

The Resurrection

Part One: What Resurrection Means

INTRODUCTION: THE POWER OF THE END

Isaiah 46:8 “Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels.
9 Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.
10 I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.
I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

“Jews and Christians appear to me like a host of bats or ants who come out of their hiding places, or like frogs who sit in a swamp, or worms who hold a meeting in the corner of a manure pile and say to one another: ‘to us God reveals and proclaims everything. He does not trouble himself with the rest of the world; we’re the only beings with whom he has dealings. To us is subjected everything: the earth, the water, the air, the stars.’” Quoted in Origen, *Against Celsus*, IV, 23

1. THERE IS A BEGINNING AND AN END

2. TIME IS PART OF ETERNITY



Eph. 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

1 Peter 1:20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

3. TIME AND HISTORY HAVE A PURPOSE BEYOND THEMSELVES

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

Gen. 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Ecclesiastes 3

4. THE PURPOSE HAS BEEN REVEALED BY GOD

Ephesians 1

5. THE PURPOSE HAS BEEN REVEALED IN CHRIST

Isaiah 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.

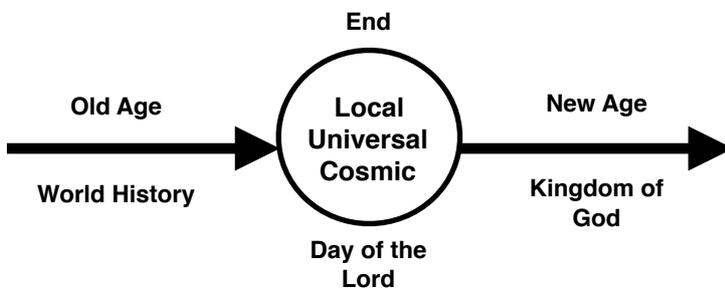
Eph 1:9 He has made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure which he
purposed in Christ.



6. THE END HAS ALREADY COME IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Isaiah 2

What happens on the day of the Lord?



Sin and rebellion are finally dealt with

Isaiah 13:9 See, the day of the LORD is coming--a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger--to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. 10 The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

Israel is restored to the land

Psalms 126: 1 When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. 2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." 3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

The creation is renewed

Isaiah 65:17 "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

The Davidic King is re-instated

Psalms 2:2 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will rule them with an iron sceptre; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

The Gentiles come into God's place

Isaiah 2:1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

The Spirit of God is poured out on his people

Joel 2:28 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days

Luke 1:51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
even as he said to our fathers."

Luke 1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

Mark 1:15 behold the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Luke 24

Acts 13:32 "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

7. AND WILL BE REVEALED AT HIS RETURN

1. Firstly because all the promises *have been* fulfilled in Christ

2. Sometimes when the New Testament appears to be speaking of the second coming of Jesus it is talking about his first coming

Mark 13:26 “At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Mark 14: 61 Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Daniel 7

Mal. 3:1 “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

Mal. 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap.

Mal. 4:1 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. 3 Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty.

Mark 12:12 Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them.

3. The language that does speak of the return of Jesus connects it to his first coming

parousia

Mat 24:3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matt. 24:27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming [parousia] of the Son of Man.

1 Thes 3: 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Th. 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 5:8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming [parousia] is near.

apokalypto

Matt. 10:26 "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be *disclosed*, [apokalypto] or hidden that will not be made known.

Matt. 16:17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not *revealed* [apokalypto] to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Luke 17:28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is *revealed*. [apokalypto]

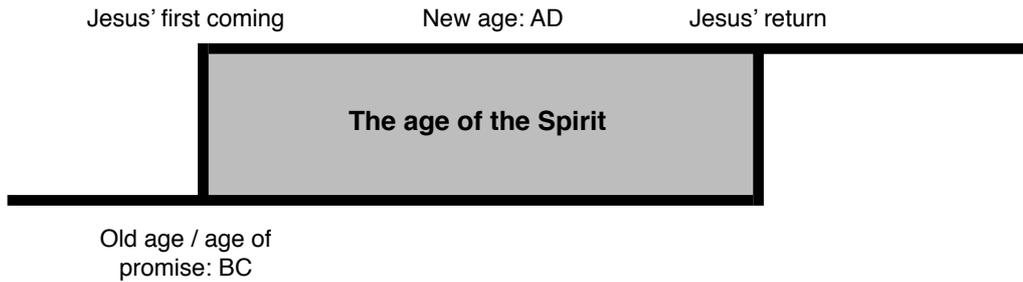
Romans 13:12 (does not use the word but the idea is there) The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

8. HE IS PRESENT NOW BY HIS SPIRIT

Matthew 28: 20..... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Eph. 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Acts 1:6-11



9. WHILE WE LIVE IN THE OVERLAP OF THE AGES

John 16:16 “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

1Pet. 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

Eph 1:3... blessed...in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Col. 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

10. IN ORDER FOR REPENTANCE AND FAITH TO BE PREACHED

Luke 24:45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

CONCLUSION

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1 Tim. 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE

Something I've been reminded of:

Something new I've learned:

Something I need to do, or change as a result: