



THE THREE RAPTURES, THE LEFT BEHIND, AND THE RESURRECTIONS OF THE DEAD

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The popular belief among many theologians and believers is that there will be one rapture of the saints to be with the Lord Yeshua (Jesus). Others believe there will be no rapture event at all. This video will properly sequence prophetic events using Scripture and upcoming tetrad (set of four) blood moon cycles, as well as present metaphorical, parabolic, and plain spoken Scriptural texts that will indicate that there will be three major raptures of the end times saints, which will occur at three different points in time. Two of the three raptures will be pre-tribulation (The rapture of 144,000 Messianic Jews from Israel and the rapture of the American saints from the United States – Babylon the great) and the third rapture will be mid-tribulation (the world rapture) , which will occur shortly after the Antimesiah (Antichrist) reveals himself. This video will also discuss the left behind saints, the resurrection of the dead, and the minor raptures that are prophesied to occur.

RAPTURE DENIERS

Rapture deniers often try to intellectualize away the rapture events, which are foretold to occur in the Scriptures, using various arguments. It is true that sound doctrine must always come from the word of God. That being said, just because something is a very popular doctrine, such as belief in a rapture, does not render it as the “imagination of men” and untrue. Just because something seems fantastic, does not mean that God will not do what the Scriptures declare that He will do. After all, God has performed the miraculous before.

That no one, allegedly, or that most believers didn't teach about raptures in the first 1,700 years of Christianity is not totally surprising. Many may take it for granted today, that to obtain a Bible a person can just go to a book store or order one online, but for most of Christianity's history, the Scriptures were not widely distributed or otherwise available to believers. The Gutenberg printing press was invented in 1440 and the first Bible was printed off the modern day printing press in 1455. Up until that time, copies of the Scriptures were hand written by scribes and were distributed to churches and the common man was prevented from obtaining a copy of them. Church institutions controlled what was taught, as is often the case even to this day, and rapture was not something that institutional Christianity (Catholicism and Protestantism) taught. It wasn't until the mid 1600's that Bibles began to become a staple item in people's homes. Therefore, the fact that the rapture wasn't widely taught for 1700 years is not evidence that the rapture events are unwritten about in the Scriptures or evidence that they will not occur.

Some say that the belief in a pre-tribulation rapture originated with Margaret MacDonald, a teenage girl living in Scotland in the early 1800's. The claim that the pre-tribulation rapture originated with young teenage girl Margaret MacDonald has been refuted by many, but it is completely irrelevant even if it were true. What matters is whether or not the Scriptures declare that there will be rapture(s).

ACTS 2:17 & JOEL 2:28 (NKJV):

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons AND YOUR DAUGHTERS shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

The risen Messiah (Christ) first appeared to Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, and the other women with them, but when these women went to tell the apostles, they did not believe them.

LUKE 24:9-11 (NKJV):

Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

Historical Scripture events and prophecy can first be revealed to women, before men. The merit or lack of merit of belief in the rapture(s) does not hinge upon whether a teenage Scottish girl from the 1800s believed in a pre-tribulation rapture or not. Rapture or raptures belief should be based on whether the Scriptures declare them or not.

THE TERM 'RAPTURE' DOES NOT APPEAR IN SCRIPTURE

Another objection of anti-rapture believers comes from the fact that the word 'rapture' does not appear in Scripture. This is a flawed argument.

"A rose by *any other name* would smell just as sweet."

- William Shakespeare

The word 'dinosaur' does not appear in Scripture, but dinosaurs were called by other names in the Scriptures. Dinosaur was a term coined by paleontologist Richard Owen in 1842. To believe that dinosaurs are not mentioned in the Scriptures, because the word dinosaur does not appear in the Scriptures, would be to improperly believe that the Scriptures must reflect man's modern terminology.

Dinosaurs are written about and described in the Scriptures under other names: behemoth (brachiosaurus - Job 40:15-24), leviathan (tyrannosaurus rex - Job 41), and dragons are mentioned in Revelation.

The word 'rapture' to describe the being 'caught up' event originated sometime in the 16th century, so this is why the term 'rapture' does not appear in Scripture. Though 'rapture' does not appear in the Scriptures, synonyms for the term rapture do appear in the Scriptures.

Rapture does exist in the Scriptures, but it goes by other descriptive terms: "carried up," "caught up," "received up," "taken up," and "went up."

YESHUA (JESUS) WAS 'CARRIED UP,' 'CAUGHT UP,' 'RECEIVED UP,' 'TAKEN UP,' 'WENT UP' OR IN OTHER WORDS 'RAPTURED,' TO HEAVEN IN THE ASCENSION

MARK 16:19 (NKJV):

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was RECEIVED UP into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

LUKE 24:51 (NKJV):

Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and CARRIED UP into heaven.

ACTS 1:2 (NKJV):

He was TAKEN UP, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

ACTS 1:9-11 (NKJV):

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was **TAKEN UP**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He **WENT UP**, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua (Jesus), who was **TAKEN UP** from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

1 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NKJV):

God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, **RECEIVED UP** in glory.

REVELATION 12:5 (NKJV):

And her Child [**YESHUA / JESUS**] was **CAUGHT UP** to God and His throne.

Righteous living believers will be, in like manner, caught up (raptured) to meet Yeshua (Jesus) in the clouds, before returning with Him to Earth to establish His Millennium Kingdom, and we will forever be with Him.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17 (NKJV):

Then we who are alive and remain shall be **CAUGHT UP** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

WAS YESHUA (JESUS) OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF A RAPTURE?

People take Yeshua's (Jesus') prayer out of context when they proclaim Yeshua (Jesus) was opposed to the idea of an end times rapture and use Yeshua's (Jesus') prayer to overturn Scripture, which proclaims that there will be raptures.

Did Yeshua (Jesus) actually pray to the Father concerning His followers, present *and future*, that He should not take them out of the world?

Did Yeshua's (Jesus') prayer go against the very idea of a rapture?

No.

Yeshua (Jesus) didn't pray to the Father to not rapture His *future* followers out of the world. Yeshua (Jesus) prayed to the Father that He would not take *the apostles* out of the world, and that they would be protected, as He did not lose one of them, except the son of perdition: Judas Iscariot.

