

## *The Rapture*

What is rapture? Rapture would be a third coming, pre-trib, secret gathering!

What pre-tribulation rapture teaching has done, is to separate part A and part B of a pre-millennial resurrection, making Part A stand on its own as a “Christian” pre-tribulation secret rapture. This resurrection originated in the middle 18<sup>th</sup> century. This concept was not accepted by any of the early so called “church fathers”. None of them subscribed or taught a “secret separate pre-tribulation rapture!”<sup>1</sup> The notion of the “before tribulation rapture” began in 1747 when a Jesuit priest named Emanuel Lacunza wrote a book (released in 1816) in Italy entitled: “The Coming Of The Messiah in Glory and Majesty.”<sup>2</sup> In order to make room for all the Tribulation events, he surmised that there had to be a time separation between the calling up of believers and the actual return to earth of Messiah. This grew into the now commonly taught error that Messiah comes three times. The second time for the church and the third time with His people. Emanuel Lacunza introduced three comings of Messiah in 1747 CE.<sup>3</sup> Yahusha Almighty on the other hand spoke only of two comings to earth.<sup>4</sup>

The Jesuit Lacunza wrote under the pen name of Iben Ezra<sup>5</sup>, and desired to infiltrate Protestantism with this doctrine. He wrote using the name of Rabbi Iben Ezra to make Protestants think he was a Jewish-Christian espousing a “ traditional Jewish position”. The public release of his work was part and parcel of a Jesuit activity. Iben Ezra’s four-volume set came to rest on the shelves of the library of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Maitland, the church librarian, who released these works to the English-speaking world, who was unaware that he was propagating a false 18<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit Roman Catholic invention. The churchman thought that he was releasing the work of a Jewish-Christian or “Converted Jew”, when in fact it was the handiwork of the Jesuit order.<sup>6</sup>

A young Scottish Presbyterian by the name Edward Irving, a minister was so enthralled with Iben Ezra’s “rapture” theory, that he translated the work into English from Spanish. This man, Edward Irving, later founded the Irvingites based on the Jesuit pre-tribulation rapture.

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<sup>1</sup> Kenneth Latourette; The History of Christianity Harper and Row NY Vol. 1

<sup>2</sup> HOD Herald p.4 Vol.7 Book5

<sup>3</sup> Iben Ezra; The Coming Of Messiah in Glory and Majesty Curry & Co. Dublin, Ireland 1833 pgs 10-11

<sup>4</sup> John 14:1-4

<sup>5</sup> Ezra; The Coming Of The Messiah In Glory and Majesty Curry & Co. Dublin Ireland 1833 pgs 10-11

<sup>6</sup> LeRoy Froom; Prophetic Faith Vol. 4; pgs 514-526, pgs 420-422

This order of the Irvingites, were considered to be an apostate group, even by the Vatican itself!<sup>7</sup> After the Irvingites, “The Brethren” movement in Ireland adopted Iben Ezra and the Irvingites error and began releasing literature stating that only “The Brethren” were the true “church of Christ.” They adopted the pre-tribulation Jesuit teaching in order to separate their “only true church”, from the rest of the “false brethren”. They found the divisive rapture of the pre-tribulation theory, most convenient in their massive excommunicating practices towards “heretics”, whose ultimate punishment would be to be “LEFT BEHIND” in their pre-tribulation rapture. “The Brethren” excommunicated the legendary George Muller, champion of the poor orphans, who ran Bristol England’s many orphanages, for opposing the new Brethren position of “a pre-tribulation and separate rapture”. The leading figure in George Muller’s excommunication was a man by the name of John Darby.<sup>8</sup>

John Darby (founder of the Plymouth Brethren) developed a new systematic theology called Dispensationalism. Dispensationalism has since become very popular in Christendom.

John Darby is revered in Protestant circles as the modern founder of the pre-tribulation rapture, though he borrowed the idea from the Jesuit Iben Ezra and from Edward Irving. He like his predecessors used it to establish “The Brethren” on a spiritually superior pedestal, delegating all who disagreed with their private view of pre-tribulation rapturism, as heretics to the “Christian faith”, whose ultimate separation from “Christ”, would occur when they would be left behind. This doctrine succeeded in dividing the believing community into two tiers of believers. Those who were going, and those who were not going. Many were excommunicated, killed and even tortured, if they did not follow the ways of Irvingism and Darby.<sup>9</sup> Darby ultimately took this doctrine a step further than any of his predecessors. Does anyone really believe that Israel’s two houses can be rebuilt in love, equity and equality for all believers, if we knowingly proliferate the obvious errors of the past?

“Like most 19<sup>th</sup> century theologians, John Darby was anti-nomian (anti-T<sup>[h]</sup>urah/Torah/law), teaching that T<sup>[h]</sup>urah<sup>(Torah/law)</sup> had passed away at the stake<sup>(cross)</sup>. Darby noticed that during the seven years of Daniel’s final week, (Daniel 9:27) the offerings of T<sup>[h]</sup>urah<sup>(Torah/law)</sup> are to be made at the Temple. Since the T<sup>[h]</sup>urah<sup>(Torah/law)</sup> was clearly being observed during this seven-year period, Darby concluded that T<sup>[h]</sup>urah<sup>(Torah/law)</sup> keeping would come back into effect at the start of the Great Tribulation. This training of thought caused Darby to segregate scriptural and prophetic history into compartmentalized ages.

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid pgs 514-526

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

<sup>9</sup> HOD Herald p.4 Bob Fraley Vol. 7 Book 5

Darby theorized that the age of T<sup>[h]</sup>urah had ended at the stake <sup>(cross)</sup> and an age of church and grace had begun. Then at the start of the seven-year Great Tribulation there was a return to T<sup>[h]</sup>urah <sup>(Torah/law)</sup> and an end of the Age of Grace, as Darby saw it. This created a problem for Darby's theory! How can the Age of Law return, if the so-called "church" is still here? Darby saw the Age of Law, as Yahuah's dealings with Israel [i.e. the Jews only], in the Tribulation, as Yahuah would deal exclusively with Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>. So what happens to the so-called "church"? Surely the church will not leave grace to re-enter the Law of Moses! As a result Darby adopted the idea of pre-tribulation rapture [from Irving and Iben Ezra]. His idea of the "so-called church" leaving" before the tribulation was to allow Israel [i.e. the Jews] to reenter the age of Great Tribulation law [keeping]."

The result of Darby's works teaches that T<sup>[h]</sup>urah <sup>(Torah/law)</sup> is not for today. Darby's theology makes it look like Yahuah has 2 brides instead of 2 houses of the same bride, which is Replacement Theology.

Under the pre-tribulation rapture error, the reunification of both houses of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup> is not only a theological impossibility but a logistical one as well! Ezekiel's' two stick restoration clearly takes place on the mountains of Israel, to and for both houses here on the earth!

We will take a look at the most often quoted passages in favor of the rapture. One needs to understand that whether Yahusha lands on earth or not, is not the issue that defines a physical coming! Rather what defines a coming physical appearance of the Son of Yahuah is His descent from the third heaven. If He descends from the third heaven and leaves the right hand of the Farther, that is in fact a coming, regardless of where He does or does not land! <sup>[quoted from Moshe]</sup>

Keep in mind What Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> said:

Matt. 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*

Matt. 24:27 For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [No hidden rapture according to Yahusha].

Heb. 9:28 So Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

*1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, is where most people use as a place for pre-tribulation rapture:*

1Th. 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Sovereign, that we, which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Sovereign shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th. 4:16 For the Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of Alahiym**: and the dead in Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> shall rise first:

1Th. 4:17 Then we, which are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Sovereign **in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign.**

- **726. ἀρπάζω **harpazo****, *har-pad'-zo*; from a derivative of 138; to seize (in various applications): — catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

The text in verse 15-17 refers to the events of the catching up from the graves and from our natural bodies and is defined as a coming of the Sovereign, rather than a “secret rapture appearance” of the Sovereign. The Greek word *harpazo* in 1Thessalonians 4:17, refers to the catching up out of the graves of the righteous blessed saved dead in the messianic faith.

