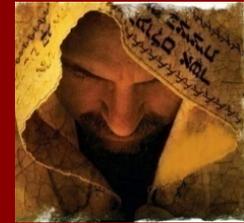


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Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



THE RAPTURE LIE

In this chapter we will be talking about the lie of the rapture, and about the truth of the resurrection.

To lay a foundation for this teaching, let us first establish some fundamental things crucial to the interpretation of Scripture and Prophecy.

First, it is important to understand that the Scriptures, including the good news (Gospel) written within them, are wholly and entirely Hebrew in thought, language and concept.

The second item important to understand is that the Messiah Yeshua (the proper Hebrew name for J-sus¹), who died on the execution stake for our violations of Torah (sin), was wholly and entirely Jewish **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 1:1-17** (Paternal line) & **Luke 3:23-38** (Maternal line), and the King of the Jews. **Mark 15:2,9,12,18,26**, and that the next time He returns it will be to conquer Israel's enemies and to reign in the Millennial Kingdom.

The third item important to understand is that the stewardship of the good news (Gospel), that is, the responsibility of taking the good news of the Torah and of the Testimony to the nations is the chief responsibility of the Jewish people.

As Yeshua states in **Yehochanan (John) 4:19-22**, "Salvation is of the Jews", and as such, it is the chief responsibility of our people to preserve, to obey, and to teach, the Torah and the Testimony to ourselves, and to the nations around us.

And a fourth item important to understand is that all of the Emissaries (Apostles) were Jewish. That is, they were all either descendents of Judah, or Israelites who had returned from abroad to the faith of Avraham that had been revived through Moshe (Moses) and preserved by the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

In first century Israel people worked in the same community they lived. All of the Emissaries (Apostles), likewise, lived and worked in Israel. Yeshua, accordingly, found and appointed all His Emissaries (Apostles) in Israel.

That is why the people of Judah (Yehudah) are called Jews (Yehudim), because they are either from the tribe of Judah, from one of the three tribes of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, or were one of the other 10 tribes of Israel that had returned, or a gentile who had converted, to the faith of Avraham preserved by Judah who represented the covenants and headship of the nation of Israel.

So what exactly then was a Jew in the first century setting of Scripture?

He was a descendent of the tribe of Judah who practiced the faith of Avraham (a Hebrew), revived through Moshe (Moses), and preserved through the Hebrew kingdom nation of Judah up until the time of the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, **as well as anyone who attached themselves to Judah, and the faith of Avraham preserved by Judah.**

Eventually, all who came to be associated with Judah, through this faith of Avraham preserved through Judah, became known as Jews (as Yehudim), regardless of what tribe or nation they came from initially.

After 70 CE, the faithful stewards of the faith were effectively extinguished and rooted out as a mainstream influence, and the faith of Avraham was divided into two new religions (even as King David's Kingdom was divided after Shlomo/Solomon), neither of which Yeshua, nor the Emissaries (Apostles), nor the former the ancient teachers and forefathers of Israel taught.

The first new religion came out of the former faith which had been preserved by Judah. It was a religion that continued to uphold the Torah of Adonai, but which had ultimately, by 70 CE, completely rejected Yeshua as Messiah.

This rejection (which began its process at the beginning of Yeshua's ministry), resulted in the expulsion of all openly professing leaders from out of the synagogues; and once this expulsion was complete, those once thriving assemblies of the faith became tombs for the unbelieving.

Likewise, approximately eight years after the resurrection (around 38 CE), this movement, which had been started by the Messiah Yeshua and the Emissaries (Apostles), began to grow a new branch, out of which came the second new religion distinguished by its profession of Yeshua as the Messiah, but which ultimately came to reject large portions of the Torah as the standard for the community of believers.

This second movement was the result of the flood of Hellenistic Jews, and foreigners (gentiles) that entered into the community of believers after ~38 CE, who were content with the Greek customs, culture, and lifestyles of the time that they had become accustomed to (much in the way that the modern Church has adopted American culture and values).

They, likewise, though receptive to the concept of Yeshua as their Messiah, had no desire to change their lifestyles to conform to the standard of Torah passed down to us through our forefathers.

This unwillingness to completely convert to the faith of Avraham from their Hellenistic culture is reflected by the very name they attached to Yeshua; that is, by the Name of J-sus, which in Greek is pronounced "eaz-us" (yay-soos), and which in Greek sounds nearly identical to the Greek phrase referring to "Z-us² as healer"; but which in the Hebrew would translate, strangely enough, as "He's a horse".

This is totally contrary to Yeshua's Hebrew Name, which in Hebrew means, "יהוה" brings salvation" or "He brings salvation".

So why did these Greek converts refer to Yeshua with this foreign name, rather than by His Hebrew Name given to Him by Adonai Himself?

It is likely because Z-us, like Yeshua, had power over weather, power to heal, and many other qualities similar to that manifested by Yeshua in His life; as such, it was natural to associate Yeshua, and His manifested supernatural abilities, to something they were already familiar with.

As human nature goes, they tended to relate everything about Yeshua to their own familiar Greek culture and religion, rather than to the foreign and unfamiliar Hebrew culture and religion that Yeshua and our forefathers represented to them. A problem we have to this very day.

This is because human nature, like water, flows by the path of least resistance; as such, the majority of gentiles just “naturally” continued in the path of least resistance through the path of hybrid religions that was so common place at that time.

