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To the Torah & the Testimony
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It is because they have no light in them.
Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



THE TRIBULATION The Study

Today we are going to continue our study on the rapture lie, and answer the question, are we going to go through the tribulation, or are we going to be "raptured out".

I am going to use **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24** as the basis of our study as it provides the most complete and sequential set of details about the tribulation than any other passage of Scripture. As such, it can be used to pinpoint when the tribulation, the "rapture", the 2nd coming and the resurrection will occur.

Beginning with **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:1-3**, we read:

24:1 Then Yeshua went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the Temple.

24:2 And Yeshua said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly, I say to you, that not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

24:3 Now as He sat on the mountain of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when, will all these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?"

So the disciples presented 3 questions here concerning future events. They are:

- 1- When will all the stones of the Temple buildings be cast down?
- 2- What will be the sign of His coming? That is, what will be the time of the resurrection of the dead, and of judgment against the wicked of the earth?
- 3- What will be the sign of the end of the world? That is, the end of human government and implementation of His Kingship and Government?

Take note at this point that though the stones from the Temple buildings have been cast down; the resurrection of the righteous dead, and judgment against the wicked of the earth, *has not* occurred yet; and Yeshua *has not* cast down the governments of the earth, or implemented His Kingship, or the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth yet.

But note also, that as Yeshua speaks to His disciples, that He speaks to them as if they are going to be present to witness *all the things* He is going to talk about; But in fact, they and their generation, only experienced those things written from **Mattit'yahu 24:4-13**, and experienced none of the things written from **Verses 24:14-31**.

Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:4

24:4 Beware that no one deceives you.

24:5 For many will come in My Name, saying, I am anointed, and will deceive many.

24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass; but the end is not yet.

24:7 For race will arise against race, and government against government. And there will be severe food shortages, disease epidemics, and earthquakes in many places.

24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

24:9 Then ***they will deliver you up to tribulation and murder you***, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

And they will be delivered up to tribulation? Hold it. These soon to be Emissaries (Apostles) are "saints", but yet Yeshua says they will be delivered up to tribulation. And they in fact were delivered up. The only problem is, the answer Yeshua is giving them is concerning,

1- When the stones of the Temple buildings will be utterly cast down; and

2- What the sign will be of His coming and of the end of the world.

Let's continue.

24:10 And then many will be enticed into sin, and into forsaking the faith, and will betray one another, and will hate one another.

24:11 Then many false prophets will arise and deceive many.

24:12 And because violations of Torah will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

24:13 But whoever endures to the end will be delivered.

But whoever endures to the end will be delivered? Endures to the end of what? And is to be delivered from what?

There are 4 types of endings being alluded to in this passage.

- The first alludes directly to their question of, "What will be the sign of Your coming and of ***the end*** of the world?"

- The second alludes to the statement of Yeshua of, "***They will deliver you up to tribulation***".

Every tribulation period has an end. If some are delivered up to tribulation, then some will undoubtedly live to see ***the end*** of that tribulation; for it is written "...but for the sake of the chosen, those days will be shortened."

- The third allusion is to the statement of, "...**and they will murder you**"; meaning that the end for some of the chosen of Adonai is at the appointed time of their death.

All three of these "ends" alluded to are related to tribulation, and to the question of, "What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world?"

With these things in mind, let us continue now onto **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:14**; to the portion that none of them ever saw or experienced.

24:14 And this good news (Gospel) of the Kingdom will be preached throughout all of the world as a witness to all the nations, and then **the end** will come.

With this verse we just see confirmed that Yeshua is indeed speaking these things in reference to the question of, "What will be the sign of Your coming, **and of the end of the world?**"

That even though He is addressing it to His disciples, as if *they were* going to see all these things, the fact that these 3 questions have not yet been fulfilled shows that it is our generation that will see and go through these things. But that the Emissaries (Apostles), in fact, only experienced these things in part (**verses 24:4-13**), and never saw His second coming or end of the world (**verses 24:14-31**).

These things were spoken for our ears specifically, as I will continue to show as we go on. Let's continue by returning to **Verse 24:14**.

24:14 And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world **as a witness** to all nations...

Now we can certainly see this coming to pass in our day, with Christians sending bibles throughout the world, and with Jews everywhere accepting Yeshua as the Promised Messiah to come.