JOHN 17:1-17 (NKJV) [CONDENSED, WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Yeshua (Jesus) spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said:

“Father, the hour has come [FOR ME TO BE CRUCIFIED]. ...

I have manifested Your name to the men [THE APOSTLES] whom You have given Me out of the world. They [THE APOSTLES] were Yours, You gave them [THE APOSTLES] to Me, and they [THE APOSTLES] have kept Your word.

Now they [THE APOSTLES] have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them [THE APOSTLES] the words which You have given Me; and they [THE APOSTLES] have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they [THE APOSTLES] have believed that You sent Me.

I pray for them [THE APOSTLES]. I do not pray for the world but for those [APOSTLES] whom You have given Me, for they [THE APOSTLES] are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them [THE APOSTLES]. Now I am no longer in the world, but these [MY APOSTLES] are [STILL] in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those [APOSTLES] whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them [MY APOSTLES] in the world, I kept them [MY APOSTLES] in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them [APOSTLES] is lost except the son of perdition [JUDAS ISCARIOT], that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ...

I have given them [MY APOSTLES] Your word; and the world has hated them [MY APOSTLES] because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them [MY APOSTLES] out of the world, but that You should keep them [MY APOSTLES] from the evil one [SATAN]. They [MY APOSTLES] are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them [MY APOSTLES] by Your truth. Your word is truth.

It is quite obvious why Yeshua (Jesus) would not want His apostles taken out of the world. The apostles were His chosen witnesses who were to write the Brit Hadasha (New Testament) and be sent out into the world to proclaim the gospel. When Yeshua (Jesus) returns to rapture His end times saints, the gospel will have already gone out into all the world. Yeshua (Jesus) will rapture His end time saints to protect them from His judgments of the world and from the evil one, Satan.

John 17 verse 20 through 21 continues...

JOHN 17:20-21 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“I do not pray for these [APOSTLES] alone, but also for those who will believe in Me [IN THE FUTURE] through their [APOSTLES’] word; that they [BELIEVERS] all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they [BELIEVERS] also may be one [THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT] in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Yeshua's (Jesus') John 17 prayer indicates in verse 20 that He was praying for the apostles and then He *also* prays for His future believers, who would come to believe in Yeshua (Jesus) through the apostles' word - their gospel testimony, and He asks the Father that His believers may all be as one, being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Yeshua (Jesus) prayed that His apostles would not be taken out of the world, yet would be protected, as it was their mission to spread the gospel to the world. Yeshua (Jesus) was not opposed to a rapture at the end of the age, and He Himself proclaimed that there would be raptures at the end of the age.

The Scriptures declare that Yeshua (Jesus) will come as a thief in the night AND *also* proclaim that every eye will see Him. A thief in the night does not come blasting a trumpet so that everyone will see him. Many rapture deniers make the mistake of choosing to believe that every eye will see Him, while denying the Scripture verses that declare He will also come as a thief. How can Yeshua (Jesus) both come as a thief at the last trumpet and also so that every eye will see Him at the last trumpet? Here's how... As no one on earth has heard or will hear the first six trumpets of Revelation, no one will hear the first blast of the seventh trumpet either. There will be TWO BLASTS of the last trumpet! 1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16 through 17 is a reference to the third rapture, the world rapture, and the first blast of the seventh trumpet, which will not be heard on earth. 1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16 through 17 should be understood in the following manner:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17 (NKJV):

For Yeshua (Jesus) the Lord Himself will descend [TO THE CLOUDS] from heaven [GOD'S DWELLING PLACE] with a shout, with the voice of an archangel [SOUNDED IN HEAVEN], and with the [FIRST BLAST OF THE SEVENTH] trumpet of God. Then we [BELIEVERS] who are alive [SURVIVED THE GREAT TRIBULATION] and remain shall be caught up [RAPTURED] together with them [THE DEAD IN MESSIAH (CHRIST)] in the clouds to meet [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord.

THE THREE RAPTURES

Yeshua (Jesus) spoke plainly of a rapture for believers and parabolically of a rapture in the Parable of the Leaven about how there will be three major raptures.

JOHN 11:25-26 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Yeshua (Jesus) said to her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live [WHEN HE IS RESURRECTED]. And whoever lives and believes in Me [IS ALIVE WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH TO RAPTURE THE SAINTS] shall never die."⁶

PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN: THREE MEASURES OF MEAL = THREE MAJOR RAPTURES

MATTHEW 13:33 & LUKE 13:20-21 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Another parable He [YESHUA (JESUS)] spoke to them: **“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven [THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS], which a woman [YESHUA (JESUS)] took and hid [RAPTURED TO MOUNT ZION AND THEN TO THE CLOUDS] in three measures of meal [THREE MAJOR RAPTURES: THE 144,000 MESSIANIC JEWISH ISRAELI RAPTURE, THE AMERICAN RAPTURE, AND THE WORLD RAPTURE] till it [THE RAPTURED SAINTS] was all leavened [EXPANDED THROUGH CHILDBEARING IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM].”**

TWO BLASTS OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

THERE ARE TWO BLASTS OF THE LAST (SEVENTH) TRUMPET.

FIRST BLAST OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

THE FIRST BLAST OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS SOUNDED IN HEAVEN WHEN YESHUA (JESUS) FIRST COMES LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT TO RESSURECT HIS DEAD SAINTS AND RAPTURE HIS LIVING SAINTS TO THE CLOUDS (LUKE 21:34-36; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:2-3; REVELATION 11:15, 14:14-16, 16:15).

LUKE 21:34-36 (NKJV):

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy TO ESCAPE all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep [DIE], but we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed [REGENERATED – BORN AGAIN]. For this corruptible [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] must put on incorruption, and this mortal [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] must put on immortality.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:2-3 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yeshua (Jesus) the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when *they* [WORLD LEADERS] say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon *them* [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD], as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And *they* [THE LEFT BEHIND] shall not escape.

