

The Pretribulation Rapture Theory! Is it a Deception?

NOTE: In my studies I use the four Hebrew letters YHVH (and I pronounce it as Yahuah) instead of LORD, which is a title - not a name. I also use Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character.

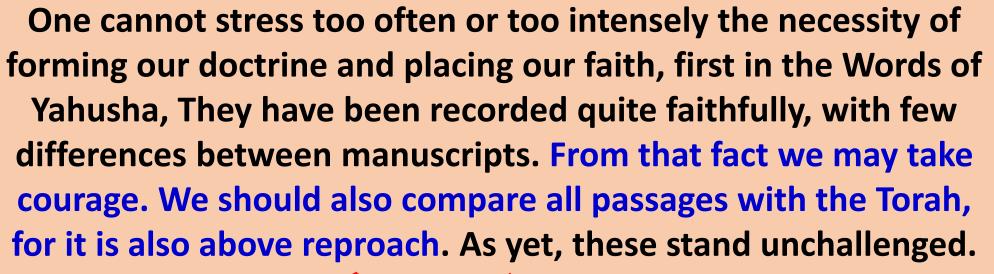
Since the Scriptures have been modified, changed over the past centuries by the various translations, be it on purpose or by an oversight, I am inserting the original Hebrew names in my presentations. Wherever the name "Elohim" appears, I inserted Elohim or YHVH, wherever God is shown, I inserted "Elohim" wherever "LORD" is shown, I insert YHVH, wherever the word "Jesus" is used, I use HIS proper Hebrew name "Yahusha".

All biblical references are taken from the King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

Much information for this power point presentation I have taken out of the book by Danette Davis called "Millennium Muddle and Rapture Rabble". I am thankful to her for the research she has done, and I feel that this information should be made available for people, so that they can be aware of this teaching and deception of a "secret pretribulation rapture".

Let's not forget that **Satan is the author of confusion**, and he certainly has been busy cluttering our spiritual pathway with briers and debris. That is not only true regarding the thousand-year passage in Revelation that I just presented but also other doctrines have suffered abuse, as well.

Truth has been taken from the people by stealth, corrupting a select few places, so as they might lead us to "doubt" the entire Word, as the Word of YHVH.



MAY IT EVER BE SO.

The apostle Paul is indicating that before the coming of Yahusha, there will be deception, apostasy, and the working of Antimessiah with his destruction to the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2: 3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away

first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

There is no mention of a secret rapture here, quite the contrary. This doctrine did not come from the Savior, His disciples, or the prophets before them. Therefore, this ought to raise a "red flag" in our minds.

MILENNIUM

The pre-tribulation rapture is related to the millennium teaching but held as a separate doctrine by some. It is one of the most popular teachings today in Evangelical and Charismatic churches. It also has come to us because of errors made by translators and assumptions made by Bible readers with careless study methods.

The following is a statement by Brian M. Schwertley in his book "Is the pretribulation rapture biblical?" "The Pre-Tribulation Rapture teaching is another part of the Millennium deception. It states that there will be two more separate comings of **Christ**. The first of these two is secret and occurs before the future seven years of tribulation. At that coming, Jesus will come for the saints (i.e., all genuine believers) both living and dead. ...

These saints will meet the Lord in the air and then they will be taken to heaven to escape the horrible judgments that will take place during the seven-year tribulation. At the end of the great tribulation, Jesus will return to the earth with the saints. This coming is not secret, but is observed by all. At this coming, Christ crushes His opposition, judges mankind and sets up a one-thousand-year reign of saints upon the earth (the millennium)."

The following website "www.jeremiah project.com/prophecy/rapture3" explains the rapture doctrine this way:

"The simple thesis of premillennialism is that Yahusha will literally return to the earth before (pre) the Millennium begins, and that He himself will inaugurate and rule over it."

Many believe this, but is that What we find in the Scriptures?

The three vital assumptions in this rapture doctrine are as follows:

- "1. The rapture of the church does NOT take place at the visible second coming of the Messiah.
 - 2. Those who miss the rapture will have a second chance.
- 3. The true church of the End Times will escape the tribulation, the anti-messiah, and the mark of the beast.

We will follow these assumptions in the light of ALL Scripture, and let **the Bible speak**. Their favorite passage in 1

Thessalonians, will be studied first. It actually corrects the fallacy claimed as truth.

