

Raptures and Resurrections

Raptures and Resurrections

UNRAVELING THE LABYRINTH OF SUPER-NATURAL EVENTS

An Expose on the Reality of Life After Death

“One life to live, t’will soon
be past . . .
only what’s done concerning
Christ will last.”

Robert E. Daley



The Larry Czerwonka Company, LLC
Hilo, Hawai'i

Copyright © 2014 by Robert E. Daley

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means without written permission from the author.

First Edition — July 2014

Published by: The Larry Czerwonka Company
<http://thelarryczerwonkacompany.com>

Printed in the United States of America

ISBN: 0692247831
ISBN-13: 978-0692247839

All scriptures used in this work are taken from the
King James Version of the Scriptures.

Books by Robert E. Daley

Armour, Weapons, And Warfare

From Everlasting To Everlasting

Short Tales

So . . . What Happens to the Package?

Surviving Destruction As A Human Being

The New Testament - Pauline Revelation

The New Testament - Pauline Revelation Companion

What Color Are You?

What Really Happened to Judas Iscariot?

The Enhancement Series

#1 Book of Ecclesiastes

#2 Book of Daniel

#3 Book of Romans

#4 Book of Galatians

#5 Book of Hebrews

The Deeper Things of God Series

#1 The Personage of God

#2 The Personage of Man

#3 The Personage of Christ

Contents

INTRODUCTION 1

Chapter One The Need for Resurrection 3

Chapter Two What is the Difference Between a Rapture
and a Resurrection? 8

Chapter Three Two Resurrection Possibilities 12

Chapter Four The First and Second Raptures 18

Chapter Five Step One and Step Two of *The First
Resurrection* 23

Chapter Six The Third and Fourth Raptures 30

Chapter Seven Step Three of *The First Resurrection* and
Fifth Rapture 34

Chapter Eight The Sixth Rapture 40

Chapter Nine Step Four of *The First Resurrection* and The
Seventh Rapture 43

Chapter Ten Fifth and Last Step of *The First Resurrection*
and The Eighth and Last Rapture 47

Chapter Eleven *The Resurrection Unto Damnation* 51

Raptures and Resurrections

INTRODUCTION

How old is old? To a *young child*, old might be thirty years of age. To a *middle-aged* individual, old might be seventy-five years of age. To a *senior-citizen*, old might even stretch to one-hundred years of age . . . or more.

In either case, the allocated number of years that a man or a woman currently spends upon this planet is comparatively very, very short. Click your heels together three times and blink your eyes, and it will all be over. And then what? Where do we go from here?

Where is John Wayne today? Where is Karl Marx today? Where is Liberace today? Where is Adolf Hitler today? Where is George Washington today? Where is Jesus Christ today? Where is great-great-grandpa today? Where are you going to be when your allotted time concludes, and the focal-plane shutter of your eyes dials down?

The Bible tells us that there is an everlasting eternity of *time* stretched out in front of us. Giving some serious thought about that, and considering what is going to happen to us when we far-too-quickly arrive there, would possibly be a good idea.

Walk with us, if you will, for a short stroll within the Scriptural accounts, through what has been a labyrinth to many. And let us glean what the God of all of creation has to say about events that lie ahead? You may be glad that you did.

CHAPTER ONE

The Need for Resurrection

“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.” (I Corinthians 15:21)

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

These revelation statements, made by the Apostle Paul, will be the very foundation statements of our study.

Paul reveals to the believers at Rome that the stark reality of the condition of **Death**, both spiritual and physical, operates within this world of ours because of only *one man*. And if we studied it out, we would find that one man to be Adam. *(Romans 5:12)* And to the believers at the city of Corinth he also reveals, that because a man is responsible for the condition of **Death** affecting the entire human race, that a resurrection from that condition of **Death** must come about by another man as well. *(I Corinthians 15:21)*

As noted above, there is a real condition of **Spiritual Death**, as well as the well known condition of **Physical Death**. So, let us address that **Spiritual Death** issue first.

Spiritual Death

God informed Adam that there would be the consequence of **Death** for disobedience, and failure to hearken to His command. (*Genesis 2:17*) When Adam willfully chose to disobey God, he tasted of that condition of **Spiritual Death** immediately, and then, 930 years later he tasted of the reality of **Physical Death**. (*Genesis 5:5*)

That condition of **Spiritual Death** was quite real, and when it occurred, it severed the invisible, spiritual, communication umbilical, that extended from God to His finest creation endeavor, which would allow Him to communicate with His Man, Spirit to spirit.

Ergo all of Mankind has been in a **Spiritually Dead** condition, and separated from God, since the days of Adam and Eve, and there was nothing that Adam, or any man, could effectively do to change that reality. Which is why during the days of his ministry here on this Earth, Jesus of Nazareth informed a religious ruling Pharisee, named Nicodemus, that:

“. . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, (within his personal spirit) he cannot see (or understand) the kingdom of God.” (*John 3:3*)

and

“. . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (from a physical birth) and (born-again) of the (Holy) Spirit (within his own personal spirit), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (*John 3:5*)

[Enhancement added by the author to conform with truth and Scriptural continuity]

The condition of **Spiritual Death** is a serious issue which is usually not given a whole lot of thought by the average individual, because a person cannot *feel* their spirit.

In reality, as Human Beings, we are designed as a triune creature, initially physically birthed into a **Spiritually Dead** condition.

The soul portion of our being is very much alive, and will be in the *driver's seat* much sooner than we may realize, or even care to deal with.

And the physical body portion is alive, and can hardly wait to dive into all of the physical pleasures and satisfactions that it can handle during the growth process.

But the spirit portion of every individual is, technically-speaking, dead because of Sins' effect on Man, and it is like carrying around an empty sack with us wherever we go. We *sense* that there really is something there, and even feel from the time that we are extremely young that everything may not be just quite right. But we simply cannot put our finger on what it might be.

This is why it is extremely vital for the spirit of every single individual on this planet to be *birthed* again into a condition of **Spiritual Life**, from as young an age as may be possible.

And we are not talking about religion here. World-wide, there are countless religions that Mankind has created and established. However, within the totality of them all, there is not even one religious individual who does not qualify for

the privileges extended, concerning actually being a Human Being: with a spirit, a soul, and a body. And that portion of the individual that is known of as his *spirit* is desperately in need of being delivered from the condition of **Spiritual Death**, by being *birthed* into a condition of **Spiritual Life**, through the placing of one's trust in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

May the Lord, help us to recognize the importance of that truth.

Physical Death

May this troubling issue of the condition of **Physical Death** truly fall into the category of a *no-brainer*? How many individuals from the Civil War years have you personally met? How many persons from the time of Prohibition do you know? How many Human Beings from the Dark Ages are living in New York and eating at your favorite restaurant? (*Don't answer that.*)

Everybody seems to die, do they not? Sooner or later . . . everybody seems to die. Whether that person wants to die or not . . . at some point in time, everybody dies.

The very legitimate question is . . . **WHY?**

Go and ask the scientists. They think that they surely have all, or at least most, of the answers. They cannot tell you.

Go and ask the doctors. They think that they have the messianic power of life and death, and know everything that

has to do with medicine and of all things physical. They cannot tell you.

Go and ask the educators of this world. They profess themselves to be wise, and are supposed to be intelligent. They cannot tell you either. (*Romans 1:20-23*)

But the God of grace knows. The condition of **Physical Death** follows the condition of **Spiritual Death** because of the operational laws of the universe. Whether that condition of **Physical Death** occurs right away, or 969 years later, as is the case of a man named Methuselah, (*Genesis 5:27*) nevertheless, the condition of **Physical Death** will always follow the condition of **Spiritual Death** . . . always.

Should one be able to repair the inescapable problem of **Spiritual Death**, then the additional problem of needed repair for the condition of **Physical Death** will certainly follow.

The condition of **Death** is not of God. The condition of **Death** has never been of God. The foul reality of **Death** is not an operational *friend* of God. In fact, ***“the last enemy that shall be destroyed, is death.”*** (*1 Corinthians 15:26*)

So, it would be to our advantage to investigate how we might be able to side-step this heinous condition of **Death**, both spiritual and physical, and discover the simple steps that we are able to take, to assure us of the blessing of everlasting *Life*.

CHAPTER TWO

What is the Difference Between a Rapture and a Resurrection?

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines **Rapture** as: *1. a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion. 2. a mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to a knowledge of divine things. 3. an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion.*

None of these explanations from Mr. Webster precisely pinpoint the experience that we are Scripturally talking about. From a Scriptural layman's perspective: a *rapture* would be a carrying or catching away, in a rapid manner, of a given person from off of the surface of this planet Earth, to another locale somewhere within this created universe.

The Logos, Blueprint, Scriptural, historical-records that we have received from God indicates that at various times, in days gone by, certain individuals have experienced a swift removal from the surface of this planet, unto an unknown location. Those same records also indicate, that at some point in time, in the future, we will see the return of those same individuals to this planet once again. Where they may have gone, and what they may have been doing during their time of absence is, in most cases, unknown. There are many postulations by men of course, but no sound Scriptural testimony is actually available concerning those postulations.

