

# *The Rapture*

**END TIMES**

**The Rapture  
Concealed**

**The Rapture  
Revealed**



# The Hermeneutical Lens

Hermeneutics is the science and methodology of interpreting the texts of the Biblical scriptures, and explaining religious concepts, theories, and principles.

## *Hermeneutical Lenses*

Historical (German Higher Critical)

Grammatical (Textual)

Theological

Rational

Allegorical

Archaeological

Anthropological

Cultural

Rhetorical

Feminist /Homosexual

*Hebrew Idioms  
Rabbinical Sayings*

## *Biblical Genres*

Historical Narrative / Epic,  
Wisdom Literature, Psalms, Prophecy,  
Apocalyptic, Gospel, Epistle



# The PaRDeS Lens



P'SHAT

**Plain Simple, Literal  
Surface Meaning**

REMEZ

**Parable, Allegorical  
Meaning – The Hint**

DRASH

**Comparative Meaning  
Found By Intense Searching**

SOD

**Concealed, Unrevealed Meaning**

REMEZ HAREMEZIM

**Torah of Messiah**

# The Party Lens



*Party*

**Ecclesiastes 1:9** - *"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."*

**Isaiah 28:10** - *"Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little."*



**Parallels**

Events that are similar, comparable, or alike



**Patterns**

Events that are examples, prototypes, or models



**Pictures**

Events that are epitomes, images, or representations



**Types**

Events that are styles, forms, or genres

Biblical parallels, patterns, pictures, and types tell us who Yeshua is, what his ministry is, and what the future holds. The Rapture parallels, patterns, pictures and types tell us in great detail about this event. These parallels, patterns, pictures and types become very important when we try to determine if scripture and prophecy have anything to say to us today, especially since scripture informs us that patterns are cyclical.



## A Couple of Major Points Regarding the Rapture

**Titus 2:13** calls it the *blessed hope*.

**1 Peter 1:3** calls it the *living hope*.

**1 Peter 1:6-7** calls it a *wonderful joy*.

- 1. We may not know the day or the hour:** (*Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32*)  
***But of that day and hour no one knows . . .***
- 2. But it will not catch us by surprise:** (*Mark 13:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:4*)  
***You will know that the time is near, right at hand.***  
That day will not surprise you like a thief.
- 3. The believer will be in Heaven:** (*1 Thessalonians 1:10, Revelation 3:10*)  
During the Tribulation, believers will be in heaven, delivered from the wrath (trial) to come.
- 4. It is important to God:**  
The many parallels, patterns, pictures and types of the Rapture **throughout the entire Bible** means the rapture is important to God and should be important to the believer.

**Amos 3:7** “*Yahweh does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets*”

*It's all Greek to me say the  
Blasphemers  
Heretics  
Illiterates*





# Blasphemers, Heretics, Illiterates

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1 Thessalonians 4:17 – *“Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with the resurrected dead in Yeshua in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air, and so we will always be with him.”*

Many who use the word rapture are labeled unorthodox, blasphemers, illiterate, or heretical because the word “rapture” isn’t found in scripture.

As the language in the church changed from Greek to Latin, Saint Jerome was given the task of translating the scriptures from Greek to Latin, and used the word “rapiemur” to translate the Greek word harpazō. Other Latin translations use rapturo or raptus, both forms of the verb rapiemur. Rapiemur and rapturo are two forms of the same verb, as are rapio, rapere, rapui, raptus:

*Dominus in iussu et in voce archangeli et in tuba Dei descendet de caelo et mortui qui in Christo sunt resurgent primi deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul **rapiemur** cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino erimus.*

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The Greek word **harpazō** becomes the Latin word **rapiemur**

The Latin word **rapiemur** becomes the English word “**Rapture**”!



# It's All Greek To Me . . .

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Acts 27:15 – “The ship was *caught up* and unable to face the wind so we gave way to it and were driven along.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17 – “We who are left still alive will be *caught up* with them in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air; and thus we will always be with him.”

2 Corinthians 12:2 – “I know a man in Mashiach who fourteen years ago was *caught up* to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, Yahweh knows.”

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**Classical Meaning:** to seize, carry off by force, to snatch out or away.

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# It's All Greek To Me . . .

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**Genesis 22:2-4** – “Yahweh said to Abraham, *‘Will you please take your son . . .’*”

**Revelation 3:20** – “*Here, I’m standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him.*”

There another definition of harpazo that may better fit the compassionate Yeshua who asks the willing to gather?

Indeed there is and that definition is:

- **To eagerly gather together those who are loved**

And it is this definition that best fits the Rapture pattern. Yeshua comes to gather us together in love, not to brutally force us to head up to the clouds. Yahweh and Yeshua both honor their commitment to giving each individual free choice – to obey or not.

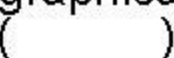
Will you freely go when called to come up, or refuse?



# It's All Greek To Me . . .

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The Greek words *hé apostasia* (ἡ ἀποστασία) mean “the departure”, i.e. the harpazō! The word hé (ἡ) simply means “the”.

The word Apostasia is made up of two words, apo and stasia. Apo originally was used to indicate a motion away from a place or to indicate a deliverance or, passing away from a state or condition. It is graphically represented by a straight line going away from the circumference circle (  ).

Stasia literally means a standing away, to draw out, or to separate. Together they mean a standing away from, a drawing out from, a separation away from, or a going out from among.

The Latin Vulgate (“*ne quis vos seducat ullo modo quoniam nisi venerit **discessio**.*”) uses the word “discessio” which also means a withdrawal, a dispersal, a separation, or a departure.

The apostasia / harpazō / departure comes first in a series of events, followed by the revealing of the antichrist and the tribulation period.

The apostasia / harpazō / departure is a pre-tribulation event.



# The Rapture Patterns



*Three H's  
Three R's  
and  
Three D's*

# The Three H's, Three R's, and Three D's

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| ■ Harpazo   | ■ Rapture    | ■ Departure   |
| ■ Heralding | ■ Revelation | ■ Direction   |
| ■ Havoc     | ■ Ruination  | ■ Devastation |

## *The Pattern:*

- **Harpazo/Rapture/Departure:** The primary witness who represents the Bride of Yeshua is raptured out – taken from the Earth – removed from the coming disaster.
  - **Heralding/Revelation/Direction:** Other individuals continue to give direction, minister to the people, and warn of coming disaster.
  - **Havoc/Ruination/Devastation:** The period of destruction begins, but some are protected during the disaster period.
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# The Four Representatives

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- **Enoch** – Represents the Bride of Yeshua Genesis 5:24
  - Methuselah and Lamech represent those who continue to minister
  - The people who perish in the flood represent those who refuse to listen to Yahweh's warnings and perish in the flood.
  - Noah represents the remnant Jews who are protected
  
  - **Elijah** – Represents the Bride of Yeshua 2 Kings 2:11
  - Elisha represents those who continue to minister
  - Northern Israel and Southern Judah Jews who are forcibly removed represent those who refuse to listen to Yahweh's warnings and who suffer or perish during the time of judgment
  - The Jews who go to Babylon represent the remnant who are protected
  
  - **Yeshua** – Represents the Bridegroom Mark 16:9; Luke 14:51; Acts 1:9
  - Yeshua is raptured
  - The disciples continue to minister to the people for around 40 years and warn of coming disaster,
  - The Temple is destroyed, but many believers are protected during the disaster period by traveling to other lands and nations.
  
  - **The Bride of Yeshua** 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8
  - The removal of the Ruach Ha'Kodesh and the Bride of Yeshua (the one who restrains) takes place first, then the lawless one, or man of lawlessness, is revealed.
  - The 144,000 witnesses, Angels in the sky, and the Two witnesses continue to minister
  - The Wrath of Yahweh is poured out upon the unbelieving
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# The Two Moedim

## The Moedim

Numbers 10:1-ff

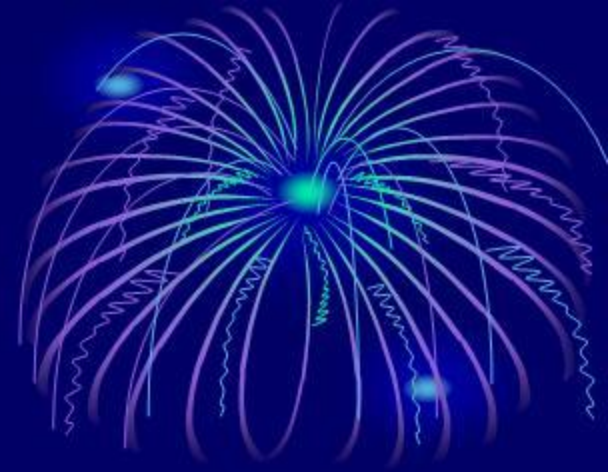
- *“Blow the trumpets, gather together, and be saved from your enemies.”* (Synopsis)
- The moed of Yom Teruah represents the day of the resurrection of the righteous dead and the taking up of the living righteous, the day of hiding and concealment (The Rapture) before the time of tribulation. Many will perish or suffer in the tribulation period and represent those who refused to listen to Yahweh's warnings before the rapture took place.
- Yom Kippurim represents the Tribulation period and time of protection for those who are willing to accept it. The people who escape to the mountains when the abomination of desolation is revealed represent the remnant who are protected during the remaining time of the Tribulation.

## The Pattern:

- Harpazo/Removal/Departure: Yom Teruah (the Feast of Trumpets) is the first moedim that is yet to be fulfilled. The dead are raised and the Bride of Yeshua is raptured (1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 & 2 Thessalonians) - removed from the coming disaster - the Day of Yahweh, Daniel's Seventieth Week, the Time Of Jacob's Trouble, the seven years of tribulation.
  - Heralding/Revelation/Direction: The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:3), the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Revelation 7:4), and the angels in mid-heaven (Revelation 8:13 and Revelation 14:6) all continue to minister to the people and warn of coming disaster.
  - Havoc/Ruination/Destruction: Yom Kippurim is the second moedim that is yet to be fulfilled. The Great and Terrible day begins, but a remnant are protected during the remainder of the disaster period.
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# Amazing



An Older Covenant Event  
And its  
Newer Covenant Parallels

# *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!**



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# *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!

## **John 11:25-26**

Yeshua, when talking to Martha after the death of Lazarus, put it this way: *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Martha, do you believe this?”*

In other words, the dead are resurrected  
and the living are changed from mortal to immortal!

