Life After Death According to Scripture by ALLISON Morrow

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A Note From The Church of Christ's Glory And The Septuagint Orthodox Study Bible Regarding Life After Death According To Scripture...

For the ancient Hebrews, death meant a return to the same earth from which all are taken: "For earth you are, and to the earth you shall return" (Gen 3:19; Job 7:21).

Nevertheless, a general idea developed that the souls of the dead do continue, though only in a shadowy semi-comatose kind of existence in a netherworld called Hades (Gn 37:34,35; Pss 114:3, 138:8; Is 14:9-11), a land of "oblivion" (Ps 87:10-12; Job 14:18-22).

In Hades -- the depths or abyss of the earth, "the Pit" -- even the righteous dead abide, without any power of deliverance (Job 7:6-10; Ps 88:48; Is 38:18; Ezk 26:19-21).

Yet there was at least a general hope that one's memory would be kept alive by one's community and descendants (Ps 111:1-6; Pr 10:7; Dt 25:5,6).

Only gradually did God reveal glimpses of a glorious life after death to His people, a hope that would become available to all through the power of Christ's Resurrection.

An early hint of this coming hope was revealed to Job. Amid his terrible suffering, Job asks, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" And through a flash of divine insight, he ways: "I will wait until I arise" (Job 14:14).

Psalms also begin to reflect upon personal resurrection to everlasting life (Ps 15:8-11; 48:15; 70:20-23; 90:1-16).

The first indications of a corporate resurrection of the people of Israel are given in the 8th century BC through Hosea (Hos 6:1-3; 13:14) and Isaiah (Is 26:19).

In the early 6th century BC, Ezekiel receives the dramatic vision of a miraculous reconstitution of "the whole house of Israel" on the plain covered with dry bones (Ezk 37:1-14).

The Church reads this passage (Ezk 37:1-14) triumphantly on Great and Holy Saturday.

Why?

Because it is prophetic of the freeing of all the souls from Hades by Christ on that day (1Pt 3:19; Eph 4:8-10) and the general resurrection of all the dead on the last day that came forty years later during that generation in 70 AD.

This really is the teaching of Scripture.

This really is the teaching of Christ Himself.

This really is the teaching of the Apostles.

This really is the teaching of the historic Church.

And therefore, this really is the teaching of the Church of Christ's Glory.

But it is not the teaching of the modern church...

Take the time to study the information in this article.

Then contact us at The Church of Christ's Glory to learn more about Christ's descent into Hell and His powerful implementation of the Kingdom.

May God be with you on this marvelous day!

And remember to enjoy this moment in time...

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Paul

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