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A doctrine of the Old Testament —

And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God, (Job 19:26)

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. (Psalm 16:10)

But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. (Psalm 49:15)

But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. (Isaiah 26:19)

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. (Daniel 12:2)

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?"

(Hosea 13:14)

#### A first principle of the gospel —

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

(1 Corinthians 15:13-14)

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

(Hebrews 6:1-2)

Expected by the Jews —

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." (John 11:24)

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. (Hebrews 11:35)

Denied by the Sadducees —

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. (Matthew 22:23) (see Luke 20:27; Acts 23:8)

Explained away by false teachers —

who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. (2 Tim.2:18).

Called in question by some in the church —

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (1 Cor.15:12)

Is not incredible —

Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? (Mark 12:24)

Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead? (Acts 26:8)

Is not contrary to reason —

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12:24)

(see 1 Cor.15:35-49)

Assumed and proved by our Lord —

and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:14) (see Matthew 22:29-32)

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29).

Preached by the Apostles —

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 4:2)

A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. (Acts 17:28) and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. (Acts 24:15)

Credibility of, shown by the resurrection of individuals —

After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. (Matt.9:25)

They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matt.27:53)

Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

(Luke 7:14)

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

(John 11:44)

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. (Heb.11:35)

Certainty of, proved by the resurrection of Christ

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.

#### Certainty of, proved by the resurrection of Christ

But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1 Cor.15:12-20)

Effected by the power of God. —

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. (Matt.22:29)

Effected by the power of Christ. —

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29) (see John 6:39,40,44).

Effected by the power of The Holy Spirit. —

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11).

Shall be of all the dead —

The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. (Rev. 20:13)

(see John 5:28; Acts 24:15)

# Saints in resurrection, shall Rise through Christ. —

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; (John 11:25)

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 4:2)

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Cor.15:21-22)

Saints in resurrection, shall Rise first. —

But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. (1 Cor.15:23)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thess.4:16)

Saints in resurrection, shall Rise to eternal life. —

and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:29) (see Daniel 12:2).

Saints in resurrection, shall Be glorified with Christ. —

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Col.3:4).

Saints in resurrection, shall Be as the angels. —

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. (Matthew 22:30).

Saints in resurrection, shall Have incorruptible, glorious, powerful and spiritual bodies. —

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (1 Cor.15:42-44)

Saints in resurrection, shall Have bodies like Christ's —

who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:21)

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

Saints in resurrection, shall Be recompensed. —

and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:14).

#### Saints should look forward to —

"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance." (Daniel 12:13)

and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:11)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

(2 Corinthians 5:1)

Of saints shall be followed by the change of those then alive —

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed (1 Cor.15:51)

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thess.4:17)

The preaching of, caused Sneering, curiosity, & belief —

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them <u>sneered</u>, but others said, "We <u>want to hear you again</u> on this subject." At that, Paul left the Council. A few men <u>became followers of Paul and believed</u>. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others. (Acts 17:32-34)

The preaching of, caused Persecution. —

Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead." (Acts 23:6) (see Acts 24: 11-15)

The preaching of, caused Blessedness of those who have part in the first —

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (Rev.20:6).

Of the wicked, shall be to Shame and everlasting contempt. —

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. (Daniel 12:2).

#### THE RESURRECTION

Of the wicked, shall be to Damnation. —

and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:29).

#### THE RESURRECTION

Illustrative of the new birth —

<sup>25</sup>I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. (John 5:25).

#### THE RESURRECTION

Illustrated —

How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. (1 Cor.15:36-37) (see Ezekiel 37:1-10).

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#### Foretold by the prophets —

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. (Psalm 16:10)

The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' So it is stated elsewhere: "You will not let your Holy One see decay.' (Acts 13:34-35)

But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. (Isaiah 26:19)

#### Foretold by Himself —

and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" (Matthew 20:19)

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (Mark 9:9)

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." (Mark 14:28)

Foretold by Himself —

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:19-22)

Was necessary to The fulfilment of Scripture. —

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, (Luke 24:45-46)

Was necessary to Forgiveness of sins. —

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

Was necessary to Justification. —

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

Was necessary to Hope. —

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. (1 Cor.15:19)

Was necessary to The efficacy of preaching. —

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. (1 Cor.15:14).