"For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we, the living who are left over at the coming of the Master shall in no way go before those who are asleep. 16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. 17 Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master." 1 Thess. 4: 15-17 The Scriptures

In verse 15, Paul is speaking to those who remain alive to see the coming of the Master. By this, and other references, we may understand that the first century believers expected the Savior to return within their lifetime. These who see the coming of the Master will not "prevent" those who fall asleep in death from witnessing His Second Coming.

There "prevent," is the Greek word phthano (G5348) means to "precede." Paul is saying that those who see the Coming of the Master will not "get a head-start" into the cloud with Yahusha Ha Mashiach.

He is assuring those who are growing feeble as they wait for the climax of history. Then Paul comforts the aged ones with the next words: "For the Master Himself will come from heaven with a shout" (that will wake the dead).

Paul continues, "Then (at that time), the risen saints will rise into the cloud and hose saints who were yet alive would then (at that time) join them in the meeting in the air!"

Among the rapture theorists, there are as many variations of it as there are conceivable possibilities for it. It should be noted, as this subject is discussed, that "rapture," meaning to be "carried away in ecstasy" (Webster's), has become a jargon term among Catholics and Evangelicals.



It is used to refer to the reunion with Messiah in glory, whether visibly or secretly. From the above Scripture we may see that no one gets there ahead of the others, and it all happens visibly at the Second Coming of Messiah. We will examine all the evidence available.

Pretribulation rapturists teach that this "snatching away" will occur **before** the time of trouble, called The Tribulation. Thus, they will escape these terrors, as we read in Luke 21:36,



"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

"to flee out." To flee out of something is to run safely away while it is transpiring. Otherwise, your fleeing is not "out" of anything. In other words, we pray to be covered, guided, and protected, during that fearful time, just as the three worthies were safe in the fire.

