

GOD GIVES ANOTHER INFALLIBLE PROOF THAT ASSURES THE RAPTURE WILL OCCUR MAY 21, 2011

God in His great mercy has given a marvelous proof that the year 2011 is the year of the Rapture which coincides with Judgment Day and the end of the world. Remember in 2 Peter 3:8, in the context of pointing us to the flood of Noah's day as well as to the destruction of the world at the end of time, He declared: **“one day with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”**

Years ago we learned from the Bible that the flood occurred in the year 4990 B.C. More recently we learned that Judgment Day is to occur in the year 2011 A.D. The year 2011 A.D. is exactly 7,000 years after the year 4990 B.C.

Just before the flood Noah was instructed by God that in seven days the flood would begin (Genesis 7:4, 10-16). Using the language of 2 Peter 3:8 that one day is as a thousand years, God used Noah, who was a preacher (2 Peter 2:5) to declare that “mankind has seven days or 7,000 years to escape destruction.” Since 2011 A.D. is precisely 7,000 years after Noah preached that warning, God has given mankind a wonderful proof that Judgment Day will occur in the year 2011.

God doubled the statement **“one day as a thousand years”** to greatly increase our assurance that this is established by God and will shortly come to pass (Genesis 41:32).

ANOTHER PROOF

God in His mercy has given another tremendous proof. It is as follows:

We have learned that the precise date of the cross was April 1, 33 A.D., when coordinated with our present modern calendar. April 1, 33 A.D. is the only date that meets all the requirements of the Bible, such as being a Friday that falls on the correct date for the Passover, which was the date Christ was to be crucified.

We also have known for some time that the date of the first day of the Day of Judgment coincides with the date when the Rapture will take place; that is, on May 21, 2011. But then it was discovered that there are exactly 722,500 days from April 1, 33 A.D. until May 21, 2011. This fact gives us another infallible, absolute proof that May 21, 2011 is the date of the Rapture and the date when Judgment Day begins.

Because of the importance and wonder of this proof we will take time to develop it. First, we must learn that we can develop with perfect precision the number of days from one date to another. To obtain the precise number of days from a moment in one year to the same moment in any other year we must realize that astronomers have long ago discovered that there are 365.2422 days in a complete year. That is why in our modern calendar there are 365 days in each of three consecutive years. However, every fourth year has 366 days. This is done by adding an extra day in February of that year. Thus, the average year for the four years becomes 365.25 days. But .25 is greater than .2422, so a day is dropped from the calendar every 128 years in order to maintain accuracy.

Thus, all we have to do is multiply the number of years separating two events by the number 365.2422 to know the exact number of days between them. So from April 1, 33 A.D. to April 1, 2011 there are exactly $2011 - 33 = 1,978$ years, with each year having 365.2422 days. This equals 722,449 days. The number of days from April 1, 2011 to

May 21, 2011 inclusively (including the first day and the last day) is 51 days. Adding these 51 days to the number 722,449 gives us exactly 722,500 days, from April 1, 33 A.D. to May 21, 2011 inclusively. This number is enormously significant. Presently, we will see why this is so.

Some Numbers in the Bible Can Convey Spiritual Truth

God sometimes uses words in such a way to convey spiritual truth, even though it is not apparent in the literal usages of the words. For example, the word “lamb” frequently points to Christ as the Lamb. The word “mountain” often signifies “kingdom,” “field” signifies “world,” “blood” signifies Christ giving His life, and “Jerusalem” often signifies the Kingdom of God. Likewise, some numbers in the Bible, which are written as words and not as numerals, also frequently point to spiritual truth. We will look at five numbers that are examples of this, as they focus on significant spiritual truth. These numbers are 3, 5, 10, 17, and 23.

The number 3 signifies God’s purpose. When the Bible writes about Christ being crucified, the number 3 is featured about 15 times: 3 crosses, 3 apostles in the Garden with Jesus, 3 denials by Peter, etc. All of these 3’s are emphasizing that it was absolutely God’s purpose that Christ be crucified.

The number 5 signifies the atonement or redemption (that is, Christ died to pay for the sins of those who He would save). This is seen, for example, by the half ($\frac{1}{2}$ or .5) shekel atonement money which pointed to the atonement. Exodus 30:15 declares:

The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

A picture of redemption is demonstrated by the 5 shekels in Numbers 3:47-48:

Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them*: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:) And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

The number 10 or 100 (10 multiplied by 10) or 1,000 (100 multiplied by 10) signifies completeness. For example, the Bible speaks in certain passages of 10 coins or 100 sheep or 1,000 years. God speaks of Satan being bound 1,000 years in Revelation 20:2-3. However, from much additional Biblical information we know he was bound between the years 33 A.D. and 1988 A.D. These 1,955 actual years are symbolized by a thousand years. The Bible speaks of him being bound 1,000 years to signify that he was bound for the completeness of God’s plan, which in actuality of time was 1,955 years.

The number 17 frequently signifies “Heaven.” For example, in the Book of Jeremiah God describes the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem by the king of Babylon. This was typifying the end of the church age at which time Satan, typified by the king of Babylon destroying Jerusalem and Judah, would rule in the churches. In that seemingly hopeless context Jeremiah was instructed to buy a field for the purchase price of 17

shekels of silver. God instructed Jeremiah that this purchase of land for 17 shekels was done as a guarantee or demonstration that the time would come that Israel would again occupy Jerusalem. That is, people again would go to Heaven. See Jeremiah 32:7-17.

