

"Rapture-Smapture"

For Average Joes From An Average Joe

Will there be a "Pre-trib Rapture"? Sure...In a manner of speaking...According to the Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary the definition of Rapture is: **1 a--a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion**..Sadly for some, being "caught up" into the air by the angels (malachim--messengers) **WILL BE** a one way flight that will carry them to a destination they will desperately desire **NOT** to arrive at, and **WILL BE** only the beginning of the greatest tribulation of their lives.

Who is it that will be making this "Pre-trib" aerial trip? **WHERE** are they going? Rather than look to "church" doctrine which we have all been taught and conditioned to accept, let's do something different for a change...Let's look with our own eyes and listen with our own ears and see and hear what the Scriptures have to say about this being "caught up" into the air and who it is that will be "caught up" in the so called "first wave".

Mat 13:41-43-- "The Son of Adam shall send out His messengers, and they shall gather out of His reign **all the stumbling-blocks, and those doing lawlessness**, and shall throw them into the furnace of fire – there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **"Then the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the reign of their Father.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Mat 13:49-51-- "Thus shall it be at the end of the age: the messengers shall come forth, and **separate the wicked** out of the **midst** of the righteous, and **shall throw them into the furnace of fire** – there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." **וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said to them, "Have you understood all this?" They said to Him, "Yea, Master."

Luk 17:30-36--"It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed. "In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods 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 the wife of Lot.** **"Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.** "I say to you, in that night there shall be two in one bed, the **one shall be taken** and **the other shall be left**. "Two shall be grinding together, the **one shall be taken** and **the other shall be left**. "Two shall be in the field, the **one shall be taken** and **the other shall be left.**"

This is said to be the "rapture", when those belonging to the Messiah will be "caught up" into the skies to be with Him forever. Many teach that those pleasing to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), our Creator, will be "caught up" first. But, we might want to study the Scriptures a bit more closely, as to the great "harvest" of all mankind, before drawing that conclusion...

Mat 13:30-- "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I shall say to the reapers, **"First** gather the darnel (**tares**) and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary."

Mat 13:38-40-- and **the field is the world**. And the good seed, these are the sons of the reign, but **the darnel (tares) are the sons of the wicked one**, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. And **the harvest is the end of the age**, and **the reapers are the messengers** (Angels). **As the darnel (tares), then, is gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be at the end of this age.**

Mat 24:13-- "But he who shall have **endured to the end** shall be saved.

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Rev 19:17-21--And I saw one messenger standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, **saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great Elohim (Mighty One), to eat the flesh of sovereigns, and the flesh of commanders, and the flesh of strong ones, and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."** And I saw the beast, and the sovereigns of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to fight Him who sat on the horse and His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

All of us, as gullible and naive sheep, have been taught, programmed and conditioned to believe that the body of Messiah--the "church"--will be swept out of this world to safety as soon as the greatest time of trouble in the history of mankind begins. This is not logical. Why **WOULD** our Creator pull His best troops--His Marines or Special Forces so to speak--off the battle field at the very moment that they are needed most?

We have been taught a doctrine which is not found in the Scriptures. It is a man-made doctrine built around men's interpretations of what Scripture may, or may not say or mean.

One thing is for certain. The verses above do tell us plainly that the "darnel" or "tares" **ARE** the wicked, and that at the time that the wicked are swooped up to their ultimate destination the righteous are still **HERE** on the earth.

Perhaps, we should reconsider wanting to be on that "first flight out" of this world. Search your Scriptures (bibles) for the word "Rapture". It is not in the Scriptures. Search for the phrase "Pre-trib". It is not in the Scriptures either...Regardless of the translation...We have based an entire doctrine and teaching on something that **IS NOT** in Scripture anywhere to be found without reading into it, or in between the lines, things that the Scriptures do not actually state. How sound can this type of doctrine be? Yet, we are avidly teaching people that when the "poop" hits the fan that everything will be okay and that we--the "church"--will be swept out of here in the "twinkling of an eye", and will not have to suffer through the tribulation period. How can this be?

