

SCRIPTURE PROMISES OF THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION – YEHOSHUA’S AND OURS!

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This article is immensely personal to me... I started researching these promises again when it became clear that my own precious mother was about to meet God. Just a few weeks prior to her passing safely into the Arms of Yehovah, I started typing this. My father had died in 2023 and that started my research and gave me much comfort. Now, after much prayer, I feel is the time for me to finish it.

Knowing that these promises are true are what have held me together in the face of living without my mother for the first time in my life. She was ninety-two and I am seventy-one. So, my hope is that they will help others to also trust in Yehovah’s Unfailing Word! I know I will see my mother and daddy again...if I will stay faithful... as they did!

Yehoshua (Jesus) was the first to be Eternally Resurrected from the dead and His Resurrection was prophesied in the Hebrew Bible. The Hebrew Bible is THE WRITTEN TORAH, THE PROPHETS [INCLUDING PSALMS], AND THE WRITINGS –CALLED “THE TANACH” BY JEWS, WHICH CHRISTIANS CALL “THE OLD TESTAMENT.” I am purposely using primarily these books for my research, along with THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, because I BELIEVE THESE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH AS BELIEVERS IN YEHOSHUA, SINCE THEY WERE THE ONES THE VERY FIRST JEWISH BELIEVERS, THE NAZARENES, USED¹. YEHOSHUA UPHELD THE WRITTEN TORAH AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY - according to the Gospel of Matthew 5:17-19. The Gospel of Matthew quotes profusely from them - from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Hosea, Micah, Daniel, and possibly others. THEREFORE, THE WRITTEN TORAH AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS, PLUS YEHOSHUA’S OWN WORDS FROM HIS FATHER YEHOVAH IN THE HEBREW GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, ARE WHAT I USE AS MY FOUNDATION TO JUDGE WHAT IS TRUTH IN ANY OTHER BOOKS.

THIS ARTICLE STARTED PRIMARILY AS SIMPLY A LIST OF THE SCRIPTURES, WITH SOME OF MY COMMENTARY ADDED. I DID ADD MORE COMMENTARY AS IT PROGRESSED! ALSO, TEXT ADDED IN PARENTHESES INSIDE OF THE SCRIPTURE QUOTES ARE USUALLY MY COMMENTARY OR ADDITIONS FROM THE HEBREW MASORETIC TEXT, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THE PASSAGES FURTHER. WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE PROMISES OF YEHOSHUA’S ETERNAL RESURRECTION ARE FIRST, AND THEN THE PROMISES OF OUR OWN ETERNAL RESURRECTION START FURTHER IN THE ARTICLE (See page 7).

*****What has not yet been revealed to me from all of these sources is exactly WHERE Father Yehovah is keeping the Souls of His Righteous Saints until the Eternal Resurrection. I have not fully discerned if it is in Heaven or in a peaceful, comfortable place elsewhere that is protected “from the face of evil” (Isaiah 57:1-2). Therefore, this article is NOT attempting to give a conclusive answer on this subject. Neither am I convinced as to whether there will be one or two resurrections. I will explore the Book of Revelation only briefly...**

One reason I am not focusing on the Book of Revelation is that, in my research, ALL of the Written Torah, ALL of the Hebrew Prophets, and ALL the Words of Yehoshua in the Gospel of Matthew, and even All of the other gospels, are only describing the actual Eternal Messianic Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, ruled for Yehovah Elohim by His King Messiah Yehoshua (see Daniel 7:14,27), which is when I have come to believe the Eternal

Resurrection takes place. The Book of Revelation only gives a few verses to this entire subject (Revelation 20:1-6!!!), stating it will only last 1000 years. Revelation 20:7 until the end of the book in chapter 22 then describe what happens after 1000 years. Therefore, I believe that most of what we need to know about the Eternal Resurrection is not found there.

SO, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF THE PROPHECIES/PROMISES, IT CERTAINLY IS ENOUGH TO ANCHOR OUR FAITH THAT, IF YEHOVAH ELOHIM, THE FATHER GOD AND CREATOR, HAS PROMISED THAT THERE WILL BE AN ETERNAL RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, IT WILL HAPPEN!!!

IN HIS PERFECT TIMING!!!

MAY YOUR FAITH BE STRENGTHENED!!!

YEHOSHUA'S ETERNAL RESURRECTION:

Psalm 16:7-10 (JPS) – A “michtam” of David: “I bless the Lord who has guided me, my conscience admonishes me at night; I am ever mindful of the LORD’S (Yehovah’s) Presence; HE is at my right hand, I shall never be shaken. So, MY HEART REJOICES, MY WHOLE BEING EXULTS, and MY BODY RESTS SECURE. FOR YOU WILL NOT ABANDON ME TO SHEOL (“SHEOL”), OR LET YOUR FAITHFUL ONE SEE THE PIT (“SHACHAT” – PIT”). (King David died and was buried in the City of David [I Kings 2:10]! So, this is about His Righteous Greater Son, Yehoshua...whose body was never corrupted, but his entire being, soul and body, was Eternally Resurrected!)

Psalm Chapter 18 and II Samuel Chapter 22 – David and David’s Seed are promised Complete Deliverance from certain Death, Resurrection, Victory, and Kingship!

Psalm 22 - A Psalm of David: Prophecy of Yehoshua’s persecution, death, and then Resurrection (King David did NOT experience these particular persecutions...but his Righteous Greater Son Yehoshua generations later did – see Matthew 27 for their fulfillment!)

First, YEHOSHUA’S PERSECUTION AND DEATH is prophesied in Psalm 22:

[Psalm 22:6-8, 12-18 KJV] 6 But I [am] a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, [saying], 8 He trusted on the LORD [that] he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. ... 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong [bulls] of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They gaped upon me [with] their mouths, [as] a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; AND THOU HAST BROUGHT ME INTO THE DUST OF DEATH. 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET. 17 I may tell all my bones: they look [and] stare upon me. 18 THEY PART MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND CAST LOTS UPON MY VESTURE.

FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY: [Matthew 27:35, 39-44 KJV] 35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. ... 39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest [it] in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking [him], with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. 44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Then YEHOShUA'S RESURRECTION is promised at the end of this Psalm:

***[Psalm 22:22-31 KJV] 22 I WILL DECLARE THY NAME UNTO MY BRETHREN: IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION WILL I PRAISE THEE. 23 YE THAT FEAR THE LORD (YEHOVAH), PRAISE HIM; ALL YE THE SEED OF JACOB, GLORIFY HIM; AND FEAR HIM, ALL YE THE SEED OF ISRAEL. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise [shall be] of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD (YEHOVAH): and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28 For the kingdom [is] the LORD'S (YEHOVAH'S): and he [is] the governor among the nations. 29 All [they that be] fat upon earth shall eat and worship: ALL THEY THAT GO DOWN TO THE DUST SHALL BOW BEFORE HIM (MY NOTE: EVEN ALL THE DEAD WILL PRAISE YEHOVAH AT THE END!): and none can keep alive his own soul. 30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. 31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done [this].

***Psalm 69:16 - (JPS) David prophesied “...Let the mouth of the Pit (“BE’ER” – “PIT”) not close over me.” The other verses in this Psalm show it is about Yehoshua, His Greater Son:

***[Psalm 69:9, 21 KJV] 9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. ... 21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink

***FULFILLED: [Matthew 27:34 KJV] 34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted [thereof], he would not drink.

IT IS CLEAR IN THIS NEXT PASSAGE ABOUT KORAH'S PUNISHMENT OF REBELLION TO YEHOVAH AND MOSES THAT “SHEOL,” ALSO CALLED “THE PIT,” IS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH!

***[Numbers 16:31-34 KJV] 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that [was] under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that [appertained] unto KORAH, and all [their] goods. 33 They, and all that [appertained] to them, went down alive into THE PIT (“SHEOL” in

Hebrew) and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. 34 And all Israel that [were] round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up [also].

Matthew 12:38-40/Jonah 1:17/Matthew 16:21-23/Matthew 17:22-23: THE ONLY SIGN YEHOASHUA SAID HE WOULD GIVE OF HIS BEING THE MESSIAH IS THE SAME AS THE SIGN OF JONAH! Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights, Yehoshua prophesied He would be IN THE BELLY/HEART OF THE EARTH (SHEOL) for three days and three nights and THEN RISE AGAIN!!!

***[Matthew 12:38-40 KJV] 38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKETH AFTER A SIGN; AND THERE SHALL NO SIGN BE GIVEN TO IT, BUT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAS: 40 FOR AS JONAS WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE WHALE'S BELLY; SO SHALL THE SON OF MAN BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.

***[Jonah 1:17 KJV] 17 Now the LORD (YEHOVAH) had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. AND JONAH WAS IN THE BELLY OF THE FISH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.

***Matthew 17:1-13 – Yehoshua's future **Glory** is seen by Peter, James, and John **but they are warned by Yehoshua not to speak of it until He, the Son of Man, IS RISEN!**

Psalms 110:1-7/ Daniel 7:9-14/ HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 16:27-28/HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 26:63-64:

AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, Yehovah would call Yehoshua up to Heaven to sit at His Right Hand, until HE sends Him back on the clouds of Heaven as His Victorious Righteous King and High Priest forever – The Lord (Master) of Yehovah's Kingdom - The Prophesied Son of Man and Son of God!

***[Psalm 110:1-7 KJV] 1 [[A Psalm of David.]] The LORD (YEHOVAH) said unto my Lord (ADONIY), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD (YEHOVAH) shall send the rod of thy strength OUT OF ZION (THIS "ZION" MUST BE REFERRING TO HEAVEN!): rule thou in the midst of thine enemies (THIS IS SPEAKING OF YEHOASHUA BEING SENT BACK TO RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD!). 3 Thy people [shall be] willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: THOU HAST THE DEW OF THY YOUTH (THIS MEANS YEHOASHUA HAS BEEN RESURRECTED!!!). 4 The LORD (YEHOVAH) hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou (YEHOASHUA) [art] a priest for ever (YEHOVAH SWEARS THAT YEHOASHUA WILL BE THE HIGH PRIEST FOREVER) after the order of Melchizedek (LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW PHRASE "AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK" IS "A RIGHTEOUS KING BY MY DECREE"!). 5 The Lord (ADONAY – YEHOASHUA IS DECLARED TO BE THE LORD/MASTER, GIVEN THAT POSITION BY HIS FATHER YEHOVAH HIMSELF, WHO IS ADONAY!) at thy right hand (YEHOVAH'S RIGHT HAND) shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath (YEHOASHUA WILL CARRY OUT THE WRATH OF GOD ON THE HEATHEN ON EARTH – WHILE YEHOVAH ELOHIM IS CREATING THE SUPERNATURAL SIGNS OF HIS WRATH IN THE HEAVENS – FIERY

HAILSTONES AND BRIMSTONE, FLOODS FROM HEAVEN AND FROM BREAKING UP OF THE EARTH, EARTHQUAKES SHAKING EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE SHAKEN, ETC.!!!). 6 HE (YEHOSHUA) shall JUDGE AMONG THE HEATHEN, he shall fill [the places] with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head (THIS PROVES HE IS A MAN: ALTHOUGH HE COMES FROM HEAVEN, HE DRINKS WATER FROM THE BROOK, AS HE SLAYS THE HEATHEN KINGS OF MANY COUNTRIES!)

(Read entire Daniel chapter 7 for context):

*** [Daniel 7:9-14 KJV] 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and THE ANCIENT OF DAYS (YEHOVAH) did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire (SEE EZEKIEL 1). 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: THE JUDGMENT WAS SET, AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED. (MY NOTE: SEE ALSO DANIEL 12:1-2 FOR THIS BEING THE TIME OF “EVERYONE WHO IS FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK” BEING DELIVERED OF DANIEL’S PEOPLE ISRAEL AND THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DUST OF THE EARTH OF THE GOOD AND THE WICKED, EACH TO THEIR OWN REWARD!) 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld [even] till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 13 I SAW IN THE NIGHT VISIONS, AND, BEHOLD, [ONE] LIKE THE SON OF MAN CAME (MY NOTE: YEHOSHUA CALLED HIMSELF THE SON OF MAN, AS WELL AS THE SON OF GOD!) WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN, AND CAME TO THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, AND THEY BROUGHT HIM NEAR BEFORE HIM. 14 AND THERE WAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION, AND GLORY, AND A KINGDOM, THAT ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, SHOULD SERVE HIM: HIS DOMINION [IS] AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, WHICH SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, AND HIS KINGDOM [THAT] WHICH SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED.

(DANIEL 7:9-14 PROVES THAT PSALM 110:1-7 IS ALSO SPEAKING OF “THE SON OF MAN” THAT WILL BE MADE THE KING OF THE WORLD AND HIGH PRIEST FOREVER. IT IS NOT DAVID HIMSELF, BUT HIS RIGHTEOUS GREATER SON, “THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH OF DAVID” ACCORDING TO JEREMIAH 23:5-6, WHOM DAVID CALLS “MY LORD”!!! YEHOSHUA POINTS THIS OUT TO THE PHARISEES IN MATTHEW 22:41-46. YEHOSHUA, THE SON OF GOD AND THE SON OF MAN/THE SON OF DAVID, WILL COME BACK TO EARTH FROM HEAVEN WHERE HE HAS BEEN SITTING IN HIS RESURRECTED BODY AT YEHOVAH’S RIGHT HAND!!!

***[Matthew 22:41-46 KJV] 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, [The Son] of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD (YEHOVAH) said unto my Lord (ADONIY), Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 IF DAVID THEN CALL HIM LORD, HOW IS HE HIS SON? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any [man] from that day forth ask him any more [questions].

***HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 16:27-28: Because THE SON OF GOD (" BEN HA'EL") will come in the glory of His Father Who is in heaven with His angels to reward each man according to his work (MY NOTE: REWARD CAN BE EITHER GOOD OR BAD ACCORDING TO WHETHER ONE IS RIGHTEOUS OR WICKED - THE WRATH OF GOD WILL COME ON THE WICKED AS HIS REWARD – ACCORDING TO DANIEL 12:1-2!!!). Truly I say to you there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the SON OF GOD ("BEN ELOHA") coming in his kingdom (I BELIEVE YEHOSHUA WAS SPEAKING OF PEOPLE THERE SEEING HIM **RESURRECTED** AFTER THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS, WHICH STARTED THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH FOR BELIEVERS IN HIM!!!)

***HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 26:63-64: But Jesus answered not a word. The High Priest said to him: I adjure you by the Living God, that you tell us if you are THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD. Jesus answered him: You say it; but again ("v'od" – "and more"!) I say to you: You have yet to see THE SON OF GOD sitting at the right of the power of God coming on the clouds of heaven !!!

Isaiah 11:10 - The Root of Jesse "**WHO IS STANDING**" ("Asher Omed" – אֲשֶׁר עֹמֵד) for a MIRACLE ("nes" - נֶס) to the People - is THE MESSIAH!!! (according to verses 1-12)! I believe this means that The Resurrection of Yehoshua is prophesied to be a MIRACLE to the people!

***[Isaiah 11:9-10 KJV] 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy IN ALL MY HOLY MOUNTAIN: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, WHICH SHALL STAND ("ASHER OMED" – LITERALLY "WHO IS STANDING") for an ensign ("NES" – "MIRACLE") of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek (HIS "STANDING UP" – HIS RESURRECTION – IS THAT MIRACLE THEY WILL RECOGNIZE AND FOLLOW HIM!); and HIS REST SHALL BE GLORIOUS.

HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 28:1-8 (vs. 6 "AMAD sham ha'adon" – literally "the Lord STOOD UP there") This is the Angel speaking to the women about Yehoshua's RESURRECTION using the same terminology of "STANDING UP" in Hebrew, CALLING HIM "ADON" – Lord/Master)!

***Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov 28:6: HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE IS ALREADY ALIVE, AS HE SAID. COME, THEREFORE, AND SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD AROSE ("AMAD" – "HE STOOD").

See how the prophecy of Job below uses the same terminology!!

***Job 19:23 (KJV) - "For I know [that] MY REDEEMER LIVETH, and [that] HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER [DAY] UPON THE EARTH..."!!!

HALLELU YAH!!! YEHOSHUA LIVES!!! HE IS THE REDEEMER WHO HAS STOOD UP!!!! HE IS RESURRECTED!!!

OUR ETERNAL RESURRECTION:

First, I believe death will always be a mystery...

However, there are wonderful promises from the Hebrew Prophets from which we can base our faith in THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS! Those who have died and are resting, possibly simply sleeping, will be brought back to IMMORTAL, ETERNAL LIFE ON THIS EARTH into the SUPERNATURAL KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BASED IN ISRAEL!!! SADLY, THERE WILL BE AN ETERNAL RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED, AS WELL, BUT TO ETERNAL FIERY PUNISHMENT.

WHEN A MAN DIES, I BELIEVE GOD DOES WITH THE SPIRIT OF MAN AS HE DECIDES... We may not ever know exactly His plan. HE IS SOVEREIGN!!! But we can and must trust Him to work His plan out perfectly! He is Faithful! He has said that there will be an Eternal Resurrection, so there will be!

THE WRITTEN TORAH ITSELF DECLARES THESE WORDS OF YEHOVAH ELOHIM!!!:

***[Deuteronomy 32:39 KJV] 39 SEE NOW THAT I, [EVEN] I, [AM] HE, AND [THERE IS] NO GOD WITH ME: I KILL, AND I MAKE ALIVE; I wound, and I heal: neither [is there any] that can deliver out of my hand.

The next definitive scripture about YEHOVAH'S COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER DEATH AND LIFE AND THAT HE WILL RESURRECT:

***[I Samuel 2:6 KJV] THE LORD (YEHOVAH) KILLETH, AND MAKETH ALIVE: HE BRINGETH DOWN TO THE GRAVE ("SHEOL"), AND BRINGETH UP!

***[Ecclesiastes 12:7 KJV] 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and THE SPIRIT SHALL RETURN UNTO GOD WHO GAVE IT.

The next passage is such an awesome and clear promise! JOB DECLARES THAT AFTER HIS FLESH IS GONE, HE WILL RECEIVE NEW FLESH AND SEE GOD!!!

HE WILL SEE GOD WITH HIS NEW EYES!!!

***Job 19:25-27 - (KJV) "For I know [that] my Redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth: 26 AND [THOUGH] AFTER MY SKIN [WORMS] DESTROY THIS [BODY], YET IN MY FLESH SHALL I SEE GOD: 27 WHOM I SHALL SEE FOR MYSELF, AND MINE EYES SHALL BEHOLD, AND NOT ANOTHER; [though] my reins be consumed within me.

Isaiah 57:1-2 – THE RIGHTEOUS AND MERCIFUL PEOPLE DIE IN ORDER TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE FACE OF EVIL, AND THEY WILL REST IN PEACE IN THEIR BEDS (UNTIL THE RESURRECTION)!!!

***[Isaiah 57:1-2 KJV] 1 THE RIGHTEOUS PERISHETH, AND NO MAN LAYETH [IT] TO HEART: AND MERCIFUL MEN [ARE] TAKEN AWAY, NONE CONSIDERING THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EVIL [TO COME] (“MIP’NEY RA’AH” – LITERALLY “FROM THE FACE OF EVIL”). 2 HE SHALL ENTER INTO PEACE (“SHALOM”): THEY SHALL REST IN THEIR BEDS, [EACH ONE] WALKING [IN] HIS UPRIGHTNESS.

(literal translation from the Hebrew text of the last phrase of verse two is “HE WHO WALKS STRAIGHTFORWARD/RIGHT” – “holech n’chocho” - הֹלֵךְ נָכוֹן. “Holech” is a participle that means “he who walks” and “n’chocho” is from Strongs Concordance # 5228 – nachoach – which is defined in Gesenius’ Hebrew- Chaldee lexicon, accessed through Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon:

נָכוֹן adj. *straight, right*, pr. used of a way going straight on (Germ. gerade aus). Isa. 57:2, הֹלֵךְ נָכוֹן “he who walks in a straight way” (der gerade aus geht), i. e. an upright man; hence metaph. *upright, just*, Prov. 8:9. Fem. נִכְוָה “that which is just and proper.” Am. 3:10; Isa. 59:14; plur. נִכְוֹת id. Isa. 26:10; 30:10.

The point I am making is that this phrase does not seem to be referring to the people who have died “walking” around now in bodies, even in Heaven, but instead referring to how they “walked” while on the earth – “straightforward, rightly,” living as an upright person.

The terminology used in so many places in the scriptures concerning the death of one of Yehovah’s people is that he will be “GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE,” or “GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS” and/or that he “SLEPT WITH HIS FATHERS.” WHAT COMFORTING PHRASES!!! THIS DOES SEEM TO MEAN THAT THEIR SOULS ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR BODIES/BONES AND “GATHERED” TO WHEREVER, POSSIBLY HEAVEN, GOD HAS FOR THEIR SOULS TO BE PROTECTED – TOGETHER!!! THAT ONLY THEIR SOULS ARE GATHERED IS JUST A LOGICAL CONCLUSION, SINCE PEOPLE’S BODIES/BONES WERE BURIED IN MANY VARIOUS PLACES. THEREFORE, IT COULD NOT BE REFERRING TO THEIR BODIES/BONES BEING “GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS.” Many individuals in the Hebrew Bible are told by Yehovah that they “will die” and be “gathered to your people,” as Yehovah told Moses in Deuteronomy 32:48-50. YEHOVAH also confirmed it would be just as Aaron, the High Priest, died and was “gathered to his people” as well.

