

The Resurrection Hour

If what myself and others are teaching of the coming Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ could “possibly” be true, and showing the approximate “day” of Christ’s coming for His believers, then is it “possible” through the scriptures and the reasoning from them to know the “HOUR” of the resurrection/ rapture?

Of this long question, I will let you decide. Now in wrestling with this for some time, I have come to the conclusion by way of the scriptures that the “Rapture” aspect (the translation of those who are alive and remain) of the 1st time resurrection AFTER Christ’s resurrection is ONLY for A SIGN for those who are left behind! Now I do say this boldly and have for some years for this reason.

IF the aspect of Christ’s completing the “Church Ages” with the Laodicean Church and the Coming of Christ to raise the “dead in Christ” is all that was said and promised in God’s Word, would ANYTHING prophetically change or be unable to be fulfilled? The answer is NO! Think about it! With just the “dead in Christ” being raised, the representation of Christ’s believers in the 24 elders is still intact! The raising of the “great multitude” which comes “out of Great Tribulation” is still effective; the Coming of the King and His kingdom does not change, etc.

But since the “Rapture” aspect of Christ’s coming to complete the Church ages is a FACT:
 1 Thess.4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
 17 Then **we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them** in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Let us then take our reasoning from scripture of those who are alive at that time to those who are the “dead in Christ”, to be “resurrected”! Will the time of this event (the resurrection/ rapture) be “AS a thief in the night”? Will it also be able to be seen (the sign) as happening AT MIDNIGHT? A Watch? I may expound later on the “Watch” of the Coming of the Lord in relation to the resurrection/ rapture later. But for now look at the watches (period or duration of time- NOT that of awareness) in connection to Christ coming to His chosen!

Matt. 14: 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And **in the fourth watch of the night** Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Matt. 24: 43 **But know this**, that **if the goodman** of the house **had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched**, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Luke 12: 38 And if he shall **come in the second watch, or come in the third watch**, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known **what hour** the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Notice that Luke's and Matthew's account of the "Goodman and the thief are the same with subtle differences. One of those is that of the equation of the "Hour" in Luke's' to that of the "Watch" in Matthew's account! Also realize that "Midnight" is both the completion of the 2nd watch (9:00 pm – 12:00 midnight (3hours) and it is also the beginning of the 3rd watch OF THE NIGHT (12:00 am to 3:00 am (3 hours) and of course the 4th watch is from 3:00 am to 6:00 am. Look again to Matt. 14 above and when Jesus did come unto them... it was IN the 4th watch of the night! This is the WATCH IN WHICH JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, early in the morning before the dawn breaks! Yeah, it all has to do with the focus on Jesus Christ, His resurrection and from where (JERUSALEM)!

And last, for now, what Christ had to say to the Church through Sardis!

Rev.3:2 **Be watchful**, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. **If** therefore **thou shalt not watch**, I will come on thee as a thief, and **thou shalt not know what hour** I will come upon thee.

My simple comment on the passage above and what I emboldened. The Lord says to be watchful! In other words pay attention to His Word so that you are able to SEE what He is fulfilling of it or if He has even started to do so! However, here comes the BIG IF! That "IF" is provisional, meaning, IF you do not watch or pay attention to His Word and what is going on in this world, you therefore WILL NOT KNOW THE HOUR (and as we have seen the equation of) or also that of will NOT KNOW THE WATCH of the thief's coming!

However, with the PROVISIONAL "IF", the converse will also be true! If you do remain "watchful" in His Word and what He is doing (or not doing), you then will KNOW THE HOUR/ WATCH of the thief's coming to where you will not suffer/ allow your house to be broken up (be sure the gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached to your household) and any of them left behind (of course this is still up to the individual of your household)!

Ok, when and where was the 1st resurrection? Of course it was in and at Jerusalem! Scripture should not be needed here! BUT, does the Lord confirm the central hub or focus of His resurrection power at Jerusalem anywhere else and for any other persons?

Rev. 11:8-12; 8 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.

9 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 their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

Yes, at least the 2 prophets/ witnesses will be raised and taken to heaven FROM Jerusalem! Now I'm showing this scripture for the purpose of acknowledging the centrality

(center position) from where the “resurrection power of Christ” is of God’s importance. And it all points to Christ, from where our Lord was crucified!

Now in these last days prior to Christ’s Coming and Kingdom, there are 3 persons or personalities that are vying for the worship of man. **First** of all there is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world! **Second**, there is the “Dragon/ Satan” himself! And **Third**, there is the Antichrist!

First: Rev. 12: 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, 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.

11 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.

12 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.

Rev 14: 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion**, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.

2 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 of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no **man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

4 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.**

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Second: Rev. 13: 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And **they worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Third: Rev 4: 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and **they worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Rev 13; 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein **to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

Rev 13: 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship the image of the beast** should be killed.