But in Scripture, organizations are never used as witnesses. Witnesses in Scripture are defined only as,

- 1- The written word;
- 2- As people who witness a legal action, and
- 3- As prophets sent by Adonai to warn people of things to come, and by calling them to repentance by re-establishing the Torah among the people and in government.

So concerning human witnesses, it is always in reference to legal matters established in the mouth of **two or three witnesses**, and always in addition to, and in harmony with, the requirements of Torah in Scripture.

Likewise, witness never refers to any act done by an institution or organization.

So as much as some would like to state that the Church makes up the two witnesses of the Gospel. The Church is an institution, and as such, cannot fulfill the role of either of the two witnesses of **Revelation 11**, or as an infallible witness of the Gospel.

They can only distribute Bibles into every language and nation, so that when Adonai does send forth His two, individual, human witnesses, that their words may be confirmed by the witness of Scripture that people have been provided access to through the printed word.

And the witnesses sent forth by Adonai, are likewise, two in number, even as, the Torah requires; whereas the Church, is singular, and therefore, only one in number.

Some examples of two witnesses sent in times past are for example, in Avraham's time there was Avraham and Yit'zak (Isaac), and then there was Yit'zak (Isaac) and Yaaqov (Jacob). During the Exodus it was Moshe and Aaron. In later times it was Eli'yahu (Elijah) and Elisha, and then Yehochanan the Immerser (John the Baptizer) and Yeshua.

These all acted as witnesses of the Torah of Adonai, and of the Testimony of Messiah Yeshua to come. And they all worked in one capacity or another to preserve and/or restore the Torah of Adonai and Testimony of Messiah to come.

So what two people in our generation has Adonai chosen to preach the Gospel to the whole world through **as a witness** to all nations?

In **Malachi 4:4-6** it is written,

4:4 Remember the Torah of Moshe My servant which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel with the appointed times and judgments.

4:5 For behold, I will send you Eli'yahu (Elijah) the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of **יְהוָה**.

4:6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

And in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 17:10-12**,

17:10 Why then do the scribes say that Eli'yahu (Elijah) must come first?

17:11 Then Yeshua answered and said to them "Eli'yahu (Elijah) truly is coming first and will restore all things".

17:12 But I say to you that Eli'yahu (Elijah) has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they desired...

Verses 17:10,11 refer to Eli'yahu (Elijah) who is to come in the future just prior to the return of Yeshua as **Malachi 4:5,6** state; and **Verse 17:12** refers to Yehochanan the Immerser (John the Baptizer) who came **in the spirit of** Eli'yahu (Elijah) **Luke 1:17**, but who was not Eli'yahu (Elijah) himself, as he himself also stated in **Yehochanan (John) 1:21**, but who came *in the spirit of* Eli'yahu (Elijah).

So we are waiting for the spirit of Eli'yahu (Elijah) to return once again to "restore all things" as Yeshua stated Eli'yahu (Elijah) would do; and when the spirit of Eli'yahu (Elijah) comes, it will be accompanied by the spirit of Moshe (Moses).

In **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 17:1-5**, the same passage where the above verses concerning the coming of Eli'yahu (Elijah) are covered, it is written,

17:1 Now, after six days Yeshua took Kepha (Peter), Yaaqov (James) and Yehochanan (John) his brother, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves.

17:2 And was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

17:3 And behold, **Moshe and Eli'yahu (Elijah)** appeared to them, talking with Yeshua.

17:4 Then Kepha (Peter) answered and said to Yeshua, "Master, it is good for us to be here; if You desire, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, **one for Moshe**, and **one for Eli'yahu (Elijah)**."

17:5 And while he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

So when are the next two witnesses going to appear in the spirit of Eli'yahu (Elijah) and Moshe (Moses) in our time?

In **Revelation 11:3** it is written,

11:3 ...I will give power to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth.

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

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

11:6 ***These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all manner of calamities as often as they determine.***

So like Eli'yahu (Elijah), they have the ability to destroy their enemies by fire; **Luke 9:54**, and to prevent it from raining; **Luke 4:25**. And like Moshe (Moses), they have power over the waters to turn them to blood; **Shemot (Exodus) 7:14-25**, and to strike the earth with all manner of calamity and pestilence; **Shemot (Exodus) 8:1 thru 11:10**.

Likewise, **as witnesses**, they will be bearing witness of what? It was Moshe (Moses) and Eli'yahu (Elijah) who appeared with Yeshua before the witnesses of Kepha (Peter), Yaaqov (James) and Yehochanan (John). So what do Moshe and Eli'yahu (Elijah) have in common with each other, and with **Malachi 4:4-6**?

