

THE LAZARUS RAPTURE

This is a story of the rapture and the 144,000 Jews saved immediately thereafter, just before the tribulation period begins. At the end of the Tribulation the Second Advent is revealed as the gathering of the 153 fish.

Mary Magdalene was the first person to see Jesus after he was raised from the dead. So, it would make sense for her to be a “type” of the church at the rapture who will finally see Jesus when He comes for His bride.

Horne writes:

As every parable has two senses, the *literal* or external, and the *mystical* or internal sense, the literal sense must be first explained, in order that the correspondence between it and the mystical sense may be the more readily perceived.

It is not necessary, in the interpretation of parables, that we should anxiously insist upon every single word . . . (Horne, Pentecost 57).

Part 1

THE LAZARUS RAPTURE

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house [**John 11:20**].

SHE HEARD JESUS COMING, WENT AND MET MARY IN THE HOUSE

The “house” represents the earth.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again [**John 11:23**].

JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, RISE

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day [**John 11:24**].

RISE IN THE RESURRECTION AT THE LAST DAY

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying,
The Master is come, and calleth for thee [**John 11:28**].

SECRETLY, THE MASTER IS COME, AND CALLETH FOR THEE

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him [**John 11:29**].

AS SOON AS SHE HEARD, SHE AROSE QUICKLY AND CAME UNTO HIM

See also: Mat 28:1-9 below; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 3:11; 22:7; 22:12; and 22:20

Above in John 11:28 "secretly" Jesus will come for His bride. Only His bride will hear His voice. Hallelujah! I'm so glad I will be His bride!

In John 11:29 "she," is a "type" of the bride of Christ. At the time of the rapture the believers will be the bride of Christ. Christ who is the Bridegroom will call us home to meet him in the air. Jesus will not come to the earth until the Second Advent seven years later. Being the bride of Christ is a very special privilege; no other peoples before the church age or after the church age will have this honor. The Old Testament saints and Tribulation saints will be the "friends" of the Bridegroom, and will join us at the marriage supper of the Lamb at the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Part 2

THE LAZARUS WEEPING

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there [**John 11:31**].

THE JEWS WHEN THEY SAW MARY, THAT SHE ROSE UP HASTILY, WENT OUT TO WEEP

The 144,000 Jews will not literally see us raptured, but they will understand that the rapture of the church has occurred and they have been left behind.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died [**John 11:32**].

MARY WAS COME WHERE JESUS WAS, AND SAW HIM, SHE FELL DOWN AT HIS FEET, SAYING UNTO HIM, LORD

Matthew prophecy of the Rapture

AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN TOWARD THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, THE LORD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE FROM THE DOOR, AS HE SAID COME QUICKLY. HE GOETH BEFORE YOU, THERE SHALL YE SEE HIM. AND THEY DEPARTED QUICKLY WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY. AND AS THEY WENT, BEHOLD, JESUS MET THEM, SAYING, ALL HAIL. AND THEY CAME AND HELD HIM BY THE FEET, AND WORSHIPPED HIM [**Mat 28:1-9 chosen words only**].

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled [**John 11:33**].

WHEN JESUS SAW THE JEWS WEEPING, HE GROANED IN THE SPIRIT, AND WAS TROUBLED

Mat 23:37

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see [**John 11:34**].

AND THEY SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, COME

Jesus wept [**John 11:35**].

JESUS WEPT

Matthew 23:37-39

In Revelation 7:4, the 144,000 Jews, twelve thousand from each of the twelve tribes of Israel are born again after the rapture. But this is only the beginning of the Tribulation. Because of these 144,000 Jews becoming saved, many more people will be saved during the seven-year Tribulation period. Also, Jesus will put His name in their foreheads Rev 14:1.

Did you know the word Jerusalem is written in the New Testament 144 times?

$12 \times 12 = 144$.

Harrison writes,

The gematria of the word "Jerusalem" in Greek is 10 5 100 70 400 200 1 30 8 40
= 144×6 .

144 symbolizes an intensification of being chosen or special, and 144,000 is an enlargement even on that. To be in that number places you among the very elect of God.

PART 3

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me **[John 11:41]**.

THEY TOOK AWAY THE STONE FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE DEAD WAS LAID. AND JESUS LIFTED UP HIS EYES, AND SAID, FATHER, I THANK THEY THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. (I Thess 4:16)

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me [**John 11:42**].

AND I KNEW THAT THOU HEAREST ME ALWAYS: BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHICH STAND BY [church] I SAID IT.

then we which are alive and remain (I Thess 4:17)

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth [**John 11:43**].

HE CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, LAZARUS, COME FORTH.

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. (I Thess 4:17 (cont'd.))

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go [**John 11:44**].

LOOSE HIM, AND LET HIM GO

(what Jesus will say to Satan on behalf of losing our fleshly bodies and gaining our resurrection bodies).

