

THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH

LESSON THREE

Scriptures tells us that Yeshua is coming back to earth on the clouds of heaven.

Acts 1:11 CJB

The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, **will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**"

The Lord is coming back **a second time** to complete what he began the first time he came to earth. That is to finish the process that Yahweh began when humanity first sinned.

Remember, beginning with the fall of Adam, Yahweh made plans to **undo** the damage Adam caused; He made plans to **break the chain of death**, and to restore the fallen human race and give us the ability to live with him forever in his **everlasting kingdom**.

The **first** time he came he broke the chain of death, opened the door for humanity to live forever, by exercising faith in his work of atonement.

Romans 5:12 CJB

(12) Here is how it works: it was through **one individual** that sin entered the world, and through sin, death; and in this way **death passed** through to the whole human race, inasmuch as everyone sinned.

This kingdom is an earthly kingdom, where Yahweh will reign and humankind will be in charge of it.

Even though humanity **lost** their right to rule, that right has been **restored** to us by Yeshua, our Lord and will be **realized** after all evil has been eradicated.

The psalmist said Yahweh placed everything under humanity's feet.

Psalms 8:4-6 CJB

(4) what are **mere mortals**, that you concern yourself with them; humans, that you watch over them with such care?

(5) You made him but **little lower than the angels**, you crowned him with glory and honor,

(6) you had **him rule** what your hands made, you put **everything under his feet**.

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Scriptures **also** tells us that the redeemed will be rapture up to meet the Lord in the air.

Therefore, we **know** it is going to happen, but we don't know **when** it is going to happen. We don't know when the Lord is coming nor, do we know when the righteous are going to be transported? The word rapture means to be transported to another place.

Will it happen at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation?

Will it happen at the middle of the seven-year tribulation?

Will it happen at the end of the seven-year tribulation?

We do know, however, that only Yahweh, the father, know the day, date, and hour it is going to take place. Not even Yeshua, his son, know, and he said it is not for us to know those thing that the father has placed under His own control.

Acts 1:7 CJB

(7) ... "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority.

Therefore, when Yeshua comes back to earth the **second** time,

- he will completely eradicate sin,
- destroy the devil permanently and
- He will renew heaven and earth,
- establish the eternal kingdom
- destroy death, and
- turn the kingdom over to his father.

Concerning Yeshua's kingship, his earthly reign, Daniel wrote:

Daniel 7:13-14 CJB

(13) "I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming **with the clouds** of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.

(14) To him was given rulership, **glory and a kingdom**, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and **his kingdom** is one that will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:18 CJB

(18) But the holy ones of the Most High will **receive the kingdom** and possess the kingdom forever, yes, forever and ever.'

Yeshua was given authority over the earthly kingdom, by Yahweh, until he subdues all principalities and powers. **Including** those in the heavenly realm.

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Ephesians 6:12 CJB

(12) For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

When all has been destroyed, Yeshua himself, will become subjected to Yahweh, because his work in cleaning up the earth from the effect of Adam's sin, is complete.

1 Corinthians 15:26-28 CJB

(24) then the end, when He hands over the kingdom to **God the Father** after He has destroyed all rule and all authority and power.

(26) The **last enemy** to be done away with will **be death**,

(27) for "He put everything in subjection under his feet." But when it says that "everything" has been subjected, obviously the word does **not include God**, who is himself the one subjecting everything to the Messiah.

(28) Now when everything has been subjected to the Son, **then he will subject himself to God**, who subjected everything to him; so that God may be **everything in everyone**.

Zechariah 14:9 WEB

(9) Yahweh will be King over all the earth. In that day Yahweh will be one, and his name one.

This has **always** been Elohim's plans. Everything that Yahweh has done from the time of Adam's sin pointed to the Messiah, the redeemer of humanity, who would clean up the mess that Adam made and restore peace.

He made a covenant with Abraham; the redeemer came from him. His **first** promise of a **renewed earth** where there will be a peaceful co-habitation with animals was to Israel, Abraham's seed.

