Come Up Here and Come Away! - Clues For Two Raptures

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PLEASE NOTE: This article is derived from an article I wrote in 2007, and completely revised for inclusion in my newly revised book "The Language of God in Prophecy" in 2013. This material now appears in Chapter 11 of that book, along with several other recent writings about the possibility of and nature of the great Catching Away of the saints that Scripture hints at constantly. To read more, you may purchase the book and the 4-book series it is a part of at my POEM Web Site, or from my Author page at Amazon.com.

Two Rapture Events Hidden In Scripture

In this section, my goal is to show that those nay-saying the Rapture for whatever reason are wrong to deny the many hints in Scripture of the reality of both a First Rapture before the Trumpet Judgments of the Great Tribulation come to pass, and a Second Rapture of the saints that will occur just before the Bowls of God's Wrath are poured out. The reason I don't cite a Pre-Tribulation Rapture as I once did is because the teachings of the mainstream Bible Prophecy Teachers do not take the Hallel Psalms, the Great Pyramid, and the Signs in the Heavens into consideration, and I have discovered that it is impossible to fully understand Bible Prophecy without these three godly prophetic channels.

One of the most beautiful passages in the Bible is found in the Song of Solomon, which is a love poem written, at least in part, by King Solomon. Though it may have been written to woo a young noble woman betrothed to him, some claim it was meant to woo the Queen of Sheba, whom legends state married Solomon and produced a son by him that became a king in the line of Judah. As a poem between a king and his bride-to-be, the Song of Solomon has many allegorical implications alluding to the imminent Wedding Supper of the Lamb with His Bride: the Two-House Church of Judah (Jewish believers) and Ephraim (Gentile believers). Upon re-reading a portion of this lovely poem recently, I noted a peculiarity that really held my attention. Note the two identical passages that are repeated in the following section and my notations identifying the prophetic meanings within the passage:

"My beloved (Yahshua) spoke, and said to me (His Bride the Church): 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away (to Heaven). For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land (in the mid to late spring). The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell (unripe or abloom in spring, but ready to harvest in the mid summer and early autumn). Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!" - Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Oddly, this Scripture alludes to two different seasons. The time of flowers and turtledoves singing refers to the mid to late spring and therefore alludes to anytime between Passover Week through to the Feast of Pentecost or Shavuot, which are considered to be the Jewish Spring Feasts associated with the spring harvest season. In

addition, though figs appear in the spring and provide an early summer crop, the main harvest time for grapes and figs is in mid summer to late autumn. This second harvest season can therefore be associated with the Jewish Autumn Feasts, as well as to the autumn harvest festival called the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot.

As an additional clue, the fair Lady that the King desires is told to "come away" to dwell where the King is - not just once - but two times in reference to these two different seasons, as shown by the comments in parentheses within the section of the Song of Solomon quoted above. Since the Song of Solomon can be seen as an allegorical story about Christ's love for His Bride the True Church, it is as if Yahshua were the King asking His Bride to join Him in Heaven, where He currently resides with His Father, not once, but two different times. This passage therefore contains a double allusion to the Rapture or catching up of the Church to Yahshua's Father's House in Heaven, where Yahshua said that there are many mansions built to house His saints (See John 14:2). In addition, it suggests that there may be two separate Rapture events associated with these two harvest seasons, with one toward the beginning of the three and a half year Great Tribulation, and one near to its end.

In order to further reveal why I think that there may be two Raptures instead of one, I looked past many of the more familiar passages concerning the Rapture in favor of some more obscure ones, like the passage quoted from the Song of Solomon above. Now let's take a look at another Scripture relating to the Rapture that is tied to that earlier passage. It is found in Proverbs, portions of which have also been attributed to Solomon:

"Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; For it is better that he say to you, 'Come up here,' than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen." - Proverbs 25:6-7

Note that in this passage, we are instructed not to be haughty or proud in the presence of the King, which alludes to our Heavenly Father. This is followed by a warning that we will not be invited to "Come up here" into the King and Prince's presence unless we are humble and worshipful before them both! It is obvious that the Prince being referred to allegorically here is none other than Yahshua the Messiah, the great Bridegroom who asks his betrothed to "Come away!" in the Song of Solomon. It is therefore no coincidence that the phrase "Come up here" used in Proverbs is nearly identical to the "Come away!" references in the Song of Solomon. Fascinatingly, the phrase "Come up here" is also found twice in the Book of Revelation. The first occurrence is as follows:

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.' Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne." - Revelation 4:1-2

In the preceding Scripture, the command to "Come up here" is found in reference to an open door that allows a person to visit the throne room of Yahweh in Heaven, where the Wedding of the Lamb will no doubt take place. This command to enter through that open door is made at the beginning of the Tribulation period, before the

Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls of God's Wrath are unleashed. Prophetically, this open door is an allusion to Christ's Cross, whose shed blood cleanses those who are covered by it of their sins. It is also the door that is ONLY given to the Church of Philadelphia, or the Church of Brotherly Love to escape God's coming Wrath. Furthermore, since these believers are described as having only a little strength, it implies that the other churches of their age have no strength or power of God in them at all!

In Revelation 3:10, Yahshua said: "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world." He said this to the loving, poor and marginalized saints in the Church of Philadelphia, and it is referring to a supernaturally led Exodus of God's true servants to a heavenly place of refuge from God's Wrath. This First Rapture will occur before the Sixth Seal Judgment, which is described at the end of Chapter 6 in the Book of Revelation:

"And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" - Revelation 6:15-17

In verses 16 and 17, we are explicitly told that the Great Day of the Wrath of the Lamb (i.e. Yahshua) will come at the time that the Sixth Seal is opened. So, since we are not appointed to suffer God's Wrath (See Romans 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 5:9), the Rapture has to occur before it unfolds. I believe the Sixth Seal is describing a catastrophic Pole Shift and Crustal Displacement of the Earth that could kill up to one third of the Earth's human population. In fact, I believe events that are tied to this Sixth Seal Judgment have already occurred as part of the first Five Seal Judgments. These were the massive earthquakes in Chile in 2010 and Japan in 2011 that reportedly began the shifting of the Earth's axis, and helped to catastrophically change the weather patterns all over the world.

If the Sixth Seal Judgment occurs as the First Rapture unfolds, the horrific affects of this judgment will prove to be the perfect cover for the world's wicked leaders to explain away the disappearance of millions upon millions of believers worldwide, and the perfect reason for them to set up the one world government and one world religion of the Antichrist. It therefore seems likely that the First Rapture will occur just before this cataclysmic event, and before the Antichrist's world takeover.

How To Prepare For the Rapture

Whether someone takes part in the Rapture or not is based on how one chooses to live their lives. If the believer in question is an intellectual or cultural Christian that is living carnally and shows no fruits of the Spirit, this is clear evidence that they are not baptized with the Holy Spirit at all regardless of their claims to believe in Christ, and they will likely be left behind. Another sign of those who are only paying lip-service to

God and His Son are those who show an unwillingness to pay any heed to Yahshua's two all-encompassing commandments (See Matthew 22:36-40).

Yahshua's Second Commandment is to love one another as we love ourselves, which includes learning to truly love and care for ourselves, to love our enemies, and to bless those who curse us. Yahshua's First and Greatest Commandment to His followers is related to the second one. It is to love God our Father with our whole heart, body, mind and spirit. Every act of love that comes from a true believer must be done with selfless determination, true kindness, and sacrificial generosity. This is only possible when we are in a right relationship with God, because our Father Yahweh is the ultimate source of perfect, transcendental, brotherly love.