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### **CHART: A Closer Look At The Rapture In Exodus 19 And The Coming Of Yeshua**

#### ***Passages In Exodus***

- 19:5 – Israel shall be a peculiar treasure
- 19:6 – Israel is a kingdom of priests
- 19:7 – The Elders are called before Yahweh
- 19:9 & 16 – God came down in a thick cloud
- 19:10 – The people were to sanctify their garments
- 19:11 – Yahweh came down on third day
- 19:16 – Yahweh came with lightning
- 19:18 – Yahweh descended on the mount
- 19:18 – Yahweh descended in fire
- 19:19 – A trumpet waxed long and loud
- 19:19 – Yahweh answers Moses in a loud voice
- 19:20 – Yahweh descends from heaven
- 19:20 – Yahweh calls Moses to come up

#### ***Newer And Older Covenant Parallels***

- 1 Peter 2:9 – The Church is called a peculiar people
- Revelation 1:6, 5:10 – The Church of kings and priests
- Revelation 4:10 – The 24 Elders are in heaven
- Acts 1:9-11, Rev 1:7 – Yeshua will return in a cloud
- Revelation 16:15 – The people are given clean garments
- Hosea 6:1-2 – The Church will be raised on the 3rd day
- Matthew 24:27 – Yeshua's coming is as lightning
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua will descend from Heaven
- 2 Thessalonians. 1:7-10 – Yeshua returns in fire
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua descends with trumpet of God
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua shouts, voice of archangel
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – Yeshua descends from heaven
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – The believers are caught up



# Wedding Essentials

At every Jewish wedding there are several items that are part of that ceremony:

- a place of cleansing  
(mikveh)
- a written marriage agreement  
(ketubah)



# *Wedding Essentials*

- a place of covering or a canopy  
(chuppah)

and

- a visible, tangible expression of the love  
(ôth)



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# *At Mount Sinai With Moses*

We find all four essential items at Mount Sinai:

1. A Mikveh (מִקְוֵה) - Yahweh commands the people to cleanse themselves and make themselves ready for the marriage ([Exodus 19:10-14](#)).
  2. A Ketubah (כְּתוּבָה) - The two copies of the Ten Commandments; one copy for the husband, one for the wife. Yahweh trusted his bride so fully both copies were given for her to hold and to keep. The Ketubah is read. ([Exodus 20:1-17](#)).
  3. A Chuppah (חֻפָּה) – The people were covered by the cloud. Not only does Yahweh cover the entire mountain with a cloud, but the Hebrew scripture can literally be translated “they stood under the mountain” ([Exodus 19:17](#)).
  4. An Ôth (אוֹת) - Yahweh institutes the Sabbath as a weekly sign that he and his bride belong to each other and enjoy each other's presence ([Exodus 20:1-17](#), [Exodus 31:16-17](#)).
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# *At A Jewish Wedding*

## **The Journey to the Bride's Home**

- In a Jewish marriage, the husband-to-be (groom) would leave his father's home and travel to his betrothed's (bride's) home.

## **The Writing of the Ketubah**

- At this point, the groom would establish and pay the purchase price for the bride. The groom would compose and verify a written marriage contract, the Ketubah, with the bride's father.
- The groom would then go back to his father's home and build an addition for himself and his bride, promising to return for his betrothed.

## **The Mikveh, And The Ôth**

- At the end of the separation, the groom would show up unannounced to take his bride home, but only after his father had given him permission to do so. Her Mikveh is her father's home.
  - When the groom got to his bride's home, he would wait outside for the bride to join him. The bride is "lifted up" and carried to the new home - the ôth.
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# *At A Jewish Wedding*

## **The Chuppah and Reading of the Ketubah**

- The groom and bride go to his father's house and the wedding ceremony takes place under the Chuppah (marriage canopy).
- The reading of the ketubah text is given, outlining the groom's responsibilities – to provide his bride with her daily physical needs (daily bread) as well as her emotional needs.

## **The Concealment**

- The couple is then concealed in the marital chamber. Once inside they shut and lock the doors and stay within for seven days.

## **The Wedding Dinner**

- At the end of the seven day period, the husband brings forth his bride so that everyone can see her, and the wedding dinner is served.
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# It Really is a Wedding . . . *Review*

Wedding imagery is very prominent in Scripture.  
From Mount Sinai, to a Jewish Wedding Ceremony,  
All four elements can be seen.

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- A typical wedding ceremony has four essentials:
  - Mikveh, Ketubah, Chuppah, Ôth
- The gathering at Mount Sinai is a wedding ceremony between Yahweh and his chosen people, the Hebrew slaves now called Jews
  - **The gathering at Mount Sinai incorporates all four essentials**
- At a Jewish Wedding the groom carries his bride home to his father's house only when the father allows him to do so
- The Bride and Groom are concealed for seven days, then exit for the wedding dinner
  - **A Jewish Wedding Ceremony also incorporates all four essentials**
- **Both events are pictures or patterns of the rapture!**



Hey, where are you going. You haven't finished telling us about that Rapture thing, yet!!



*Advance Notices*  
*Witnesses*  
*and*  
*Horses*



Who Knew?



When?

Where?

How?



# Who Knew

Can you name any Prophets who knew the day of their rapture according to the scriptures?



*There are three prophets to choose from, but only one that scripture directly states that he knew.*

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# Eliyahu (Elijah)

## 2 Kings 2:3-5

*“Do you know that Yahweh is taking Eliyahu, your master, away from you today?”*

Twice, scripture tells us that the day of Elijah’s departure, or rapture, was known to the sons of the prophets:

- The prophets at Bethel knew.
- The prophets at Jericho knew.
- Elisha also knew.

**I call this advance notice!**

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## Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Christ)

Luke 9:30-31

*“Suddenly there were two men talking with him – Moshe and Eliyahu! They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke of his departure, which he was soon to accomplish in Yerushalayim.”*

Both Moses and Elijah spoke to Yeshua about his ‘departure’. This talk may have been primarily about his manner of rapture, which happened at the Mount of Olives in Yerushalayim, rather than his crucifixion.

**Another instance of advance notice, perhaps.**

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# Enoch

## Enoch 81:5-6

*“One year you will have with your son, Methuselah, until you give your last commands, teach and testify them to your children . . . In the second year, you will be taken.”*

Enoch was given one year to testify to Methuselah and his children before his rapture. He knew he would be raptured, and so did his family.

**Definitely another instance of advance notice, no doubt.**

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# *Who Watched*

Did anyone witness the person being raptured according to the scriptures?

*Hint*

*Fifty saw. Many saw. The King's men saw*

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## Eliyahu (Elijah)

2 Kings 2:7-12

*“Fifty of the guild prophets went and stood watching Eliyahu and Elisha from a distance. . . . Elisha saw Eliyahu depart and cried out, “My father! My father!”*

Elijah’s ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and the prophets.

**Elijah did not just disappear – his rapture was watched.**

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Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11a

*“As he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.”*

Yeshua was carried up into heaven while the disciples were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

This ascension was so fascinating to those watching that two “men” had to interrupt them and basically tell them to get on with their lives until Yeshua returned!

*And not to mention that the disciples were in the right spot at the right time to witness Yeshua being taken up, eh?”*

**Yeshua's rapture was witnessed by many.**

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# Enoch

Enoch 81:5-6; Jasher 3:27-29; Jasher 3:34

*“The seven holy ones will take you from their midst.”*

Enoch’s ascension was witnessed by his children as he was taken from their midst.

Jasher also tells us that some of the King’s men remained with Enoch when he went to the place where he was to be raptured. Only death, they said, would separate them.

**Enoch’s rapture was also witnessed by many people.**

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# What Took Them

How were they carried  
into heaven according to  
the scriptures?

## Hint

*Chariots of Fire and  
Whirlwinds may be present.*

*Horses Are Not Elevators !*





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## Eliyahu (Elijah)

### 2 Kings 2:11

*“There appeared a fiery chariot with horses of fire; and as it separated the two of them from each other, Eliyahu went up into heaven in a whirlwind.”*

There is no mistaking the mode of transportation that Yahweh used to carry Elijah into heaven, and no excuse for thinking some other method was used.

**Elijah is carried into the clouds by horses of fire.**

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Acts 1:11b; Revelation 19:11

*“Yeshua will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven.”*

*“Before me was a white horse. Sitting on it is Yeshua who passes judgment and makes war in righteousness.”*

Yeshua comes back on a white horse. He is taken the same way according to the two “men” who spoke to the disciples!

**In other words, Yeshua is carried into heaven by a horse!**

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# Enoch

Jasher 3:27-29 Jasher 3:36-37

*“Enoch ascended into Heaven in a whirlwind with horses and chariots of fire.”*

Jasher 3:27 tells us that the horse descended from heaven and paced in the air. Jasher 3:36 tells us that Enoch ascended with horses, chariots, and whirlwinds.

Enoch, like Yeshua and Elijah, is carried into the clouds by horses.

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*Review*

Who Knew?

When?

Where?

How?

# Three Questions

Review 1

Who got Advance Notice? Who got Watched?

How did they get taken up?

Scripture gives us some definite answers to these questions.

*Who Got Advance Notice?*

**Elijah, Yeshua, Enoch**

2 Kings 2:3-5

Luke 9:30-31

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# Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Christ) *Review 3*

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# Advance Notice?

Review 5

Will it be a hundred year notice? Will it be a week's notice?  
Will it be a three day notice? Will it be just a few hours or minutes?  
Scripture doesn't give us a definite answer to this question.

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## People

- Eliyahu
- Yeshua
- Enoch
- Methuselah
- Noah
- Lot
- The Bride of Yeshua

## Events

- Weddings
- Three Days
- Birth Pangs
- The Moedim

*Amos 3:7* "Yahweh does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets"



## *Conclusions on The Prophets Who Were Bodily Raptured*

In every case those who have been raptured In the Body have several things in common:

- The person being raptured knows he will be. Enoch had a full year of advance notice (Enoch 81:5-6). Elijah and two schools of prophets knew the day of his departure (2 Kings 2:3-5). Moses and Elijah spoke to Yeshua about his departure prior to his going to Yerushalayim to be crucified (Luke 9:30-31).
- Other people are present who see them being raptured: Enoch was in the presence of his children and the King's men when he was raptured (Enoch 81:5-6 and Jasher 3:34). Elijah was in the presence of Elisha and perhaps fifty or more of the sons of the prophets when he was raptured (2 Kings 2:7). Yeshua was in the presence of the apostles, and perhaps others when he was raptured (Acts 1:10-11).



## ***Conclusions on The Prophets Who Were Bodily Raptured***

In every case those who have been raptured In the Body have several things in common:

- Horses are always present and often Chariots of Fire. Enoch was raptured into Heaven with both horses and chariots of fire (Jasher 3:36). Elijah was also raptured into Heaven with both horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 2:11). Yeshua rose riding upon his white horse (Acts 1:10-11 and Revelation 19:11), but there is no mention of a chariot of fire.
- Whirlwinds are often present. Both Enoch and Elijah went up to Heaven in a whirlwind. Scripture, however, gives no indication if a whirlwind was present at Yeshua's rapture.

In other words, Enoch, Elijah, and Yeshua were all raptured to Heaven and into Yahweh's presence in the body by horses, while others watched.

**Is This the Image You Have of the Rapture?**

**We ascend into Heaven  
And no one even notices . . .**





**OR -- Is This the Image You Have of the Rapture?**  
**We ascend into Heaven**  
**While many watch . . .**



Perhaps this image of the Rapture is more accurate!

**We are carried into Heaven by white horses --  
while many watch . . .**

The Real Rapture Image According to the Prophet's Bodily Rapture Patterns





# The Jewish Wedding Pattern





## The Wedding Procedure

In a Jewish marriage, the husband-to-be (*groom*) would consult with his father regarding the woman he wished to take as a bride. If the father agreed to the groom's plan, then the groom would leave his father's home and travel to his betrothed's (*bride*) home and speak with the betrothed's father.

