

THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH

LESSON TWO

Based on scriptures, there is **no question** that the Lord is coming back. There is **no question** that the redeemed will **be transported to another place**. Called the **"rapture"**.

The word **Rapture** is not found in the bible. It is a word that describes an event that will take place in the future when the messiah comes back to earth. The term is derived from the Latin verb *rapere*, which means **"to transport from one place to another."**

Therefore, the word rapture does **not always mean** to be taken **up**.

We know it going to happen, but the question is, **when** will the transport of the redeemed take place?

There are **three** views as to when the rapture will take place. They are:

1. pre- **tribulation** [those who believe the rapture will take place at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation.]
2. mid-**tribulation**, [those who believe the rapture will take place at the middle, 3 ½ years, of the seven-year tribulation.]
3. post-**tribulation** [[those who believe the rapture will take place at the end of the seven-year tribulation.]

Because of the different views, I think it would help if we knew **the WHY, the HOW** as well as **the WHEN** the Lord will bring this world, **as we know it**, to an end.

in our **first lesson** I talked about **why** it is necessary for Yeshua **to return** and rapture his saints away. **Why** it is necessary for the Lord to make everything in this world new.

I said it all started in the garden of Eden when the first man, **Adam**, sinned by disobeying Elohim's instructions.

However, **Adam's sin** did not stop the plan that Yahweh had for humanity. He gave **the man and woman** instruction to rule over everything he created. He placed **everything** under man's feet.

As the psalmist said:

Psalms 8:4-6 CJB

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(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**.

Even though We don't see everything under our feet yet, ultimately that is Elohim plan.

His **plan** would unfold over a period of **hundreds** of years.

From the time of **Adam and Eve** Yahweh planned to **restore** the human race back into fellowship with him. The fellowship that was lost after the fall into sin.

Yahweh chose Abraham in order to establish a family line through which the messiah would be born. The messiah would **sit on the throne of king Davie**. He would **re-establish the kingdom** on this earth and would rule over Yahweh eternal kingdom.

When the messiah was born, his death, burial and resurrection only initiated the process of **restoration**.

Through Yeshua's death and resurrection the **chain** of death that binds humanity was broken. Thus, giving them the means to obtain eternal life in Elohim's everlasting kingdom.

Yeshua **began** his earthly ministry, by saying.

Matthew 4:17 CJB

...."Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"

The **Judeans would have understood** what he meant because they were kingdom people and they were expecting a king, a descendant of David who would restore the kingdom of Israel.

The Believers today, especially those in the West, usually think of being a **church** rather than a kingdom. Most **westerners** are not **kingdom minded** due to the form of government ruling over us.

And also, believers have been taught erroneously that the **church** has replaced Israel.

There is a **difference** between a **kingdom** and a **church**.

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A kingdom is a **form of government**, where the **king** is responsible to take care of his subjects.

It is an **undivided** territory where a king rules in authority and all else is subjected to his kingship.

The word **church** comes from the Greek word Ekklesia [ek-klay-see'-ah]. Meaning those who are **called out**. (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly. We who believe in Yeshua have been called out of the world and set aside to be members of **Yahweh everlasting kingdom**.

This everlasting kingdom is an **earthly kingdom**. Because Yahweh created the human race to **live on the earth** and to care for it, not to live in heaven.

Israel was a **kingdom nation** and the birth of the Jewish congregation on the day on Pentecost was the initiation of the **new covenant** governing the relationship of all believers with God in the eternal kingdom. Not just **Judeans** only but also gentiles as well.

Romans 1:16

(16) For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to **everyone** who keeps on trusting, to the **Jew especially**, but **equally to the Gentile**.

Because Yahweh created the human race to live on the earth to rule it and to be caretaker for it, the kingdom of Yahweh is an earthly kingdom, **with Yeshua messiah as it king**.

Psalms 37:29 CJB

(29) The righteous **will inherit the land** and live in it forever.

1 Corinthians 15:24-25 CJB

(24) then the culmination, when he [Yeshua] hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power.

(25) For he has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet.

