

# The Rapture

## Part 2

This is the installment of Rapture 2. And since this is an area of the bible that many have privately entertained but it has generally been actively avoided within the Church of God, alone perhaps, not exclusively, but to the best of my knowledge. I think it's useful to review some of the concepts brought forward in Rapture 1.

In the past, I and many others, didn't take the time to differentiate the resurrections mentioned in scripture; rather focusing on one that is pretty clear and either avoiding the others or lumping them all together, not stopping to consider the vastly different conditions present when they happen at all.

Let's go to the easiest one first and that one is in Matthew 24, verses 29 – 31. Matthew 24, verses 29 – 31 so this tells us specifically when this occurs.

*<sup>29</sup>“Immediately after the tribulation (That's great tribulation) of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

The order is plainly presented; tribulation, heavenly signs, then a resurrection. There is no mention of the lake of fire incident here. And it is repeated almost verbatim in Mark 13, Mark 13, verses 24 – 27. My New King James has a header, “The coming of the Son of Man”

*<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup>the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.*

Pretty clear!

Luke 21 tells us the same thing and we will read that just to make sure we are all on the same page here. Luke 21, verses 25 – 27. Again the heading is, The Coming of the Son of Man.

*<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup>men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with*

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*power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”*

It's one and the same in Revelation 6, verses 12 – 16, the time of the sixth seal. This is after the tribulation. A resurrection to spirit; and we are specifically told who is in it in Revelation 7, Revelation 7, verses 14 – 17; Revelation 7, and verses 14 – 17. So we have read of that resurrection in previous passages in Matthew, Mark and Luke and we want to know who those people are in it and we read of it in Revelation 7, verses 14 – 17 I'll read verse 13:

*<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, (Which we talked about, there is no mistaking that) and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*<sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

*<sup>16</sup>They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

This is the wheat harvest; those who knew the truth, but needed the crucible of the tribulation to complete their journey to be wholly submissive to God. The people in this group will be spirit beings, they are part of the first fruits that will view the trumpet plagues and the bowl plagues from heaven. They will see that as Revelation 7: 14 – 17 showed us. There is confirmation in Revelation 15:2 where we see these people present in heaven and they were standing on the sea of glass. So in verse 2 it says:

*<sup>2</sup>And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.*

So there is not much mistaking that. These folks are pictured there being on the sea of glass. This is the harvest of wheat that we read about in Revelation 7 that first must be ground and baked to remove leaven, which is a type of sin, before being presented to God as the wave loaves of Leviticus 23:17.

But God mentions three harvests and this is only one. It is one of the times that Christ comes as the Son of man and we need to be aware of it. Well, when and where and then do we see record of another harvest? For we have Unleavened Bread, we have the leavened bread of Pentecost and we have the feast of Ingathering pictured by Tabernacles.

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Well Numbers 29 is instructive here, so if we turn to Numbers 29 for it is the final harvest in God's plan. We have nailed the Pentecost resurrection down, well let's take a look at the final harvest in God's plan. And I just want to touch on the highlights here. In Numbers 29, verse 13, the actual whole passage is 13 – 32. But as we walk through this starting in verse 13 you will notice that the presenting of the bulls on each day during the feast.

In verse 13 you see 13 young bulls are sacrificed. When you sacrifice an animal, you are harvesting it. They were eaten.

While you go to verse 17 on the second day they sacrificed 12 young bulls.

In verse 20, the third day, 11.

Verse 23, the fourth day, 10 and so on.

On the fifth day, verse 26, 9.

The sixth day 8 and the seventh day 7.

So if we count those there is 70 in total and that matches the 70 nations of Genesis 10. So we can see at a future time here a completely different resurrection entirely. The vast majority of mankind will be resurrected to have an opportunity for salvation and they will be harvested once sufficient time has passed for them to make that decision.

Well, what decision you ask? Whether they will be submissive to God or not; and once all have come to that place where that decision has been made we can see Christ's involvement come into play to deal with that harvest. This is a completely different harvest.

Christ spoke of this harvest; He certainly knew of it, He spoke of it in the book of Matthew. And we turn to Matthew 13, verses 36 – 43. We will see where Christ was eluding to what in fact would happen.

Matthew 13; Matthew 13, verses 36 – 43.