**Yeshua left His heavenly home, where his father dwells, and traveled to the Earth, the home of his betrothed, the Church, also called the *Bride of Christ*.**

Once the groom reached the bride's home, he would establish and pay the purchase price for the bride, guaranteeing that he was serious about the marriage.

**Yeshua paid the ultimate price by being crucified and shedding his blood.**

The groom would compose and verify a written marriage contract, the Ketubah, with the bride's father, then offer the cup of covenant to his prospective bride, thereby pledging his life to and for his bride. If the bride accepted this promise, she would then drink of the cup confirming that she, too, would pledge her life to and for her betrothed.

**Yeshua offers us the cup at every communion – you either accept his offer or reject it.**



## The Wedding Procedure

Once the proposal had been given and accepted, the groom would say to his bride, *"I go to prepare a place for you"* then go back to his father's home. He would build an addition for himself and his bride and wait for his father's approval. The new addition had to be exceptional, stocked with all the newlyweds would need for their seven days of honeymoon.

It was customary for the groom to be gone for a long time and for the bride to wait in anticipation of his return. At the end of the separation, the groom would show up unannounced to take his bride home, but only after his father had given him permission to do so.

Yeshua has returned to Heaven and promises to return for His Bride. Yeshua will show up when the time is ripe, at the appointed time, at that day and time that the Father in Heaven has chosen.

**Yeshua has returned to the Father in Heaven to prepare a home for his bride!**

# Building The House

Building a house is a very planned out event:

- ✓ The location is measured
- ✓ The building supplies begin to arrive
- ✓ The walls go up
- ✓ The roof is put on
- ✓ The windows and doors are installed
- ✓ The furniture is built and placed inside

Finally, the father gives his approval, saying that the building is complete, and then gives his son permission to go get his bride.

The son then puts the actual wedding party in high gear:

- The Chuppah is erected and transportation for the bride is arranged
- Most importantly, the food is prepared for the week-long celebration

*Let's take a look at the house building process:*



## *Step 1: The Foundation is Set in Place*





## The Process Has Begun

- Next-Door Neighbor Nancy, who lives just across the street, has both eyes glued to the building of the new addition to the Father's house.
- At the laying of the new foundation, Nancy heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the building of the groom's addition to the Father's house is now under way.



## *Step 2: The Walls are Raised*





# The Walls Are Going Up

- Once the walls begin going up, Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- For most of the townsfolk, the day of the wedding is still too far away to get overly excited.



### *Step 3: The Roof and Guard Rail are Built*





## The Roof is Installed

- Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the walls are now fully in place and the roof has been installed along with the mandatory guard rails.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk take it all in stride. Still no need to get excited just yet.



*Step 4: The Windows are Installed*





*Step 4: And the **Door** is Hung*



## The Windows & Door Are In

- Nancy sets off to the watering well to inform her friends that windows and doors are now there.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are starting to get excited as they see the signs of an forthcoming wedding.
- Time to buy gifts and clean the wedding outfits.





## *Step 5: The Furniture is Delivered*



# The Furniture is Delivered

- The furniture has now arrived and Nancy hastens to the watering well to inform her friends that it has.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are now really excited and their husbands start to query the groom: **“When are you going to get your bride?”**
- He answers: **“Don’t ask me, don’t ask mom or my siblings; y’all will have to ask pops - only he knows the day and hour!”**
- **Folks now know the wedding day is near.**





*Step 6: The Chuppah is Erected and  
Transportation for the Bride is Arranged*



## The Chuppah is Set Up

- The Chuppah has been erected, and the horses providing the Bride's transportation have been arranged. Nancy runs once again to the watering well to inform her friends that it is almost time.
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- They now know time is short.
- The **Wedding** is imminent. Time to prepare to hear the shofar blow!





## Step 7: The *Food* is Prepared and Delivered



# The Food Is Prepared and Delivered

- Nancy races as fast as she can to the watering well to inform her friends that the food has been prepared and is being set out. Did you hear? *The food has arrived and is being set out!!!*
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- Panic has fully started to set in.
- **The Wedding is ON. Too late to prepare now!**





# About the Food

- Food, especially up until just recently, spoiled quickly.
- When the neighbors and the bride's family saw the food being prepared and ready to be served, they **KNEW** the wedding was now in motion.
- The rest of the village's residents still take little or no notice of these activities. They are the "they/them" who are totally surprised when the bridegroom's friends go to the bride's house, singing, blowing shofars, shouting, and **carrying** the bride back to the bridegroom's house.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4 – *“For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night to those who are saying, ‘Everything is so peaceful and secure’, . . . But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief.”*



## *The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride*

A Jewish Wedding Ceremony is full of significant rituals and is a perfect prophetic parallel of the coming of Yeshua to take his church to be his Bride, a dress rehearsal for The Rapture.

As the addition to the Father's home is being built, the townsfolk are paying attention to the many signs of how close the day of the Wedding approaches. That day was not a totally unknown event. Each new process completed gave a sign as to how much longer it would be.

Every so often, one of the groom's buddies would ask him about the actual day.





## *The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride*

When the disciples asked Yeshua about his day of return to take them to be with him, he answered and told them to be alert to the signs, and with a wink and a smile, said: *“Concerning that day and hour no one knows - neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son - only the Father.”* (Mark 13:32)

Yeshua simply quoted the well known Hebrew idiom that all grooms would quote when asked about their Wedding Day.

In other words, Yeshua wasn't telling them that the day was impossible to figure out, but that it could be accurately determined within just a day or two by being alert!



## *The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride*

Mark 13:37 *“And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be alert!”*

At the time of Yeshua, refrigeration did not exist.

So, when the townsfolk saw the food arrive, they knew without any shadow of doubt that the Father had given the Groom permission to go get his bride, and that the Wedding would begin either that night or the following night.

And the announcement, thanks to the next-door neighbor, went out: *“The Wedding is ON. Stay alert, get ready, because the groom is ready, near, at the door!”*





*The Addition is Finished, the Process is Complete*



## *Conclusions on the Wedding Pattern*

**The Jewish Wedding Ceremony** is, indeed a dress rehearsal for The Rapture. Yeshua came down from Heaven, gave his life as a ransom for his bride and offered her eternal life. He returned to heaven to prepare a place for his bride and will return to take her home.

During the process of building the home, the next-door neighbors are watching every step. When the food arrives, they rush to tell everyone: The Wedding is ON – the groom is going to bring his bride home either tonight or tomorrow!

The Jewish Wedding Pattern clearly shows that the rapture cannot happen at any ol' time. The house must be fully built, furniture installed, and the food must be ordered and delivered before the groom is allowed to go get his bride and carry her back to his home.

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# Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

**Amos 3:7** – *“Yahweh, does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.”*

You have heard it said that the Rapture is a sign-less event. You have heard it said that it can happen at any moment, without notice. You have heard it said that no one knows the day or hour. I say these are misperceptions bordering on blatant lies.

**Matthew 24:33** – *“When you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.”*

**Mark 13:8** – *“Nations will fight each other, there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the ‘birth pains’.”*

True, it was not for Yeshua’s disciples to know the date, but what about his future bride? Yeshua gives his bride many clues as to the time frame when her Rapture will happen. Earthquakes in diverse places, famines, pestilences, wars, ethnic tensions, and the budding of the fig tree, just to name a few.

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# Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

Israel is back as a nation. The alliances of nations are virtually all in place. The Temple instruments are ready, the priests are being trained, and the Temple is ready to be built. The tenth red heifer may have been found.

To say that the Rapture is a sign-less event is a lie. The signs are burgeoning and quite evident for those who are alert and watching. The wedding day is at hand, very near.

The Rapture is not a sign-less event.

Yeshua has given advance notice of the many things that will precede the taking of the bride – famines, wars, etc. These are equivalent to the walls, roof, furniture, etc. of the house building pattern.

**Matthew 24:32; Mark 13:28** – *“Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching.”*

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# Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

The great day of Yahweh is getting really near, even at the door. It hastens forth and will not delay. We do NOT set dates, but clearly Yahweh is getting ready to change the course of human history once again.

The signs are clear for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

The bridegroom's and bride's families are alert and watching all of these activities. They are prepared. They are waiting for the bridegroom to carry his bride back to his and his father's home.

Are you awake, are you paying attention, or are you still asleep?

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Q & A

Questions  
and  
Answers



The Exodus

And

Thessalonian Midrash  
Patterns



# 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 (Élôhîym / God) 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 (Élôhîym / God) 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 were 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.**

## **CHART: A Closer Look At The Rapture In Exodus 19 And The Coming Of Yeshua**

### ***Passages In Exodus***

- 19:5 – Israel shall be a peculiar treasure
- 19:6 – Israel is a kingdom of priests
- 19:7 – The Elders are called before Yahweh
- 19:9 & 16 – God came down in a thick cloud
- 19:10 – The people were to sanctify their garments
- 19:11 – Yahweh came down on third day
- 19:16 – Yahweh came with lightning
- 19:18 – Yahweh descended on the mount
- 19:18 – Yahweh descended in fire
- 19:19 – A trumpet waxed long and loud
- 19:19 – Yahweh answers Moses in a loud voice
- 19:20 – Yahweh descends from heaven
- 19:20 – Yahweh calls Moses to come up

### ***Newer And Older Covenant Parallels***

- 1 Peter 2:9 – The Church is called a peculiar people
- Revelation 1:6, 5:10 – The Church of kings and priests
- Revelation 4:10 – The 24 Elders are in heaven
- Acts 1:9-11, Rev 1:7 – Yeshua will return in a cloud
- Revelation 16:15 – The people are given clean garments
- Hosea 6:1-2 – The Church will be raised on the 3rd day
- Matthew 24:27 – Yeshua's coming is as lightning
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua will descend from Heaven
- 2 Thessalonians. 1:7-10 – Yeshua returns in fire
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua descends with trumpet of God
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua shouts, voice of archangel
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – Yeshua descends from heaven
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – The believers are caught up



# The Resurrection Pattern



# *The Many Resurrections From the Dead*



*Wait: None of Them Instantly Disappeared!*

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 man thrown into Elisha’s cave

**2 Kings 13: 21** – *“Immediately he revived and stood on his feet.”*

The full account is found in: [2 Kings 13:20-21](#)

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](#)



# *The Many Resurrections From the Dead*



*Wait: None of Them Instantly Disappeared!*

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](#)

# *The Many Resurrections From the Dead*



*Wait: None of Them Instantly Disappeared!*

The above statement is absolutely true:

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

Most, we assume, later died and were buried.



# *The Several Resurrections From the Dead*



*Wait: None of These Instantly Disappeared Either!*

## **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.*

# *The Several Resurrections From the Dead*



*Wait: None of These Instantly Disappeared Either!*

## **The Two Witnesses of Revelation:**

### **Revelation 11:11-12**

*“But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from God entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here!’ And they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.”*

The two witnesses are resurrected after 3½ days and then stand on their feet.

Shortly thereafter, they are called to come up, and finally are raptured.





# *Breaking News*

Neither the Many Resurrected, nor the Holy Ones,  
nor Yeshua, nor the Two Witnesses instantly  
disappeared after their resurrection.

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

# The Moedim of Yahweh Pattern





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## *What Has Been Will Be Again*

**Ecclesiastes 1:9** – *“What has been is what will be, what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”*

You have heard it said, history repeats itself, and that is true to some extent. Previous happenings in history tend to happen again and again, but not in exactly the same way.