Those alive in messianic faith at Mashiyach’s <sup>(Messiah’s)</sup> return (not secret separate church appearance), will also be caught up out of their natural bodies, and changed into a spiritual body. [Some teach that in verse 17, it states they will forever be in the with mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> in the air. But that is not what it states. They will be caught up, but will be coming on this earth, which you shall see later].

A change requires a catching up from the earth, in order for the changing to take place in the realm of the set-apart, as does the normal changing of ones clothes. The catching up, assures us that even the change itself, will not be on earth which is under the curse of Adam’s transgression, but in the air to assure a “clean dressing and changing room”, if you will! The Greek word

- **109.** **ἀήρ** *aer*, *ah-ayr’*; from **ἀημι** *aemi* (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by analogy, to blow); “air” (as naturally circumambient): — air; meaning a drop in temperature or a fresh; cleansed breeze. [See Thayer’s Lexicon].

The catching away then is not to heaven as in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven, but to a clean fresh changing area, with clean set apart conditions and a drop in air temperature, for the gift of our new resurrection spirit bodies.

No human being can totally change his or her clothing sitting or lying down. In order to put on this new spiritual body, living believers must also be caught up, to stand up for their change of bodies in the air, or the clean changing area. Thus “the catching up’ or *harpazo* (Greek) *rapturo* (Latin Vulgate), is nothing more than the promise of the ages coming to pass at Yahusha’s return, which is the promised first and blessed resurrection of the saved righteous dead.

1Cor. 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Cor. 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Cor. 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1Cor. 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Cor. 15:55 O death, where *is* your sting? O grave, where *is* your victory?

- Is. 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and adaniy Yahuah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for Yahuah has spoken *it*.
- Is. 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our Alahiym; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* Yahuah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- Hos. 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

First Corinthians 15:54 refers to this change, as of the mortal with the fresh of the immortal.

Job himself referred to this change from mortal to immortal in Job 14:14

- Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Like Job, we await our change, from our Savior Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> Yahusha.

Job 19:25 For I know *that* my redeemer lives, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day upon the earth*:

Job 19:26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see Aluah:

- **433.** אֱלֹהִים **elowahh**, *el-o'-ah*; rarely (shortened) אֱלֹהִים **eloahh**, *el-o'-ah*} *probably prolonged (emphat.) from 410; a deity or the Deity:—God, god.*

In Job 19:25-26 we find a very important Scripture. Job proclaims that the Redeemer will come to earth and after his own death (Job's), that same Redeemer will allow Job to see Aluah <sup>(Messiah/redeemer)</sup> in his flesh. No rapture.

Part A of the first resurrection is the raising from the dead of all believers who died in all the ages past.

Part B of the same first and blessed resurrection, is the standing up or catching up of living believers, in order to be changed into their new resurrected body

Let us take a look at Luke's account, to which some use to say this talks of a rapture before the tribulation.

Luke 21:36 Watch you therefore, and **pray always**, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The original Greek does not state “pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall comes to pass”. Rather in the Greek text this verse does

not teach “an escape” from the tribulation. The proper translation as found in the New American Standard version.

(NASV) 21:36 But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The words strength (NASV) to escape. Why would we need to pray for strength, ability and alertness in Luke 21:36, if we are not here in that period?

The hour of temptation in Revelations 3:10

Rev. 3:10 Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Some that believe the rapture doctrines insist that the word keep means to translate believers to heaven, in a secret rapture. Yet the text does not bear this out!

- **5083. τηρέω tereo**, *tay-reh'-o*; from **τερός teros** (a watch; perhaps akin to 2334); **to guard** (from loss or injury, properly, **by keeping the eye upon**; and thus differing from 5442, which is properly to prevent escaping; (pre-, re-)serve, watch; protect

The word for keep in Rev. 3:10 is the Greek word tereo, which carries the meaning: to watch over, preserve, keep through, or keep and protect away from [danger]. The basic primary meaning is to protect. Yahuah has always promised to protect His people in tribulation, not remove them from it.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup>Gen. 22:1, Exod. 15:25, 16:4, 20:20, Deut. 8:16, First Cor. 2:9.

