

LESSON FIVE

I was asked this week, "aren't you afraid you may be teaching the wrong thing"? She said, so many teachers disagree with you and they all have scriptures to confirm their doctrines.

That of course is true. And I suppose all of us may be missing some important details base on the way we interpret scriptures. However, that which I have been teaching is not an isolated case of me having my own interpretation of scriptures. The apostle Peter warns against this.

2 Peter 1:20 CJB

(20) First of all, understand this: no prophecy of Scripture is to be interpreted by an individual on his own;

Therefore, there are many others who believe as I do concerning end time events. But we must not be **dogmatic** in think our way is the only way.

Beyond that we must rely on the words of the apostle Paul who said:

1 Corinthians 13:9-13 CJB

(9) For our knowledge is **partial**, and our prophecy partial;

(10) but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass.

(12) Now I know partly; then I will know fully, just as God has fully known me.

However, sometimes we need to put forth an extra effort to search the scriptures for ourselves, and not rely only on **traditional** teaching.

We re taught in scriptures that Yeshua is going to come back to earth again.

Acts 1:11 CJB

(11) 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."

Therefore, the question is **when** will he come and **how** will he come?

Will he come quietly at the beginning of the tribulation when only the righteous will see him? Or will he come at the end of the tribulation with a loud shofar being blown and every eye sees him?

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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.

Some are teaching that the rapture is **separate** from the second coming of the Messiah and will take place at the beginning of the seven-year reign of the **political leader** who will come into power, in **the middle east**. This leader will deceive the world into thinking that he will establish peace. However, he will be Satan emissary.

After the **first** three and a half years this leader will be uncovered and revealed as an evil ruthless person, who is against everything that is related to Yahweh and the Messiah.

Paul gave a **general description** of him in his letter to the congregation in Thessalonica.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4,8 10 (AMP)

Let no one deceive *or* beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the **man of lawlessness** (sin) is revealed, who is the **son of doom** (of perdition), [Dan. 7:25; 8:25; I Tim. 4:1.]
4 Who opposes and **exalts himself** so proudly *and* insolently against *and* over **all** that is called God or that is worshiped, [even to his actually] taking his seat in the temple of God, **proclaiming that he himself is God**. [Ezek. 28:2; Dan. 11:36, 37.]

8 And then the lawless one (the antichrist) will be revealed and the **Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth** and bring him to an end by His appearing **at His coming**. [Isa. 11:4.]

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 AMP

9 The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity *and* working **of Satan** and will be attended by **great power** and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs *and* delusive marvels— [all of them] lying wonders—

10 And by **unlimited** seduction to evil *and* with all wicked deception for those who are perishing (going to perdition) because they did not welcome the Truth *but* refused to love it that they might be saved.

The **CJB** translation renders verses **9 and 10** this way:

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 CJB

(9) When this man who avoids Torah comes, the **Adversary will give him the power** to work all kinds of false miracles, signs and wonders.

(10) He will enable him to deceive, in all kinds of wicked ways, those who are **headed for destruction** because they would not receive the love of the truth that could have saved them.

John speaks of the anti-Messiah in Revelation 13.

Revelation 13:5-7 CJB

(5) It was given a mouth speaking arrogant blasphemies; and it was given **authority to act for forty-two months**. [3 1/2 years]

(6) So it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God to **insult his name** and his Sh'khinah, and those living in heaven;

(7) it was allowed to make **war on God's holy people** and to defeat them; and it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

Therefore, this **political leader** who will deceive the world is referred to as the **anti-Messiah** (anti-Christ), and will reign for 7 years.

Some believe that the church will be taken away when he **comes into power**.

That is why it is being taught that the second coming will be in **two** phrases.

1. The rapture (Yeshua suspension in the air)
2. The landing on earth. (Yeshua feet actually standing on the earth)

However, I believe the reason why some people think that Yeshua will come on **two** separate occasion, (1) to pick up the church and (2) to bring them back in seven years is **because** they believe that Paul and John are writing about **two** separate occasions when the Lord will appear.

It seems that Paul and John **are not** referring to two separate occasions but are **both** writing about the same incident.

Paul's reason for write to the congregation in Thessalonica seem to be to put their mind at ease about their love one who had died. They were concerned about what would happen to them when the Lord comes.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 CJB

(13) Now, brothers, we want you to know the truth about those who have died; otherwise, you might become sad the way other people

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(14) do who have nothing to hope for. For since we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, we also believe that in the same way God, through Yeshua, will take with him those who have died.

(15) When we say this, we base it on the **Lord's own word**: we who remain alive when the Lord comes will certainly not take precedence over those who have died.

(16) 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;

(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.

The apostle Paul wants the believers to know that **both** the dead who died **before** the lord comes back, and those who are **alive** when he comes will be caught up to meet the lord in the air and will be with him forever.

Therefore, Paul **is not** speaking of a separate occasion, but agrees with John that when Yeshua comes all of his redeemed people will be taken away together.

The taking away of believers from the earth, will **not be done** just to get them away from the anti-Messiah so they will not experience any persecution. But believers are taken away so that Yahweh can **bring judgement** on the wicked and the anti-Messiah and his followers; Yeshua will confront them in battle and destroy them.

Peter say the Lord know how to deliver the godly.

2 Peter 2:9 CJB

(9) So the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and how to hold the wicked until the Day of Judgment while continuing to punish them,

He protected **Noah** and his family from death when he destroyed the world by water. Every living thing died except those who were in the boat with Noah.