The same holds true for scriptural events. Each event in scripture, prior to its final fulfillment, may repeat more than once, but is only a shadow of the real event prophesied.

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## *What Has Been Is a Shadow of Things to Come*

### **Shadows**

**Numbers 21:9** – *“Moshe made a bronze serpent and put it on the pole; if a snake had bitten someone, then, when he looked toward the bronze serpent, he stayed alive.”*

The bronze serpent, for instance, was a shadow of Yeshua being hung on the cross. **John 3:14** affirms that the serpent is merely a shadow: *“Just as Moshe lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”*

The reign of Antiochus Epiphanes (**Daniel 11:31**) is merely a shadow of the real event, the reign of the future antichrist (**Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14**). There are many more examples of shadows throughout the scriptures.

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## *What Has Been Is a Shadow of Things to Come*

### **Only Once**

**Colossians 2:17** – *“These are a shadow of the things to come.”*

**Hebrews 10:1** – *“The Torah has in it a shadow of the good things to come.”*

There are many events which only happen once, even though they are also a shadow of future events:

- Eleazar only went to Paddan-Aram once to get a wife for Isaac (**Genesis 24:4**), a shadow of Yeshua coming to get his bride.
- Lot was only taken out of Sodom once (**Genesis 19:15**), a shadow of the rapture.
- The Hebrew slaves were only taken out of Egypt once (**Jude 1:5**) *and*
- Lazarus was only resurrected once (**John 11:43**).

Each event is a shadow of either the future one-time only event of the Resurrection of the dead in Yeshua or the Rapture of the Bride.

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## *The Moedim of Yahweh - One Time Events*

**1 Peter 3:18** – *“Yeshua himself died for sins, once and for all . . . He was put to death in the flesh but brought to life by the Spirit.”*

The moedim are also one-time events that do not repeat. True, they are rehearsed many times before the real event, but those dress rehearsals are mere shadows.

For instance, the actual Pesach (Passover), Yeshua’s crucifixion, only happened once. The same holds true for Chag Ha’Matzot (Unleavened Bread) and Reishit Katzir (Firstfruits) – Yeshua was only buried once, and was resurrected only once (**1 Peter 3:18**).

But what about Shavuot (Pentecost)? Peter states very clearly that the giving of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh (Holy Spirit) fulfilled Joel 2:28-32 (**Acts 2:16-21**).

Again, this only happened once, and today are celebrated as memorials to what Yahweh has already accomplished.



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## *The Moedim of Yahweh - One Time Events*

What, then, can we say about Yom Teruah (Trumpets), Yom Kippurim (Atonements), and Sukkoth (Booths)? Will they, too, be one-time events?

Indeed they will.

There will only be one resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and rapture of the Bride, fulfilling the Yom Teruah moed.

Likewise, there will only be one seven year Tribulation Period, and only one millennial reign of Yeshua, fulfilling the Yom Kippurim and Sukkoth moedim.

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## *Conclusions on the Moedim*

**Leviticus 23:2** – *“The moedim of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my **set** feasts.”*

The moedim are one-time events that do not repeat.

Yeshua was crucified, was buried, and was resurrected only once, fulfilling the Pesach, Chag Ha'Matzot, and Reishit Katzir moedim.

The giving of the Ruach Ha'Kodesh, allowing the apostles to speak in other languages, only happened once and fulfilled the Shavuot moed.

Each of these moedim only happened once in history, and will not be repeated.

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# *Conclusions on the Moedim*

**Daniel 12:1** – *“When that time comes, there will be a time of distress unparalleled between the time they became a nation and that moment.”*

**Joel 2:2** – *“There has never been anything like it, nor will there ever be again.”*

**Matthew 24:21** – *“There will be nothing like it again!”*

The resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and subsequent rapture of the Bride will fulfill the Yom Teruah moed.

The Tribulation Period and Millennial Reign of Yeshua will fulfill Yom Kippurim and Sukkoth.

These, too, will only happen once and will not be repeated again (**Daniel 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matthew 24:21**).

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# *Final 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 belief that the resurrection is the rapture is mere tickling of the ears.*

*A rapture has never taken place immediately upon a resurrection according to the scriptures.*



# *Final Conclusions*

The instant rapture paradigm, which has been espoused for way too long, simply:

- **does not conform** to the three-fold Bodily Rapture Pattern of Advance Notice, Witnesses, and Horses
- **does not conform** to the Exodus Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Thessalonians Midrash Pattern
  - (which in itself is a Rabbinical Midrash on the Exodus -- many miss this point, too)
- **does not conform** to the Jewish Wedding Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Many Resurrections Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Several Resurrections Pattern
- and certainly **does not conform** to the Moedim Pattern.





# *Breaking News*

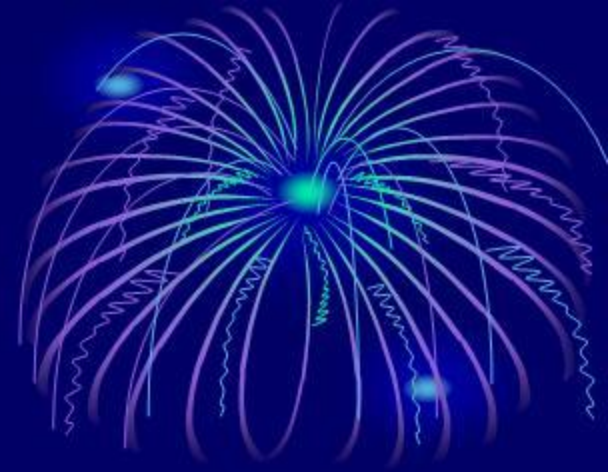
The instant rapture paradigm is a false narrative not supported by the seven patterns revealed in the scriptures that show a progression of well witnessed events over time.

The belief that "the resurrection is the rapture" is mere tickling of the ears. This paradigm employs a lens I call a golden calf whose name is: *Instant Gratification*.

How sad that so many apply this lens to the rapture.



# In A Twinkling or In A Time



## **In A Twinkling**

**1st Corinthians 15:52-53:**

***“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.***

***For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.”***

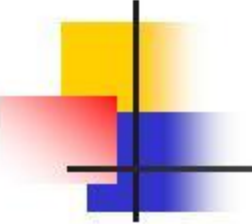
## **In A Time**

**2 Kings 2:11**

***“As they were walking and talking, a chariot and horses of fire appeared and separated Elijah from Elisha. Then Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.***

***Elisha saw it and shouted, “My father! My father!” I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.”***

# *Zombies and a Pregnant Pause*



**Matthew 27:52** – *“The graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.”*

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- A Pregnant Pause? Most interesting are the holy ones who were raised to life at Yeshua’s death. (**Matthew 27:52-53**)
  - No doubt about it, while in Yerushalayim, they witnessed to the many who saw them. Scripture does not clearly indicate how long they remained alive.
  - These holy ones were living breathing human beings, **not zombies!**
- When Yeshua was carried up, he took captivity captive (**Ephesians 4:8**)

The “gone in an instant” image makes for great reading, for simply good fiction. This image, I believe, is **not** supported by scripture.

The Rapture patterns clearly show that it will be a visible event, that it will take a moment or two in time from beginning to end, and that it will be clearly watched as it transpires.

It is only the change from mortal to immortal that scripture describes as instantaneous in nature, followed by The Rapture which could either be simultaneous or even at a later time.



*Tic Tock*



Timing is  
Everything

# The Timing – Pre-Tribulation

## Twenty reasons for a pre-tribulation rapture:

- Isaiah 1:9 – The tribulation is a time to bring forth a remnant from within Israel.
- Isaiah 13:9 – The tribulation is a time to destroy sinners from the earth.
- Jeremiah 30:7 – The tribulation is a time of Jacob's trouble, not a time of judging the church.
- Daniel 3:13-ff – Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah are with Jesus and not affected by the fire.
- Nahum 1& 2 – God reserves His wrath for His enemies.
- Zephaniah 2:1-2 – We are gathered together before the decree takes effect.
- Matthew 16:18 – “I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”
- Luke 21:36 – We are to pray to escape all these things.
- John 5, 6, 14 – Jesus returns to take us to be where He is. He is in heaven during the tribulation period.
- Romans 1:18 – God only shows His anger against those who suppress the truth.
- Romans 5:9 – Jesus will save us from God's wrath by His blood.
- I Thessalonians 5:9 – The Lord has not appointed us to wrath.
- II Thessalonians 2:6-8 – The Son Of Perdition cannot be revealed until He who restrains evil is removed.
- Hebrews 4:9 – The church will have a time of Sabbath rest in heaven.
- Hebrews 12:22-24 – The church is enrolled in heaven.
- 2 Peter 2:9 – the Lord keeps the unrighteous for the day of judgment.
- Revelation 3:10 – The Lord will keep the church from the hour of testing that will come upon all the earth.
- Revelation 5:9-10 – Only the Bride of Christ can sing “*You have bought us with your blood . . .*”
- Revelation 11:18 – The tribulation is a time to judge the nations for their sins against God's chosen people, not the saints, and not the church – which is judged at the Bema seat of Christ.
- Revelation 12:17 – The tribulation is a time to bring forth a remnant from within Israel.



# The Timing – It is Near, It is Imminent

When will this happen? The Bible tells us that the time of Yeshua's return is at hand, sometimes translated near. ἐγγύς eggus; near (in place or time):—close (1), near (27), nearby (1), nearer (1), ready (1).

The words at hand, or near, give an image of immediacy or immanency. Imminent means "impending." Hence it could happen immediately, within ten minutes, ten months, or ten years.

## For example:

- **Romans 13:12** – The night is far gone, the day is near.
- **Philippians 4:5** – Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near.
- **1 Peter 4:7** – The time is near when all things will end.
- **Revelation 3:11** – "I am coming soon. Continue strong . . .  
so no one will take away your crown."

## The Timing – The Apostasia

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-3** – *“When our Lord Yeshua returns, we will be gathered up to meet him, so don’t be easily upset or disturbed by people who claim that he has already come or that the Day of Yahweh has begun. And do not let anyone in any way deceive you, for the tribulation will not come until **The Apostasia** comes **first**, and **then** the revealing of the Man of Lawlessness, the Son of Perdition.”*

The subject of this discourse is given in 2 Thessalonians 2:1:

- 1 The coming of the Lord Yeshua.
- 2 Our gathering together unto Him.

The timing of this discourse is given in 2 Thessalonians 2:3

- 1 The apostasia happens **first**.
- 2 **Then** the antichrist is revealed.
- 3 The tribulation will come after the revealing.

**2 Thessalonians 2:7-8** – *“He who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And **then** the lawless one will be revealed.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 agrees

- 1 The restrainer (Ruach Ha’Kodesh) is removed first.
- 2 **Then** the antichrist is revealed.

Note:

**First** is the Greek word *proton*, which means *the first in a series of events*.

**Then** is the Greek word *tote* which means *after that*.



## The Timing – The Apostasia

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** – “Let no one in any way deceive you, for the tribulation will not come unless *hé apostasia* comes first.”