REVELATION 14:14-16 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)], having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap [RAPTURE THE SAINTS], for the time has come for You to reap [RAPTURE THEM], for the harvest of the earth is ripe [THE TIME TO GATHER THE SAINTS HAS ARRIVED].” So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped [THE SAINTS WERE RAPTURED].

REVELATION 16:15 (NKJV):

“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments [RIGHTEOUSNESS – ISAIAH 61:10], lest he walk naked [IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS] and they [THE RAPTURING ANGELS] see his shame [SIN].”

SECOND BLAST OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

THE SECOND BLAST OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS SOUNDED, WHICH IS HEARD BY THE WORLD, WHEN YESHUA (JESUS) RETURNS WITH HIS RAPTURED AND RESURRECTED SAINTS, SO THAT EVERY EYE ON EARTH WILL SEE HIM (MATTHEW 24:30-31; MARK 13:26-27; JUDE 1:14; REVELATION 1:7).

MATTHEW 24:30-31 & MARK 13:26-27 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven [THE SKY], and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven [THE SKY] with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect [RAPTURED AND RESURRECTED SAINTS] from the four winds,* from one end of heaven [THE SKY] to the other.”

*NOTE: The angels will gather together the already raptured and resurrected saints from the four winds of the sky, not from earth, and the already raptured and resurrected saints will return with Yeshua (Jesus) to earth. Angels will gather together the raptured and resurrected saints from the four winds of heaven, not from the earth, to return with them, as a general who gathers together his troops that have been standing by and waiting to go into battle.

It is also evident that the beheaded saints, those who refused to take the mark of the beast, are waiting out the reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist) with Yeshua (Jesus) in the clouds, after having been beheaded during the seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist), as they will plead with Yeshua (Jesus) under an altar of God for Him to return to earth to avenge their deaths. The beheaded-resurrected-raptured saints are given white robes and are told to wait, until all their fellow left behind believers are killed, just as they were.

REVELATION 6:9-11 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain [BEHEADED] for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them [THE BEHEADED-RESURRECTED-RAPTURED SAINTS]; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were [BY GUILLOTINE], was completed.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13 (NKJV):

And may the Lord [Yeshua (Jesus)] make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) with all His saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For if we believe that Yeshua (Jesus) died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep [DIE] in Yeshua (Jesus).

JUDE 1:14 (NKJV):

“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

REVELATION 1:7 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they [THE DESCENDANTS OF THE JEWS AND THE ROMANS] who pierced [CRUCIFIED] Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US WHEN WE ARE RAPTURED?

We will be transformed (born again) in the regeneration into incorruptible beings and we shall be taken to Yeshua (Jesus) and forever be with Him (Matthew 19:28; John 3:3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54).

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-54 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep [DIE], but we shall all be changed [REGENERATED – BORN AGAIN]— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed [REGENERATED-BORN AGAIN]. For this corruptible [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] must put on incorruption, and this mortal [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] must put on immortality. So when this corruptible [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] has put on incorruption, and this mortal [FLESH AND BLOOD BODY] has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

DON'T LOOK BACK! – REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

Yeshua (Jesus) warns us to remember Lot's wife, to not look back. Lot's wife Sarah was instructed to flee Sodom and to not look back upon Sodom, but she looked back and she was turned into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:15-26). When that Day comes, and the angels take us to the heavens to be with God, remember Lot's wife and don't look back!

LUKE 17:28-32 (NKJV):

"As it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 61-3R

In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot's wife."

Luke 17 verse 22 through 37 are applicable to all three major raptures. The day that the Son of Man Yeshua (Jesus) will first be revealed – Luke 17:30, is when He comes like a thief in the night to rapture His saints.

Luke 17 continues to verse 37, which is cross referenced with Matthew 24 verse 28.

LUKE 17:37 (NKJV):

"Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

MATTHEW 24:28 (NKJV):

"For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

The eagles gathering together wherever the body / carcass is, is a clear reference to unclean and hated birds of prey that will consume the corpses of those killed in the destruction of Babylon the great (America - Isaiah 18:6; Jeremiah 50:39; Revelation 18:2) and will eat many people of the world who die during the great tribulation (Matthew 24:28; Luke 17:37).

PARABLES OF THE RAPTURE - The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

MATTHEW 13:24-30 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: **“The kingdom of heaven is like a man [YESHUA (JESUS)] who sowed good seed [THE GOSPEL] in his field [THE EARTH]; but while men slept, his enemy [SATAN] came and sowed tares [EVIL] among the wheat [GOOD] and went his way. But when the grain [PEOPLE] had sprouted [MATURED] and produced a crop [BECAME RIGHTEOUS SAINTS], then the tares [THE UNRIGHTEOUS] also appeared. So the servants [ANGELS] of the owner [YESHUA (JESUS)] came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed [THE GOSPEL] in your field [THE EARTH]? How then does it have tares [UNRIGHTEOUS PEOPLE]?’ He [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to them, ‘An enemy [SATAN] has done this.’ The servants [ANGELS] said to him [YESHUA (JESUS)], ‘Do you want us [ANGELS] then to go and gather them [ALL] up?’ But he [YESHUA (JESUS)] said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares [UNRIGHTEOUS] you also uproot the wheat [RIGHTEOUS] with them. Let both [THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS] grow together until the harvest [RAPTURE], and at the time of harvest [RAPTURE] I [YESHUA (JESUS)] will say to the reapers [RAPTURING ANGELS], ‘First gather together the tares [UNRIGHTEOUS] and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat [RIGHTEOUS] into my barn.’”**

MATTHEW 24:40-42 (NKJV):

“Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

LUKE 17:34-36 (NKJV):

“I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”

The parabolic narratives of the raptures are metaphoric generalizations of the rapture events. Parabolic prophecies should not be viewed as literally precise and accurate accounts in every detail. The righteous will not literally be taken into a barn and the unrighteous will not be gathered in bundles to be burned. The righteous will be taken to Yeshua (Jesus) and the unrighteous will be left behind on earth. Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to eternal life, and there are few who find it. The raptured will be few. There will be incidents of two people being together and the one will be raptured to God and the other will be left behind on earth, but statistically, fifty percent of the world's population will not be raptured, as some may be led to believe through a literal understanding of “one will be taken and the other left.”

