

Kingdom Report

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The Mystery of the Resurrection

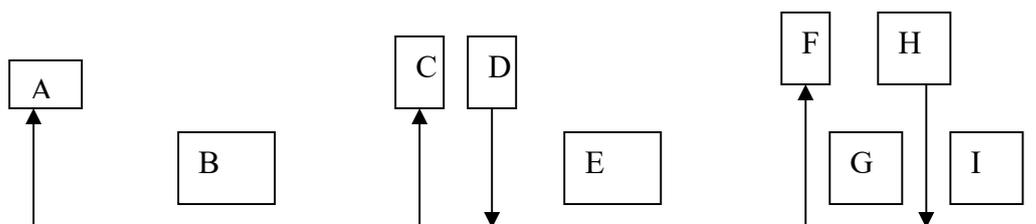
When does it take place? What happens when we die? Do we sleep? I want to present you with a radical idea based on scripture and Albert Einstein and his relativity theory that has revolutionized our understanding of time.

My good friend pastor Manie Reiners died this week and his wife Leonie tells us his last words were "amper daar, daar amper daar" ("almost there, almost there"). His ministry will be sorely missed here on the West Coast. I don't think Manie is asleep waiting for the resurrection. My belief is the gates of the city of God opened for him and he could already see it in his spirit as he hovered between this world and the next. I believe as his spirit man left his earthly body behind he was met with angels who accompanied him. The same angles at the gate to eternity in Eden preventing people from entering, and the same angels in Revelation 21-22 that stand at the gates of the New Jerusalem, opened the gates of Paradise for Manie where he was greeted by friends and family gone before...and Jesus!. That is what I believe. Let me tell you why.

Personally I think you reading this agree with me as well. This is the story of countless people who have had what is called an NDE or near death experience. Godly people who have died but turned back to say they still have work to do on earth come back with wonderful messages of Paradise and joyful reunions with loved ones gone before. I have spent many uplifting hours on Youtube listening to these testimonies to try to get an idea of the world beyond.

Now please don't think I formulate my theology on personal experience. That is always a danger. It must first be grounded in scripture and then experience and study gives us greater insight....which I want to share with you here.

Let me show you the problem in a small graph that we have in our theological studies when we try to formulate a teaching on what we call "eschatology" or the study of "end times". We don't know where to place the resurrection on a timeline of shall we call it God's prophetic history. Let me show you a simple graph and explain it:



Believe it or not this is the current time line of events in our Dispensational theology of prophecy. It has THREE resurrections as follows:

A. Is 33 AD when Jesus rose from the dead and Matthew 27:52-53 says what happened when Jesus died and rose again ***"and the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves after his resurrection and went into the city and appeared unto many."***

So when Jesus rose from the dead so did the other dead and some of them appeared in Jerusalem to testify to many there that they have risen from the dead through the resurrection of Jesus. Does this sound to you like a resurrection of the dead?

But how can that be since the resurrection must still happen in the future?

B. is what is called the Church Age which we are now in waiting for C

C. Is the Rapture and the Resurrection of the saints.

D. Is the coming of the glorified saints back to earth to E

E The Millennium where the glorified saints rule for a thousand years. followed by F

F The end of the 1000 years reign of Christ and the resurrection again of the righteous and the unrighteous to what is called the Great White Throne Judgment and then G

G The earth and heavens destroyed by fire and then I

I. God starts all over again building a new earth and a new heavens where the New Jerusalem comes down from heaven to an earthly paradise where the nations are healed. However Since Rev. 21-22 tells us in this new creation there are still sinners and evil doers outside the gates of the New Jerusalem.

Can you see the problems here.....

Already we have 3 resurrections and right at the end we once again have sinners in the new earthly paradise who presumably will also die and will be needed to be resurrect in a fourth resurrection sometime in the distant future.

Can you see an interesting problem we have encountered before? It goes like this...

- The Kingdom of God has come (when Christ rose from the dead) the Kingdom is now present on earth, the Kingdom will come...
- We have been saved (from the foundation of the earth), we are being saved, we will be saved...
- We have been resurrected (when Christ rose from the dead), we are being resurrected (we are now sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus), we will be resurrected (and reign with Him in eternity)

There is a reason why this whole scheme of eschatology just does not work out on an earthly timeline....we are looking at it from an earth time perspective! If you looked

at it from heaven's reality of time there is a whole new perspective. This how Jesus described heaven's timeline...

Three times in one message in John chapter 6 Jesus said "I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6: 40,44,54)

When according to Jesus was the last day when he would raise the dead? Well believe it or not Jesus told the thief on the cross that "this day you will be with me in paradise" and then as we have seen from Matthew 27 when Jesus rose from the dead so did the saints who were dead. Can it be from heaven's timeline the "last day" has already happened? Actually yes it has and for that explanation we need to turn to Albert Einstein and his radical theory of the nature of time and space as explained in his famous theory of relativity.

