

Resurrection is on the Last Day

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This was quite a few years ago when the event occurred, but there was a man who wrote a book that the resurrection does not take place until the last day. He referenced that to the Last Great Day, that is the 8th day after the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles.

In John 6 we will see Jesus is talking about those who are going to be in the first resurrection, because He's talking about eternal life. I didn't pay much attention to the book. I just set it aside, but I always had it kind of in the back of my mind. I think Carl Franklin may have given me a clue to understand it even more.

John 6:39: "And this is the will of the Father, Who sent Me: that *of* all whom He has given Me, I should not lose any, but should raise them up **in the last day.**"

Knowing that the Bible does not contradict itself, it appears there are some contradictions when you don't understand it. When it looks like a contradiction, you keep studying and work out all the facts and details until you understand that there are no contradictions.

Remember when we were in the Church and kept a Monday Pentecost. The leader of the Church was finally forced to admit the truth, and there were other facts he could have gotten the truth of it as early as 1954. But because of hierarchical pressure those who were supposed to study the truth and bring it to him, did not bring him the truth, though they knew it, and they said, 'He's an apostle; therefore, he's right.' **No!** God *is* God, and therefore, He is always right. We are only correct when we are in accord with Him. We have to come to God His way. {Note sermon: *Come to God His Way* (Michael Heiss)}

After he was forced to admit that he was wrong for the 40 years, we had an elders' conference and he said, 'We kept it on Monday and that wasn't the correct day, but God bound it for 40 years.' Anybody ever hear that? **No, God did not bind it!**

As a result of not keeping it correctly, they didn't understand that Pentecost was picturing the first resurrection of the firstfruits of God. They would mention it, but because of the word *trumpet*, they moved it all the way up to the Feast of Trumpets as the day of the resurrection. But that can never be. What we're going to cover here today will prove that it can never be.

How is it that the first resurrection is going to be on the last day? This will prove very interesting.

God told Moses and Aaron that 'this is the beginning of months for you' (Exo.12). Why did God say that? *That was a slight change, though it was always the first month!* The Calculated Hebrew Calendar begins the year with the Feast of Trumpets.

Verse 39: "...but should raise them up in the last day. And this is the will of Him Who sent Me: that everyone who sees the Son, and believes in Him, **may have** eternal life..." (vs 39-40). Wherever you have *may*, that means there are conditions involved. If you believe in Jesus, what are the conditions?

1. you come to God *His* way
2. you believe Him
3. you believe His Word
4. you repent and are baptized
5. you receive the Holy Spirit of God
6. you're growing and overcoming human nature to develop the character of God.

You keep that way through your whole life.

7. You're resurrected at the return of Christ

"...and I will raise him up at the last day" (v 40).

You will see this is talking about the first resurrection, v 44: "No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." This tells us an awful lot. Think about that. Who is involved personally in your life?

1. God the Father
2. Jesus Christ

You are a temple of God, because God's Spirit is dwelling in you (1-Cor. 3). You have direct access to God the Father and Jesus Christ. That relationship then is grace.

Those who believe that grace is the forgiveness of sin greatly restrict the understanding of God and the Truth. Forgiveness of sin is the first application of God's mercy to you for removing sin from you.

It's not that the instant you receive the Holy Spirit you are perfect in the flesh. If you are, walk through the wall and let us know. Always remember this: **as long as you are in the flesh**, you and me, **every one of us are not perfect**, as the perfection that God wants to give us.

- we are in right standing with God through His grace
- we have His Holy Spirit to overcome
- He leads us in Truth and in knowledge

But *His final perfection is the resurrection!* That's what He says right here:

Verse 44: "No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him; and **I will raise him up at the last day.**"

Verse 54: "The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and **I will raise him up in the last day.**" Obviously, that's talking about the first resurrection.

Verse 56: "The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood is dwelling in Me, and I in him. As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father; so also the one who eats Me shall live by Me" (vs 56-57).

Jesus is called *the Word of God*. When we study the Word of God and it nourishes our mind, and the Spirit of God in us, that is likened to eating. 'O taste and see that the Lord is good' (Psa. 37). So, this is a spiritual application of it.

Let's talk about the Calculated Hebrew Calendar for just a minute. The Calculated Hebrew Calendar is geared to the Feast of Trumpets, the first day of what is now the 7th month. Everything flows from that. There are a lot of calendar people out there with different things concerning calendar.

I just got one from Arkansas last week where it is called the new moon/Sabbath calendar. In Arkansas they're out there looking for the new moon and that becomes a first day of the month and it always on a Sabbath, regardless whether it's on Tuesday. That means sometimes they keep the Sabbath on Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday. It breaks everything concerning the calendar of God and the keeping of time. All time must fit in with seven days.

The reason the Calculated Hebrew Calendar is so accurate is because ***God gave the calculations to the priests.*** They have preserved them.

In 354-358_{A.D.} that was a time very similar to this year where you had Passover and Easter almost hitting each other right in the face. The Romans so detested the things of the Jews that they wanted to keep people from keeping the Passover and the feasts of God.

Chrysostom gave raging sermons about 398_{A.D.} because those who were attending were also going to what he called Jewish synagogues. They weren't Jewish synagogues, those were brethren meeting in homes. They still have not stamped out Sabbath worship and they never got rid of it in the whole Eastern Orthodox area until about 1000_{A.D.}

They gave a command under pain of death: You are not to keep the Passover. It came so close to Easter because they were following the Roman

Julian calendar, which was losing time because they had no adjustment.

Sidebar: During the days of Pope Gregory, Easter was coming back into winter because of the Roman calendar. All of you who believe in observable new moons, listen up. If you know how to do it and if you are in the area of what is called Palestine today, you *may* be accurate *some* of the time. All observations were only valid if they agreed with the calendar court's calculation going back in time.