The world that we live in now has the **hand prints of Satan** all over it. Each day the **news headlines** are filled with crimes, abuses, and natural disasters. Sickness and diseases are rampant, wars and threats of wars or continually going on.

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This causes many to question, "**Where is God**"? "Why does he not do something about this situation?"

We must understand, Yahweh's plan is **not to make this present** world a place of peace where there is no stress or problems, because this present world is contaminated by sin.

Sin and its effect **must** be dealt with.

Romans 8:22-23 (TLB)

²²For we know that even the **things of nature**, like **animals and plants**, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event.

²³And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die.

Therefore, Elohim's plan is to-

- **eradicate sin,**
- **destroy the sinners,**
- **destroy the devil,**
- **destroy death**
- **give the sanctified redeemed new bodies,**
- **renew the physical earth as we see it, and**
- **place all the redeemed on earth forever.**

Psalms 34:16 WEB

(16) Yahweh's face is against those who do evil, to **cut off their memory** from the earth.

In other words, Yahweh is going to bring an **end** to this present form of government and set up **his own kingdom** under the reign of **Yeshua**.

Yeshua will continue to reign as king until the last enemies **including death** is destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 CJB/TS2009

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(25) For he has to rule **until** he puts all his enemies **under his feet**.

(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

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"**everything**" has been subjected, **obviously** the word does not **include Elohim** 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 Elohim, who subjected everything to him; so that Elohim may be everything in everyone.

Ultimately Yahweh the father will be the **supreme** ruler of heaven and earth. The human race will be restored to its position **as rulers** under Yahweh's authority.

But the question that is on the minds of many believers today is **when is this going to happen?**

Yeshua said in Matthew 24 that the time of the restoration has been **determined by Yahweh**, the father, and **only** he know.

Matthew 24:35 -36 MKJV

(35) The **heaven and the earth** shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.

(36) "But when **that day** and hour will come, **no one knows** — not the angels in heaven, not the Son, **only the Father**."

At the messiah's **first coming**, the Judeans though Yeshua would re-establish the Kingdome of David and restore the kingdom of Israel.

Acts 1:6 CJB

(6) When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to **restore self-rule to Isra'el?**"

However, the Judeans did not understand the **nature** of this **new kingdom**. It is **not** called the **kingdom of Israel**, or **the kingdom of Judah**. It is called the **Kingdome of Elohim**. Or the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 4:17 CJB

..."Turn from your sins to God, for the **Kingdom of Heaven is near!**"

This new kingdom under the reign of Yeshua will also be an **everlasting kingdom**.

And although it will be the **restored** kingdom of the **nation of Israel**, as promised, this new kingdom **will consist** of people from all nations. Because those who believe in Yeshua are **grafted** into the root of Abraham and have **equal** shares with Israel.

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Romans 11:17 CJB

(17) But if **some** of the branches were broken off, and you—a wild olive—were grafted in among them and have become **equal sharers** in the **rich root** of the **olive tree**,

This is all **part of Elohim's eternal** plan to save humanity from the **curse of sin**.

However, Yahweh is **not** going to only **cleanse the earth** from its contamination, He is making a **new heaven** and a **new earth**.

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Only Yahweh know when the **heaven and the earth** is going to pass away. Only he knows **when** he is making the new heaven and the new earth. He **only** knows when the everlasting kingdom will be established on the earth.

Acts 1:7 CJB

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

However, Yeshua, did give us some **signs** to look for, so we will not be caught completely off guard. He wants **his people** to be ready at all times.

Matthew 24:44 CJB

Therefore, you too must **always be ready**, for the Son of Man will come when you are **not** expecting him.

When the Lord comes, it will be **swift**, and **all** the nation on the earth will see him.

Matthew 24:14 CJB

(14) And this Good News about the Kingdom will be announced throughout the whole world as a witness to all the nations. **It is then that the end will come.**

Matthew 24:27 CJB

(27) For when the Son of Man does come, it will be **like lightning** that flashes out of the east and fills the sky to the western horizon.