Loving people God's way includes leading them to Yahshua with gentle but pointed instruction in the Gospel of the Kingdom and biblical morality while caring for their needs and nurturing them. To be done God's way, our care for others should be given without any emotional manipulation, and all sexual sin and substance abuse must be swiftly dealt with as an abomination to God. This is because we are the Temples of the Living God, and need to purify ourselves accordingly (1 Corinthians 3:15-17; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 6:15-18).

Those who don't trust our Father Yahweh and His Son on a daily basis, don't attempt to discern and follow God's will in every aspect of their lives, and don't care deeply about the welfare of believers and lost souls are carnally-minded. Therefore, they are consciously or unconsciously choosing to stay on Earth rather than participate in the Rapture. As a result, they may be left behind by default unless they choose to become born again by surrendering their lives to Yahshua before it is too late.

To become born again, Scripture supports the idea that a person must believe the following about Yahshua Ha Mashiach (i.e. Jesus the Christ) and His First Advent and Second Advent Ministries to the world:

- 1. That Yahshua is the one and only Son of Yahweh Elohim, was born of a virgin Jewess in Bethlehem, and though the Jews rejected Him died as a sin offering for the sins of the Jewish people and the entire Gentile world on a Roman cross;
- 2. That Yahshua sits at the right hand of His Father in Heaven, that He will literally return to Earth one day soon in the flesh to save a remnant of the Jews and Tribulation Saints from annihilation, that He will destroy the armies of the wicked gathered against Israel, and that He will end the persecution of the saints scattered abroad with their resurrection into everlasting life;
- 3. That Father Yahweh raised Yahshua from the dead to show His power over sin, death, and the Devil, and to give us victory of the same through our belief in, and love for Christ;
- 4. That without remorse and repentance that leads us to accept Yahshua's sacrifice on the Cross to pay for our sins, there is no other means of salvation;
- 5. That those who refuse to repent and accept Christ's sacrifice are dead in their sins and destined to perish in Hell;

- 6. That Yahshua expects His followers to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to commit their lives to Him, and to have faith that He will never leave them nor forsake them;
- 7. That believers must reject and deny the passions, lusts and desires of the world and the flesh, allegorically take up Christ's Cross, and change for the better with the help of the Holy Spirit, who will guide them to be able to do good works in keeping with God's good and perfect Will.
- 8. Without Christ's help via His indwelling Spirit, no one can truly believe in Yahshua and His literal Second Coming, or be following His perfect example, as described in the previous seven points. Therefore, believers must be devoted to prayer to remain strong and protected as they await the Rapture. As Scripture says: "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

Though Salvation is based on belief in Yahshua, we cannot simply believe that Yahshua existed and was a wise man and expect to be saved. Unless we truly believe in all these points about Yahshua and our need to truly love, follow and listen to Him, we risk not being saved at all, and being ripe for God's Wrath and Judgment (See 1 John 2 and 1 John 3 - Entire Chapters).

The Rapture Revealed in the Parable of the Ten Virgins

As discussed in my book "The Language of God in Humanity", several of Yahshua's Parables are related to the subject of the Rapture and the Wedding of the Lamb at Yahshua's Father's House in Heaven. In this heavenly wedding, Yahshua will be the Groom who will come to take His Bride and five of her virgin handmaidens who are wise to the Wedding Supper in His Father's House in Heaven. The one most pertinent to this discussion in relation to the Two Rapture theory is "The Parable of the Ten Virgins" in Matthew, Chapter 25. Also known as "The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins", it offers an amazing allegorical picture of events that will happen during the Tribulation period. Here is a portion of this amazing Parable that explains why there may be a need for Christ to come to catch away some of His beloved saints a second time:

"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut." - Matthew 25:6-10

This Parable is filled with allegorical references that can be interpreted as follows. The door that was shut is referring to the open door in Revelation 3:8. This door will be opened to admit the Bride of Christ and the Five Wise Virgins, and then it will be shut. The Bridegroom, of course, is Yahshua Ha Mashiach. However, the Bridegroom also signifies all literal Jewish believers, while the Bride signifies the Israelite Tribe of

Ephraim that is spoken of so often along with Judah in many Bible prophecies. In ancient times, the Ephraimites mingled among the Gentiles when they sinned against God, and they were subsequently carried away from Israel as captives and refugees by the Assyrians around the 8th Century BC, and again by the Babylonians in the 5th Century BC.

The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel allegorically refers to two groups of believers. First, they signify the Gentiles that have hidden Israelite blood in their heritage, and have lost their Israelite identity, but still cling closely to Christ and His Cross for their salvation. Secondly, they signify the Gentiles that have been grafted into Israel as adopted sons and daughters due to their love for Christ and His Kingdom. These two groups form a special class of deeply devoted Gentile and Lost Israelite believers that are allegorically described as the Bride of Christ and her five Wise Virgin attendants. Therefore, the Bride is not formed by all believers, but represents only the elect among the people of the world whose relationship with and love for God and His Son and Spirit are beyond reproach. Meanwhile, the Wise Virgins are those who love and support the Bride, and always try to help her even though they may not be as faithful in their walk with God.

The Ephraimite Bride is signified by the true believers that spiritually belong to only one of the Seven Churches spoken of in Revelation, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3. This is the Church of "Philadelphia", or "Brotherly Love", which is filled with believers who love God with their whole heart and soul, and love others as they love God and themselves. The Five Wise Virgins that have enough oil of the Holy Spirit in their lamps signify another portion of the faithful among the spiritual and literal Israelites who also love God dearly, and do their best to follow His Laws to love one another as Yahshua loves us, although they may be a bit backslidden or weak in their execution of their faith at times. Meanwhile, the Five Foolish Virgins that don't have enough oil and are leftbehind signify those who are technically saved among the Gentiles and Lost Israelites, but whose spiritual walk with God is virtually non-existent, and leaves much to be desired.

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, five of the virgin attendants of the essentially Gentile Bride of Christ are ready to leave with her when the Jewish Bridegroom arrives to take her to His Father's House in Heaven for the wedding. However, five of the virgins attending the Bride do not get to join the bridal procession because they have to go out and buy more oil for their lamps. This oil refers to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and harkens back to the Israelite practice of anointing everything that was to be set apart for holy service in Israel. This anointing was done with a special blend of olive oil that was scented with aromatic plant extracts including spikenard, frankincense, aloe, and myrrh.

Since five of the Ten Virgins have no oil or Holy Spirit power as the seal guaranteeing their inheritance in the Kingdom of God (See Ephesians 1:13 and Ephesians 4:30), Yahshua sadly must reprimand them by telling them that "I do not know you." This suggests that those who are left behind will have the appearance of godliness (being described as "virgins") without knowing God's Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit helps us know the Will of God in our lives, this means that those with little oil will have a very weak relationship with Christ, if they have any at all.

To truly "know" Yahshua, we must have a connection to Him beyond merely reading His Word in the Bible. Only those who love Yahshua have the ability to hear God speaking through words of knowledge, dreams and visions, and are able to accurately apply and interpret what the Holy Spirit shows them so it is in full agreement with the Bible. With the exception of young children, those who have not cultivated this ability by drawing near to God are the Foolish Virgins, who are to be left behind! Sadly, they will temporarily be barred from Heaven for their failure to flee from sin and procure the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit of God that brings true believers the spiritual gifts of love, peace, kindness, gentleness, long-suffering, visions, dreams, words of knowledge, discernment, and Christ's power to help the needy, heal the sick, rescue the outcast, and cast out demons.