WHERE WILL WE BE RAPTURED TO?

Israeli and American first fruit saints will be raptured to Yeshua's (Jesus') holy mountain, Mt. Zion and afterward Yeshua (Jesus) will take His raptured Israeli and American saints with Him to the clouds (Isaiah 18:7, Revelation:1). The resurrection of the dead saints and the world rapture will be directly to the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Yeshua (Jesus) and His raptured and resurrected saints will not be floating around aimlessly in the clouds, as some may believe or scoff at the notion of. The resurrected and raptured first fruit saints will be housed in some kind of heavenly spaceship(s). This we can know from the words of Scripture, as the resurrected and raptured saints will wait out the seven year reign of the Antimesiah (Antichrist) up in the clouds, inside 'chambers' that have 'doors.'

ISAIAH 26:20 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Come, My people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself [FROM THE WORLD], as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation [OF THE SEVEN YEAR REIGN OF THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)] is past.

THREE MEASURES = THREE MAJOR RAPTURES OF THE END TIMES SAINTS

FIRST RAPTURE:

THE PRE-TRIBULATION ISRAELI RAPTURE OF 144,000 MESSIANIC JEWS

The first of three major raptures will be the Israeli rapture of 144,000 Messianic Jews (Revelation 7:4-8, 14:1-5).

REVELATION 14:1,4 (NKJV) [CONDENSED, WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)] standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand [MESSIANIC JEWS OF ISRAEL – REVELATION 7:4-8] ...

These [144,000] were redeemed [RAPTURED] from among men, being firstfruits to God [THE FATHER] and to the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)].

The one hundred and forty four thousand are Messianic Jews of Israel (Revelation 7:4-8), Jews of Israel who believe in Yeshua the Messiah, Jesus the Christ (Revelation 14:4).

REVELATION 7:4, 14:4 (NKJV) [CONDENSED] [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: ... These [144,000] are the ones who follow the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)] wherever He goes.

The first of three major raptures will be the Israeli rapture of 144,000 Messianic Jews (Revelation 7:4-8, 14:1-5). In 1948, when Israel was reborn as a nation, there were twenty-three Messianic Jewish believers living in Israel. As of 2017, it was conservatively estimated that there were 30,000 openly professing Messianic Jews living in Israel, but the total number of Messianic Jews living in Israel is likely closer to 40,000 to 50,000.¹

Many Messianic Jews living in Israel are concerned about sharing their faith openly, for fear of retribution from Messiah-denying Jews, so they keep their Messianic faith concealed. The number of Messianic Jews living in Israel will increase to 144,000 through childbirth, conversion, and immigration. By 2037, Israel's population will exceed ten million people, of which 144,000 will be Yeshua (Jesus) believing Messianic Jews. The first rapture, the rapture of 144,000 Messianic Jews from Israel, is most likely to occur on or shortly after the Feast of First Fruits or Weeks (Shavuot / Pentecost), which falls between May 19-24, 2037, a generational seventy years after Israel's victory in the Six Day War, which ended June 10, 1967.

REVELATION 14:1 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)] standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand [MESSIANIC JEWS], having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

The 144,000 Messianic Jews of Israel will be the first to be redeemed (raptured) to Yeshua's (Jesus') holy mountain, Mt. Zion (Revelation 14:1).

REVELATION 14:4 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

These [144,000 MESSIANIC JEWS OF ISRAEL] were redeemed [RAPTURED] from among men, being firstfruits to God [THE FATHER] and to the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)].

In keeping with Scripture, as Jews, the 144,000 Messianic Jews of Israel will be the first to be redeemed (raptured) from among men and to stand before Yeshua (Jesus) and God the Father, and to inherit the kingdom of God. Afterward Gentile believers will follow. To the Jew first, then the Gentile (Romans 1:16, 2:9-10). 144,000 is a relatively small number of the population of Israel. By 2037 it is projected that there will be about 11 million people living in Israel, mostly Jews.

Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) denying, law-keeping Jews living in Israel, no matter how righteous and no matter how well they keep the law, will not be redeemed and raptured to be with God and will be left behind for the great tribulation and seven year reign of the Antimesiah (Antichrist).

JOHN 14:6 (NKJV) [WITH COMMENTARY & INTERPRETATION]:

Yeshua (Jesus) said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one [INCLUDING THE JEW] comes to [GOD] the Father except through Me.”

Sometime after the 144,000 Messianic Jews are taken in the Israeli rapture, Israel will be attacked, invaded, overtaken, and trampled and by the Gentiles, the Antimesiah's (Antichrist's) forces. Israel will be left desolate by the left behind Jews of Israel (Matthew 23:38; Luke 13:35), as the Israeli Jews will either be led away captive into other nations, fall by the sword in war, or will flee to the Israeli wilderness (Luke 21:24; Revelation 12:6,14).

SECOND RAPTURE:

THE PRE-TRIBULATION AMERICAN RAPTURE

The United States of America is a nation that came to be after the Scriptures were written and is referred to as Babylon in certain select verses of Scripture prophecy. America is a special nation that has been used by God to curse and protect nations as a military superpower (hammer), and to bless nations with her national wealth as a golden cup.

JEREMIAH 50:23 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

How the hammer of the whole earth [MILITARY SUPERPOWER AND WORLD PEACEKEEPER] has been cut apart and broken! How Babylon [AMERICA] has become a desolation among the nations!

JEREMIAH 51:7 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Babylon [AMERICA] was a golden cup [MOST BLESSED NATION] in YHWH's (the Lord's) hand, that made all the earth drunk [WITH HER WEALTH]. The nations drank her wine [DEVIANT CULTURE, SEXUAL IMMORALITY – PORNOGRAPHY]; therefore the nations are deranged.

America's national sins will bring forth the judgment and wrath of God, but God does not judge the righteous with the wicked. God will rapture the American saints out of America, in the American rapture, before America is destroyed.

