

Life is ONLY In The Resurrection Part 12 -

"Born From Above (*again*)".....When?

Quote from EW Bullinger on this, from his book on "How To Enjoy The Bible" first published in 1916:

*(a) The Nearer Context.*

*By this we mean what we may find and read on the same page, or opening; or at the most on the pages or in the chapters near to it.*

*(b) Remoter Context*

*By the Remoter Context we mean that which is separated from it by some chapters at least; or even by other books of Scripture.*

**John 3:1** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

**3** In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." The Greek word is *anōthen* which is **born from above**.

**4**"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a **second time** into his mother's womb to be born!"

**5** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter **the kingdom of God** unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

**7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' (*anōthen-from above*)

**Ezekiel 26 & 37** Only place in The Old Testament where **Water – spirit – Breath – and Kingdom** are used in the same context.

**31**"The one who comes from **above** (*anōthen*) is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

**John 19:11** Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from **above** (*another*). Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

**23** When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from **top** (*another*) to bottom.

**John 2:18** Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

**19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." What's the context then, it's The Resurrection.

**20** The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

**21** But the temple he had spoken of was his body. **22** 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.

**23** Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. **24** But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. **25** He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

**31**"The one who comes **from above** (*another*) is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

**32** He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.

**33** The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.

**34** For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without

limit.

**35** The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

**36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life (*age-lasting life*), but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."