The singling out of five of the ten virgin bridesmaids also suggests that Yahshua will have to leave behind about half of those who claim Yahshua as their Messiah today. This will be due to the fact that - though all these believers have accepted that Christ did exist and the He was the Son of God made flesh - they do not flee from sin and seek holiness so that they will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Who is the Seal of our Salvation, and Who encourages us to do good works in keeping with God's Will.

In light of this, and the fact that the Scriptures explored earlier in this chapter clearly hint that the Rapture will occur in two distinct phases, the Parable of the Ten Virgins suggests that a Second Rapture may have to occur. This Second Rapture will be to gather up the Foolish Virgins, or the wayward believers that are not ready when Yahshua initially comes for His Bride and her Five Wise Virgin attendants.

The Fate of the Foolish Virgins

Exactly when the First and Second Rapture may fall within the Tribulation Period is anybody's guess, for only God the Father knows the day or hour, and He has chosen not to reveal it to His servants. Indeed, these rescues of the saints to a place of refuge and safety may not even occur during the harvest seasons that they can be associated with, but just before or after them. Nobody really knows for sure but God the Father.

But there are Scriptural hints concerning the timing of these Two Rapture events. These suggest that the First Rapture will occur toward the beginning of the Great Tribulation at the Mid-Tribulation point, and just before the Antichrist begins enforcing the Mark of the Beast to control commerce. Meanwhile, the Second Rapture may occur toward the end of Great Tribulation - at the same time that the Two Witnesses will be raised up, which is just before final Tribulation plagues known as the Seven Bowls of God's Wrath are poured out, and the Battle of Armageddon ensues.

One hint that this is true is found in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 7, where we are given a vision of the saints who have "come out of the Great Tribulation" and are now in Heaven praising God for their deliverance:

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God

who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

These saints are likely tied to the Wise Virgins in the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew, Chapter 25. The Wise Virgin handmaidens who attend the Bride of Christ are ready with their spiritual lamps full of the oil of the Holy Spirit when the Bridegroom arrives to retrieve His Bride. These lamps are shining brightly for all to see, and represent the faithful walk of the Wise Virgins with Yahshua as they follow the Way of Yahweh, which is the Way of the Cross. Meanwhile, Yahshua says of the Foolish Virgins who are left behind in the Rapture that "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you!" This means that the Foolish Virgins are those in the Churches and Messianic Synagogues that have no personal relationship with Christ, and are not following the Way of the Cross by acting as though they are dead to the world, but fully alive in Christ.

Instead, the Foolish Virgins are flirting with the world, and are thus being unfaithful to their Bridegroom. It is this illicit love affair with the world's carnal desires and pleasures that forces Christ to leave the Foolish Virgins behind when He departs with the Wise Virgins for the Wedding of the Lamb in Heaven. The Parable of the Ten Virgins therefore makes it clear that the Foolish Virgins are a part of the Church, but are to be left behind after the First Rapture because of their unfaithfulness. This suggests that they must be cleansed in the fire of the Great Tribulation a little longer than the Wise Virgins. The fact that they are a part of the Church also suggests that they are to be rescued from the Great Tribulation also, but at a later time. In that regard, the command to "Come up here!" appears for a second time in reference to the resurrection of the Two Witnesses:

"Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them (i.e. 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 to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand men were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven." - Revelation 11:11-13

This resurrection and subsequent translation of the Two Witnesses will occur just before the bowls of God's Wrath are poured out during the seven-year Tribulation period that is identified in Scripture as Daniel's Seventieth Week. At the time that the Two Witnesses are caught up to Heaven with the command "Come up here!", it is my contention that a final wave of attendees to the Wedding of the Lamb will be snatched away with them.

This miraculous translation and snatching up of many millions of new and left behind believers that have been made worthy in the cleansing fire of suffering during the Great Tribulation may actually release an enormous amount of supernatural energy when they are translated, which in turn could trigger the massive earthquake that Scripture indicates will accompany the ascension of the Two Witnesses into Heaven. In this way, the world may easily be duped into thinking that those who are missing in this second wave of disappearances were merely lost in this fierce quake rather than saved by Yahweh's Grace and mercy. Interestingly, this is also when the last of the Seven Trumpets of Judgment will be sounded:

"The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly. Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" - Revelation 11:14-15

Could this be the Last Trumpet that the Apostle Paul spoke about in his description of the Rapture in 1 Thessalonians, as shown in the following Scripture?

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, 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" - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Even though the Book of Revelation wasn't likely written until the Apostle Paul had gone to be with the Lord, there is no reason to doubt that the Last Trumpet that Paul spoke about in the above passage could be a prophetic reference to the last or Seventh Trumpet of God's Wrath that is mentioned in the Book of Revelation. It may also be tied to the Shofars or ram's horn trumpets sounded on the Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah, as well as on New Moon days and other Jewish Feast Days.

Could it be that Paul, who always preached to the Jews that he found in each community before preaching to the Gentiles, was preaching to the Jews when he said the above, and that he was referring specifically to the time when many Jews will at last believe that Yahshua is the Messiah, which will be toward the end of the Great Tribulation? Furthermore, could these saved Jews be meant to be taken out of the Tribulation just before the Bowls of God's Wrath are poured out during a Second Rapture event? If so, this will likely occur when the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 Witnesses chosen at the beginning of the Tribulation will be snatched up to Heaven, along with the newly sanctified Christian believers found throughout the world.

From the references in the Book of Revelation pertaining to the 144,0000, it appears that Yahshua will retrieve them and the rest of His bridal party when the Two Witnesses are raised up, as described in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 11. At that

time, it may be that Yahshua will take all the believing, sanctified Jews and Gentiles on the Earth to Heaven. In Heaven, they will join the already translated Bride of Christ and the Wise Virgins in celebration until it is time for them to return to Earth with Yahshua at the Battle of Armageddon, when they will be seen riding on white horses alongside Christ. In fact, it could be Yahshua's miraculous appearance and snatching away of the carnal world's hated Messianic and Christian hostages before then that will drive the wicked in their final detestable assault on the Promised Land of Israel.

In their insane efforts to annihilate the remaining unsaved Jewish people that our Messiah nonetheless still loves, the wicked armies of the Antichrist will perish by the sword. After this, their bodies will become food for the carrion birds after their blood floods the Valley of Jehoshaphat (i.e. the Valley of Judgment) in Israel that is mentioned in Joel 3:2. When their wicked blood is shed, it will be in atonement for the murder of God's people throughout history. The Valley of Jehoshaphat can be associated with two literal valleys in Israel where several important battles in Jewish history were fought. One, the Valley of Megiddo, is to the north of Jerusalem, and one, the Kidron Valley, is to the south of it.

The Testing of the Foolish Virgins

Now, though many passages in Scripture hint at a "Rapture" or catching up of the Church, many naysayers within the Body of Christ argue that belief in a Rapture will leave many unprepared for coming disasters and hard times, as well as the Tribulation period to come when Yahweh will pour out His wrath on mankind. Many of these naysayers think it would be a great honor to be called to fight for the cause of the righteous (by their skewed definition) during the coming time of Jacob's Trouble. These war-minded people are often filled with suspicion and hate against specific groups of non-believers or apostates and believe that God expects His followers to rise up against any and all oppressors with force of arms and deadly violence if peaceful means fail to gain them their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (as they define it, not God).