- The Geneva Bible, the Cranmer Bible, the Tyndale Bible (a departynge fyrst), and many other Bibles that preceded the King James Version all translated apostasia as departure. The Coverdale Bible translates apostasia as a departynge come fyrst.
- Theodore Beza, the Swiss reformer was the first to transliterate apostasia and create a new word, apostesia, rather than translate it as others had done. The translators of the King James Version then rendered apostesia as “falling away”.
- The original meaning of apostasia was, “**The Departure**”, or in other words, The Harpazō. 2<sup>nd</sup>Thessalonians is a review of what Paul had already taught in 1<sup>st</sup>Thessalonians, so instead of using the word Harpazō, he uses the word apostasia.
- The apostasia is referring to the gathering together of the Bride of Yeshua upon the coming of Lord Yeshua (verse 1), and the simultaneous removal of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh, thus satisfying both the P’Shat (spiritual) and Sod (spatial) levels of understanding.

*The hé apostasia is referring to the departure of both the Ruach Ha’Kodesh, or Holy Spirit and the believer, church, or Bride of Yeshua. In, other words, the great escape, the gathering together, the rapture of the believer away from the period of impending tribulation.*

## The Timing – Translation Comparisons

2 Thessalonians 2:3 – “Let no one in any way deceive you, for the tribulation will not come unless *hé apostasia* comes first.”

Several translations of the Greek Newer Covenant scriptures into English prior to the King James Authorized Version of 1611 translate the Greek words, *hé apostasia*, as *a departing first* or as *a departing comes first*.

<i>Bible</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Translation</i>
Wycliffe Bible	1384	a departynge fyrst
Tyndale Bible	1526 / 1534	a departynge fyrst
Coverdale Bible	1535	a departynge come fyrst
Crammer Bible	1539	a departynge fyrst
Geneva Bible	1557 / 1608	departing first
Breeches Bible	1576	departing first
Beza Bible	1565 / 1583	Departing / Apostesia
King James Version	1611	falling away



# It's All Greek To Me . . .

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The Greek words *hé apostasia* (ἡ ἀποστασία) mean “the departure”, i.e. the harpazō! The word *hé* (ἡ) simply means “the”.

The word *Apostasia* is made up of two words, *apo* and *stasia*. *Apo* originally was used to indicate a motion away from a place or to indicate a deliverance or, passing away from a state or condition. It is graphically represented by a straight line going away from the circumference circle (○ ↗).

*Stasia* literally means a standing away, to draw out, or to separate. Together they mean a standing away from, a drawing out from, a separation away from, or a going out from among.

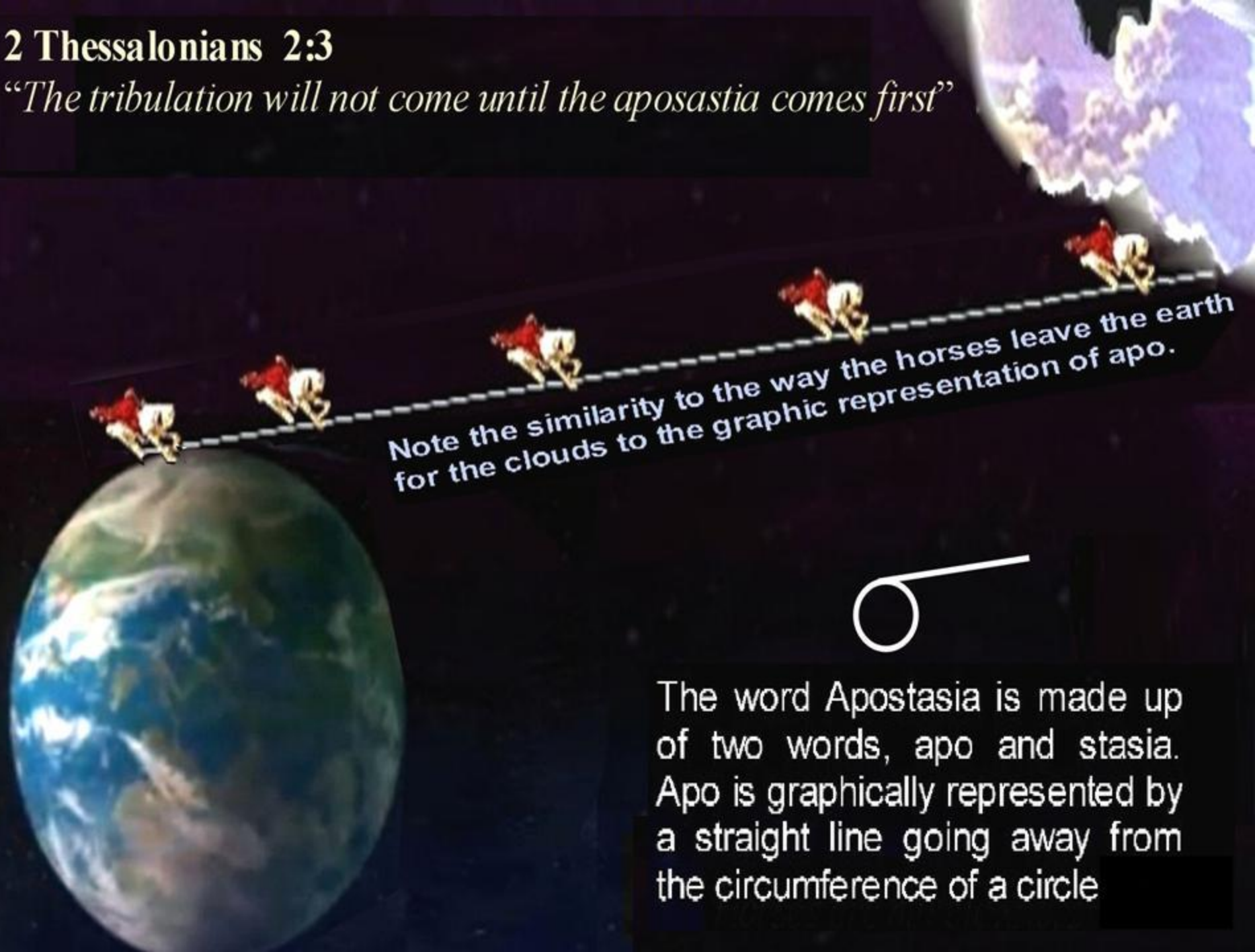
The Latin Vulgate (“*ne quis vos seducat ullo modo quoniam nisi venerit **discessio**.*”) uses the word “*discessio*” which also means a withdrawal, a dispersal, a separation, or a departure.

The *apostasia* / *harpazō* / departure comes first in a series of events, followed by the revealing of the antichrist and the tribulation period.

The *apostasia* / *harpazō* / departure is a pre-tribulation event.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3

*“The tribulation will not come until the aposastia comes first”*

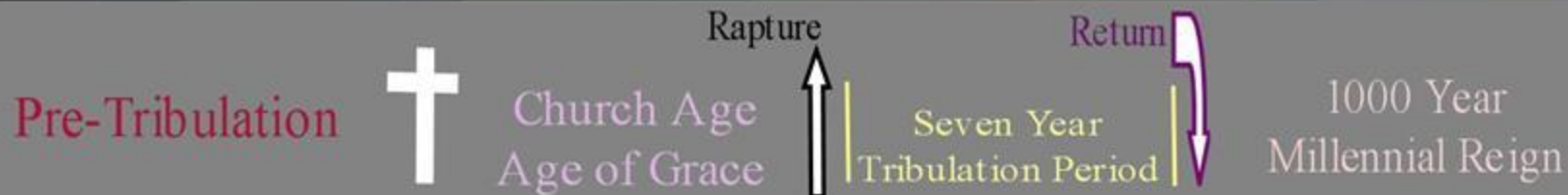


Note the similarity to the way the horses leave the earth for the clouds to the graphic representation of apo.

The word Apostasia is made up of two words, apo and stasia. Apo is graphically represented by a straight line going away from the circumference of a circle



# Rapture View Comparisons



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# The Imminent Return Of Yeshua



# You Have Heard It Said

You have heard it said by many Pastors, Teachers, and Biblical Scholars that the Rapture is a sign-less event. You have heard it said that it can happen at any moment, without notice. You have heard it said that no one knows the day or hour. This typically takes the form: *“The resurrection is the rapture – there is no prophecy or event that must occur before Yeshua can return for his bride, he can come at any time, he could even come before you finish hearing this sentence.”*

The instant rapture paradigm, including *“the resurrection is the rapture”* statement, is a narrative which may need to be reevaluated in light of the many patterns revealed in the scriptures that show a progression of well witnessed events over time.

The scriptures are very clear, precise, and definitive: **the dead MUST be resurrected BEFORE the living are raptured.** Yeshua cannot show up to rapture his bride before the dead are raised. The resurrection of the dead is that imminent prophetic event that **MUST** take place **BEFORE** the rapture. Let us reconsider our instant disappearance rapture teachings and see if another paradigm may be even more exciting than simply disappearing into nothingness!

# Near At Hand

The Greek words eggus [G1451 ἐγγύς], eggizo [G1448 ἐγγίζω], or tachu [G5035 ταχύ] mean at hand, near, or without delay – in other words: imminent. They are equivalent to the Hebrew word qarowb [H7138 קָרוֹב].

Imminent means impending; hence it could happen immediately, within ten minutes, ten months, or ten years. Imminence is always the meaning of at hand or near when speaking about the return of Yeshua. For example:

- The night is far gone, the day is near (**Romans 13:12**)
- Yeshua is near (**Philippians 4:5**)
- The time is near when all things will end (**1 Peter 4:7**)
- You see the day drawing near (**Hebrews 10:25**)
- Yeshua's return is near (**James 5:8**)



# *Times and Seasons*

**Daniel 2:21** – *“Yahweh changes the times and seasons . . .”*

**Daniel 7:25** – *“The antichrist will attempt to alter the seasons and the law; and [the holy ones] will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.”*

**Daniel 2:21** tells us that Yahweh is he who changes the times and seasons. Times in this verse is the Hebrew word iddan [H5732 יִדָּן] which means a **set time**.

Seasons is the Hebrew word zman [H2166 זְמַן] which means an **appointed occasion**.

In **Daniel 7:25** the antichrist is the one who attempts to change the seasons and times. In this verse, the word seasons is zman and the word times is iddan. Iddan and zman can be used interchangeably, as both indicate a **set time or occasion**.

# *Times and Seasons*

**Acts 1:7** – *“Yeshua said to them, ‘You don’t need to know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.’”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:1** – *“You have no need to have anything written to you, brothers, about the times and seasons when this will happen.”*

The word times, used by both Yeshua and Paul, is the Greek word **kairos** [G2540 **καῖρός**] which means a **set time or occasion**.

Some translations use the word “dates” in place of the word times, which gives a more accurate sense of the terms being used.



# The Moedim

**Leviticus 23:2** – *“These are the appointed times of Yahweh that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my divine appointments.”*

Another frequently used Hebrew word for seasons is moed [מוֹעֵד H4150]. Moed has been translated as seasons, festivals, feasts, months, and appointed times. Yahweh established seven Moedim in which he embedded prophecies of coming events. The seven moedim are Pesach, Chag Ha'Matzot, Reishit Katzir, Shavuot, Yom Teruah, Yom Kippurim, and Sukkot (In English: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonements, and Booths). There is a pattern to the prophecies that are represented by the Moedim. The pattern is: the death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua, the giving of the spirit, the resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and the rapture, the judgment, and the millennial reign. The first four prophecies embedded in the Moedim have already been completed, or as some say, fulfilled.

