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## **DEDICATION**

**This book is dedicated to the Almighty God who inspires, reveals, guides and takes care of me throughout my journey.**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**An Amazing Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah – The King of kings and the Lord of lords** is an extended book of [An Amazing Story of the Messiah – A Revelation step by step](#), compiled by the Author. The earlier book was compiled to reveal and share the good news of the Almighty God, which was manifested in the life of [Yeshua the Messiah \[Jesus Christ\]](#) while living on this earth in flesh. Through that author helped the readers to understand how Yeshua [Jesus] of Nazareth lived a simple and moral life up to the age of 30 years, then next 2-3 years he was fully engaged in his ministry to share [the kingdom of God](#) and finally became the Messiah [Christ] for the whole world.

When we hear that Yeshua has the magnificent title of **King of kings and Lord of lords**, God is telling us that He is superior in abilities and authority of all earthly kings combined. It might be difficult to imagine what it means to us personally that Yeshua is our King, the Monarch whom all monarchs, leaders, and each one of us will one day submit to. We can begin thinking of Yeshua as our Heavenly Messianic ruler by understanding how He is different from the kings of our world.

Many people look to their earthly kings and leaders as a kind of Messiah. However, no matter how hard some leaders try to be good rulers, they still struggle with temptations and commit sins. Even King David who loved God had weaknesses, made mistakes, and committed a grave sin that he tried to cover up with an even graver sin.

But Yeshua, despite all the temptations He faced, never sinned. We can feel safe and secure in His Kingdom knowing that He will rule over us according to God's pure and holy intentions toward us — without the turmoil of earthly sins that leaders commit.

**An Amazing Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah – The King of kings and the Lord of lords** details about the present and expected future actions of Yeshua the Messiah in chronological order. It is quite difficult for many of the people on this world including most of the Christian community to understand it by [reading the Bible](#).

The compilation of this book is sourced mainly from the Bible i.e. the Old Testament and the New Testament.



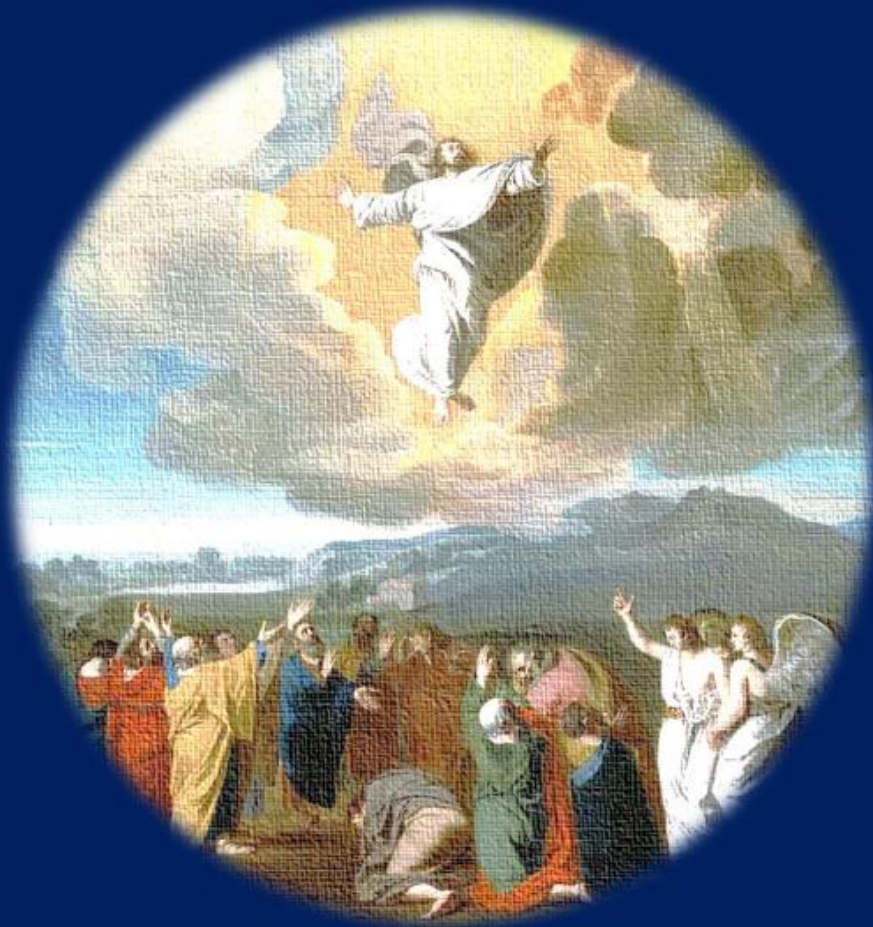
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# CHAPTER 1

## Yeshua Ascended to Heaven





## 1.1 Introduction

[The ascension of Yeshua the Messiah](#) into heaven is one of the most important events recorded in the New Testament. But though it occupies a vital place in Scripture, it doesn't get a lot of attention today, even among believers in Yeshua. My guess is that you probably haven't read any books about it or heard many sermons on it. Usually we focus on the crucifixion and the resurrection.

The ascension doesn't diminish the cross and resurrection in the *accomplishment* of our redemption. Rather, it's a necessary extension of them for the *application* of our redemption. The reason Messiah can "save [us] to the uttermost" is not only because he died on earth, but because "he always lives to make intercession for us" in heaven (Hebrews 7:23-24). Indeed, the fact that Yeshua has ascended into heaven and *sat down on the right hand of the power of God* is seen as proof that his cross-work was successful.

The ascension is pivotal, especially in the writings of Luke. Luke wrote a two-part history of the origin of Christianity. Volume one is the gospel that bears his name. Volume two is the book of Acts. And the ascension was so important for Luke, that he ended volume one with it (Luke 24:50-51), begins volume two by reporting it again (Acts 1:9-11), and then refers back to it several times in the book of Acts.

In God's plan of salvation, [Yeshua the Messiah](#) was crucified for the sins of mankind, died, and rose from the dead. Following his resurrection, he appeared many times to his disciples. All of the events in Yeshua's life occurred in specific locations in the Holy Land. For many of the events we know exactly where they occurred, while for others we only have local oral traditions. In the case of Yeshua's ascension into Heaven, [the Bible](#) mentions the name of the mountain where the apostles witnessed the miraculous event.

## 1.2 Pre-Ascension Appearance

The disciples were troubled at the Last Supper when Yeshua hinted of his going up to the Father (Matthew 26:29-32, Mark 14:25-28, John 13:33). After Yeshua rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" (Acts 1:3) to the women near the tomb (Matthew 28:9-10, John 20:14-18), to His disciples (Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-31; 21:1-25), and to more than 500 others (1 Corinthians 15:6). In the days following His resurrection, Yeshua taught His disciples about the [Kingdom of God](#) (Acts 1:3).

Forty days after the resurrection, Yeshua and His disciples went to Mount Olives, near Jerusalem, a [sabbath](#) day's journey away" (Acts 1:12). There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive [the Holy Spirit](#), and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Yeshua blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Yeshua's ascension is found in Mark 16:15-19, Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:9-11. Then after the Ascension, they were found "standing there looking at the sky" before being reassured by the angels (Acts 1:11). It is plain from Scripture that Yeshua's ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Yeshua, a cloud hid Him

from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Messiah's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" (Acts 1:11).

**We could ask with them: Why did Yeshua have to ascend to heaven only 40 days after the Resurrection? Why could he not have remained walking among his followers for many ages?**

Scripture shows us that the Ascension is connected intrinsically with the Paschal Mystery and the coming of the Holy Spirit, and thus was crucial for our salvation and the welfare of the Church (1 Timothy 3:16). The book of John shows us that Yeshua spent a considerable amount of time at the Last Supper tenderly explaining it to his apostles (John 13-17).