However, there is not one Scripture in the entire Brit Chadashah or New Covenant Scriptures known as the New Testament that advocates using force of arms to protect our individual liberties, or to preserve our nation, culture or lives. In fact, there are several Scriptures that tell us not to use violence for any reason, even when we are being harassed and humiliated by those who hate us for our faith. Support for this teaching are found in the following words of Yahshua:

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." - Matthew 5:43-48

"And suddenly, one of those who were with Yahshua stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 52

But Yahshua said to him, 'Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?'" - Matthew 26:51-53

This message is echoed in Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation when the Beasts that are the enemies of God are described. But even in the midst of the evil of the Beasts who rise against God, the saints are told not to use violence to defend themselves, or they will die by violence:

"He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." - Revelation 13:10

Nonetheless, a few Scriptures are consistently taken out of context by those with no spiritual discernment in order to support their desire to use violence to advance the Kingdom of God. Though there may be some point in the future when hardened warriors will be specifically called by God to fight against the Antichrist and the New World Order, just as the Israelites were called to do in the far past, there is absolutely no current provision for the use of hard violence in any of Yahshua's teachings.

On the contrary! Rather than ask us to fight with force of arms, Yahshua asks His true followers to love their enemies, bless those who curse and use them, rejoice when they are reviled and persecuted, and turn the other cheek when they are slapped in the face either emotionally or physically (See Matthew 5:38-44; Luke 6:26-35). Yahshua also asks His followers to take up their Cross and follow Him. This means that God's children need to develop a close personal relationship with Christ, to follow Him, and to longingly and expectantly pray, wait and watch for His return to Earth to rescue the Church from the coming Wrath of God upon the wicked (See Matthew 24:38-47; John 10:27-30; 2 Timothy 2:19).

Nonetheless, there are many believers today who think that they will have to live through the entire Tribulation, and that they will have to fight with physical weapons of war against God's enemies. God is aware of these backslidden believers, and He also has plans for them that do not include being a part of the First Rapture. Instead, they will be connected to the Foolish Virgins in the Church who will be left behind to work on their level of sanctification.

As we discussed earlier when examining "The Parable of the Ten Virgins", the Foolish Virgins do not have a right relationship with God or a correct view of His Kingdom. In fact, some of them think that they must win a physical Kingdom of God on Earth for Yahshua before He returns. Still others believe that the Church already represents that Kingdom, and no further one will be forthcoming. Some of these Foolish Virgins even deny that there will be a literal Second Coming of Christ to the Earth, but see the presence of the Holy Spirit in believers as the manifestation of God's promised Kingdom on Earth. Many who fall in this category are within the Lutheran and Roman Catholic branches of the apostate Church, which - to their detriment - do not see the Book of Revelation as a prophecy that dualistically applies to both the past and the future.

Finally, there are some among the Foolish Virgins that recognize the Book of Revelation as a past and future prophecy, but either don't believe in the Rapture, or don't want to be taken up when it happens! Instead, they think that they may have been chosen by God to stay behind to fight against demonic spiritual principalities and powers. Some of them think they will fight the Antichrist and his armies by wielding the power of the Holy Spirit against the unseen wicked spiritual realms controlling the Devil's followers. They also believe that they will win many lost souls for Christ through evangelism and spiritual warfare during the Great Tribulation.

It could very well be true if they are among the 144,000 chosen witnesses of Israel that are chosen in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 6, right after the first Five Seals of Judgment on a sacred heavenly scroll are opened by Yahshua, Who is the Lamb of God. I believe that the 144,000 will be taken up in the First Rapture, but then will be returned to the Earth shortly after they are chosen by Yahshua in Heaven. To see my ideas concerning the 144,000 Witnesses, look for the following section of this chapter entitled: "Who Are The 144,000 Witnesses Of Revelation?"

Due to these huge doctrinal schisms between various groups of believers concerning the Tribulation period, it may be that Yahweh always intended to leave the Rapture in the realm of **choice**. In other words, it may truly be up to the individual believer to decide whether they will attend the Wedding of the Lamb in Heaven, or be left behind here on Earth to save the lost and/or fight the Antichrist and his wicked armies either through force of physical arms, or spiritual power, or both.

As a case in point, one day while I was in deep prayer, I was specifically asked by God if I would be willing to stay on Earth during the Tribulation to be a witness for Him. At that time, I knew I had a right to refuse because God knew how much I wanted to attend the Wedding Supper of the Lamb in Heaven, and He had already promised that I would be a part of it. Nonetheless, after some deep contemplation of the severe suffering I might have to experience first hand and the loss I might find from not being part of the Rapture, I told God that I would stay if it would help further His kingdom.

But I also asked that He take away my fear, and He did by promising me that those who would willingly stay behind to be witnesses would be protected and unable to be harmed. I realized then that God was trying to show me two things. First, that Revelation's 144,000 chosen ones of Israel are not all Jews, but also of the Lost Tribes of Israel like me. Second, He was showing that these saints will be immortal when they are chosen to serve God during the Tribulation, having already taken part in the Rapture!

Whether or not one chooses to believe that what I just described was a bonafide supernatural encounter with the Living God of Abraham, Scripture makes it clear that our God Yahweh loves to present paradoxes and mysteries for His human children to ponder, and, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to eventually help them to understand and embrace these paradoxes. I believe that this is one of those: that while to go to be with Yahshua is the desire of every spiritually baptized believers' heart, the desire to stay and serve God may override that desire in certain people because they want to win souls for Christ by taking part in the spiritual harvest that will take place during the first part of the Great Tribulation. I believe that the most dedicated individuals among this group of

Jewish and Israelite believers are destined to become the 144,000 Witnesses, who I will focus on at the end of this chapter.

The Signs That The Great Tribulation Is Near

Taking my cue from all of my Language of God Series books, I want to stress that I am not attempting to set exact dates for the Rapture or Tribulation. Instead, I am presenting believers with all the heavenly and biblical evidence that I have found that strongly suggests that the Rapture and Tribulation could be imminent, and that there are specific days, months and years associated with these signs that I did **not** pick pr predict. They were merely hidden in the signs, which I have done my best to interpret using the discernment of the Holy Spirit. Both the Solar Eclipse of July 2010 over Easter Island and the Lunar Eclipse of December 2010 suggest that the Tribulation already started, and the five comets and Sing of the Woman C<Lothed with the Sun that appread in October 2013 suggest that the First Rapture. Coupling these heavenly signs with the physical evidence of the birth pains of the Tribulation that can be seen in the major increase in the amount and severity of volcanic eruptions, severe weather, and earthquakes in 2010 through 2013, there is no doubt in my mind that the Rapture and Great Tribulation are fast approaching.

The political climate is even more tell-tale, with Russia and China dropping the US dollar as their monetary standard for trade and tensions between China, North Korea and the United States brewing in the North Pacific. Meanwhile, Muslim-controlled Pakistan is dangerously unstable and already has nuclear weapons in its military arsenal, and Iran is developing nuclear weapons and may soon act on its mandate to destroy Israel when nuclear warheads are readily available to them. Adding to these potential war zones, the publishing of hundreds of sensitive communications between US diplomats, embassy heads, and political leaders that made world news in November of 2010 bodes very badly for the United States and Israel in the coming months.

Personally, I believe that we are already in the final seven year Tribulation Period known as Daniel's Seventieth Week. This is partly due to the Prophecies in the Hallel Psalms, which I discussed at length earlier in this book. These are Psalms 110 through 118, and they appear to directly correlate with the years 2010 through 2018 in a prophetic sense. It also has much to do with the amazing Signs in the Heavens, which correlate with 2010 through 2018 - the same years indicated by the Hallel Psalms. To see these Sign in the Heavens at a glance, please go to my blog article explaining how to read my Tribulation Time Chart, which you can view by using this URL to get to it at the POEM web site: http://pillar-of-enoch.com/essays/trib-timeline.html. Portions of this large chart are also used for clarification and instruction in the last chapter of this book.