But these religions did not teach or require repentance concerning Torah, but only conformation to human traditions that gave the appearance of holiness and obedience, and of good works as defined by the culture at hand, but which were in many ways opposed to, and/or lacking in many ways, concerning the requirements of Adonai’s standard of holiness and obedience as defined by Torah.

So going back to these two religions that branched out here, the first new religion is known today as rabbinical Judaism; and the second new religion is known today as Catholic and reform Catholic (Protestant) Christianity.

Neither religion today represents accurately, in its entirety, the faith of Avraham revived through Moshe, preserved by Yehudah, and perpetuated through Yeshua and the Emissaries (Apostles); for each only holds to half of the Gospel, but rejects the other half.

That is, Judaism understands the need to apply the Torah of Adonai as the standard of His people, but rejects Yeshua as the Messiah. And Christianity accepts Yeshua as the Messiah, but rejects the Torah of Adonai as the standard for His people.

And to make matters worse, Judaism has taken the Torah that they once held firmly to and have replaced it with the counterfeit torah of rabbinical rulings; and Christianity has taken the Messiah that they once held firmly to and replaced it with a counterfeit, Torahless Messiah. The result is that between these two religions the Torah of Adonai, and the Testimony of Yeshua, have been effectively replaced with the empty traditions of men.

But the Gospel that these two religions teach today is not the Gospel that was taught to Avraham, to the sons of Israel in the wilderness, or by Yeshua and His Emissaries (His Apostles) in the 1st century.

As it is written, “To the Torah and the Testimony, if anyone does not speak according to these words, it is because they have no light in them.” **Yesh’yahu (Isaiah) 8:16-20.**

As it is stated also in **Revelation 12:17 and 14:12**, that the remnant of faithful believers in this world are those who obey the mitzvot (commandments) of Adonai, and have the Testimony of Yeshua, the Son of Adonai, who died for the remission of sins past (violations of Torah past). **Romans 3:25.**

The fifth and final important item to know is that the 144,000 spoken of in the Book of Revelation are all, likewise, Evreem (Hebrews), and all from the 12 tribes of Israel (**Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5**); and that in the New Jerusalem, which comes down from above when the new earth is created, there are only 12 gates for entry into the city; one gate for each of the 12 tribes of Israel. There is no 13th tribe, or 13 gate, for the nations (the gentiles); **Revelations 21:9-12.**

This is because if you are a believer in Yeshua as the Messiah (as the Savior and King of Israel) and are a follower of the Torah (the legal code, instruction, and God breathed Constitution of Israel), then you have been grafted into the Olive Tree of Israel, and as such, have been given equal standing as a natural branch of the Olive tree, effectively, causing you to no longer be a

gentile (a foreigner/a person of the nations) **Romans 11:1-24.**

As the Emissary Shaul (the Apostle Paul) says in **Ephesians 2:11,19**

2:11 “You who were at one time people of the nations (gentiles) in the flesh...”

2:19 ...are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the separated ones, and members of the household of Adonai.

As it is also written, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah”; **B’resheet (Genesis) 49:9,10,** and “out of Zion shall go forth the Torah”; **Yesh’yahu (Isaiah) 2:2,3,** and where is Zion?

It is in the city of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem). And the city of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) is located where? It is located in the Southern Kingdom of Judah, in the Land of Israel. And where is Judah listed in **Revelation 7:5**? It is listed at the head of the tribes.

Why? Because Yeshua as a Jew, and as a descendent of Judah and teacher of the faith of Avraham, revived through Moshe (Moses), and preserved by the Kingdom of Judah, is the head of the body of the redeemed of Adonai.

That’s why the city of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is located where? In Judah; and why the Torah and the Scepter go out from there.

I want to make this very clear.

Understand that the Scriptures, in their entirety, are the Hebrew writings of the Jewish people.

That includes the books of Mattit’yahu (Matthew) through Revelation. And every single writer of Scripture was from the Southern Kingdom of Yehudah either by birth or by teshuvah (by returning to the faith associated with, and preserved by, Judah, up until the time of the resurrection).

It was written by Hebrews, for Hebrews (with the exception of Luke – though his writing was dependant on the testimony of Hebrews), who in turn were to take it to the nations, to bring the nations to repentance through knowledge of the Torah (through the “Law” of Adonai), and to salvation, through the Testimony of the blood of the Messiah Yeshua, our Redeemer, for the remission of sins (of Torah violations) that are past; **Romans 3:25.**

That is, it is through revelation of the Torah and the Testimony. For the true people of Adonai are those who obey His mitzvot (His commandments), and who believe in the Testimony of the blood of His Son, the Messiah Yeshua; **Revelations 12:17; 14:12.**

Now please understand that nothing in this presentation is intended to place anybody in a bad light, it is only a fact that some bad things have occurred over the centuries concerning the Gospel that contemporary Christianity and Judaism are smack in the middle of.

The intent, as such, is not to divide Jews and Christians, but to cause both to realize that they have been handed down traditions and doctrines that are not entirely accurate, and that are sometimes even entirely invalid and/or heretical, and to recognize that according to the Gospel first preached among both the Jews and among the people of the nations (gentiles) in the 1st century CE, that all are called to be Israel; and that as such, both are called to receive Yeshua for the remission of their Torah violations (sins) that are past, and both are to commit themselves to going and violating Torah no more (sinning no more).

