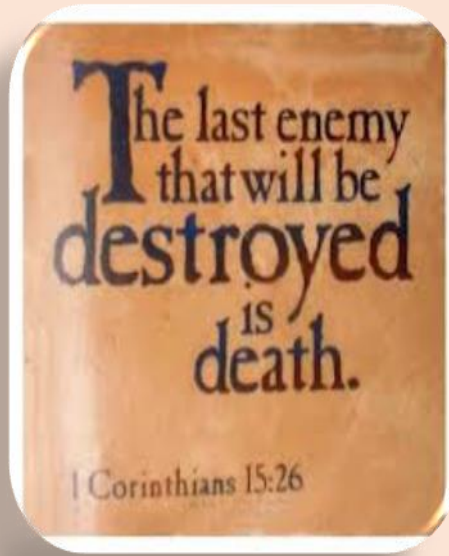


ORDER OF THE RESURRECTIONS

THE LAST ENEMY DESTROYED (1)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28
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20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.



21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.³⁵ But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

KINGDOM DYNAMICS *15:20* The **fristfruits** are the first ripened part of the harvest, furnishing actual evidence that the entire harvest is on the way. According to Lev. 23:4-14, the firstfruits in connection with the Passover, were used to consecrate the

coming harvest. Jesus died on the Passover, and His resurrection is a promise of our own resurrection.

15:21, 22 The Second Coming of Christ will complete the resurrection harvest. Having subdued all **enemies**, Christ will turn over the reins of divine government **to God, even the Father.**

15:23-25 The **resurrection** body will not be subject to death; it will be beautiful and perfect; it will have unlimited capabilities unknown to us in this age; it will be adapted for life in the spiritual realm. **A spiritual body** does not mean an immaterial body but one adapted to the realities of the Age to Come. The resurrection body will be our very own bodies changed, for that which is sown is that also which is raised.

15:28 The goal of history and the consummation of the covenant will occur when the kingdom is delivered up to God, when creation will be completely free of all dissident, antilife forces. Once this redemptive task is completed, the saving meditorial role that Jesus assumed will be laid aside..... **to be cont'd**



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