My Tribulation Timeline clearly shows the Heavenly Signs that I have acknowledged as highly significant End Time Prophetic markers. This includes two Triple Blood Moon Sequences marking 2011 and 2018, and the Blood Moon Tetrad on the Jewish Feasts of Passover and Tabernacles in 2014 and 2015. In my book "The Language of God in Prophecy" I originally theorized that the seven-year Tribulation would be between 2011 and 2017 - based primarily on the hidden prophecies in the Psalms that tie the Hallel Psalms 110 through 118 to the years 2010 through 2018, and the finial letters in

the Hebrew Aleph-Bet that connect to these Psalms by their number associations. I also came to this conclusion based on the 2010 end date connected to the last inch of the Great Step in the Grand Gallery of the Great Pyramid at Giza, which signifies the belt stars of Orion, and which in turn signify the three crosses erected at the Crucifixion of Christ.

I also theorized that the Rapture might happen around the Feast of Trumpets in 2010, based on the Messianic Jewish insistence that the Rapture is thematically tied to the Feast of Trumpets. But when this failed to materialize, I had to rethink all of my previously held notions, including the idea of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, which is so dear to all the big name Bible Prophecy teachers.

Looking at my Tribulation Time Chart, there are two heavenly signs in the year 2010 that I believe may mark the beginning of the Tribulation period. These are the Full Solar Eclipse or Sackcloth Sun that occurred directly over Easter Island on July 11th, 2010, and the Blood Moon or Full Lunar Eclipse that occurred on the Winter Solstice of December 21st, 2010, directly over the sword of Orion. Joel 2:31 suggests that a Sackcloth Sun and a Blood Moon will occur just before the great and terrible Day of the Lord, also called the Time of Jacob's Trouble or the Great Tribulation:

"The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the
great and awesome day of the Lord."

This prophecy suggests that a Full Solar Eclipse and Full Lunar Eclipse would be witnessed by much of the world just prior to the Day of the Lord, which I believe alludes to the entire seven-year Tribulation period as well as the Millennial Rule of Christ. If this is the case, and the Eclipses of July and December 2010 were the signs that the Day of the Lord were about to begin, then the Tribulation began on of after December 21st, 2010. I currently believe for numerous reasons - not the least of which is the preceding prophecy in Joel. If the Winter Solstice of 2010 is seen as the start date, then the Tribulation would have a midpoint in June of 2014, and a projected end sometime around the Winter Solstice in 2017 - although Yahshua said that this seven year time period would be cut short, or no life would survive it (Matthew 24:22).

There is another way to read Joel's prophecy, however. Joel seems to attach the darkened Sun and blood-color Moon in his prophecy to fire and smoke, suggesting this celestial change may also be caused by the smoke and ash of intense fires in the sky. In 2013, I did a study that showed that Joel's prophecy in relation to fire appears to be coming true today, and posted it as an article on my POEM Blog at http://pillarofenoch.blogspot.com. Look for the article there entitled: "Joel Prophecy Fulfillment Alert". In addition, the Sun and Moon will be further darkened when the Sixth Seal is opened (Rev. 6:12). The darkening of the heavens at this time could also be caused by this coming cataclysmic pole-shift, which will surely cause many volcanic eruptions causing many fires and throwing much smoke and ash into the air, just as described by Joel.

However, both Joel's and John the Revelator's prophecies may have a dual application. I already discussed the 2010 Solar and Lunar Eclipse that may be attached to Joel's Prophecy. As for Revelation 6, I believe that the Solar Eclipse being targeted there could be the November 3rd, 2013 Hybrid Eclipse over Africa, which is only the seventh such Hybrid Eclipse since the time of Christ. In addition, I believe the Total Lunar Eclipse on Passover, April 15th, 2014, which is the first eclipse of the Blood Moon Tetrad occurring in 2014 and 2015, may by the Blood Moon being cited in relation to the Sixth Seal. If this is true, it means that we are very close to the time of the Rapture and Great Tribulation. If not, there is another Full Solar Eclipse and Full Lunar Eclipse occurring in the early spring of 2015 that could be the eclipses being cited, though this seems too late in the Tribulation period to allow for the unfolding of the remainder of the many End Time plagues that will be meted out upon the wicked.

In regard to the end point of the Great Tribulation, let me re-direct your attention to the Great Pyramid at Giza. This splendid altar to God in the midst of Egypt was likely built by the righteous Sethites prior to the Great Flood to preserve some very significant End Time information for this generation. As shown in this book, I have deciphered many of this pyramid's secrets using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Following is a summary of what I have found during my many years of studying this magnificent architectural wonder, which I summarized earlier in this book.

In my drawings of the architectural layout of the Giza pyramid site, I showed that the ceremonial causeway leading from the entrance face of the middle Pyramid of Khafre at Giza in Egypt points toward the spot on the horizon where the Winter Solstice Sun rises every year in that region. This suggests that there is some connection to the Winter Solstice and the time of Christ's First and Second Advent.

As shown in my book "The Language of God in the Universe", Yahshua's conception and visitation by the Magi are directly connected to the Feast of Chanukah, which happens near to the time of the Winter Solstice every year. Since conception is when life begins, Yahshua's First Advent began at the moment of His conception near to the time of the Winter Solstice in Chanukah of 4 BC - not at His physical birth, which was on or near to the Feast of Trumpets in 3 BC.

If Yahshua is going to return for His Bride in the Rapture sometime around the Winter Solstice, this may be why the Mayan Calendar date for the End of the Mayan Fifth Sun and Incan Sixth Sun also targeted a Winter Solstice. As will be shown in the next chapter, the Signs in the Heavens on December 21st, 2012tied to first Four Seal Judgments are directly tied to the first Four Seal Judgments of the Tribulation, which I believe began to be opened in 2011. This is based on the fact that the Heavenly Signs on the Mayan End Date are directly tied to Four Zodiac Signs signifying the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and two of them appear after the Winter Solstice point on the Ecliptic, indicating that the 3rd and 4th Seals may have been opened in 2013.

Judging from the contamination of sea life in the Pacific Ocean from the ongoing Fukushima Nuclear Disaster, and the terrible prolonged droughts, floods and fires that have been plaguing the world since 2010, world food supplies are being rapidly depleted and disease outbreaks have greatly increased even as the threat of world nuclear war

continue to grow exponentially as tensions between the USA, North Korea, Russia, Iran, Israel and other nations escalates.

The evidence that these seals have been opened is everywhere. In fact, massive increases in every sort of trouble have occurred in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. However, based on what remains of the Tribulation plagues, we haven't seen anything yet, because the situation around the world will drastically deteriorate after the Sixth Seal is opened! The traumatic End Time events of the past few years include a huge spike in political and religious demonstrations, rioting and unrest, economic failures, a terrifying increase in bizarre or grisly murders, disgusting crimes and mass shootings, more frequent deadly earthquakes, heightened Christian persecution, numerous new sinkholes, huge and deadly storms accompanied by high winds, hail, floods, and tornadoes, many new pestilences and antibiotic resistant diseases, and millions upon millions of animal, fish, bird and bee die-offs.