Isaiah 11:6-8 CJB

(6) The wolf will live with the lamb; the leopard lie down with the kid; calf, young lion and fattened lamb together, with a little child to lead them.

(7) Cow and bear will feed together, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

(8) An infant will play on a cobra's hole, a toddler put his hand in a viper's nest.

Usually when we teach on the rapture, and the first coming we leave **Israel out**. That is because of **replacement** theology. The teaching that the church has replaced Israel.

Some seem to think that after the church has been raptured, Israel will remain

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here on earth to go through the tribulation.

However according to scriptures, the church has been grafted in, and has equal shares in what Elohim has planned for his creations. Not replaced Israel but become a part of Israel. The wall that **separate** us has been torn down. I cannot stress this enough. Because we still have the separation of Jew and gentile's mentality. This was never the father's plan. And there will be no separation in the kingdom. That kingdom was promised to Israel, and Paul said we are not supporting Israel, they are supporting us.

However, when the Lord returns, it will not be a matter of just eradicating sin and establishing the eternal kingdom. The earth that we live on must also be renewed. Because it **too** has been **contaminated by sin**.

Therefore, this earth is going to take a direct hit When Yahweh start to pour out his wrath upon it, in his effort to rid the world of evil. It is going to take a beating.

Isaiah saw the earth being destroyed.

Isaiah 24:18-20 CJB

(18)..... For the **windows above have been opened**, and the earth's foundations shake.

(19) The earth **cracks and breaks** open, the **earth crumbles to pieces**, the earth trembles and totters.

(20) The earth staggers to and fro like a drunk, sways back and forth like a watchman's shelter; its transgression weighs heavy upon it; **it will fall and not rise again**.

Peter also speaks of the destruction of the earth.

2 Peter 3:10-13 CJB

(10) However, the Day of the Lord will come "like a thief." On that Day the **heavens will disappear with a roar**, the elements will melt and disintegrate, and **the earth and everything in it will be burned up**.

(12) That Day will bring on the **destruction of the heavens by fire**, and the elements will **melt** from the heat;

(13) but we, following along with his promise, wait for **new heavens and a new earth**, in which righteousness will be at home.

Moreover, during the tribulation John sees the **lamb** breaking the seven seals on the scroll and angels in heaven, blowing their shofar and pouring out the wrath of Elohim. As each seal is broke some disaster strike; and as each one of the

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angel blows his shofar, some of those disasters are directed at the **earth itself** and some against the wicked people on earth.

Revelation 6:12-14 CJB

(12) Then I watched as he broke the **sixth seal**, and there was a great earthquake, the sun turned black as sackcloth worn in mourning, and the full moon became blood-red.

(13) The **stars fell** from heaven to earth just as a fig tree drops its figs when shaken by a strong wind.

(14) The sky receded like a scroll being rolled up, and **every mountain** and island was moved from its place.

Revelation 8:7-12 CJB

(7) The first one sounded his shofar; A third of the **earth was burned** up, a third of the **trees were burned** up, and all **green grass** was burned up.

(8) The second angel sounded his shofar, A third of the **sea turned to blood**,

(9) a third of the **living creatures in the sea died**, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

(10) The third angel sounded his shofar; and a third of the **water became bitter**, and many people died from the water that had been turned bitter.

(12) The fourth angel sounded his shofar; and a third of the **sun was struck**, also a third of **the moon** and a third of **the stars**; ...

Revelation 16:3-4 CJB

(3) The second one poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became **like the blood of a dead person**, and **every living** thing in the **sea died**.

(4) The third one poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they **turned to blood**.

Revelation 16:19-20 CJB

(19) The great **city was split into three parts**, the cities of the nations fell,

(20) Every **island fled**, and **no mountains** were to be found.

As you can see, the earth has taken a tremendous beating. **It is in a shamble**. It is **not in any condition** for the messiah to begin his 1000 Year reign.

It is not fit for anyone to live on. Therefore, the logical way of thinking, based on scripture, is that the Lord is going to **renew heaven and earth** first **before he began** his thousand-year reign.

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That would **explain** why the rapture is necessary. The people are taken away while the earth is renewed after its shamble. There can be no people on earth while this renovation is taking place.