The next Moed, Yom Teruah, prophesies the day of the resurrection of the righteous dead, the taking up of the living righteous, and the day of hiding and concealment before the time of tribulation.

# *The Anxious Wait*

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** – *“Now, brothers, we want you to know the truth about those who have died.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:1** – *“You have no need to have anything written to you . . . when this will happen.”*

The question arose asking if those who had died, as well as those who were still living, had already missed the Rapture and were now in the Tribulation Period. The Apostle Paul assured them that the Tribulation Period had not yet begun, and that the dead **MUST** rise first **BEFORE** the living were raptured.

The Apostle Paul continued and reminded them that he had already taught them about the prophecies embedded in the Moedim, that the first four had been completed, and assured them that the coming moed of Yom Teruah represents the day of the resurrection of the righteous dead and the taking up of the living righteous, the day of hiding and concealment before the time of tribulation. He taught that the next moed to be completed, Yom Teruah, was still a future, imminent event. Did you catch that? A future, imminent event! An event that they were to watch for and anticipate experiencing.



# *Yahweh is a God of Order*

**1 Corinthians 14:33** - *“Yahweh is not a God of confusion but of shalom.”*

**1 Corinthians 14:40** - *“Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

Scripture declares that Yahweh is not a god of chaos, confusion, or disorder. He is a god of peace, order, and organization. In other words, Yahweh don't do random! He establishes a pattern and in him “there is no change” (**Psalm 55:19**). He is the God who has determined the end from the beginning.

## **The Seventy Years**

**Jeremiah 29:10** – *“Here is what Yahweh says: ‘After Babylon’s seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place’.”*

Seventy years after the Jews were exiled to Babylon, during the first year of the reign of Cyrus (**Ezra 1:1**), Daniel understood that those years were ended. Cyrus issued a proclamation that very year allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple (**Ezra 5:13**).

# Yahweh is a God of Order

## **The First Coming of Yeshua**

**Daniel 9:26** – *“Then, after the sixty-two weeks, Mashiach will be cut off and have nothing.”*

Gabriel gave Daniel a mathematical prophecy detailing the number of days between a decree to rebuild the walls and the declaration Messiah as Prince. Yeshua arrived exactly at the time predicted.

## **The Recapture of Jerusalem**

**Zechariah 1:16** – *“I will return to Yerushalayim with merciful deeds. My house will be rebuilt there.”*

In Daniel Chapter 5, we read the account of the writing on the wall. The inscription read: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. The Hebrew verbs, weighed, numbered, and divided, can also be translated as nouns, which then become units of measurement or money. When this is done, mene mene then translates two-thousand garahs. Tekel translates as twenty garahs, and upharsin translates as five-hundred garahs.

These words have been interpreted to mean: there will be 2520 Biblical years between the decree of Darius (Zechariah 1:7-16, and Ezra chapters 5 & 6) granting the Jews control of the Temple Mount and a future control of the Mount. Jerusalem was recaptured June of 1967 A.D. exactly at the time predicted.



# *Yahweh is a God of Order*

## **The Return Of Israel To The Land**

**Ezekiel 4:5-6** – *“You are to bear the guilt of the house of Israel for 390 days. Then . . . you are to bear the guilt of the house of Judah for forty days, each day corresponding to a year.”*

Ezekiel prophesied that the Jews would finally return to the land forever, after two dispersals. This prophecy stated that the period of captivity was to be for a total of 430 Biblical Years.

The seventy year period ended when a small portion of the Jews returned to Palestine and Jerusalem from Babylon, in the Spring of 536 B.C., which left a remaining period of 360 years of punishment. This period was multiplied seven times ( $360 \times 7 = 2520$ ), for a total of 2520 Biblical years for their failure to repent of their disobedience (Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, and 28). 2520 Biblical years from Spring of 536 B.C. brings us to Spring of 1948 A.D.

In the afternoon of May 14, 1948, the Jews proclaimed the independence of the reborn state of Israel. Again, that is not random timing – Yahweh doesn't do random! Thanks to Grant Jeffrey for his calculations and discovery of this important information.

# *Yahweh is a God of Order*

## **The Moedim**

The moed of Pesach always takes place on the 14th of Nissan.

Chag Ha'Matzot always takes place the next day, and Reishit Katzir always takes place on the following Sabbath.

Shavuot follows exactly 50 days after Chag Ha'Matzot.

The moed of Yom Teruah always takes place on the 1st Day of 7th Month, Yom Kippurim always takes place on the 10th Day of 7th Month, and Sukkot always starts on the 15th Day of 7th Month.

Some may imply that Yom Teruah is random, since it can only be declared when two witnesses see the edge of the moon, hence, the expression Yeshua used: "*You do not know the day or the hour*" (Matthew 24:36). But this two day period does not indicate a random event – not in the least.



# Yahweh Gives Advance Notice

## Nobody Knows

Everybody thinks that nobody knows the day or hour. Yeshua, said clearly that neither he nor the angels in Heaven know the date, only his father. So where do I get this idea that somebody gets to know ahead of time? From the Prophets, of course:

## The Three Prophet's Advance Notice

### Prophet 1: Elijah

**2 Kings 2:3, 2:5** – *“Do you know that Yahweh is taking your master away from you today? ‘Yes, I know,’ Elisha answered; ‘say no more.’”*

### Prophet 2: Yeshua

**Luke 9:30-31** – *“Suddenly there were two men talking with Yeshua; Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke of his exodus.”*

### Prophet 3: Enoch

**Enoch 81:6** – *“One year you will have with your son, Methuselah, until you give your last commands, teach and testify them to your children, and record these commands for them. In the second year, you will be taken from amidst their presence.”*

# *Yahweh Gives Advance Notice*

## **Three Days Advance Notice**

At Mount Sinai, according to Exodus, the people are commanded to cleanse themselves and prepare for the coming of Yahweh. According to Joshua, prior to the people being brought into the promised land, (a picture of The Rapture when the Bride of Yeshua is taken in their promised land, Heaven), the people must first prepare for three days. These three day warnings definitely sound like '*Advance Notice*'.

## **The Apostle Paul's Indication of Advance Notice**

Paul, after discussing the resurrection of the dead and subsequent rapture of the living states very clearly: "You, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise . . ." This also definitely sounds like '*Advance Notice*' will be given.

## **Yahweh's Promise of Advance Notice**

**Amos 3:7** – "*Yahweh Elohim does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.*"



# Conclusions

Yahweh is not a god of chaos, confusion, or disorder. He is a god of peace, order, and organization.

The scriptures are very clear, precise, and definitive: the dead **MUST** be resurrected **BEFORE** the living are raptured. Yeshua cannot show up to rapture his bride before the dead are raised.

The resurrection of the dead on Yom Teruah is that imminent prophetic event that **MUST** take place **BEFORE** the rapture. Yom Teruah is that imminent event that Yeshua commands us to be looking forward to witnessing and experiencing!

The coming of Yeshua for his bride is not a random event. It was planned before the foundations of the earth were laid. The imminent return we should be looking for is the Resurrection of the Dead in Yeshua on Yom Teruah.

Yahweh always gives advance notice before he acts (Amos 3:7). It is very likely, that just as Elijah, Yeshua, and Enoch received advance notice, so shall the bride.



# The Bride of Yeshua

Also Known as  
The Church





# The Raptured Church

The Book of Revelation gives a clear picture of events to come, their sequence, and whether or not the Church (Bride of Yeshua) is in Heaven during this period of time.

- **Chapter 1:1-19 – What John has seen.**
  - John sees Yeshua glorified in Heaven. He is the alpha-omega, the aleph-tav, the First and the Last, the Almighty, the one who stands in the midst of the seven lampstands and who holds the seven stars.
- **Chapters 1:20 to 3:22 – What John sees that are currently present.**
  - John sees the span of time between Shavuot (Pentecost) and The Rapture. There are nineteen mentions of the Church in the first three chapters, and numerous mentions of what the Spirit has to say to the Churches, so the Church is clearly present during this time period. Chapter three ends with the Church on Earth.
- **Chapters 4 thru 22 – What John sees are things that take place thereafter.**
  - Chapter four begins with the Church in Heaven, and John now sees what happens after the door in Heaven is opened. From this point on, until chapter nineteen, there is not one single mention of the Church on Earth.





# The Raptured Church



## The Spirit Is Transferred

**2 Thessalonians 2:7** – *“Already the mystery of separating from Torah is at work, but will only be minimal until he who restrains it is removed.”*

**Revelation 3:22** – *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

**Revelation 4:5** – *“Out of the throne proceed flashes of lightning, sounds, and peals of thunder. There were seven lamps of fire burning before his throne, which are the seven Spirits of Yahweh.”*

- Just as there is no mention of the Church on Earth, neither is there any mention of the Spirit being on Earth – only in Heaven.
- In Revelation chapters two and three the Spirit is said to be in the midst of the churches.
- In chapter four the Spirit is seen in front of the throne in Heaven.
- The dwelling place of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh has changed from Earth to Heaven.
- **Since the Spirit indwells the believer, then the believer must also be in Heaven!**

# The Raptured Church



## The Sounds

**Revelation 4:1** – *“I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here’.”*

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** – *“Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of Yahweh, and the dead in Yeshua will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with the resurrected dead. . .”*

- Both Thessalonians and Revelation mention a voice, and a trumpet.
- Both the voice and the trumpet are calling the bride to come up to Heaven!

## The Changes

**Revelation 4:1** – *“Immediately I was in the Spirit . . .”*

**1 Corinthians 15:52** – *“In a moment . . . the dead will be raised imperishable, and will be changed.”*

- In both Corinthians and Revelation an immediate change takes place.
- John says he is no longer in the body, but in the spirit.
- Paul says we change from perishable to imperishable.



