

## LESSON 4 – WHEN YOU ENTER THE LAND



### READING ASSIGNMENT:

Textbook – *Appointment with God* - Chapter 5  
Bible: Lev. 23:9 - 14; Joshua 5; 1 Corinthians 15

### THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUIT

God's third appointment is the best-defined feast in terms of history, clarity, and doctrine.



**WRITE OUT:** 1 Corinthians 15:20

Remember the Greek word, transliterated as *Christ*, is the equivalent of the Hebrew term, *Messiah*. Thus, this verse tells us that the Messiah is the \_\_\_\_\_ *fruit of those that slept*. The term “slept” is a commonly used Biblical term for those righteous people who are dead. [To better understand death and what happens to a person when they die, you may wish to take our course on *The Promise of Life, Where Are You Headed? Understanding Heaven and Hell Biblically*.]



**QUESTION:** What is the context of 1 Corinthians 15? \_\_\_\_\_

Keep this in mind, as we begin our study of the Feast of First Fruits. A complete understanding requires us to note that the first people to receive the teaching concerning this feast were the nation of Israel. Thus, we must study the original instructions for the feast as received by and understood by them.



**STOP AND RE-READ** Leviticus 23:10-11. Notice particularly the term “*When ye be come into the land...*”

Thus, the nation did not begin to observe this feast until they were in the Promised Land of Israel. This gives us the first key requirement for the beginning of this feast. Israel had to be a nation.



**DEFINITION:** A Nation ⇒ 1. a stable, historically developed community of people with a territory, an economic life, distinctive culture, common language and a single government

Further, until they entered the \_\_\_\_\_, as God promised, they would not be a nation!

**WHY DID GOD DELAY THE ENTRY INTO THE LAND?**

Each fresh act of Israel reflected a progressively greater attitude of disobedience and discontent with God’s plan.



**STOP AND RE-READ** pages 71 to 75 in the text, *An Appointment with God*.

What was the Biblical reason God prevented their immediate entry into the land? Be sure to give a specific verse. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thirty-eight year period of wandering served the dual purpose of*

- \_\_\_\_\_ the nation of its unbelievers
- Developing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord in its upcoming generation



**PRINCIPLE:** God often uses one historic event to prefigure a greater historical event

- The first historical event limited to the nation of Israel – \_\_\_\_\_ into the land
- The second historical event included all mankind – the \_\_\_\_\_

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**FIRST FRUIT – THE DOCTRINAL TEACHING**

**What are the three major teaching of this feast:**

- Demonstrates God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for His people, Israel, when they entered the land
- A means for Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ God for His yearly provision
- A representation of the upcoming \_\_\_\_\_ harvest of the land and \_\_\_\_\_ harvest of souls

It is very important to understand that the physical specifications of this feast also serve to demonstrate and acknowledge God’s covenantal care.



**QUESTION:** Do we do the same thing at our time of worship at church? What do we do as part of a Sunday worship service that allows us to demonstrate that God has provided for us, His children.

## THE RESURRECTION PARADE

This feast uses the harvest as a picture of a spiritual harvest or a better term is resurrection to come. Based upon 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 23 we see that the Bible describes a parade. This parade has order and timing. In order to understand it we must compare several Scripture passages. [A fuller discussion is contained in our course, *The Promise of Life*.]

Notice two key words: First and Fruit.

First Fruit:

- First or beginning of a \_\_\_\_\_
- Choicest or best of a \_\_\_\_\_ or class of things.

This strongly suggests more in this series or group are coming. Obviously, the group consists of those people who are to be resurrected as part of the Resurrection Parade. But what is resurrection? To understand this we must understand...

## WHAT IS A PERSON?

To answer this we must understand three definitions:



**DEFINITION:** A **TOTAL PERSON** is one composed of a material part and an immaterial part! Even in eternity a total person must have an eternal body.

**DEFINITION:** Death is the separation of the mortal material body from the immortal spiritual portion of the total person.