Which brings us **back** to our questions;

Will the rapture happen at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation?

Will it happen at the middle of the seven-year tribulation?

Will it happen at the end of the seven-year tribulation?

For years bible scholars have been debating over what will take place when the Lord returns and when the congregation will be raptured up.

I have been teaching for many years, as well as many others, that the second coming of the Messiah will be in **two phases**:

1. Yeshua will come at the beginning of the seven-year reign, he will not set foot on the earth, but will come quietly and call the church to meet him in the air, so it will not go through the 7- years reign of the Anti-Messiah (Christ).
2. When the 7- years reign **is over** he will come back to earth bringing the redeemed one with him.

However, when I began to really study the scripture for this lesson about the Lord's coming I find that I can **no longer** say with certainty that this is true.

I know some will **not** agree with me, however, I am asking that you take a **second** look at the scripture, comparing scripture with scripture, and then see if you still believe that way.

I know we can **agree to disagree**, but wouldn't it be better if we can agree according to what is written, rather than according to what is being taught traditional?

I pointed out in my previous lesson, that this would require **three** resurrections"

1. One at the beginning of the 7 years
2. One at the end of the 7 years and
3. One at the end of the thousand years.

And I could only find **two** resurrections.

1. One when the messiah comes back and
2. One at the end of the thousand years reign.

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Therefore, if this **is true**, which I believe it is, the rapture will take place at the **end** of the 7-year reign of the anti-Messiah.

I believe the Lords' wrath will **not be** poured out upon the earth until the **end** of the 7-year reign of his terror.

Because during the reign of the anti-messiah there will be many peoples saved. The grace of Elohim will still be available for those who believes. There will be Jewish evangelist preaching the gospel. John even saw an angel flying through the air preaching the gospel.

Revelation 14:6-7 CJB

(6) Next I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven with everlasting Good News to proclaim to those living on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

(7) In a loud voice he said, "Fear God, give him glory, for the hour has come when he will pass judgment! Worship the One who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water!"

Believers will **not escape** persecution. History shows that many believers have gone through persecution and death. The early **apostles**, the early congregating, the Jewish people suffered under the Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanes.

The Holy Spirit will **not** be taken away as some say, because no one can come to the Lord unless he draws them, and it is the Holy Spirit which brings about new birth.

The proof that **many will be saved** through the persecution is found in revelation chapter 7.

Revelation 7:9-14 CJB

(9) After this, I looked; and there before me was a **huge crowd**, too large for anyone to count, from **every nation**, tribe, people and language. They were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, **dressed in white robes** and holding palm branches in their hands;

(13) One of the elders asked me, "These people dressed in white robes—who are they, and where are they from?"

(14) "Sir," I answered, "you know." Then he told me, "**These are the people who have come out of the Great Persecution**. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb.

Again, in revelation 20.

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Revelation 20:4 CJB

(4) And I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for testifying about Yeshua and proclaiming the Word of God, also those who had not **worshipped the beast** or its image and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands.

It would seem from what we have read that, in Elohim's process of ridding the earth from sin and establishing his righteous kingdom, a series of things has to happen in the end of the age.

We will discuss some of them in our next lesson.

For those of us who are in the messiah and the messiah is in us, must be watchful at all times. Yeshua said he will come quickly and will come at a time when we least expect him to come.

We don't want to be like the foolish bridesmaids, who got **left behind** because they did not prepare for the grooms coming by having enough oil in their lamp.

When the Lord comes, let him find us **busy doing the work** that he has assigned us to do. Yeshua said-

Luke 12:43 CJB

(43) It will go well with that servant if he is found doing his job when his master comes.

Let us guard our hearts, because when the **shofar** sounds it will too late to change.

Yeshua said we should stay alert.

Matthew 25:13 CJB

(13) So stay alert, because you know neither the day nor the hour.

He said in revelation 16:

Revelation 16:15 CJB

("Look! I am coming like a thief! How blessed are those **who stay alert** and keep their clothes clean, so that they won't be walking naked and be publicly put to shame!")

I ask you today, are you ready or will you be left behind?