***[Deuteronomy 32:48-50 KJV] 48 And the LORD (YEHOVAH) SPAKE UNTO MOSES that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, [unto] mount Nebo, which [is] in the land of Moab, that [is] over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: 50 AND DIE IN THE MOUNT WHITHER THOU GOEST

UP, AND BE GATHERED UNTO THY PEOPLE; AS AARON THY BROTHER DIED IN MOUNT HOR, AND WAS GATHERED UNTO HIS PEOPLE:

GOD HIMSELF BURIED MOSES BODY/BONES IN A VALLEY OF MOAB:

[Deuteronomy 34:5-6 KJV] 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

(NOTE: This means that, in Matthew 17:1-13, when Moses appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration, he had to have appeared only as a spirit/soul. His soul had been “gathered to his people.” Does this mean that all of Moses’ “people” are in Heaven??? Not necessarily, since Yehovah does not specifically say Moses’ spirit/soul came from Heaven. BUT ELIJAH, WHO ALSO APPEARED WITH MOSES AT THAT TIME, DID GO TO HEAVEN -SOUL AND BODY – CENTURIES EARLIER ACCORDING TO I KINGS 2:1, 11-14. That fact, would also lead us to believe that Enoch went to Heaven – body and soul/spirit - when Yehovah “took him” according to Genesis 5:18-24, but that is not stated specifically either. We need to remember that Samuel, a righteous man according to God [Jeremiah 15:1], is said to have died and his bones/body was buried in his house at Ramah. BUT, HIS SOUL/SPIRIT WAS “BROUGHT UP” [POSSIBLY FROM SHEOL ??] in I Samuel chapter 28, illegally by a woman with a familiar spirit. This woman somehow had escaped being killed by Saul when he was having all those with familiar spirits and wizards killed, as Yehovah had commanded in the Written Torah. This means to me that Moses’ spirit/soul COULD have been “brought up” by Yehovah Himself while He sent Elijah from Heaven body and soul. We just don’t know... But we do know that Yehoshua revealed to his disciples that, even though John the Baptist came as a forerunner to Elijah, the actual Elijah – who must be in body and soul/spirit - would return from Heaven just before the Day of Yehovah, just as Malachi prophesied!!! (Important side note: they are also warned to not forget the Written Torah of Moses given at Mount Horeb/Sinai FOR ALL OF ISRAEL, even all the statutes and judgments – “chukiym” and “mishpatiyim”):

***[Malachi 4:4-6 KJV/Malachi 3:22-23 JPS] 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments. 5 BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

What that means to me is that, since no one else is SPECIFICALLY declared to have gone to “HEAVEN,” even Enoch and Moses may be kept “gathered to their people,” wherever Yehovah has their souls safely kept. That may be in Heaven, but it may be in a protected, peaceful place in the depths of the earth, away from all evil...possibly a part of Sheol. Even though we want it to be Heaven, it actually doesn’t matter... IT’S ONLY UNTIL THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION back to THE SUPERNATURALLY RESTORED ISRAEL, RESTORED JOYFULLY BACK TO LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN (Isaiah 51:3, Ezekiel 36:35)!!! WHATEVER IS GOD’S PLAN IS PERFECT!

***[Isaiah 51:3 KJV] 3 For the LORD (YEHOVAH) shall comfort ZION: he will comfort all her waste places; and **HE WILL MAKE HER WILDERNESS LIKE EDEN, AND HER DESERT LIKE THE GARDEN OF THE LORD; JOY AND GLADNESS SHALL BE FOUND THEREIN, THANKSGIVING, AND THE VOICE OF MELODY.!!!**

The first time this comforting terminology is used is about ABRAHAM BREATHING HIS LAST BREATH, DYING, AND BEING "GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE."

***[Genesis 25:8 KJV] 8 Then ABRAHAM gave up the ghost ("GAVA'"), and died in a good old age, an old man, and full [of years]; and **WAS GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE.**

GAVA' Strong's #H1478, Gesenius' Hebrew Chaldee Lexicon definition:

גָּוַעַ inf. גִּוַעַ and גָּוַעַ, fut. יִגְוַעַ, TO EXPIRE, TO BREATHE OUT ONE'S LIFE, Gen. 6:17; 7:21; Nu. 17:27; especially poet. Job 3:11; 10:18; 13:19; 14:10; 27:5, etc.; sometimes with the addition of מוֹת Gen. 25:8.

SO, WHO WOULD ABRAHAM'S PEOPLE BE THAT HE WAS GATHERED TO??? We have always heard that Abraham is the father of our faith. **BUT HIS OWN FAMILY EVIDENTLY GOES EVEN FARTHER BACK...** It must go all the way back to **SETH, WHO EVE SAID WAS "THE SEED" THAT GOD GAVE HER INSTEAD OF ABEL.** (I believe it goes all the way back to Adam, since he was Seth's father, even though Adam and Eve sinned. Remember that Yehoshua upheld the words of Adam that he spoke in Genesis 2:23-24 in Matthew 19:4-6). **BUT, WE SEE IN GENESIS 4:25-26 THAT WHEN SETH HAD A SON, NAMED ENOSH, THAT IS WHEN "MEN BEGAN TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF YEHOVAH!"** Adam and Eve's son Cain also did have children and they multiplied greatly... **But, we ONLY trace the lineage of THE PEOPLE WHO CALL ON THE NAME OF YEHOVAH that leads all the way down to Abraham from Seth, Enosh, with many men in between, to Eber, Noah through the Flood, TO SHEM, WHOM NOAH BLESSED, to Terah (Abraham's father), to Abraham in GENESIS CHAPTER 5 AND THEN GENESIS 9:18-12:8.** At that time, Yehovah **CHOSE** Abraham and his seed **FROM THIS PARTICULAR LINEAGE** with whom to make HIS COVENANT. Abraham was not just a random man Yehovah chose out of all the people on earth. **HE WAS CHOSEN FROM THIS LINEAGE OF PEOPLE WHO CALLED UPON THE NAME OF YEHOVAH! THESE ARE "HIS PEOPLE" THAT ABRAHAM WAS GATHERED TO AT HIS DEATH, I BELIEVE!!!** **THESE FEW CHAPTERS ARE SO FOUNDATIONAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE ENTIRE BIBLE AND WHO GOD'S PEOPLE ARE...**and even why HE gave the Land of Canaan (Canaan is who Noah cursed) to the descendants of Shem (whom Noah blessed), and then to Yehovah's Chosen One from Shem's descendants, ABRAHAM, then to Isaac, Yehovah's Chosen seed of Abraham, and then to Jacob/Israel, Yehovah's Chosen seed of Isaac, and then to Yehovah's Chosen twelve tribes of

Jacob/Israel, now and until forever in the Messianic Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. It seems this Messianic Kingdom will be shown to the entire world when many of these, His people, who are “sleeping” will “awake” and “stand up – be resurrected!” (Noah’s son Japheth and his seed are promised by Noah to be able to “dwell in the tents of Shem,” [Genesis 9:27], I believe alluding to the fact that they, these gentiles, will be able to join with Yehovah’s Chosen One from Shem, Abraham, and be blessed through joining him and his seed, Israel! [Genesis 12:1-3])

THESE PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE TRUE GOD, THOSE WHO “CALL UPON THE NAME OF YEHOVAH,” (FEARING AND OBEYING HIM!), I BELIEVE MUST BE THE ONES WHOM YEHOVAH HAS WRITTEN IN HIS BOOK OF LIFE!!!:

In speaking of the wicked who persecuted him, David writes:

***[Psalm 69:28 KJV] 28 Let them be blotted out of THE BOOK OF THE LIVING, AND NOT BE WRITTEN WITH THE RIGHTEOUS.

***[Malachi 3:16-18 KJV] 16 Then THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD (YEHOVAH –ALSO FEARING MEANS THEY OBEYED/SERVED YEHOVAH!) spake often one to another: and the LORD (YEHOVAH) hearkened, and heard [it], and A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE WAS WRITTEN BEFORE HIM FOR THEM THAT FEARED THE LORD (YEHOVAH), AND THAT THOUGHT UPON HIS NAME. 17 AND THEY SHALL BE MINE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS (“YEHOVAH TSAOT” – “YEHOVAH OF ARMIES”), IN THAT DAY WHEN I MAKE UP MY JEWELS; and I WILL SPARE THEM, AS A MAN SPARETH HIS OWN SON THAT SERVETH HIM. 18 THEN shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God (THE TRUE GOD – YEHOVAH) and him that serveth him not.!!!

The Prophet Daniel is told that HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL, will be delivered at the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom:

***[Daniel 12:1-2 KJV] 1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and AT THAT TIME THY PEOPLE SHALL BE DELIVERED, EVERY ONE THAT SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. (MY NOTE: SEE ALSO DANIEL 7:10 FOR THE JUDGMENT AND BOOKS BEING OPENED BY YEHOVAH ELOHIM, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, AT THIS TIME OF YEHOSHUA’S, THE SON OF MAN’S, RETURN!!!) 2 AND MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, and SOME TO SHAME [AND] EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.

Yehovah uses this terminology in giving a prophecy to good King Josiah, assuring him that HE, YEHOVAH HIMSELF, WILL GATHER JOSIAH TO HIS FATHERS (his soul, I believe) and TO HIS GRAVE IN PEACE (his body/bones), not making him see the destruction of Jerusalem that will have to happen soon because of the

people's gross disobedience. I wonder if this is a clue to the fact that the soul and the body are separated at death and have different locations to rest...until the Eternal Resurrection!

[2 Kings 22:19-20 KJV] 19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard [thee], saith the LORD. 20 BEHOLD THEREFORE, **I WILL GATHER THEE UNTO THY FATHERS, AND THOU SHALT BE GATHERED INTO THY GRAVE ("KEVER" קֶבֶר – grave, sepulcher) IN PEACE;** AND **THINE EYES SHALL NOT SEE ALL THE EVIL WHICH I WILL BRING UPON THIS PLACE.** And they brought the king word again.

THERE ARE SO MANY REFERENCES TO YEHOVAH'S RIGHTEOUS ONES BEING AT REST, POSSIBLY SIMPLY SLEEPING, AND BEING COMPLETELY AT PEACE IN DEATH, THAT WE CANNOT JUST IGNORE THEM! WE DO NOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DIE, OR WHERE HE IS KEEPING THEM BECAUSE I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT HE TELLS US. IS IT A PLACE IN HEAVEN OR IN SHEOL -BUT A SEPARATE PEACEFUL PLACE, PROTECTED "FROM THE FACE OF EVIL" AS ISAIAH 57:1-2 STATES? (King David implies the latter. We know this is about him and not his greater son Yehoshua, I believe, because he speaks of being old and grayheaded).

[Psalm 71:17-21 KJV] 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. 18 **NOW ALSO WHEN I AM OLD AND GRAYHEADED, O GOD, FORSAKE ME NOT;** until I have shewed thy strength unto [this] generation, [and] thy power to every one [that] is to come. 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, [is] very high, who hast done great things: O God, who [is] like unto thee! 20 [Thou], which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, **SHALT QUICKEN ME AGAIN, AND SHALT BRING ME UP AGAIN FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.** 21 THOU SHALT INCREASE MY GREATNESS, AND COMFORT ME ON EVERY SIDE.

REGARDLESS, WE CAN KNOW ALL THESE PROPHECIES/PROMISES OF RESURRECTION THAT HE HAS TOLD US WILL COME TO PASS!!!:

Isaiah 25:6-9 – YEHOVAH WILL DESTROY DEATH FOREVER – WHERE??? **ON MOUNT ZION IN ISRAEL!** He will wipe away all the tears from the faces of HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL (WHICH I PERSONALLY BELIEVE INCLUDES THOSE GENTILES JOINED TO ISRAEL BY COVENANT THROUGH THE AGES, EVEN BY THE NEW COVENANT - FAITH IN YEHOSHUA), ENDING HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL'S REPROACH! THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD WANT TO BE JOINED TO YEHOVAH AND HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL (Isaiah 56:1-8)!!! WE ARE ALL GOING HOME TO ISRAEL!