Hillel II did not invent or devise the Hebrew calendar. He was a descendant of Gamaliel, who was the head of the Sanhedrin during Jesus' day and he was the official top priest for the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

Hillel II was convinced that if they came and killed all the Jews and they didn't let the knowledge of the calendar become public, all knowledge of keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days would be removed and all of the Jews in the Diaspora wouldn't know what to do. It also meant that all the Christians wouldn't know what to do. So, Hillel II released the knowledge on how to calculate the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

When I took a class in it—before the days of little calculators—all you have to do is know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide accurately. Once you could do that and you knew the rules of postponements—postponements do not do away with time; they keep everything coordinated—everybody today believes in postponements. When Pope Gregory and the calculators figured out how the Julian calendar was wrong, they discovered that the year was not 365 days, but 365-1/4 days. That means they were losing 1/4 of a day a year.

How is it handled today? You have to have a whole day. You can't have a part of a day. This side of the aisle at noon is yesterday; this side of the aisle is tomorrow. You can't have that. You must deal in whole days. How did they devise it so they wouldn't lose time? By the time of Pope Gregory they had lost 10 days. The calendar went back 10 days.

Since they go on the spring equinox that put them in great trouble. How are they going to have Easter at the spring equinox when the Spring Equinox is coming 10 days early? So they discovered that it was 365-1/4 days. How did they work the postponement to correct it?

- Year 1: 365 days
- Year 2: 365 days
- Year 3: 365 days
- Year 4: 366 days

Postponement takes the leftover accumulated and puts it into a whole day. That's all the

postponements do with the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, with one major exception: *It must be coordinated with the moon, earth, sun and stars!*

Because of that, in addition to the regular postponements down through time, there's another postponement at 247 years. Most people don't have a clue as to what that is. That's because even with the postponements going on through the regular calculating and the 19-year time cycle, and so forth, there's still a fraction of time left over that accumulates. It takes 247 years to accumulate one day. Once in a great while it accumulates two days. All of that is done to keep everything on time.

How does that fit in to *the last day*? The resurrection is going to occur on the last day, but it cannot be Trumpets.

Let's think of this for a minute. That was one of the mistakes of not keeping Pentecost correctly. They didn't know when the resurrection would be. You look up in *Strong's Concordance*, the word *trumpets* and you trumpet—oh, yes, last trumpet. That's got to be the Feast of Trumpets.

Sidebar: Feast of Trumpets is to be a memorial of blowing of trumpets. They blow them periodically all day long. When would the last trumpet be blown on that day? *Not until sunset!* What would happen at sunset? *It would end the day!* So on that basis alone it can't be on Trumpets, an impossibility.

Another impossibility: if you start counting from Nisan and you count the Passover and Holy Days:

1. Passover
2. First Day of Unleavened Bread
3. Last Day of Unleavened Bread
4. Pentecost
5. Trumpets
6. Atonement
7. Tabernacles
8. Last Great Day

The first resurrection takes place on Pentecost. Let's see how it is if you count the months beginning with the first day of the 7th month, because that's when God set the calendar in the 4th day of the week in the creation week.

1. Trumpets
2. Atonement
3. Tabernacles
4. Last Great Day
5. Passover

What is the number of grace? *Five! The greatest grace is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ!*

6. First Day of Unleavened Bread
7. Last Day of Unleavened Bread

8. Pentecost *The last day!*

That's how that is figured. Also, think on this, because God's Word is layered: When the proper count of Pentecost occurs, 50 days, that falls on the first day of the week. The 50th day is *the last day*. So, you have it *the last day*, counting from Trumpets. You have it *the last day*, counting from Unleavened Bread.

It is also the first day of the 8th week. Eight is a number of *new beginning*. Would you agree that the resurrection is a day of a new beginning? It all falls in there. Also, Pentecost is the 8th first day of the week from the beginning of day one.

That's how we understand *the last day*. Pentecost is the only Holy Day that can be *the last day* that applies to the first resurrection. That can only be accomplished by starting from Trumpets and going through the year to that point.

One other thought: Where in the Bible do you have a sequence of trumpets where you have a first trumpet and a last trumpet? *Rev. 8, 9, 11!*

Harry and I were driving and we stopped by to see Pat Thomas. She seemed to be doing much, much better, so continue to pray for her. I anointed her and she mentioned that it seems as though that a lot of people are dying. I mentioned to her that's all a part of God's plan.

Everyone who has been a true Christian from the time of Christ until now all died. When you're young you don't think of death. When you're old you start facing it. ***But God loves you. God cares for you*** and He says that when you're old and gray He will not forsake you. That means even if you get weak and feeble, because that's part of God's plan.

We don't get eternal life in the flesh; *it has to come at the resurrection*. It won't come until the 7th trump, which is the last trump.

Revelation 11:14: "The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately. Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity'" (vs 14-15).

- The last day of Satan is coming!
- The last day of human government has occurred!
- The last day according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar *is the day of the resurrection, the 7th trump!*

Verse 16: "And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces

and worshiped God, saying, ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come; for You have taken *to Yourself* Your great power, and have reigned. For the nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time for the dead **to be judged**... [to be raised from the dead] ...and to give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to *all* those who fear Your name, the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth’” (vs 16-18)

- That is *the first resurrection* and that is the last trump!
- That is *on Pentecost* and that is when the saints will be raised from the dead!
It is the last day!

Scriptural References:

- 1) John 6:39-40, 44, 54, 56-57
- 2) Revelation 11:14-18

Scriptures referenced, not quoted:

- Exodus 12
- 1-Corinthians 3
- Psalm 37
- Revelation 8; 9

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