*<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus sent the multitude away (He had been speaking to the multitudes in parables) and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. <sup>39</sup>The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest (Well indeed, we are talking about a harvest here) is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. <sup>40</sup>Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire,*

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So here we see an additional thing; the other one we looked at was only a resurrection; here we have the lake of fire applied.

*... as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man (Again an involvement of Him) will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, (So he has a kingdom at this time; He didn't in the one we just looked at) <sup>42</sup>and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous (Those who have made the decision to be submissive and obedient to God) will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (They will receive salvation) He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

Well we get a confirmation of that as well in verses 47 – 50 of this passage.

*<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, <sup>48</sup>which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, (There comes a time) but threw the bad away. (So you see a sorting) <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. (And we have that on our map) The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup>and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”*

So it is a time of the second death; a time of accountability for making the wrong choice. We see the dynamics of this exact same thing in Matthew 25. Matthew 25 where we will read verses 31 – 46. Matthew 25, verses 31 – 46. Again!

*<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. (Notice the complete difference here) <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him, (He was coming to gather the elect in the other one) and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

You can finish reading that passage yourself. But if you get down to verse 46 or verse 45.

*<sup>45</sup>Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’  
<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into everlasting punishment, (the Lake of fire) but the righteous into eternal life.”*

So it's talking about the same event. This involvement of Christ sets the stage for the millennium to occur because the wicked will be burnt up. Notice instead of gathering the wheat or the barley, He gathers all and we have the added feature of the second death

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here as we mentioned something we have not seen before. All that have had their opportunity to be a servant of God and refused to do so will be destroyed.

Those who have become servants of God by submitting to His will be given eternal life as spirit beings and will then join those previously resurrected as we were shown in Luke 13, verses 28 and 29. Luke 13, verses 28 and 29.

*<sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. <sup>29</sup>They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”*

So we can see these newly created spirit beings joining those who were given spirit life long before. This resurrection, a day of the Son of Man, as we read in Matthew 25 happens long after the Pentecost harvest, well into the kingdom of God.

David actually knew of this; he spoke of it in the book of Psalms. It's amazing as we begin to unravel some of these things how much David actually understood; he was a prophet of God.

In Psalms 37, verses 9 – 11 David comments; He said:

*<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on Yahovah, they shall inherit the earth. <sup>10</sup>For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; (They are burnt up in the lake of fire) indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. <sup>11</sup>But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

And of course we have the passage in Malachi, Malachi 4, verses 1 – 3 that basically speaks to exactly the same event. If I can find it here; Malachi 4, Malachi 4 and verses 1 – 3. Here we go.

*<sup>1</sup>“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the Lord of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.*

*<sup>2</sup>But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.*

*<sup>3</sup>You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,”*

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Now that we begin to understand that, a passage that long alluded any understanding that I thought I had was in Matthew 13, verse 33. Matthew 13:33.

<sup>33</sup>*Another parable He spoke to them: (Christ speaking) "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*

So there is going to be three harvests of mankind and each one of those will be fulfilled. I think that gives us some understanding now of what that actually means. The kingdom of God will harvest mankind three times. The time of the barley, the time of the wheat and the time of the gathering of the rest; prior to the establishment of the new heavens and new earth, and the beginning of the thousand years when all things have in fact have been restored.

When scriptures never understood before naturally fall into place, one knows that they might be on the right track. If we go to Luke 17:22; Luke 17:22. And that was a case in point. Until we started looking at this in terms of three resurrections where spirit life had offered, this just didn't make sense.

<sup>22</sup>*Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, (Oh, you mean that here is more than one? Yeah, actually there is) and you will not see it.*

As long as we only saw one resurrection the importance of this passage escaped us. You mean there's more? Well one doesn't have to go past verse 26 to see it. Verse 26 Verse 25

<sup>25</sup>*But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

<sup>26</sup>*And (In addition to) as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: (This is another Son of Man appearance) <sup>27</sup>they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

<sup>28</sup>*Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup>but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*

They had no clue! Things were just going along like normal. There hadn't been a huge tribulation or heavenly signs. This is a different event entirely.