Was necessary to The efficacy of faith. —

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And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Cor.15:17).

A proof of his being the Son of God —

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

(Psalm 2:7)

he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: " 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' (Acts 13:33)

and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:4)

#### Effected by The power of God. —

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Acts 2:24)

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. (Acts 3:15)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

Effected by The power of God. —

which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, (Ephesians 1:20)

having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12)

Effected by His own power. —

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." (John 2:19)

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." (John 10:18)

Effected by The power of the Holy Spirit. —

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, (1 Peter 3:18).

On the first day of the week —

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. (Mark 16:9).

# On the third day after his death —

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. (Mark 16:9)

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, (Luke 24:46)

but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. (Acts 10:40)

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. (1 Cor.15:4)

The apostles At first did not understand the predictions respecting. —

They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant. (Mark 9:10)

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) (John 20:9).

#### The apostles Very slow to believe. —

- These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. (Mark 16:13)
- When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. (Luke 24:9)
- But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. (Acts 24:11)
- They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? (Acts 24:37-38)

The apostles Reproved for their unbelief of. —

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. (Mark 16:14).

He appeared after to Mary Magdalene. —

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. (Mark 16:9)

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:18).

He appeared after to The women. —

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. (Matthew 28:9).

He appeared after to Simon Peter. —

and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." (Luke 24:34)

He appeared after to Two disciples. — (see Luke 24:13-31).

He appeared after to Apostles, except Thomas. —

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19)

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. (John 20:24).

He appeared after to Apostles, Thomas there —

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:26)

He appeared after to Apostles at the sea of Tiberias

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: (John 21:1).

He appeared after to Apostles in Galilee. —

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. (Matthew 28:16-17).

He appeared after to About 500 hundred brethren

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. (1 Cor.15:6)

He appeared after to James. —

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, (1 Cor.15:7).

He appeared after to All the Apostles. —

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:51)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, (1 Cor.15:7).

He appeared after to Paul. —

and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Cor.15:8).

#### Fraud impossible in —

"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard. (Matt.27:63-66).

He gave many infallible proofs of —

Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:35)

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." (Luke 24:39)

and he took it and ate it in their presence. (Luke 24:43)

# He gave many infallible proofs of —

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

(John 20:20)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." (John 20:27)

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

Was attested by Angels. —

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." (Matt.28:5-7)

#### Was attested by Angels. —

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. (Luke 24:4-7)

but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. (Luke 24:23).

#### Was attested by Apostles. —

beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1:22)

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. (Acts 2:32)

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. (Acts 3:15) With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33).

#### Was attested by His enemies. —

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. (Matt.28:11-15).

Asserted and preached by the Apostles —

Instead, they had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive. (Acts 25:19)

that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." (Acts 26:23).

Saints Begotten to a lively hope. —

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Peter 1:3)

Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:21).

Saints Desire to know the power of. —

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (Philippians 3:10).

Saints Should keep, in remembrance. —

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, (2 Tim.2:8)

#### Saints Shall rise in the likeness of. —

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. (Romans 6:5)

And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. (1 Cor. 15:49)

who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:21)

Is an emblem of the new birth —

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (Col.2:12).

#### The first-fruits of our resurrection —

that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." (Acts 26:23)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

(1 Cor.15:20-23).

The truth of the gospel involved in —

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. (1 Cor.15:14-15).

#### Followed by his exaltation —

then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. (Acts 4:10-11)

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

#### Followed by his exaltation —

which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, (Ephesians 1:20)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (Philipp: 2:9-10)

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Rev.1:18)

An assurance of the judgment —

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

(Acts 17:31).

Typified: Isaac. —

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. (Gen.22:13)

Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death. (Hebrews 11:19).

Typified: Jonah. —

But the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

(Jonah 1:17)

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. (Jonah 2:10)

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40)