Now it is not hard to see the 3 persons wanting the worship of man during these last days. But since we are talking about the “resurrection” of Christ’s believers in which Jesus Christ Himself is the “firstfruits” of the resurrection:

1 Corinth.15: 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Let’s look at the timing of His resurrection!

Mark 16: Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And **very early in the morning** the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at **the rising of the sun**. (4th WATCH OF THE NIGHT)

Matt.28: 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, **as it began to dawn** toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Now what do we see in the scriptures that are in bold? We have: as it began to dawn, with the rising of the sun, and very early in the morning! What scriptures come to mind concerning these phrases?

Rising of the Sun?

Mal.4: 2 But unto you that fear my name **shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

What is the Sun (which is Christ Himself referenced here) that arises with healing in His wings (of an eagle)? And when does this Sun arise?

Early in the Morning!

Rev.2: 26 And **he that overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And **I will give him the morning star**.

You see, even to the Church of Thyatira, is the promise of the Resurrection/ Rapture to those who overcome the world BY AND IN CHRIST!

Rev.22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am** the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star**.

Now we have identification of who is the “bright and morning Star” which is the “**Sun of righteousness**” that **arises** with healing in his wings (resurrection & one time only-rapture), and at WHAT TIME does the “**morning star/ Sun arise?** “**Very early in the morning**”, “as it **began to dawn**”!

Now then, I’m postulating that the “resurrection/ rapture” is tied to where Christ, the bright and Morning Star, the Sun of righteousness rose from the dead and became the FIRSTFRUITS, and that tie is to Jerusalem! And also to WHEN (time of day) this Star/ Sun began to rise! That being as the day began to dawn, very early in the morning! In Jerusalem, when is the “day” commonly believed to start? It is from 6:00 am to the night of 6:00 pm. This is the general sense of the “day” and the “watches” associated to it.

So then, if the central hub of when the “resurrection” is to or could possibly happen at Jerusalem be 6:00 am, is that all of the possible scriptural proof we need, or there is? I say no! Please follow the continued reasoning. At the time of the “resurrection/ Rapture” there will be a separation of God’s people from the world. Or in other words a separation of those who know their Savior, and more importantly, those whom the Savior KNOWS at that time (see the 10 virgins)! And clearly looking in God’s word of a time of separation in regards to the “TIME OF DAY” itself we find;

Luke 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I tell you, **in that night** there shall be **two men in one bed**; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 **Two women shall be grinding together**; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 **Two men shall be in the field**; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, **Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.**

I want to make an observation of this passage of scripture. IF the Lord is referring to a division or separating of people as that of the “rapture” and that it will be instantaneously done to the global scale, then what is happening AT THE SAME TIME that there will be this separation/ division? What I observe is that IN THAT NIGHT there will be 2 in bed, two grinding at the mill and 2 men in the field! In the last 2 examples the Lord gives of grinding and being in the field, it is that of WORKING!

Remember that the Lord taught to a Jewish/ Hebraic understanding under the LAW! And with that, there can be no contradiction to the Law. So then if this is a depiction of when the “Resurrection/ rapture” will happen, it would have to be on any day other than THE SABBATH! For the Sabbath (7th day of the week) is to be a day of rest and CEASING OF WORK! And it is very clear that those two groups ARE WORKING! Therefore, in my opinion, the “resurrection/ rapture” CANNOT happen on a Friday evening to a Saturday evening Sabbath! This is just a little more narrowing down of WHEN IT CAN HAPPEN by when it can’t happen!

It is important to note that the Lord starts out saying that it is in that NIGHT! And yet does not then qualify the progression to the “day” hours of the grinding at the mill of that of the working in the field. It is at the same time...IN THAT NIGHT! Now Jesus does start out with these examples of separation with NIGHT TIME in that of the 2 in the BED! Ring any bell?

Matt. 25: 6 And **at midnight** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Now then, what are we to be doing until that cry be made at MIDNIGHT?

Acts 20: 7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, **Paul preached unto them**, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech **until midnight**.

Yes, we are to keep preaching the word of God in season and out of season UNTIL MIDNIGHT when:

Acts 16: 25 And **at midnight** Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all **the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed**.

Now then, when looking at the time of the cry at midnight, is this from a perspective in or at Jerusalem or some other place. I believe it must be seen from some other place other than Jerusalem, for the Lord did NOT RISE at midnight! But where in the order of these separations, we see:

1 -the 2 in a bed; **night time** = MIDNIGHT

2- 2 grinding at the mill, readying the days meals **morning**- EARLY IN THE MORNING

3- 2 in the field; working at **noon** - THE NOON HOUR

Do we find this precise order in scripture in connection to God's people crying for their deliverance to Him? I believe so!