First, Moshe restored the Torah to the children of Israel, and commanded repentance; and Eli'yahu (Elijah) commanded restoration of the Torah given through Moshe, and commanded repentance.

So they both acted as witnesses to the Torah as the word of Adonai, and as the Standard of Adonai's people.

Second, both Moshe (Moses) and Eli'yahu (Elijah) witnessed in the presence of Kepha (Peter), Yaaqov (James) and Yehochanan (John), the declaration by Adonai, that Yeshua **is His Son** (the Promised Seed and Messiah), and that they were to **hear Him**, even as **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 18:15**, states,

18:15 יהוה your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from among your brethren. **Him you shall hear.**

So Yehochanan the Immerser (John the Baptizer) came in the spirit and character of Eli'yahu (Elijah), and Yeshua in the spirit and character of Moshe (Moses).

So the testimony of the two witnesses in **Revelation 11** will be to restore the Torah and the Testimony of the Gospel by commanding men everywhere to remember the Torah of Moshe and repent, and to believe the Testimony of Yeshua, the Son of Adonai, for the remission of Torah violations (sins) that are past. To receive Him as our long awaited Messiah, High Priest and King.

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.**

Eli'yahu (Elijah) is the witness against unfaithful Israel - against unfaithful believers. And Moshe, the witness against Pharaoh - against the kingdoms of this world that hinder Adonai's people from coming to Him, from sacrificing to Him, and that forbid them from worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

When will these two witnesses come out? At the time the 7 year covenant is confirmed, during which time also the Temple will be rebuilt and the sacrifices begun. **Revelations 11:1.** The sacrifices will begin as the result of this 7 year covenant made with the prince who is to come; **Daniel 9:26.**

When these sacrifices begin at the beginning of this 7 year covenant, the two witnesses will come out and prophesy for 1260 days; **Revelations 11:4.**

Additionally, because of the powerful testimony of these two witnesses, there will be great revival and many people will become believers, and will find favor with the world, because the world will fear them - though not the governments; even as the sons of Israel found favor with the Egyptians, but not with Pharaoh.

But when they finish their testimony, mid-way through the 7 year covenant - 1260 days later, the beast shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and make war against them, and shall overcome them, and murder them; **Revelations 11:7.**

Then the beast shall sit in the Temple and proclaim himself to be God; **2 Thessalonians 2:4.** And there will be a great falling away; **2 Thessalonians 2:3.**

And the prince who was to come, and who made the 7 year covenant with Israel, will break that covenant in favor of the Beast by bringing an end to the sacrifices and offerings; **Daniel 9:27.**

Yeshua says in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:15,**

24:15 When you see this abomination, which will cause desolation, standing in the Holy Place; [**Daniel 9:27**].

24:16 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

24:17 Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house.

24:18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

24:19 And woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days!

24:20 Pray that your flight is not in Winter or *on the Sabbath*.

24:21 For then will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Notice at this point that all these things are being spoken as a warning to believers; that this is all instruction on what **believers are to do** when **they** see these things come to pass.

Remember also, that Yeshua stated these things to His Emissaries (Apostles) **as if they themselves were going to see all these things** - though they didn't.

So why is this tribulation going to be so great?

Revelation 13:1-7 says,

13:1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

13:2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

13:3 I saw **one of his heads** as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all of the world was amazed and followed the beast.

13:4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

You see, the beast killed the two witnesses when nobody else could. So they say to each other, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two moons**.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against יהוה, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

So how is it that he is going to blaspheme Adonai, when the Scriptures state plainly that he himself is going to claim to be God incarnate? It will be by claiming to be God that the blasphemy will have been committed.

Remember, Yeshua was accused of blasphemy when He said, "I and My Father are echad (unity/oneness)"; **Yehochanan (John) 10:30-36**; and when He admitted to being the Messiah, the Son of Adonai the Blessed One; **Mark 14:61-64**.

So the proclamation of the Beast as being God, **is** the blasphemy that he utters against the Most High; and likewise, he will also blaspheme against His name, against His tabernacle and against those dwelling in heaven by speaking against the testimony spoken by the Two Witnesses.

13:7 ***And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.*** And authority was given to him over every race, language and nation.

