

End Times Parables of Jesus – Part 2

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Notice: There are many different viewpoints on the end times. The question is which one is the correct one? We are told to search the scriptures to determine what one is saying is the truth - Acts 17:11

This is my attempt to put together a baseline for my understanding on the particular subject of the endtimes. This may not be accurate a year from now since everyone should be growing in grace and knowledge (). A baseline is useful so that as new facts and information are known then the baseline may be adjusted and shifted to accurately harmonize the scriptures. Without a baseline of belief on any subject then one verse can be taken out of context and a entire theology created around it.



A

RSV Matthew 13:10-11

10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in **parables**?"

11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know **the secrets of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given.

RSV Genesis 17:5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the **father of a multitude of nations**.

RSV Genesis 48:19-20

19 But his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know; **he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; nevertheless his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.**"

20 So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh'; and thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

RSV Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, the **day of the Lord** is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of **doom for the nations**.

RSV Micah 4:1 IT SHALL come to pass in the latter days that the **mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains**, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it,

RSV Micah 4:10 Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you shall go forth from the city and dwell in the open country; **you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued,** there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

The previous study showed the mountain of the Lord being established 2520 years after the cursing of God in 743 BC of the House of Israel (Northern Kingdom) [*Bible study: Seven times before the Mountain*]

Where are we now? Nearly 2,000 years from the death of Jesus and also over 2,500 years from the time of Ezra the prophet. What does Ezra have to do with anything?

In the Apocrypha in the 1611 KJV and Dead Sea Scrolls there is 1Esdras and 2Esdras. 1Esdras is the history book while 2Esdras is the prophetic book. Esdras is Ezra. In 2Esdras14:10-12 there is a statement that shows you how close we are to the end.

2Esdras14:10-12

:10 For the world has lost his youth, and the times begin to wax old,

:11 For **the world is divided into twelve parts, and the ten parts of it are gone already, and half of a tenth part:**

:12 And there remaineth that which is after the half of the tenth part.

1.5 parts left and this was over 2,500 years ago. Imagine where we are today compared to Ezra's time. Jesus has come according to the 70 week (490 year) prophecy. The Promised Holy Spirit has come from the dead, burial and resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. The great mountain of the Lord has been established according to the 7 times punishment (2520 years) prophecy. The great country which began as a God fearing nation has rejected God from being a ruler and has made the descent into Babylon as according to prophecy. We are at the end of many prophecies. The elevator ride down to the final subterranean basement is still ongoing but there will be that final floor which the doors will open where the remaining prophecies will be completed and where we will be rescued. It's a fantastic time to be alive Jesus spoke about this time, the harvest is ripe therefore we need to pray for laborers for the harvest Mt9:37-38

RSV Matthew 9:37-38

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

38 **pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."**



The balloon B on the chart is where we are today. Not in the full noon day sun but in the waning light of the day. Jesus said in Jn9:5 that he was the light of the World. In Mt5:14-15 it's defined that Christians are the light of the world.



RSV John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world."**

RSV Matthew 5:14-17

14 **"You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works and give **glory to your Father** who is in heaven.

Verse 16 states we must give glory to the Father. This statement of giving glory to the Father is very similar to Jer13:16. The purpose of giving glory to God is so that God won't darken your path. In the passage it mentions darkness, twilight and looking for light.

RSV Jeremiah 13:16 **Give glory to the Lord** your God before he brings **darkness**, before your feet **stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light** he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.

If you enter the twilight stage without a lighted path before your feet then you are going to stumble while seeking the light. Ps119:105 states that God's word is a lamp/light for your feet/path.

RSV Psalms 119:105 Thy **word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

This twilight period between day and night is a crucial time because it's a transition period. It's not a totally wicked time nor is it a totally blessed time to be alive. Curses and Blessings are competing with one another. Jesus states in Jn9:4 that you work while it's day because at night no one can work.

RSV John 9:4 **We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work.**

We are at this time. Even though the US government has :

- thrown prayer out of school,
- placed the ungodly unconstitutional ruling of separation of church and state,
- has pushed discriminatory anti-Christian laws ie "hate" or thought crimes,
- has promoted ungodly lifestyles and behaviors,
- has caused Christianity to wither and potentially die in the middle east due to our actions.....

