

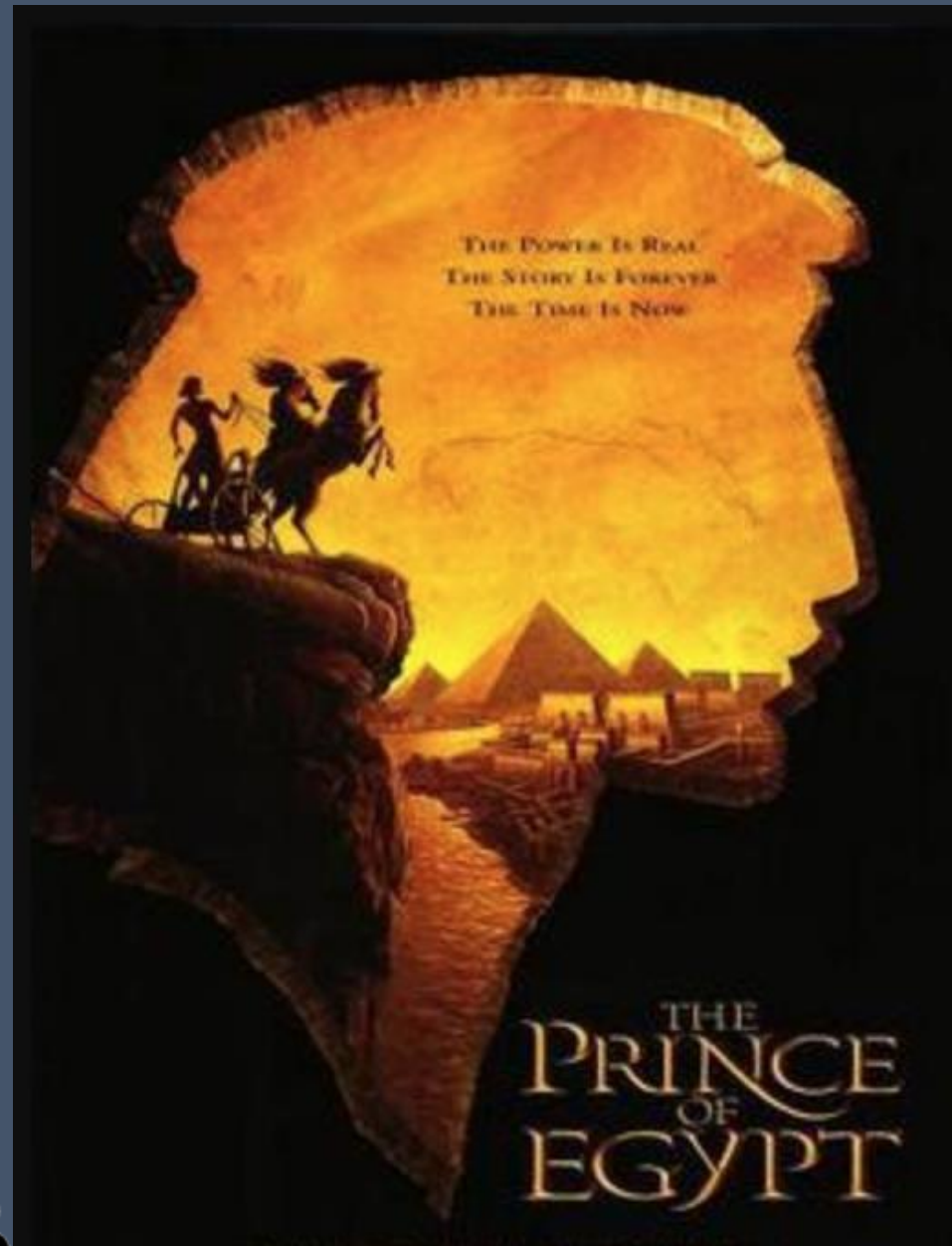
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

MIND of Christ

“The Mystery of the Resurrection.”



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The Great Awakening

Hear different perspectives from the 1740s, when a wave of religious fervor gripped the American colonies and changed the way many read the Bible.

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The Cross – 1Co 15:3b-4

- Resurrection – Gospel – First importance
- Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and . . . He was buried, and . . . He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.



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The Cross – Joh 5:28b-29

- An hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and will come forth, those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.



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The Cross

- Will God send me to hell?
 - Will I be alone in hell?
 - Will I have any freedom in hell?
 - Will there be any happiness in hell?
 - Will there be any refreshment in hell?
 - Should I be afraid of hell?
- Mat 27:46
 - Joh 16:32
 - Mat 27:35
 - Luk 13:28; Luk 23:48
 - Luk 16:24; Joh 19:29
 - Mar 14:34



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The Cross – 2Th 2:8-10

“^{8b} Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus,
⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power ^{10ab} when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day and to be marveled at among all who have believed.”



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The Rapture – Joh 14:2-3

- Rapture – Very Next Event
- ² In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself that, where I am, there you may be also.



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The Rapture – 1Th 4:16-17

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Performance Indicator

- God – knowledge, worship, prayers, time
- Commission – baptism, outreach, evangelism, gospel
- Church – bible study, prayer, breaking of bread, fellowship



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Reason for this Message

- Quit – Jim Callahan – 4 students got saved, 1 in Jun, 3 in Nov
- You too – Don't quit – Gal 6:9 – “Let us not lose heart in doing good; for in due time, we will reap if we do not grow weary.”



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The Rapture . . .

- Christ comes for His saints.
- Saints are translated and go to heaven.
- The world is unchanged and unjudged and continues to sin.

“As presented in the New Testament, no unfulfilled prophecy is given as standing between the church and the time of its rapture.”

p. 80, Major Bible Themes, Chafer and Walvoord

- This means the rapture is next, close, and imminent.



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The Second Coming – Dan 7:13-14

- Second Coming – Very Last Chance
- I kept looking in the night visions; and behold, with the clouds of heaven, One like a Son of Man was coming; and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one, which will not be destroyed.



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