Eschatology Series

Session 3: The millennial reign of believers.

With what kind of bodies are they resurrected in?

1 Corinthians 15:35

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

1 Corinthians 15:42-49 The earthly body and the heavenly body
The earthly image and the heavenly image

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Luke 24:13-16 The resurrected body of Jesus

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

Luke 24:25-32 Opening of Scripture

And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:36-41 The spirit body

While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 The immortal spirit body

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

The resurrection order:

1 Corinthians 15:22 - 25 then comes the END N.B. v23 at His COMING (Parousia)

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

Glossary: END v24

End in Greek is Telos.

Telos is the goal or purpose for which it was created.

The Age closes with a purpose in mind and lets another Age begin. the ultimate purpose is the restoration of everything. Acts 3:21

Matthew 19:28 - believers follow Jesus into the REGENERATION (palin = again; genesis = birth - PALINGENESIA)

The palingenesia is a result of the Second Advent of Christ when Jehovah sets His King upon the holy hill of Zion (Psalm 2:6) and Israel, now in apostasy, is restored to its destined status under the sovereignty of its Messiah.

...This palingenesia (regeneration) will not be a full restitution in the Millennial Age to the Edenic innocence ... but it will fulfil the establishment of God's Covenant with Abraham concerning the birth of the nation of Israel and peace to the Gentiles. (N.B. This was written in the 1930's)

As Revelation 20:7-8 makes clear, only in the new heavens and earth will sin and evil be absent.

1 Peter 4:7 The 'telos' (purpose) is near

The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

James 5:8-9 The 'parousia' (coming) is near

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

2 Peter 3:7 Day of Judgment at the Great White Throne

But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Corinthians 5:10 All believers at the Judgement sear of Christ

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

When will it happen? Daniel 12:9-13

He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age."