I am not going to give you a detailed explanation. If you want more on this fascinating concept of the relativity of space/time have look in Wikipedia under "time dilation".

But basically the idea is this....

No physical item in this universe can travel at the speed of light. But if we were to get into a very high tech rocket and start accelerating in speed, our time in the rocket ship would start slowing down the faster we go. However the slowing of the time is not apparent to us...it slows down relative to someone watching on earth.

Now this is weird but have actually proved this with taking an atomic clock on board the space station traveling at high speed and matched it with a clock synchronized on earth and the clock traveling at high speed slowed down...but still counting seconds at its own rate.

So here are some actual calculations of how time shrinks the closer you get to the speed of light:

If you travel at 75% of speed of light and one month goes by in your space ship - on earth 2 months have gone by.

If you travel at 99,9% of speed of light and 30 days in your space ship then on earth 10 years have gone by.

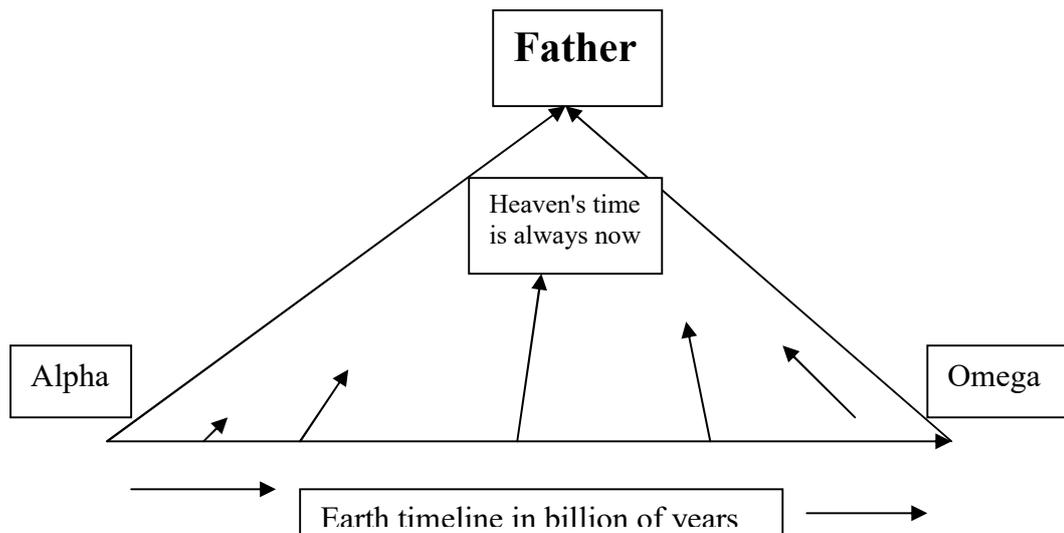
If you travel at 99,999999 of the speed of light to the center of the galaxy which is 27,000 light years away you would reach it in just 27 days of your time, but on earth meantime would have aged 27,000 years

Or to put it in another way at this speed one day is as a thousand years and thousand years as a day.

And of course were you to travel at the speed of light then in your time frame you could cross the distance of the entire Milky Way galaxy in less than a second....actually instantly.

But in this body you cannot travel at the speed of light...but in your heavenly spirit body you travel at far greater speeds than light...and therefore in heaven's time frame things happen in a way that do not correspond to our sense of time.

Here is my speculation in a different graph....



Jesus said I am the Alpha and the Omega....the beginning and the end.

Paul said of the real of this world and this universe's timeline this would happen..."And then cometh the end when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God even the Father." (1 Cor. 15;24)

Here is my belief....

I believe that when we die we pass into Paradise.

I believe that even though on an earthly timeline every person's death and resurrection seems to take thousands of years apart...in the heavenly NOW it is all happening and we move at greater than the speed of light from this realm to the next the time element drastically changes...that while thousands of years pass on earth...we have entered into an eternal now...all of resurrected on God's timeline.

The Bible says there is "the first resurrection" and describes the "second resurrection" when we all appear before God the Father."

I believe that we all partake together of the first resurrection on heaven's great NOW timeline but I believe in the great OMEGA point when Christ has completed the work of the Kingdom and can present the whole completed work of the Kingdom to the Father for judgment. That is the second resurrection....except we will not be judged but rewarded!

On an earth time line I believe that the whole Kingdom timeline spans billions of years and trillions of galaxies.

In the heavenly time line it is all NOW!

Obviously lots more here that needs study and discussion but enough for now for you to consider...see you in the resurrection!