When you read where it says to be “taken away” references to judgment and not to heaven, this is substantiated by Yahusha Himself, as found in His parable. According to the parable of the wheat and tares both grow together, this separating of wheat from tares, will be done by the messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>. According to Yahusha, the tares are gathered first. Then the wheat. The pre-tribulation rapture theory teaches that the wheat is gathered first and only later does the tares get gathered.

Matt. 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

Matt. 13:25 **But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

Matt. 13:26 **But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.**

Matt. 13:27 **So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, did not you sow good seed in your field? from whence then has it tares?**

Matt. 13:28 **He said unto them, An enemy has done this. The servants said unto him, Will you then that we go and gather them up?**

Matt. 13:29 **But he said, Nay; lest while you gather up the tares, you root up also the wheat with them.**

Matt. 13:30 **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather you together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

Matt. 13:36 Then Yahusha sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his talmadiym <sup>(disciples)</sup> came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Matt. 13:37 He answered and said unto them, **He that sows the good seed is the Son of man;**

Matt. 13:38 **The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;**

Matt. 13:39 **The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>.**

Matt. 13:40 **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

Matt. 13:41 **The Son of man shall send forth his messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

Matt. 13:42 **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Luke 17:26 **And as it was in the days of Nach <sup>(Noah)</sup>, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**

Luke 17:27 **They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Nach <sup>(Noah)</sup> entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

Luke 17:28 **Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;**

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

Now let's put some of this together. In the story of Nach<sup>(Noah)</sup> we first learned the he found favor in His eyes. Then was given a commandment to build an ark. Because of his obedience he and his family was saved. All that were out side of the ark were taken away.

Next the waters elevated the ark will those were taken away. A remez of this could be just has the tares and the wheat. The tares or the wicked were washed or taken away, the wheat is elevated by the water or the living water to be separated and cleansed from the wicked. [Note worthy: Favor<sup>(Grace)</sup> then Commandment, then Salvation].

In Lot's story there is a little bit more to gleam. First Abraham was the one with the covenant with the Creator. He told him to leave, him and his family. The promise was not with Lot, but he attached himself and followed the one with the covenant, thereby causing him to have salvation or be saved as well. But the rest were burnt by fire and brimstone. i.e. cast into the fire where their were gnashing of teeth. Get the parallel?

Matt. 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.  
Matt. 22:14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

The so-called "secret third coming rapture" depends largely on the usage of passages that refer to Yahusha coming to the earth "as a thief in the night". This underlying "thief in the night" explanation goes something like this: Since the second coming will be like lightning that shines from east to west,<sup>11</sup> and since every eye shall see Him<sup>12</sup>, these "thief in the night" verses must refer to a separate event, where believers will not see Him, thus the necessity of a secret "thief in the night" rapture scenario.

The "thief in the night" verses used to justify this secret third coming rapture are: 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:2-10, Matthew 24:42-51, 2 Peter 3:10, Rev. 3:3 & Rev. 16:15.

In order to properly comprehend all of the "thief in the night" references, we must stay with Yahusha's own Words in Matthew 24:42-44.

Yahusha the Mashiyach<sup>(Messiah)</sup> is teaching that He is the thief (in parables), and that He will come at an unexpected time! His coming will take the assembly of Renewed Covenant Yashra'al<sup>(Israel)</sup>, (on earth) by almost total surprise. He does not have to steal away the assembly since He paid for it and rightfully owns it!<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Matthew 24:27

<sup>12</sup> Rev. 1:7

<sup>13</sup> 1st Corinthians 6:20



In the parable of the ten virgins, we can safely see that about half of the assembly of Renewed Covenant of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>, will be taken by surprise at His coming. The thief in the night passages, emphasize the element of surprise upon a lethargic, apostate and leavened sleeping assembly. It does not mean that Yahusha is going to privately steal away a property that is already His!

Matt. 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matt. 25:2 And five of them were wise <sup>[Ps. 19:7]</sup>, and five were foolish <sup>[1 Sam. 13:13]</sup>.

Matt. 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Matt. 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matt. 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Matt. 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes; go you out to meet him.

Matt. 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Matt. 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Matt. 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go you rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Matt. 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Matt. 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Sovereign, Sovereign, open to us.

Matt. 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Matt. 25:13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man comes.