Still not completely understanding that [Yeshua's messianic mission](#) had been spiritual and not political, the disciples asked Yeshua if he was going this time to restore again the kingdom to Israel. Jesus answered them:

It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:7-8)

The ascension of Yeshua describes Messiah's transition from earth to heaven after his life, ministry, death, and resurrection. The Bible refers to the ascension as a passive action—Yeshua was "taken up" into heaven. Through the ascension of Yeshua, God the Father exalted the Lord to his right hand in heaven.

### **1.3 Post Ascension Appearance**

At the same time, Yeshua the Messiah appeared to his disciples even after his Ascension into Heaven. Stephen saw "the glory of God, and Yeshua standing on the right hand of God" prior to his martyrdom (Acts 7:55). Saul experienced conversion on the road to Damascus when he was blinded by a bright light and told "I am Yeshua whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:3-5). [The Lord Yeshua](#) appeared in a vision to Ananias in Damascus, instructing him to baptize Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:10-19). The Lord reassured Paul to stay in Corinth after he had baptized Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue (Acts 18:9). Yeshua actually appeared to Paul in the Temple of Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21)! The Lord stood by Paul in Jerusalem and advised him that he was to "bear witness" to Him in Rome (Acts 23:11). His final appearance in Scripture was to John on the island of Patmos in the Book of Revelation (in almost all chapters, especially in 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 19 & 22).

The ascension convinced disciples to align themselves with the objective, true King of the universe. It gave them confidence to be Messiah's witnesses to the ends of the earth. Even though it would cost them their lives. Clearly, this was no personal preference or private faith for the witnesses of the ascension. The disciples based their entire lives on this fact: the risen Messiah was also the cosmic king who would one day return to reign on earth.

A few days later, we see Peter proclaiming the death, resurrection and ascension of Messiah. For him they had become inseparable chapters in the gospel story (Acts 2:22-36). Listen to Peter's bold conclusion: "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Yeshua whom you crucified" (Acts 2:34-36).

Actually, without the ascension, we the followers of Yeshua would have no purpose beyond ourselves in this world. We would just be living for our little comforts and plans, gripes and groans, like everyone else. Building our own little ladders to heaven. Securing our paper kingdoms. Dreaming up our own ideas of the afterlife. But because Yeshua descended to earth as our sacrifice and Saviour, and ascended to heaven as our real, objective King, we are part of something much bigger than ourselves (Acts 1:9). His Kingdom, in heaven and on earth.

### **1.4 What does the Ascension of Yeshua the Messiah into heaven mean?**

- Yeshua has gone to the Father. It signalled the end of [His earthly ministry](#). God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. The period of human limitation was at an end.
- It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished. This means, first of all, that Yeshua has won the victory over every enemy. Yeshua has triumphed over sin, death and the devil. He triumphs over every evil foe.
- The ascended Yeshua is not confined to one physical location in heaven. Rather, His ascension means He has authority to be everywhere He has promised to be. Yeshua's ascension to the Heaven means that Yeshua now wields all power and authority on heaven and on earth. As the Psalm says, "Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases" (Psalm 115:3).
- It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Yeshua's glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9).
- 4) It symbolized His exaltation by the Father (Ephesians 1:20-23). The One with whom the Father is well pleased (Matthew 17:5). "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9).
- Currently, the Lord Jesus is in heaven. The Scriptures frequently picture Him at the right hand of the Father—a position of honor and authority (Psalm 110:1; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 8:1). Messiah is the Head of the [Church](#) (Colossians 1:18), the giver of spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:7-8), and the One who fills all in all (Ephesians 4:9-10). It allowed Him to prepare a place for us (John 14:2).
- It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15). It set the pattern for His return. When Yeshua comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left—literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds (Acts 1:11; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7).

## CHAPTER 2

**At present what Yeshua is doing  
in Heaven?**



## 2.1 Introduction

The ascension wasn't simply Yeshua going home; it was Yeshua being enthroned. Scripture repeatedly speaks of the ascension ending with Yeshua "being seated at the right hand of the Father" (Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20; 1 Peter 3:22). And this is no ordinary seat. As Yeshua told the [church](#) of Laodicea, "I . . . conquered and sat down with my Father *on his throne*" (Revelation 3:21).

How did he conquer? By crucifixion, death and rising. We see this in Revelation 5:5–6, where the Lion who has conquered is seen as a lamb who has been *slain* but is now *standing*. This description of the Lamb *standing* isn't meant to conflict with the numerous references to Yeshua being *seated*; rather, it's meant to show that Yeshua is alive, since slain lambs aren't usually stand. But it's the ascension that placed Yeshua where John saw him standing—in the heavenly throne room surrounded by a host of elders, living creatures, and saints, all worshiping him and his Father (Revelation 5:6–14).

This is the message of the most often-quoted Old Testament passage in the New Testament, Psalm 110:1: "The LORD says to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" The ascension is how he got there (Acts 2:33–34). It's what enthroned him as king, "ruling in the midst of his enemies" (Psalm 110:1).

Yeshua went to heaven to intercede for us as the eternal high priest. He quotes Hebrews 7:25, which reads, "Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them." Further on we read in Hebrews 9:24, "For Messiah did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf."

## 2.2 Seated on the right hand of the Father

Mark's Gospel tells us, "So then the Lord Yeshua, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). Sitting at the Father's right hand belongs to Messiah both as God and as man. With regard to divinity, it means that the Father and the Son are equal in Godhead, though the Father is the origin of the relations within [the Trinity](#).

With regard to humanity, being seated at the Father's right hand means that Yeshua is the judge of all. We read in Hebrews, "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, [Yeshua, the Son of God](#), let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:14–16).

### ***Why is it important that Yeshua is seated at the right hand of God the Father?***

Through the ascension, Yeshua returned to heaven to become the believer's advocate and intercessor at the right hand of God the Father (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews. 7:25).



His mission on earth had been accomplished. He took on a human body and will forever remain both fully God and fully man in his glorified state. The finished work of Messiah's sacrifice (Hebrews 10:9-18) and his substitutionary atonement is complete.

Yeshua is now and forever exalted above all creation, worthy of our worship and obedience (Philippians 2:9-11). [The ascension](#) was Yeshua's final step in defeating death, making eternal life possible (Hebrews 6:19-20). The angels warned that someday Yeshua will return in his glorified body, the same way he left.

Messiah is not a remote monarch or wily politician. He is not some unreachable leader. He is the caring, passionate King we glimpse when Stephen is stoned in Acts 7. "But Stephen, [full of the Holy Spirit](#), gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Yeshua standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55-56).

Yes, Stephen saw Yeshua standing, not sitting at God's right hand. That's because the king of the universe is active and engaged in the lives of those who love him. The Son is standing in heaven as our great advocate to plead our case before the Father. He prays for us as we face troubles in this world (John 17:20; 24; 26). Messiah defends us against Satan's accusations when we sin. And he reassures us of God's love when we feel foolish and insecure (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1). It's this vision of Yeshua as his heavenly advocate that gave Stephen the serenity to entrust his spirit to the Lord Yeshua and forgive his enemies as he died (Acts 7:59-60).

***So being seated at the right hand of God says something of great significance about Yeshua. But what exactly?***

The Scripture has several words translated "right" and the usage of the term, "right hand" ranges from a direction, to the opposite of wrong, what is just or what conforms to an established standard, and to a place of honor or authority. In the case of division or appointment in the Bible, the right hand or right side came first, as when Israel (Jacob) divided the blessings to Joseph's sons before he died (Genesis 48:13-14).

If we understand the Hebrew mindset in which it is written, sitting on the right hand of the Father simply means all authority in heaven and earth was given to Yeshua by YHVH because he carried out the mission of redemption in obedience. Yeshua states this in Matthew 28:18. He has the authority to act on behalf of the Father whereas before he acted on what the Father said and did. It is what he meant when he said pre-resurrection "the Father is greater than I." We see this authority when he opened the seals of the scroll in *the Book of the Revelation*.