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Matthew 24:29 CJB

(29) "But immediately following the **trouble of those times**, the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and **the powers in heaven will be shaken**.

Matthew 24:30 CJB

(30) "Then the **sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky**, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with **tremendous power and glory**.

Matthew 24:31 CJB

He will send out his **angels with a great shofar**; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

When Moses wanted to summon Israel together for an important assembly, he had the priest **to sound the shofar**. At the sounding of the shofar all Israel would come together in **one place**.

Leviticus 25:9 CJB

Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month, on Yom-Kippur, you are to sound a **blast** on the shofar; you are to sound the **shofar all through your land**;

Likewise, when Yeshua wants to gather his chosen people from all over the world at his coming, his angel will **sound the shofar**. When the shofar sounds **all** the righteous people who are **asleep** in the grave from the beginning of time will hear the shofar and will arise and be **gathered to Yeshua**.

Daniel 12:2 CJB

Many of those sleeping in the dust of the earth **will awaken**, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and abhorrence.

Those who awake **to everlasting life**, will be resurrected at the coming of the messiah, but, the rest of the dead will not be resurrected until **the end** of the millennium.

It is written in 1 Thessalonians 4:16

1 Thessalonians 4:16 CJB

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a **rousing cry**, with a call from one of the ruling angels, and with **God's shofar**; those who died united with the Messiah will be **the first** to rise;

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The word Rousing means:

1. Awaking from sleep; exciting; calling into action.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 CJB

(17) then we who are **left still alive** will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the **Lord in the air**; and thus we will always be with the Lord.

This of course will take place **at the end** of the **7 years tribulation** of the reign of the anti-messiah. I know many will disagree with this. Especially the pre-tribulations.

However, I say this because the **bible** speaks of only **two** resurrections.

1. The resurrection when the messiah comes [[Revelation 20:4](#)
2. The resurrection at the end of the 1000. Years reign. ([Revelation 20:5](#)

Revelation 20:4 CJB

(4) Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them received authority to judge. 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. They **came to life** and ruled with the Messiah for **a thousand years**.

Revelation 20:5 CJB

(5) (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over.) **This is the first resurrection.**

If the messiah were to come **quietly and rapture** the dead and alive saints at the **beginning** of the tribulation, there would need to be **three resurrections**. **One** at the beginning of the tribulation, **one at the end** of the tribulation and **one** at the end of the 1000 years reign.

In my **next lesson**, we will discuss what happens to the heaven and earth when the **righteous** are taken away.

There is something we haven't possibly not thought about, but as the result of the **seven bowls of Yahweh's wrath** that will be poured out upon the earth, it is going to be in a **shamble**.

It will certainly **not be in any condition** for the messiah to begin his 1000. Years reign.

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However, we will discuss this in more detail in the next lesson.

Let me remind you, in preparation for what is to come, we must, as Yeshua said, **be ready**. We must not be caught off guard.

Since Yeshua is going to come **quickly**, the only way to make sure that you will be included in the first resurrection, **is to have the messiah living in you**.

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

He made it very easy for us to come to him. We need only to believe in the atonement that his son, Yeshua did for us. He took our place in death. **A life for a life**. The life of Yeshua sacrificed for the life of humanity.

The life is in the blood. It is because of Yeshua blood that you and I can become citizens in his everlasting kingdom.

Yeshua did it for **you**. He died for **you**; he wants **you** to be with him forever. However, it is not just about what will happen with you at the end of the age.

Yeshua wants to be a part of your life **now**.

He wants to give you **his** peace in the midst of your storm.

He wants to **heal** your broken hearts.

He wants to take your hand and lead you through the fires of life, and give you victory over **everything** the enemy, Satan, brings into your life.

Will you come to Yeshua and believe in him now today?

Will you let Messiah be the lord of your life now, in this present world?

Prayer:

"Yeshua, I confess that I am a sinner. I believe you died for my sins to restore me into a kingdom relationship with you and the father. I open my heart to you and invite you to come in and change my life. I gladly accept your free gift of eternal life. Amen.