The five foolish virgins had fallen into a sleep. These passages warn all believers, that most of the assembly of Renewed Covenant, will wrongly expect the Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> to come much sooner than He will in fact come. When the believers who have been taught a pre-tribulation rapture", do not see that event, they will lose heart, even with the oil of the Ruach at their disposal, as they fall into apostate sleep. Yahusha's coming is said to rudely awaken most out of that apostate sleep, due to a loss of faith in His arrival.

Rev. 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you.

Rev 3:3 portrays the same principle. Namely that if the believers at Sardis, do not stay alert over a long period of time, Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> Yahusha will come and find them sleeping too. [See also Rev. 16:15].

The millennium commences at His second coming and ends with the renewal of the earth by destructive fire!<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>Rev.20: 7, 21:1

The most frequently quoted “thief in the night” secret rapture text is found in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:2. Let’s start from verse 1 to get some understanding.

1Th. 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.

1Th. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yahuah so comes as a thief in the night.

1Th. 5:3 For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1Th. 5:4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th. 5:5 You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

- This is a quote from Yashayahu <sup>(Isaiah)</sup> 13:6
- Is. 13:6 Howl you; for the day of Yahuah *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
- Is. 13:7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall melt:
- Is. 13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travails: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as flames*.
- Is. 13:9 Behold, the day of Yahuah comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the **sinners** thereof out of it.

Do a research on the Day of Yahuah. You will see that this day will be a terrible day for the nations. He will also at this time gather Yashra’al <sup>(Israel)</sup>. Not all of Yashra’al <sup>(Israel)</sup> will be gathered. The ones that have fallen away, the ones not keeping His T<sup>[h]</sup>urah <sup>(Torah/laws/instructions)</sup> and belief in the one coming in the name of Yahuah will have problems.

Shaul <sup>(Paul)</sup> talks about other less watchful believers in verse 2, destined to be caught off guard by the day and timing of His return. It will come as “a thief in the night”, only to those who according to verse 3, are found swept away, by a false doctrine of peace and safety, which falsely guarantees them a pre-tribulation rapture escape, “one-way”. In 1 Thessalonians 5:3, Shaul <sup>(Paul)</sup> sternly warns that there is a false doctrine of peace and safety or “Great Tribulation Escape” being propagated, that is guaranteed to bring those looking for escape from the Great Tribulation into destruction.

1Th. 5:6 Therefore let us not **sleep**, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

- Is. 29:9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry you out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
- Is. 29:10 For Yahuah has poured out upon you the spirit of deep **sleep**, and has closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers has he covered.
- Is. 29:11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray you: and he says, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:

- Rom. 11:8 (According as it is written, Alahiym has given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

The sleep in these verses teaches us about believers fall into apostate sleep. When the tribulation comes a lot will lose hope, a lot will believe the writings are a lie. This will cause them to fall asleep. Then Yahusha will come as a thief in the night, because of this pre-tribulation doctrine, that did not come to pass. [Read Matt. 24:42-25:13].

Can you see how the ones that know the times and the seasons this day will not come as a thief in the night for them? They know the Day of Yahuah will be on a Shabbath.

Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> gives you a hint:

- Matt. 24:20 But pray you that your flight <sup>(Escape)</sup> be not in the winter, neither on the Shabbath day:

This text actually warns to be leery of any doctrine or teaching that would mislead them into awaiting a “third coming by night in a secret appearance”.

Thanks to Irvings, and Darby to name a few, having this false teaching of easy escape had infiltrated the early assemblies. Those who had fallen into that error expected Yahusha’s return “as a thief in the night”. Those willing to faithfully and patiently watch, remember, endure and waiting<sup>15</sup>.

Matt. 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matt. 24:14 And this good news <sup>(gospel)</sup> of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Those who endure to the end <sup>(Matthew 24:13)</sup> will be delivered! For the days of the coming (not comings) of the Son of Man, is likened to the days of Nach <sup>(Noah)</sup>!

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

- Joel 2:30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of Yahuah come.
- Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahuah shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahuah has said, and in the remnant whom Yahuah shall call.