As far as being one, the thought is one in function. They are one in purpose, mind, honor and Ruach (Spirit). Yeshua prays for the same unity for his apostles in John 17:22-23.

In addition, a person of high rank who put someone on his right hand gave him equal honor with himself and recognized him as possessing equal dignity and authority. And this is what the Apostle Paul writes of Yeshua the Messiah in Ephesians. "And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength which He worked in Messiah in raising Him from the dead, and He

seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, far above all principality and authority and power and dominion, and every name being named, not only in this world, but also in the coming age" (Ephesians 1:19-21; 1 Peter 3:22). Here we see God exalting Yeshua above all others by seating Him at the right hand of the Father.

The term "God's right hand" in prophecy refers to the Messiah to whom is given the power and authority to subdue His enemies (Psalm 110:1; Psalm 118:16). We find a quote in Matthew 22:44 from Psalm 110:1, which is a Messianic Psalm. "The Son of David" is claimed by [the LORD Yeshua the Messiah](#) as He is the "greater son of David" or the Messiah. In this passage of Matthew 22, Yeshua questions the Pharisees about who they think the Messiah is. "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Yeshua asked them, Saying, What think ye of Messiah? Whose son is He? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make Thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son?" (Matthew 22:41-45). The position of the Messiah is at God's right hand.

The fact that [Yeshua the Messiah](#) is at the "right hand of God" was a sign to the disciples that Yeshua had indeed gone to heaven. In John 16:7-15, Yeshua told the disciples that He had to go away and He would send [the Holy Spirit](#). So the coming of the Holy Spirit in the upper room on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) was proof positive that Yeshua was indeed in heaven seated at the right hand of God. This is confirmed in Romans 8:34 where the Apostle Paul writes that Messiah is sitting at God's right hand making intercession for us.

Therefore, what we can say is that "God's right hand" refers to the Messiah, the LORD Yeshua the Messiah, and He is of equal position, honor, power, and authority with God (John 1:1-5). The fact that Messiah is "sitting" refers to the fact that His work of redemption is done and when the fullness of the Gentiles is brought in (Romans 11:25), Messiah's enemies will be made His footstool. When the end of the age comes, all prophecy will be completed, and time will be no more.

## **2.3 Preparing a place for each one of us in Father's House**

The ascension of Yeshua the Messiah signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the [Church](#) forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Yeshua the Messiah gave us hope by promising that "when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:1-6).

The Ascension is part of what Messiah did to effect our salvation. In John 16:7 which Yeshua tells the apostles, "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go." Thus, first, He prepared the way for our ascent into heaven. In Ephesians 4, where Apostle Paul recalls a Psalm prophesying the Messiah: "He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men" (Ephesians 4:8). Apostle Paul takes Psalm 68 as pointing to Messiah's deliverance of the just souls in Hades and opening the doors of heaven. Yeshua himself ascending there was fitting for their welcome. In John 14:2 Yeshua says, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will

come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:2-3).

Yeshua himself is the way to heaven, and thus it is fitting that he himself abide there to reign. The Apostle Thomas asked Jesus at the Last Supper, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). Yeshua replied, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father” (John 14:6-7).

## **2.4 Sending of the Father’s Promise**

Yeshua didn’t ascend into heaven for nothing. He may have been seated, but he hasn’t been idle. On the contrary—after crushing the head of Satan’s resistance at the D-Day of Calvary, it was from heaven’s throne that Yeshua launched his last-days offensive.

It began at Pentecost, when he poured out the Holy Spirit and began liberating the nations. According to Yeshua, this was one of the main objectives for the ascension: “It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come. But if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). People from every nation have been purchased; they now have to be gathered—and we can’t do it alone. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. Until he was given, the Great Commission could not advance, but until Yeshua ascended, he could not be given (Luke 24:49; John 7:39). It was only then, “being exalted at the right hand of God,” that Yeshua could pour out the Spirit (Acts 2:33).

As a person of [the Trinity](#), the Holy Spirit mediates the power and presence of both Father and Son, such that in a real sense Yeshua is with us even now (Romans 8:9–10; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 4:6). This is how, despite being in heaven, Yeshua can promise to be with us till the end of the age—until the harvest is gathered and the mission is accomplished (Matthew 28:20).

Enthroned at the right hand of the Father, Messiah sends the Spirit and [the gifts of the Spirit](#) upon the [Church](#). Having quoted the prophesy that “He gave gifts to men,” Apostle Paul continues in Ephesians 4, “The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Messiah, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Messiah...” (Ephesians 4:9-13).

Enlivened by the Holy Spirit and enabled by his charisms, the Church grows into the fullness of Messiah, who is in heaven in all his glory. Yeshua told the apostles at the Last Supper, “...if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7).

Though Matthew’s Gospel does not narrate the actual event of the Ascension, it presents the Great Commission in its place when the apostles go up the mountain with Yeshua for the last time: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20). Only when they are emboldened by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost do the apostles then have the courage to go out and do so (Acts 2).

Further, speaking of the gifts connected with the coming Holy Spirit, Yeshua said to the apostles, “The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” (John 14:26-27).

Earlier Yeshua had told the disciples that after he ascended, the Holy Spirit would come down upon them with power. At Pentecost, they received the Holy Spirit like tongues of fire. Today, every born-again believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who gives wisdom and power to live the believer’s life.

The command of Yeshua to his followers was to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. The gospel first spread to the Jews, then to the Jewish/mixed-race Samaritans, then to the Gentiles. Believers have a responsibility to spread the good news about Yeshua and his teachings to all who have not heard.

## CHAPTER 3

### The Rapture- Prophecies and Event





### 3.1 Introduction

The coming of [Yeshua the Messiah](#) for His own was mentioned by Him in the Upper Room when He declared to His disciples, “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:2-3).

This simple revelation is later amplified by Paul (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). At the coming of Messiah for His Church, it is declared that God will bring with Him the souls of saved believers who had died, in order that their bodies might be resurrected from the grave. The dramatic event is described, “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). In 1 Thessalonians 5, this event is declared to be one which will come without warning to the unbelieving world, but one which believer in Messiah should anticipate.

A parallel revelation of this event is given in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Here it is plainly declared that all saved believers will not die, but at the coming of the Lord all will be changed—the living translated and given new bodies, and the dead in Messiah resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52). The new bodies which believers will receive are declared to be imperishable, immortal or deathless. According to 1 John 3:2, they will be like the resurrection body of Messiah and hence sinless. This hope of the coming of the Lord was held out as an imminent possibility to early believers.

The rapture is something God wants us to know about because He doesn’t want us to face life without hope. In Matthew 24: 40-42 and John 14:2-3, Yeshua, hinted the subject of the rapture of the church.

The word *rapture* means “to catch up or snatch up,” and it’s what the apostle Paul describes in detail in 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4. When the rapture occurs, 1 Thessalonians 4 tells us that Messiah is to bring the souls of those who have died from heaven to earth. He’s going to resurrect their bodies, and their souls will re-enter their bodies permanently in resurrection.

Paul also says, according to the Lord’s instructions to him, that we (that is, believers) who are still alive will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep, but the **dead in Messiah will rise first**. After that, **we who are alive will be “caught up.”**

Yeshua had already hinted this by himself in John 11:25-26 [before raising Lazarus from the death]. We read, Yeshua said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: **he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?

Our earthly bodies will be transformed in to glorified bodies [celestial bodies] that will happen in fraction of a second as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 and will shine very bright in the presence of Yeshua, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

### 3.2 The Rapture Prophecies and Expected Event

The term Rapture [caught up; forcibly snatched away; Greek: *harpazo*] is used 21 times, in the following 14 verses: Matthew 11:12; 12:29; 13:19; John 6:15; 10:12,28,29; Acts 8:39; 23:10; 2 Corinthians 12:2,4; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Jude 23; and Revelation 12:5.