***[Isaiah 25:6-9 KJV] 6 And **IN THIS MOUNTAIN (MOUNT ZION)** shall the LORD of hosts (**YEHOVAH TSA'VA'OT**) make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 **AND HE WILL DESTROY IN THIS**

MOUNTAIN (MOUNT ZION) THE FACE OF THE COVERING CAST OVER ALL PEOPLE, AND THE VAIL THAT IS SPREAD OVER ALL NATIONS. 8 HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH IN VICTORY; AND THE LORD GOD WILL WIPE AWAY TEARS FROM OFF ALL FACES; AND THE REBUKE OF HIS PEOPLE SHALL HE TAKE AWAY FROM OFF ALL THE EARTH: FOR THE LORD HATH SPOKEN [IT]. 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, THIS [IS] OUR GOD; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD (YEHOVAH); we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 26:19-21 – THY DEAD SHALL LIVE!!! THEY SHALL ARISE!!! AWAKE AND SING, YE THAT DWELL IN THE DUST!!! YOU WILL HAVE NEW YOUNG FLESH LIKE YEHOSHUA (Psalm 110:3 Yehovah told Him “You shall have the Dew of your Youth”) !!! THE EARTH SHALL CAST OUT THE DEAD!!!

***[Isaiah 26:19 KJV] 19 THY DEAD [MEN] SHALL LIVE, [TOGETHER WITH] MY DEAD BODY SHALL THEY ARISE. AWAKE AND SING, YE THAT DWELL IN DUST: FOR THY DEW [IS AS] THE DEW OF HERBS, and THE EARTH SHALL CAST OUT THE DEAD!!!

The beginning of Isaiah chapter 26 also shows that THIS RESURRECTION IS ALL ABOUT YEHOVAH’S PEOPLE, ISRAEL, (AND THOSE JOINED TO ISRAEL....) NEVER FORGET, HE IS CALLED “THE GOD OF ISRAEL”!!! Just one of so many scriptures that say this is below:

[Jeremiah 31:23 KJV] 23 Thus saith THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF ISRAEL (YEHOVAH TSWAOT ELOHEY YIS’RA’EL) ; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, [and] mountain of holiness.

Isaiah 26:1 states that this is a song that will be sung in the land of Judah! Then, verse 13 speaks of those that will not be able to rise:

***[Isaiah 26:13-14 KJV] 13 O LORD (YEHOVAH) OUR GOD, [other] lords beside thee have had dominion over us: [BUT] BY THEE ONLY WILL WE MAKE MENTION OF THY NAME. 14 [THEY ARE] DEAD, THEY SHALL NOT LIVE; [THEY ARE] DECEASED, THEY SHALL NOT RISE: THEREFORE HAST THOU VISITED AND DESTROYED THEM, AND MADE ALL THEIR MEMORY TO PERISH.

Daniel 12:1-4 – (KJV) – Let us look closely at this revealing prophecy again...

*** [Daniel 12:1-4 KJV] 1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince (ARCHANGEL MICHAEL) which standeth for THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE: and THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE (ALSO CALLED JACOB’S TROUBLE, OR THE GREAT TRIBULATION, Jeremaiah 30:7. I believe this will be a time of tribulation of the Jews AND all those joined to them by the New Covenant – the Believers in Yehoshua from all nations), such as never was since there was A NATION [even] to that same time: and AT THAT TIME (***AT THE END OF JACOB’S TROUBLE, WHICH IS THE DAY OF YEHOVAH WHEN YEHOSHUA RETURNS, ACCORDING TO DANIEL 12:11-13***) THY PEOPLE SHALL BE

DELIVERED, EVERY ONE THAT SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. 2 MANY OF THOSE THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH WILL AWAKEN, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE AND SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT. 3 AND THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; AND THEY THAT TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER. 4 BUT THOU, O DANIEL, SHUT UP THE WORDS, AND SEAL THE BOOK, [EVEN] TO THE TIME OF THE END: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

(I believe this shows the immortality of the Resurrected Righteous Saints and also, I believe, the supernatural change of the Living Saints, the Chosen Remnant of Israel, sometimes translated as “The Elect,” that will live through the Tribulation [Matthew 24:22] and be physically gathered back to Israel too, but will still be capable of having offspring – See I SAMUEL 2:1-10; ISAIAH 54:1-3,13; EZEKIEL 36:33-38; EZEKIEL 37:25-26; ISAIAH 59:20-21; ISAIAH 60:20-22; ISAIAH 61:9; ISAIAH 65:22-23! Again, sadly, it also shows the eternal punishment of the Wicked!).

REMEMBER THAT YEHOSHUA UPHELD THE PROPHET DANIEL AND HIS PROPHECIES OF THE END TIMES IN MATTHEW 24:15!!! The Father, YEHOVAH ELOHIM, Himself, upheld the righteousness of the Prophet Daniel [Ezekiel 14:12-20]! That means we must believe this prophecy of Daniel’s too (Daniel 12:2)... that many of both the Righteous and the Wicked WILL AWAKEN TOGETHER for their Judgment and Reward (good or bad) at Yehoshua’s return (Matthew 16:27)!!!

***Daniel 12:13 - (JPS) DANIEL is told by the Angel: “But you, go on to the end. YOU SHALL REST and ARISE TO YOUR DESTINY AT THE END OF THE DAYS”!

Ezekiel 37:1-14/Hosea 13:14/Isaiah 56:1-8 – THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WILL BE ETERNALLY RESURRECTED...SO WHO IS THIS???

First, let’s look at who we may not necessarily think of right away...they are not Jews...

Hosea 13:14 - YEHOVAH IS SPEAKING IN THIS PASSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL/EPHRAIM – WHAT WE REFER TO AS THE TEN LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL WHICH WERE DIVORCED FROM YEHOVAH AND SEPARATED FROM THE HOUSE OF JUDAH, BECAUSE OF KING SOLOMON’S SAD FALL INTO IDOLATRY. THEY HAVE LOST THEIR IDENTITY IN EXILE. (See I Kings chapter 11). A thorough reading of THE WHOLE BOOK OF HOSEA will show the magnitude of the House of Israel’s own sinful ways, Yehovah’s great anger at this, but FINALLY THE MAGNITUDE OF YEHOVAH’S GREAT, GREAT MERCY TOWARDS THEM, EVEN PROMISING THEY WILL BE RESTORED TO BE PART OF THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL - I BELIEVE BY REPENTANCE AND BEING ALLOWED TO COME INTO THE NEW COVENANT THEMSELVES! [Hosea 2:1-3, Isaiah 10:20-23, Jeremiah 31:31-37 (New Covenant promised to them too, as well as House of Judah), Isaiah 54, Isaiah 65:1-10!!!]

*****[Hosea 13:14 ESV] “ I shall ransom them from the power of SHEOL; I SHALL REDEEM THEM FROM DEATH. O Death, where are your plagues? O SHEOL, where is your sting?...”**

Next, let's look at the promises to the Strangers who have joined Yehovah and His People Israel:

*****[Isaiah 56:1-8 KJV] 1 THUS SAITH THE LORD, KEEP YE JUDGMENT, AND DO JUSTICE: FOR MY SALVATION [IS] NEAR TO COME, AND MY RIGHTEOUSNESS TO BE REVEALED. 2 BLESSED [IS] THE MAN [THAT] DOETH THIS, AND THE SON OF MAN [THAT] LAYETH HOLD ON IT; THAT KEEPETH THE SABBATH FROM POLLUTING IT, AND KEEPETH HIS HAND FROM DOING ANY EVIL. 3 NEITHER LET THE SON OF THE STRANGER, THAT HATH JOINED HIMSELF TO THE LORD, SPEAK, SAYING, THE LORD HATH UTTERLY SEPARATED ME FROM HIS PEOPLE: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I [am] a dry tree. 4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose [the things] that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. 6 ALSO THE SONS OF THE STRANGER, THAT JOIN THEMSELVES TO THE LORD, TO SERVE HIM, AND TO LOVE THE NAME OF THE LORD, TO BE HIS SERVANTS, EVERY ONE THAT KEEPETH THE SABBATH FROM POLLUTING IT, AND TAKETH HOLD OF MY COVENANT; 7 EVEN THEM WILL I BRING TO MY HOLY MOUNTAIN, AND MAKE THEM JOYFUL IN MY HOUSE OF PRAYER: THEIR BURNT OFFERINGS AND THEIR SACRIFICES [SHALL BE] ACCEPTED UPON MINE ALTAR; FOR MINE HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED AN HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE. 8 THE LORD GOD WHICH GATHERETH THE OUTCASTS OF ISRAEL SAITH, YET WILL I GATHER [OTHERS] TO HIM, BESIDE THOSE THAT ARE GATHERED UNTO HIM.**

It is important to see also in ISAIAH 49:1-6, YEHOVAH OFFERS HIS SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, ALLOWING THE STRANGERS (GENTILES) TO JOIN ISRAEL BY FAITH IN YEHOSHUA - THE NEW COVENANT!!! ISAIAH 56:1-8 AND MATTHEW 8:11 makes it clear that THOSE STRANGERS WHO ARE JOINED TO YEHOVAH BY COVENANT ARE ALSO JOINED TO HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL, ARE NEVER TO SAY THAT THEY ARE KEPT SEPARATE OR DISTINCT FROM YEHOVAH'S PEOPLE ISRAEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH 56:3, AND WILL BE PHYSICALLY GATHERED BACK TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL WITH "JACOB" [ALL TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL – NOT JUST JUDAH!], AS THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (Isaiah 56:8)! THE GENTILE BELIEVERS IN YEHOSHUA WILL BE DWELLING WITH THE RESURRECTED ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB, SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL TOO, CONFIRMING EZEKIEL 47:21-23.

I BELIEVE THAT MEANS THAT THOSE GENTILE BELIEVERS WHO HAVE JOINED ISRAEL AND HAVE DIED ARE ALSO PART OF "THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL" THAT WILL BE RESURRECTED AND BROUGHT HOME TO ISRAEL TOO!!!

NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO IS THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, we can look at Ezekiel 37:1-14:

*****[Ezekiel 37:1-14 KJV] 1 The hand of the LORD (YEHOVAH) was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD (YEHOVAH), and set me down in the midst of the valley which [was] full of bones, 2**

And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, [there were] very many in the open valley; and, lo, [they were] very dry. 3 AND HE SAID UNTO ME, SON OF MAN, CAN THESE BONES LIVE? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD UNTO THESE BONES; BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE BREATH TO ENTER INTO YOU, AND YE SHALL LIVE: 6 AND I WILL LAY SINEWS UPON YOU, AND WILL BRING UP FLESH UPON YOU, AND COVER YOU WITH SKIN, AND PUT BREATH IN YOU, AND YE SHALL LIVE; AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT I [AM] THE LORD. 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but [there was] no breath in them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and BREATHE UPON THESE SLAIN, THAT THEY MAY LIVE. 10 SO I PROPHESED AS HE COMMANDED ME, AND THE BREATH CAME INTO THEM, AND THEY LIVED, AND STOOD UP UPON THEIR FEET, AN EXCEEDING GREAT ARMY. 11 THEN HE SAID UNTO ME, SON OF MAN, THESE BONES ARE THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: BEHOLD, THEY SAY, OUR BONES ARE DRIED, AND OUR HOPE IS LOST: WE ARE CUT OFF FOR OUR PARTS. 12 THEREFORE PROPHECY AND SAY UNTO THEM, THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD; BEHOLD, O MY PEOPLE, I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES (“KIVROTEYCHEM” “YOUR GRAVES” – HEBREW ROOT WORD “KEVER” WHICH MEANS A LITERAL GRAVE) AND CAUSE YOU TO COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES, AND BRING YOU INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. 13 AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT I [AM] THE LORD, WHEN I HAVE OPENED YOUR GRAVES, O MY PEOPLE, AND BROUGHT YOU UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES, 14 AND SHALL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU, AND YE SHALL LIVE, AND I SHALL PLACE YOU IN YOUR OWN LAND: THEN SHALL YE KNOW THAT I THE LORD HAVE SPOKEN [IT], AND PERFORMED [IT], SAITH THE LORD.

