

War Against The Remnant Meeting Four

Prelude:

[Revelation 2:8-11](#) The message to the church in Smyrna
The Persecuted Church.
[Revelation 6:3,4](#) The message of the 2nd Seal
The Fiery Red Horse

Even within christianity there are great differences in understanding concerning the state of the dead. In the New Age Movement, the dead don't really die, but are reincarnated to experience life at a "different" level. [In this study, we will wrestle with what the Bible states concerning the state of the dead.](#)

Understanding the State of the Dead:

[Job 14:10](#)
[Luke 23:42,43](#) When a man breathes his last, where is He?
Did the thief on the cross go with Jesus to heaven when he died?
[John 20:17](#) Jesus told Mary, that he had not yet ascended to heaven when she saw him after the resurrection.
[Genesis 2:7](#) In the original creation of man, God breathed the breath of life into the inanimate earth, and it became a living soul. He did not breath a living soul into the inanimate earth.
[Ecclesiastes 12:7](#) In death, this process is reversed.
[Psalm 146:3,4](#)
[Ecclesiastes 9:5,6](#)
[Psalm 115:17](#) When man dies, his thoughts perish and mental faculties cease.
The dead do not praise God, but go down into silence.
[Job 14:10-13](#) The dead remain in the grave until the heavens are no more, and God's wrath is past.
[Job 14:15](#) At that time, God calls the righteous forth and they are changed (receive immortality).
[1 Thess. 4:13-17](#) At the second coming, Christ calls the righteous dead forth.
[1 Corinthians 15:22,23](#) The order of the resurrections prior to and including those at the Second Coming.
[1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#) In Christ, we receive immortality at His Second Coming. We have victory over death.
[Revelation 20:5](#) This is the first resurrection.

[Revelation 5:6](#)
[Revelation 20:4,6](#)
[Jeremiah 25:33](#) The righteous reign in heaven for 1000 years.
The wicked are slain by the brightness His coming.
[Revelation 20:5](#) The wicked dead are not raised until after the 1000 years.
[John 5:28,29](#) Jesus clearly taught the truth regarding the two resurrections.

Understanding The Nature of Man:

[Genesis 2:16,17](#) God said that if Adam and Eve partook of the fruit of the tree of good and evil, they would surely die.
[Genesis 3:4](#) Using the medium of a serpent, the devil told Eve that she would not die, if she partook of the fruit.
[Genesis 3:22](#) Having transgressed, Adam and Eve were prohibited to partake of the fruit of the tree of life lest sin become immortalized. As a created order, we must partake of this fruit in order to sustain life.
[1 Timothy 6:15,16](#) Only God has immortality.

Postlude

[John 11:25](#) Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Concerning salvation our hope is found in Him.
[John 14:3](#) Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us.
[Revelation 22:12](#) He is coming quickly and when He comes, His reward is with Him.
To fully understand the implications of this text, we need to study the Judgment.