We still have the opportunity to seek God, we have access to the bible, the bible and Christianity is still not banned in the Christian nations around the world.

Darkness will reign fully after twilight is over. At this state the bible and Christianity will be banned as it will be shown.

C

There are 6 parables of Jesus describe which describe how we can escape the worst part of the night.

- Mt 13:18-23 The Sower
- Mt 20:1-16 Workers in the vineyard
- Mt 21:28-32 Two Sons
- Lk 19:12-27 Pounds/ Mt25:14-30 Talents
- Mt 25:1-13 Ten virgins
- Lk 11:5-8 Friend at night



Mt 13:18-23 The Sower

Jesus has spread the word worldwide by his disciples In the Parable of the Sower. The seed lands in various places but only in the good soil does it take root, grow and produces much grain. The seed that lands on the bad soil dies. Those places, I believe, are represented by:

- No understanding = no helper to understand (ie no Holy Spirit [aka didn't get baptized])
- Rocky ground = No foundation, no training on how to stand, no priority of God in their life

Thorns = desires the world rather than God.

Mt 20:1-16 Workers in the vineyard

The Sower shows up in the parable of the Workers in the vineyard by a different name but at harvest time he goes in the morning to the marketplace where people weren't working and he hires them to labor in the vineyard. He goes back and hires more on the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 11th hour. At evening time he pays them the same. If you answer the call and work by spreading the gospel then you will be paid – you have to make an effort.

Mt 21:28-32 Two Sons

The Two Sons parable is similar to the Workers in the vineyard. A father asks his two sons to go work in the vineyard. The first said NO but later repented and went to work. The second son said yes but didn't go to work. Jesus said that the first son got into the kingdom because he worked in the vineyard. God doesn't count lip service as work you must put on your gloves and go to work.

Lk 19:12-27 Pounds/ Mt25:14-30 Talents

In this parable a noble man goes off to get his kingdom and he gives one pound each to 10 servants. The noble man tells the servants to trade and increase the amount. The King returns after receiving the kingdom and calls his servants to account of their labors. The one servant increased the pound to 10 pounds. The King gives control of 10 cities to him. One increased the pound to 5 pounds and the King gave him 5 cities to rule over. The one who received 1 pound hid it in the ground and didn't have any increase. The King was incensed and said at the very least you could have put it in the bank and gotten a little bit for it. That servant was cast out into the outer darkness.

The other 7 refused to do any work and Jesus said bring them here and slay them before me.

If you refuse to use the gift/talent that God has given you to spread the gospel then you will be among the 8 people who will be separated from Jesus at judgment day.

Mt 25:1-13 Ten virgins

In this parable 5 virgins were wise and 5 were foolish. The bridegroom delayed and all went to sleep. At midnight the bridegroom comes and only the 5 wise virgins got into the marriage supper. The 5 foolish virgins come back later and were denied entrance.

The key points are it was midnight that the bridegroom came.

All were sleeping

Only those prepared got in, the ones with extra oil.

Midnight is significant. In a previous study it appears that Jesus was arrested in the garden at midnight (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx). The death angel in the Egyptian Passover came at midnight and the parable of the friend at night happened at midnight.

Only the 5 wise virgins got in because they were properly prepared. The wedding feast parable describes how they were prepared (discussed later below)

The virgins were all sleeping before the midnight hour just as when Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane and Peter, James and John all fell asleep. Many if not most of the Christians will be sleeping ie not proclaiming the gospel during this time. Why? That'll be explained later.

Lk 11:5-8 Friend at night

The friend at night parable happens very close to the midnight hour awaking call. Apparently there is still some people awake while the other Christians are asleep and realize that they are lacking the oil of the 10 virgins. With much persistence this person receives the salvation bread of life.

This is very similar to the thief on the cross that received salvation from Jesus right before his death (Lk23:43). Right before the midnight call there's going to be people still searching for salvation and they will find it.

To sum it up at this time. The gospel has been preached to the world. Some will receive the gospel and will produce much others will reject it and will be cast out into the outer darkness. Jesus is calling people to work in the vineyard. If one answers the call they will be paid and rewarded but you must actually work and not just say that you want to work. Those who work will be rewarded based on their results. One can work even up to the midnight hour.