So after the beast kills the two witnesses of Adonai, he will then continue in power for a total of 42 moons during which time he will relentlessly make war with, and successfully kill and overcome the power of Adonai's people (the "Saints"), during which time the outer court of the Temple and of the holy city, Jerusalem, will also be trampled under the foot by the nations (the gentiles); **Revelation 11:1,2**.

As it is written in **Daniel 7:25**,

7:25 He shall speak words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change the appointed times and Torah. Then ***the saints shall be given into his hand*** for a time, times and a half a time (42 moons).

He shall have fierce features, and understand sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, and he shall destroy fearfully, and prosper and thrive. Through his cunning he shall cause deception to prosper, and shall magnify himself; and he shall destroy the mighty, ***and the holy people***; **Daniel 8:23,24.**

Then in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:22,**

24:22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

24:23 And if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah! Or there!" Do not believe it.

24:24 For the false Messiah and false Prophet will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, ***even the elect.***

This last verse showing that the days have not yet been shortened for the elect, for they are still on earth witnessing these great signs and wonders that are potentially deceiving even to them. Accordingly, one cannot be potentially deceived if they are not there, if they have been "raptured" away.

But as the Scriptures say, the false prophet will perform great signs, so that he even causes fire to come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. **Revelation 13:13.** And will successfully deceive those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast...**Revelation 13:14.**

Signs and miracles so great, that they could deceive even the very elect of Adonai's chosen people if possible.

But Yeshua says,

Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:25,

24:25 See, I have told **you beforehand.**

Who is "you". It is obvious that Yeshua is speaking these things to His disciples. Yet, His disciples never saw any of these events from **verse 24:14-31.**

So "you" is talking about anyone who professes to believe that Yeshua is the Messiah. Accordingly, if the so called "Church" is going to be raptured out, then there is no need for Him to warn believers ***beforehand.*** But Yeshua goes on to say,

24:26 Therefore, if they say to **you**, "Look, He is in the desert!" do not go out; or "Look, He is in the inner rooms of the Temple!" do not believe it.

24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Adam be.

24:28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

24:29 For 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 *And then the sign* of the Son of Adam [the sign of His coming] 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 in the sky with power and great splendor.

You see, when the False Messiah comes, there will be doubts as to his identity, doubts as to whether he is really the Messiah or not.

But when Yeshua comes it will be as sudden as the lightning when it flashes from the east to the west. And when Yeshua comes, all the tribes of the earth will see Him and mourn. For all will know that it is He, and will be in terror because of their sin and prior unbelief.

For as it was in the days of Elisheva (Elisha) when the veil that separates the physical realm from the spiritual realm was removed to reveal the heavenly armies surrounding the Syrians, even so will it be at Yeshua's coming.

The armies of the nations will be at war with Jerusalem. And as quickly as the lightning strikes from the east to the west, the veil separating the physical world from the spirit world will be instantaneously removed, and the world and all its armies will find themselves suddenly, and utterly, surrounded by the mighty armies of heaven.

They will be horrified and utterly terrified.

The whole earth will come to know at that time that the Gospel they had heard was the truth. No longer will there be such a thing as an atheist, for all will know at that time that Yeshua is the Messiah, and will know that they have been caught dead in their sin.

The terror that will fill their minds shall cause their hearts to fail, and cause the mighty men of the earth to seek refuge in the rocks, preferring to be crushed by the rocks than to have to face the wrath of the Almighty.

At that time there shall be great sounds of thunder and great flashes of lightning, and a great earthquake so severe that it shall cause every mountain and island of the sea to disappear and no longer exist. And great ~100 pound hailstones shall fall from the sky to the earth.

Yeshua shall fight the armies that come against Jerusalem, and shall utterly destroy them.

The affairs of this world will come to a sudden and abrupt halt - and the kingdoms of this world shall fall, to never rise again.

The Scriptures state that these days will be shortened only for the sake of the elect of Adonai's chosen people, but with all this going on, how can we determine exactly how "those days will be shortened for the sake of the elect"; and in what way they will be shortened?

In **I Thessalonians 4:13-17**, the Emissary Shaul (the Apostle Paul) writes,

4:13 ...I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers of the womb, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

4:14 For if we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so יהוה will bring with Him those who sleep in Yeshua.

4:15 For this we say to you by the word of יהוה, 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 the voice of an archangel, and with the shofar of יהוה. **And the dead in Messiah shall rise first.**

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

So the Emissary Shaul (the Apostle Paul), the chief representative to the nations (to the gentiles), who had suffered more tribulation for his belief than any of his contemporaries, taught that when Yeshua comes, the dead in Messiah would be resurrected **first** to meet Him in the air, and **then** those who were alive at His coming would join **them** in the air to forever remain with Yeshua.

