

Death is a sleep – Will you awake ?

The Bible's guide

Quotations from English Standard Version

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Prophets warned of it

Jeremiah 51:56-57

*...a destroyer has come upon Babylon.....
I will make drunk her officials & her wise
men, her governors, her commanders, &
her warriors;*

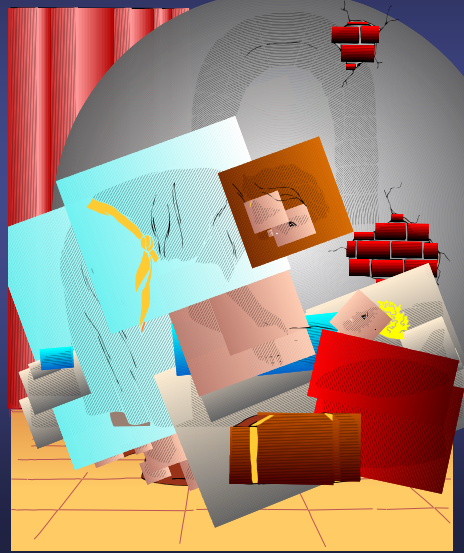
*They shall sleep **a perpetual sleep**, and
not wake, declares the King, whose name
is the LORD of hosts*

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Jesus taught it

Matthew 9:23-24

*And when Jesus came to the ruler's house & saw the flute players & the crowd making a commotion, he said "Go away, for the girl is **not dead, but sleeping**". And they laughed at him.*



Jesus proved it

John 11:11

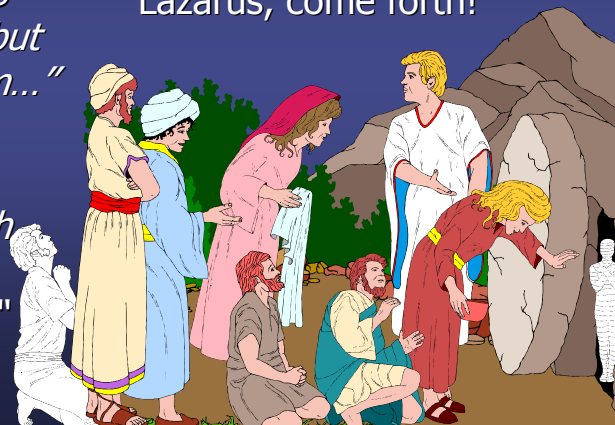
"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him..."

Now Jesus had spoken of his death

"Lazarus has died"

"Take away the stone!"

"Lazarus, come forth!"



Paul taught it

Acts 13:36


*For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, **fell asleep** and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption*

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Paul wrote about it

1 Corinthians 11:30

*That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have **died***

margin – *Greek have fallen asleep*

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Death comes to us all

- For in death there is no remembrance of you
In the grave who will give you thanks ?
Ps6:5
- Man who is in honour, yet does not understand, is like the beasts that perish
Ps49
- The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any who go down into silence
- No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, and no one has power in the day of death.Ecc8

RES'n

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The faith of Martha

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Loose him, and let him go !

- Why ?
- To handle & really believe also Kg elect can do it – treat him so
- v42

Resurrection
from the dead
is possible



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Another example from Jesus at Nain



- Luke 7:11-15
- Dead man carried out
- Only son of his mother
- She was a widow
- Large crowd

*disaster in the town
shared grief*

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At Nain

- The Lord had compassion v13
- "Do not weep"
- Touched the open coffin
- Everyone stood still what's he going to do

- "Young man, I say to you, **arise**"
 - **He sat up**
 - **Began to speak** He delivered him to his mother
- Simple evidence of
the power & love
in Jesus*

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Will it happen again ?

New Testament teaching

says

YES

Resn of J & our Resn are inseparable

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Paul wrote to Corinthians

- 1st: 15:17-18
- If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile

then also those who have fallen asleep in
Christ have perished

But now Christ IS risen

from the dead

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If

- v13

If there is no resurrection of the dead

then Christ is not risen

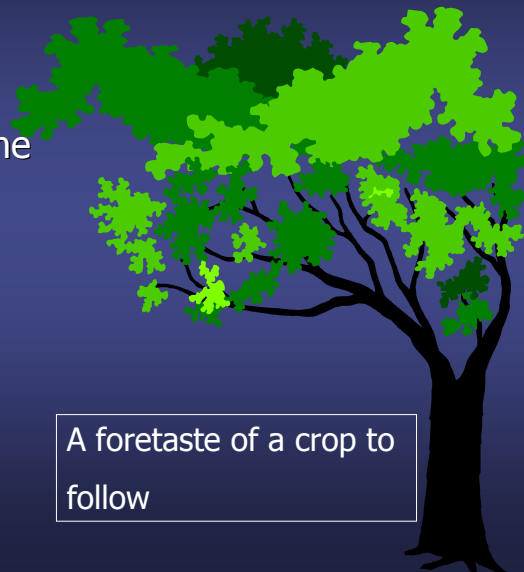
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The position of Jesus

- v20
- Christ has become the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep

What are these ?

A foretaste of a crop to follow



Will you be part of the crop ?

- v22

In Christ shall all be made alive **In Christ ?**

- v23

Afterward those who are Christ's, at his coming

That's when !
So, are you in Christ ?

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There are others

- **They shall sleep a perpetual sleep**

- Do you want that ?

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A perpetual sleep

Isaiah 26:13-14

Other masters... have had dominion over us;
they are dead, they will not live,
they are deceased, they **will not rise**

Therefore you have punished & **destroyed**
them,
and made all their memory to **perish**

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A third group - **those who do not obey the gospel**

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

These shall be punished with everlasting
destruction from the presence of the Lord,
& from the glory of his power

Thrown out of his presence ?

Removed from his glory ?

No taste of the Lord who gives life ?

Peter tells us about them

- 1 Peter 4:3



We have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness....

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They think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you

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v5

They will give account to Him who is
ready to judge the living & the dead.

every reason to follow Jesus

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Paul to the Corinthians

- 2nd:5:9 → **make it our aim**
- we Labour ...that we may be accepted of him
- v10 → **made to appear**
For we must all **appear** before the judgment
seat of Christ
that each one may receive the things done
in the body, according to what he has done,
whether good or bad

Judgment
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His appeal is our appeal

2:5:20

Be reconciled to God

1. In Christ
2. Labour.... to be accepted



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