# The Raptured Church



## The Open Door

**Revelation 4:1** – *“I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven.”*

**Revelation 19:11-14** – *“I saw Heaven opened and beheld Yeshua sitting on a white horse . . . and his bride following him on white horses.”*

- The door into Heaven is open so that we can see, through John’s eyes, what is going to happen there.
- Only once more will this door open, and that is to allow Yeshua and his Bride to return to the Earth at the final day of the tribulation.
- In chapter four, the door opens and the Bride goes up.
- In chapter nineteen, the door opens and the bridegroom and bride come back down!
- **The Believer, Bride, or Church, therefore, is in Heaven at this point in time!**

# The Raptured Church



## The Crowns

**2 Timothy 4:8** – *“There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which Yeshua will award to me on that day.”*

**James 1:12** – *“The blessed man will receive the crown of life which Yeshua has promised to those who love him.”*

**1 Peter 5:4** – *“When Yeshua appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”*

**Revelation 4:4** – *“Around the throne I saw twenty-four elders with crowns on their heads.”*

**Revelation 4:10-11** – *“The twenty-four elders will cast their crowns before the throne.”*

- Crowns are given as rewards for faithful service by Yeshua.
- Only those who belong to the Bride of Yeshua are given these crowns.
- Once the door has been opened, we see twenty-four elders around the throne wearing these crowns, and later casting them at Yeshua’s feet. The twenty-four elders, therefore, represent the whole Bride, the Church.
- **The Believer, Bride, or Church, therefore, is in Heaven at this point in time.**



# The Raptured Church



## The Clothing

**Revelation 3:5** – *“He who overcomes will be clothed in white clothing.”*

**Revelation 4:4** – *“The twenty-four elders were clothed in white.”*

**Revelation 19:14** – *“The armies of Heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and pure, were following Yeshua.”*

- The overcomer is clothed in white. The twenty-four elders are clothed in white. The armies following Yeshua are clothed in white.
- The overcomers and the elders and the armies are the same people - the Bride of Yeshua.
- And who is the overcomer? The overcomer is the one who is a child of Yahweh, the one who has accepted Yeshua as their Lord and Savior - the ones who have become the Bride of Yeshua – the Church!
- **The Believer, Bride, or Church, therefore, is in Heaven at this point in time.**

# The Raptured Church



## The Praises

**Revelation 5:8-10** – *“The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb and sang a new song.”*

**Revelation 5:8-10** – *“You have redeemed for Yahweh with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”*

- The elders sing a new song, verifying that the redeemed whom Yeshua has purchased are present and accounted for and are the kingdom of priests and kings of scripture.
- Angels aren't redeemed. Unbelievers aren't redeemed. Only those who accept Yeshua as their Lord and Savior are redeemed.
- The redeemed are the Bride of Yeshua – the Church!
- **The Believer, Bride, or Church, therefore, is in Heaven at this point in time.**



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# Conclusions on The Raptured Church

**Revelation 1:19** – *“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter . . .”*

The Bride of Yeshua, the Church, the Overcomer is clearly in Heaven during the period of time described as that which will happen hereafter.

The door has opened, the Bride has been raptured, and the tribulation begins.

The Bride has been raptured so that she does not have to suffer when Yahweh’s wrath is poured out.

Only those who have rejected Yeshua as their Lord and Savior will suffer Yahweh’s wrath.

*The Believer, Bride, or Church, therefore,  
is in Heaven at this point in time.*

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No One Knows



The Unknown  
Day and Hour



## *No One Knows The Day Or Hour*

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**Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32**

*“When that day and hour will come, no one knows – not the angels in heaven, not the Son, just the Father.”*



# The Moedim Patterns

The patterns evidenced by the Dress Rehearsals, called the Moedim, clearly establish an order of events. That pattern is:

- Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Yeshua
  - The Giving of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh
  - Resurrection of the Dead in Yeshua and Rapture of His Bride
  - Judgment
  - Yeshua’s Millennial Reign
- Prophecy Fulfilled
- Prophecy Yet to Come
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A Jewish Wedding starts when the father says “*Go get your bride*”. Hence, “*You do not know the day nor the hour*” when it will take place.

Shavuot simply begins 50 days after the Moed of Chag Ha’Matzot. Hence, “*You do not know the day nor the hour*”. Shavuot is also known as the “*First Trump*”.

Yom Teruah can only begin when two witnesses see the edge of the new moon. Hence, “*You do not know the day nor the hour*”. Yom Teruah is also known as the “*Last Trump*”.



# The Shofars of Yahweh

Known as the "Trumps" or "Trumpets"

First Trump

Conception

Holy Spirit Enters into the Body

Last Trump

Birth

Holy Spirit Exits with the Body

Great Trump

Triumph

Yeshua Returns with the Bride



The Patterns Foretold  
by the Moedim

# A Hebrew Idiom - No One Knows The Day or Hour



## The Most Common Usage

The common answer given by the bridegroom during ages past to someone asking the question: “*When’s the wedding date?*” was a well know Hebrew idiom: “*I don’t know, the angels don’t know, ask my dad!*”

Today, if depression over the length of time taking to build the new home and furnish it to his father’s expectations had set in, the bridegroom might very well reply with one of today’s favorite idioms: “*When the time is right!*”

By using this expression, “*You do not know the day or the hour*”, Yeshua may have simply been using a common wedding idiom to answer his disciple’s questions about the sign of his coming and of the end of the age. In short, he merely answered at the Pashat level of understanding: “*It will be revealed when it is the appropriate time to do so.*”

This is in accordance with a similar answer given to Daniel: “*keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end*” (**Daniel 12:1-4**).



# A Hebrew Idiom - No One Knows The Day or Hour



## The Word Tense

The word translated *knows* in **Matthew 24:36** and **Mark 13:32** is the Greek word *eido* [εἶδω G1492], and is in the perfect tense.

The perfect tense describes something that was true or completed in the past, was still presently true at the time it is spoken, but which would not necessarily be true in the future.

Therefore, it can't be taken dogmatically that no one will ever know, which would be in violation of numerous scriptures that clearly state that the Bride of Yeshua will know and will not be taken by surprise (**Amos 3:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, Hebrews 10:25, Revelation 3:3**, etc.).

There are stark and complete reversals throughout scripture: prophecy sealed (**Daniel 12:4**) and then prophecy unsealed (**Revelation 22:10**). No one can know (**Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32**) and now you do know (**1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, Revelation 3:3**).

# A Hebrew Idiom - No One Knows The Day or Hour



## The Word Tense

Furthermore, the word eido can be translated as: to make known. Paul uses it this way in **1 Corinthians 2:2**, saying in essence: *“I have determined not to make known to you, or to openly declare, anything except the crucified Yeshua Ha’Mashiach.”*

If this is the manner in which Yeshua used the word eido in **Matthew 24:36** and **Mark 13:32** then the verse would read more properly: *“Neither I nor the angels will make known or declare that day, only my father in Heaven will reveal or declare it.”*

The 1930 Concordant Version of the Sacred Scriptures does just that, translating **Matthew 24:36**: *“That day and hour not yet anyone has perceived, not yet the messengers [angels] of the heavens, not yet the Son, [but] the Father only.”*

This takes all emphasis off of no one can know the timing and places it distinctly into the realm of mystery – a fact currently concealed and not yet revealed because it isn’t the time to do so, and fully agrees with the rest of scripture which says we will know the day and hour if we remain alert and watching!





1st Party

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# Stark Naked on Parade

◆ Colossians 2:15 - *"Having spoiled principalities and powers, Yeshua triumphed over them and made a public spectacle of them."*

◆ Ephesians 4:8 - *"When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive."*







# *Angels Making Whoopie*

- **Luke 15:7** – *“There is more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.”*
  - **Luke 15:20-24** – *“Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let’s eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is now alive again; he was lost and has been found’. And they began to celebrate.”*
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# *A Party Like No Other*

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The patterns have been established by two or more witnesses.

Celebrations in Heaven are noisy, joyous, heart warming, glorious occasions. Heaven celebrates every single time a sinner repents. Heaven celebrated with a triumphal parade when Yeshua won the victory over sin, hell, the devil, and death.

Yeshua's victory over Satan was fully, openly, and loudly celebrated in Heaven. This was no quiet, private celebration between Yahweh, Yeshua, and the Ruach Ha'Kodesh. All of Heaven was involved, giving praise for his victory.

Just imagine how great the parade and celebration will be when Yeshua raptures his entire Bride and brings them home to his Father's house in Heaven!! This gathering is accompanied by Yeshua shouting, an Archangel speaking in a loud voice, and the shofar (voice) of Yahweh. A quiet affair – not likely!

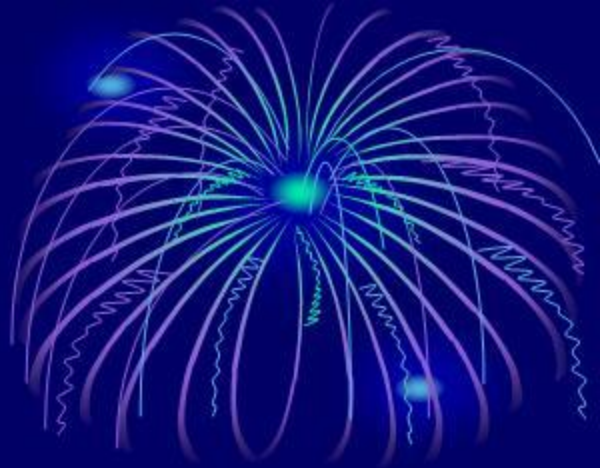
**Titus 2:13** calls it the *blessed hope*.

**1 Peter 1:3** calls it the *living hope* and verses **1:6-7** calls it a *wonderful joy*.

*Undoubtedly a very glorious, noisy, joyful, heart warming, stupendous affair!*



# More Scripture



Gatherings  
Escapes  
Concealments

# Gathering Together

**1 Kings 8:65** – *“Solomon held the festival at that time, and all Israel with him—a great assembly”*

**Psalms 22:25** – *“From You comes my praise in the great assembly; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.”*

**Psalms 35:18** – *“Then I will thank you in front of the great assembly. I will praise you before all the people.”*

**Psalms 40:10** – *“I have not kept the good news of your justice hidden in my heart; I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power. I have told everyone in the great assembly.”*

Older Covenant scripture speaks to us about “gathering together” [קִשְׁתָּהּ qesheth H7198 שָׁכַק shakak H7918] as the “great assembly” [רַב rab H7228 קָהָל qahal H6951] in many different scriptures.

In Nehemiah and Ezra, every seven years, during the Sabbath rest for the land, all of the people would gather at the Temple Mount for a great assembly, at which time the Torah Scroll was received by the King from the High Priest.



# Gathering Together

According to Nehemiah and Ezra, all of the people would gather at the Temple Mount for a great assembly, at which time they would celebrate the appointed feasts, read the Torah Scroll and also any letters received from the King in Babylon which were given to the Governor by the Cohen Ha'Gâdôl (High Priest).

— **Zephaniah 2:1-2** warns us to: gather ourselves together, yes, gather, before the decree (time of wrath) takes effect.

— **Deuteronomy 32:21** tells us that an undesirable nation (the church) will be raised up to provoke Israel to jealousy.

— **Daniel 9:27** tells us that this undesirable nation is to be gathered together before the day of Yahweh's wrath.



# Gathering Together

Hebrews 12:22-24 *“But you have come to Mount Zion . . . to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.”*

Ephesians 1:10 *“His goal was to carry out his plan, when the right time came, that all things in heaven and on earth would be gathered together in Yeshua as the head.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:1 *“Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Yeshua Ha’Mashiach and our gathering together to Him.”*

Hebrews 10:25 *“You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should gather together and encourage each other.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:17 – *“Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”*

— Hebrews 12:22-24: “general assembly”; to assemble all together. — Ephesians: 1:10: “gathered together in one”; to sum all up together in one.

— 2 Thessalonians 2:1: “gathering together to him.”; a complete collection of all who call Yeshua Lord.

— Hebrews 10:25: “gathering together” for encouragement.

— 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: “gathered up” to be seized or plucked up by force



# Gathering Together

In Revelation 4 & 5, the saints gather together with the angels in a great assembly at the crystal sea of glass, or the platform where Yahweh's throne is. In Revelation 5:5-7 the king enters the platform at the Temple and reads from the Seven Sealed Scroll, a parallel image to the letters received from the King by the Cohen Ha'Gâdôl (High Priest) in the Nehemiah and Ezra passages.