There is no explicit reference in Scripture about the timing of the Rapture relative to other prophetic events; but, there are many Scriptures, if taken in context, that provide strong circumstantial evidence of a Rapture event before Messiah's Next Coming at Armageddon.

Serious support for the pre-tribulation Rapture lies in the notion of imminence. Many signs precede the Next Coming, but none precede the Rapture.

Thus, the Rapture could happen at any time. Here are some verses suggesting that Messiah will remove believers from the Earth before the Tribulation, that is, before the coming time of wrath:

1 Thessalonians 1:10

*"and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead -- Yeshua, who rescues us from the coming wrath."*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

*"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him."*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*"Concerning the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Yeshua will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming."*

Here is a table that provides a summary of the traits of Rapture of the Church:

S. No.	Rapture
1	Imminent (can occur at any moment)—1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:16-18; 5:1-5,12; James 5:7-9
2	Is a resurrection (translation) event— 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
3	He comes in the air (not setting foot on Earth, yet) —1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
4	Messiah comes for His saints, meaning the Church is removed (i.e., believers (translated saints) are taken away to Heaven) —John 14:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
5	Believers will be taken away very quickly—in the blink of an eye— departing from the Earth 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
6	Messiah gathers the elect (believers) — 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
7	Unbelievers remain on Earth; however, some (probably many millions) become believers later on, and will enter the Millennial Kingdom in their earthly bodies
8	Not in the Old Testament (i.e., a “mystery” revealed post-Yeshua)— 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
9	Occurs before the day of wrath (i.e., precedes the day of the Lord, aka the Tribulation)—1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 4:18; 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2; Revelation 3:10-11
10	Precedes the Bema Judgment Seat of Messiah (where rewards are to be given); occurs years before the Battle of Armageddon; occurs years before the Millennial Kingdom

The table of Scripture passages given below prophecy the Rapture events:

The Rapture Prophecies			
John 14:1-3 2	Colossians 3:4	Thessalonians 2s:3	1 Peter 1:7,13
Romans 8:19 1	1 Thessalonians 1:10	Timothy 6:14	1 Peter 5:4
1 Corinthians 1:7-8	1 Thessalonians 2:19	2 Timothy 4:1	1 John 2:28-3:2
1 Corinthians 15:51-53	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	2 Timothy 4:8	Jude 21
1 Corinthians 16:22	1 Thessalonians 5:9	Titus 2:13	Revelation 2:25
Philippians 3:20-21	1 Thessalonians 5:23	Hebrews 9:28	Revelation 3:10
Philippians 4:5	2 Thessalonians 2:1	James 5:7-9	Isaiah 26:19-21

### 3.3 Who will participate in the Rapture Event?

All believers in Messiah will be taken up in the Rapture, and not just those who are waiting for Messiah’s return. 1 Corinthians 15:51 says: “We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed ...” Note the double-usage of the words “we” and “all”.

Yes. The [Church](#) has been raptured from the Earth before most of the events of Revelation take place, thereby leaving God to deal with the Jewish people separately again (although many people—Jews and Gentiles—will still be saved after the Rapture).

Then Revelation 4:1 will also be applicable to Church [as it was for the Apostle John], “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

There have always been two groups of people on Earth: believers and unbelievers. These groups can be partitioned into Jews and Gentiles in the Old Testament; and into Jews, Gentiles, and Believers in the New Testament.

The Believers [Church] or “Body of Christ” is made up of both Jews and Gentiles—in other words, whoever chooses to accept Yeshua the Messiah as Lord and Saviour. “For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all, and richly blesses all who call on him” (Romans 10:12)

The absence of the Church in Revelation 4-18 supports the notion of a pre-tribulation Rapture. Revelation is largely silent about the church, and “the silence is deafening”.

The Bride of Messiah is in Heaven during this period “to make herself ready”, as per Revelation 19:7 and 21:9.

The Rapture refers to the sudden, taking-away of believers from Earth to Heaven. This major event takes place seven or more years before Christ’s return to Earth at the Battle of Armageddon.

The Rapture is a time of resurrection or bodily translation for believers (dead and alive) in Yeshua the Messiah. The resurrected bodies are eternal—never subject to death, decay, disease, pain, depression, etc.

Other believers (i.e., Old Testament believers and post-Rapture believers) are resurrected after Messiah’s Next Coming. Thus, the resurrection of the saved takes place in stages.

The resurrection of the unsaved, however, takes place in one event at [the Great White Throne Judgment](#) at the end of the Millennium.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 is the strongest and clearest passage that supports the Rapture. Let us quote the surrounding verses to give the context:

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18: According to the Lord’s own word, we are told that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep [died]. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Messiah will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Thus, this Scripture teaches that there will be a “caught up” or “snatching away” event, which we call “the Rapture” [Greek: harpazo; Latin: rapiemur; English: raptured].

The big debate among Believers is not whether or not there is a rapture, but rather, it is about the timing of the Rapture. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 clearly indicates that there will be a snatching away of living believers.

Thus, there shouldn't be any disagreement about the occurrence of the Rapture. Note that the Apostle Paul wrote “we who are still alive and are left”; and this tells us that Paul thought the Rapture was a possibility even in his day.

In fact, the only Rapture model that can claim imminence is the pre-tribulation Rapture. In John 14:2-3, Yeshua specifically says that He will take believers from the Earth to be with Him in Heaven:

*“In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

John 14:2-3 is the first reference in the New Testament to the Rapture of the Church. This event is the Rapture, and that it occurs before the Tribulation (i.e., the Day of the Lord, or the “wrath” of God) begins. Consider the following Scripture passages:

1 Thessalonians 1:10

*“and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead -- Yeshua, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”*

Revelation 3:10

*“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

*“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Yeshua will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”*

Isaiah 26:19-21

*“But your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise -- let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy -- your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. Go, my people, enter your rooms [Rapture] and shut the doors behind you [bypassing the wrath]; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath [Tribulation] has passed by. See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling [Heaven] to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.”*



Note the parallels of Isaiah 26:19-21 to the Rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:16- 18: the dead in Messiah rise, those believers who are alive are taken away, and the Tribulation occurs.

That said, some prophecy experts are cautioning that the Rapture—and for that matter, the Believers [Church]—is not found at all in the Old Testament, although there have been singleton raptures (Enoch, Elijah).

Nevertheless, the idea of a connection or parallel between Isaiah 26:19-21 and the Rapture is interesting. Isaiah 26:19-21 is a “2 Chronicles 7:14” type of verse: directed at the Jews, but probably has applicability to Believers as well.

The Thessalonian church was worried about what happens to their deceased friends and relatives, who were also believers. Would they be part of a general resurrection before [the Millennium](#), or would they be raptured?

Paul had previously taught them that the living believers would be caught up (raptured) at some time in the future. Now, in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Paul wrote to let them know that the deceased believers would actually precede the living believers in the Rapture. In fact, the Rapture is a reunion of sorts.

The overcomers mentioned in the letters to seven types of churches [Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicea] in Revelation 2 & 3 will be Raptured.

However, as mentioned in Revelation 21:8 the fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars will not be the part of this great event.

In Rapture, Messiah will not return physically to set foot on the Earth until 7 years after the start of the Tribulation, that is, 7 years after the Antichrist makes a major peace treaty or covenant with Israel.

