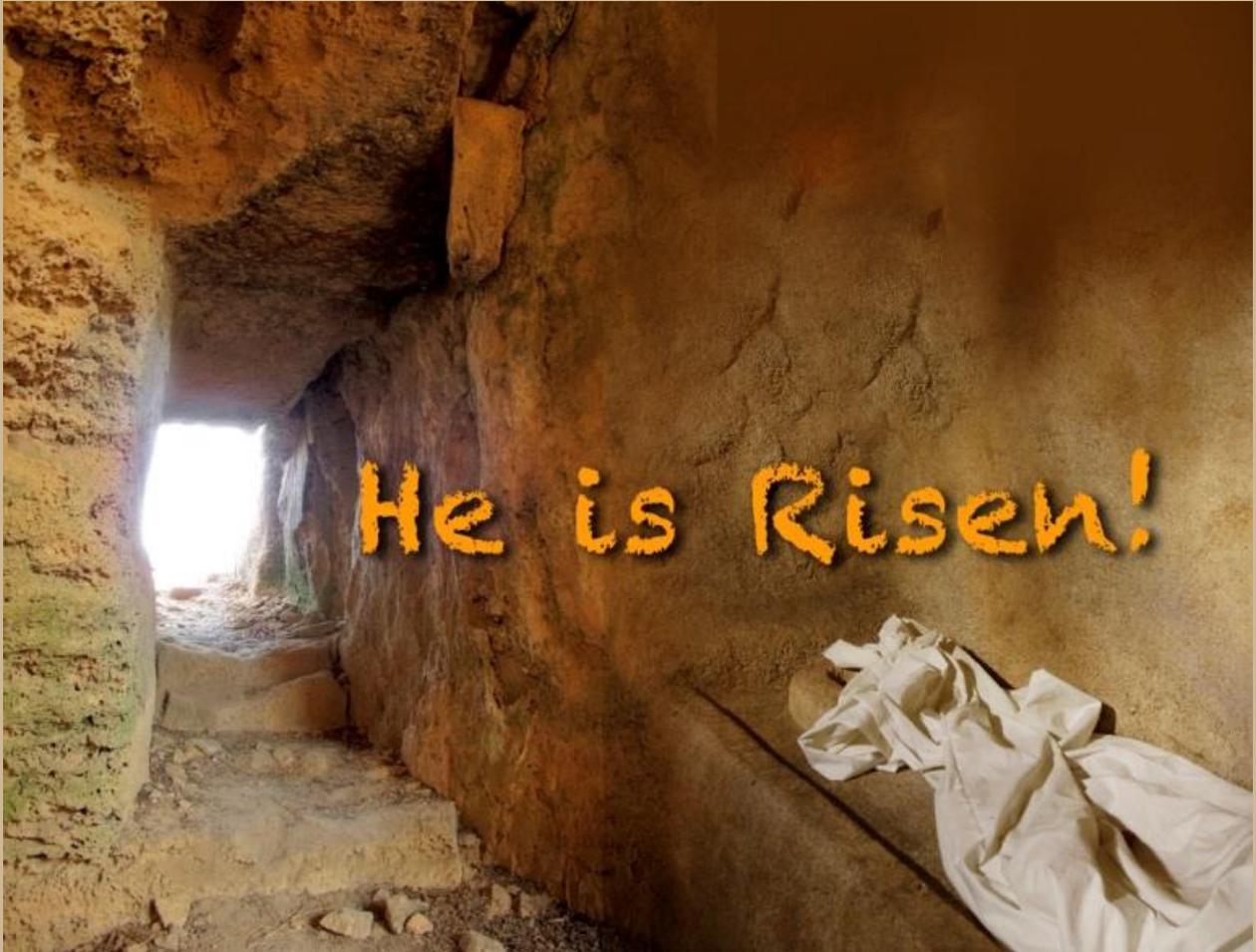


I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



(Job 19: 25-27)

I know that my Redeemer and Vindicator lives, and at last He will stand upon the earth; and after my skin, even this body, has been destroyed, then from my flesh or without it I shall see God, whom I, even I, shall see for myself and on my side! And my eyes shall behold Him, and not as a stranger!