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<sup>15</sup> 2 Peter 1:1-13

Who is the remnant you might ask. The clue was given to you. Salvation is at mount Zion, and the remnant that will call on His name. What name should be next. Let's look:

1. Rev. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his **Father's name written in their foreheads.**
2. Rev. 7:4 And I heard the number of them, which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>. [No way of getting around this. Can you see why it will not take them as a thief in the night]?

Matt. 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great esteem.

Matt. 24:31 And he shall send his messengers <sup>(angels)</sup> with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together **his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- Is. 45:4 For Ya'aqub <sup>(Jacob)</sup> my servant's sake, and Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup> **mine elect**, I have even called you by your name: I have surnamed you, though you hast not known me.
- Is. 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Ya'aqub <sup>(Jacob)</sup> [Luke 1:33], and out of Yahudah <sup>(Judah)</sup> an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.
- Heb. 7:14 For *it is* evident that our Sovereign sprang out of Yahudah <sup>(Judah)</sup>; of which tribe Mushah <sup>(Moses)</sup> spoke nothing concerning priesthood.
- Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders says unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Yahudah <sup>(Judah)</sup>, the Root of Daud <sup>(David)</sup>, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- Ezek. 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says adaniy Yahuah; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
- Ezek. 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
- Ezek. 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

There are other clear texts that clearly elaborate upon a key principle. That principle is that the Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> Yahusha will not return until all His enemies are made His footstool.<sup>16</sup>

- Psa. 110:1 Yahuah said unto my Sovereign, Sit you at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.
- Psa. 110:2 Yahuah shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion: rule you in the midst of your enemies.
- Heb. 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahusha Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> once *for all*.
- Heb. 10:11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- Heb. 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of Alahiym;
- Heb. 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> must remain at the right hand of the Father Yahuah, until all His enemies are subjected to Him. There must not be any enemies left to vanquish upon His return, other than those unwise men invading Jerusalem [Zechariah 14:1-4; Acts 3:20-21]

- Zech. 14:1 Behold, the day of Yahuah comes, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you.
- Zech. 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
- Zech. 14:3 Then shall Yahuah go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
- Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
- Acts 3:19 Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be **blotted out**, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of Yahuah;
- Acts 3:20 And he shall send Yahusha Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>, which before was preached unto you:
- Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which Alahiym has spoken by the mouth of all his set-apart prophets since the world began.

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<sup>16</sup> Psalm 110:1, Acts 2:34-35, Matt. 22:24

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of your people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found **written in the book**.

- Ex. 32:33 And Yahuah said unto Mushah <sup>(Moses)</sup>, Whosoever has sinned against me, him will I **blot out** of my book.
- Rev. 3:5 **He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>.**
- Rev. 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Alahiym; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- Mal. 3:16 Then they that feared Yahuah spoke often one to another: and Yahuah hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared Yahuah, and that thought upon his name.

Dan. 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:1 states that the Prince Michael will stand up at “that time”. “That time” is a Hebraic idiom, similar to the idiom “in that Day”. At “that time” or the time of the end of this age (olam hazeh).

Darby and Schofield unilaterally declared that the elect in Matthew 24 no longer refers to the ekklesia, rather they ascribed the term to unbelieving Jews. Unbelievers of any race cannot be called the elect or elected of Yahuah, a Father who demands faith as a requisite to pleasing Him

Theology problem of the so-called “church” (the supposed New Israel) getting the blessing and the Jews (supposed Old and rejected Israel) getting the cursing. In its bare essence, the “secret third coming manmade rapture theory” is an attempt to “give it to the Jews” who get left behind for Yahuah’s wrath, in favor of the New Israel (the so-called “church”) as opposed to Renewed Covenant Yashra’al <sup>(Israel)</sup>!

The Darby, Schofield, dispensationalist brought that Christians are a separate physical entity to separate the ekklesia of Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>, from the physical, historical, and spiritually recognizable people of 12 tribe Yashra’al <sup>(Israel)</sup>, in order to recast and remold them into a separate entity called “spiritual Israel”, “New Israel”, or the so-called “church” is the root cause of all the evils of disunity, division, jealousy and hatred that have befallen our nation.