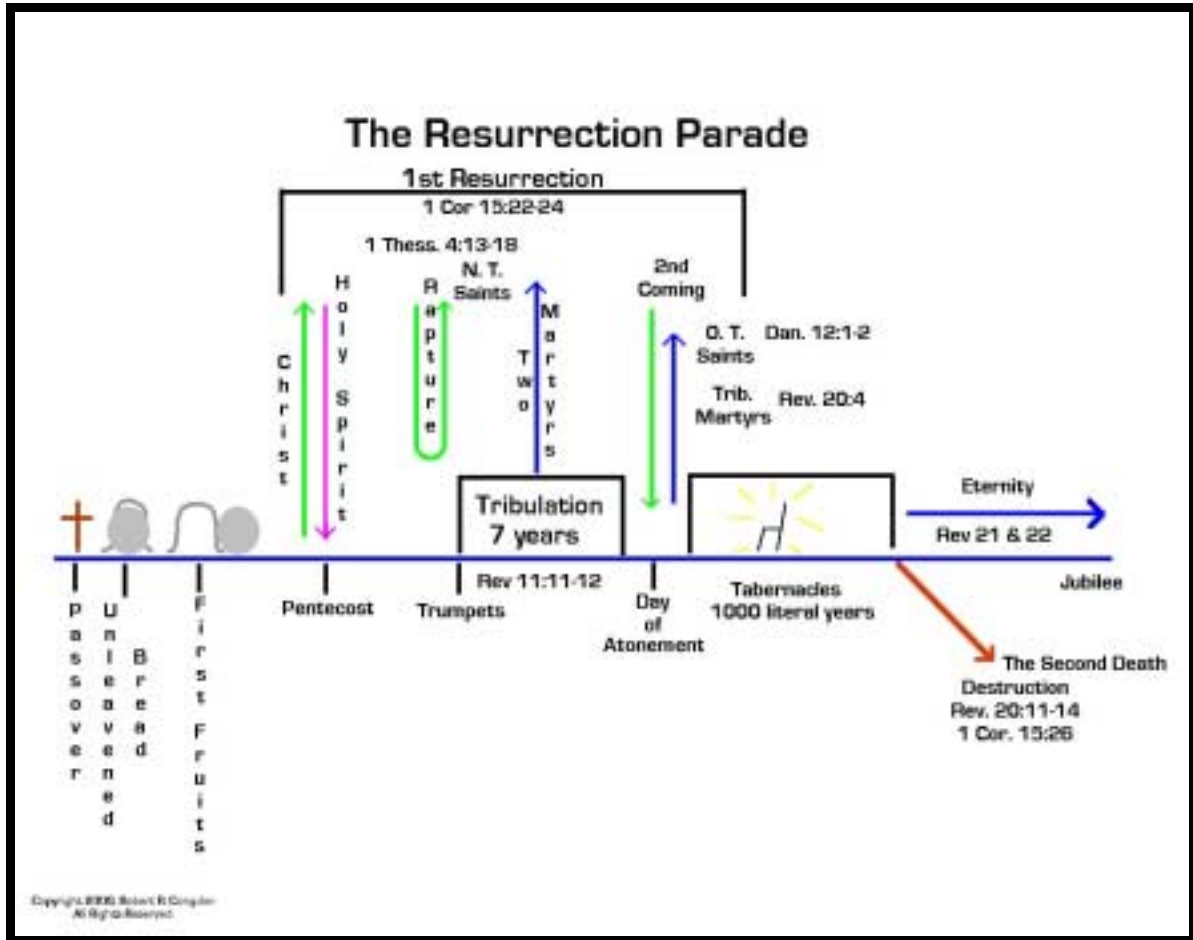
**DEFINITION:** Resurrection is the joining of the eternal physical, glorified body with the immortal spiritual portion of the total person.

Thus, resurrection corrects the Eden imposed curse of death upon a man or woman. It undoes what death does. Remember,



**WRITE OUT:** Romans 6:23

Below is a chart you might find helpful in determining the order of the resurrections of righteous saints.





## HOMEWORK QUESTIONS

Briefly write a paragraph on each of the following questions based upon your reading, the Bible and the lecture. Note: some of the questions are to prepare you for the next lesson by preparing you to think about the subject. Grading of these is based upon your thinking effort and not upon the “right” answer.

1. Briefly, fill in the following chart: [10 points]

<b>Feast</b>	<b>National Historical Event</b>	<b>Spiritual Significance</b>
<i>Passover</i>		
<i>Unleavened Bread</i>		
<i>First Fruits</i>		

2. Briefly explain the reason God delayed the entry into the land for the nation of Israel. Give specific verses to support your reason. [15 points]

3. What days of the month were the following feasts to be observed? Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits. [5 points]

4. What occurred on Palm Sunday in 30 AD and how is that day connected to the feasts of the Lord. [10 points]

5. Give the two primary meanings of “first fruits” and how they apply spiritually to the ancient Israeli citizen; to the Lord; and to us today. [20 points]

6. On what day did Israel eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan for the first time. [5 points]

7. Explain the contrast of the terms, Biblical death and Biblical resurrection. [5 points]

8. Describe the three major teachings that emerge from the feast of First Fruit. [10 points]

9. Pretending you are in a court of law, present a case as to why may we be certain of the fact that Jesus Christ was resurrected. Use only Biblical resources for case. [10 points]

10. List the order of the Resurrection Parade of righteous saints, as you understand it, giving Scriptural basis for the order you record. [10 points]

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ % of the Workbook fill-ins for this lesson.

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I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ % of the Scripture reading.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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