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The mysterious lesson of the Apostle Thomas, who is also disparagingly known as "Doubting Thomas"...

### **JOHN 20:29 (NKJV):**

**Yeshua (Jesus) said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

Many people will not believe in Yeshua (Jesus) or the Kingdom of God until they see Him and the kingdom with their own eyes. Yeshua (Jesus) proclaimed that those who did not see Him in this life, yet believed in Him, would be blessed.

What is this blessing Yeshua (Jesus) spoke of? A general theological answer of this blessing is faith that God values over absolute physical proof and the blessings that come to those who believe in the Resurrection without firsthand physical evidence or proof.

Is the blessing of John 20:29 simply happiness and joy in believing in Yeshua (Jesus) in this life, or is there a more *specific* blessing that Yeshua (Jesus) was referring to?

**HEBREWS 3:12-19 (NKJV):**

**Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Messiah (Christ) if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said:**

**"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."**

**For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

The Hebrews, while in the wilderness after their Exodus from Egypt, because of their evil hearts of unbelief, even after having eye witnessed many miracles from God, rebelled, made a golden calf idol, and sinned in many ways against YHWH (the Lord). They were offered a promised land, but they lost their blessing and were forced to wander in the desert wilderness for forty years and then die in it.

Today, those who believe in Yeshua (Jesus) are offered a promised land as well: the Kingdom of God on Earth, more specifically the opportunity to inherit the Millennial Kingdom reign of Yeshua (Jesus) and reign with Him for a thousand years (Revelation 20:6). Blessed are those who have not seen Yeshua (Jesus) and yet believe in Him.

**LUKE 12:32 (NKJV):**

**"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."**

**JOHN 14:6 (NKJV):**

**Yeshua (Jesus) said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

Those who do not believe in Yeshua (Jesus) and do not obey His commandments will not receive the Kingdom of God, *as an inheritance*, as a first-fruit saint, but will, metaphorically, be left in the desert wilderness for a day (in the grave for a thousand years) (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

**HEBREWS 9:27 (NKJV):**

**It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.**

Many theologians teach and many believers believe that after death all people are judged on the spot to heaven or hell. This is not true.

**REVELATION 20:4-6 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:**

**And they [OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION] lived and reigned with Messiah (Christ) for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead [OF THE SECOND RESURRECTION] did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.**

When a person dies, he or she is judged to be raised at the first or the second resurrection, not to heaven or hell.

**MATTHEW 7:21-23 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:**

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will [OBEYS THE COMMANDMENTS] of My Father in heaven. Many [CHRISTIANS] will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we [CHRISTIANS] not prophesied in Your [JESUS’] name, cast out demons in Your [JESUS’] name, and done many wonders in Your [JESUS’] name? And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you [CHRISTIANS]; depart from Me, you [CHRISTIANS] who practice lawlessness!’”**

**1 JOHN 3:4 (NKJV):**

**Sin is lawlessness.**

Christians are the only people on Earth who prophecy in Jesus’ name, cast out demons in Jesus’ name, and do wonders in Jesus’ name. Many Catholics, Protestants, and mainstream law-is-done-away-with Christians will be initially turned away from entering the Kingdom of heaven by Yeshua (Jesus), because of unrepentant sins, but He is not condemning those turned away to hell.

**EZEKIEL 33:11 (NKJV):**

**“As I live,” says YHWH (the Lord) God, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die...?”**

Yeshua (Jesus) is going to give every human being who has ever lived, even sinners and unbelievers of the second resurrection, every reasonable opportunity to believe in Him, repent, and have eternal life. Those of the second resurrection are not being raised solely to be condemned to hell, or to join Satan in his final rebellion (Revelation 20:7-10). Some of the second resurrection will be condemned to hell and many will join Satan in his final rebellion against God, but many more will see the Kingdom of God with their own eyes and then will believe, repent, and be permitted to enter into it.

**JEREMIAH 16:19 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:**

**The Gentiles [CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANS] shall come to you from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our [CHURCH] fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness, and unprofitable things."**

Just as the Apostle Thomas would not believe in the risen Messiah (Christ) unless he saw Him with his own eyes, many people in the world, of this age, will not believe in Yeshua (Jesus) and the coming Kingdom of God unless they first see Him and the kingdom with their own eyes.

Those who do not believe in Yeshua (Jesus) or in obeying His commandments will be of the second resurrection. Blessed are those who have not seen Yeshua (Jesus) and yet have believed in Him (John 20:29). Blessed and holy are those of the first resurrection (Revelation 20:6).