<sup>30</sup>*Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (This is another day) <sup>31</sup>"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise, the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot's wife.*

<sup>33</sup>*Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever and whoever*

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*loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup>I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. <sup>35</sup>Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. <sup>36</sup>Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.” <sup>37</sup>And they answered and said to Him, “Where (did they take them?), Master?” So He said to them, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”*

It's a totally different environment and the mention of the eagles leads us directly to Revelation 12. Revelation 12, verse 14. So if we turn there. A friend of mine mentioned it after listening to Rapture 1, He said, “Hey, take a look at that, recognize the event but I didn't catch the eagle thing. But it says:

*<sup>14</sup>But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, (Well, didn't we just read about eagles in Luke? Yeah, sure did.) that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*

And that is very, very important. This is before the tribulation which happens to be 42 months long. They are taken away and they are protected. We have a match with the eagles. The condition is pretty much normal, which would be pre-tribulation, but as Revelation 12 shows; just before! There is a group that will be harvested, resurrected prior to the tribulation. The wheat is harvested after the tribulation. This group will observe the tribulation itself as spirit beings. Those in the wheat harvest will be in the tribulation as we have looked at before.

Can we find further confirmation of this in the scriptures? Do we need to join the dots and walk from dot to dot and see if we can find some stuff that makes sense?

Let's go to Luke 21, verses 34-36.

*<sup>34</sup>“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. <sup>35</sup>For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. (Nobody is going to expect it when it happens) <sup>36</sup>Watch therefore,*

And we are told many times, go to Bible Hub and type in, “watch therefore” and you will be surprised, both in the Old and New Testament how much you see that.

*<sup>36</sup>Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”*

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This is not referring to the time of the Great Tribulation. It is saying there is a way to escape it. The wheat goes into the tribulation; these folks don't! The barley, the true barley will not.

Revelation 12 shows that there will be a start, there will still be some barley rather kicking around, as they need protection when Satan is cast down. When God punts Satan is unknown to us at this time; but we can be sure it will happen, and when it does it will be show time for both the wheat and the barley.

Satan knows who is who; you can be sure of that and of course, so does God. Many of the barleys, as we read of in Hebrews 11 last time have died. But some will be around at the time of Satan's being thrown down. God cannot know when the 144,000th barley is ripe for harvest. That depends on the ecclesia subjecting their will to Him. But he will know when it has happened. Names in place so there is no reason to hold up the harvest any longer.

For the record, it appears that both Yahovah and Christ have the ability to read hearts and minds as they live in us and that only makes sense.

If we look in Romans, Romans 8, Romans 8, and verses 26 and 27 we see a reference here showing us that Christ indeed can read our hearts and minds. Well if He is living in us and He is Spirit and plugged into us, why wouldn't that be the case? Romans 8:26 and 27.

*<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup>Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession (The Spirit) for the saints according to the will of God.*

You can also read of the same thing in Revelation 2, Revelation 2 and verse 23. I think there is a distinctive reference to Christ as the Spirit, a title which it seems to me He shares with the Father; but never Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit always refers to the Father Himself. Revelation 2:23 we read, and it is Christ speaking:

*<sup>23</sup>I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*

So we don't have to worry about them not understanding whether we are a wheat, or a barley. They will absolutely know, there is no place we can possibly hide from that. They live in us; they know what runs around in us betwixt our pointy little ears.

Jeremiah 17:10 is another good scripture just in passing



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*<sup>10</sup>I, Jehovah, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.*

He knows who the wheat are and who the barley's are. They won't suffer any delusion about who is who or what is what.

Matthew 11:27 and Luke 10:30 also address this showing that it is Christ who reveals the Father to us. Well, if he does that then I guess he pretty much knows what we think about the Father and whether we are subjected to His will or not.

This brings us to the distinctiveness of the barley harvest, which Paul; a barley, spoke a fair bit about. And Matthew and Luke also addressed it. We spent a fair bit of time in this passage the other day and I do want to cover it because this is all a new way of thinking for us.

*Matthew 24 <sup>36</sup>“But of that day (verse 36) and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*

The Father will know when the 144,000th barley is ready to be harvested. He leaves that in His own recognizance.

*<sup>37</sup>But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup>For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, (Showing us the time, pretty much normal) until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup>Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this; that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

Well that's, that's pretty interesting. It would appear that the Father exclusively reserves the right to determine who has subjected their will to Him and who has not. It's His family and its hope in His program. Would we not do the same in exactly the same situation?

