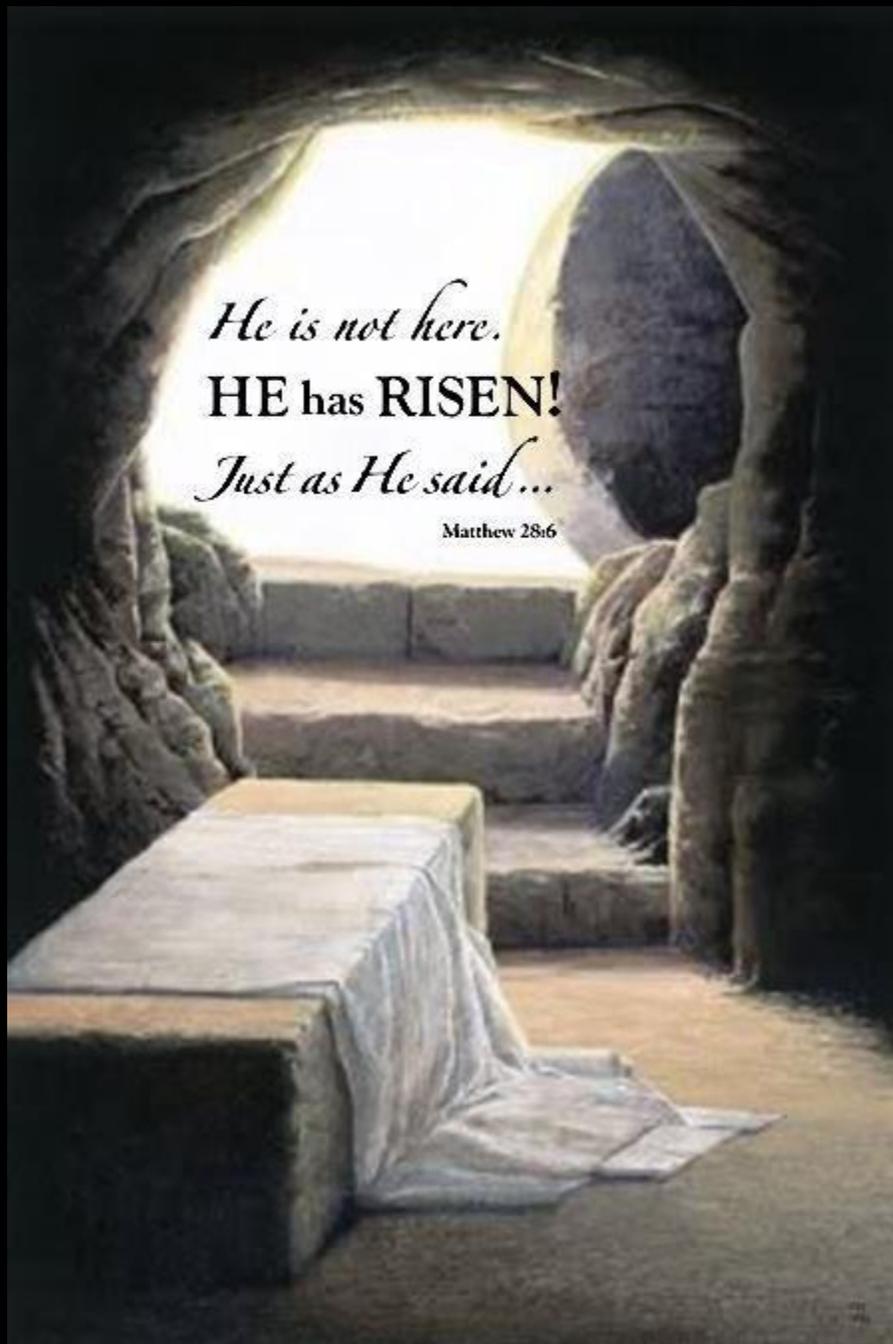


YOUR DEAD SHALL LIVE



He is not here.
HE has RISEN!
Just as He said...