Conjecture would declare that all of them went to *heaven*. But that conjecture is an impossibility, Scripturally speaking, because *heaven* was effectively *closed for repairs* concerning Mankind, from the days of Adam and Eve, until the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Law of Sin had illustratively *welded* the doors shut for men because of Adam's willful disobedience, until Jesus Christ of Nazareth arose from the dead and kicked them open again.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines **Resurrection** as: *1. act of rising from the dead. 2. to rise from the dead. 3. to rise again. 4. the rising of Christ from the dead. 5. the rising again to life of all the human dead before the final judgment. 6. the state of one risen from the dead.*

Mr. Webster got it right on this one. Resurrection is undeniably connected to the state, or the condition of **Death**. And we are not talking about the condition of **Spiritual Death** here, but rather the ultimate consequence of that spiritual condition, which is the undeniable condition of **Physical Death**.

Within this world's multiple options of belief systems, there is a blatant fallacy that is put forth under the heading of *reincarnation*. The idea being that an individual on this planet, during their tenure here, failed to accomplish a requirement of self-advancement. Therefore, when the condition of **Physical Death** finally removes them from the scene, they will experience the process of *reincarnation*, and shall return to this Earth, and receive a second, or a third, or a fourth

chance to *get it right*. This belief goes completely against Scriptural declaration, and sadly leads all too many spiritually ignorant persons into everlasting destruction.

There has only been one genuine *incarnation* to begin with, within the whole of time. And that was when the Second Person of the Godhead put on an Earth-suit, and became the man named Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And when, within the course of time, he physically died, he was not *reincarnated*, but rather was physically resurrected from the dead.

Resurrection is the divine process by which a physical human body is *restored* to its' previous physical condition, or *glorified* into an improved condition, for the purpose of everlasting activities.

Resurrection for individuals that have availed themselves of God's *Willy-Wonka-Golden-Ticket* offer of *Life in Christ Jesus* shall be substantially different from individuals who have refused that glorious offer. However, we shall touch upon that issue within the course of our study.

As a post-script, there is also a Scriptural notation of the action of *translation*.

Rapture - is the process of being swiftly removed from this planet Earth, and relocated to an unknown locale somewhere else within this universe.

Reincarnation - is a misnomer and an outright lie. The very postulation of reincarnation has absolutely no validity, concerning this life or of the life that is to come in the world hereafter.

Resurrection - is the process of physically dying, and then, at the appropriate time, being raised up from that **Physical Death** condition unto life once again.

Translation - is the process by which an individual is relocated from a point A location on this Earth, to a point B location, somewhere else on this same planet.

It is important that we have clarity concerning these very real occurrences, of which we are going to be participants. “Ignorance is **not** bliss,” and we do not want to be caught unaware, when our time on this planet has run its course. The everlasting that lies out ahead, is going to be far too long to play around with.

May we soberly consider what is being presented within these pages.

CHAPTER THREE

Two Resurrection Possibilities

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” (John 5:28-29)

From the lips of a man who never lies, Jesus of Nazareth says, there will be two distinct resurrections: One resurrection will be unto *Life*, and one resurrection will be unto *Damnation*.

And when he declares that the criteria for these resurrections is a matter of *good* or *evil*, please understand that his criteria reference is not going to be based upon what you or I may think is *good* or *evil*. “But, I’m a good person,” does not even come into the picture. The foundation criteria is ultimately going to be based upon being *born-again* within one’s own personal spirit, or not.

So, what is the difference between these two resurrections, and what do we have to do to qualify for the one resurrection that leads us unto *Life*?

“There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (*Luke 16:19-31*)

This incident that is being relayed to us is not a parable. In reality, this is a true story that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is telling us, concerning two Jewish individuals who are in a Blood Covenant relationship with the Living God, and at differing points in time, both of them physically die. This is a story that we should not ignore nor treat lightly. We should become very familiar with the details, and insight, that God is graciously giving unto us concerning the *Nether World*, or *World of Departed Spirits*, or *Hell* as it is commonly referred to today. This locale of *Hell* is the area that was originally **“prepared for the devil and his angels,”** (*Matthew 25:41*) but it will work just as well for the disobedient and rebellious individuals of Mankind.

Both of these men went to *Hell*, of a necessity, because heaven had been *closed for repairs* ever since Adam and Eve had chosen to disobey God and had willfully sinned. After their physical demise, God is going to have to have some place to keep these men in their deceased condition. So you have one of the compartments, out of five, in the *Nether World* complex that is within the bowels of this planet, that holds the people that, through the ages, have believed on God and did *good* while they were on the Earth; and a second of those five compartments within the same abode that holds the people that, through the same ages, did not believe God and did not do *good* while they were on this earth, but rather were *evil*.