In this portion of Matthew 24 the situation is completely different than the other two harvests and we have not seen that before or paid any attention to it. In this example live people are harvested and changed into spirit; that's different as well. One taken, one not! These are live people who are changed to spirit beings, not people resurrected from the dead to be spirit beings. And Luke's account is the same and we read that before.

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Paul adds more color in I Corinthians 15 which we covered the last time. But it is the details in I Thessalonians, I Thessalonians that harmonizes so well with Matthew and Luke's account.

If we go to the book of Thessalonians; I Thessalonians 4 we will read verses 13 – 17.

*<sup>13</sup>But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob etc) lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God (That's the God, the Father) will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive (So this is talking about an instantaneous translation to spirit) and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. (You don't suppose somebody's going to notice that) And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

It makes it clear here, as it did in Matthew and Luke's account of an instantaneous change to spirit from physical; something that will not happen with the wheat. Matthew, Luke and I Thessalonians harmonize and are speaking of the same event; the harvest of the barley.

The Hebrews 11 characters are resurrected joined by those alive who are changed into spirit beings to be with Christ forever and be protected spirit beings. Notice something else in I Thessalonians 4:17. I Thessalonians 4:17:

*<sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

Well that is an interesting phrase. Where have we seen that before? Well, turns out, there it is, large as life in Revelation 14, verses 1 – 5.

*<sup>1</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.*

*<sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. (Therefore)*

*<sup>3</sup>They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the*

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*hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.  
(Huh!)*

*<sup>4</sup>These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.*

Well, didn't we just read that in I Thessalonians 4:17? Both those in I Thessalonians 4:17 and Revelation 14 follow the Lamb wherever He goes; this is the 144,000.

There is an interesting scripture that I came across the other day in Isaiah 59 and I would like to read that for you because it matches in really nicely. About halfway through verse 15 we will pick it up, it says:

*<sup>15</sup>...Then Yahovah saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. (A pretty crazy world) <sup>16</sup>He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore, His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. <sup>17</sup>For He (This is the Father) put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. <sup>18</sup>According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; the coastlands He will fully repay. <sup>19</sup>So shall they fear the name of Yahovah from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, (Huh! Sounds like Revelation 12 to me) the Spirit of Yahovah will lift up a standard against him. <sup>20</sup>"The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says Yahovah.*

Isn't that what barleys do, seek the will of God?

*<sup>21</sup>"As for Me," says Yahovah, "this is My covenant with them: (This group of people) My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, (It's interesting to me that the 144,000 learn a song nobody else can learn; well where did they get that from?) My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants forever, says Yahovah."*

Just a thought! They, after Christ, are resurrected next before the harvest of the great multitude who must go through the tribulation. The barley, as their reward for fully submitting to God are spared that and offer huge encouragement to those who will go through the tribulation.

They know it's real, not just a fairy tail. Do you think it's likely in I Thessalonians 4:16 will be all over Facebook? Christ descends with a shout, the sound of the trumpet; the resurrection of the barley happens, and somehow they rise and meet Christ in the air.

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Hebrews 11 folks are taken to their reward; do you think somebody might notice? Do you suppose maybe it will be posted on Facebook if such a thing had happened?

Well we have to ask the question, when will they be resurrected? It's not Pentecost. This is the barley, not the wheat and the barley is pictured by the Days of Unleavened Bread. The Days of Unleavened Bread picture the harvest of the unleavened bread. It is the Feast of Unleavened Bread and it is a harvest.

As in Revelation 12 where the ecclesia had no place to go; can we find a similar situation in scripture where only by miraculous deliverance, showing God's incredible power, could a way out be found? We are told over and over in scripture to watch; pray always that we may be accounted worthy to be a barley.

If we go to Exodus 14; Exodus 14, where we might want to read verses 1 – 13. So Exodus 14 and we will read verses 1 – 13. I want to set the tone to see if there is any kind of duality here.

*<sup>1</sup> Now Yahovah spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea.*

So they were taken into a situation where it was totally untenable.