One of the most prevalent and predominant teachings of the Scriptures in the Renewed Covenant (New Testament), aside from the message of salvation itself, is that we have been called to suffer as Messiah Himself suffered, and that "he who shall have endured to the end **shall be saved.**"

In most any army, of any nation of the world, the finest troops are considered to be those who, when all seems lost and the lines of defense are buckling, volunteer to stay behind while others flee to safety. They may fear death, but do not flee it. They stand their ground in the face of insurmountable odds and "fight the good fight", giving their "all" for their country and if it finds them, death. Soldiers with this rare quality are honored by Kings and Rulers the world over. Why would our Messiah honor His soldiers any less? Why would He expect any less?

Will there be a "Pre-trib" "Rapture" of the "church"? Scripture **DOES NOT** give us any information to support the "theory" of a "Pre-trib Rapture" in a plainly stated manner. If it should happen who would complain? **BUT**...More importantly...What if it doesn't? How will you explain away what you have taught others? How prepared will they be for hard times when they have not been prepared at all? How prepared will you be?

Scripture does not tell us exactly when Messiah will come as in what year, month, day, or hour, but... Does very clearly tell us **WHEN TO LOOK** for His appearing...

Mat 24:21-22--"For then **there shall be great distress** (tribulation), such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. "And **if those days were not shortened**, no flesh would be saved, **but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened.**

Joe 2:31--**the sun is turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of אַיָּז (Yahuah).**

Mat 24:29-31--"And **immediately after the distress** (tribulation) **of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light**, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. **And then the sign of the Son of Adam shall appear in the heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of Adam coming on the clouds of the heaven** with power and much esteem. And He shall send His messengers with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

This **IS** the plainly stated--nothing to read into, or between the lines--information Scripture gives us about the "second coming" of Messiah. There is no mention of a "third coming", a "secret coming", or of a "second chance" of salvation for anyone on this earth **ONCE** He appears. As to those who might teach "another" return, Messiah addresses this issue before hand in this same chapter of Scripture...

Mat 24:25-27--"**See, I have forewarned you. 'So if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe. 'For as the lightning comes from the east and shines to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be.**

Do the Scriptures give us a plausible sequence of events up to and including the "Second Coming" of our Messiah? Yes...They do...

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Rev 1:7-- **See, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, even they who pierced Him**. And **all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of Him. Yes, Amēn**.

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How can we best prepare ourselves and others for this sequence of events...?

Joh 15:10--"If you **guard My commands**, you shall stay in My love, even as **I have guarded My Father's commands** and stay in His love.

1Jn 2:6--The one who says he stays in Him **ought himself also to walk, even as He walked**.

Rev 12:17--And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, **those guarding the commands of Elohim (Our Mighty One)** and possessing the witness of **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) Messiah.

Rev 12:17 KJV--And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 14:12 KJV--Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* **they that keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:12--Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, here are **those guarding the commands of Elohim (Our Mighty One)** and the belief of **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha).

Mat 24:13--"But **he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved**.

Rev 12:11--"And they overcame him because of the Blood of the Lamb, and because of the Word of their witness, and **they did not love their lives to the death**.

How do we prepare ourselves and others? By **KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS** of our Creator, **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), and teaching others to do the same...

Mat 5:18-19--"For truly, I say to you, **till the heaven and the earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah** till all be done. "Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but **whoever does and teaches them**, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

Mat 5:18-19 KJV--For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law**, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but **whosoever shall do and teach them**, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Wouldn't it be wiser for us to stop teaching "doctrinal theories" as though they **WERE** doctrines which **CAN BE** supported and established as facts on the basis of sound Scriptural evidence? Why not simply admit that they are merely theories, or opinions? What's wrong with saying, "I don't know"?

I believe that most all of us can see clearly the damage that has been done to the hearts and minds of millions--men, women, and children--by a theory that has been taught in public school for many, many years now even though it is called the "Theory of Evolution", but is taught as being scientific fact. The question is...How much damage are **WE DOING...?**

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