D

At the midnight hour there will be a calling up of the productive workers of the vineyard for the marriage supper of the lamb as shown by the parable of the 10 virgins.

Acts 1:11 and Mt 24:30-31 show that Jesus will be coming in the clouds and the elect will be gathered up (ie: a mid-tribulation "Rapture")



Act 1:11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, **will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.**"

Mat 24:30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

During the marriage feast the workers will be paid by ruler ship of cities during the 1000 year reign as the parable of the talents show. One's position in the hierarchy of Jesus' kingdom is directly related to his work in the vineyard while alive on earth according to Mt 16:27. Jesus stated that you should be storing your treasures in heaven rather on earth. The greater amount of treasure you have the greater position you will hold in heaven (Mt 16:27) from reporting directly to Jesus to being at the bottom as a pooper scooper for the 4 horses of Revelation.

Mat 16:27 "For **the Son of Man is going to come** in the glory of His Father **with His angels**, and **WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**

Pro 19:17 One who is gracious to a poor man lends to **the LORD**, And He **will repay** him for his good deed.

Another blessings of being at the marriage feast is you obtain the glorified body since you will be like the angels in heaven (Lk 20:34-36)

Luk 20:34 Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,
Luk 20:35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

Luk 20:36 for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

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Those persons (Christians who have been transformed into angels – Mt16:27) at the wedding feast will return with Jesus (2Thes1:7, Mi4:10) to rescue those left on earth (bubble F)

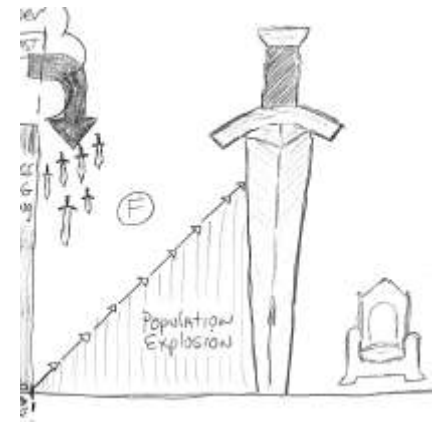
2Th 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

Why does Jesus have to rescue those on Earth?

Jesus said in Mt24:21-22 that He would have to cut short the day in order to prevent all flesh from dying on the earth.

Mat 24:21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

Mat 24:22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.



How the population reduction happens will be discussed later.

When Jesus returns to the earth He will contact the earth as Job19:25 and Zech14:4 says:

Job 19:25 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

Zec 14:4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Some of those lives that Jesus is saving is some of the remaining foolish virgins that wasn't prepared the first time.

Luk 12:35 "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.

Luk 12:36 "Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.

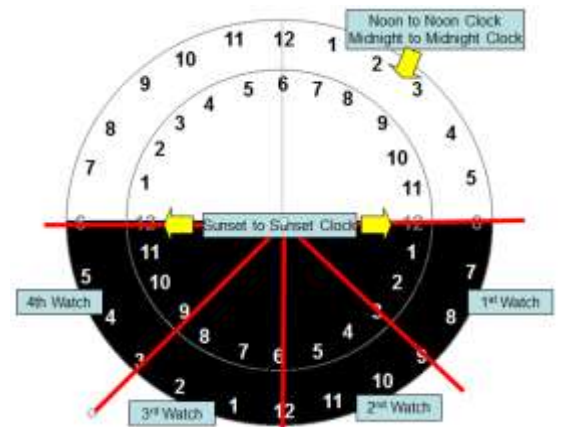
Luk 12:37 "Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

Luk 12:38 "Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

Luk 12:39 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

Luk 12:40 "You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

How much will the night be cut short?



In verse 38 it's mentioned that Jesus will be coming somewhere in the 2nd or 3rd watches. There are 4 watches in the night each 3 hours each. The 2nd watch would be from 9pm to midnight (ie Jesus coming at the end of the 2nd watch [midnight]) which is the wedding feast.) The 3rd watch is from midnight to 3am or 3 hours before daylight. I believe that is when Jesus will be coming. This is backed up by Mt14:22-32. The apostles were in a boat a long distances from Jesus at night and the wind and the waves were battering them. Jesus came to them in the fourth watch. The Ferrar Fenton verse in Mt14:25 the fourth watch is translated as..."about three o'clock in the morning"... When Jesus gets into the boat the wind stops and there is calm.