Now, going on to give a little more understanding concerning Torah; Adonai's Sabbaths, plural, are also part of the mitzvot (commandments) of His Torah, for His people; and the resurrection (redemption from death), not the "rapture", are part of the Testimony of His Son.

So it is important to avoid placing ourselves under, and to remove ourselves from under, theological positions and/or doctrines that are in opposition to His instruction contained in Torah; for when we oppose Torah, then we, consequently, end up inadvertently opposing the very Messiah we claim to believe in and follow, for He taught Torah in its fullness, and was the ultimate expression and revelation of Torah manifest in the flesh. And it is a fearsome thing to be found in opposition to God while thinking we are in Him; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7:21-23**.

Likewise, a compromised Gospel serves only to confuse the sheep of Adonai's flock.

As representatives of the Holy Scriptures, and of our Holy God and Messiah, we cannot afford to be people-pleasers, to cater to the whims of the masses, or to tickle people's ears with doctrines appealing to the fallen, self-centered nature; but have a responsibility to teach the uncompromisable word of Adonai in truth, and without compromise. We are called to lead our flocks, not to allow our flocks to lead us. But this is the generation where the children rule the parents; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 3:4-12**, and so it is likewise concerning the flocks with their Shepherds.

Our duty to Adonai, and to our neighbor, is to teach the pure, uncompromised Torah of Adonai, the Almighty Creator of the heavens and earth; and the Testimony of His Son, the Messiah Yeshua, our King and Redeemer.

It is to reach His people with His word; to allow His word to separate the sheep from the goats; and to encourage leaders to come out, and boldly, and courageously, do the same. It is to oppose the works of this darkened world; and to oppose the polluted doctrines of the mainstream religions of this world which oppose the truth of His way, and of His salvation, the word of Almighty Adonai, and the Testimony of His Son.

It is our sacred duty to rebuke those who are leading millions of souls to their spiritual deaths through their corrupted presentations of the truth of Adonai through all manner of unrighteousness and deception. Who teach the need to repent, without teaching how to repent.

Who teach the need to obey God's commandments, while teaching that His commandments are done away; and who teach in their place the traditions of men.

Who proclaim to be upholding His word, while at the same time opposing His word. Who teach the corrupted, contaminated feasts of Christ-mass, Isht-r (East-r), and Halloween, while opposing the pure unadulterated Feasts appointed by Adonai Himself, of Pesach (Passover), Chag haMatzot (Unleavened Bread), Shavuot (Pentecost), Yom Teruach (Day of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkot (Tabernacles), and Shimini Atzeret (the Last Great Day).

Who teach that our Holy Messiah has sanctified the unholy pig as "food", while they themselves avoid salt and sugar, and saturated fats; and who would never consider eating a poisonous plant or vulture, while telling you that all things are "clean." Who teach nothing but the traditions of men in place of the commandments of God, as if their traditions were the word and commandments of God.

Preachers, Pastors, Shepherds, Elders, Rabbis, you must repent of these doctrines, for as well meaning as most of you are, the fact is that these doctrines passed down through the centuries are lies fabricated by the Wicked One himself, designed by him to destroy the souls of many;

but disguised by him as biblical, even as he has done from the beginning.

For as it is written in **2 Corinthians 11:14,15**;

11:14 "...the Accuser himself presents himself as messenger of light...", and,

11:15 "...his servants as ministers of righteousness".

This brings us to one of the biggest lies of our generation, and that is the demonic lie of the "rapture".

Please do not misunderstand me. I do not mean that there will not be a rapture. What I do mean is that the "rapture" that is being taught throughout mainstream religion today is a lie, and a deception, designed by the Accuser to be a counterfeit of the resurrection for the purpose of catapulting the false messiah, and his false prophet, into power as savior of the world midway through the 7 year false covenant of peace made with Israel that allows Israel to rebuild the Temple and restart the sacrifices; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 28:15-8; Daniel 9:27**.

So be warned now, that the false messiah (the Beast) and false prophet will not be coming on the scene to oppose Christianity; but to pose as the "savior" of Christianity, as the "Messiah", and as "God"; **2 Thessalonians 2:3,4**.

This is why I do not generally refer to him as the anti-Messiah, because he will not come to openly or clearly oppose Messiah, but to claim that he is the Messiah.

As such, the Beast will proclaim the Two Witnesses of **Revelation 11**, to be anti-Messiah, and will use their teaching of the Torah, and potentially the Temple sacrifices, as his evidence against them.

So make straight the paths of Adonai as one crying in the wilderness. Repent, all you inhabitants of the earth that you may receive remission of your sins (remission of your violations of Torah) and obtain life. Repent, and come out of her My people, that you partake not of her disasters. For Adonai in times past has momentarily closed His eyes to our ignorance, but now commands men everywhere to repent.

In **Mattit'yahu, (Matthew) 24:29, 31** it is made very clear when Yeshua will return. It reads,

24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Adam will appear in heaven; and then, all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Adam coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great splendor.

24:31 And He will send His Angels with the great blast of the Shofar (Yom Kippur); **V'yikra (Leviticus) 25:9,10**, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (**See also, Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 27:13**).

So the Scriptures state that Yeshua will return when? Immediately after the tribulation.

Then it says He is going to send out His Angels to gather up His elect (those who are alive and remain) when? **At the blast of the Great Shofar** which is blown after the tribulation; and which correlates to **I Thessalonians 4:17** below.