We see here that Yehovah will lift THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL OUT OF THEIR GRAVES AND PUT FLESH BACK ON THEIR BONES, FILL THEM WITH THE BREATH OF HIS SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY LIVE, and THEY WILL STAND UP (YA’AM’DU) (BE RESURRECTED!) ON THEIR FEET as an EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY and YEHOVAH WILL TAKE THEM (US) TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL, THEIR (OUR) OWN SOIL!!!

Let’s review just a few more scriptures from the Hebrew Bible:

King David spoke:

*****Psalm 49:15 - [KJV] 15 BUT GOD WILL REDEEM MY SOUL FROM THE POWER OF THE GRAVE (“SHEOL” in Hebrew): FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE ME.** Selah. (Entire chapter 49 deals with how to view death).

Remember, King David said this, truly making one wonder if the place of peaceful rest for the souls of the righteous is in “the depths of the earth” ...instead of Heaven... Regardless, if that is Yehovah’s plan, it will be a good place for the Righteous!:

*****Psalm 71:20-24 – (JPS) “YOU (GOD) who have made me undergo many troubles and misfortunes WILL REVIVE ME AGAIN and RAISE ME UP FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. You will grant me much greatness, You will turn and comfort me!**

ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW BIBLE, WE CAN TRUST HIM WHO CREATED OUR SOULS TO KEEP US SAFE AND TO RESURRECT OUR SOULS WITH NEW BODIES OF FLESH (NEW FLESH ON OUR BONES) AS HE HAS PROMISED... IN HIS PERFECT TIME... ON MOUNT ZION!

Now that we have looked at many of the promises of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, NOW LET US LOOK AT WHAT YEHOSHUA, IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, GAVE TO US AS PROMISES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF HOW THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION WILL BE. One of the most important we have already brought out is this:

*****Matthew 8:11 (KJV) “And I say unto you, THAT MANY SHALL COME FROM THE EAST AND WEST, and SHALL SIT DOWN WITH ABRAHAM, AND ISAAC, AND JACOB (WHO WILL BE RESURRECTED!!!), in THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (WHICH WILL BE BASED IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL!!!)**

This entire passage, Matthew 8:5-13, sadly, also shows Yehoshua telling us that there will be those from the Twelve Tribes of Israel who should be inheriting the Kingdom of Heaven, but because of their lack of faith in Him, they will not... they will not be part of the Chosen Remnant of Israel...but will go to where there is “weeping and gnashing of teeth”... Its so sad, I will have to let you read it yourself instead of quoting...

This next passage shows Yehoshua very clearly telling us about the Eternal Resurrection:

*****Matthew 22:29-32 [KJV] 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. 30 FOR IN THE RESURRECTION THEY NEITHER MARRY, NOR ARE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, BUT ARE AS THE ANGELS OF GOD IN HEAVEN. 31 But as touching THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God (YEHOVAH ELOHIM), saying, 32 I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB? GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING. (SEE EXODUS 3:1-6 FOR WHERE GOD SPOKE THIS TO MOSES - THIS MEANS THAT THE SOULS OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB ARE STILL ALIVE, WHEREVER THEY ARE KEPT, AND THEY WILL BE PHYSICALLY RESURRECTED ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 8:11!!!)**

(MY NOTE: THIS IS NOT SAYING THAT THE RESURRECTED ONES TURN INTO ANGELS, BUT THAT THEY WILL BE “AS ANGELS,” IN THAT THEY WILL NOT MARRY AND HAVE

OFFSPRING IN THEIR IMMORTAL, RESURRECTED BODIES. THESE RESURRECTED ONES WILL BE TAKEN TO ISRAEL, TOO - as we just saw in EZEKIEL 37:12-14 - with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!!! HOWEVER, THERE ARE SCRIPTURES THAT INTIMATE THAT THOSE “CHOSEN – ELECT” WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AT YEHOSHUA’S RETURN WILL ALSO HAVE A SUPERNATURAL CHANGE IN THEIR BODIES TO BE WHOLE AND NOT GET SICK, TO NO LONGER BE BLIND, LAME, DEAF, OR DUMB, TO LIVE EXTREMELY LONG LIVES, AND TO POSSIBLY NEVER DIE... (Isaiah 35, Isaiah 33:24). **BUT THOSE PHYSICALLY GATHERED ALIVE ARE PROMISED TO STILL BE ABLE TO HAVE OFFSPRING!!!** [I SAMUEL 2:1-10; ISAIAH 54:1-3,13; EZEKIEL 36:33-38; EZEKIEL 37:25-26; ISAIAH 59:20-21; ISAIAH 60:21-22; ISAIAH 61:9; ISAIAH 65:22-23; and EZEKIEL 37:25 are just a few of many prophecies promising this! **THIS IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN OR SPOKEN ABOUT!**]. BUT THEIR HAVING OFFSPRING IS ONE WAY WE CAN TELL THAT THEY ARE NOT “ETERNALLY RESURRECTED,” BUT “SUPERNATURALLY CHANGED”! THIS IS MY CONCLUSION BASED ON YEHOSHUA’S DECLARATION THAT THERE WILL BE NO MARRYING AMONG THE RESURRECTED ONES, SO THEY WILL HAVE NO CHILDREN. [See my article entitled “THERE WILL BE A PHYSICAL GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL” available as a free pdf on www.TheHolyArmoftheLord.com]].

THIS COULD LEAD SOMEONE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE MAY NEED TO BE A SECOND RESURRECTION, WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY IF ANY OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONES THAT WERE PHYSICALLY GATHERED TO ISRAEL AND THEIR OFFSPRING DIE DURING THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM... (Isaiah 65:20-25). I ACTUALLY BELIEVED THAT MYSELF! However, during the research for this article, I have found that I am not totally convinced that they will ever die. Isaiah 65:20 KJV is the only verse I have found that is questionable: “There shall be no more hence an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* a hundred years old shall be accursed.” That one phrase, “for the child shall die an hundred years old” is problematic, but the next phrase “but the sinner *being* a hundred years old shall be accursed” is not. That is because the Israelites that make it into the Kingdom of Heaven will be ALL RIGHTEOUS, EVEN THEIR OFFSPRING ACCORDING TO ISAIAH 60:21!!! SO, THE SINNER IS NOT ONE OF THEM!!! Also, the verse before, Isaiah 65:19, says there will be NO MORE CRYING OR WEEPING IN THE RENEWED JERUSALEM OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH. If there was death among Israelites at all, would there not be at least some crying and weeping??? ANOTHER SCRIPTURE ISAIAH 25:6-9 DOES NOT SEEM TO SUPPORT ANY CONTINUED DEATH or CRYING AND WEEPING FOR YEHOVAH’S PEOPLE ISRAEL IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH!!!

***[Isaiah 60:21-22 KJV] 21 **THY PEOPLE ALSO [SHALL BE] ALL RIGHTEOUS:** they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 **A LITTLE ONE SHALL BECOME A THOUSAND, AND A SMALL ONE A STRONG NATION (MY NOTE: OFFSPRING ARE PROPHESED!!!):** I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

***[Isaiah 65:19 KJV] 19 AND I WILL REJOICE IN JERUSALEM, AND JOY IN MY PEOPLE: AND THE VOICE OF WEEPING SHALL BE NO MORE HEARD IN HER, NOR THE VOICE OF CRYING.

***[Isaiah 25:6-9 KJV] 6 And IN THIS MOUNTAIN (MOUNT ZION) shall the LORD of hosts (YEHOVAH TSA’VA’OT) make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 **AND HE WILL DESTROY IN THIS MOUNTAIN (MOUNT**

ZION) THE FACE OF THE COVERING CAST OVER ALL PEOPLE, AND THE VAIL THAT IS SPREAD OVER ALL NATIONS. 8 HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH IN VICTORY; AND THE LORD GOD WILL WIPE AWAY TEARS FROM OFF ALL FACES; AND THE REBUKE OF HIS PEOPLE SHALL HE TAKE AWAY FROM OFF ALL THE EARTH: FOR THE LORD HATH SPOKEN [IT]. 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, THIS [IS] OUR GOD; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD (YEHOVAH); we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This means that a Second Resurrection would not be necessary! Everything could take place at Yehoshua's Second Coming!

Yehoshua did raise people from the dead during his earthly ministry and later told His disciples to raise the dead (Matthew 10:8). **HE WOULD NOT SAY THEY WERE "DEAD" BUT ONLY "SLEEPING."** Yehoshua was consistent in maintaining that they were "alive." Matthew 9:18-19 and 23-26 is the passage recorded of where Yehoshua raised a young girl from the dead, but said she was only "sleeping." He simply touched her hand, and she arose ("vatakum"). I assume her soul came back from where it was "gathered to her people..." **It is needful to emphasize that, I believe, it was a temporary resurrection... that she died again, hopefully, at a ripe, old age! At least we don't have any reports of her still walking the earth...**

*****[Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26 KJV]** 18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and [so did] his disciples. ... 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: **FOR THE MAID IS NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPETH. AND THEY LAUGHED HIM TO SCORN. 25 BUT WHEN THE PEOPLE WERE PUT FORTH, HE WENT IN, AND TOOK HER BY THE HAND, AND THE MAID AROSE.** 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Matthew 27 records this other account of a miraculous resurrection as well!!!:

*****[Matthew 27:50-54 KJV]** 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov states "He sent His Spirit to His Father"!) 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 **AND THE GRAVES WERE OPENED; AND MANY BODIES OF THE SAINTS WHICH SLEPT AROSE, 53 AND CAME OUT OF THE GRAVES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, AND WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY, AND APPEARED UNTO MANY.** 54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

(I personally believe that even these people died again at some point...but the scripture doesn't say. As mentioned above, **WE DON'T HAVE ANY REPORTS OF THESE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS STILL WALKING THE EARTH. BUT, WHEN YEHOSHUA RETURNS, ON THE DAY OF YEHOVAH, I BELIEVE THOSE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS WILL EXPERIENCE THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION LIKE YEHOSHUA! THAT IS THE DAY WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO!!!**)

Yehoshua Himself said this:

*****Matthew 12:41-42 [KJV] 41 The men of Nineveh SHALL RISE IN JUDGMENT with this generation (MY Note: HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV STATES “THE MEN OF NINEVEH SHALL RISE IN THE JUDGEMENT WITH THIS GENERATION”), and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas [is] here. 42 The queen of the south SHALL RISE UP IN THE JUDGMENT with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon [is] here.**

Remember Daniel 12:1-3 shows us that at least some of the righteous and some of the wicked will awaken from sleeping in the dust of the earth TOGETHER FOR THEIR JUDGMENT, on what is referred to as “Judgment Day” by some people. (I personally have come to believe from all of these prophecies that it is ALL of the Righteous and the Wicked...). “The Judgment” probably is the same as “The Day of the Lord/Yehovah” when Yehoshua sits on His throne in Jerusalem judging the peoples [Matthew 25:31-46]. The repentant men of Nineveh and the Queen of the South will be resurrected (it sounds as if they are counted as righteous) and judge the wicked generation of Jews (probably mostly the leadership) Yehoshua was speaking to - those who would not believe His Words and REPENT TO OBEY GOD. That wicked generation must be some of the Wicked that will be resurrected to face the judgment that Daniel was speaking of!!! (However, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECY OF THE APOSTLE JOHN IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION, the absolute final judgment of all the Dead will be 1000 years later in front of YEHOVAH ELOHIM HIMSELF WHO WILL BE SEATED ON HIS GREAT WHITE THRONE [Revelation 20:11-15]. As stated in the beginning of this article, I am not going to attempt to give a conclusive answer on the prophecies from the Book of Revelation. Since Yehoshua’s Return and the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is the next event we all are waiting for, that is enough to concentrate on!!!)