- Mat 14:22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.
- Mat 14:23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when **it was evening**, He was there alone.
- Mat 14:24 But the boat was already a **long distance from the land**, **battered by the waves**; for the **wind was contrary**.
- Mat 14:25 And in the **fourth watch of the night** He came to them, walking on the sea.
- Mat 14:26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
- Mat 14:32 **When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.**

When Jesus sets up His 1,000 year kingdom the first item of business is to bind up Satan so that he is powerless Rev20:2. Without Satan giving his people power then the wicked will have no strength (Hab1:11) and they must comply by the rules of Jesus for 1,000 years.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Hab 1:11 "Then they will sweep through *like* the wind and pass on. But they will be held guilty, They whose strength is **their god**."

Another purpose of this 1,000 year reign is to repopulate the earth because it came close to being extinct. Men fared worse than women. In Is4:1 there will be 7 women to 1 man ratio.

Isa 4:1 For **seven women will take hold of one man** in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach!"

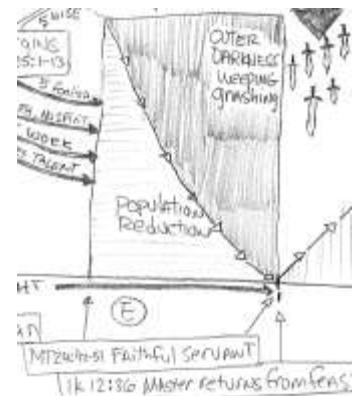
At this point there seems to be 2 distinct groups of men/women. Those making it into the wedding feast will have angelic bodies and will not marry. Those being saved by Jesus setting up his kingdom on earth for 1,000 years will have human bodies to replenish the earth before Armageddon at the end of the 1,000 year reign.

E

Camp fire stories of what happens in the dark.

The pre-trib rapture thinking is that before the tribulation comes the rapture will occur. That is not true based on the above. The world will descend into darkness for 6 hours until that midnight hour when the faithful exit the earth to go to the marriage supper.

When the elect go then there goes the light of the world (Christians are the light of the world -Mt5:14-15). These are the preachers, teachers, evangelist...



When those that know the word/gospel leave the earth then there will come a famine for the word – Amos8:11-13

Amo 8:11 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.

Amo 8:12 "People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, But they will not find it.

Amo 8:13 "In that day the beautiful virgins And the young men will faint from thirst.

With Jesus and the elect Christians away at the marriage feast the weak Christians (5 foolish virgins) will be persecuted by the wicked . In the parable of the strong man no one can take ones property unless they are stronger than those in the house. Christians strength comes from Jesus Ps25:14. With Jesus away then the wicked will easily overpower the remaining Christians in all areas.

Mat 12:29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

Psa 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;..

Without strength the prudent (the foolish virgins who have wised up) will keep silent Amos5:13

Amo 5:13 Therefore at such a time the prudent person keeps silent, for it is an evil time.

This is comparable to Lot in Sodom. Lot was distressed living in Sodom 2Pt2:7-8. Lot didn't preach righteousness he kept silent. When the sodomites wanted to get to know the 2 angels then Lot put his foot down and told them that it wasn't right. They identified Lot as a Christian and was about to treat Lot worse.

2Pe 2:7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

2Pe 2:8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),

Gen 19:8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."

Gen 19:9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

The worst animals will come out after midnight

Psa 104:20 You appoint darkness and it becomes night, In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.

Psa 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey And seek their food from God.

Psa 104:22 When the sun rises they withdraw And lie down in their dens.

Psa 104:23 Man goes forth to his work And to his labor until evening.

1Pe 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Prepper

2Esdras16:1-2

:1 Woe be unto thee, Babylon, thee, Egypt, and Syria!

:2 Gird up yourselves with cloths of sack and hair, bewail your children, and be sorry; for your destruction is at hand.

:14 Behold, the plagues are sent, and shall not return again, until they come upon the earth.

:19 Behold, famine and plague, tribulation and anguish, are sent as scourges for amendment

:20 But for all these things they shall not turn from their wickedness, nor be always mindful of the scourges.

:22 For many of them that dwell upon earth shall perish of famine; and the other that escape the hunger, shall the sword destroy.

