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THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*SM —

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From #rap-7—

Might the rapture theorists have missed the significance of Jesus' prayer at John 17:15?

I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

God's M.O. is firmly established: He does not remove His children from the horrors of tribulation; He sustains them in it.

Jesus also knows the precise timing within the sequence of end-time events for His return to gather the Saints. That's the message of His narrative at Matthew 24/25, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

It is likely that the Rapture theorists wish He had included something about the Feast of Trumpets and a lot more about their presumed pertinence of the sophisticated symbolism from the Old Testament. Why do you think He didn't?

Who Will Reign With Christ?

Those well-meaning people whom I loved and respected always told me that those who are to rule with Christ through the Millennium will be the same *special* Christians who will have been raptured up to Heaven seven years earlier. Do think maybe they hadn't read this?

> "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **THEY** lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This [is] THE FIRST RESURRECTION.** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **THEY SHALL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS.** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."

—Revelation 20:2-7

You will want to make two notes regarding that important scripture:

1 The people who will reign with Christ for 1,000 years are those who will have been beheaded and will not have worshipped the beast or his image or received his mark. They'll be the ones who will have "endured to the end" of The Great Tribulation, per the words of Jesus at Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:13. Why, then, do you think the rapture theorists tell their followers that those who'll

reign with Christ will be the previously raptured saints who will have returned to Earth with Him after their seven-year party in Heaven?

2 The timing for the **FIRST** Resurrection is at the end of the Great Tribulation, at the last trump. The trumpet of the seventh angel is the last trump. The sound of THAT trumpet will be followed by Jesus' appearance in the same cloud (singular) that led the Hebrews by day during their 40-year wilderness experience. Because *flesh and blood can not enter the kingdom of heaven*, a rapture and any time would require a resurrection. Do you suppose the Rapture "experts" expect us to believe there will be two (2) First Resurrections?

Did Jesus get "raptured" on the third day after He had died on the cross? No. He didn't "go" anywhere, either—stayed right here on Earth. He had just exchanged His flesh and blood body for an amazing brand new other-dimensional body.

He became the *firstfruits* of the Resurrection. Simply put, He is **THE PROTOTYPE** for our own future *change*^{G-236}.

*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **CHANGED***^{G-236}.

—1 Corinthians 15:52

^{G-236} Per Strong's, the New Testament Greek word

allassō simply means "to change, to exchange one thing for another, to transform."

It is one thing to be *changed* but quite another thing to fly away to *up yonder* somewhere.

Nobody taught either of the *fly away* theories in the First Century. Nobody taught it. Nobody thought it. Nobody wrote anything to even imply it until preacher Edward Irving published the essence of little Margaret Macdonald's Occult prophecy in his September, 1830, newsletter. It is still a new wind of doctrine.

The ongoing debate throughout those previous 18 centuries was on whether the Resurrection would be before or after the Millennium.[^]

[^] The term "Millennium" is in reference to that 1,000-year reign of Christ after which Satan will be released again, for a short time.

WHY will we exchange these flesh and blood bodies for other-dimensional bodies like the one Jesus got? That is likely because the earth and the heavens will melt in a great heat. Our flesh and blood bodies could not survive that.

Yes; we grew up singing "I'll Fly Away," too. Heaven will be here, though. Meditate on that, if you will.