THE MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY FROM MATTHEW 12:41-42 IS:

1) TO BELIEVE YEHOSHUA AND ALL OF HIS WORDS!!!

2) TO REPENT TO TURN AWAY FROM ALL SIN AND OBEY GOD!!!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEE THAT YEHOSHUA DOES NOT COUNT DYING FOR ONE’S FAITH IN AND OBEDIENCE TO HIM AS A VAIN, WORTHLESS THING OR SOMETHING TO BE AVOIDED IF NECESSARY TO STAY FAITHFUL! HE PROMISES THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION TO THOSE WHO KEEP THEIR FAITH IN HIM, EVEN IF THEY ARE KILLED FOR IT !!! WE MUST REMEMBER THIS! (However, those who give up their faith in Him to avoid physical death are promised ETERNAL DEATH IN FIRE – He will “LOSE HIS SOUL FOREVER”!!!):

*****Matthew 10:39 [KJV] 39 He that findeth (I believe this means he holds onto his life rather than his faith) his life shall lose it: and HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT.**

*****HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 16:24-27: 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples: Whoever wishes to come after me, let him despise himself, TAKE THE CROSS, that is, offer himself unto death, and come after me. 25 Everyone who wishes to save his soul will lose it for my sake, AND HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD FOR MY SAKE, WILL SAVE HIS SOUL FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. 26 WHAT PROFIT IS THERE FOR A MAN IF HE SHOULD GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD [BUT] LOSE HIS SOUL**

FOREVER; what good exchange if for present things that are spoiled HE SHOULD GIVE HIS SOUL TO THE JUDGMENT OF GEHENNA (The Hebrew text actually translates to “Gehinnom” – which is from “Gey Hinnom” – meaning “Valley of Hinnom” - which is just outside the southern city walls of Jerusalem – see Isaiah 66:24 for a description of it being a place of eternal fire. According to HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 18:8-9, “Gehinnom” will be a place of ETERNAL FIRE!). 27 Because the Son of God (“Ben HaEl”) will come in the Glory of His Father Who is in Heaven with His angels to reward each man according to his work!!!

(NOTE: THE REWARD CAN BE GOOD OR BAD!)

Yehoshua also stated this very clear verse!!!:

***[Matthew 10:28 KJV] 28 And FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY, BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO KILL THE SOUL: but RATHER FEAR HIM WHICH IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL (“Gey Hinnom” in the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov manuscripts, translated as Gehenna, or as here in the KJV, Hell. IT IS A PLACE OF ETERNAL FIRE!)

OBVIOUSLY, ACCORDING TO YEHOSHUA, THE BODY AND SOUL OF A RIGHTEOUS ONE ARE TRULY SEPARATE PARTS OF THE SAME PERSON!!!

IT’S VERY POSSIBLE, THEN, THAT ONLY THE BODY (ITS BONES) IS THE PART OF THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON THAT IS RESTING IN PEACE IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH WHEN ONE DIES, WAITING TO STAND UP IN THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION WITH NEW IMMORTAL FLESH AND THE BREATH OF GOD, BUT HIS SOUL IS THE PART OF HIM THAT IS ALIVE WHEREVER YEHOVAH HAS FOR THESE RIGHTEOUS SOULS TO BE PEACEFULLY PROTECTED, “GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE...GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS...SLEEPING WITH HIS FATHERS,” AWAITING THE RESURRECTION AS WELL, TO BE JOINED TO HIS NEW IMMORTAL FLESH BODY!

The Tanach/Old Testament NEVER SPECIFICALLY STATES that the souls of even the Righteous are in Heaven, EXCEPT FOR ELIJAH WHO WAS TRANSPORTED TO HEAVEN BODY AND SOUL, WITHOUT DYING:

[2Kings 2:1, 11 KJV] 1 And it came to pass, WHEN THE LORD (YEHOVAH) WOULD TAKE UP ELIJAH INTO HEAVEN BY A WHIRLWIND, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ... 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] A CHARIOT OF FIRE, AND HORSES OF FIRE, and parted them both asunder; and ELIJAH WENT UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN.

According to my research, only the Book of the Revelation states that the Righteous are in Heaven, not lying in peace on their couch, but instead moving around, standing before Yehovah’s Throne worshipping. **ACCORDING TO YEHOSHUA, THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS ARE DEFINITELY “ALIVE” THOUGH, ONLY SLEEPING!** As mentioned earlier, Samuel, a righteous man that Yehovah regarded highly (Jeremiah 15:1), was “brought up,” possibly from a peaceful place in Sheol, according to **I Samuel 28** and was not happy about being “DISQUIETED.” **ACTUALLY, MANY OTHER SCRIPTURES WOULD LEAD ONE TO THINK THAT THE RIGHTEOUS ONES ARE IN A PROTECTED, PEACEFUL PLACE OF SHEOL (I SAMUEL 2:6; Psalm 71:20). Ecclesiastes 12:7 KJV does state that**

“The dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.” BUT, THAT CANNOT MEAN THAT EVERY SPIRIT GOES TO HEAVEN!

MAYBE IT MEANS THAT THE SOUL WILL RETURN TO GOD BEFORE HE DECIDES WHERE IT WILL GO! That is because EZEKIEL 26:20; 28:8-10; 31:15-18; 32:17-32 and more definitely show us that THE WICKED PEOPLE THAT CAUSED TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING, THAT ARE UNCIRCUMCISED, AND ARE SLAIN BY THE SWORD, ARE DEFINITELY CAST INTO “SHEOL”/ THE PIT !!! These are worth reading carefully. THEY ALL APPEAR TO BE PEOPLE OF THE NATIONS THAT WILL COME AGAINST AND TERRORIZE ISRAEL, THROUGH THE AGES AND DURING THE TIME OF JACOB’S TROUBLE/THE TRIBULATION (SEE EZEKIEL 38:1-9). THIS PROVES YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE ONE OF OR EVEN ALIGNED WITH ONE OF THE NATIONS THAT EVER COME AGAINST ISRAEL (OR THOSE JOINED TO ISRAEL)!!! JUST ONE OF THE ABOVE PROPHECIES CITED IS BELOW:

*****[Ezekiel 32:17-32 KJV] 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 18 SON OF MAN, WAIL FOR THE MULTITUDE OF EGYPT, AND CAST THEM DOWN, [EVEN] HER, AND THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FAMOUS NATIONS, UNTO THE NETHER PARTS OF THE EARTH, WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN INTO THE PIT. 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and BE THOU LAID WITH THE UNCIRCUMCISED. 20 They shall fall in the midst of [them that are] slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. 22 ASSHUR [IS] THERE AND ALL HER COMPANY: his graves [are] about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword: 23 WHOSE GRAVES ARE SET IN THE SIDES OF THE PIT, AND HER COMPANY IS ROUND ABOUT HER GRAVE: ALL OF THEM SLAIN, FALLEN BY THE SWORD, WHICH CAUSED TERROR IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. 24 There [is] ELAM AND ALL HER MULTITUDE round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. 25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves [are] round about him: ALL OF THEM UNCIRCUMCISED, SLAIN BY THE SWORD: THOUGH THEIR TERROR WAS CAUSED IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING, YET HAVE THEY BORNE THEIR SHAME WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT (“BOR”) : HE IS PUT IN THE MIDST OF [THEM THAT BE] SLAIN. 26 There [is] MESHECH, TUBAL, AND ALL HER MULTITUDE: her graves [are] round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27 And they shall not lie with the mighty [that are] fallen of the uncircumcised, WHICH ARE GONE DOWN TO HELL (“SHEOL”) with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, BUT THEIR INIQUITIES SHALL BE UPON THEIR BONES, though [they were] the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. 28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with [them that are] slain with the sword. 29 There [is] EDOM, HER KINGS, AND ALL HER PRINCES, WHICH WITH THEIR MIGHT ARE LAID BY [THEM THAT WERE] SLAIN BY THE SWORD: THEY SHALL LIE WITH THE UNCIRCUMCISED, AND WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT. 30 THERE [BE] THE PRINCES OF THE NORTH, ALL OF THEM, AND ALL THE ZIDONIANS, which**

are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with [them that be] slain by the sword, and **BEAR THEIR SHAME WITH THEM THAT GO DOWN TO THE PIT.** 31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, [even] **PHARAOH AND ALL HIS ARMY SLAIN BY THE SWORD, SAITH THE LORD GOD.** 32 **For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with [them that are] slain with the sword, [even] Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.**

Although I do not use the Gospel of Luke, because the earliest Jewish believers, The Nazarenes, did not use it (see endnote i), and I personally see some differences between the Gospel of Matthew and Luke, it has a story that **may** picture accurately what happens at death. I will simply quote it:

[Luke 16:19-31 KJV] 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 **And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, AND SEETH ABRAHAM AFAR OFF, and Lazarus in his bosom.** 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; **FOR I AM TORMENTED IN THIS FLAME.** 25 **BUT ABRAHAM SAID, SON, REMEMBER THAT THOU IN THY LIFETIME RECEIVEDST THY GOOD THINGS, AND LIKEWISE LAZARUS EVIL THINGS: BUT NOW HE IS COMFORTED, AND THOU ART TORMENTED.** 26 **AND BESIDE ALL THIS, BETWEEN US AND YOU THERE IS A GREAT GULF FIXED: SO THAT THEY WHICH WOULD PASS FROM HENCE TO YOU CANNOT; NEITHER CAN THEY PASS TO US, THAT [WOULD COME] FROM THENCE.** 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, THOUGH ONE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.**

Hell is "Hades" in Greek. In the Greek Septuagint, the Hebrew word "Sheol" is almost always translated as to Greek as "Hades" according to the Thayers Greek Lexicon.

IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THOSE IN HELL (SHEOL) COULD LOOK UP ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN AND SPEAK TO ABRAHAM, ALTHOUGH ITS NOT IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IT SOUNDS TO ME AS IF IT COULD BE TWO SEPARATE PLACES IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH WITH A GREAT GULF FIXED BETWEEN, ONE PLACE OF FIERY FLAME FOR THE EVIL AND ONE PLACE OF PURE COMFORT AND PEACE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS! ITS NOTABLE THAT ABRAHAM STATES THAT THE RICH MAN IS ASKING FOR SOMEONE TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, NOT TO DESCEND FROM HEAVEN...

Although I am not going to explore fully The Book of Revelation by the Apostle John, CHAPTERS 19 THROUGH 22 may give a different perspective than the The Written Torah, the Hebrew Prophets and Yehoshua in the Gospel of Matthew. It appears to me that Revelation gives a prophetic look at **The Order of The Resurrection(s)**, first only for the Righteous **MARTYRS (Revelation 20:4-6)** and only after 1000 years, the

Wicked are brought up (resurrected?) but then cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:7-15). That could be because, from my limited research of the Book of Revelation, the only way the souls of the Righteous through the ages could get to Heaven, IS BY A MARTYR'S DEATH (Revelation 6:9-11 – the souls said to be under the altar are crying out for their blood to be avenged) OR A MARTYR'S DEATH DURING THE TRIBULATION/JACOB'S TROUBLE (Revelation 7:9-17 – the fellow servants of the previous martyrs under the altar who are also killed during the great tribulation/Matthew 23:9/Matthew 24:22), NOT A "RAPTURE" OF THE LIVING TO HEAVEN (except for the 144,000 Israelite virgin men– Revelation 7:1-8, 14:1-5).