Shortly after the rapture of 144,000 Messianic Jews from Israel to Mt. Zion in 2037, America (Babylon the great) will be destroyed around 2043-2044. America, the great end time superpower, is referred to as Babylon the great in Revelation 18 and also in Jeremiah chapters 50-51. America (Babylon the great) is prophesied to be immobilized by an EMP (electromagnetic pulse bomb) attack (Jeremiah 51:31-32) and shortly afterward destroyed by nuclear annihilation (Revelation 18).

JEREMIAH 51:31-32 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

One runner will run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon [PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES] that his city [NATION] is taken [SURROUNDED] on all sides; the passages are blocked, the reeds [ELECTRONIC GRID AND CIRCUITRY OF THE NATION] they have burned with fire [EMPs -ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE BOMBS] and the men of war [AMERICAN SOLDIERS] are terrified.

REVELATION 18:9-10,19 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her [AMERICA] will weep and lament for her [AMERICA], when they see the smoke of her [AMERICA'S] burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment [MILITARY RETALIATION], saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, [NATION AMERICA] that mighty city [NATION]! For in one hour your [AMERICA'S] judgment has come.' ...

'For in one hour she [AMERICA] is made desolate.'

JEREMIAH 51:5-6 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For [SPIRITUAL] Israel is not forsaken, nor [SPIRITUAL] Judah [THE AMERICAN SAINTS], by his God, YHWH (the Lord) of hosts, though their land [AMERICA] was filled with sin against the Holy One [YESHUA (JESUS)] of Israel."

Flee [COME OUT] from the midst of Babylon [AMERICA], and every one save his life [IN THE AMERICAN RAPTURE]! Do not be cut off [LEFT BEHIND] in her [AMERICA'S] iniquity, for this is the time of YHWH's (the Lord's) vengeance; He shall recompense her [AMERICA].

JEREMIAH 51:33 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For thus says YHWH (the Lord) of hosts, the God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon [AMERICA] is like a threshing floor when it is time to thresh her; yet a little while and the time of her harvest [AMERICA'S RAPTURE] will come."

ISAIAH 18:1-6 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Woe to the land [THE SECOND WOE – REVELATION 11:14, THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON THE GREAT (AMERICA)] shadowed with buzzing (whirring HSV, NIV) wings [COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES], which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia [ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN], which sends ambassadors by sea, even in vessels of reed [USS BATTLESHIPS] on the waters. "Go, swift messengers [RAPTURING ANGELS], to a nation [AMERICA] tall and smooth of skin, to a people [AMERICA] terrible from their beginning onward, a nation [AMERICA] powerful and treading down [IMPOSING ITS WILL UPON OTHER NATIONS], whose land [AMERICA] the rivers divide.

All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: when he [AMERICA] lifts up a banner [RAISES A FLAG] on the mountains, you [THE WORLD] see it; and when he [AMERICA] blows a trumpet, you [THE WORLD] hear it. For so YHWH (the Lord) said to me, “I will take My rest, and I will look from My dwelling place [HEAVEN], like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.” For before the harvest [THE WORLD HARVEST (RAPTURE) TO THE CLOUDS – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17], when the bud [TIMING] is perfect and the sour grape [THE HOMOSEXUAL GENERATION] is ripening [AGING] in the flower [AMERICAN MAINSTREAM CULTURE], He [YESHUA (JESUS)] will both cut off the sprigs [AMERICAN SAINTS] with pruning hooks [RAPTURING ANGELS] and take away [RAPTURE THEM] and cut down [DESTROY] the branches [UNRIGHTEOUS AMERICANS]. They [UNRIGHTEOUS AMERICANS] will be left [BEHIND] together for the mountain birds of prey and for the beasts of the earth; the birds of prey will summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them [EAT THEM].

Before America is destroyed, the American saints will be raptured to Mount Zion.

ISAIAH 18:7 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

In that time [OF AMERICA’S DESTRUCTION] a present [THE AMERICAN SAINTS] will be brought to YHWH (the Lord) of hosts from a people [AMERICANS] tall and smooth of skin, and from a people [AMERICANS] terrible from their beginning onward, a nation [MILITARILY] powerful and treading down [IMPOSING ITS WILL UPON OTHER NATIONS], whose land [AMERICA] the rivers divide – to the place of the name of YHWH (the Lord) of hosts, to Mount Zion.

The second rapture, the American rapture, will likely occur within a tetrad (set of four) blood moons occurring in 2043-2044, shortly before America is destroyed by the fire of nuclear annihilation.

REVELATION 14:8 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon [AMERICA] is fallen, is fallen, that great city [NATION], because she [AMERICA] has made all nations drink [PARTAKE] of the wine [ENTICING SIN] of the wrath [MADNESS] of her [AMERICA’S] fornication [SEXUAL IMMORALITY-PORNOGRAPHY].”

REVELATION 18:4 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her [AMERICA], My [RIGHTEOUS AMERICAN] people, lest you [AMERICAN SAINTS] share in her [AMERICA’S] sins, and lest you [AMERICAN SAINTS] receive of her [AMERICA’S] plagues.”

Unrighteous Americans, who are not taken in the American rapture, will perish in America's destruction and their corpses will be consumed by birds of prey and beasts of the earth (Isaiah 18:6; Matthew 24:48; Luke 17:34; Revelation 18:2).

America's destruction marks the beginning of the great tribulation. After America is destroyed, merchants around the world and cargo ship transporters will no longer haul and sell merchandise to America, the world's greatest importer of goods (Revelation 18:3,11,17-19), the U.S. dollar, world's reserve currency will become instantly worthless (Ezekiel 7:19), all American foreign debt will never be repaid, and all American foreign aid to other countries will cease. A global economic collapse will ensue (Revelation 6:5-6). With America gone, the world's lone superpower peacekeeping nation will no longer be there to prevent nations from going to war against each other (Jeremiah 50:23, 51:53). Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom in the great tribulation wars that follow the fall of the United States (Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:10).

The Antimesiah (Antichrist) will rise to power at the conclusion of the great tribulation as a peacekeeper (Daniel 9:27), when he begins his seven year reign, but will then compel everyone on earth to receive His mark and he will bring destruction to the world (1 Thessalonians 5:3; Revelation 13:16-18).

THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN ASCENTION TO THE THRONE OF GOD IN THE CLOUDS

The 144,000 Messianic Jews from Israel and the American saints will be gathered together to Yeshua (Jesus) at Mount Zion, undetectable by the other people of the world, and then after this, will be transported to the clouds. The Israeli and American saints will afterward greet the resurrected saints, the saints of the world rapture, and then the left behind penitent saints, who refuse the mark of beast, are beheaded, and are transported directly to the clouds immediately after their deaths (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Revelation 14:13).

THIRD RAPTURE:

THE MID-REIGN WORLD RAPTURE AND RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD SAINTS

Before the world rapture happens, the resurrection of the dead in Messiah (Christ) will occur.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For this we say to you by the word of [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord, that we who are alive and remain [IN THE WORLD] until the coming of [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep [DEAD]. For YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord Himself will descend from heaven [TO THE CLOUDS] with a shout, with the voice of an archangel [SOUNDED IN HEAVEN], and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah (Christ) will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain [ON EARTH] shall be caught up [RAPTURED] together [TO BE] with them [THE DEAD IN MESSIAH (CHRIST)] in the clouds to meet [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord in the air.

REVELATION 14:14-16 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)], having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle [SEND OUT YOUR RAPTURNING ANGELS] and reap [RAPTURE THE SAINTS OF THE WORLD], for the time has come for You to reap [RAPTURE THEM], for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So He [YESHUA (JESUS)] who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth [RAPTURED THE SAINTS OF THE WORLD], and the earth was reaped.

The great tribulation, beginning with the destruction of the United States (2043-2044), will last eleven to twelve years and is followed by the seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist) (2054-2055 through 2061-2062), a combined total of about 18-19 years. The tetrad (set of four) blood moons of 2050-2051 will signal the midpoint of the combined great tribulation and seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist). The third rapture, the world mid-reign rapture, will likely happen around 2058-2059. The world mid-reign rapture will occur after the great tribulation, at the midpoint of the seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist), shortly after the Antimessiah (Antichrist) reveals himself and sits in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, declaring himself to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4). The world rapture will be directly to the clouds.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) and our gathering together to Him [IN THE CLOUDS], we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Messiah (Christ) had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin [THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)] is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes [GOD] and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the [REBUILT] temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

When in the clouds, the 144,000 Messianic Jews raptured from Israel will be the first to be presented by Yeshua (Jesus) to God the Father, then afterward the saints of all the nations will be presented by Yeshua (Jesus) to the God the Father.

Again, to the Jew first, then the Gentile (Romans 1:16, 2:9-10).

REVELATION 7:9-10 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

After these things [THE APPEARANCE OF THE 144,000 MESSIANIC JEWS OF ISRAEL BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD] I looked, and behold, a great multitude [THE RESURRECTED AND RAPTURED SAINTS OF THE REST OF THE WORLD] which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne [OF GOD] and before the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)], clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)]!"

REVELATION 7:13-14 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones [SAINTS OF THE WORLD] who CAME OUT of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)]."

THE RESURRECTION-RAPTURE OF THE BEHEADED SAINTS

Those of the world who survive the great tribulation, but were left behind in the world rapture, will be faced with a choice of either receiving or refusing the mark of the beast from the Antimessiah (Antichrist).

REVELATION 13:16-17 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

He [ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark [MICROCHIP IMPLANT] on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark [MICROCHIP IMPLANT] or the name of the beast, or the number [666] of his name.

The people of the world who missed the world rapture, but repent and refuse to take the mark of the beast, will be beheaded for their faith and will be instantly resurrected and raptured to the clouds upon their death.

REVELATION 14:9-13 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)]. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yeshua (Jesus).

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in [YESHUA (JESUS)] the Lord from now on [DURING THE 7-YEAR REIGN OF THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)].'"

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their [GOOD] works follow them [TO GOD'S KINGDOM]."

The beheaded saints are 'blessed' in the sense that unlike all saints that have died before them, throughout millennia, they will not go to the grave to await the resurrection of the dead. The beheaded saints will be instantly resurrected without spending any time in the grave. We can know that the beheaded saints will be instantly resurrected and raptured to the clouds, because they will ask Yeshua (Jesus) to avenge their deaths, but will be given white robes and told to wait until ALL THE LEFT BEHIND SAINTS ON EARTH will be killed (beheaded) just as they were.

REVELATION 6:9-11 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain [BEHEADED] for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren [THE LEFT BEHIND PENITENT SAINTS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST], who would be killed as they were [VIA GUILLOTINE], was completed.

PREPPERS AND SURVIVALISTS

Many rapture denying preppers and survivalists believe that God will shelter and protect His saints as they live through the great tribulation and the reign of the Antimesiah (Antichrist), while also believing that the saints need to prepare to survive the great tribulation. Yeshua (Jesus) said that the best prepping one can do is to watch for the signs of the end times, pray, and keep yourself righteous by following the commandments of God, so that you will be counted as worthy to be taken to stand before the Son of Man, Yeshua (Jesus). The Scriptures declare that there will be no faithful survivalists left in the world who will endure through both the great tribulation and the seven year reign of the Antimesiah (Antichrist).

America will be made desolate and no one will dwell there, including any righteous American rapture-denying minded survivalist saints.

JEREMIAH 50:3 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

For out of the north a nation [RUSSIA] comes up against her [AMERICA], which shall make her [AMERICA'S] land desolate, and no one [NO SURVIVALIST] will dwell therein.

JEREMIAH 50:39-40 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

"It [AMERICA] shall be inhabited no more forever, nor shall it [AMERICA] be dwelt in from generation to generation. As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors," says YHWH (the Lord), "So no one [NO SURVIVALIST] shall reside there, nor son of man dwell in it."

Revelation 6:11 clearly indicates that there will not be faithful saints, who refuse the mark of the beast, alive on earth when Yeshua (Jesus) returns. Yeshua (Jesus) further makes this clear when He asks a rhetorical question, indicating He will avenge His elect beheaded saints, but He will not find faith (survivalist believers) on the earth when He returns (Luke 18:7-8).