### **3.4 What will do the Raptured individuals in Heaven?**

I believe the evidence of Scriptures suggests that our future bodies will be spirit controlled. This would mean that our bodies will be able to travel by the will of the spirit. Right now our spirit is within our flesh, and the flesh transports or carries the spirit from place to place. But in our new glorified bodies the spirit will transport the flesh. In the heaven, the raptured individuals will be engaged in following major activities:

- Face [the Judgement \[Bema\] Seat of Messiah](#) [1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10]
- Praise God, serve and worship Him day and night [Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 19:1-6]
- Attend [the Marriage of Lamb and Marriage Supper](#) [Revelation 19:7-9]
- Live in rooms of the Father's House [John 14:2-3]
- Learn how to judge & reign during & [post millennium](#) [1 Corinthians 6:2; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:4, 6]

# CHAPTER 4

## The Marriage of the Lamb



*Let us be glad and rejoice  
and give Him praise,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and His wife prepared herself.*



## 4.1 Introduction

To fully understand the imagery of [the marriage and marriage supper of the Lamb](#), it's essential to consider the historical context of weddings in the culture at the time of Yeshua the Messiah. Two things should be noted. First, the terms "marriage" and "marriage supper" in Revelation 19 are related to Jewish marriage customs in Bible times. Second, Jewish marriage customs in Bible times involved three major steps.

The first step was betrothal, the establishment of the marriage covenant that bound the man and woman together as husband and wife (Malachi 2:14; Matthew 1:18–19). This step involved the signing of the marriage contract, or Ketubah, which was executed by the parents of both the bride and the groom. The groom's family would pay a dowry to the bride's family, sealing the betrothal. As such, the official engagement period would begin. The betrothal was bound by the terms of the marriage contract. During this period the couple did not live together or have sexual relations with each other.

The second step was the taking of the bride or wife by the groom from her house to his father's house (Matthew 25:1–8). "The essence of the marriage ceremony or festivities was the taking of the bride from her father's house and bringing her to the house of the bridegroom or his father." This taking of the bride was usually done at night approximately one year after the betrothal, a nuptial procession took place from the house of the bride to the bridegroom's home (as seen in the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1–13). For this celebration, the bride would make herself ready to receive her groom. It involved the consummation of the marriage through physical union of the bride and groom on the first night at the groom's father's house. Since this second step was the essence of the marriage ceremony, it was regarded as the wedding or marriage (Matthew 22:2–13; 25:10). Thus, it is this second step that corresponds to the expression "marriage of the Lamb" in Revelation 19:7.

The third step was the marriage supper or feast to which guests had already been called and assembled. Once the marriage had been consummated by the bride and groom, the wedding guests would feast and make merry for seven days. thus, the marriage supper lasted for one week (Genesis 29:21–23, 27–28; Judges 14:1–2, 10–12, 17), and it corresponds to the expression "marriage supper of the Lamb" in Revelation 19:9.

**It seems that people tend to make the mistake of viewing marriage from a human perspective rather than from God's perspective. However, God the Father and Yeshua the Messiah are not going to copy the human marriage institution in their plans for Messiah's marriage to His Bride.**

This term — "*the Lamb*" — seems to be the special name of Messiah which John was accustomed to use. I suppose he heard it first from that other John, called the Baptist, when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Isaiah had compared the Messiah to a lamb brought to the slaughter; but he had not really called him "the Lamb of God." This beloved John, who know the Master better than anyone else did, seemed to love constantly to call him by this most expressive name.

The name “the Lamb” seemed suitable for Yeshua here, despised and rejected of men, led to the slaughter, dumb and patient beneath the hands of cruel men. The name “the Lamb” seemed suitable for Gethsemane, and Gabbatha, and Golgotha; but John calls the Saviour by this name very many times all through the Book of Revelation. He writes constantly about the Lamb, the Lamb in the midst of the throne, the Lamb leading his people to living fountains of water; and now the angel tells him to write about the marriage supper of the Lamb.

## **4.2 Bride of the Lamb**

In John 3:29 we read, He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: thus my joy therefore is fulfilled. That is the only place in the four Gospels that the bride is mentioned, but because a bridegroom must have a bride, all other mentions of the bridegroom imply the bride.

In Mark 2:19, when Yeshua is asked why his disciples do not fast, but the followers of John and the Pharisees do, And Yeshua said unto them, Can the friends of the bridegroom fast, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

In Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:19 and Luke 5:34, the Apostles are referred to as the friends, guests, or children depending on the translation, of the bridegroom commonly accepted to be Yeshua the Messiah. The bridegroom is also mentioned in the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Matthew 25:1-13. "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

The Book of Revelation repeatedly mentions the appearance of the Bride. In Revelation 21:2, 9-10 we read, And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ... And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

In the above passages, John speaks of seeing the bride revealed and refers to her as the New Jerusalem, first mentioned in Revelation 3:12. Moreover, in Revelation 22:17 we read, And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him that heareth say, "Come." And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

## **4.3 Marriage and Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

Revelation 19:7-9 prompts two major questions: *When* and *where* will the marriage and marriage supper of the Lamb take place? The scriptures reveals that the marriage will occur in Heaven when the believers (also called Church) is raptured before the 70th week (The Great Tribulation period), and the marriage supper will take place in Heaven during the seven years of the 70th week. The evidence and reasons of this view are given below:

#### ***4.3.1 Normally the wedding or marriage (the second step) did not take place at the home of the bride***

One must remember that the established custom was to hold the wedding in the house of the bridegroom or his parents. The bridegroom fetches the bride and brings her to his house, where the bridal table and chamber are ready. In harmony with this custom, Messiah indicated that after preparing living accommodations for His bride in His Father's house in Heaven, He would come from there again and receive His bride unto Himself so that His bride could be where He is (in His Father's house in Heaven) (John 14:2–3). Messiah did not say that He would come and join His bride so that He could be where she is (on the earth). This established marriage custom and Messiah's teaching in harmony with it indicate that the Rapture of the believers (Church) and [marriage of the Lamb](#) will not take place at [the Next Coming of Messiah](#), because at His Next Coming Messiah will not return to His Father's house in Heaven. Instead, He will come to the earth. Thus, the Rapture of the believers (Church) and marriage of the Lamb must take place sometime before the Next Coming of Messiah, and the Rapture of the believers (Church) and marriage of the Lamb must be separate events from the Next Coming.

#### ***4.3.2 In Bible times the marriage was a joyous, festive occasion ... characterized by mirth and gladness***

The taking of the bride by the groom was characterized by mirth and gladness (Jeremiah 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; 33:11). Yeshua indicated the same thing when He emphasized that it is impossible to mix the joy of a wedding with the mourning of a funeral (Matthew 9:15; Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34).

It should be noted that the mood at the Next Coming will be just the opposite of the joyous, festive mood of the marriage. The description of the Next Coming in Revelation 19 portrays Messiah, not as a happy groom coming with joyful companions to take His bride to His Father's house, but as a terrifying warrior-king coming with armies from Heaven to administer judgment and death upon rebellious humanity. The marriage customs of Bible times provided a festive marriage supper for wedding guests, but the Next Coming will provide a radically different kind of supper—a funeral supper of dead flesh for the fowl of the earth (Revelation 19:17–18, 21).

#### ***4.3.3 It was customary for the marriage supper to be held at the home of the groom or his parents, not at the home of the bride***

In psalm we read, "The bridegroom escorted the whole wedding party, now including the bride and her companions (Psalm 45:14), to his own or his father's house for the 'marriage supper' (Revelation 19:9) ... The wedding feast ... was normally given by the father of the groom." Moreover, Matthew 22:1–4 indicates the same thing. In harmony with this custom, the marriage supper of the Lamb should take place at Messiah's Father's house in Heaven, not at His bride's dwelling place on earth. This militates against an earthly marriage supper of the Lamb.

#### ***4.3.4 The marriage supper began on the same night that the groom took his bride to his father's house and consummated their marriage through physical union***



After the marriage was consummated, the groom announced the consummation to his friend standing outside the bridal chamber (Psalm 19:5; John 3:29), and the announcement was then delivered to the wedding guests who had already assembled at the groom's father's house. Upon receiving this news, the guests began to feast and make merry. Thus, the marriage supper began very shortly after the groom brought his bride to his father's house. In harmony with this custom, the marriage supper of the Lamb must begin very shortly after Messiah takes His bride, the believers (Church), to His Father's house in Heaven at the time of the Rapture.