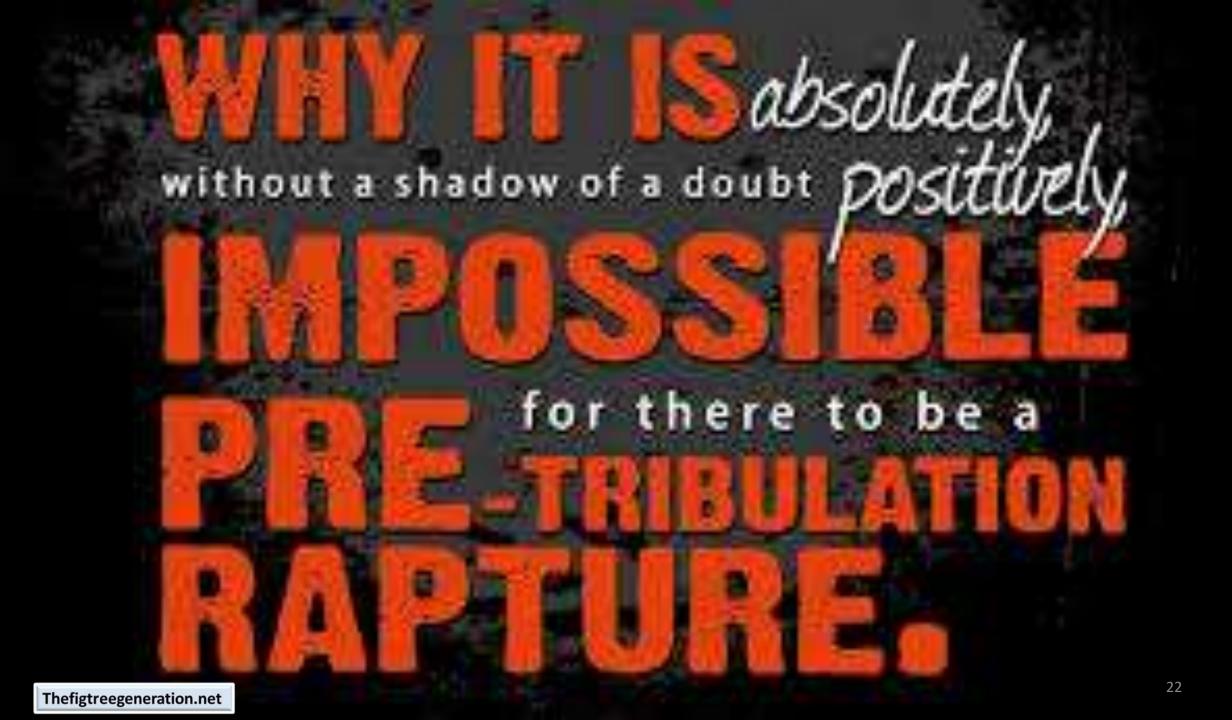


Other variations made by the rapture theorists include the midtribulationists, who believe they will be raptured during the persecution before it gets "too bad," while the post-tribulationists expect their rapture at the conclusion of the trouble when the millennium is about to begin. The "pre-wrath rapturists" conclude that they will be tested by the Antichrist but escape the Day of Wrath. Then, there are partial rapturists who maintain that some will experience translation before the final events while the larger group of saints will be raptured sometime during the tribulation or at its end.

Jeremiah Project: "Premillennialism."

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All these views are closely linked to the millennium doctrine. While one sees this period as a gradual freedom from sin, others see it as a time of ecstasy in heaven and gloom on earth. Some call the millennium a "golden age of righteousness and peace." But we return to the thesis question: Does Scripture really teach any of these views?



Perhaps the first clue that these teachings are not truly from the Word of YHVH, is the fact that there is so little agreement among those who promote them. The subject isn't introduced in literature until the early nineteenth century. In fact, much of this distortion of Scripture came in the 1830's, taught by John Nelson Darby, as part of his theory of "Dispensationalism." In that theory, the history of the world can be divided into 1000-year dispensations.

Dispensationalism is a theological system that emphasizes the literal interpretation of Bible prophecy, recognizes a distinction between Israel and the Church, and organizes the Bible into different dispensations or administrations. https://www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html

Dividing the history of the world into 7 increments of 1000 year era, calling them an age of innocence, conscience, human government, promise, law, grace and kingdom has been the Zoroastrian beliefs in the 10th century. From Zoroastrianism it has become part of Philosophical Religion today. Nevertheless, history can not authorize this view, and Scripture doesn't endorse it.

Yet, many proclaim it.



In general, the main beliefs taught by the "Dispensationalists" include the following tenants:

- 1. The Jews, being Elohim's originally chosen people, are those to whom the Bible refers in the Old Testament. It was to them He promised the Messiah.
- 2. Since the Jews rejected their Messiah at His first coming, a kind of Plan-B was instituted, with the Church entering the picture. Thus, the Gentiles were expedient for Him to have a group on earth, a kind of parenthesis in history. ...

...Their purpose and function will end at the beginning of the millennium, and the Kingdom of the Jews will rule the world during that time. This theory assumes that the Bible was written for two distinct but separate groups: Jew and Gentile. It is believed by adherents that the entire Old Testament, much of the Gospels, and some of Revelation are for the Jews. What remains is for Gentile Churches...

3. At any time now, the church will be secretly raptured. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 is often quoted in support of this theory. However, as previously pointed out the word "with" in the text, making the supposition that YHVH will bring some from Heaven who have been taken there prior to His visible second coming, is a translator's selection of prepositions, of which many other options are available.

4. Thus, bring "to" Him (vs. 14), which allows harmony among all Bible writers, is excluded, and is given a meaning of "generation," which isolates the Scripture in support of error. Matthew 24:40-41 is interpreted to mean that these righteous will "be taken" to Heaven, although the passage in no way say it. In fact there are several passages of scripture that do say some are taken and others are left, but it is not the righteous who are taken. The righteous are left. See Isa. 4:3; 24:6, for example.

5. Following this secret "snatching away," is a period of seven years of tribulation, thought to be the seventh week of Daniel 9: 24-27. Teachers of this doctrine place Revelation 4: 9 and Matthew 24 in this seven-year period. By this time, the church has been taken out of the world so the Jews can have their literal kingdom on earth, as they interpret the prophecies.

6. Thereafter the saints come back with Christ and the city, Satan, who has been bound during this millennium of peace, is loosed and thereafter destroyed with sin and death. Of course, there is a third resurrection at the end of the millennium (although the Bible denies it). With the earth purified, some believe that the saints will mingle between Heaven and Earth, while others keep the two groups separate forever. Kuiper, D. H., "The Premillennial Error, or the Rapture and the Revelation"

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To understand what is wrong with these teachings, other than the fact that they make Scripture contradict itself, one must also answer the question: Is "Israel" a spiritual term which includes all those who follow Messiah, Yahusha ha Mashiach? Or, is "Israel" naming the Jews only?

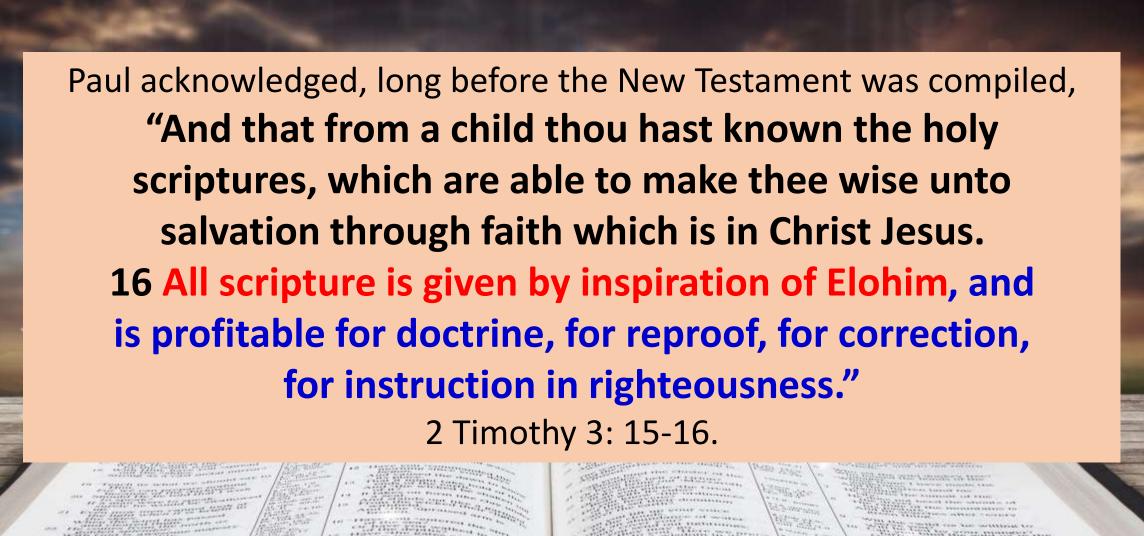


Fundamental to the premillennial and rapture teachings is the separation assumed between what is called the Old Dispensation of Israel and the New Dispensation of the Christian Church. But the Bible does not support this teaching, either,

Let the reader be reminded, to be called "Christian" assumes, of necessity, that one follows Christ, the Messiah. This means that His example and words must be held in the highest priority. Those who were close to Him during His earthly ministry should be regarded as accurately revealing the teaching of the Messiah.



The Torah, also, should be recognized as interpreting the disciples' meaning in a way that brings all the prophesies into harmony with the four gospels.



The apostle Paul is herein acknowledging that the Old Testament Scriptures, the only Scripture known at the time the previous statement was first written, it is the foundation and is much more Scripture as the New Testament Scriptures.

The New Testament must be proved by the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the Gospel concealed and the New Testament is the Gospel revealed. Furthermore, if you belong to Yahusha, the Messiah, you are Israel, Abraham's seed and heirs to the Promise. (See Galatians 3: 29; Acts 10: 34).

The Covenant of grace was established with Abraham long before there was a Jew. The "seed" of Abraham was Yahusha, through whom the whole world has been Blessed. Gen. 22: 18.

Yahusha stated in John 5: 39, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

What Scriptures was He referring to?

Obviously, the Old Testament (the Torah, the prophets and the Psalms) as there was no New Testament. This tells us that the Old Testament contains all the information to find the Messiah and it contains all the requirements for salvation.

Continuing Paul's discourse on "who is Israel?" he states clearly that YHVH accounts faith in Messiah for righteousness and son ship. "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Galatians 3: 7

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one (in unity) in Messiah Yahusha." Galatians 3: 28 Yahusha did not allow for two separate groups in the kingdom, with a restoration of the Jewish nation to power in a millennium. That is one of the traditions of men that has sneaked into Christianity by false teachers feeding those with itching ears.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears," 2 Timothy 4: 3

The promises made to the Nation of Israel were never about their nationality, but about their loyalty and obedience to the Elohim of Jacob. The promises were always conditional: "If you will..., then I will...," Let us not forget that! For example, on the eastern shore of the Red Sea, YHVH gave the multitude this promise,

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am YHVH that healeth thee." Exodus 15: 26.

