

How Many Deaths Are There?

Apart from the question of how many resurrections will be, one should also find out how many deaths can be possible for a human being. Participants in the first resurrection are happy because they do not face the second death. However, most of the human race face the second death in the last judgment.

If the dead would resurrect to the Millennial Kingdom, where they will eventually still die, because the death is overcome only last that is at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, they would experience the second death. This would be similar to “regular death” like the first death which all have experienced. With the Last Judgement, those judged to damnation (after having experienced two deaths) would have to experience a “third death” of which the Bible does not speak of anywhere. The bible speaks of the judgment to damnation as a second death which is final differentiated from the first death during which man only “sleeps”. When the final, “judgment resurrection” has happened, some would face the “third death” if there would be such a second resurrection during the Millennial Kingdom. No mention of such is found in the Bible. The Bible speaks only of the second death, which, – as many interpret – means the total and final destruction, and thus it is eternal separation from God.

Isaiah describes how human life expectancy is prolonged in paradise; a hundred-year-old who dies is considered young. He does not say yet that men live forever; that will only be achieved after death has been defeated and Satan has been destroyed in a thousand years.

2 Tim 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: – Another explanation worth considering could be this: Those deemed unworthy in Millennial kingdom will be judged before judgment resurrection. The Bible

says that some will be judged before than others: The sins of some people are obvious, going ahead of them to judgment. The sins of others follow them there (1 Tim 5:24). – Firstly, Paul says Christ will judge the living and the dead. It is often thought that judgment happens only for the dead after the judgment resurrection. The people of the Millennial kingdom could thus have the judgment after having proved worthless before God. The important thing to remember is that **Jesus executes judgment both on his arrival and during his reign in his kingdom.**

The Bible says:

Jde 1:14-15 ... Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied about these people when he said, "Look! The Lord has come with countless thousands of his holy ones. He will execute judgment on all people and convict everyone of all the ungodly things that they have done in such an ungodly way, including all the harsh things that these ungodly sinners have said about him".

Jesus comes with thousands of saints to judge the quick and the dead, but the Bible says nothing about the judgment happening separately from the so-called last judgment. The saints, according to this, come with Christ! Also notice, that the saints are a large number, "many thousands". On the other hand, it is said in the Bible that the Kingdom's government is given to a "little flock". Some researchers have interpreted this to consist of only 144 000 righteous men.

One religious organization is of the opinion that mainly all of the dead resurrect in a certain order to an earthly paradise where they may prove worthy of eternal life. It would feel fair and just that all were given the opportunity to learn to know God and prove to be worthy. Previously Mat 7:21 is stricter in his definition, using the words of Jesus about who will enter the Kingdom of God: "he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter." *Does Mathew mean entering*

through resurrection? What about those who survive the first resurrection without being part of it? What proves that there would be a second resurrection in which everyone could participate?

Rom 2:7 **eternal life to those who strive for glory, honor, and immortality by patiently doing good;** 8 but wrath and fury for those who in their selfish pride refuse to believe the truth and practice wickedness instead. 9 There will be suffering and anguish for every human being who practices doing evil, for Jews first and for Greeks as well. 10 But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who practices doing good, for Jews first and for Greeks as well. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 **For all who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.**

13 For it is not merely those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight. No, it is **those who do the law, who will be justified.**

14 **For whenever Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.**

15 **They show that what the law requires is written in their hearts, a fact to which their own consciences testify, and their thoughts will either accuse or excuse them**

16 on that day when God, through Jesus Christ, will judge people's secrets according to my gospel.

By Jesus' own words **in resurrection, one does not marry.** When in the Millennial kingdom there are, according to Isaiah, small children (presumably born in the kingdom) whose parents are in flesh and blood. The parents are not resurrected nor the children of them.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom. Jesus also said that one cannot enter the kingdom of God without rebirth (through resurrection). When a man repents and believes and starts to change his life to God's will, the Holy Spirit comes to him and it can be said "he is reborn". The actual rebirth happens in resurrection when a man is reborn in spirit.