Psalm 55: 16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: **for there were many with me**.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Please read all of psalms 55! Look people, here is the crying unto the Lord for His deliverance by His people! Not only is that, but look at God afflicting those who are against His people and especially to "HE THAT ABIDETH OF OLD"! This can only be a reference to SATAN!

NOW I WANT TO MAKE NOTE HERE AND NOW, JUST WHERE IS THE MAJORITY OF HIS PEOPLE WHO ARE CRYING UNTO HIM FOR THIS DELIVERANCE (RAPTURE)? I can tell you now, that the overwhelming hits that come to this website;

www.godstimeline.net

Are from the WEST or western hemisphere/ the U.S.A.! Which is what I believe is that kingdom of the man of sin- the antichrist; "Mystery Babylon the Great"! See Kevin Drakes

articles on the “Bird Cage” and “The King of Babylon”! Now if this is possibly correct in scriptural understanding, then we can see how the “resurrection/ rapture” in this order can be seen from “evening or night, morning- noon”!

Now since Jerusalem is the central focus point of the Resurrection Power of Christ, it makes perfect sense that the “middle portion” of the two correlating scriptures (Luke 17 & Psalms 55) would be applicable to there! And if that reasoning is solid, then what do we also glean from that?

It is that with Jerusalem being at the middle of the example of Luke 17 in that of the 2 women grinding at the mill, early in the MORNING, and then seeing the “West as to where the majority of God’s People are crying for deliverance in that of the “evening- night- MIDNIGHT, then the time of day which is left is that of the men working in the field at NOON time! And that would be in the EAST!

Why? Because the Lord said concerning the sacrificing of His Son, that He, (the Father) will not see our sins as far as THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST! So then, going forth out of Sion/ Jerusalem, the Lord God will not see our sins as far as the east is from the west!

Now the times in which we are living is that preparatory time for the Coming of the King and the establishing of His Kingdom! And as I mentioned earlier there are 3 individuals vying for the worship of mankind. AND ALL Three have their Kingdom/nation/ Capitol!

Where does the Kingdom/ Nation/ Capitol of the antichrist reside (at least I believe so)?
Answer = Kingdom of the West, Nation of the U.S.A./ Capitol of Washington D.C.

Where does the Kingdom/ Nation/ Capitol of Jesus Christ reside? In the Center of things!
Answer= Kingdom of God, Nation of Israel, Capitol of Jerusalem!

Where does the Kingdom/ Nation/ Capitol of the Dragon/ Satan reside?
Answer = Kingdom of the East/ Nation of China/ Capitol of Beijing!

Now it is not hard to apply to the east that of the worshipping of the Dragon to China (as the representative)! They ALREADY DO THIS!!

It is not hard to apply Jerusalem as the capitol of the Lord, for it is the City of the GREAT KING! So then, how hard is it to apply the far western power capitol to that of the Antichrist?

Therefore, if this is making any sense by the scriptures presented, the “hour” of the resurrection would look as follows!

In the west- Wash. D.C.= Midnight!, 12:00AM

Center in Jerusalem = early in the Morning, 6:00 AM

In the east = Beijing = Noon! 12:00 PM

Now guess what? Look up on the net for the “World Clock” and look for the timing of Jerusalem at 6:00 am. And then Look at what you will find for the EXACT SAME TIME (Remember that the “rapture” IS GLOBAL AND INSTANTANOUS!) for the other points

referenced in that of Washington D.C. and Beijing China! That is right, it is EXACTLY as follows:

Washington D.C.= 12:00 AM- MIDNIGHT

Jerusalem = 6:00 AM- Early in the Morning, as the day begins to dawn

Beijing = 12:00 PM- NOON

How can this be???

Now in regard to these time frames of the “hour” or approximate time of day given in scripture, especially in Psalms 55, I want to point out just how merciful God, our Lord Jesus Christ will be. And remember that the Lord has said that He in 2 Peter 3: 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

Yes, even with the Lord’s Coming for the resurrection and “rapture” of the saints, sure looks to me that the time (hour) will be such as to produce THE LEAST amount of physical devastation to the world! The Lord wants people to come to Him in repentance of their sins.

If you do print out the “World Clock” from time and date dot com, you will see that the highest or most prominent day time hours belong to that in the “east” with Beijing at NOON time! And from that “noon time” progressing west to Jerusalem, in the busiest time of morning commute and business, what is the population ratio of that area (Asia) to that of Christianity? I will tell you now, that it is VERY, VERY SMALL in the percentage to those who “claim” to be Christians! You are in an area of the world that is Predominately Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu etc. And if the “rapture” happens in this part of the world from 12:00 noon at the coast of Asia, to 6:00 am Jerusalem time, really now, just how many people are really going to be missed? And if the numbers of people per capita that are Christians are so minute, where will be this big devastation and death to this part of the world? There won’t be any!