These words which came from Job have indeed resounded throughout the ages echoing hope and peace to those who believe in God. Although Job did not have

the written Word in his days, he had a relationship with God in some form or another. He believed in the resurrection of the dead and the hope that sprang from it for the righteous person. His integrity, honesty and devotion for God showed in the way he lived. "I know that my Redeemer and Vindicator lives" overcomes all fear of death; we can confront death with the enthusiasm of the hope and faith that we will see God on the other side with our own eyes with certainty. Death is by no means the end of life, but the beginning of a new life for the believer in Christ. When we shall see Him, as He is, we shall become like Him. The Apostle John says, Beloved, we are now God's children; it is not yet disclosed what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when **He comes and is manifested, we shall resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He is** (1 John 3: 2). Eternity awaits all of us. For many, eternity has brought surprise; but for the believer, it has brought the fulfillment of the hope we have in the promises of God.

Job's words were of prophetic meaning in the sentence, "At last He will stand upon the earth." He will physically in the person of the Son, YAHSHUA, stand upon the Mount of Olives. Zechariah so prophesized: and His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from the east to the west by a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south... and the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord shall be one and His name one (Zech. 14: 4,9).

Job longed for his vindication, which was to come from Lord God Himself, Who alone knew the reason for Job' suffering. His friends however, had established themselves as judges over him, therefore, had no words of comfort to offer him, only accusations. Job asks them the question: How long will you vex and torment me and break me in pieces with words? (Job. 19:1) and concludes with the words, Oh, that the words I now speak were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives... (Vs.23-25). Job's desire was fulfilled. His words were written and we are the recipients of those beautiful, meaningful and hopeful words. His words were sealed and protected in the living word of God – the Bible, the most read and the oldest book in the entire world. The book that has the seal of God Himself, for it is His Word. Therefore, It will stand firm in heaven and earth until all that's written in it will be fulfilled.

After my body has been destroyed, I shall see Him. Powerful words confirming his belief in the resurrection; resurrection means power over death. This enemy will someday be done with; it will be vanquished forever. It will be swallowed up in victory; O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? (I Cor. 15: 54-55). This will happen when YAHSHUA will call His own to heaven. It will be in a very powerful manner, as Paul describes in I Thessalonians 4: 15- 18: For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death]. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a **loud cry** of summons, with **the shout of an archangel and with the blast of the trumpet of God.** And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living ones who remain shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always we shall be with the Lord!

Resurrection power was witnessed when YAHSHUA raised Lazarus from the dead. He shouted with a **loud voice**, Lazarus, come out! (John 11:43). He had to call Lazarus' name, otherwise many would have come out of the tomb. YAHSHUA is the Resurrection; He is life. He told Martha, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, **although he may die, yet he shall live** (John 11:25). The Prophet Isaiah prophesized about the resurrection many years ago: Your dead shall live; the bodies of our dead [saints] shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For Your dew [O Lord] is a dew of [sparkling] light; and the earth shall cast forth the dead [to life again; for on the land of the shades of the dead You will let your dew fall]. The resurrected body is a spiritual, and immortal body; when it will be changed from corruption to incorruption, from mortal to immortal, it will constitute the victory over death. The Word of God teaches that there will be two resurrections: The resurrection of the righteous and of the wicked people. We read in Revelation 20:6 the following: blessed is the person who takes part in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ, and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years. The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed (vs.5). Those who take part of the second resurrection, will suffer judgment and eternal condemnation. They are the ones whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life, for they have rejected the gift of salvation- YAHSHUA. Their end will be

finalized by being thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). This is the second death. For them there will not be resurrection unto life, but unto eternal death, where the absence of the presence of God will cause them to suffer eternal torment.

After your body has been destroyed are you sure you will see God? When eternity opens its door which one will be opened to you? Eternity with God or eternity in hell? YAHSHUA still knocks at the door of your life today, desiring to give you His gift of eternal life, which is resurrection unto life, for He desires that no man should perish. The Patriarchs of long ago, like Job, believed in God- not only believed in His existence, but they walked a life of faith in Him. They will receive the resurrection unto life, when they will experience forever a life of joy and peace in the presence of the One Who is Peace. Likewise, all believers in YAHSHUA. Our Redeemer and Vindicator is getting ready a dwelling place for all of us who have received Him in our heart. Life here is uncertain, but the knowledge of Him opens to us a new dimension of hope. Hope is that which we must have in order to persevere in faith in Him and ultimately receive the reward of eternal life through our resurrection unto life.

THINK ABOUT IT!