Let us go back and look at one prophecy from the Prophet Zechariah, though:

*****[Zechariah 14:1-5 KJV] 1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, [and there shall be] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee [to] the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: AND THE LORD MY GOD SHALL COME, [AND] ALL THE SAINTS WITH THEE.**

קִדְּשִׁים – KEDOSHIYM IS THE HEBREW WORD FOR "SAINTS/HOLY ONES" FROM THE ROOT WORD "KADOSH" WHICH MEANS "HOLY."

וַיָּבֹא יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי כָל־קִדְּשִׁים עִמָּוָה – UVA' YEHOVAH ELOHAY COL-KEDOSHIYM IMACH – "AND YEHOVAH MY GOD SHALL COME AND ALL THE SAINTS/HOLY ONES WITH THEE"!!!

THIS PASSAGE FROM ZECHARIAH IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE, AT THIS POINT, IT IS THE ONLY ONE I HAVE FOUND IN THE HEBREW BIBLE/OLD TESTAMENT THAT LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS COULD BE IN HEAVEN AWAITING THE RESURRECTION! But not necessarily....BECAUSE THEY COULD BE SOULS COMING FROM THEIR PROTECTED PLACE OF PEACE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH TO BE JOINED TO THEIR NEW IMMORTAL FLESH BODIES PUT ON THEIR BONES!

EVEN YEHOSHUA IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW NEVER SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS ARE IN HEAVEN...

All of the other sources I have found for the Righteous Saints who have died being in Heaven are from the New Testament, mainly from THE BOOK OF REVELATION, as stated above, BUT ALSO THE LETTERS OF PAUL (whose letters I do not use based on his false stance that the Written Torah is abolished)ⁱⁱ.

IN I CORINTHIANS 15, PAUL STATES THAT FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. BUT, TO REITERATE, I SEE FROM MANY OF THE HEBREW PROPHETS THAT THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WHO ARE ALIVE AT YEHOSHUA'S RETURN THAT DEFINITELY WILL BE INHERITING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AND WILL STILL BE HAVING OFFSPRING, POPULATING THE LAND OF ISRAEL, ABUNDANTLY!!! OBVIOUSLY, THEY STILL MUST HAVE FLESH AND BLOOD, ALTHOUGH SUPERNATURALLY CHANGED, I BELIEVE!!! (See I SAMUEL 2:1-10; ISAIAH 54:1-3,13; EZEKIEL 36:33-38; EZEKIEL 37:25-26; ISAIAH 59:20-21; ISAIAH 60:20-22; ISAIAH 61:9; ISAIAH 65:22). IN FACT, THE EZEKIEL 37:1-14 PASSAGE STATES EMPHATICALLY THAT YEHOVAH IS EVEN GOING TO PUT "NEW FLESH" ON THE BONES OF THE RESURRECTED ISRAELITES, AND BRINGS THEM BACK TO ISRAEL TO LIVE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!!! WHY WOULD PAUL SAY THAT FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, THEN? DO WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE BLOOD AS WELL AS FLESH??? I DO AGREE WITH PAUL THAT THESE RESURRECTED SAINTS WILL NOT HAVE OFFSPRING, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT YEHOSHUA TAUGHT! THEY WILL NOT MARRY, SO THEY WILL NOT BE HAVING OFFSPRING. I BELIEVE THAT MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE RESURRECTED AND THOSE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AT YEHOSHUA'S RETURN.

Also, Paul in I Thessalonians 4:13-18 states that the believers in Yehoshua will be caught up ("raptured") to meet Yehoshua in the air. Although many people try to make this passage be about a "rapture" to Heaven of living Believers in Yehoshua to escape Jacob's Trouble/Tribulation, Paul says NOTHING to support that! I can only assume what Paul means is that living believers will be "caught up" into the sky as Yehoshua returns at His Second Coming after but with the Resurrected Saints, SINCE PAUL STATES THAT THE DEAD DO RISE FIRST. (Its notable that Paul never mentions anything about the 144,000 Israelites being "raptured" at some point before Yehoshua's return....which the Apostle John speaks of in Revelation 7:1-8/ Revelation 14:1-5). HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS IS WHAT I HAVE FOUND THAT THE HEBREW PROPHETS PROPHECY!!! THE HEBREW PROPHETS SPEAK OF THE CHOSEN REMNANT OF ISRAEL WHO ARE ALIVE AT YEHOSHUA'S RETURN BEING GATHERED FROM ALL OVER THE EARTH PHYSICALLY AND BROUGHT BACK, SOMETIMES IN SHIPS, WALKING THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS THAT YEHOVAH PREPARES FOR THEM, BEING CARRIED BY THE GENTILES, ETC., NOT CAUGHT UP INTO THE SKY (SEE ISAIAH 49:7-26, ISAIAH 11:11-15, ISAIAH 66:18-21, JEREMIAH 3:12-18, ISAIAH 35:1-10, ISAIAH 57:14, FOR JUST A FEW OF MANY). (As stated earlier, see my article entitled "THERE WILL BE A PHYSICAL GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL" available as a free pdf on www.TheHolyArmoftheLord.com for much more information).

BECAUSE OF BOTH OF THESE POINTS, I CANNOT ACCEPT MOST OF PAUL'S WORDS CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION.

I can agree with Paul that the Resurrected Saints/KEDOSHIYM MAY be coming with Yehoshua from Heaven because of Zechariah 14:5. But, not necessarily. Psalm 149 states "the saints" will be "joyful on their beds," and then help Yehoshua carry out the wrath on the heathen.

YEHOSHUA TOLD US DEFINITELY THAT ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB WILL BE RESURRECTED INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH. We know from the Tanach that ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB WERE NOT MARTYRS, BUT DIED NATURAL DEATHS AT OLD AGES, WERE GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS, AND ARE RESTING PEACEFULLY, AWAY FROM THE FACE OF EVIL... (See again Matthew 8:10-11).

***[Matthew 8:10-11 KJV] 10 When Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and SHALL SIT DOWN WITH ABRAHAM, AND ISAAC, AND JACOB, IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

One very specific prophecy is Daniel 12:11-13

***[Daniel 12:11-13 KJV] 11 And FROM THE TIME [THAT] THE DAILY [SACRIFICE] SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY, AND THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE SET UP, [there shall be] a thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 BLESSED [IS] HE THAT WAITETH, AND COMETH TO THE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIVE AND THIRTY DAYS. 13 BUT GO THOU THY WAY TILL THE END [BE]: FOR THOU SHALT REST, AND STAND IN THY LOT AT THE END OF THE DAYS.

DANIEL, WHO WAS NOT A MARTYR, IS TOLD BY THE ANGEL THAT AT THE END OF THE DAYS HE JUST DESCRIBED TO HIM OF JACOB'S TROUBLE/TRIBULATION, i.e., AT THE END OF THE 1335 DAYS AFTER THE TRIBULATION STARTS, IS WHEN HE WILL BE RESURRECTED AND STAND IN HIS INHERITANCE!!! THAT IS WHEN YEHOSHUA WILL RETURN – THE DAY OF YEHOVAH!

So, now we know for certain that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel will be resurrected into the Messianic Kingdom of Heaven on Earth at Yehoshua's Second Coming! I personally believe that these facts point to ALL THE SAINTS being resurrected at one time, at Yehoshua's Second Coming, NOT JUST THE MARTYRS AS ONE COULD PERCEIVE FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION (Revelation 20:4-6).

Also, at the beginning of Daniel chapter 12, the Angel told Daniel:

[Daniel 12:1-2 KJV] 1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and AT THAT TIME THY PEOPLE SHALL BE DELIVERED, EVERY ONE THAT SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. 2 AND MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SOME TO SHAME [AND] EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.

Notice that EVERY ONE that will be FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK!!!

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH!!!

THEREFORE, BASED ON THE DANIEL 12:11-13 PROPHECY, ALONG WITH DANIEL 12:1-2, MATTHEW 8:11-13, ZECHARIAH 14:5, I NOW BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS THROUGH THE AGES WILL BE RESURRECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

Another intriguing fact about the Supernatural Messianic Kingdom that I don't see that believers in Messiah Yehoshua concentrate on is that The Father Himself, Yehovah Elohim, referred to as YEHOVAH TSAVAOT, will actually send His Glorious Presence back to earth to fill His Holy Temple and then hover over Mount Zion in Jerusalem, Israel, as a Cloud by day and a Fire by night at this time as well! (See Ezekiel 43:1-12, Isaiah 4:3-6, Ezekiel 37:26-28, Isaiah 24:23, Ezekiel 46:1-3, Zechariah 14:16-21 – some below). Yehoshua, DECLARED TO BE THE KING/HIGH PRIEST BY HIS FATHER, also referred to as The Prince ("HaNasiy"), will lead the worship of all of Israel and even the other nations that come up to worship YEHOVAH TSAVAOT!

[Isaiah 24:23 KJV] 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, WHEN THE LORD OF HOSTS (YEHOVAH TSAVAOT) SHALL REIGN IN MOUNT ZION, AND IN JERUSALEM, AND BEFORE HIS ANCIENTS ("ZEKENAYV" – "HIS ELDERS") GLORIOUSLY.

(MY NOTE: "HIS ELDERS" BEING THERE LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT ALL OF HIS HOLY SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RESURRECTED INTO THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM – I WOULD THINK ENOCH, NOAH, JOB, SAMUEL, AND DAVID, WHO WERE NOT MARTYRS, WOULD ALSO BE AMONG THESE, AS WELL AS ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, AND DANIEL, WHOM WE HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED WILL BE THERE!)

[Isaiah 4:3-6 KJV] 3 And it shall come to pass, [that he that is] left in ZION, and [he that] remaineth in JERUSALEM, SHALL BE CALLED HOLY, [EVEN] EVERY ONE THAT IS WRITTEN AMONG THE LIVING IN JERUSALEM: 4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. 5 AND THE LORD (YEHOVAH) WILL CREATE UPON EVERY DWELLING PLACE OF MOUNT ZION, AND UPON HER ASSEMBLIES, A CLOUD AND SMOKE BY DAY, AND THE SHINING OF A FLAMING FIRE BY NIGHT: FOR UPON ALL THE GLORY [SHALL BE] A DEFENCE. 6 AND THERE SHALL BE A TABERNACLE FOR A SHADOW IN THE DAYTIME FROM THE HEAT, AND FOR A PLACE OF REFUGE, AND FOR A COVERT FROM STORM AND FROM RAIN.

[Ezekiel 43:1-5 KJV] 1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, [even] the gate that looketh toward the east: 2 And, behold, THE GLORY OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL came from the way of the east: and his voice [was] like a noise of many waters: and THE EARTH SHINED WITH HIS GLORY. 3 AND [IT WAS] ACCORDING TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE VISION WHICH I SAW, [EVEN] ACCORDING TO THE VISION THAT I SAW WHEN I CAME TO DESTROY THE CITY: AND THE VISIONS [WERE] LIKE THE VISION THAT I SAW BY THE RIVER CHEBAR (MY NOTE: THIS SHOWS THAT EZEKIEL IS SPEAKING OF GOD, THE FATHER YEHOVAH ELOHIM HIMSELF) and I fell upon my face. 4 And the GLORY OF THE LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect [is] toward the east. 5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, BEHOLD, THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE.

