24 "Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day."

Luke 20:37-39 "Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the **dead are raised**, when he called the Lord: 'The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him." Some of the experts in the law answered, "**Teacher, you have spoken well.**"

Acts 23:6, 8 "When Paul realized that some of them were Sadducees and the others were Pharisees, he shouted out in the Sanhedrin, "Gentlemen, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the **hope for the resurrection of the dead!**" (For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection or angel or spirit, but the Pharisees believe in them all.)"

Heb. 11:17-19 "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered Isaac. This man, who received the promises, was ready to offer his only son, ¹⁸ about whom it was said, "Through Isaac your offspring will be traced." ¹⁹ He reasoned that **God also had the ability to raise him from the dead**, and in a figurative sense, Abraham did receive him back from the dead."

Matt. 22:23, 28-32 "That same day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him a question: So then, in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since they all married her?" "You are mistaken," Jesus replied, "since you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. In fact, **in the resurrection** people neither marry nor are given in marriage. Instead they are like the angels of God in heaven. And concerning the **resurrection of the dead**, have you never read what was spoken to you by God: 'I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

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