Since, as noted earlier, the Rapture of the believers (Church) and the marriage of the Lamb will take place sometime before the Next Coming, and since the Millennium will begin after the Next Coming (Revelation 19–20), it appears that [the Millennium](#) will not begin very shortly after Messiah takes His bride, the believers (Church), to His Father's house in Heaven at the time of the Rapture, and the marriage supper of the Lamb will not, therefore, take place during the Millennium.

#### ***4.3.5 The Old Testament teaches that during the Millennium there will be another marriage supper, different from the marriage supper of the Lamb***

This millennial marriage supper will be associated with the second marriage of God and the nation of Israel. At the beginning of Isaiah 25:6, a passage describing the blessings of the future Millennium, Isaiah declared, "And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees." The word for "feast" in verse 6 is the same as that used for the wedding feast in Judges 14:10, 12, 17. Isaiah's statement indicates that the wedding guests at this millennial marriage supper for God and Israel will be all the other people living in the world at that time. "Isaiah was speaking of a future time when (after God's worldwide judgment) His people in Israel and other nations will feast together in peace and prosperity. [This is the 1,000-year reign of Messiah.](#)"

The background behind this millennial marriage feast is as follows: The Old Testament teaches that God betrothed Israel (bound the nation to Himself as His wife) through the Mosaic Covenant at Mount Sinai (Jeremiah 2:2; Ezekiel 16:8), but Israel repeatedly broke the covenant through spiritual adultery (Jeremiah 3:1–3, 6–9, 20; Ezekiel 16:32, 59; Hosea 1:2; 2:2, 5; 3:1; 4:12, 18; 5:3–4; 6:7, 10; 7:4; 8:1; 9:1). God divorced Israel, but not permanently (Isaiah 50:1; 54:7–8; Jeremiah 3:12). He did not regard the divorce as a termination of His marriage with the nation (Jeremiah 3:14).

God has been judging the nation for its adultery (Ezekiel 16:38). Through this judgment He will stop Israel's unfaithfulness, calm His fury, and lose His jealousy and anger (Ezekiel 16:41–42). When Israel repents in the future at the Next Coming of Messiah (Hosea 3:5; 5:15–6:1; Zechariah 12:10–14), God will cleanse the nation (Zechariah 13:1), love it freely (Hosea 14:1–4), and betroth it to Himself forever (Hosea 2:19–20) through the establishment of an everlasting covenant (Isaiah 55:3; 61:8; Jeremiah 32:40; 50:4–5; Ezekiel 16:60–62; 37:21–28). Israel will be adorned like a bride (Isaiah 61:10); God will delight in and rejoice over Jerusalem as a groom rejoices over his bride; and the land of Israel will be married to God (Isaiah 62:1–5). Thus, at the Next Coming God and Israel will go through betrothal and marriage a second time, and then their marriage supper will take place during the Millennium after the Next Coming.

This future marriage of God and the marriage of the Lamb have two different brides. The marriage of God has the nation of Israel as its bride, whereas the marriage of the Lamb has the believers (Church) as its bride.

#### ***4.3.6 It was customary for the wedding supper of Bible times to last for one week, or seven days***

In relationship to the marriage supper of the Lamb, the seven years of the 70th week of Daniel 9 will correlate to that time period. According to this view, then, the Rapture of the believers (Church) and marriage of the Lamb will occur before the 70th week (Tribulation period), and the marriage supper of the Lamb will take place in Heaven during the 70th week.

#### **4.4 Who are the Invited Guests in the Marriage and Marriage supper of the Lamb?**

*“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” — Revelation 19:9*

One side issue should be noted. According to Revelation 19:9, wedding guests will be called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and those who are called will be blessed. Since wedding guests are not the bride, it must be concluded that the guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb will not be part of Messiah’s bride, some sects of the believers (Church). But since the guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb will be blessed and will be in Heaven (since that is where the marriage supper of the Lamb will take place), they must be believers (Revelation 20:6).

The fact that the guests will be believers, but not part of the Church, forces one to conclude that not all believers of all ages of history belong to the Church. God has groups of believers distinct from the Church. For example, out of seven churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation, the overcomers in the type of church of Philadelphia that qualify to be the bride of the Lamb. Revelation 3:12 says, “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.” So this will be the special sect of believers (Church) who will become the bride of the Lamb. However, the overcomers of other types of believers (churches) will be guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

In Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:19 and Luke 5:34, the Apostles or disciples are referred to as the friends, guests, or children depending on the translation. In John 3:29, John the Baptist call himself as the friend of the bridegroom. Moreover, the Old Testament saints will already be assembled in Heaven when the believers (Church) arrive there at the time of the Rapture and marriage of the Lamb. So these sects of believers, apostles / disciples or the Old Testament saints and prophets who are present in heaven will be the guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

## CHAPTER 5

### Next Coming of the King of kings and the Lord of lords



## 5.1 Introduction

A careful look at Old Testament prophecies shows an underlying assumption of two advents. Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 7:14 predict the first advent. Separately, Isaiah 53:8–9 predicts a suffering and dying Messiah, who will be given life and greatness according to Isaiah 53:11–12. Daniel 9:26 describes [the Messiah](#) being killed after His appearance. At the same time, prophets such as Zechariah (Zechariah 12:10) say this same “pierced” Messiah will be seen again by His enemies. So the clues are there about the next coming of Messiah. Many Old Testament prophecies foretell the ultimate triumph of Messiah, which will occur at the next advent. These include statements from the books of Zechariah (Zechariah 9:14–15; 12:10–14; 13:1; 9:14–15); Amos (Amos 9:11–15); Jeremiah (Jeremiah 30:18; 32:44; 33:11, 26); and Joel (Joel 3:1); which describe the Messiah coming in triumph to lead Israel into salvation. Note that these are in the context of passages such as Deuteronomy 30:3–5 and so are predictions of the time of Messiah’s final victory.

[The future return of Messiah](#) to the earth is implied in hundreds of Old Testament prophecies of future judgment on the world and a coming kingdom of righteousness on earth and is explicitly detailed in major New Testament passages. The last book of the Bible, the Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, refers specifically to His Next Coming itself (in Chapter 19), and the millennium and future state which follows (in Chapters 20–22).

It’s important to remember that prophecy does not describe the future in the same detail as history describes the past. So, while the prophecies of the Old Testament certainly describe the first and next advents, most early interpretations of these prophecies melded them into a single event. Particularly during the years leading up to Yeshua’s birth, it was assumed Messiah would be a political/military figure with an immediate worldly kingdom (Luke 19:11). In the light of Yeshua’s ministry, it is possible to understand the true purpose of Messiah and the real nature of His kingdom. Also, Scripture records Yeshua making direct comparisons to Old Testament prophecies when making His own claims to next advent. For example, His words in Matthew 24:31 and Mark 13:27 parallel the descriptions of Isaiah 52:15 and Isaiah 59–62.

All in all, the Hebrew Scriptures indicate that the Promised One would appear, be cut off, and then reappear in victory. The first advent has occurred; the next is still future. Both the New and Old Testaments predict a second advent of the Messiah.

## 5.2 The Next Coming of Yeshua the Messiah

[The Next Coming of Yeshua the Messiah](#) uses a different Greek word: *parousia*. This word refers to the physical return of Messiah to the earth, and is used four times in Matthew 24. Greek dictionaries and lexicons state that this word can refer to a person’s actual presence or his/her arrival. The word *parousia* is used 24 times in the Bible: Matthew 24:3,27,37,39; 1 Corinthians 15:23; 16:17; 2 Corinthians 7:6,7; 10:10; Philippians 1:26; 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1,8,9; James 5:7,8; 2 Peter 1:16; 3:4,12; and 1 John 2:28.

Thus, when differentiating between the Rapture and the Next Coming, it is a strong assumption that the word *parousia* refers exclusively to the Next Coming.

