

Life in the Resurrected Body

And a Summary of Eschatology

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The Fact of The Resurrection:

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

1 Thess 4:13-17 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope...we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

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The Nature of The Resurrection:

Physical Yet "Spiritual"

Luke 24:36-39 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Deut 12:23 Only be sure not to eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh.

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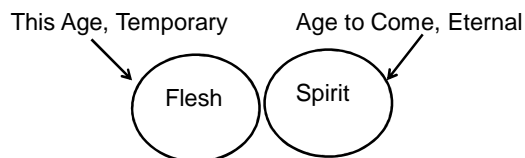
Physical Yet "Spiritual"

1 Cor 15:42-44 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 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. Imperishable – never to decay again!
2. Glory – never to be shamed again (Gen 3:7)
3. In Power – forever demonstrating God's power!
4. Spiritual body – it is forever of the "new order"

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1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit...



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Luke 24:30-31 When He reclined with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

John 20:26-27 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

We Will Reign With Christ

Millennial Kingdom

Rev 2:26-27 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces**, as I also have received authority from My Father...

Psalms 2:9 LXX = ποιμαίνω Shepherd, govern (destroy)

Psalms 2:9 MT = rawa – break, shatter, smash

Rev 12:5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron...

The Universal Reign of Christ

Rev 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to our God and they will reign upon the earth.

Zechariah 14:16 Then it will come about that **any who are left of all the nations** that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

Raptured To The New Jerusalem?

John 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many **dwelling places**; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a **place** for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

We Will Live In The Jerusalem Made By God

Acts 7:47-50 But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. However, the Most high does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says: **“Heaven is My throne, and earth is the footstool of My feet; What kind of house will you build for Me?” says the Lord, “Or what place is there for My repose? Was it not My hand which made all these things?”**

Galatians 4:25-26 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

Does The New Jerusalem Currently Exist?

Hebrews 12:22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all...

Rev 21:1-2 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

ετοιμαζω = perfect, passive, participle

The Twelve Tribes and Apostles

Rev 21:11b-14 Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Security of Her Walls

Rev 21:16-19 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. And he measure it wall, seventy-two yards...The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:22-27 I saw no temple in it, for the **Lord God...and the Lamb are its temple**. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the **glory of God has illumined it**, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it...nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination...shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Three Main Rapture Positions

Midtribulational



Strengths:

1. Allows for non-glorified saints to enter Millennium
2. Rightly sees focus on the last 3 ½ years of 70th week
3. Claims to still maintain imminence

Weaknesses:

1. Misses the start of the wrath of God in BDOL
2. The 144,000 in Rev 14 cannot be raptured saints
3. Imminence is actually lost – signed covenant etc.

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Posttribulational



Strengths:

1. Maintains a truly valid “one parousia”
2. Sees no radical distinction between church and Israel
3. Sees unity in passages like Matt 24 and 1 Thess 4

Weaknesses:

1. Misses the start of the wrath of God in BDOL
- 1 Thess 5:3 “While they are saying, “Peace and safety...”
- 1 Thess 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath...

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Posttribulational

Rapture/2nd
coming↑



2. This view does not adequately explain how the Millennial Kingdom is populated:

Who enters kingdom? Only believers glorified unglorified

Who is in kingdom? Wicked and the just (Rev 20:7-9)

Where do wicked in the Millennial Kingdom come from?

John 3:5 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into **the kingdom of God**.

Only The Righteous Enter The Kingdom?

Ezekiel 20:33, 35, 37-38 "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered...as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you face to face...I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; and **I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel.** Thus you will know that I am Yahweh."

Only The Righteous Enter The Kingdom?

Matthew 25:31-34, 41 But when the Son of Man comes in his glory; and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another; as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...Then He will also say to those on the left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels... (And all the nations will be...)"

Why Are The Martyrs Raised In Revelation 20:4?

- 3 a. If the rapture happens at the end of the 70th week as the posttrib. position maintains, why are the martyred saints not raised in Rev 19:11-16?
- b. Why are only the martyred saints talked about in Rev 20:4 raised?

1. Rapture = All saints are raised!
2. Believers who don't die enter Millennium in non-glorified bodies.
3. Only those who died during trib. need to be raised from the dead!

Posttribulational

Rapture/2nd
coming
Rev 19:14

Why Are The Martyrs Raised In Revelation 20:4?

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (Rev 4:2, 4; 14:14; 20:11)

Why aren't all the saints raised in Rev 19:11-16?

Posttribulational

Conclusions

1. The timing of the 70th week is unknown and therefore the BDOL is impossible to know. (Matt 24:36, 42 etc.)
- 1 Thess 5:2-3 ...the day of the Lord will come **just like a thief in the night**. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction comes upon them like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. (Rev 6:4 peace removed – 2nd Seal)
- Matthew 24:8 But all of these things are the beginning of birth pangs.

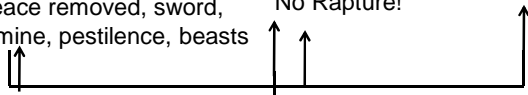
Pretribulational Rapture

Conclusions

2. The wrath of God is present during the first portion of the tribulation – therefore the church cannot be here.
3. Revelation 7:14, 14:1-5 and Revelation 19:11-16 cannot be the rapture of the church. The rapture must occur prior to the 70th week.
4. The great tribulation must last 3 ½ years because the nations are gathered by the Beast at the 6th bowl. (How can he be handcuffed?) (Is Rev. 13:5 wrong?)

Peace removed, sword,
famine, pestilence, beasts

No Rapture!



Conclusions

5. Matthew 24:31 is not the rapture of the church, but the fulfillment of Isaiah 27:12-13 (the only O.T. passage that mentions a great trumpet!).
6. Matthew 24:29 says that the 2nd Coming occurs "immediately after the tribulation of those days." (The great tribulation lasts 3 ½ years or Rev 13:5 is wrong!)
7. Jesus is faithful to all His promises. His Kingdom is coming to Israel, but it is for every Jew and Gentile that believes in Him!



Why It Matters:

Eschatology teaches the people of God to forsake this life and to live for the King and His kingdom because He is faithful to His promises!

Romans 4:20 ...yet with the respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

Matt 5:20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us...