## **More gathering images:**

— Matthew 21:43, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 12:14 – The undesirable nation is gathered before the day of wrath, mirror images to the scripture in Daniel Chapter 9.

— John 14:1-3, John 5:28-29, John 6:39-40 – All three speak about His return to gather us together.

Either way, it is just as simple to say we are “going to be raptured!” as to declare we are gathered together.

# The Great Escape

Zephaniah 2:1-2 - *“Gather together before the Day of Yahweh's wrath comes upon you.”*

Those who hope in the rapture are often attacked for looking for the great escape. . This, some say, is pure fantasy.

But the scriptures say that this hope is no fantasy at all, but reality - those who are called up in the Rapture will be hidden away, concealed in the secret places during the time of Yahweh's wrath.

The Hebrew word often translated saved or delivered is *malat* [מלט H4422] which means: *to escape, to slip away; causatively to release or rescue; specifically to deliver, escape, lay, leap out, let alone, let go, preserve, save.*

In the Greek, it is often the word *ekpheugō* [ἐκφεύγω G1628], or the word *sōtēria* [σωτηρία G4991].



# The Great Escape

Numerous examples are noted in scripture of righteous people being delivered from calamity or destruction while the unrighteous or evil are punished:

Noah is delivered from/through the flood (Genesis 6);

Lot is rescued from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:25-19:29);

Rahab is rescued by the Jews when Jericho is overthrown (Joshua 6:22-23, Hebrews 11:31);

However, the unrighteous are kept under punishment for the day of judgment (2 Peter 2:9).

# The Great Escape

We know that the time of Yahweh's wrath is also known as the Great Tribulation (**Revelation 2:22, 7:14**).

It is also called the time of Jacob's trouble in **Jeremiah 30:7**, and a time of great earthly and heavenly changes in **Isaiah 13:13**.

Yeshua warns about these things in **Matthew 24**. **Daniel 9:27** identifies this time as one week, or one shabua [שבועָ H7620], in other words, a period of seven years.

**Revelation 4-19** talks about a period of 42 months, times 2, or seven years. The shabua comprises both the time of the "Wrath of the Lamb" and the "Wrath of God".



# The Great Escape

*We find these additional images in the Older Covenant:*

**Genesis 6** – Noah escaped the flood.

**Genesis 18:25-19:29** – Lot escaped the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Exodus 12:23** – The Hebrews escaped from death.

**Joshua 6:22-23** – Rahab escaped death when Jericho was overthrown.

**Daniel 11:41** – There are those who will escape during the tribulation period by heading to or living in Jordan.

**Ezekiel 14:13-14** – The righteous will escape the famines and death that will be brought against a land that sins against Yahweh.

*Joshua 6:22-23 is confirmed in the Newer Covenant:*

**Hebrews 11:31** – Rahab escaped death when Jericho was overthrown.

*Daniel 11:41 is mirrored in the Newer Covenant as well:*

**Matthew 24:15-16** – All are to flee to the mountains when the abomination that causes desolation is seen in Jerusalem. Mirrored also in **Mark 13:14** and **Luke 20:20-21**.

# The Great Escape

## Conclusions

- ◆ What scripture teaches absolutely in **Isaiah 26** is that when the dead are raised, the righteous people will be hidden in a chamber (behind closed doors) during the time of wrath (or time of indignation) until it has passed.
- ◆ Since Yeshua is in Heaven during the time of wrath, so also will the righteous be in Heaven with Him. According to **John 14:3** – *“After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.”*



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# *The Colossal Concealment*

**1 Thessalonians 5:9** – *“Yahweh did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Yeshua Ha’Mashiach.”*

**Revelation 3:10** – *“Yahweh will keep the Bride of Yeshua from the hour of testing that will come upon all the Earth.”*

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** – *We are gathered up in the clouds to meet Yeshua and will be with Him forever.*

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# *The Colossal Concealment*

Likewise, the image of being hidden behind closed doors for the righteous during Yahweh's wrath is a reality clearly stated in scripture:

Yahweh's beloved is arraigned in festal clothing and has entered her chamber (Psalm 45);

Yahweh's people hide in their rooms for a short time until his anger is finished (Isaiah 26: 20);

Yahweh's people are concealed in his tabernacle, in the secret place (Psalm 27:5);

Those who are ready go in with him to the wedding feast; and the door is shut (Matthew 25:1-13).

My favorite is in the Song of Songs: *“My beloved speaks and says to me: ‘Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. Hide in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff!’”* (Song of Songs 2:10-14).

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# *The Colossal Concealment*

**Song of Songs 6:12-14** – *“Before I was even aware, I was suddenly riding in the royal chariot with my beloved prince . . . Return, return, O maid of Shulam! Return, return, that we may look upon you . . . Come away and hide in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff . . .”*

Read verse **6:12**, and then compare it to Paul's statements that we will be changed in an instant (**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**). Now note the parallel of suddenly riding in her beloved's chariot with the gathering up in the clouds to meet Yeshua, our beloved prince and bridegroom (**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**).

Read verse **6:13**, and then note that once the maid of Shulam is gone, others want her back! The Older Covenant maid, or bride of Solomon, represents the Newer Covenant Bride of Yeshua! She is taken by her bridegroom Solomon, a representation of Yeshua, into his chariot - a direct Older Covenant parallel with the Newer Covenant rapture.

Read verse **6:14**, and then note that many look for her, wanting her back, but she cannot be found - her beloved has taken her away and hidden her in the secret places. The words "secret places" comes from the Hebrew word *sâthar* [סָתַר H5641] which means: to be concealed, hidden, absent in a secret place.

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# *The Colossal Concealment*

- Zephaniah 2:1-2 – The humble of the earth will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.
  - Job 14:13 – Oh that You would hide me (in Sheol), That You would conceal me until Your wrath returns to You, That You would set a limit for me and remember me!
  - Psalm 27:5 – In the day of trouble we will be concealed in His tabernacle, In the secret place of His tent, we will be lifted up on a rock.
  - Psalm 45 – The Lord has vanquished his foes. His beloved is arraigned in festal clothing and has entered her chamber.
  - Proverbs 28:12 – When the godly succeed, everyone is glad. When the wicked take charge, people go into hiding.
  - Isaiah 26: 20 – My people, go into your rooms and shut your doors behind you. Hide in your rooms for a short time until Yahweh’s anger is finished.
  - Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.
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# *The Colossal Concealment*

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 – Those who have died will be raised to live forever, and we will all be changed in an instant.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – We are gathered up in the clouds to meet Yeshua and will be with the Lord forever.
- Matthew 25:1-13 – Those who are ready go in with him to the wedding feast; and the door is shut.
- Revelation 3:10 – Yahweh will keep the church from the hour of testing that will come upon all the earth.

## The Righteous Are Spared

**1 Thessalonians 5:9** – *“For Yahweh did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Yeshua Ha’Mashiach.”*

Scripture tells us that the righteous are not condemned to wrath, but are spared, whereas the unrighteous are punished. It tells us that as it was in the days of Noah and Lot, so it will be in the day when Yeshua returns.

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# *The Colossal Concealment*

## Conclusions

**Psalm 27:5** - *“In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: in the secret place of his tent.”*

Scripture is very clear that the Bride of Yeshua will be taken away before the wrath of Yahweh is poured out and will be hidden in the secret places - the door will be shut and no one else can enter.

This taking away will happen in an instant - so fast that it will happen before she will be even be aware. She will be looked for, but cannot be found.

These images are a perfect representation of the Rapture Concealment, which will take place before the Tribulation period, exactly as portrayed by the above scriptures.

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# No One Knows The Day Or Hour

**Matthew 24:36** – *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”*

Yeshua cautioned His followers not to speculate on the exact time of the Rapture, but in the light of eternity past and future, “day and hour” is a very narrow slice of time.

Yeshua gave us at least fifteen specific signs that would be happening in the last days, clearly wanting us to know when the time of His return was rapidly approaching.

Many of the fifteen signs are being fulfilled today which strongly indicates we are living in the last days. We are, after all, living through revolutions, wars and rumors of wars, and horrifying persecution, for starters.

Without doubt, that “day and hour” is imminent!



# But It Will Not Take You By Surprise

**Matthew 24:33** – *“In the same way, when you see all these things happening, you will **know** that the time is **near**, ready to come.”*

Yeshua, in proclaiming that “No one knows the day or hour” was not stating that the rapture event would be impossible to see coming. Just the opposite - he clearly states that the season during which this will happen should be plainly obvious to everyone.

If we look at the Yom Teruah model, everyone knows within two days when this celebration will begin.

If we look at the Shavuot model, it is the only Jewish festival for which there is no fixed date.

If we look at the Jewish Wedding Model, everyone in town would know when completion was getting close, but not which day the father would tell his son to go get his bride.

Hence, “You do not know the day or the hour,” but you should not be caught unawares of the season.





## Avoiding Wrath - A Picture of Grace in the Rapture

- **Luke 21:36** states that If we are ready, we escape the wrath. We do not suffer through but are kept from the time of tribulation.
- **Romans 5:9** states that since we have been justified by his blood, we are saved from God's wrath. In other words, we are kept from the time of tribulation.
- **Colossians 3:4** goes further and states that when Yeshua, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. The key to this is that He appears, not returns! Returns would be the second coming, not the rapture.
- **1 Thessalonians 1:10** states that the resurrection of Yeshua will deliver the believer from the time of wrath. The preposition "from" (*ek*, Greek, meaning "out of") favors exclusion from the tribulation period rather than being sustained in it.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:9** states that we are not appointed to suffer wrath but supports the view that believers will be excluded from the tribulation (i.e., the "day of the Lord" or "the wrath to come"). The church has been raptured or taken out of the world prior to the time of God's wrath.
- **Revelation 3:10-11** repeats this promise: The church, i.e., all true believers, will be taken out of the world prior to the cataclysmic upheavals of the Tribulation judgment.
- **Revelation 4:1** From this point onward, until the return of the saints for the inauguration of the millennial kingdom, the church, i.e., all true believers, is not found on earth, but is in Heaven. It is therefore undeniable that the church, i.e., the Bride of Yeshua, has been raptured before the events of the Tribulation.





# What Do I Do While I Wait?

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- **Watch And Be Ready:**

Mark 13:33 Be careful! Always be ready, because you don't know when that time will be.

- **Pray And Be Ready:**

Luke 21:36 So be ready all the time. Pray that you will be strong enough to escape all these things that will happen and that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man."

- **Purify Oneself:**

1 John 3:2-3 . . . But we know that when Yeshua comes again, we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. Yeshua is pure, and all who have this hope in Yeshua keep themselves pure like Yeshua.

- **Abide In Yeshua:**

1 John 2:28 Yes, my dear children, live in him so that when Yeshua comes back, we can be without fear and not be ashamed in his presence.

- **Look For His Coming:**

Hebrews 9:28 . . . And he will come a second time, not to offer himself for sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.





Q & A

Questions  
and  
Answers

*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.



# Thank you for attending the sessions on the Rapture



In conclusion, 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 and pictures about it?

And again, while we won't know the day or the hour, we will be able know the season – so take the necessary steps to be ready. The believer will be in Heaven during the Tribulation period, during which time they will be attending the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Amen and Amen,  
Maranatha,  
Hallelujah!



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