Therefore. When Yeshua **returns** to the earth, it will not **only** be **to reward** the righteous but also to **conquer and judge** the wicked.

The **first time**, Yahweh sent his Son into the world to save it.

John 3:17 CJB

(17) For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, **the world might be saved**.

However, since God has entrusted **all** judgment to the Son as Yeshua says in-

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John 5:22 CJB

(22) The Father does not judge anyone but has entrusted **all judgment** to the Son,

This Judgement **will take place** when Yeshua Comes back to earth the second time.

However, **before** this judgement takes place, Yahweh will need to destroy wickedness from off the face of the earth. This includes the wicked people who have rejected Yahweh and Yeshua and are following Satan and his demons. Satan will also be destroyed as well.

John saw Yahweh's process of accomplishing this destruction in revelation **chapter 15**.

Revelation 15:1-8 CJB

(1) Then I saw another sign in heaven, a great and wonderful one—seven angels with the **seven plagues** that are **the final ones**; because with them, **God's fury is finished**.

(5) After this I looked, and the sanctuary (that is, the Tent of Witness in heaven) was opened,

(6) and out of the sanctuary came the **seven angels** with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean bright linen and had gold belts around their chests.

(7) One of the four living beings gave to the seven angels **seven gold bowls** filled with the **fury of God**, who lives forever and ever.

(8) Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God's Sh'khinah, that is, from his power; and no one could enter the sanctuary **until** the seven plagues of the seven angels had **accomplished their purpose**.

In **chapter 16** of revelation, the seven bowls of God fury were poured out upon the earth. Upon those who had the **mark of the beast** and who had worshiped his image.

- They were inflicted with disgusting and painful sores (v: 16:1):
- the sea became blood, and every living thing in the sea died. (v.16:3).
- the rivers and springs of water, turned to blood. (v.16:4).
- People were burned by the intense heat from the sun (v:16:8);
- there was a massive and violent earthquake, (v:16:18);
- The great city was split into three parts, the cities of the nations fell, (v.16:19);
- Every island fled, and no mountains were to be found (v.16:20).

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However, in spite of the suffering of the people, they **still** got angry and instead of repenting and turning to Elohim, they cursed him.

Revelation 16:9 CJB

(9) People were burned by the intense heat; yet they **cursed the name of God**, who had the authority over these plagues, instead of turning from their sins to give him glory.

I believe, **if they had repented**, they would have been saved, even then. However, because they did not, Yahweh was justified in what he had to do.

Scriptures teaches us, after Yahweh accomplishes **everything** He need to accomplish, in dealing with sin and its consequences, the redeemed who were taken away, will **all** come back to earth and take up residence.

I heard a **sermon yesterday** about **heaven**. The minister said the believers will go to heaven and will walk on golden streets. **I will not dispute him**. This might be true that while the believers are raptures up to heaven, before they come back to earth, they might walk on golden streets. However, heaven will **not be** our final home.

According to scriptures the saints will **inherit the kingdom** and will live on earth forever.

This is confirmed by Daniel.

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.'

Daniel 7:21-22 CJB

(21) I watched, and that horn made war with the **holy ones** and was winning,
(22) until the Ancient One came, judgment was given in favor of the holy ones of the Most High, and the time came for the **holy ones to take over the kingdom**.

Daniel 7:27 CJB

(27) Then the kingdom, the rulership and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven **will be given to the holy people of the Most High**. Their kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will serve and obey them.' "

Matthew 25:34 CJB

(34) "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take your inheritance, **the Kingdom** prepared for you from the founding of the world.

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When I began this lesson i stating that **everything** that has been going on since the creation of the world leads to the **final** conclusion of Yahweh's plans for this created world.

As believers, we need to know **why, how and when** the Lord is coming back to earth a second time, and why the saints will be raptured up. I have attempted to answer those three questions.

It has **not been my intention** to go into many details surrounding end time events. Only those things which will hopefully get your attention and will cause you to **make preparation** to live with our Lord forever.

Yeshua sent **his angel** to John and told him to tell us so we not be caught off guard.

When Yeshua came the first time, he only dealt with **the sin** aspect of humanity, opening the door for those who believe in him to live forever.

The reason **Why** he is coming the second time, is to **complete** Elohim's plan of restoration that He established when Adam first sin. Humanity have been given the opportunity to choose. Yeshua wants humanity to be saved and delivered and is therefore delaying his coming to give more people that opportunity.

2 Peter 3:9 CJB

(9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, **he is patient with you**; for it is not his purpose that anyone should be destroyed, but that everyone should turn from his sins.

Since Yahweh has to renew the earth to remove the contamination of sin, he will remove the saint to another place for their protection. **How**, by Rapturing them up to meet him in the air.

As to **when** this will happen, no one know but the father. And Yeshua said we don't need to know.

Acts 1:7 CJB

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

However, we do need to be **prepared**. We do need to **deal with any unconfessed** sin in our lives, we do need to **walk in obedience** to the Lord's instruction. We do need to **watch our hearts**.

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When the Lord comes it will be too late to change. The time to change is now; today.

Hebrews 4:7 CJB

(7) **"Today**, if you hear God's voice, don't harden your hearts."

Yeshua warns us to be ready.

Luke 12:40 CJB

(40) You too, **be ready!** For the Son of Man will come when you are not expecting him."

There is no doubt, the Lord is coming back to earth a second time to destroy wickedness, destroy the devil and make a new earth and a new heaven.

The question is--

Are you ready?

Will **you** be transported out of here, or will you be left behind to experience the Lord's wrath?

Think seriously on this!!

Today may very well be your last chance.