Also, as shown earlier in this book, God gave me the key to unravel the date correlations for the measurements in the Antechamber of the Great Pyramid in early 2011. Like past Bible Scholars, I believe that there is a clear prophetic allegorical connection between the Tribulation period and the Antechamber. Using the dating key God revealed, the Antechamber shows that the beginning date of the Great Tribulation may be around July 1st, 2014, and the end date may be near to June 1st, 2016, making it 21 months, or 630 days long, which is half of the projected 42 month or 1260 day reign of the Antichrist. This suggests that the Great Tribulation will be shortened by two full years.

Spring & Autumn Winter Solstice Directly Over Equinox Sunsets -Orion's Sword -2010 AD Summer Solstice 2010 AD Sunset - 2010 AD North Stellar Alignments Of Giza Pyramids With Orion's Belt, And Solar Equinox And Graphic By Helena Lehman Pillar of Enoch Ministry (POEM) Solstice Alignments At Giza, Egypt in 2010 AD http://pillar-of-enoch.com

Giza Solar and Stellar Alignments Targeting 2010 AD

In addition, to being given the key to unlock the secrets hidden in the Antechamber of the Great Pyramid, I also recently discovered that there is a fascinating Solar Alignment at Giza that ties the placement and design of the entire Giza Pyramid Complex to this current era in human history, and to the very year that may target the beginning of the Tribulation period. This can be found when viewing the location of the

Summer Solstice and Equinox sunsets at Giza on the Western Horizon directly in front of the Sphinx, whose face is pointing due east.

In my illustration of Giza on page 17 of this excerpt, note how both the Spring and Autumn Equinox sunset points in 2010 were directly aligned with the head of the Sphinx on the Western horizon. Since sunset is at the end of the day, this suggests a connection to the End of Days when Yahshua is about to return. Furthermore, the Summer Solstice Sun of 2010 set directly adjacent to the Great Pyramid at Giza, which represents the star Al Nitak in Orion's Belt, as well as the altar to God in the midst of Egypt spoken of in Isaiah 19:19-20.

Uncannily, Isaiah Chapter 19 is also an End Time Prophecy concerning Egypt, which started being fulfilled with the rise of many violent protests in the Muslim nations of the Middle East, which began in December of 2010 - the same year targeted by the Solar Alignments of the Equinoxes with the head of the Great Sphinx! Even more fascinatingly, the middle pyramid at Giza that signifies the Cross of Yahshua has a causeway that points in the direction of the Winter Solstice, and this Solstice occurred right around the time that the so-called "Arab Spring" erupted in the Middle East.

However, though these dates found in the Great Pyramid are intriguing, and tie in perfectly with the Signs in the Heavens between 2010 and 2018, and the Hallel Psalm year correlations, no one knows exactly when Yahshua may return. Furthermore, my calculations could be wrong. All I know for certain is that Yahshua said that He would return when the Fig Tree is ready to bloom (Matthew 24:32-33), and this Parable of the Budding Fig Tree signifies that the nation of Israel is getting ready to bloom with faith in Him. Not surprisingly, there are many signs that this is occurring right now as Messianic Jewish congregations spring up all over the world, especially in the United States - where over half of the Jewish population of the world currently resides.

In addition, the Book of Revelation says that Yahshua will return to conquer the wicked just as the Battle of Armageddon is about to begin - when the armies of the world have gathered outside of Jerusalem in the Valley of Megiddo. Though this final battle surrounding the ancient city of Jerusalem's fate could happen around June of 2016, no one knows for certain when it will be. We will simply have to trust Yahweh God to protect us and keep us in His peaceful and protective embrace as we await the return of His Son.

In that regard, there is much publicized animosity between President Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Russian President Vladimr Putin and their respective military forces, along with the governments of China, North Korea, Egypt, Iran and Syria, which is painting a very grim picture of the future. Just as before World War I and II, the saber rattling between these nations is threatening to start World War III - a war that will most likely use nuclear and chemical weapons in many locales to kill millions before it's all over.

This is becoming an even bigger threat as the United States and United Nations try and persuade the nation of Israel to divide its lands and form a new Palestinian state. Though this solution may create a temporary peace, however, the Bible makes it clear that God will not allow this false peace to endure. I therefore have no doubt that we are already in the final seven-year Tribulation period, and may in fact already be very close

to the Mid-Tribulation First Rapture. Therefore, my warning to everyone is to repent of your sins NOW, ask Yahshua into your life, turn away from whatever displeases God, and pray for God to forgive you, fill you with His Helper the Holy Spirit, and help you to keep His commandments. If you sincerely do this and prayerfully keep your eyes on Yahshua, you will surely **escape** all these things, as Yahshua promised:

"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. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 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." - Luke 21:34-36

As we await our escape in the Rapture, truly born-again believers need to remember that those who follow Yahshua will always be the hated minority in this world. We have been insulated from it in the West for too long, and it has allowed the Church to become lukewarm and promiscuous. The price for that is the world turning against those who are not lukewarm. This does not mean that we should be lukewarm. On the contrary! We need to stand for our convictions in Yahshua, no matter what. But we are not called to fight with physical force of arms. We are called to love each other, to live in peace, to turn the other cheek, to rejoice when wronged, to be joyful when beaten, and glorified when we die for the sake of Yahshua with humility - when being peaceful isn't enough to appease the blood lust of the wicked.

It's time for believers to show their true mettle and the strength of their faith. Those with great faith that are tested, and who are able to stand fast in their faith until Yahshua comes for His own, will go in the Rapture. Those with little or no faith or conviction in their faith will be tested in the fire of the Great Tribulation, and some of them will sadly perish. The final weeding out of the tares from the wheat and the goats from the sheep is being carried out right now. How we love God and one another will be the deciding factor in who will be taken, and who will be left behind. It's therefore time now for all of us to decide whose side we are on, and to live the remainder of our lives with conviction and faith!

The Strong Delusion of the Antichrist

Those who deny Yahshua's literal return, and/or are too enamored with the things of this world, are in danger of falling for a total imposter called the Antichrist, who some say might be a cloned counterfeit or a literal descendant of the "seed of the Serpent." The Serpent's seed were the Nephilim or Giants of old, the "men" or "beings" of great renown. These were angel-human hybrids that grew to an immense size, and terrorized humanity before the Flood. Genesis, Chapter 6 and the Book of 1 Enoch describe the violence and inhumanity of the Nephilim that inhabited the Earth before the Great Flood.

These evil hybrid beings called Nephilim became demons when they died, and - along with their Fallen Angel sires who mated with human women in the line of Cain - they are the mastermind behind all the modern UFO sightings, and Alien encounters

and abductions that are being reported. This can be readily discerned because the channeled messages of these alien beings are diametrically opposed to the clear teaching of Scripture. These beings insist that they are our "makers", and they are going to return soon to lead the world into a New Age of peace and prosperity, when the exact opposite is true.

My book "The Language of God in History" goes into great depth about these evil, demonic creatures, and their unceasing agenda to wipe humanity off the face of the Earth. It also looks into a once secret organization known as the Illuminati, which is made up of people who either have literal Nephilim blood in their heritage, or are completely sold out to the Devil in one form or another. For example, some worship him in the form of Baphomet. This false deity with a goat's face and human body is directly connected to Satanism, which worships the natural world and physical pleasure and power above anything else in this life, and that literally hates Yahweh God, Who calls their unrestrained, carnal worldview sinful and wicked.