LUKE 18:7-8 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

"And shall God not avenge His own elect [THE BEHEADED SAINTS] who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)] comes [RETURNS], will He really find faith on the earth?"

Yeshua (Jesus) will not find faith on earth when He returns to earth, as all of His faithful saints will have first been raptured. The left behind, who miss the rapture due to unbelief or because of sin, will have to demonstrate their faith in God by refusing the mark of the beast *and* by laying down their lives for their testimony. The left behind saints, those who come to faith and refuse the mark of the beast, will ALL be killed before Yeshua (Jesus) returns (Revelation 6:9-11).

REVELATION 12:11 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

And they [THE BEHEADED SAINTS] overcame him [THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)] by [FAITH IN] the blood of the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)] and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Faith on the earth will not be found by Yeshua (Jesus) when He returns with the sole exception of the left behind former Messiah-denying Jews of Israel who, after having heard from the two witnesses (Revelation 11:1-12), and having been driven from their homes in Israel by the Antimessiah's (Antichrist's) armies, and having fled to the Israeli wilderness, will finally accept Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah and call upon Him to save them from annihilation in their darkest hour (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:35).

MATTHEW 23:37-39 & LUKE 13:34-35 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house [NATION - ISRAEL] is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you [JEWS OF ISRAEL], you [JEWS OF ISRAEL] shall not see Me until the time [OF THE END OF THE AGE] comes when you [JEWS OF ISRAEL] say, ‘Blessed is He [YESHUA (JESUS)] who comes in the name of [YHWH] the Lord!’”

THE LEFT BEHIND ISRAELI JEWS, AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

The left behind Messiah-denying Jews in Israel will not be raptured and will flee to the Israeli wilderness, where a place has been prepared for them by the people of God, when the Antimessiah's (Antichrist's) armies overtake Israel (Revelation 12:6). Righteous, Messiah-denying righteous Jews, after hearing the testimony of the two witnesses who will testify that Yeshua (Jesus) is the one and only Messiah and hope for the Jews (Revelation 11:3), and after having fled to the Israeli wilderness (Revelation 12:6), will, in the end, call on Yeshua (Jesus) to save them from annihilation (Matthew 23:39, Luke 13:35).

Unrighteous Americans will not be raptured and will perish in the destruction of the United States by nuclear annihilation. The left behind American corpses, not totally incinerated by the nuclear blasts, will become food for the beasts of the earth and birds of prey (Isaiah 18:6; Jeremiah 50:39; Matthew 24:28; Luke 17:37; Revelation 18:2).

ISAIAH 18:6 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

THEY [UNRIGHTEOUS AMERICANS] will be left [BEHIND] together for the mountain birds of prey and for the beasts of the earth; the birds of prey will summer on them, and the beasts of the earth will winter on them [EAT THEM].

After the Antimesiah (Antichrist) reveals himself, the saints of the world who survive the great tribulation will be taken in the world rapture (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). The left behind people of the world, who were not raptured in the world rapture, will have a chance to repent from whatever sin(s) prevented them from being raptured. The Antimesiah (Antichrist) will force the world to receive his mark in order to buy and sell. Those left behind, who are not taken in the world rapture, will either take the mark of the beast and face the wrath of God (Revelation 14:9-11, 16:1-11) or refuse to take the mark of the beast and be beheaded (Revelation 14:9-11, 20:4). Those who are killed for refusing to take the mark of the beast will be counted as righteous and will be instantly raptured to the clouds to forever be with God (Revelation 6:9-11, 12:11, 14:13, 15:2-4, 20:4).

REVELATION 20:4 (NKJV):

Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua (Jesus) and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah (Christ) for a thousand years.

THE RESURRECTION-RAPTURE OF THE TWO WITNESSES

Some people point out that the two witnesses will be resurrected to life, but if they are anti-rapture, they willfully omit mentioning that the two witnesses will be taken up to heaven, by God, in a rapture immediately after they are resurrected to life. For some reason, many apparently believe and teach that God can do all things, resurrect the dead, and perform wonderous miracles, but He is just not going to rapture His saints, even though the Scriptures declare that God will rapture His saints.

REVELATION 11:11-12 [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them [THE TWO WITNESSES], and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended [WERE RAPTURED] to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Two chosen witnesses of God will preach at the Israeli Temple Mount site for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. The two witnesses will be supernaturally empowered by God, so that no one will be able to hurt them during their appointed days of testimony. They will testify to the left behind Jews of Israel that Yeshua (Jesus) is their true Messiah and Savior and only hope. At the end of their days of testimony, the two witnesses will be killed and their bodies will lie in the street for three and a half days. After the three and a half days, the two witnesses will be resurrected to life and raptured up to the clouds.

THE RETURN OF YESHUA (JESUS)

Yeshua (Jesus) is returning with His raptured and resurrected saints to judge the earth (Jude 1:14-15). The saints will not be living on the earth to welcome Yeshua (Jesus) when He returns (Luke 18:8). Yeshua (Jesus) is not returning to greet the survivors of the great tribulation and reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist) from around the world. He is returning to save the Jews of Israel from annihilation and to judge the inhabitants of the earth. (Psalm 82:8, 96:13; Isaiah 11:14; Revelation 6:10,15-17).

REVELATION 6:15-16 (BSB) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the commanders, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and free man hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne [GOD THE FATHER], and from the wrath of the Lamb [YESHUA (JESUS)]."

THE THREE RAPTURES, THE LEFT BEHIND, AND THE RESURRECTIONS AND RAPTURES OF THE DEAD - SUMMATION:

THERE WILL BE THREE MAJOR RAPTURES OF THE END TIMES SAINTS CARRIED OUT IN THREE MEASURES (Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21):

FIRST RAPTURE: ISRAELI PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

144,000 Messianic Jews from Israel will be raptured to Mount Zion and will be the first people to stand before God (Revelation 7:4-8, 14:1-5). Estimated year: 2037, on or about the feast of first fruits, a generational 70-years after the 1967 Six Day War.