Even at Jerusalem time (6:00AM) going west toward London, England, (it would be 5:00AM) it would still be very early in the morning to which people are either still in bed or just rising to get breakfast and not yet starting their work commute to cause this “devastation” by their disappearance!

Now of course, from London to the Kingdom of the A.C. (at Washington D.C., U.S.A.) you come to the country which has produced the largest missionary/ evangelistic out reaching to the world as seen by the “Philadelphian Church” in Rev.3. And the time, at this instant will be “MIDNIGHT”!

Isn’t it remarkable that at this “Midnight Hour”, that there IS a City of Philadelphia? And Not only that, but in New York, there is also a city of BABYLON!! Now I’m just going to take the whole “kingdom” (the U.S.A./ Babylon/ Philadelphian Church to which stands the open door) from the east coast (Midnight) to the west coast (9:00 PM) and make this comment AGAIN! IF this (the “rapture”) will happen at this time and instant, then even in

the western hemisphere, it will be MIDNIGHT- 9:00 PM and WELL PAST THE DAYTIME WORKING HOURS AND COMMUTE to produce the resulting deaths and devastation! Most people are already at home (9:00 PM) from work or they are IN BED (MIDNIGHT)!!

Where will this great devastation AND DEATH happen as suggested by many prophecy teachers? I don't see it. In fact what I do see is God's GREAT MERCY to the world even in the fact of His bringing His people Home!

To further the example of God's mercy, we then continue west from the western hemisphere's coast (primarily Los Angeles, Calif.) at 9:00 P.M. and continue to the coast of Asia (Beijing, China) you can see the greatest amount of time after noon, and backing up through the working day (6:00 PM- 12:00 PM) to China. And to show God's mercy, the time zones involved through the busiest time of the work day and off work time to noon IN CHINA, IS VERY SPARSELY POPULATED AND IS MUCH OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN ITSELF!!!

Again, I ask, where will this great amount of death and devastation happen here? It will not! Again, I really do not believe that just because the Lord Jesus Christ is taking home those who HE KNOWS as His at this time (the "rapture") that He is not going to be AS MERCIFUL as possible. Let me ask you Christians this! Would you prefer that the Lord Comes to us and at a time that would produce the most death and destruction to the world, or would you prefer He comes "as a thief in the night"! So that those family members, friends and co-workers who are sitting on the fence concerning Jesus Christ and His provision for their salvation would have the best opportunity to come to Him?

Here is another reason for this Coming of the Lord (rapture) to be as much of a "global non-event" that I believe it will be! If there were such catastrophic repercussions concerning the "rapture", then there would be little doubt and faith needed to come to Christ after it happened! Where would the need for the 2 witnesses, the 144,000 etc.be? But BECAUSE of the manner in which He is coming for us, then will it be much easier for the Lord to send that delusion to those who have flat out rejected Jesus Christ as God and the savior of the World!

2 Thess. 2: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**:
12 That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Do you realize that for the above scripture to make any sense practically, that the "rapture" would have to happen VERY SHORTLY PRIOR to the "man of sin" / Antichrist receiving the POWER, SIGNS and LYING WONDERS OF SATAN for the "strong delusion" in their believing a lie to be effective?

And also, if this "world wide" rapture happened with the purposed (great death and devastation) and commonly taught result 3 & ½ years prior to the A.C. receiving this deadly wound, being healed, receiving Satan's power/ Seat/ and great authority, don't you think that it would be nearly impossible for there to be a "lie" that would be believed

anyway? I mean let's face it, there would be 3&1/2 years to preach the Coming of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God and that within these 3 & 1/2 years there will be this coming Antichrist! And all known to be COMING TRUE BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DISSAPEARENCES AND DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ASSOCIATED TO what Christians have taught as the "Rapture" and its global ramifications!

No, the Lord will shortly after the taking Home of His own, be producing by His judgments more DEATH and DESTRUCTION to get man's attention for the reason of repentance, than to begin this with the "rapture"! This is why I have said that the "rapture" is nothing more than a "SIGN" for those who are left behind! It is to show that what we who have been taken and were preaching were true!

You now have not only the APPROXAMATE "day" (within 2 days at the end of Jan.2011) but now the "GLOBAL HOUR/ WATCH" for when to hear that trumpet sounding and the Lord to say, "Come up hither"!

Just take that Global- World clock and find where you are in relation to the 3 points of the world the Lord seems to have given in His Word!

Look up, lift up your head! For your redemption draweth near!!!

Come to the Lord Jesus Christ, now! There is no guarantee that even as the writing of this article for you, that you or I will be alive to the expected "resurrection/ Rapture" of the saints!

In Looking for Jesus Christ's Coming and Kingdom;

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