Here is a table that provides a summary of traits of the Next Coming of Messiah as an end-time event:

S. No.	The Next Coming of Yeshua the Messiah
1	Follows a definite set of predicted signs (70th week of Daniel, i.e., 7 years)—Daniel 9:24-27, Matthew 24:4-29
2	Is not a resurrection (translation) event
3	He comes to the Earth—Zechariah 14:4
4	Messiah comes with His saints, that is, the Raptured saints return to Earth—1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 14. During the Next Coming, no one is taken back to Heaven.
5	Unbelievers will be taken away; but, before then, the world will see Messiah's Next Coming—Matthew 24:27,37- 41; Revelation 1:7
6	Angels gather the elect—Matthew 24:31
7	Unbelievers are taken away—Matthew 24:37-41; Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet are taken away— Revelation 19:20; 20:1-3
8	Predicted in the Old Testament—in various places
9	Occurs at the end of the day of wrath, that is, at the end of the Tribulation. The Millennium begins shortly thereafter.
10	Occurs near the end of the Battle of Armageddon; precedes the judgment of the living Jews and Gentiles on Earth; and precedes the Millennial Kingdom—Matthew 25:31-46

The table of Scripture passages that prophecy the Next Coming of the Messiah:

The Next Coming Prophecies			
Deuteronomy 30:3	Zechariah 14:1-15	Acts 1:9-11	Jude 14-15
Psalms 24, 72, 96, 110	Matthew 13:41;19:28	Acts 3:19-21	Revelation 1:7
Isaiah 11, 64:1; 65, 66	Matthew 24:15-31	1 Thessalonians 3:13	Revelation 19:11-20:6
Daniel 2:44-45	Matthew 26:64	Thessalonians 1:6-10	Revelation 22:7,12,20
Daniel 7:9-14	Mark 13:14-27	Thessalonians 2:8	
Daniel 12:1-3	Mark 14:62	1 Peter 4:12-13	
Zechariah 12:10	Luke 21:25-28	2 Peter 3:1-14	

Generally speaking, those who affirm a literal first advent, a virgin birth of Yeshua the Messiah, a literal death and resurrection of Messiah also hold to a literal Next Advent.

### 5.3 How, when and where Yeshua the Messiah will return to earth?

How, when and where Yeshua the Messiah will return to earth are often misunderstood. What does the Bible say about the next coming of King of Kings and Lord of Lords? The book



of Revelation twice describes Yeshua as “Lord of lords” and “King of kings” when He returns to earth (Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16). At this time Yeshua will be the King ruling over the Kingdom of God here on earth. Yet the details of how Yeshua will arrive to assume this role are confusing to many.

When one begins studying the next coming of Yeshua to this earth, he or she soon runs into multiple opinions about whether Messiah will return prior to the Tribulation, during the Tribulation, or after the Tribulation. It all gets quite confusing! So what do the Scriptures actually say?

### ***5.3.1 How the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will come?***

The Scriptures repeatedly state that Messiah’s return to earth will be visible to all. The book of Revelation, which is “the Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, which God gave Him to show His servants” (Revelation 1:1), addresses this very point. “Behold, He [Messiah] is coming with clouds, and *every eye will see Him*, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen” (verse 7).

Earlier, during His earthly ministry, Yeshua had also answered His disciples’ questions about how He would return. In His Olivet Prophecy (recorded for us in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) He said, “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:27).

Yeshua added: “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then *all the tribes of the earth* will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (verse 30).

The principle we see in these passages is that Yeshua’s return to earth will be visible to all. Furthermore, as we’ve already noted, His return to earth will be marked by the piercing sound of a trumpet. The return of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to the earth will not be a quiet, secretive event!

### ***5.3.2 When the King of Kings will come?***

Through the Old Testament prophet Joel, God revealed that great cosmic disturbances would precede Messiah’s return. As the prophet wrote, “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:31).

Adding to this teaching, Yeshua explained: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:29-30).

From these passages, we see that Yeshua will come after these heavenly signs appear. Additionally, Yeshua said that these signs will occur “immediately after the tribulation.” Thus, Messiah’s return will come after the Tribulation.



One of the first things Yeshua will do upon His return is to restore [the Kingdom of God](#) here on earth. The time when Messiah assumes authority over all nations is found in the explanation of end-time events in the book of Revelation. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

Yeshua stated regarding His return: “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matthew 24:36).

### ***5.3.3 Where the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will come?***

Occasionally, there are rumors that Yeshua the Messiah has returned to one part of the world or another. While naïve people can become excited about such news, the Bible clearly tells us where Yeshua will return.

Speaking of this time when Messiah will come to this earth once again, Zechariah prophesied: “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

“Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And *in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives*, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south” (Zechariah 14:1-4).

The location where Yeshua will return is the Mount of Olives, a mountain ridge east of the old city of Jerusalem. When He does return, this mountain ridge will be split apart. An authentic report announcing Messiah’s return will match this criterion.

### ***5.3.4 What the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will do?***

While the technical details of Messiah’s return are interesting to study, what He will do once He assumes authority over the entire earth is what will be most exciting for humanity.

Commenting on this wonderful time to come, Isaiah wrote: “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

“Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:2-4).

The Bible reveals that Messiah will reign upon the earth for 1,000 years—a period of time referred to as [the Millennium](#). His reign as King of Kings will be marked by the healing of diseases, abundant prosperity, universal peace and, most importantly, the opportunity for people to live God's way of life and have their sins forgiven.

# CHAPTER 6

## The Millennium Reign



## 6.1 Introduction

Can you imagine a world with no fear? No disease? No pain? No worry? That is what [the Millennial Kingdom](#) will be like. For a thousand years, there will be peace—we will live in a perfect world with Messiah as our ruler. It is something we can look forward to when our lives are difficult and when our world is filled with chaos, immorality, and despair. As we go through hard times, we must remember our future with Messiah.

The Bible reveals that Messiah will reign upon the earth for 1,000 years—a period of time referred to as the Millennium. His reign as King of Kings will be marked by the healing of diseases, abundant prosperity, universal peace and, most importantly, the opportunity for people to live God’s way of life and have their sins forgiven.

There are several reasons that a literal Millennium must occur. Some of them are given below:

### ***6.1.1 To reward the people of God***

There are scores of promises scattered throughout the Bible, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, guaranteeing God’s people that they will receive rewards for faithful service (Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25:34; Revelation 22:12). And part of our heavenly reward will be to reign and rule with Messiah upon this earth during the Millennium. Each of us will have opportunities to serve the Lord based upon our faithfulness in serving Him right now.

### ***6.1.2 To respond to the prophets’ predictions***

The prophets of the Old Testament predicted such a time (Psalm 72:11; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32-33). And without the Millennium, none of those prophecies could be fulfilled.

### ***6.1.3 To receive an answer to the disciples’ prayer***

One day, when Yeshua returns, [God’s Kingdom](#) will come, and His will shall be done on this earth as it is in heaven. In Matthew 6:8-13 we read this prayer that Yeshua taught to his disciples.

### ***6.1.4 To reemphasize man’s depravity and the necessity of Messiah’s death***

During the Millennium, those faithful servants who survive the Tribulation will bear children, in whom the sin nature will reside, because the fallen human nature of man will not be eliminated until eternity begins at the end of the millennial kingdom. At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released, and he will stir up a final rebellion against God just as he did in the Garden of Eden (Revelation 20:1-3, 7-8). That’s right—even though Messiah is ruling and reigning on the earth during the Millennium, some will yet be deceived. This demonstrates just how deeply man needs a Savior. Man can never achieve righteousness apart from God.

“Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:2-4).

At the moment of the Rapture, every saved believer who is alive or deceased will be taken up into heaven. They will remain there for about seven years while the Tribulation is happening on earth. Once the Tribulation is over, Messiah will return to earth. When Messiah returns to defeat the armies of the world that have formed against Him, raptured believers will return with Him. After the battle is over, the Bible says that all saved believers are going to be part of the government. "And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4). They will stay on earth with Him, and they will rule and reign with Him throughout the whole world. During this time, Messiah will set up His Kingdom in Jerusalem and people will continue to live on earth until it is destroyed at the end of the millennium (2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 20:11).