The Emissary Shaul (the Apostle Paul), in **Verse 4:17**, when stating, “Then we who are alive...” indicated that he fully expected Yeshua’s return to occur in his generation, and possibly even in his life. He did not say “**they** who are alive“, indicating a future generation, but rather, “we who are alive...”

The Emissary Shaul (the Apostle Paul), likewise, having suffered severe tribulation for his belief and obedience, gave no indication of any hope that he, or the so called “Church”, would be “raptured” out of there prior to Yeshua’s return, and made it very clear that no living person would meet with Yeshua before the resurrected dead did.

Continuing on the same line of thought, to believe that the assembly, with all its imperfections and compromises, would be delivered up in a “rapture”, but that the Emissaries (the Apostles) themselves, these leaders and founders of the assembly personally appointed by Yeshua Himself, would be “left behind” to endure tribulation beyond what they had already endured, and would somehow not be included in this “hope” of a “pre-tribulation”, “pre-second coming”, “pre-resurrection” rapture, is not good thinking.

The Scriptures indicate that the Emissaries (the Apostles) believed Yeshua was going to return in their generation, and believed that they might very possibly still be alive at His coming. But yet all of them went through great tribulation, and were ultimately murdered for their faith. And none of them gave any indication in their writings of any hope of deliverance from their tribulation prior to Yeshua’s return.

There are 3 key points in **Verse 4:16** of this passage to consider now, that we may determine more precisely when the resurrection of the dead, and the catching up of the living at the second coming is to take place.

The points are as follow,

- 1- Yeshua is going to descend from heaven with a shout.
- 2- Yeshua is going to descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel.
- 3- And Yeshua is going to descend from heaven with the shofar of יהוה, at the blast of the ***Last shofar.***

As it is written in **I Corinthians 15:51,52;**

15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the Last Shofar*. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we [who are alive] shall be changed.

So when is this last shofar going to sound its blast? It is going to blast its sound at the same time that it is blown every year; on the day of Yom Teruach.

In the biblical feasts and appointed assemblies there are 3 days where the shofar is blown.

Those appointed times are Shavuot (Pentecost), Yom Teruach (Feast of Trumpets) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

The shofar blown on Shavuot (Pentecost) is known as the 1st Trumpet, the shofar blown on Yom Teruach (Feast of Trumpets) is known as the “Last Trumpet”, and the shofar blown on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is known as the “Great Trumpet”.

According to **I Corinthians 15:52** above, the resurrection of the dead will occur at the “Last Trumpet”; that is, the resurrection will occur on the Yom Teruach; also known as the Day of Trumpets, or more recently as Rosh Hoshanna.

Likewise, in **I Thessalonians 4:15-17** it states plainly that the living shall not go up prior to the resurrection of the dead; and likewise, states that we who are alive at the time of this event shall remain on the earth to be caught up sometime after this event is complete.

The Scriptures do not state how much time elapses between the resurrection of the dead, and the catching up of those who are alive. It is assumed by most to be immediate, but in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:31** it is written,

24:31 And Yeshua will send His Angels with the *sound of the Great shofar*, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (See also, **Isaiah 27:13**)

The “elect”, whoever they may be, are still alive at Yeshua’s coming, and Yeshua shortens the days of the tribulation for their sake.

So Yeshua told them what the sign of His coming would be, and what the sign of the end of the world would be, and then He goes into **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:32-35**, to compare these signs to a parable of a fig tree.

Then after the parable of the fig tree He goes on to say that the precise day and hour is not for Him to reveal (another reference to Yom Teruach); and presents another parable comparing His coming and the end of the world to the days of Noah (Noah).

He describes how the world in Noah’s (Noah’s) day was totally caught up in its own affairs, and oblivious to the warnings it had been given, and how as a result it was caught completely off guard when the flood came. And He presented this scenario as being the same as the one that will apply to the world at His 2nd coming.

Then He emphasizes His point with some examples by stating,

24:40 Two people [who are alive at His coming] will be in the field: and one will be taken, and the other one left.

24:41 Two people [who are alive at His coming] will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

When will this happen? After the dead are raised!