:23 And the dead shall be cast out as dung, and there shall be no man to comfort them: for **the cities shall be cast down.**

:24 There shall be no man left to till the earth and to sow it.

:25 The trees shall give fruit, and who shall gather them?

:26 The grapes shall ripen, and who shall tread them? For all places shall be desolate of men:

:27 So that one man shall desire to see another, and to hear his voice.

:28 For of a city there shall be ten left, and two of the field, which **shall hide themselves in the thick groves, and in the clefts of the rocks.**

:29 As in an orchard of olives upon every tree there are left three or four olives;

:30 Or as when a vineyard is gathered, there are left some clusters of them that diligently seek through the vineyard;

:31 Even so in those days there shall be **three or four left by them that search their houses with the sword.**

(Christians selling house/property in Jerusalem in the Book of Acts)

:32 And the earth shall be laid waste, and the fields thereof shall wax old, and her ways and all her paths shall grow full of thorns, because no man shall travel therethrough.

:33 the virgins shall mourn, having no bridegrooms; the women shall mourn having no husbands; their daughters shall mourn, having no helpers

:37 Behold, the plagues draw nigh, and are not slack.

:38 As when a woman with child in the ninth month bringeth forth her son, **within two or three hours of her birth great pains compass her womb**, which pains, when the child cometh forth, **they slack not a moment:**

:39 Even so shall not the plagues be slack to come upon the earth, and the world shall mourn, and sorrow shall come upon it on every side.

:70 For there shall be in every place, and in the next cities, **a great insurrection upon those that fear the Lord.**

(Rev11:18 - God will destroy those that were destroying the earth)

:71 They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but still spoiling and destroying those that fear the Lord.

:72 For they shall waste and take away their goods, and cast them out of their houses.

(verse :31 above)

:73 Then shall they be known, who are my chosen; and they shall be tried as the gold in the fire

(baptized in fire since the days of baptism of water is past)

How many will be left so that Jesus must come back?

Over in Georgia there is a pagan monument “Georgia guidestones” to this desire. The wicked desire 500,000,000 to remain on the earth. The last time 500 million people lived on earth it was in the 1500s. to get to that number a great amount of people will have to die since currently there are 7.1 billion on earth right now.

The wicked will get more than they desire because in 2Esdras7:68 it’s mentioned 1/10,000 would remain.

2Esdras7:68

:68 And he pardoneth; for if he did not so of his goodness, that they which have committed iniquities might be eased of them, then **ten thousandth part of men should not remain living**

When the light of the world is removed then will the population decrease to a 1/10,000?

Their goal is to reduce the population of the world to a half a million people however they will exceed that number according with 2Esdras7:68

Population	1979 world population 4.4 billion	2013 world population 7.1 billion
Georgia Guidestones	500 million	500 million
2Esdras7:68 1/10,000	440,000	710,000

Georgia Guidestones:

1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.

Pasted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgia_Guidestones>

In 1500s to 1600s was the last time the world's population was around a half a million.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_population_estimates

The goal is to strive and to seek to get into the marriage supper to avoid the pain and destruction of the midnight to 3am death.

There are 3 different resurrection definitions in the new testament.

- 1) When Jesus rose from the grave (Strong's #1454) applied which means: *a rousing, excitation, a rising up*. This is the only place that this resurrection is used.
- 2) Paul used resurrection (Strong's #1815) which means *a rising up, a rising again, resurrection*. This is the only place that this resurrection is used. Paul was striving to attain the leader resurrection (marriage supper) which is different than the general first resurrection.
- 3) All the other references of resurrection are Strong's #386 which means *a raising up, rising*. reference the first and second resurrection

Mat 27:53 and coming^{G1831} out of the tombs^{G3419} after^{G3326} His resurrection^{G1454} they entered^{G1525} R1 the holy^{G40} city^{G4172} and appeared^{G1718} to many^{G4183}.

Php 3:11 N1 in order^{G1513b} that I may^{R1} attain^{G2658} to the resurrection^{G1815} from the dead^{G3498}.

Rev 20:5 The rest^{G3062} of the dead^{G3498} did not come to life^{G2198} until^{G891} the thousand^{G5507} years^{G2094} were completed^{G5055}.
 R1 This^{G3778} is the first^{G4413} resurrection^{G386}.