

The Rapture

END TIMES

**The Rapture
Concealed**

**The Rapture
Revealed**



The Exodus Pattern

And

Thessalonian Midrash



Did You Know?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – *“Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven, with a loud shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar call of Yahweh. The dead in Yeshua will rise first, then we who are still alive will be caught up in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air.”*

Did you know that Rabbi Paul’s writing in **Thessalonians 4** is a typical rabbinical teaching style called a Midrash?

Did you know that this Midrash parallels the exodus of the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt?

Let’s examine how this is so:

The Journey Begins

Exodus 3:7-8 – *“Then Yahweh said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.’”*

Exodus 33:1 – *“Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Leave, you and the people you brought up from the land of Egypt; and move on from here toward the promised land’ [i.e. Israel].”*

Ezekiel 37:12-13 *“Therefore prophesy; say to them that Adonai Elohim says, ‘My people! I will open your graves and make you get up out of your graves, and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh — when I have opened your graves and made you get up out of your graves, my people!’”*

The Hebrew Slaves are Resurrected

The Hebrew slaves have been in Egypt for over four hundred years. Ezekiel refers to their redemption out of Egypt as being brought out of the grave – in other words, resurrected.

Upon resurrection, they then leave Egypt as the Egyptians witness their departure (*Exodus 12*):

- They received less than 24 hours notice about their redemption, if you will, their “*resurrection*”.
- They were witnessed as they departed.
- And, in turn, witnessed to the Egyptians that their God, Yahweh, was greater than any other God.
- It took them several months to get to Mount Sinai – they arrived in the third month (**Exodus 19:1**).

The resurrection of the Hebrew Slaves was not an instantaneous event.



Breaking News

The resurrection of the Hebrew Slaves did not result an instantaneous disappearance.

The resurrected Hebrew slaves represent the Dead in Yeshua in Paul's Thessalonians Midrash.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The Journey Continues

Exodus 19:10-11 – *“Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day I will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people’.”*

Exodus 19:16-19 – *“On the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud shofar sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God . . . As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke; and God answered him with a thundering voice.”*

Exodus 19:20 – *“Yahweh came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and he called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.”*

Moses is Raptured

Upon arriving at Mt. Sinai (*Exodus 19:9-20*):

- They received three days notice that Yahweh was to descend.
- Yahweh descends in a cloud and a shofar blasts so loudly that all the people trembled.
- They witness Moses' ascension, if you will, his "*rapture*" into the cloud.

The Hebrew slaves **resurrection** from their Egyptian "graves" did not result in an instantaneous disappearance – it took time for them to walk away in full view of the Egyptians.

It took more time to arrive at Mt. Sinai.

Moses rapture was not an instantaneous disappearance, either – it took time for him to ascend while the people watched.



Breaking News

Moses' rapture to the top of the mountain was not an instantaneous disappearance.

Moses represents Those Who Are Still Alive in Paul's Thessalonians Midrash.

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

At Mount Sinai With Moses

Exodus 19

- 9** Yahweh said to Moshe, “See, I am coming to you in a thick cloud.”
- 11** For on the third day, Yahweh will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.
- 16** On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a shofar (*trumpet*) blast sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled.
- 20** Yahweh came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; then he called Moshe to the top of the mountain; and Moshe went up.

Yahweh comes in a cloud, the shofar sounds, Moses goes up!

The Parallels

In Exodus:

- The “dead” Hebrew slaves in the graves of Egypt were “resurrected”.
- The “resurrected” Hebrew slaves are a witness of Yahweh’s power over death to the Egyptians.
- They are gathered together, taken to Mount Sinai, consecrated, and become a people holy to Yahweh.
- Yahweh comes down from Heaven in a cloud and his voice is heard, sounding like thunder.
- Moses then ascends into the clouds.

In Thessalonians:

- The dead in Yeshua resurrected and are consecrated (made incorruptible) at the moment of resurrection.
- Yeshua comes down from Heaven in a cloud with a loud shout, sounding like thunder.
- The shofar (or trumpet), also known as the voice of Yahweh, sounds a long blast.
- The newly resurrected people rise up into the clouds.
- Then those who are already alive people rise up into the clouds to meet them.

The Resurrection Patterns

Matthew 27:52-53 – *“The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”*

- The Hebrew slaves **resurrection** from their Egyptian “graves” did not result in an instantaneous disappearance – it took time for them to walk away in full view of the Egyptians. It took more time to arrive at Mount Sinai.
- Moses **rapture** was not an instantaneous disappearance, either – it took time for him to ascend while the people watched. His rapture did not take place at the same time as the dead slaves resurrection – he was still alive, having already been out of Egypt for forty years.
- Of the Bride, Paul tells us that the Dead in Yeshua rise first. Perhaps they too have a time of witnessing and traveling before they reach their destination – the clouds to meet Yeshua. Perhaps, only then, do those who are still alive ascend. The pattern of the Hebrew slaves resurrection and Moses subsequent rapture gives reason to believe that the resurrection and subsequent rapture of the Bride will not result in an instantaneous disappearance, either. The scriptures in **Matthew 27** lend further support for this pattern.