In **I Thessalonians 4:15-17** we read,

4:15 For this we say to you by the word of Yeshua, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of Yeshua will, under no circumstance, **precede** those who are asleep.

4:16 For Yeshua Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with a voice of the Archangel, and with the **shofar** of **הַיְהוָה**; and the dead in Messiah **shall rise first**.

4:17 **Then we who are alive and remain** shall be gathered up together with them in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air...

Then in confirmation, **I Corinthians 15:52** states that the dead who were raised in **verse 4:16** above just prior to the “catching up” of the living were raised up at the sound of the **Last Shofar**, which is the Shofar blown on **Yom Teruach (Day of Trumpets)**, and which takes place 10 days prior to the **Great Shofar** blown on **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)** of the Jubilee year.

15:52 In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the **sound of the Last Shofar**, for the shofar will blast, and the dead will be raised...

Then in **2 Thessalonians 2:8** it says,

2:8 ...that lawless one will be revealed, whom Yeshua will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

So the Scriptures state that Yeshua’s return will be **after** the tribulation.

That at the blowing of the **Last Shofar** at the time of His return on Yom Teruach (Day of Trumpets), the dead in Messiah shall rise first, and **then** those who are alive and remain shall be gathered up to join them in the air at the blast of the **Great Shofar** occurring 10 days later on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) of the Jubilee year.

Then **after** these things the Beast and False Prophet will be consumed with the brightness of Yeshua’s coming, and be thrown into the Lake of Fire; **2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:19,20**.

Conclusively then, if the Beast has been consumed in the brightness of Yeshua’s coming **then he cannot continue to rule, or to persecute any believers that have supposedly been left behind**.

In fact, when Yeshua returns, the affairs of this world are all going to come to a very sudden, and abrupt, halt.

But the amazing thing about this is how every Scripture here just quoted states the exact opposite of what the “rapture” doctrine teaches.

The Scriptures just stated that Yeshua would come after the tribulation, but the “rapture” teaches that He comes in the middle of the 7 year covenant, and/or prior to the tribulation (though the first half of the 7 year covenant will look like the great tribulation to the world).

The Scriptures just stated that the dead shall be raised first, and then the living shall be gathered up second, to meet Yeshua in the air; and stated emphatically that the living shall not be gathered up before the dead are resurrected.

But the “rapture” doctrine teaches that Yeshua returns in the middle of the 7 year covenant and/or **before** the tribulation, and “raptures” up those who are alive at this coming prior to the resurrection of the dead.

The rapture, in fact, teaches nothing about the dead being resurrected at that time, and implies quite clearly that the dead are going to be raised up **after** the so-called “rapture” at some imaginary, implied, non-scriptural, third coming.

But there is only one resurrection that occurs immediately preceding the Millennial Kingdom, and that is, at His coming, which occurs **after** the great tribulation; and as it is written in **I Thessalonians 4:15**,

4:15 “This we say to you by the word of Yeshua, that we who are alive and remain **until** the coming of Yeshua will **under no circumstance precede** those who are asleep”.

Likewise, the rapture lie states that my people, the Jewish people, are left behind because of their unbelief, so that the tribulation is there for them because of their unbelief.

I am Jewish, and I believe, and I fully expect to go through the tribulation, not because I do not believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, but so that I can be a shining light in the world of darkness that will have consumed the Earth at that time.

Yeshua suffered for us, and likewise, millions, if not billions, of believers from among both Jewish populations, and gentile (foreign) populations, over the last 2000 years, and all the way up to our current day, have suffered, and continue to suffer, for the One who died for them.

You believers in America today, do not think that you will be any different, for you have been, and are just as unfaithful to Messiah in your own way, as any who have suffered in the past have been.

And as it is written in **Revelation 7:9**,

7:9 “...behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every foreign (every gentile) nation, from every tribe of Israel, from every Hebrew speaking people, and from every foreign speaking people standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.”

Then in **Verses 7:13,14**;

7:13 One of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these clothed in white robes? And where did they come from?”

7:14 And I said to him “Sir, you know”. So he said to me, “These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation...”

The great tribulation is not for unbelievers, but for believers. It is the time of vengeance of the Wicked One against those who believe in the Testimony of the Son of Adonai, and who obey His commandments; **Revelation 12:17; 14:12; Daniel 7:19-27**.

It is also interesting to note here that the rapture doctrine teaches that those left behind are left to go through the tribulation in order to purify them - that the tribulation is somehow necessary to purify them so that they can become “saints”.

I say this is interesting because the vast majority of those who take this position are generally

pretty impure and compromised in their own walks.

But it is also interesting because the beast who is going to proclaim to be the Messiah, is possibly going to rapture up world leaders through some advanced technological device, is going to possibly come back down on this earth with those leaders to rule the earth under a new one world government; and is, with certainty, going to declare all who do not conform, to be unbelievers and heretics; and going to persecute these so called heretics until they either die or convert.

That is why this is all so interesting, because that is what people, “in the name of God” have done over and over again to our people for centuries. They would take anyone who didn’t believe the way they do and would persecute them until they either died or converted; but yet, here it is again, the same message all over again; this time in the disguise of “Rapture” theology.

So where is this lie of the rapture coming from? Why is it being taught? And why is it being taught as a separate event from the resurrection, and as a mid-covenant, pre-tribulation, event, and all so completely, and openly, contrary to the plain text of Scripture? And finally, **why** is it so popular?