Matthew 28:6

(Isaiah 26:19-21)

Your dead shall live [O Lord]; 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 [heavenly, supernatural dew]; 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] (Isaiah 26: 19). Resurrection unto life with YAHSHUA is the promise that rings eternally in the heart of all believer. Here the Prophet Isaiah assures the promise with words that connect to the words of our Lord when He said, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, although he may die, yet he shall live; and whoever continues to live and believes in Me shall never die at all (John 11:25-24b). For the believer, death can only touch the physical part of the body. It has no power over the spirit. Life is in the spirit of the believer, although physical death has been ordained for men because of sin. Paul said, the body that is sown is perishable and decays, but [the body] that is resurrected is imperishable; it is sown in dishonor and humiliation it is raised in honor and glory. It is sown in infirmity and weakness it is resurrected in strength and endued with power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a supernatural body. [as surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body (Cor. 15:42-44). Paul referred YAHSHUA as the first born from among the dead because He was the first to experience birth after death through His resurrection, so we will too. He will die no more. Many people experienced resurrection but had to die again. In the book of Revelation- the revelation of YAHSHUA the Messiah, John also referred to Him as the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the First-born of the dead... (Rev. 1: 5a). Because we were given the right to become the children of God by believing in His name, we owe our birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh nor to the will of man, but to God [we are born of God] (John 1:12), even though we died physically, we shall live.

“For Your dew is a dew of light” That implies life coming from heaven in a supernatural dew. When YAHSHUA rose from the dead in the powerful resurrection power, the tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep in death were raised to life and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people (Matt. 28: 52-53). We know that these people were not resurrected in their glorified bodies, either to eternal life and like the rest who came to life, they died again. That was not the "heavenly, supernatural dew." The impact of the resurrection of our Savior YAHSHUA- the author of Life, was so great and so powerful that caused life to enter into the lives of those saints. If they were recognizable, I presume they were saints who had died recently. I am just speculating, of course, for the Bible does not tell us whom they were.

The word dew has a beautiful poetic meaning in the Webster dictionary: anything regarded as refreshing gently falling; dew of youth, the early, fresh or morning like period of life. This is an agreement with Psalm 110:3 which reads: Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You; [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew. So the believer will rise to life eternal, to a perfect uncorrupted and young body, a body that will never grow old. The believer will be raised to the dawn of everlasting life looking perfect in every way: spiritual physical and emotional. When the time comes It will happen very fast- in a twinkle of an eye, according to Paul: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed (1 Cor. 15:52).

YAHSHUA taught us that there will be two resurrections: do not be surprised and wonder at this, for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice. And they shall come out- those who have practiced doing good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil will be raised for judgment (John 5:28 -29); and according to the Prophet Daniel, and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt and abhorrence (Daniel 12: 2). The first resurrection is mentioned in Revelation 20: 5. It is of those who were raised at the time of the rapture (1 Thess. 4: 15-18). 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 second resurrection, which will take place after the thousand years, will be a resurrection of judgment and condemnation. These were the ones whose names were not found written in the Book of Life; their end will be in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15)! This is a hard message to bear for those who think that "God is merciful; He will never send people to hell." God was not merciful toward His Son when He made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all; when His will was to bruise Him; to grief and to make Him sick to make Him suffer and die for the sin of mankind (Isaiah 53). How can men be so indifferent and aloof to this truth and expect God's mercy toward them in their rejection of the price paid in full for their sin? There is no other way for God's mercy to shine upon men; only through the acceptance of His Son's sacrifice on the cross.

Isaiah says, Your dead shall live [O Lord]; 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 light; and the earth shall cast forth the dead (26:19); For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first (I Thess. 4:16). O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? (I Cor.15:55). The truth of the matter is that our Lord YAHSHUA conquered death for us through His death and resurrection. "Because He lives, we shall live also!" Had He stayed in the tomb, we would be without hope. Paul said, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is a mere delusion and you are still in your sins... If we who are in Christ have hope only in this life and that is all, then we are of all people most miserable and to be pitied. But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead, and he became the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (I Cor. 15:17,19-20), that is, He will die no more; He was born from the dead, so we would die no more, too. YAHSHUA'S resurrection assures ours. It is a guarantee of our resurrection, as much as the seal of the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our salvation. In Leviticus 23: 10-11 God gave the Israelites the picture of His Son's resurrection as the "sheaf of the firstfruits." He told Moses, Tell the Israelites, when you have come into the land I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, that you may be accepted; on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [before the Lord] (Lev. 23: 11). That was the meaning of YAHSHUA'S future resurrection after His last Passover when He offered His life as the ultimate sacrifice for men' life. His shed blood blessed whosoever will with resurrection power unto eternal life; His dead shall live. They will awake from the dust with joy, for the heavenly dew will touch them with life forever. YAHSHUA is our glorious hope of the life free from all sin, diseases and all that has to do with sin. To Him be glory forever!