"If you will hear My voice and obey My words, then I will be your Elohim and you will be My people," is a concept born out in many scriptural references. "When you walk in My ways, then I will bless you. If you rebel, I will not bless you, but curses will come upon you." The following are a few texts that show that pattern:

"And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days." 1 Kings 3: 14

"If thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: 5

Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for

THIS STILL APPLIES TO US TODAY, BECAUSE YHVH
DOES NOT CHANGE ACCORDING TO MALACHI 3:6.

commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other Elohims, and worship them: 7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people," 1 Kings 9: 4-7.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee."

Deuteronomy 28: 15

"If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, YHVH thy Elohim; 59 Then YHVH will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee." Deuteronomy 28: 58-60

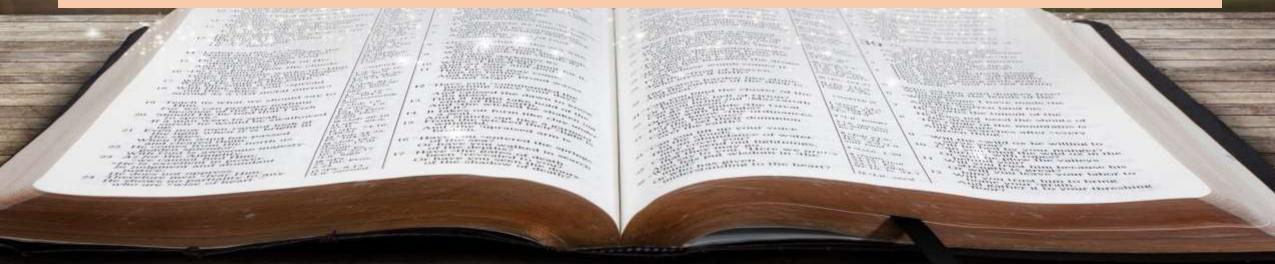


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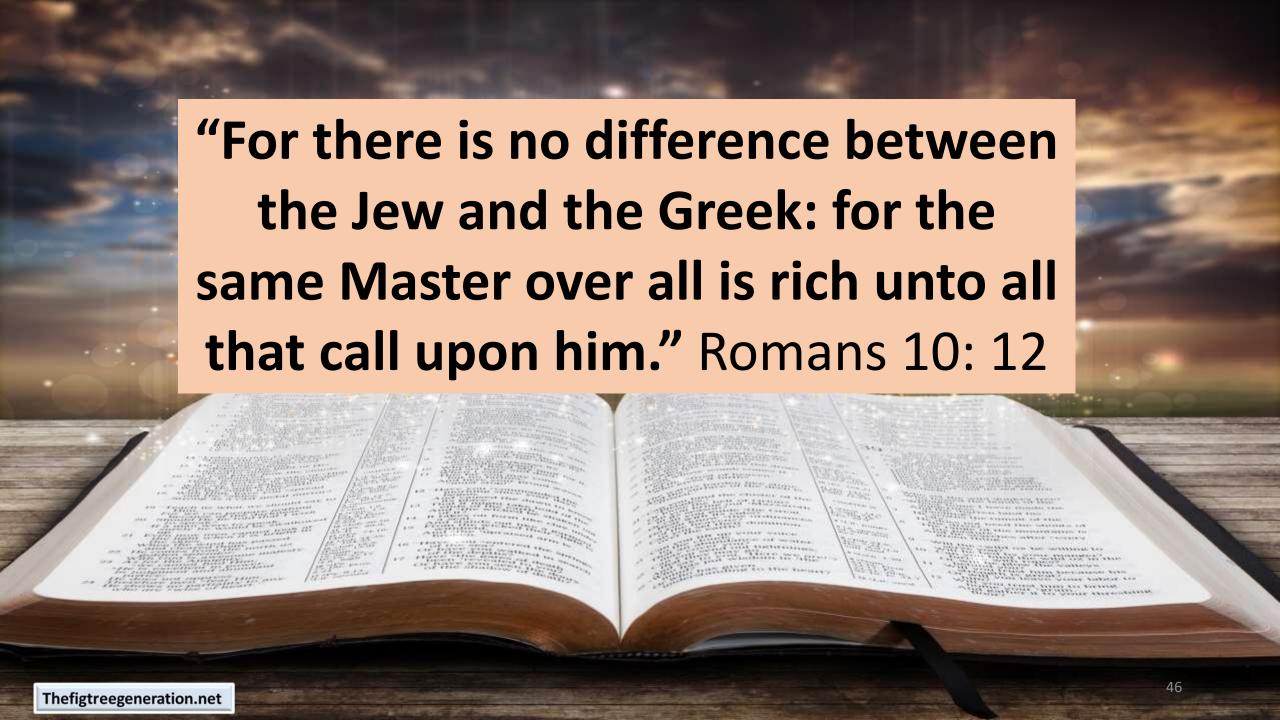