As it is written in **I Thessalonians 4:15-17**; for those,

4:15 ...*who are alive and remain until the coming of Yeshua **will by no means precede those who are asleep.***

4:16 For Yeshua Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the shofar of **יְהוָה**. *And the dead in Messiah **shall rise first.***

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

Another way put.

1- The elect **are not** gathered up until **after** the dead are resurrected; **I Thessalonians 4:15-17; Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:29-31**

2- The dead in Yeshua **are not** resurrected until the “Last” Shofar is blown; **I Corinthians 15:51,52.**

3- The sound of the “Last” Shofar blown on Yom Teruach is not blown until Yeshua returns. **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:30,31.**

4- Yeshua does not return until **after** the tribulation; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:29.**

5- Therefore the days of the elect **are not** cut short by being “raptured” out prior to the tribulation, but through the ending of the tribulation via His second coming. **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:22.**

This makes it clear that no one is going to be “raptured” anytime before, or during, the tribulation, because this would cause the living to precede the dead in the meeting with the Yeshua “in the clouds of the air”. A direct violation of Scripture, and Scripture cannot be broken; **Yehochanan (John) 10:35.**

So then what is this pre-tribulation rapture that is being taught so diligently?

This “other” rapture, is part of “another” Gospel, and is the deception that the False Messiah will use to counterfeit the 2nd coming in order to catapult himself into power as the Messiah, and as God on earth, when killing the two witnesses.

Like Yeshua, Who will come in the clouds of the air, the false messiah, otherwise known as the “anti-christ”, will also likely come in the clouds of the air; but likely only over the major cities, and with use of advanced aircraft - not levitating like Yeshua.

Also like Yeshua, who will destroy the false messiah and false prophet with the brightness of His coming; **2 Thessalonians 2:8**, the false prophet will also likewise cause fire to come down from heaven and kill the two witnesses.

Like Yeshua, the false messiah will take over the governments of the earth. But only through technology, not through omnipotent power as Yeshua will.

Also like Yeshua, the whole world will see his arrival. But likely only through television and media,

not supernaturally through the removal of the veil that separates the physical world from the spirit world like at Yeshua's coming.

Finally, like Yeshua, the false messiah will cause religious leaders, and key individuals, to likely be "caught up / raptured up" into the clouds to meet him.

But it will be a technological deception, and they will not be in the air with Him like Yeshua's elect shall be, but rather, will merely be caught up to be received into whatever sophisticated flying device is chosen for this purpose. The dead will, likewise, still be in their graves, which fact will likely be explained away as a "spiritual" resurrection, rather than as a bodily one.

Everything about the false messiah will leave room for doubt, and will likely be able to be explained in light of advanced technological achievements and know how.

But concerning Yeshua, there will be no room for doubt at His appearance, and nothing about His coming will be explainable through technology, but will be explained only through the sheer terror in the minds of those who are caught unprepared, and in their sin, at His coming; **Revelation 6:15-17; Luke 21:26.**

The 1260 day period of the Two Witnesses, and 42 moon period of the False Messiah, and False Prophet, make up the 7 year covenant that "the Prince who is to come" (**Daniel 9:26**) will violate midway through (**Daniel 9:27**).

The first half of this 7 year period, the 1260 day period, will be tribulation for the world at the hands of the Two Witnesses. The second half of the this 7 year period, the 42 moon period, will be tribulation for the saints at the hands of the False Messiah and False Prophet.

The rapture lie (see our study entitled, "The Rapture Lie"), focuses on a pre-tribulation, mid-covenant "rapture" because it is at this point that the False Messiah will counterfeit the second coming of Yeshua, and proclaim himself to be God in the Temple that will have been rebuilt in Jerusalem by that time.

This is why the Accuser (Sat-n) is working so diligently to condition believers to think that this rapture is of the "Church" to meet "Yeshua" in the air.

This will cause him to not be so readily recognized as "the Beast" or "False Messiah", and will cause the persecution of those "left behind" to be more readily accepted as a process of simply bringing "errant" believers back into the "fold".

In conclusion, Yeshua answered two of the three questions asked of Him by His disciples. He answered the question of what would be the sign of His coming, and what would be the sign of the end of the world. None of the signs of which have begun to come to past until our generation.

So why didn't He answer the question regarding when the stones of the Temple buildings would be cast down?

Because that was the sign that they would see in their generation, in 70 CE when the Temple and its surrounding buildings were torn down stone by stone by the Romans to extract the gold from between them.

The other two signs - were for us.

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