

2Ti 2:16-18 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, (17) and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, (18) who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

The definite article “the” (Gr. *Ho*) is present!

How many resurrections are there?

ONE!

THE RESURRECTION

Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

1Co 15:42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

The definite article “the” (Gr. *Ho*) is present in both of these verses!

How many resurrections are there? ONE!
That one resurrection is from death to life!

Jesus – Joh 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (29) and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

At the resurrection both good and evil are resurrected but the good are given life and the evil are given judgment!

Paul – Act 24:15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

2Pe 3:4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Scoffers (v. 3) will ask about Jesus coming.

2Pe 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

When Jesus returns, He will judge and destroy the
ungodly 2Pe 3.7 and the earth and the works done
on it will be exposed 2Pe 3.10

the resurrection of judgement Jn 5.29

the dead in Christ will be brought back
(resurrected) from the dead Jn 5.29 – the
resurrection of life.

1Co 15:42 So is it with the resurrection of the
dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is
imperishable.

1Co 15:19-21 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

This resurrection is not something in this life
– such as an event on earth
– most assuredly not the coming of the kingdom
for that occurred while the brethren at Colossae
were on earth

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Luk 20:35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, (36) for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. (37) But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the 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 God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

When will that resurrection take place?

At the judgment day!

Max King, once a preacher in the church, destroyed the faith of many with his 70 AD doctrine.

This doctrine holds "that AD 30 to 70 represented the millennial reign of Christ, and that this Last Days period transformed all things and ushered in the covenantal kingdom"

The letter to the Colossians was written about 61-62 AD from Rome Col 4.3, 10 and the kingdom was present at that time (Col 1.13).

NOT 70 AD!

This is called the “preterist” view and those who hold it debate each other on the start (is it 30 AD, the start of Jesus’ ministry or 33 AD, the date of his death) and the end (is it 67 AD, the start of the Roman war against the Jews, or 70 AD, the destruction of Jerusalem).

Of the 25 or so speakers at the 2011 Preterist conference, 2 were former members of the church of Christ and one was a former member of the Christian Church.

Max King missed it badly as Jesus was not on his throne in 30 AD, but at 33 AD he ascended to the throne and became King.

Act 2:34-36 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, (35) until I make your enemies your footstool.'" (36) Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Heb 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he was crowned.

He took the throne.

He was King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He is King of the Kingdom of Heaven!

1Ti 6:13-16 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, (14) to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15) which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, (16) who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. (GJC emphasis)

Notice in 1Ti 6:

*until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15)
which he will display at the proper time -- future
tense*

*who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of
kings and Lord of lords, -- present tense*

Jesus reigned over His kingdom then 62-64 AD
He reigned over His church!

Eph 1:22 And he put all things under his feet and
gave him as head over all things to the church,

When will Jesus come for His church?

The church contains all the righteous!

Act 2.47 the Lord added daily those who were
being saved.

In 5.29 those who have done good to the
resurrection of life, and those who have done evil
to the resurrection of judgment.

One resurrection – two results

Max King was greatly mistaken – He said, “all prophecy was fulfilled, including the Second Coming of Christ, the Resurrection of the Dead and the Last Judgement, by the year A.D. 70 at the Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans”

At the second coming Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

The second coming - *It has not happened!*
Every eye, both good and bad, have not seen Him!

2Pe 3:7-11 but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men ... (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up

the day of Judgement -- *It has not happened!*
The heavens have not passed away nor has the earth and its works been burned up!

The day of Jesus' coming (v. 7) *is the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

That is the day of the resurrection spoken of
in Jn 5.29

Jn 5.29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Churches of Christ :

are known for their emphasis on the name of His church.

are known for their emphasis on the importance of meeting on the first day of the week for the Lord's Supper.

are known for their emphasis on knowing and obeying the Word of God!

are drifting from the importance of the church – His kingdom

When is the “RAPTURE”

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
(ESV)

shall together with them be caught up in the clouds
– ASV

There is much disputation about the date of the rapture.

We have shown it was not 70 AD.

Some believe there will be unmanned cars as they will be called and those left will be in tremendous tribulation.

Some believe after the 7 years of tribulation, there will be the miliinnial Kingdom, with Jesus ruling from earthly Jerusalem.

King is not the only one who missed the timing of the resurrection.

The Shakers -1792

William Miller-1843 (from which started Advent Christian Church, 1860, 7th Day Adventist 1863)

Charles T Russell - 1878

Joseph Rutherford 1914 (JW's, wrote "Millions Now Living Will Never Die 1920)

Harold Camping - September 27, 1994. May 21, 2011, Oct 21, 2011

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1920)

-- It has not happened!

Rutherford was another false prophet.
In 2012, the United Nations estimated
that there were only 316,600 living
centenarians worldwide. [Wikipedia]

We need to examine “the last days.”

Act 2:16 but this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel 17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Heb 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

2Ti 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2Pe 3:3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

We are in the last days. After these days, there will be no more. That means that Jesus' return will be for the resurrection.

There is only to be one resurrection in which the dead will be brought forth from the tomb to be judged. The righteous will be called to life and the evil to judgment (Jn 5.29)

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1. Jesus will descend

2. dead in Christ will rise first

3. we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds

Notice – Jesus will not come back to establish His kingdom. That occurred in AD 33 (Acts 2.36)

The church is His kingdom and it exists today, although some do not appreciate it. Col 1.13 1Tim 6.15

His kingdom will be called to Him and He will not reign from earthly Jerusalem but from heavenly Jerusalem.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world.

Rev 21:1-3 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Are you a part of that eternal kingdom? The church that Jesus established.

Rom 6:4-5 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.