Nothing about Adonai is **ever** popular with mainstream religion. The fact that it is the predominant end-time doctrine of the day should be enough to tell a person it is a lie. The truth is **never** popular with the mainstream, **ever**.

2 Corinthians 4:4 refers to the Accuser as the god of this world.

In **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 4:8** this “Accuser” offers all the kingdoms of this world to Yeshua, if Yeshua would only bow down and worship him.

In **Revelation 12:9** it says that the Accuser deceives the whole world; and as stated earlier in **2 Corinthians 11:14,15**; that the Accuser can present himself as a messenger of light, and his ministers as servants of righteousness.

The Scriptures state that the Accuser deceives the whole world. And how did he deceive Adam and Havah (Eve)? He did it by misrepresenting Scripture; and when he attempted to deceive Yeshua in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 4:8**, he attempted to do it how? He attempted it by misrepresenting Scripture.

The Scriptures declare the “Accuser” to be the father of all lies; **Yehochanan (John) 8:44**, and the Scriptures declare the “rapture” doctrine to also be a lie.

Does that mean that it is not going to happen? No. Of course it is going to happen. The “Accuser” doesn’t create lies out of boredom, or out of lack of things to do. He doesn’t create them to amuse himself.

He creates lies for one reason, and for one reason only; to deceive, to steal, to destroy, and to exalt himself against God at the expense of all those around him.

He lies because there is no truth in him; and lies in order to cast down the truth so that *he* may be exalted. And to accomplish the purpose of self-exaltation, he will lie, and murder, and steal, and destroy, to no end, until he himself is destroyed; **Yehochanan (John) 10:10**.

So why then is the “rapture” taught as a separate event from the resurrection? Because the “Accuser” cannot resurrect anybody from the dead, so in place of it, he must produce a

counterfeit of the resurrection through the so called “Rapture” doctrine.

Government is said to be as much as 20 years ahead in technology over anything that we see in the marketplace; and in light of the rapid advancement of technology it is not difficult to conceive of a counterfeit “gathering up” of world religious leaders and followers through some kind of superior aero-nautical or levitation device.

The absence of a visual “resurrection” before this rapture could likewise be explained away, as Islam teaches, as a spiritual event that could not be seen with the naked eye.

That Wicked One could also conceivably arrive in the clouds of the sky with a host of UFO’s, or with some other type of aeronautical device over the largest of cities, and cause the event to be televised throughout the world.

All things of which would cause amazement in those who do not believe the testimony of the Two Witnesses in **Revelation 11**. But which, in fact, will be nothing compared to the true event of the Second Coming.

And if the rapture is something that can be potentially counterfeited through advanced technology, then why in the timing of mid-covenant/pre-tribulation?

Why is the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine most commonly taught to occur in the middle of the 7 year covenant, and/or prior to the tribulation; and why is it the view that is promoted the most?

Because it is in the middle of the 7 year covenant, and just prior to the tribulation, that prophecy states the Beast is going to arise and kill the Two Witnesses of Adonai; **Daniel 9:27; Revelation 11:3-7**, and when the Beast will stand in the Temple of Adonai; **Daniel 8:9-12; 11:31; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4; Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:15-20**, and proclaim himself to be “God”; **Daniel 11:36,37**, and proclaim the Two Witnesses to be anti-Messiah.

This in turn will result in a great tribulation against the “Saints”; **Daniel 7:25; 8:23,24; Revelation 12:17;13:4-7**, who, according to the rapture lie, are “Jews” that are “left behind” because of their unbelief, so that through tribulation they can come to believe in Christ, while the lukewarm and unfaithful Church of today, because of their verbal acknowledgment of Christ, has the easy way out; though in its works they often deny Him.

But indeed, the tribulation will certainly purify many people, but not because they were “left behind”; **Daniel 12:10**, but in order to separate the wheat from the chaff, the holy from the unholy, the righteous from the wicked, the sheep from the goats, and the true from the counterfeit.

The tribulation is what will knock people off the fence and cause them to have to make a clear choice for Adonai, or for the Accuser.

It is the time where believers will shine at their brightest in the time where the world will be at its darkness.

However, the tribulation is actually composed of two time spans covering a 7 year period that will begin and end at the same time as the 7 year covenant so that they run in parallel to each other.

The first of the two phases is a 1260 day period, which will be the period of tribulation against the world due to its rejection of the testimony of the Two Witnesses; **Revelation 11:3-7**, during which time the “holy” people, the saints, will be protected and prospering in many great ways;

Revelation 12:6.

This will be followed by the second phase, which will be 42 moon cycles in length. It will be the tribulation against the "holy" people; the "**Great Tribulation**", it will be the time of persecution against the "saints"; **Revelation 13:5**, and where the sanctuary shall be trampled underfoot by the nations (by the gentiles) after the false messiah kills the Two Witnesses; **Revelation 11:1; 13:5-7**.

The first 1260 day period is tribulation for the world because of the Testimony of the Two Witnesses of **Revelation 11**; and the second, 42 moon period, is tribulation on the community of believers who "obey the commandments of יהוה"; **Revelation 12:17; 14:12**, because of the rise of the beast into power through the killing of the Two Witnesses, and through the deception of the rapture.

2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 states,

2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come, except the apostasy from truth comes first, and that man of Torah violation (sin) is revealed, the son of destruction;

2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called on as deity or that is worshipped, so that he will sit in the Temple of יהוה presenting himself as God.