*<sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh (A type of Satan) will say of the children of Israel, ‘They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.’ <sup>4</sup>Then I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am Yahovah.” And they did so. <sup>5</sup>Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people;*

God can work with our spirit to change our mind about some things and He does that all the time actually.

*and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. <sup>7</sup>Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. <sup>8</sup>And Yahovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. <sup>9</sup>So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.*

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*<sup>10</sup>And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Yahovah.*

*<sup>11</sup>Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."*

Very important scripture!

*<sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see (The what?) the salvation of Yahovah,*

Have you released Satan in the end times to have him come down here? Are we seeing any parallels here?

*Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup>Yahovah will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."*

There is going to be an interesting situation come up here. Now, this particular passage, just so you know, I wasn't aware of this; but there are those who profess that this was six days into the Unleavened Bread journey out of Egypt. Some say the last day! But unleavened bread was consumed for seven days, not six.

The harvest of the barley goes on for a full seven days and Israel left Egypt walking out on the high day so why couldn't they do the same on the last high day during the night to be saved by the next morning, the day portion of the high day? You know we will walk through this and the wind blew and they walked through all during the night and they were saved, were baptized in the sea, which is a type of death.

They were saved as Christ was there with them as we read about in I Corinthians 10:4. You can go look that up. This is above my pay grade to determine whether it was the sixth day or seventh day, but it was during the Days of Unleavened bread and they did see a salvation of the Lord at that time.

And they were indeed pursued by Pharaoh in the worst of all situations. Is this not exactly the same setup that we read about in Revelation 12?

Going on in verse 14 of Exodus 14:

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*<sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” <sup>15</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. (A miraculous deliverance) <sup>17</sup>And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>Then the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahovah, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”*

When Satan pours out an army like a flood after God's barley in Revelation 12 will the Father not gain honor by just making that work? I think so!

*<sup>19</sup>And the Angel of God, (Oops, there we have Christ in there at the same time) who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. (Both of them there, God the Father and His Servant)*

*<sup>20</sup>So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other,*

So they are going through the Red Sea, the symbolic baptism by night.

*so that the one did not come near the other all that night. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians (This would be the seventh day, the last day of Unleavened Bread as far as we know) through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. <sup>25</sup>And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for Yahovah fights for them against the Egyptians.” <sup>26</sup>Then Yahovah said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horse men, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them*

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*remained. <sup>29</sup>But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup>So Yahovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared Yahovah, and believed Yahovah and His servant Moses.*

God gains honor for Himself; they then believed Him. And would that not serve as a huge impetus going into the promised land to see those incredible miracles? I think so!

Would it not give incredible inspiration and help for people to be, having been resurrected during the Days of Unleavened Bread and you being tried and tribulated for three years knowing, "Hey, that's real, I want some of that?"

I can't help but think that God is very smart and He has very big muscles. What do you think?

If we go to Exodus 15; Exodus 15 and verse 11 it's interesting to note this. It says:

*<sup>11</sup>"Who is like You, O Yahovah, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup>You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them.*

Huh? When you read the first part of Exodus 15 it is the sea, the sea covered them in verse 10 so this is different, this is the earth, just like it's the earth in Revelation 12

*<sup>13</sup>You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; (I believe this is talking about the barley) You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. (Wouldn't that be New Jerusalem?) <sup>14</sup>"The people will hear and be afraid; sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup>Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling will take hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. <sup>16</sup>Fear and dread will fall on them; by the greatness of Your arm they will be as still as a stone, till Your people pass over, O Yahovah, till the people pass over whom You have purchased. <sup>17</sup>You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your own dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. (Abraham awaited a city, who's builder and maker was God. Does this not fit in a way that perhaps we have not seen before?) <sup>18</sup>"Yahovah shall reign forever and ever."*

Pretty dramatic! And you know I never noticed it before if you go to Revelation 15. Go to Revelation 15 and read verse 3, it says:

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<sup>3</sup>*They sing the song of Moses,*

They are on the sea of glass before the throne of God and they sing the song of Moses.

*the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,*

Huh, do you think that is an accident, that we read of the song of Moses in Exodus 15 and here we have the resurrected saints singing the same song on the sea of glass before God? Do you really think that is a coincidence?

Are you a barley or are you a wheat? Perhaps that is a question we all need to ask ourselves. How's our faith, do we believe God when we see some of these things?