

When The Conquering Hero Comes

During Sunday Evening Story-Time (8-8-10) with the 'teaching elder' about 1 Thess 4:16-18, he talked about "the idea of a shout being a Conqueror shouting orders, to take up reign of His universe, and announce His presence." He referenced Exodus 32:18, Numbers 23:20, and Joshua 6:5. Then he said, '**Paul is "using a term"** a concept of a shout is often times of a conquering hero a shout of victory, a shout of joy.'

Question: WHY would PAUL be "using a term" if that term was not "applicable" to us? **Answer:** He wouldn't! If it were not relative, then Paul would not use it! But, the fact is, Paul DID use it, and it DOES apply! That's WHY he used it! Also, that's WHY Paul used SO MANY 'OLD' testament scriptures because he was applying them to the church, the body of Christ, which are the 'NEW' testament saints.

On the subject of Christ returning, with a shout, as the Conquering Hero, to change our bodies (1 Thess 4:16-18, 1 Cor 15:51-52), the 'teaching elder' said that He will subdue all things unto Himself. Yes, He will:

Phil 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even **to subdue all things unto himself.**

But, interestingly, the 'Cunning Royal Jester' did not use **these other verses** about **WHEN** Christ will subdue all things unto Himself. Was it because he did not want to mention that it will be **at the END?**

1 Cor 15:23-28 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are **Christ's at his coming.**

24 **Then cometh the end,**
when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;
when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet.

But **when** he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And **when all things shall be subdued unto him,** then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Clearly and simply, **according to those verses written by inspiration of God through the apostle PAUL WHEN Christ comes, THEN it will be the END.** That is EXACTLY the SAME issue that Jesus' disciples asked Him about:

Matt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of **thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

Yet 'mid-Acts-ers' deny that it is the same thing. They teach that it is 2 different 'comings' separated by 'more than 7 years' of time (several years of what-they-call 'a prophesied GAP' and then the 70th week of Daniel, which is a period of 7 years).

Nestled in Paul's record we just read in 1 Cor 15:23-28 at Christ's coming, 'then cometh the end' is the issue that death (the last enemy) will be destroyed (1 Cor 15:26). That is the SAME point he made in a companion passage later in the SAME chapter about when Christ comes:

1 Cor 15:51-55 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:
 for the trumpet shall sound,
 and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible,**
 and we shall be changed.
 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
 and this mortal must put on immortality.
 54 So **when** this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,
 and this mortal shall have put on immortality,
then shall be brought to pass the saying **that is written,**
 Death is swallowed up in victory.
 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Not only the prophet Paul, but other prophets also showed, that death will be destroyed **at the END:**

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Death (and hell) will be cast into the lake of fire at the 2nd death (Rev 20:14):

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away

Hosea 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Psa 49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**
29 And shall come forth;
they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life;
and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 24:14-15 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that **there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

Luke 20:34-36 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and **are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.**

Luke 14:13-14 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

When Christ returns as the Conquering Hero (1 Cor 15:23-24)
He will raise the dead and subdue all things unto Himself.

And that's '**The End**'.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"