So how do we know this is in the middle of the 7 year period?

Because **Revelation 11:3-7** states,

11:3 I will give power to My Two Witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1260 days.

This is a period of three and one-half years.

11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the Creator of the earth.

11:5 ...and if anyone tries to harm them, fire will proceed from their mouth and devour their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

11:6 And they will have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they will have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues as often as they desire.

11:7 And when they have finished their testimony (**1260 days later**) the Beast that comes out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, will overcome them, **and kill them.**"

This point, 1260 days later, is when the Beast sits in the Temple of Adonai and proclaims himself to be God (probably during Pesach). This is where he uses the deception of the "rapture" to catapult himself into world power as the Messiah.

Now to show the completeness of this counterfeit and deception, consider these other events that the Accuser mimics.

In **2 Thessalonians 2:8** it is written,

2:8 He [Yeshua] will slay them [the beast/false messiah and false prophet] with the

brightness of His coming.

- So what does the Beast do at **his coming** to counterfeit this event? He kills the Two Witnesses.

And after he does these things, **Revelation 13:5-7** states,

13:5 And he (the Beast) was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemes, and he will have authority to continue for 42 moons (three and one-half years more).

- So he continues for the exact amount of time as the Two Witnesses did.

13:6 and he will open his mouth to blaspheme יהוה, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven.

- Even as the Two Witnesses spoke against the Accuser's name, against his kingdom; and against those who dwell on the earth.

13:7 And he will be given authority to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

- Even as the Two Witnesses and the saints were able to make war against Accuser's people for 1260 days and overcome them.

This makes it sound like it will be easy to identify him, but do not be deceived. The Scriptures state plainly that if it were possible, even the very elect could be deceived. And I'll tell you why.

Because the Beast will not blaspheme Adonai or His name directly, or His tabernacle, or the host of heaven directly! No, he is going to be opposing and blaspheming the teaching of the Two Witnesses concerning these things.

That is, he is going to declare the Two Witnesses to be false prophets, to be anti-Messiah, and is going to blaspheme the pure word that they taught as being demonic and apostate.

He is going to declare these things by declaring that he is the "Messiah", and that he has come to take over the governments of the earth, and to redeem the earth from its sin.

Remember, it was Yeshua's claim to being the Messiah that caused Him to be convicted and sentenced to death for blasphemy. The difference between Yeshua's claim to status as Messiah, and the Accuser's, is that Yeshua was not blaspheming, but telling the truth, whereas the Accuser, because he is lying concerning this claim, will be guilty.

And he is going to begin his objective by declaring the set-apart people (the "saints"/"holy ones"), who responded to the message of the Two Witnesses, as "false" disciples and followers of the so called "false" witnesses. And he will weed them out and build allegiance to himself by imposing his mark on every person of every language and nation.

But you will know the Beast for,

1- When he arrives on the scene, there will be doubts as to his identity; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:23,24**.

And,

2- The affairs of this world will continue on.

However, when the Messiah Yeshua returns, ***the veil that separates the physical world from the spiritual world shall be removed*** from the eyes of the inhabitants of the earth, as it was in the days of Elisha; **2 Kings 6:8-17**, and everyone will know that Yeshua, and that “the Great Day of יְהוָה”, has come; **Revelation 6:14-17**.

In that day there will no longer be such a thing as an atheist; and the affairs of this world will come to an abrupt end.

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west (instantaneously), even so shall the coming of the Son of Adam be; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:27**.

At that time the sun will become black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon will become like blood; and the stars of heaven will fall to the earth as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:29, Revelation 6:12,13**.

The sky will recede like a scroll when it is rolled up (i.e. the veil between the spiritual world and physical world will be removed from our eyes) **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:30; Revelation 6:14-17** and every mountain and island will be moved out of its place.

The kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man will hide themselves in the caves, and in the rocks of the mountains; and will say to the mountains and rocks,

6:16 Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for great is the day of His wrath and who is able to withstand it?

There will be no doubt who the Messiah is when Yeshua returns; for Yeshua will cause every mountain and valley to be removed from its place, and will return with great fury so that not even those in the mountains will be hidden from His presence.

Every eye shall see Him and know that it is He when the veil that separates the physical realm from the spiritual realm is removed instantaneously like a scroll being rolled up; and when Yeshua and His armies, as quickly as the lightning shines from the east to the west, fills the sky with His presence.

And the inhabitants of the earth who dwell in darkness will be utterly terrified, and will know that the end of their kingdom has come, and that the opportunity for repentance has passed.

The armies of this world will be utterly cut in pieces, and the horses will be struck with blindness; **Melekim Bet (2 Kings) 6:18; Zechar'yah (Zechariah) 12:1-4**, when Adonai takes vengeance on the inhabitants of the earth with His chariots, and with flames of fire. **Melekim Bet (2 Kings) 6:17; Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 66:15,16**.

The affairs of this world will, likewise, come to an abrupt halt; and the kingdoms of this world, and its inhabitants, will fall, to never rise again.

The Protestant theology of today teaches that the Torah of the Almighty and its curses have been done away, “nailed to the cross”.

But as it says in **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 24:1,3-6**,

24:1 Behold, יְהוָה will empty the earth and lay it to waste; distort its surface and scatter abroad its inhabitants...

24:3 ...the land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly ruined, for יהוה has spoken this word.

