

RESURRECTIONS and TRANSLATIONS – Part Two



Last week we were talking about when the OT Saints will be resurrected.

Here are more Scriptures that point to the Old Testament Saints being raised for sure before the millennial reign:

Ezekiel 34:24 – And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

Ezekiel 37:24-26 - And David My servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt (where your ancestors lived); and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and My servant David *shall be* their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle (dwelling place) also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen (the nations) shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel (make Israel holy), when My sanctuary (temple) shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel was written after the time of King David. So when this was written, King David was already dead. This is still future. This shows us that God is not finished with Israel. He will purge Israel during the tribulation and then He will reign 1000 years here on this earth with King David as His co-regent. In order for King David to rule with Christ, he has to be resurrected. That is why I believe they are resurrected before the millennial reign.

Another passage written after the time of King David's death:

Jeremiah 30:7-9 – Alas! for that day *is* great (a time of terror), so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble (a time of trouble for Jacob / a time of trouble for Israel); but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him (Israel) (foreigners will no longer enslave Israel): But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them (whom I will raise up for them).

So we see that God will raise up King David to again rule over Israel.

The next passage is about the eastern gate:

Ezekiel 44:2-3 – Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

Hosea 3:4-5 – For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image (sacred stones / sacred pillars), and without an ephod (without priests), and *without* teraphim (household gods / idols): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and His goodness (His blessings) in the latter days.

There is no temple and therefore they cannot do sacrifices. We as Christians know that Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice. But the hardened and blinded Jews are still awaiting their Messiah because they failed to recognize Him in Jesus. So the one they are really looking for is the antichrist. Jesus did not have the qualities they longed for but the antichrist will fit the bill for them.

Jesus is never referred to as “Servant” after His resurrection.

So I take the Bible straight forward when it says King David will rule again. It did not say Son of David but in plain language it said David

Jer.23:4 - And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them (tend them): and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed (terrified), neither shall they be lacking (missing), saith the LORD.

TRIBULATION TRANSLATION

Next, there will be a translation of the Jews. A translation is when God takes you to be with Him and you don't die. Enoch and Elijah were translated.

Rev.7:1-4 - And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea (to whom had been given power to hurt the earth and the sea), Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand* of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev.14:1-5 - And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion (Zion), and with Him an hundred forty *and four thousand*, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice (sound) of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne,

and before the four beasts (four living creatures), and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile (they have told no lies): for they are without fault (blameless) before the throne of God.

Christ was the first fruits unto God. The bride of Christ at the rapture is the first fruits unto Christ. Now we see these Israelites being first fruits unto God the Father and to Jesus Christ. They do not die but are taken to heaven just like Enoch and Elijah were.

Daniel 12:1-2 - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people (the great prince who protects your people): and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake (many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up), some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

This is talking about during the tribulation. We know that because it states that “there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.” This cannot be when Rome sacked Jerusalem because we know the tribulation is going to be way worse than that was.

Let’s take a look at the fight that is referenced here with Michael standing up:

Revelation 12:7-12 - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels (and the dragon and his angels fought back), And prevailed not (was not strong enough / did not win); neither was their place found any more in heaven (they lost their place in heaven / were forced out of heaven). And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent (ancient serpent), called the Devil, and Satan (the adversary), which deceiveth the

whole world (who leads the whole world astray): he was cast out into the earth (he was hurled down to the earth), and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength (power), and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (they did not shrink back from death). Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Please take note that Michael, an archangel, and “his” angels fought. This is a fight of angels. Jesus was not fighting here. He is God and is not at the rank of an angel. Satan is a fallen angel and so, holy angels were fighting against him and his angels. His angels are the ones who followed him when he rebelled and got kicked out of heaven (Rev.12:4).

I do not believe this is describing Satan’s initial fall from heaven. That was referenced in Rev.12:4 a few verses before we get to the war described in verses 7-10. But this seems to be another war still to come during the tribulation. And remember Satan was allowed into heaven to bring accusations against us before God’s throne. That’s what he did to Job. He was already in a fallen state at that point, he was not loving and righteous but wicked and wanting to see man sin against God. He has been bringing accusations against mankind for a long time now. So this is a future casting down that hasn’t happened yet.

Let’s look back at some things Jesus told His disciples before He was crucified.

John 12:31-32 - Now is the judgment of this world (the time for the world to be judged): now shall the prince of this world be cast out (when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out). And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Jesus was establishing His spiritual kingdom.

John 14:30 - Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh (the ruler of this world is coming), and hath nothing in Me (no hold over Me / no power over Me).

So we see that Jesus was talking about satan being cast out. We already know his dwelling place was no longer heaven because the world was in a fallen state for thousands of years before Christ came to the earth and it began with satan tempting Eve in the garden. But because of the book of Job we know that even after his fall, he was still allowed entrance into heaven to accuse the saints. That may seem strange to us but we don't fully understand all the workings of God. Remember Daniel was shown a vision of the last days and God told him to seal it up. He did not understand all of what he saw. Yet we are understanding it better God is opening it to us. We go with the light He gives us and it will be sufficient for our day and time. I believe that one day it will all be revealed and explained to us.

So the passage in Daniel references the war in the book of Revelation between the angels, holy angels against fallen angels. Seems like that war is around the middle of the tribulation.

My Bible gives two cross references for Daniel 12:2. One reference is the Great White Throne Judgment because it mentions the book of life being checked. The other reference is to the 2nd coming referencing the sheep – goat judgment.

Let's continue, this passage of Scripture in Daniel was to the Jews, to Israel alone. They knew God would resurrect them. There are passages in Job (19:25-27), Isaiah (26:19-21), and Ezekiel (37:12) that talk about resurrection.

Let's look at a passage where Jesus discusses the resurrection with Martha. Martha was the sister of Lazarus, the one who died and Jesus resurrected him.

John 11:21-27 - Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* Thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I Am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth

in Me, though he were dead (even though they die), yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord (Yes, Lord): I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Notice Martha replied that she knew Lazarus would be raised at the last day. So they clearly knew that there would be a resurrection. That term “the last day” has bothered me for quite a while. I believe in a pre-tribulation rapture. It is in Scripture without forcing or twisting or trying to make it be there, it is there. There was a time in my life I did not have peace about it but I prayed and studied and dug in on it until I got peace over it. But not until a week or so ago did the Lord give me peace about this phrase “the last day.” Sometimes something can be so plain and yet we wrestle with it. But when it becomes clear it is so wonderful!

CLOSING

Let’s look at a few more scriptures that mention it:

John 5:27-29 – And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming (the time is coming), in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (to be condemned).

Notice there are two judgments mentioned, one for the faithful ones and one for the wicked ones. This was only speaking of a general resurrection. They understood this.

John 6:40 – And this is the will of Him that sent Me (the Father’s will), that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 12:48 – He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

PRAYER