New Agers and Neo-Pagans are connected to Satanism in that they greatly value wealth, power, and physical and worldly pleasure. However, to their credit, they see a spiritual dimension to life that goes far beyond that, and which reaches into eternity. Unfortunately, they do not recognize the existence of sin and evil, and therefore do not understand the necessity of Christ's sacrifice for our sins on the Cross, which is central to the Salvation message in the Bible. They also view success as a sign of salvation, and look down upon anyone who is experiencing hard circumstances, which is against the clear teaching of Scripture that those who follow Yahshua the most closely can, and often do, suffer greatly in this life.

Then there is the deity of Gnostic Christians, which is a corruption of God the Father, the giver of physical and spiritual life. In the case of the Gnostics, their god can be viewed as the Destroyer because he is meant to destroy the physical world of the flesh. Gnostics consider the flesh evil, and only see the intellect and the spirit as worthy of everlasting life through the process of Gnosis, or gaining spiritual wisdom. This puts them in league with New Agers to some extant, but puts them completely at odds with true Christians and Jews. This is because the latter groups realize that the physical world was created good, and was meant to be everlasting, but that it was corrupted and made evil with the entrance of sin, which is rebellion against God.

Though their objectives appear to be completely different, New Agers, Satanists and Gnostics seem to have a common goal, and it is very similar to the one being touted by the beings behind the "Alien Agenda", which is none other than the Antichrist's agenda to take over the world. Like these aliens, the many false religious groups of the world tend to worship nature as a goddess, and all who follow the teachings of the false prophets and fallen angels as little gods.

On the other hand, many of the people that have bought into this false, alien-backed brand of spirituality see the rest of humanity that does not buy into their beliefs as parasitic. As a result, many of these lost souls desire to drastically reduce the human population of the world. Some of the most rich and powerful among them are in the Illuminati, an organization of the world's elite that intends to depopulate the world, and already has moved to do this through various means. These include mass genocidal

wars, and technologically manufactured disasters, plagues and diseases that are meant to wipe out anyone that does not fit into their objectives.

Though I wish it were far-fetched, some of the members of the elite Illuminati groups that run our world behind the scenes are planning to replace humanity altogether with a new and improved DNA enhanced, cybernetic creature that will have superhuman strength, and a greatly increased lifespan. This movement is known as Transhumanism, and its goals are to create a new brand of Nephilim that can defy God's Will, and practically live forever without any need for submission to God or repentance of sin.

Sadly, it is now entirely possible that scientists could create this new cybernetic race of humanoids, and may already be doing so. Some even speculate that the Antichrist will be one of them in a sense - as a cross between the Jewish bloodline of Christ and the Nephilim bloodline of the Devil. Some believe this has already been done by mixing the DNA found in the bones of humanoid giants, and those of the blood stains that were found on the Shroud of Turin, which may have been the actual burial cloth of Christ.

Though many still deny it, there is reason to believe that the carbon dating of the Shroud of Turin done in the recent past was faulty due to the medieval interweaving of newer fabric into the damaged corners of the Shroud - where the samples were taken to do the tests. Though it is difficult to believe that our heavenly Father Yahweh would allow His Son Yahshua's literal blood to be used in such an evil way, some also point to the seemingly sensationalistic claims that the late adventurer Ron Wyatt found the Ark of the Covenant hidden beneath the crucifixion site of Christ at Golgotha in Jerusalem. When documenting his claims on video (which can be found at YouTube), Ron claims to have retrieved a sample of Christ's blood that had pooled on the top of the Ark. He also claims that it proved to be "alive" when tested in a laboratory. Though these are intriguing theories, however, I can't say for certain that there is any truth to them. Only time will tell!

Some people believe that Prince William of the United Kingdom may be a clone derived through DNA splicing of normal human DNA with Christ's own DNA taken from either of the above mentioned sources. They therefore believe that William may be the Antichrist. If nothing else, it is interesting to note that the name of William's father, "Prince Charles of Wales" adds up to 666 in both the Greek and Hebrew Gematria, and William became 30 on the Summer Solstice in 2012. On that note, I find it interesting that William was born on the Summer Solstice, and I did a study of the Heavenly Signs at his birth recently that should raise some suspicions about just who he and his father represent in God's Plan. Check the main page of my POEM web site at http://pillar-of-enoch.com for links to the articles online.

In any case, the Signs in the Heavens are telling me that the Tribulation already began, so the Antichrist has to be prominent on the world scene already, even if he isn't in control of the one world government yet. But anyone who pays attention can plainly see that this one world government, which is being touted as the New World Order by several past Presidents of the United States, has been steadily worked toward in Europe, the United Kingdom, and the United States for the past 50 to 100 years. The most

obvious signs of this coming One World Government and Religious system can be seen in the mass move toward Socialism and Collectivism within all the governments around the world. In addition, it can be clearly seen in that Jews, Christians, Christianity and Biblical Morality have been repeatedly marginalized, sin and sinfulness and the existence of Hell have been, and are routinely denied, and Ecumenism and the move toward a One World Religion declaring all paths to be equal have been, and continue to be persistently forced on us by our governments.

Regardless of when the Tribulation begins or where the bloodlines of the Beast that will go down in history known as the Antichrist originate, however, his plans will not succeed! In the end, he will perish - along with all who fall for his deceptive claims to be both the Messiah of the world, and a deity worthy of the wicked world's worship. In the meantime, we are called to watch and pray as we wait for Yahshua's Return for us in the Rapture. Here are two more Scriptures that tie directly to the Parable of the Ten Virgins to show what Yahshua's return for His Bride will be like. I have filled these with short explanatory notes in parentheses to make understanding them easier for those unfamiliar with God's prophetic Language. As you read these, remember that the symbolic door to Heaven was shut on the Foolish Virgins in the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man (Yahshua) going to a far country (Heaven), who left His house and gave authority to His servants (the saints), and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper (the Watchmen) to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house (the Bridegroom) is coming - in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning - 36 lest, coming suddenly, He find you sleeping." - Mark 13:32-36

The following Scripture uses similar imagery, but is very confusing because it mentions two different masters, although this is not clear in English translations. These two masters are the big Master of the Bride and the Wise Virgins who is Yahshua, and the little master of the "house", or the "world", which is currently Satan. Keep this in mind as you read this Scripture:

"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait (The Wise Virgins, who are watching) for their master, when he will return from (at or during) the wedding, that when he comes and knocks (on the symbolic door to retrieve His Bride) they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master (the TRUE master is Yahshua), when He comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that He will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them (at the Wedding of the Lamb in Heaven). 38 And if He should come in the second watch (in the First Rapture), or come in the third watch (in the Second Rapture), and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this, that if the master of the house (the house is the world, and so this master is Satan) had known what hour the thief (this thief is Yahshua, who will come like a thief) would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into." - Luke 12:35-39

So, as this section proves, the Word of God does indeed teach the concept of a special "Catching-Away" or Rapture of the Saints in many different parts of the Bible. As revealed in this section, there are also many references to the Rapture hidden away where few have looked. This was done so that no one would be able to rob the diligent student of Scripture of their blessed hope!

Why the Post-Tribulation Rapture View Doesn't Make Sense

As a Watchman on the Wall that is anxiously awaiting our Messiah's glorious return, I want to commend all who are attempting to discern when Yahshua will return to rescue all those who are born-again by His Spirit and living under His Grace from total destruction. Among those of you doing so, there are many that hold to varying views of when the Rapture or catching up of God's elect saints into everlasting life and resurrection will take place.