2Tim. 4:1 I charge *you* therefore before Alahiym, and the Sovereign Yahusha Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Heb. 9:28 So Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

1. Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> will supernaturally appear in the sky. (Dan. 7:13-14; Mt. 24:30; Mk. 13:26)
2. There will be a supernatural gathering together to him in the sky. (Mt. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27)
3. A last (seventh of seven) trumpet is blown by one of the seven Messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>, which stand before Alahiym. (Rev. 8:2; 11:15; Mt. 24:31; Is. 27:13)
4. A (first) resurrection of the just (Rev. 20:4-6)

Now lets compare these four things with the "*rapture*" passages of 1Thes. 4:13-18 and 1Cor. 15:50-55:

1. Messiah will supernaturally appear in the sky. (1Thes. 4:16-17)
2. There will be a supernatural gathering together to him in the sky. (1Thes. 4:17)
3. A last (seventh of seven) trumpet is blown by one of the archangels (1Thes. 4:16; 1Cor. 15:52)
4. A (first) resurrection of the just (1Thes. 4:16; 1Cor. 15:52)

By comparing these four things we find that the "*rapture*" of 1Thes. 4:13-18 & 1Cor. 15:50-55 is identical to the second coming of the Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup> in: Dan. 7:13-14; Mt. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27; Rev. 11:15 and 20:4-6.

Rev. 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger <sup>(angel)</sup>, when he shall **begin to sound**, the mystery of Alahiym should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets.

Remember last week we talked about Antiochus was a picture of the anti-mashiyach? Where he claimed peace and safety, then later destruction came. But the destruction was only to the people of the Most High. So shall it be when the anti-mashiyach comes, He will try to bring destruction to the children or the Saints if you will of the Most High.

How many wraths are talked about in the latter days? 2

Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, *you* heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knows that he has but a short time.

Rev. 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.

Rev. 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Rev. 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water <sup>(Nations)</sup> as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Rev. 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev. 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Alahiym, and have the witness of Yahusha Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>.

Rev. 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

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

Rom. 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from **wrath** through him.

Rom. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Alahiym by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

1Th. 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Yahusha, which delivered us from the **wrath** to come.

1Th. 5:9 For Alahiym has not appointed us to **wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Sovereign Yahusha Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>,

1Th. 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

## **Conclusion**

What rapture should be understood as, is a re-gathering.

Is. 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>, and gather together the dispersed of Yahudah <sup>(Judah)</sup> from the four corners of the earth.

- Rev. 7:1 And after these things I saw four messengers <sup>(angels)</sup> standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
- Rev. 7:2 And I saw another messenger <sup>(angel)</sup> ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Alahiym: and he cried with a loud voice to the four messengers <sup>(angels)</sup>, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
- Rev. 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our Alahiym in their foreheads.
- Rev. 7:4 And I heard the number of them, which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>.
  - This wrath will not come on His remnant or the elect.



Deut. 30:4 If *any* of you be driven out unto **the outmost parts of heaven**, from thence will Yahuah your Alahiym gather you, and from there will he fetch you:

- Mark 13:27 **And then shall he send his messengers** <sup>(angels)</sup>, **and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**

Is. 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I **will even make a way in the wilderness**, *and* rivers in the desert.

Is. 43:20 The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, **to give drink to my people**, my chosen.

Is. 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

- Rev. 12:6 **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of Alahiym**, **that they should feed her there** a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.
- Rev. 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. [3 ½ could that be what Daniel talked about concerning the Mashiyach <sup>(Messiah)</sup>]?
- Ex. 19:3 And Mushah <sup>(Moses)</sup> went up unto Alahiym, and Yahuah called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Ya'aqub <sup>(Jacob)</sup>, and tell the children of Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup>;
- Ex. 19:4 You have seen what I did unto the Mitsraiym <sup>(Egyptians)</sup>, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- Is. 40:31 But they that wait upon Yahuah shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Can you see that the wrath the Serpent is against Yashra'al <sup>(Israel)</sup> and those that keep His commandments and the witness of Yahusha <sup>(Rev.12:17)</sup>. We will be saved from the wrath of the Most High, but we will go through a tribulation period, i.e. the wrath of the adversary.

I pray this lesson helps those that want to understand how the rapture came about and what to look for in the end times.