

MARTHA'S HOPE

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

Anything other than a post-tribulation rapture is a relatively new phenomenon. In the early church, teaching on anything other than a post tribulation rapture, did not exist. Sadly, during the course of the past fifty or so years, the pendulum has swung. The majority of believers that espouse the pre-millennial rapture teaching have now embraced the pre-tribulation rapture error. It is an error and a very serious error, with the most serious of consequences and must not be viewed with benign indifference. Why not? Because a pre-trouble, pre-tribulation teaching must mean that the coming generation, which is likely to be the terminal one, has been lulled into a false security and thus is totally unprepared for the unleashing of Satan's wrath, which we know as "THE TRIBULATION THE GREAT ONE". Now let us consider Martha's sublime affirmation of her incontrovertible belief which has become the hope of the Church for two millennia of years. Now to: -

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John 11 V 24 I know that he (Lazarus) shall rise again at the last day

Ridiculously, those who hold to a pre-tribulation rapture, would have to contest MARTHA'S HOPE. For their erroneous teaching would have to proclaim, 'Oh no Martha, the resurrection and rising will take place at the last day less 2555 days (7 years) or even more', ridiculous in the extreme. Martha had the total, if tacit support of the Lord Jesus, who did not contest MARTHA'S HOPE in any shape, way or form. Never forget,

THE RAPTURE AND THE RESURRECTION ARE SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS

There is no biblical warrant whatsoever to separate them even by a second, let alone 7 years or more. There is no scripture that gives any support to such an assertion as this our glorious hope affirms (one among many): -

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST:

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.

1 THESSALONIANS 4 v 16 - 17

This scripture incontrovertibly proves that the rapture and resurrection are synonymous events, with the resurrection momentarily preceding the rapture, and that both these momentous events take place at the LAST DAY.

TWO OLD MEN'S PRAYERS AND LONGINGS

My closing thoughts are based on: -

Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

PSALM 71 v 18

which expresses a longing of two old men, and we both, King David and I, would beseech you to show God's power, which is certain proof against the bewitching,

seducing and beguiling wiles of Satan and his Antichrist to the generation, most likely the terminal one, now growing up among us. Please warn, encourage, challenge and warn again, for the fate of those who receive the mark of the beast is too bitter to contemplate, and meditate upon these closing scriptures: -

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

REVELATION 13 v 16 – 18

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

REVELATION 14 v 9 - 11