[Ezekiel 46:1-3 KJV] 1 Thus saith the Lord GOD (ADONAY YEHOVAH) ; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2 And THE PRINCE (HaNasiy – The Prince) shall enter by the way of the porch of [that] gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD (YEHOVAH) in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

ONE THING I AM FULLY CONVINCED OF – EACH OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONES WILL BE RESURRECTED FROM THEIR REST...IN YEHOVAH’S PERFECT TIMING!!!

Backing up a little, one more important subject we should look at is this:

The Apostle Peter lets us know in his first letter WHAT YEHOSHUA WAS DOING IN SHEOL (THE PIT IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH) DURING THOSE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS THAT HIS SPIRIT WAS THERE, AS HE PROPHESED. I have to assume Yehoshua told His Apostles this information after His Resurrection. According to Peter, HE WAS PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THOSE WHO HAD DIED AND THEIR SPIRITS WERE IN PRISON - SHEOL!!!

***[1 Peter 3:15- 4:8 KJV] 15 But sanctify the Lord God (YEHOVAH ELOHIM) in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation (BEHAVIOR) in Christ. 17 For [it is] better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 18 **FOR CHRIST (YEHOSHUA, THE MESSIAH) ALSO HATH ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST, THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD (I believe Peter could mean “to reconcile us to God”), BEING PUT TO DEATH IN THE FLESH, BUT QUICKENED (MADE ALIVE) BY THE SPIRIT: 19 BY WHICH ALSO HE WENT AND PREACHED UNTO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON; 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST: 22 WHO IS GONE INTO HEAVEN, AND IS ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; ANGELS AND AUTHORITIES AND POWERS BEING MADE SUBJECT UNTO HIM (THIS IS A DIRECT REFERENCE TO PSALM 110).** [1 Peter 4 KJV] 1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 **THAT HE NO LONGER SHOULD LIVE THE REST OF [HIS] TIME IN THE FLESH TO THE LUSTS OF MEN, BUT TO THE WILL OF GOD (THIS CONFIRMS THAT YEHOVAH EXPECTS OBEDIENCE TO HIM NOW!)** 3 For

the time past of [our] life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with [them] to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of [you]: 5 **WHO SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT TO HIM (YEHOSHUA, THE SON OF GOD WHO WILL REIGN IN JERUSALEM ON HIS THRONE, I BELIEVE, HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO JUDGE BY YEHOVAH) THAT IS READY TO JUDGE THE QUICK (THOSE LIVING PHYSICALLY) AND THE DEAD (THOSE WHO HAVE DIED PHYSICALLY, BUT WILL BE BROUGHT UP FOR THE JUDGMENT!!) (Matthew 25:31-46/Matthew 12:41-42).** 6 **FOR THIS CAUSE WAS THE GOSPEL PREACHED ALSO TO THEM THAT ARE DEAD, THAT THEY MIGHT BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO MEN IN THE FLESH, BUT LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD IN THE SPIRIT.** 7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

SINCE THEN, YEHOSHUA'S DISCIPLES ARE TO BE PREACHING THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, WHICH IS THE NEW COVENANT IN THE BLOOD OF YEHOSHUA, TO THE HOUSE OF JUDAH, THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND ALL THE NATIONS, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO WRITE THE TORAH OF GOD INTO OUR HEARTS, SO WE WILL DESIRE TO OBEY GOD! (Jeremiah 31:31-37, Isaiah 49:1-6)

OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW BEFORE THEY DIE!

*****[Matthew 24:14 KJV] 14 AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME.**

*****[Matthew 26:26-29 KJV] 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; t now his is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is MY BLOOD of the new testament ("BRIT CHADASHAH" – "NEW COVENANT" per Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov manuscripts), which IS SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

(MY NOTE: I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THE ABOVE TWO PASSAGES, FROM PETER AND MATTHEW, SHOW YEHOVAH'S GREAT MERCY TO MAKE SURE EVERY ONE HAS A CHANCE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT YEHOSHUA FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS!!!)

HOWEVER, JUST REMEMBER THAT THE VERY FIRST WORDS OF YEHOSHUA'S GOSPEL were "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!!!" (Matthew 4:17 KJV). NEVER FORGET THAT OBEDIENCE TO YEHOVAH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE END GOAL OF HIS COVENANTS WITH HIS PEOPLE, EVEN THE NEW COVENANT, AND WILL BE EVEN THROUGHOUT THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM OF HEAVEN! (See Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ezekiel 11:17-21, Ezekiel 36:24-36, Ezekiel 37:24, Matthew 12:50).

*****[Isaiah 48:22 KJV] 22 [There is] NO PEACE (“EYN SHALOM” – “NO PEACE”), saith the LORD (YEHOVAH), UNTO THE WICKED!!!** (Not even to believers in Yehoshua who will not turn from iniquity! See also Matthew 7:19-23)

*****[Proverbs 14:32 KJV] 32 THE WICKED IS DRIVEN AWAY IN HIS WICKEDNESS: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS HATH HOPE IN HIS DEATH!!!** (See also Isaiah 57:20-21)

THIS IS STILL THE PASSAGE THAT GIVES ME SO MUCH PEACE ABOUT MY MOTHER AND DADDY:

[Isaiah 57:1-2 KJV] 1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth [it] to heart: and merciful men [are] taken away, none considering that THE RIGHTEOUS IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EVIL [to come]. 2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, [each one] walking [in] his uprightness.

That means that they truly are RESTING IN PEACE, WHEREVER OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN HAS FOR THEM THAT IS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE WICKED, GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS....

UNTIL THE ETERNAL RESURRECTION!!!

HALLELU YAH!!!

A SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS OF MY RESEARCH TO THIS POINT:

IF WE, A JEW, AN ISRAELITE, OR A GENTILE WHO IS JOINED TO YEHOVAH AND HIS PEOPLE SRAEL BY THE NEW COVENANT, DIE FOR ANY REASON, (1) KEEPING OUR FAITH IN YEHOSHUA FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS AND (2) TO THE BEST OF OUR UNDERSTANDING STRIVING TO LIVE AN OBEDIENT LIFE TO THE ONLY TRUE GOD, YEHOVAH ELOHIM, THE CREATOR OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, OUR GOD AND FATHER, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE COUNTED AS RIGHTEOUS... AND WILL BE ETERNALLY RESURRECTED, WITH THE IDEW OF OUR YOUTH LIKE YEHOSHUA, IN YEHOVAH’S PERFECT TIMING, WHICH I NOW BELIEVE IS AT YEHOSHUA’S SECOND COMING ON THE DAY OF YEHOVAH! IN OUR FLESH, WE WILL SEE GOD! LIKE JOB TELLS US, IT WILL BE WITH OUR OWN EYES!!! EVEN IF THE WICKED GET AWAY WITH THEIR EVIL ON THIS EARTH, WE ALSO CAN REST IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YEHOVAH WILL GIVE THEM ETERNAL DEATH AT THE END...IN YEHOVAH’S PERFECT TIMING (Psalm 37 and Psalm 73, Daniel 12:1-2)!!!

I BELIEVE THAT ONLY THE BODY/BONES ARE THE PART OF THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON THAT IS RESTING IN PEACE IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH WHEN HE DIES, WAITING FOR NEW IMMORTAL FLESH AND THE BREATH OF LIFE AGAIN AT THE RESURRECTION, BUT THE SOUL IS THE PART OF HIM THAT IS DEFINITELY STILL ALIVE, “GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS...GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE...SLEEPING WITH HIS FATHERS,” WHEREVER YEHOVAH HAS FOR HIS RIGHTEOUS SOUL TO REST IN PEACE, AWAY FROM THE FACE OF EVIL. IT MAY BE IN HEAVEN OR POSSIBLY IN A PEACEFUL, PROTECTED, COMFORTABLE PLACE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. REGARDLESS OF WHERE YEHOVAH HAS HIM, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT HIS SOUL WILL BE PEACEFULLY AWAITING THE

ETERNAL RESURRECTION TO BE JOINED TO HIS NEW IMMORTAL YOUNG FLESH BODY THAT WILL STAND UP AS PART OF AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY – THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL! HE WILL EXPERIENCE THIS ETERNAL RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YEHOVAH’S RIGHTEOUS FAMILY, WITH YEHOSHUA, AND WITH YEHOVAH ELOHIM HIMSELF FOREVER IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH IN SUPERNATURALLY RESTORED ISRAEL, JUST LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN!!!

DEATH IS STILL A MYSTERY...

BUT THIS IS ENOUGH TO KEEP MY HOPE ALIVE!

I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT WE CAN TRUST YEHOVAH THAT IT WILL HAPPEN!!! YEHOVAH WILL WORK OUT HIS PLAN PERFECTLY... BECAUSE OF HIS UNFATHOMABLE GOODNESS AND MERCY!!!

*****[Psalm 106:1 KJV] 1 PRAISE YE THE LORD (YEHOVAH)! O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD (YEHOVAH); FOR [HE IS] GOOD: FOR HIS MERCY [ENDURETH] FOR EVER!!!**

HALLELU YAH!

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ⁱ **These very first Jewish believers were called “HaNotsriym” in Hebrew, and “The Nazarenes” (or “The Nazoraeans”) in English. They were the original Jewish Believers who continued to keep Yehovah’s Laws in the Written Torah and accepted the gentile believers in Yehoshua into their fold completely, teaching them to do the same - to believe in Yehoshua as the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary (Miryam) and the Messiah of Israel, obey His Words from Yehovah, and then learn and keep the Written Torah. The only Gospel they used was the one the Apostle Matthew wrote in Hebrew, according to many of the Church Fathers. Therefore, I study the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov version primarily, although I do also quote from the King James version of Matthew which is based on the Greek manuscripts. Even the Greek manuscripts quote Yehoshua as supporting continued keeping of the Torah (Matthew 5:19)!!! The Nazarenes also did not use the Pauline Epistles at all, because they believed Paul to be apostate from the Written Torah, the Law. However, the Nazarenes did not subscribe to the Oral Torah that the Pharisees taught. However, because they did circumcise the gentile believers and taught them to keep the Written Torah, in addition to Yehoshua’s words, along with them, they were not accepted by those who accepted the Jerusalem Council. That council made a division between the necessity of the Jews and Gentiles Torah observance. However, my research shows that their view completely agreed with the Written Torah and the Prophets upheld by Yehoshua, that prophesied that gentiles in the Messianic Kingdom **WILL BE** taught the Torah/Law (Isaiah 2:1-4, Micah 4:1-4, Isaiah 56:1-8, Zechariah 14:16-19 and many more scriptures which show the gentile believers keeping the Sabbath, keeping Yehovah’s Covenant, and the Feasts of Yehovah). Since the Kingdom of Heaven has already started spiritually for believers in Yehoshua, I believe we are to be learning and keeping Yehovah’s Torah now as much as we can. Because I have come to identify with The Nazarenes, I do not use passages from the other Gospels or Paul’s letters to corroborate my findings in my search for Biblical Truth, though I may refer to them. **For more extensive research and documentation concerning The Nazarenes, and their beliefs, please see chapters 15, 17 and 18 in my book *The Holy Arm of the Lord*, available as a free pdf download on my website www.TheHolyArmofttheLord.com****

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