SECOND RAPTURE: AMERICAN PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

The American saints will be raptured to Mount Zion, just before the destruction of America - Babylon the great (Isaiah 18:7; Jeremiah 50:4-5,8,19-20,28; Revelation 18:4). Estimated year 2043-2044 during a tetrad (set of four) blood moons. The destruction of the United States marks the beginning of the great tribulation. The Israeli and American saints are raptured to Mount Zion, then afterward will be transported to the clouds and wait out the great tribulation and seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist) in private chambers within heavenly spacecraft with Yeshua (Jesus) (Isaiah 26:20).

3. THIRD RAPTURE: WORLD MID-REIGN RAPTURE

The saints of the world will be raptured directly to the clouds after the great tribulation concludes and shortly after the Antimessiah (Antichrist) reveals himself and sits in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, as God, at the midpoint of his seven year reign (1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4). Estimated year 2058-2059.

THE LEFT BEHIND

THE LEFT BEHIND JEWS IN ISRAEL

Israel will be invaded by the Antimesiah (Antichrist) and the armies of the world. The Messiah-denying Jews of Israel will be killed, led away captive, and some will flee for their lives from Jerusalem and Judea to the Israeli wilderness (Matthew 23:38, 24:15-21; Luke 13:35), where a place has been prepared for them through the donations of people of the world blessing Israel to serve God (Revelation 12:6). Having heard from the two witnesses sent by God (Revelation 11:3), the surviving Messiah-denying Jews of Israel in the wilderness will come to believe in Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah and they will call on Him and then He will then return to save them (Matthew 23:39; Luke 13:35).

THE LEFT BEHIND AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

The United States (Babylon the great) will be destroyed by nuclear annihilation (Jeremiah 50:9,12-15,18,22-27,31-32,35-46; Revelation 18:2,8-9,17-19).

The cut off left behind Americans will perish in the destruction of the United States and their carcasses will be left together as food for the beasts of the earth and birds of prey to feed on (Isaiah 18:6; Jeremiah 50:39; Matthew 24:28; Luke 17:37; Revelation 18:2).

THE LEFT BEHIND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD (EXCLUDING ISRAEL AND THE USA)

The left behind people of the world, who were cut off and missed the world rapture, will have to choose between accepting the mark of the beast or refusing it (Revelation 13:16-18). Those who accept the mark of the beast will be cursed by God (Revelation 14:9-11, 16:1-11). Those who refuse the mark of the beast will not be able to buy and sell and will be executed by guillotine (Revelation 15:2, 20:4). All who refuse the mark of the beast will be killed (Revelation 6:11), and there will be no surviving people of faith on the earth when Yeshua (Jesus) returns, with the exception of the Jews in the Israeli wilderness who will call on Him to save them (Luke 18:8).

THE RESURRECTIONS OF THE DEAD

THE DEAD IN MESSIAH (CHRIST)

The saints who lived and died throughout history believing in Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) will be resurrected and raptured to the clouds, preceding the world rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16).

THE BEHEADED SAINTS

The left behind of the world, who miss the world rapture, but who come to faith afterward and refuse to receive the mark of the beast, will be executed by guillotine and will be instantly raptured to the clouds upon their deaths (Revelation 6:9-11, 14:13).

THE TWO WITNESSES

The two witnesses will testify to the Messiah-denying Jews of Israel for one thousand two hundred and sixty days at the rebuilt Temple site in Jerusalem. The two witnesses will be given supernatural powers by God, so that no one can harm them until their testimony is completed. The two witnesses will appeal and testify and appeal to the Jews of Israel and to the people of the world that Yeshua (Jesus) was and is their Messiah, Lord, and Savior. After the two witnesses finish their testimony, they will be killed and lie in the street for three and a half days. After the three and a half days, God will resurrect the two witnesses to life and rapture them up to the clouds (Revelation 11:1-12).

THE MESSIAH-DENYING RIGHTEOUS JEWS

Righteous Jews, who have lived and died throughout the centuries, who have been cut off from God through being deceived into believing that Yeshua (Jesus) was not their Lord, Messiah, and Savior, will be resurrected to life shortly after Yeshua (Jesus) returns to earth with His raptured and resurrected saints to establish His Millennium Kingdom. It is then that these righteous living Jews, who had rejected Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah, will know that He is YHWH (the Lord) (Ezekiel 37:1-14).

THE SECOND RESURRECTION – THE REST OF THE DEAD

The rest of the dead, those who died in falsehoods and sins, will be resurrected at the end of the Millennium Kingdom reign of Yeshua (Jesus). They will be afforded one final period of time to be corrected of their falsehoods and repent of their sins to be accepted into the kingdom of God (Psalm 2:9; Jeremiah 16:19; Galatians 1:6-7; Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15, 20:5).

Rapture deniers often proclaim that God never raptures us out of tribulation, but sees us through tribulation.

The raptures are not a “secret.” The raptures have been foretold of in the Scriptures, people have been warned that they are coming, they will be literal, and they will precede the climactic return of Yeshua (Jesus) with His saints. God does not judge the righteous with the wicked. Noah did not live through the global flood; he was raised above and saved from the flood waters. Lot did not live through the destruction of Sodom; he was taken out of Sodom. The Scriptures warn that when the raptures occur people of the world who are left behind will be caught off guard and overtaken, as if robbed by a thief (1 Thessalonians 5:4). The American saints will not be supernaturally shielded and protected to live through the destruction of Babylon the great (America) and the great tribulation that follows, as no one will remain alive or dwell in the United States after it is made desolate through nuclear annihilation (Jeremiah 50:39-40; Revelation 18:19).

The American saints will come out of Babylon-USA in the American rapture. The righteous saints of the world will not live through the seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist); they will be raptured to God and will escape the reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist).

LUKE 21:36 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things [THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND SEVEN YEAR REIGN OF THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST)] that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)].”

Yeshua (Jesus) instructs us to pray to escape, not live through, the great tribulation and seven year reign of the Antimessiah (Antichrist). Yeshua (Jesus) told us to prepare ourselves for, and comfort each other with, the promise of *The Three Raptures*.

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