Paul's Midrash on the Exodus

Both Peter and Paul employ a very typical rabbinical approach to scripture in applying Older Covenant passages to current or future events. John does the same thing throughout the Book of Revelation. This teaching style is called a Midrash. Rabbi Paul effectively takes the same approach to the Exodus narrative as Rabbi Peter takes to the **Joel 2:28-29** prophecy:

- Peter applies Joel 2 to the Giving of the Spirit at Shavuot.
(**Acts 2:17-21**)
- Paul applies the pattern of the exodus of the Hebrews slaves out of the graves of Egypt, their trip to Mt. Sinai, and the subsequent ascent of Moses to meet with Yahweh on the mountain to the future rapture of the Bride of Yeshua.
(**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**)

At The Rapture With Yeshua

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven, with a loud shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar call of Yahweh.

The dead in Yeshua will rise first, then we who are still alive will be caught up in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air.”

Yeshua comes in a cloud, the shofar sounds, the bride goes up!

The unbelieving watch from below as the bride is carried up by the very same horses that they will be riding when they return.



Other Similar Patterns



Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!



The many resurrections from the dead:

The son of the Shunammite woman

1 Kings 17: 22 – *“The child’s soul came back into him, and he revived.”*

The full account is found in: [1 Kings 17:21-22](#), [2 Kings 4:31-35](#)

The prophet Jonah

Jonah 2:6 – *“Yahweh brought me up alive from the pit.”*

The full account is found in: [Jonah 2:1-10](#)

The daughter who is only “asleep”

Luke 8:54-55 – *“But he took her by the hand, called out, ‘**Little girl, get up!**’ and her spirit returned.”*

The full account is found in: [Luke 8:52-55](#); [Matt 9:23-25](#); [Mark 5:35-42](#)

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The many resurrections from the dead:

The only son of a widow

Luke 7:14-15 – *“Yeshua said, ‘Young man, I say to you: get up!’ The dead man sat up and began to speak.”*

The full account is found in: [Luke 7:11-15](#)

Lazarus

John 11:43-44 – *“Having said this, he shouted, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The man who had been dead came out.”*

The full account is found in: [John 11:11-44](#)

Dorcas/Tabitha

Acts 9:40 – *“Peter said, ‘Tavita! Get up!’ She opened her eyes; and on seeing Peter, sat up.”*

The full account is found in: [Acts 9:37-42](#)

Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!



The above statement is absolutely true:

Not one of these six resurrected people mentioned above instantly disappeared when they came back to life.

Just the opposite. ALL were seen alive by many after their resurrection.

But, But, But: None of Them Got Glorified Bodies

The above statement is also absolutely true:

Not one of these six resurrected people mentioned above received a glorified, incorruptible, immortal body.

Most, we assume, later died and were buried.

Wait: None of These Disappeared Either!



Two more resurrections from the dead:

The Holy Ones:

Matthew 27:50-53

“The graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.”

Yeshua

Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:9; John 20:17

*“When Yeshua rose early on Sunday, he appeared first to Miriam of Magdala” and commanded her not to cling to him as he had “**not yet ascended to his Father**”, saying he would meet them in Galilee.*



Breaking News

Neither the Holy Ones nor Yeshua instantly disappeared after their resurrection.

Just the opposite.

ALL were seen alive by many after their resurrection.

Conclusions

- Not once does scripture give an account of an instantaneous rapture after a resurrection.
- Even without a prior resurrection, every bodily rapture in scripture has three common components:
 - Advance notice is given to the person to be raptured;
 - Witnesses see the rapture as it takes place;
 - Horses are involved in the mode of transportation.

The instant rapture paradigm is a false narrative not supported by the many patterns revealed in the scriptures that show a progression of well witnessed events over time.

The belief that the resurrection is the rapture is mere tickling of the ears. This paradigm is a golden calf, and its name is: Instant Gratification. How sad many apply it to the Rapture.

Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha

Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka

Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

• Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

• Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.



*There is a Rapture
Have no doubts about it*

The rapture must be very important to God and must be a concept he desires the believer to understand, or else why would he give us so many different images, pictures and patterns about it?

The Rapture and the Resurrection are two separate events.
It is only the resurrection that takes place in an instant of time.

Amen and Amen,
Maranatha,
Hallelujah!