Based on my understanding of the Scriptures after detailed study and prayer, I personally believe that the Rapture of the Church is meant to protect and preserve God's people from having to experience the worst of God's Wrath that will be poured out during the Great Tribulation. Ever since openly voicing my view that the Rapture must take place by the middle of the coming seven-year Tribulation, however, I have endured near constant attacks from people with a Post-Tribulation view of the Rapture and Second Coming. These attacks have mostly been relentless and cruel, going against all the gifts of the Ruach Ha Kodesh or Holy Spirit such as love, forgiveness, kindness and compassion. Nonetheless, I did my best to display the gifts of the Ruach when debating my differing views of the Rapture with these people.

Unfortunately, my scriptural arguments for believing in a Pre to Mid-Tribulation Rapture that are outlined below were ignored for the most part by those favoring a Post-Tribulation Rapture. Furthermore, since their arguments against my views did nothing to address the teachings of the Scriptures that I shared with them, I was not convinced that my views were wrong in any way. In addition, I was encouraged by their lack of knowledge of these Scriptures to attempt to explain here why I still hold fast to a Pre-to Mid-Tribulation Rapture view.

Part of my reason is based on my Spirit-led understanding of the type and extant of the tribulation or persecution that Yahshua mentions in Matthew Chapter 24, verses 9, 21 and 29. From my study of these and many other Scriptures, it can be shown that Yahshua was in no way referring to the Great Tribulation spoken of in the Book of Revelation. In fact, when all the Scriptures pertaining to the time of Jacob's Trouble are studied carefully, two things become clear: First, that this tribulation spoken of in Matthew Chapter 24 has already begun and is ongoing, and second, that the Rapture can in no way be at the time of the Battle of Armageddon.

All one has to do to refute the Post-Tribulation view is to know the history of the last two centuries. First, one needs to be aware of the hundreds of false prophets that arose in the 19th and 20th centuries and are arising even now that tout the joys of Atheism, Deism, and the Hinduistic, Atheistic, and Humanistic New Age Religions like Theosophy, Freemasonry, Universalism, and Rosicrucianism.

Then one needs to obtain a thorough knowledge of the horrendous events of World War II when all of Western Civilization was threatened with destruction. In view of these facts, there is every indication that the distress, persecution or tribulation of believers that Yahshua was referring to in Matthew Chapter 24 began with the imprisonment, torture and eventual slaughter of at least 8 million Jews and over 30 million Christians that perished in Europe, Russia, and Asia because of their religious beliefs and resistance to the dominant secular humanistic (and communistic) culture of their home countries.

The persecution of Christians did not end there, however. It has continued virtually unabated in places such as Africa and Asia, where Muslim terrorists have moved into many once Christianized nations or Pagan and Muslim nations with significant minorities of Christians and slaughtered, raped, impoverished, and brutalized many more millions of believers in Yahshua. But the sad truth is that most of the people in the West are oblivious or unconcerned about of the plight of millions upon millions of true believers in Christ that are suffering persecution and the thousands that are being martyred every single day for living by and preaching about the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

With this in view, the "tribulation of those days" that Yahshua spoke of in Matthew 24:29 can only be referring to the 19th and 20th Century events that led to World War I and World War II, as well as to the early 21st Century. In any case, when the Book of Revelation is compared to Matthew Chapter 24, it can be shown that a far worse tribulation is discussed in the Book of Revelation than the one defined in Matthew Chapter 24. As proof that the Great Tribulation is not meant in Matthew Ch. 24, verses 9, 21 and 29, one must carefully read what Yahshua said in these passages and compare it to the Book of Revelation's Tribulation plagues. The following passage indicates the scope of environmental destruction that will accompany the tribulation of Matthew Chapter 24:

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." -Matthew 24:7-8

In this passage, though Yahshua mentioned an increase in earthquakes, famines (ostensibly caused by droughts and floods that cause crops to fail), and pestilences as the birth pains of the Tribulation, He nowhere mentions the near total destruction of the earth that will take place in the Tribulation period that is graphically depicted in the Book of Revelation, Chapters 6 through 16.

In fact, by using the phrase "in various places" in Matthew 24:7, Yahshua was indicating that there would only be isolated pockets of destruction during the Tribulation discussed in Matthew Chapter 24, as was completely the case in the last century. However, in Revelation Chapter 16, a nearly global destruction of the Earth is indicated. In addition, by referring to the relative peace and calm that will be part of the human condition prior to His return, Yahshua makes it clear that the Rapture stage of His Second Coming is being spoken of in Matthew Chapter 24 and not the Armageddon stage of His return that will follow the Great Tribulation or Wrath of God detailed in the Book of Revelation. He does so by explaining that the rescue of His saints will come long

before most of the plagues poured out on the wicked in the Book of Revelation. This is made clear in the following Scriptures:

"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and... the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 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." - Matthew 24:38-41

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank... 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... when the Son of Man is revealed." - Luke 17:26-30

There is no way around it: one has to read Matthew Chapter 24 in light of the Book of Revelation to avoid misinterpreting what Yahshua said. These Scriptures make it clear that, when Yahshua returns for His elect saints, the world will be in a state of relative quiet and calm such as those preceding violent storms or that can be found under the eye of a hurricane. Furthermore, this state of peace and calm will be absolutely impossible after the Seventh Trumpet and Seven Bowls of God's Wrath are poured out on the Earth! No one except those who deny that the Book of Revelation speaks of yet future events can read of the cataclysmic events in Chapter 16 in the Book of Revelation and think that there will be peace and calm immediately before or after the Battle of Armageddon.

Read it for yourself! Revelation Chapter 8, Verse 7 says that, at the time of the First Trumpet plague: "a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up." Furthermore, Revelation Chapter 16 tells us that "every living creature in the sea died", and the rivers and springs of water "became blood" (Rev. 16:3-4). Next, "men were scorched with great heat" (Rev. 16:9), and this will be so great a scorching that it will cause the Euphrates river to completely dry up, and most of the remaining trees and shrubs on the Earth to die (Rev. 16:12). After this, a thick darkness will descend on the kingdom of the Beast (Rev. 16:10). In addition to this, "a great and terrible earthquake" that will be far worse than any in recorded history will shake the earth so "the cities of the nations fell" and "every island fled away, and the mountains were not found" (Rev. 16:18-20).

With no clean water to drink or to irrigate crops, a severe drought that will scorch the entire world, and the cities and mountains of the world destroyed, the Earth will be laid waste by the Bowls of God's Wrath. Virtually no trees will be left standing where the ruined cities of mankind once stood, and not one blade of grass will be left alive. Furthermore, not one fish will be left alive in the lakes, streams or oceans that will have all been turned to blood by this time!

After this, hailstones will fall on mankind - each weighing about a talent (or 50 pounds!). These will injure and kill many, and cause those who survive to blaspheme

against God (Rev. 16:21). Based on the total destruction of the Earth that is outlined in Revelation Chapter 16, there is simply **no way** that people will be calmly doing business, tending fields or getting married in expectation of raising a family at the end of the Chapter 16 in the Book of Revelation. Furthermore, the following Scriptures plainly state that it will be entirely possible for true believers in the Church of "Philadelphia" or "Brotherly Love" to escape all the plagues and pestilences of the Great Tribulation and to forego seeing the wrath of God being poured out on the wicked:

"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." - Luke 21:36

"For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." - 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Thessalonians 5:9

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." - Rev. 3:10

In light of the fact that Yahshua promised to spare those who love Him from the coming pouring out of God's Wrath in the Great Tribulation, the Post-Tribulation view of the Rapture is a scripturally unsound position at best, and an outright deception at its worst.



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