24:4 The earth will mourn and fade away. The world will wail and fade away. The arrogant people of the earth will wail.

24:5 The earth has become contaminated under its inhabitants ***because*** they have ***violated*** the Torah, ***changed*** the Appointed Times ***and broken*** the everlasting covenant.

24:6 ***Therefore, the curses*** of the covenant are devouring the earth, and those who dwell in the earth shall be desolate. ***Therefore***, the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned ***and few men left***.

The windows from on high shall be opened, and the foundations of the earth shaken. The earth will be violently broken. The earth will be split apart. The earth shall be shaken exceedingly. The earth shall reel back and forth like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut in the wind; for its violation of Torah shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, to never rise again; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 24:18-23.**

At that time יהוה of the mighty armies will reign on Mt. Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His elders with great splendor. For by fire, and by ***His word***, יהוה ***will judge*** all flesh, and those slain by יהוה shall be many. [Note on the words, "Word" and "Judgment"; **Yehochanan (John) 1:1,14; and 5:22**]

And those who set themselves apart, and who are pure in their own eyes, and who go into the gardens after an idol in its midst; and those who eat pig meat, and mice, and detestable things shall be altogether consumed; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 66:15-17.**

Then it shall come to pass that the House of יהוה shall be established on top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it. And we shall walk in His paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the Torah ("the Law"), and the word of יהוה from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations and shall rebuke many people. They shall beat their swords into farming equipment, and their spears into farm tools; and nations will no longer lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war anymore; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-4.**

Then it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up every year to worship the King, יהוה of the mighty armies, and to celebrate the Feast of Sukkot (of Tabernacles); **Zechar'yah (Zechariah) 14:16-19**; and from one [Yom Teruach] New Moon celebration to another, and from one [Yom Kippur] Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, declares יהוה; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 66:22-24.**

End-time prophecies are full of Torah, full of "the Law" of Adonai that has been declared as "nailed to the cross." You cannot go away from it. The earth is being devoured by the curse because of our refusal to obey His Torah; and when He returns He is going to destroy those who violate His Torah, and who eat pig meat, and other detestable things.

Then He is going to establish His Father's throne in Mt. Zion, in Jerusalem, and the Torah shall go forth from Mt. Zion, and fill the earth with the knowledge of Adonai, with the knowledge of Torah; and from one [Yom Teruach] New Moon celebration to another, and from one [Yom Kippur] Sabbath to another, all flesh will come up to Jerusalem to worship before Him, and to

keep the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles).”

The sad thing is that these things that Adonai says are going to be done by His people, and for the whole earth, when Yeshua reigns from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, are all things that the Church today opposes and calls legalistic; and teaches as things only practiced in the “old” testament religion of Judaism.

But these are not “Jew” things, they are “God” things, and we, the Jewish people, are simply the appointed stewards and trustees of those things.

As Yeshua said in **Yehochanan (John) 4:22**,

4:22 None of you know what you worship; but we know what we worship, **for salvation is of the Jews.**

So whose Sabbaths are being spoken of in these Scriptures? The world’s “sabbath” (singular) which says that you can rest on any day you want, or the days and years that Adonai says are **His** Sabbaths? That’s right, Sabbaths, plural.

For all those out there who believe the 7th day Sabbath has been replaced with S-nday worship, and believe that obeying Adonai’s commandments constitute legalism, understand, there are not one, but three Sabbaths ordained by Adonai. The **7th day** Sabbath, Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) occurring in the **7th Moon**, and the year of rest for the Land in the **7th year**, (see our study “The Sabbaths of Scripture” for more on this topic).

And the “law” that people say is done away is the Law that **He** says **He** is going to rule the earth in righteousness with; and concerning those who eat pig meat, and other unclean things, **He** says **He** is going to utterly destroy them; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 66:15-17.**

Now go to **2 Thessalonians 2:8-12**. In **verse 8** it says,

2:8 And that **Lawless One** will be revealed, whom Yeshua will consume with the breath of His mouth, and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

The one everyone likes to call the “anti-Christ”, but who is actually the Beast posing as “Messiah”, the Scripture here refers to him as the **Lawless One**, or Wicked One.

This is interesting because these words in this passage of “lawless”, or “wicked”, depending on your translation, are translated from the Greek word “anomos” which specifically refers to one who will not, and does not, submit to Torah, to “the Law” of Adonai; and he is called, “the Torahless One”.

Isn’t it fascinating that the Beast, the so called “anti-Christ”, is going to teach against the Torah (“the Law”) just like modern theology does? And that he is going to oppose it, just like mainstream theology does? And all while claiming to be the Messiah.

In fact, **Daniel 7:25** says that very thing; that the Beast shall seek to change the Appointed Times and the Torah.

Think about it. If the Torah is done away, then why is so much time and effort invested into trying to convince people of it? If it was done away, it would be self-evident.

For example, black slavery was done away in the 1800’s. Do we need to go around every opportunity we have and state that fact to people to convince them of it? Of course not! It is

evident that it was abolished. So why is there so much investment into a point that is supposed to be moot and irrelevant?

I'll tell you why; because if this demonic doctrine was not continuously taught, then the truth of the Torah and its required application in our lives would be too easily recognized.

Think about it. The doctrine against Adonai's Law, against His Torah, is precisely the doctrine that the Scriptures I just read declare the Beast will be teaching.

