

RESURRECTIONS and TRANSLATIONS – Part Three



We will all be resurrected or translated at some point.

Real quick I want to cover a resurrection that I overlooked.

THE RESURRECTION of the TWO WITNESSES

Rev.11:3-12 - And I will give *power* (empower) unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days (1260 days), clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks (lampstands) standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified (Jerusalem). And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer (not allow) their

dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them (terror struck those who saw them). And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them (as their enemies watched).



The fire coming from their mouths and killing those that oppose them seems pretty literal to me.

THE TWO WITNESSES...



They are dressed in sackcloth, not a modern day clothing at all.



They will lie dead in the street for 3 ½ days. The people of the world will see them. Look at the modern look of the buildings in this depiction. We know everything can be seen instantly now through the internet and tv. Most of our news is fake now and the truth is not being shown to us. But satan's antichrist will revel in this, seeing it as a victory and will show it to the world.



LGBTQ in Israel – Yes, we can see why God called Jerusalem, spiritually Sodom and Egypt. These same things were going on there before the time of Christ and have only increased as of today.

Ezekiel 16:49-50 - Behold, this was the iniquity (sin) of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread (overfed), and abundance of idleness (prosperous ease /

unconcerned) was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy(did not help the poor and needy). And they were haughty (proud), and committed abomination (did detestable things) before Me: therefore I took them away (wiped them out/ took them away) as I saw *good* (as you have seen).



In this picture you can see 1000's marching in Jerusalem Pride. Can you see why the LGBTQ group chose the word "pride" to represent themselves? Remember the luciferians pervert God's Word, they turn it upside down, backward and do the opposite of what it says. So because God called out the main sin of Sodom as pride they are wearing it proudly as a badge of honor in His face just like Nimrod was. They also hijacked His rainbow which was a sign of His covenant that He made to all the earth that He would not flood the whole earth again to destroy it. So they have taken the rainbow and tried to pervert it. This is where we are with the wickedness and sin in this world. As you look at this picture just imagine the people giving gifts to each other and celebrating because God's two witnesses are lying dead in the street of Jerusalem. Not wanting to hear the truth, still in rebellion against God.

Let's move on. Last week remember I began to bring out the fact that the Old Testament saints knew about a general resurrection. We read the Scriptures where Martha and Jesus talked about Lazarus being raised at "the last day." Martha said that because they were aware of a general resurrection. Then Jesus told her that He is the resurrection and the life. We went over a few Scriptures

that talked about being raised at “the last day.” I have had a problem with that statement even though I believe in a pre-tribulation rapture and that is what I see in Scripture. I have taught on the rapture. But still that phrase “the last day” bothered me.

I was talking about this message with Pastor Erustus and I asked him why he thought Jesus never spoke of or taught on the rapture. A lot of people try to refute the rapture saying it is a lie because Jesus never taught on it. It wasn't the time for it to be known yet. I said, why do you think Paul was the main one that revealed and taught on the rapture? He shared that Paul persecuted the church so zealously thinking he was really being obedient to God. Paul was right in the time frame of transitioning from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Israel was still in a time of transition from the law to grace through Christ. They were split and they did not all understand what Jesus' death and resurrection meant. Paul did not understand until he had the encounter with Jesus on the Damascus road (Acts 9). Jesus appeared to Paul and he lost his sight. Let's read what happened next:

Acts 9:10-16 - And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth (he is praying), And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name (to arrest all who call on Your name). But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things (how much) he must suffer for My name's sake.

Now Jesus had a special purpose for Saul who became Paul, and the ministry He had called him to. He was going to be just as zealous for Christ as he had been in persecuting the church. God gave Paul special revelations. In 2 Cor. 12 he talks

about a man who was caught up to the 3rd heaven and we believe through what he shares in that passage of scripture that he is talking about himself. He shares that God gave him a thorn in his side so as to control him and keep him humble because of the things he heard and saw. Jesus taught Paul the things He wanted him to know and reveal. He did not learn under the disciples but directly from Christ.

Galatians 1:1,11-12 - Paul, an apostle, (not of men (did not learn from men), neither by man (no man ordained him), but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) But I certify you (I want you to know), brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man (not of human origin / not of man's reasoning). For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ).

He talks about going into Arabia and then returning to Damascus and after three years going to Jerusalem. So during that time period he was being taught and shown by Christ Himself to equip him with all that Jesus wanted him to reveal and teach to the nations and to Israel.

God chooses whom He will and uses them how He wills.

Romans 9:15 - For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

God works His plan the way He chooses and He chose to reveal the rapture through Paul. That is why you don't see Jesus speak of or teach on the rapture. It wasn't God's time to reveal it yet. And Pastor shared that maybe they needed to see Jesus resurrect to help them to believe and understand better before telling them about the rapture.

So the phrase "at the last day" was consistent with the knowledge they had at that time, of a general resurrection.

So in covering the resurrection at the end of the tribulation, let's read that passage in Daniel again:

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 speaking of the righteous who made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev.7:14) and the wicked who go through the tribulation. We know for certain it is talking about those who die during the tribulation because the war referenced is during the tribulation.

The book of life is mentioned in that verse also.

Daniel 12:1b - and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

The book of life is referenced in:

Rev.13:8 – And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the beast), whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (slain from the creation of the world).

This passage is talking about the people on the earth worshiping the anti-christ. Only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's book of life will not worship the beast or the anti-christ and his beast system.

CLOSING



At the end of the tribulation all those who would not take the mark of the beast and were martyred for Christ will be resurrected at His second coming. They are the gleanings of the harvest.

Rev.20:4-5 - And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them (and the people who sat on them), and judgment was given unto them (they were given authority to judge): and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image (nor its image / nor his statue), neither had received *his* (it's) mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years (they came back to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years). But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

All of this happens just ahead of the millennial reign.

Some of the commentaries are trying to say this is all the people who ever lived and it is talking about us being dead to sins through salvation and reigning with Christ while we were alive on this earth. They want to make this passage figurative and not literal. I don't believe that way. To me this is about those that were martyred for Christ during the tribulation because verse 5 says **AND THE REST OF THE DEAD...** So that clarifies that we are talking about those that physically died during the tribulation. It tells you that the righteous dead will be

resurrected and rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead stay put in hell until the Great White Throne Judgment which is at the end of the millennial reign.

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