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him [**John 11:45**].

MANY OF THE JEWS WHICH CAME TO MARY, AND HAD SEEN THE THINGS WHICH JESUS DID, BELIEVED ON HIM

The 144,000

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done [**John 11:46**].

BUT SOME OF THEM WENT THEIR WAYS TO THE PHARISEES

And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad [**John 11:52**].

HE SHOULD GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE THE CHILDREN OF GOD THAT WERE SCATTERED ABROAD

Below is a parallel to the above verses where the Ark of the Covenant will be revealed only when God gathers His people together.

In the Apocryphal book of 2 Maccabees, we read:

2:2 The records show that it was Jeremiah who... 4,... prompted by a divine message, the prophet gave orders that the Tent of Meeting and the Ark should go with him. Then he went to the mountain from the top of which Moses saw God's promised land. 5 When he reached the mountain, Jeremiah found a cave-dwelling; he carried the tent, **the Ark**, and the incense altar into it, then blocked up the entrance. 6 Some of his companions came to mark out the way, but were unable to find it. 7 When Jeremiah learned of this he reprimanded them. **'The place shall remain unknown', he said, until God finally gathers His people together and shows mercy to them.** 8 Then the Lord will bring these things to light again, **and the glory of the Lord will appear with the cloud**, as it was seen both in the time of Moses, and when Solomon prayed that the shrine might be worthily consecrated.

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead [**John 12:1**].

THEN JESUS SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER CAME TO BETHANY, WHERE LAZARUS WAS, WHOM HE RAISED

There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him [**John 12:2**].

MADE HIM A SUPPER; AND MARTHA SERVED, LAZARUS WAS ONE OF THEM THAT SAT AT THE TABLE WITH HIM

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment [**John 12:3**].

TOOK MARY OINTMENT, VERY COSTLY, ANOINTED THE FEET OF JESUS, AND WIPED HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR: THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE ODOUR OF THE OINTMENT

Part 4

THE LAZARUS SECOND ADVENT

Jesus has been resurrected from the dead, and now makes Himself known to the disciples who are at the shallow end of the water in their boat, John 21:8. His resurrection in Chapter 21 mirrors His reappearance at the Second Advent.

Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught [**John 21:10**].

JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, BRING OF THE FISH WHICH YE HAVE NOW CAUGHT.

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken [**John 21:11**].

SIMON PETER WENT UP, AND DREW THE NET FULL, AN HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND THREE

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a **net**, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was **full**, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world [age]: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just [**Mat 13:47-49**].

gathered the good into vessels,

Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots** with water. And they filled them up to the brim [John 2:7].

but cast the bad away

For man also knoweth not his time: as the **fishes** that are taken in an evil **net**, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them [**Ecc 9:12**].

153 Fishes

Bullinger writes, Jerome . . . sees there is some deeper meaning in the number, and says that there are 153 *sorts* of fish, i.e., all kinds of men enclosed in the Gospel net.

Harrison writes,

"In the whole land,' declares the Lord,
"two-thirds will be struck down and perish;
yet one-third will be left in it.

This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine
them like silver and test them like gold.
They will call on my name and I will answer them;
Zechariah 13:8-9

In this quotation, the prophet paints an apocalyptic picture of the *end times* and the establishment of the Messiah's Kingdom. This 'one-third' will include that last remnant

of the Jewish People who recognize and follow Jesus as their Messiah at His Second Coming. . . .

153 refers to the 'Son of God' and 888 to 'the Savior.' [emphasis added.]

. . . 153 is Jesus' Celestial Number. 888 is Jesus' Earthly Number.

153 is fixed, constant, and unchangeable. One third of all numbers go to 153, Jesus."

The word "lamb(s)" is in the Old Testament 153 times! The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, John 1:29.

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord [**John 21:12**].

JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, COME AND DINE. AND NONE ASK HIM WHO ART THOU, KNOWING THAT IT WAS THE LORD.

In Revelation 19 there are two different suppers, one with the Lamb, and one with the great God. Which one will you attend? Even though the church has been raptured seven years earlier, we will all be together at this time, because at the Second Coming the church will come back with Jesus as His bride.

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:

for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God [**Rev 19:6-9**].

Supper of the Great God

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great [**Rev 19:16-18**].

Every Knee Shall Bow to Me, and Every Tongue Shall Confess

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God [**Rom 14:11-12**].

Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise [**John 21:13**].

JESUS THEN COMETH, AND GIVETH THEM

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad [**II Cor 5:10**].

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the

first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city [**Rev 22:12-14**].

This is now the **third time** that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead [John 21:14].

This is the THIRD TIME JESUS SHEWED HIMSELF AFTER THAT HE WAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

To read more about the number "153," and other numbers in scripture, I recommend these two books.

The Pattern & the Prophecy God's Great Code, by James Harrison,
and
Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger.

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