So you have a Hebrew book called a Bible, that was written by Jews in the Jewish language of Hebrew, who identifies Yeshua as a Jewish Messiah, and as the King of the Jews, who in turn chooses twelve Jews to be His Emissaries (His Apostles); and states that salvation is the stewardship of the Jews.

These twelve Jewish Emissaries (Apostles), likewise, for the first 8 to 10 years after the resurrection, take this Jewish Gospel to the Israelites scattered among the nations first, and then take it to the gentiles among the nations later, and only after Kepha's (Peter's) vision at that.

Then you have the 144,000 spoken of in **Revelation, chapters 7 and 14**, who are from the 12 tribes of Israel; and the New Jerusalem in the new earth that contains 12 gates, one for each of the 12 tribes, with no 13th tribe among the 144,000, or 13th gate in the New Jerusalem for gentiles; and what does the "Accuser" convince the world of? He convinces the world that Jews are "anti-Christ."

What an anomaly, what a contradiction of truth!

He has taken our people, the stewards of Torah, and of the Gospel of salvation, and has convinced the world that we are "anti-Christ". And has the world believing that anyone who obeys the Torah is a legalist, or a Judaizer, and that anyone who disobeys the Torah is righteous; and all this despite the fact that the Scriptures plainly state the exact opposite. That is, that those who disobey the Torah are sinners performing the unrighteous works of the Wicked One, the Accuser.

I am not saying that contemporary Judaism is any better off than contemporary Christianity. Neither have it completely correct, and both only see in part. As stated earlier, modern Judaism rejects Yeshua as the Messiah just as strongly as modern Christianity rejects the Torah.

Is what I am saying, is that from the perspective of our faith as it was understood and practiced by my people in the 1st century CE, is that it is only through the understanding of the Gospel through the Torah of Adonai's instruction, through the Testimony of His Son, Yeshua, and through being grafted into the natural olive tree of Israel, that one becomes a fellow citizen and heir among our people; and that once this process is complete, you are no longer a gentile, but a citizen of one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

That is, that the only way to be grafted into the natural olive tree is to obey the Torah which was given as the standard and Constitution of Israel, and to receive the blood of Yeshua for the remission of the Torah violations that are past that were committed against that "Constitution"; **Romans 3:25**.

Then once a person has done this, they are no longer a "gentile" - a person of the nations, but an Israelite; **Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 2:11,12,19; Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 47:21-23**; And that's why the New Jerusalem, in the new earth, will only contain 12 gates, because the only nations on earth at that time will be the 12 nations created from the 12 tribes of Israel, and of

those who have been grafted into those 12 tribes of Israel.

So it makes sense that if Yeshua declares the Jews to be the stewards of the Gospel, that the Accuser would work diligently to convince people of the exact opposite. Beware precious flock. Beware of those who come to you in sheep's clothing, but who inwardly are ravenous wolves.

One last thought before I conclude with this study. We have been taught traditionally that the word "saint" in Scripture is always referring to a Christian. And the Scriptures throughout the Books of Daniel and Revelation declare, and/or imply, that it is the "saints" who are going to go through the tribulation; but the rapture doctrine teaches that it is only the unbelieving Jews who will be left behind to go through the tribulation, in order that they may be purified.

So if the Scriptures teach that it is the saints who are going to go through the tribulation; and as the rapture crowd claims, it is only the Jews who will go through the tribulation, then one can only conclude that the saints are the Jews.

My recommendation, if you want to become a "Saint" so that you can enter one of those 12 gates into the city, then stop being a foreigner (a gentile), and find yourself an Israelite tribe to attach yourself to; **Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 47:21-23**, so that you can enter into one of the gates into the city, and have the right to the tree of life. For in the new heaven and the new earth, there will no longer be just Judeans or gentiles, but through the perfection of the Torah of Adonai, and the Testimony of Yeshua, there will be only Israelites.

So come out of Babylon My people and be blessed.

Note 1, The beginning of restoring the Gospel to the Hebrew roots to which it was founded is understanding the Jewishness, and Hebrew background, of our Messiah.

As well meaning and committed as many devout believers have been concerning the Gospel over the centuries, the sad fact is that by detaching the Gospel from its Hebrew roots, and from its Jewish Messiah, a counterfeit of Him, under the name of "J-sus", has been inadvertently created who is erroneously, and diametrically, opposed to almost every point and teaching of Torah presented by Yeshua and His Emissaries (Apostles) in Scripture.

The teachings of this counterfeit "J-sus" that has evolved over the centuries, and the teachings of the Hebrew Yeshua originally taught to our people are so different and opposed to each other that to declare them as the same person is to fail to understand the grave and severe differences between the two names, and between the doctrinal positions concerning Torah behind the two names.

So to begin the journey back to restoring the truth back into the fullness in which it was taught, and understood, and received in first century Israel is to begin calling Him by the name He walked this earth under, and that the Gospel was originally preached under; that is, under the name of, and in the name of, Yeshua.

Note 2, Normally, a hyphen ("-") in a name in the writings of this ministry indicates a pagan name that should not be pronounced, or at least not spoken about in positive light. This is done to comply with the prohibition detailed in **Shemot (Exodus) 23:13**. But in the name J-sus, the hyphen here is meant more to remind the reader not so much to refrain from this pronunciation, but to encourage the reader to say in its place, "Yeshua", His proper Hebrew name given to Him at birth, and name under which He lived and preached for the duration of His life under.

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