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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)

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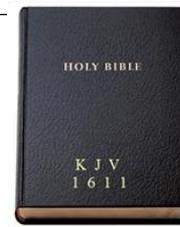
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Bible Prophecy

The Believer's Glorified Body



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I. Affirmations Of The Glorified Body

1. It is received at the Rapture

1 Cor 15:51-52

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**,

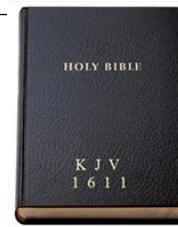
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and **we shall be changed**.

1 The 4:16-17

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**:

Then **we which are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

- All born again believers will receive a glorified body
- The dead in Christ will receive theirs first then those who are alive and remain
- The entire transformation takes place instantaneously



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2. It is the completion of our redemption

Eph 1:13-14; 4:30

In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Pet 1:18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

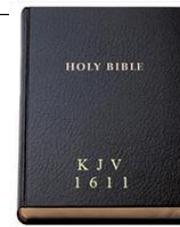
1 Cor 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Rom 8:23

And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

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3. It is a complete change of our earthly bodies

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Phl 3:21

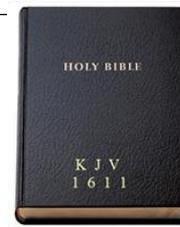
Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Job 14:14

If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.



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- 1) The change is from corruptible to incorruption and from mortal to immortality

1 Cor 15:52-54

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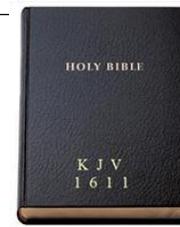
For this corruptible must put on **incorruption**, and this mortal *must* put on **immortality**.

So when this corruptible shall have put on **incorruption**, and this mortal shall have put on **immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- 2) The change is likened to the difference between a kernel of wheat and the stalk of wheat

John 12:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except **a corn of wheat** fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much **fruit**.



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1 Cor 15:35-38

But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

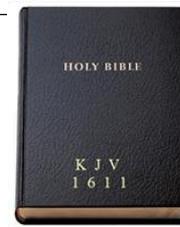
- Our earthly body dies and is planted in the ground as the SEED (i.e.- like a wheat kernel) and our glorified body is the FRUIT of it (i.e.- a stalk of wheat) that COMES UP later
- If our earthly body is a CATERPILLAR, then our glorified body is the BUTTERFLY (i.e.- we change from WORM to WONDER)

Job 25:6

How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

Psa 90:10

The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.



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- If our earthly body is the TABERNACLE, then our glorified body is the TEMPLE

Exo 26:14

And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.

1 Kin 6:7

And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

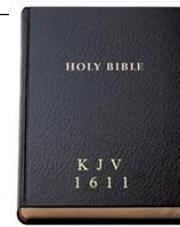
1 Chr 22:5

And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

1 Cor 3:16-17

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.



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1 Cor 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Cor 5:1-2,4

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

2 Cor 6:16

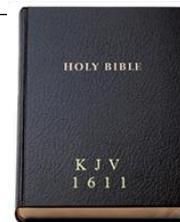
And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Pet 1:13-14

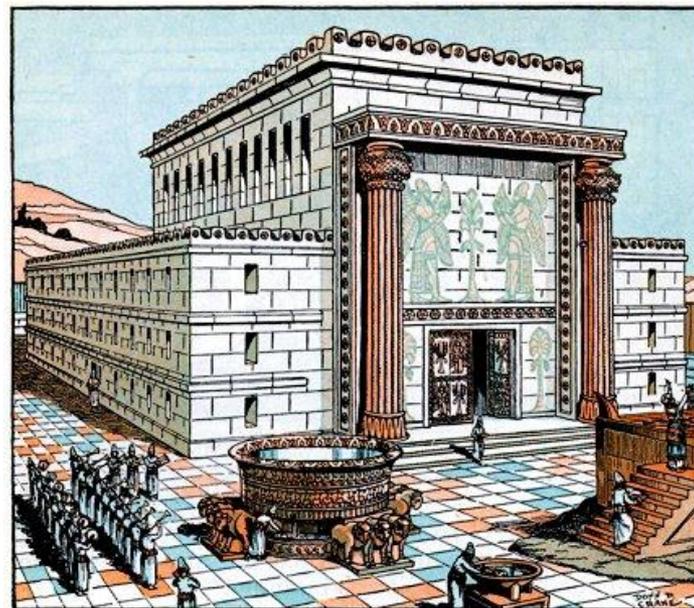
Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;

Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

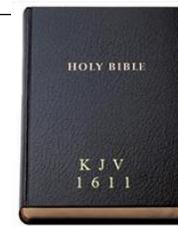
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3) The change is to a body just like the resurrection body of Jesus Christ

Rom 6:5

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Rom 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

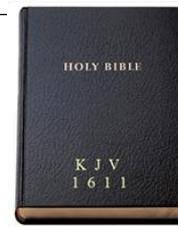
1 Cor 15:47,49

The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

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II. Attributes Of The Glorified Body

1. Appearance

1) It is a physical body of flesh and bone

Luke 24:39

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

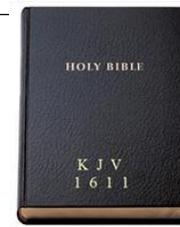
John 20:17,27

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

- The FLESH is different from the SINFUL flesh of the old body (which cannot inherit the kingdom of God) in that it has no sin nature
- If there is blood, the BLOOD is different because **“the life of the flesh is in the blood”** (Lev 17:11)

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Rom 8:3

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

1 Cor 15:50

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

2) It is a celestial body- the flesh is from heaven not the earth

1 Cor 15:39-40

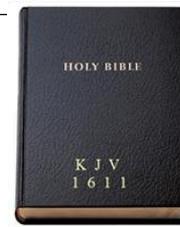
All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

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3) It is a spiritual body

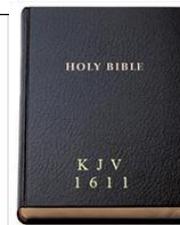
1 Cor 15:44-46

It is sown **a natural body**; it is raised **a spiritual body**. There is **a natural body**, and there is **a spiritual body**.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

- A spiritual body is not a spirit (Luke 24:39) but is like a spirit
- It is a body empowered by the spirit; therefore, it is not subject to natural laws (e.g.- gravity) and physical limitations, and is not susceptible to damage or harm (i.e.- it has supernatural resistance and healing properties)
 - It will not require air, food, water, sleep, and appropriate temperature to survive
 - It can not suffer hunger, thirst (Rev 7:16), fatigue, or pain (Rev 21:4), and can not be frozen, burned, or wounded (Joel 2:8)



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