The number 23 points to destruction. This is demonstrated in at least two significant citations in the Bible. One citation records a destructive plague that God sent upon Israel because they began to worship a heathen idol called Baalpeor. God records the punishment in Numbers 25:9:

And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

Significantly, the Bible makes reference to this same plague in the New Testament. We read in 1 Corinthians 10:8:

Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Notice, God reports the destruction of 24,000 in the Old Testament and 23,000 in the New Testament. This is not a contradiction. A total of 24,000 persons were destroyed, of which 23,000 were destroyed in one day. This highlights the association of the number with destruction.

Another emphasis of the association of the number 23 with God's wrath is found in Daniel 8. There God speaks of a time (which we now know is the first part of the Great Tribulation) lasting 2,300 days, during which Satan would rule over all churches and the world as God begins to bring destruction upon the churches, to prepare them and the world for Judgment Day. We read in Daniel 8:13-14:

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

By these citations we can understand that the number 3 identifies with God's purpose, the number 5 with atonement or redemption, the number 10 with completeness, the number 17 with Heaven, and the number 23 with judgment or destruction.

Numbers, Like Words, Tell Stories

Individual words give us spiritual meaning. Information given in a particular paragraph is greatly emphasized if numbers that have spiritual meaning are found in that same paragraph or in a similar context. For example, we read in 2 Corinthians 2:15-16:

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

In these two verses God is describing the effect of the Gospel (which is the Law of God) upon the lives of those who hear it. It will make one of two impacts. It will be used of God to bring eternal life and Heaven to the hearer. Or, it will bring the wrath of God because the hearer of the Word of God continued in rebellion against the Law of God.

Interestingly, this same message of the Gospel bringing salvation or judgment is hidden in the total number of years the Gospel was to be sent by the churches into the world. We have learned that the church age began immediately after Christ demonstrated, at the time of the cross, how He suffered and died to make payment for sin. That was in the year 33 A.D. We have learned that the church age officially began on Pentecost, May 22, 33 A.D. It continued exactly 1,955 full years until May 21, 1988 when the church age came to an end.

The number 1,955 is made up of three significant numbers, each of which can have great spiritual meaning. The numbers are: 5 multiplied by 17 multiplied by 23 = 1,955. Thus by these numbers God is echoing the spiritual message declared by 2 Corinthians 2:15-16, which is quoted above: 5 (atonement or redemption); 17 (brings Heaven); and 23 (brings God's wrath or destruction).

A second significant illustration is given in John 21. In that account the disciples catch 153 big fish in a net that does not break and that is successfully dragged to shore. It can be shown that these 153 fish represent all those who become saved during the final harvest of true believers that is taking place during the last 6,100 days of the Great Tribulation. Significantly, the net does not break, which spiritually indicates that there are no false believers amongst these. These fish represent only true believers. They are the great multitude of people saved after the end of the church age, which is just before the Day of Judgment. Therefore it is God's purpose that each and every one is guaranteed to receive the completion of their salvation (they will be brought into Heaven).

The number 153 is made up of three significant numbers: $3 \times 3 \times 17 = 153$. These numbers illustrate that it is the purpose of God (3) to bring to Heaven (17) those who are saved during the final days of the Great Tribulation. The 3 (God's purpose) is doubled to show that this is established by God and God will shortly bring it to pass (see Genesis 41:32). Thus we see how God spiritually supports the written Word with numbers, which are found within the same paragraph or in similar contexts.

What About the Number 722,500?

Let us return now to the 722,500 days, which is from April 1, 33 A.D. (the day Christ was crucified and died) until May 21, 2011 (the day when God's salvation plan is altogether completed and all of the true believers are caught up, or raptured, into Heaven).

The number 722,500 is made up of two sets of identical significant numbers. Each number is intimately related to God's salvation plan:

$$\underline{5 \times 10 \times 17} \times \underline{5 \times 10 \times 17} = 722,500$$

The atonement or redemption demonstrated by Christ's suffering and death on April 1, 33 A.D. (the number 5) is 100% completed on May 21, 2011 (the number 10) when all the true believers are raptured into Heaven (the number 17). Remarkably, this number sequence is doubled to indicate that it has been established by God and will shortly come to pass (Genesis 41:32).

Dear reader, we should be absolutely astonished by what we have just learned. All of this we have learned can only be true because the same God who created the universe is the same God who has planned this precise timeline of history. Even as the natural laws that permit the sending of a rocket to Mars are absolutely dependable and true, or the laws that govern all of nature are dependable and true, so are the laws that govern the unfolding of God's timeline.

We must comment further about the incredible nature of this proof which is completely based on Biblical information.

1. April 1, 33 A.D. is the date on which God focuses our attention, and is the date that Christ was crucified to demonstrate how He died to atone for our sins. The number 5 is used of God to focus on that day, inasmuch as it can spiritually signify the atonement.
2. Our salvation is entirely completed at the time the true believers receive their eternally-alive, resurrected bodies. This is what happens on the day of the Rapture, May 21, 2011. Thus the period from April 1, 33 A.D. to May 21, 2011 (inclusive) is the complete period from the time God shows us how our salvation was accomplished to the time our salvation has been entirely completed. This coincides perfectly with the number 10, which signifies completeness.
3. On May 21, 2011, the date of the Rapture, each and every saved person goes to Heaven because his salvation is altogether completed. The number 17 fits perfectly because, when it has spiritual meaning, it signifies Heaven.
4. The doubling of the numbers 5 x 10 x 17 like the doubling of the phrase "a day is as a thousand years" assures us that the truth of these proofs is established by God and God will shortly bring it to pass. Isn't it amazing that God uses this doubling principle to further guarantee that the date May 21, 2011 is absolutely certain, even as God has used the doubling principle to absolutely assure us that Judgment Day is exactly 7,000 years after the flood of Noah's day.

Indeed, in the face of all of this incredible information, how can anyone dare to dispute with the Bible concerning the absolute truth that the beginning of the Day of Judgment together with the Rapture will occur on May 21, 2011.

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