LET THE SCRIPTURE BE TRUE AND EVERY PRESUMPTUOUS MAN A LIAR (ROMANS 3: 4), FOR IT DID COME TO PASS!

"For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim: but the children of the promise are 169 counted for the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise." Romans 9: 6-9.



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We are told that the "so-called Jews" who occupy Jerusalem today have no roots in Abraham whatsoever! They are, almost entirely, foreigners who have taken the name and changed, or ignored, the religion of the Patriarchs, making their own New World religion with the "One Worlders."

Thus, Paul is correct every way you look at it: Those who occupy the "Holy Land," are not seeking holiness, nor are they the physical descendants of Abraham! Not by birth, nor by covenant of Grace are they in line for the inheritance. They are usurpers. There is more Hebrew "blood" among the Caucasians and Asians than among those now occupying Jerusalem, we learn from "Jewish Genetics, Abstracts and Summaries" (online).

Speaking to "Israel" of the Covenant of Grace through faith, Paul reminds us all that:

"For through him we both [Jew and Gentile] have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahusha Ha Mashiach himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in YHVH," Ephesians 2: 18-21.



"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Master, one faith, one baptism, 6 One Elohim and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Ephesians 4: 4-6

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Yahusha, speaking to the Jews from Zechariah's porch, told His Hebrew congregation these words they did not want to hear, "And other sheep have I which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one-fold and one shepherd." John 10: 16.



Not one "Jewish fold," as some Messianics seem to believe, but one Shepherd's fold. There is no biblical evidence that the Jews will yet be exalted as a nation. In fact, the Messiah tells us their house was left desolate, Matthew 23: 38. Is anybody listening? His words take precedence.



The second most important clue to these doctrines of End Time events being erroneous, is not second in importance, but second in presentation only: The Holy Scripture doesn't teach what is claimed! The Pre-Millennialists use 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17 as their keystone, but the text does not prove a secret rapture, or a separate resurrection for the righteous and another for the wicked. The Bible clearly teaches that all will come forth on Judgment Day, of which there is only one.

Will we believe Yahusha Ha Mashiach, or will we make up our own tradition, which the Master called "vain"?

"This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15: 8-9.



Yahusha told his audience of Jews, with a few Gentiles, no doubt, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of **Damnation."** John 5: 28,29.



While that may be thought of as two different resurrections, this conclusion will not agree with other references. To keep all passages in agreement, think of the foregoing mentioned event as being two different proclamations, or destinations, rather than two different timings. The Master cannot "separate" sheep from goats, if only sheep are present!





The Scriptures reveal one second coming of Messiah, one resurrection event of all in the graves at His coming, and one Judgment. **Dale H. Kuiper**, pastor of Southeast Protestant Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, ends his observations of this masterful deception as follows:

"At fault is the method of interpretation followed by adherents of this system. A sound rule is that difficult passages of the Word, which Rev.20 certainly is, must be explained in the light of simpler texts. One cannot escape the feeling, however, that with this view, a reconceived theory is brought to Scripture, difficult passages are appealed to as proof, ...

... and then the attempt is made to bring many simpler passages into line with the theory. The result is a violent splitting asunder of the Word, and thus of the redemptive work of Elohim! But Elohim is one. His Word is one (presented in two testaments, prophecy and fulfillment), and redemption in Jesus Christ is one!" Kuiper, D. H., "The Premillennial Error, or the Rapture and the Revelation" Online at:

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Like the Millennium Doctrine, the Scriptures offered as "proof" of the **Pre**-Tribulation Rapture, are no "proof" at all. To see an example of drawing faulty conclusions, examine the reasoning offered in the Bible study online called, "Biblical Proof of a Pretribulation Rapture," by David J. Stewart.80 Consider his assumptions:

His first "proof" text is Hebrews 11: 5. There we read that by faith Enoch was translated and was not found because Elohim had taken him. Enoch did not see death. Some, therefore, from that Scripture, claiming that Enoch was the first to be "raptured," conclude that all the righteous living at the Time of the End will be raptured, or translated without seeing trouble or death. Does this, or any other text suggest that the righteous will have the same experience as Enoch? No, of course not.

The next text offered is 1 Corinthians 15: 20, 23, where the Rapturists focus on the "first fruits of them that slept" and "every man in his own order." There is no parallel between Messiah as the first fruits and the entire harvest that follows. Yahshua went through major "tribulation." He certainly could not be a type of some group that will escape persecution. We will be resurrected at Messiah's second coming, - call that a "Rapture," if you like, but it won't be secretive, nor before the tribulation; not according to this passage.

The claim is made by Evangelist Stewart that there is not one text in the Bible that says the righteous will go through the tribulation. I disagree:

Matthew 24: 7-9 – "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

Some of the very same Scriptures found in this document to prove that there is no pre-tribulation rapture, are quoted by adherents as "proof" that there is a pre-tribulation rapture! The reader will have to decide.

2Thessalonians 2: 7-8 does not suggest the claim that is made for it! Matthew 25: 31-32 does not say that the Son of man will gather all nations at the present city of Jerusalem, which is also claimed. That claim denies Messiah's own words in John 4: 21.

All the hype over Jerusalem today is a perfect set-up for deception by the Antichrist. Let Messiah's final words over Jerusalem be final! He is the Son of YHVH!

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These and several other texts, all of which give no evidence of a "secret rapture," are being omitted here, because 1) They have already been explained in the context of other Bible writers, the Torah Template, and words of the Messiah. Yet, Mr. Stewart calls them "irrefutable Scriptural evidence teaching a pretribulation rapture."

Stewart, David, "Biblical Proof of a Pretribulation Rapture." Online at Jesus Is Savior

It just isn't so.

Author Stewart then draws a parallel between Noah in the Ark, safe, out of the conflagration; but, that doesn't "hold water" either. Here is why: Noah, in the ark, according to Jasher, was tossed



about in great furry, as one might expect in a great storm. Although the Bible record leaves out the detail, Jasher graphically explains the ordeal as producing great fear in both animal and human within the Ark, as it crashed violently into great boulders, and as it was hit by falling debris. The Book of Jasher; Chapter 6

The small remnant of the Antediluvian world experienced the Deluge but were preserved through it. Yes, it is a parallel and type of the End Time Tribulation, that all will experience, but only the Remnant of Yah will be preserved uninjured! Noah and family did not escape the terror, but they were kept through it. Being in Heaven would not match this model!

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the Earth." Revelation 3: 10

Pre-Tribulation Rapturists claim the above text means that they will escape the hour of temptation which, to them, means the "Tribulation."



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Contrary to escaping these trying experiences, the Greek Lexicon tells us we will endure the experiences set to test and prove all nations, including Elohim's people. All will be so tested, whether righteous or wicked, but only the righteous are addressed in this text. Everything about these circumstances call for endurance which will prove their adherence to the Word that kept Yahshua patient and enduring His trial! As He is so are we in the world. 1 John 4: 17.

Another favorite text used by Pre-Tribulation Rapturists, is found in Jeremiah 30: 7-11. There we read of a great time of trouble, called the Time of Jacob's Trouble. Then it says that the believer will "be saved out of it." It is important to note that the saints will be scattered, endure captivity, and corrected and/or punished by the Lord during this time. Clearly, they will go through this Time of Jacob's Trouble, for those listed activities and conditions do not occur in Heaven.

Finally, it is not honest exeges is to declare that Matthew 24: 14 -And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness...and then shall the end come, is identifying the tribulation period. The fact is, this Gospel of the Kingdom has been, and is being, preached in all the world now. Are we in the Tribulation Period now? Some countries of our world are certainly having more than their share these days, but we have not entered the horrific experiences that will keep every saint of the Lord "crying for deliverance." Those are the proving days that can be compared to the "acid test" for assaying gold.

We have inherited lies, sent down to us on the wings of tradition and the sophistry of demons. Pray for eye salve! "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire... and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see." Revelation 3: 18





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