This is not the new heavens and a new earth just yet. It's a temporary 1000 year redemption of the earth and creation under the reign of Yeshua before the universe as we know it is destroyed and replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. And it is going to be wonderful.

## **6.2 What Will Happen during the Millennial Kingdom and Reign?**

Scripture doesn't seem to tell us much about what will take place over these 1000 years, whether literal or figurative. We do know that Satan will stay imprisoned during this time, with his power limited. Considering he ups the ante with the Tribulation that precedes this, it will be like a breath of fresh air for all the saints of God. Of course, Satan isn't done yet. He still has one last battle to fight. But there will be a 1000-year breather from his schemes on earth.

The people of God are given thrones and roles of leadership. We should make an important note that those who are not saved do not come again to life during the 1000 years. Perhaps this means that they spend the 1000 years in hell, awaiting their eternal judgment, which will take place later on.

At the end of the 1000 years, Satan is released from his prison. He gathers the nations for battle against God's people. There, fire devours them from heaven, and all those who followed the Beast, and Satan himself are thrown into the lake of fire, the second death. Scripture seems to hint that the second death is far worse than the first. Some have surmised it is the death of the soul.

Over and over again -- six times! -- Revelation says Yeshua will reign for a thousand years (Revelation 20:2, 3, 5, 6, 7). But what is the purpose of Yeshua reigning on this earth for a thousand years? Why not graduate us to the new heavens and new earth right away? Why wait? What will happen during those thousand years? Why will they be so special?

The answers lie in the pages of the Old Testament. From the beginning, God had made promise after promise about a coming age of glory, peace, prosperity, righteousness, and

justice. He had promised he would reign over a golden age of human existence, one where mankind is devoted to God. And many of those Old Testament promises must still come to pass. They will, during the millennial reign of Yeshua after his return. Let us know some amazing things that will happen during this millennial reign:

### ***6.2.1 Satan will be Bound***

We already read this in Revelation 20 -- he is bound for the thousand years (Revelation 20:1-3). At the end of these thousand years, the books will be opened, and those who belong to Death and Hades, along with Satan, are thrown out of God's presence into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10, 13-15).

On earth today, much of humanity has been conditioned to use Yeshua's name as a swear word. Hit your thumb with a hammer? Some people accusingly say his name and the devil loves it. During the millennium, when he's bound, it all backfires on him. When we are living in peace and harmony and love and justice and goodness, we will start saying Yeshua's name whenever something good happens. Maybe we will all have learned that Satan's presence did nothing good for us but that so many of the pains of life were his doing.

### ***6.2.2 Messiah will visibly Reign***

Many people will survive the tribulation -- it is the armies of the nations and the beast that are killed or judged -- and Yeshua will rule over remaining humanity. From Jerusalem, often called Zion in the Bible, Yeshua will lead. And people will love his leadership! Consider:

In Isaiah 2:3-4 we read, Many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah's description is of an age of total peace, one where Messiah is judging the nations. On that day, Zechariah says, "the LORD will be king over all the earth" (Zechariah 14:9). David was promised a descendant to sit on the throne forever, and Yeshua is that descendant (Jeremiah 23:5).

### ***6.2.3 The saved believers [Church] will Reign with Him***

The saved believers today will be with Messiah tomorrow, leading and living in glorified bodies during the golden millennial age. Consider these statements from Paul: 1 Corinthians 6:2 — Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? Also in 2 Timothy 2:12 — If we endure, we will also reign with him...



This idea is pictured in Revelation 20, which we read earlier. Not only does Messiah reign, but John also "*saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed*" (Revelation 20:4). *They will reign with him for a thousand years* (Revelation 20:6).

There are plenty of passages about the thrones and crowns and rewards Yeshua will dole out to his people --

#### **6.2.4 Spiritual Life will come to Israel**

Jeremiah spoke of a day when the law would be written on Israelite hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). Ezekiel saw a day when the dry bones of Israel are raised to life and given the breath of God's Spirit (Ezekiel 37:1-4). Zechariah described a future day when Israel would have a spirit of grace and prayer for mercy, mourning over Yeshua (Zechariah 12:10).

He went on to say (Zechariah 13:1): "On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness."

With this renewal and vigor for God, Israel will rise to prominence, partly because Yeshua will reign from Jerusalem. As Paul said, a *partial hardening has come upon Israel* during our current church age (Romans 11:25). One day, however, God will revive Israel. This revival seems to start in the tribulation and come to full completion during Messiah's millennial reign.

#### **6.2.5 Spiritual Life will come to the Nations**

But Israel won't be alone in its renewed spiritual life. The prophets made it clear the earth will experience a population explosion during the millennium. With the curse suspended or at least greatly decreased, Isaiah and Jeremiah said infants would no longer die, everyone will "*fill out their days*," so that death at age one hundred will be considered young (Isaiah 65:20, Jeremiah 30:20). And the new human population will grow to love and adore Messiah. Listen to the prophet Micah (Micah 4:1-4):

"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken."

All this will lead to joy, happiness, and biblical justice throughout the world. It will be a time when “the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

#### **6.2.6 Nature will be Reborn**

The earth's topography will also be rearranged as the wilderness and dry land become lush and fertile (Isaiah 35:1). Thorns and briars will be replaced by huge trees, providing clean air and shelter (Isaiah 55:13). Crops will grow with ease. Food will be plentiful (Joel 2:24-26). Everyone will be able to afford organic!

The animal kingdom will no longer have a predatory nature -- the wolves and lambs, leopard and baby goats, lions and calves, bears and cows will intermix (Isaiah 11:6, 65:25). Children will be able to lead even the strongest predators because they will all become herbivores (Isaiah 11:7). And we will no longer have an adversarial relationship with the animal kingdom as even wild beasts and poisonous snakes become docile and safe under King Messiah's leadership (Ezekiel 34:25, Isaiah 11:8-9).

Human life will flourish -- people won't die young and will be healthy for much longer (Isaiah 65:20, Jeremiah 30:20). Isaiah says there will be much less disability (Isaiah 35:6). Messiah's presence will curtail cancers and make us new. The dominion we lost at the fall of Adam will be restored.

The whole story of Yeshua's life kicked off by affirming that plan. The angel Gabriel said to Mary, *"Yeshua will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end"* (Luke 1:31-33).

### **6.3 Who will be on the earth during the Millennium, and what will they be doing?**

Those remaining on the earth during the Millennium will be the good people of the earth—those who were righteous and just, regardless of their religion. This includes those who will be on the earth at the time of [the Next Coming of Messiah](#) as well as those who will accompany him from heaven.

So, what will people do during these 1,000 years? We know that a main focus will be to continue the work of salvation—helping people come unto Messiah.

A thousand years is a long time, so it's safe to assume that people will likely do a wide variety of things that are “virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy” but that have not necessarily been mentioned in any of the revelations.

### **6.4 How do multitudes of people get into the Millennium?**

Only a few will enter the millennial kingdom at the Next Coming of Messiah (Matthew 24:22) "Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up year to year to worship the King." (Zechariah 14:16). This verse

indicates that most of the earth's population will be destroyed during the Tribulation Period before Messiah returns.

By the end of the millennium, multitudes of people will be on earth. Revelation 20:8 tell us "the number of them will be like the sand of the sea." If only a few people entered the millennium and there are multitudes of people living at the end, how did all those extra people get on the planet?

#### ***6.4.1 Will there be conflict in the Millennium?***

War has been a consistent part of human history from the very beginning. War has always been part of our conversation, but there will be no war when we get to the Millennium. Micah 4:4 says, "But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid." Can you imagine not being afraid? Not having to lock your doors? Consider these words from Isaiah 19:23-25: "In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, 'Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.'"

How peaceful is it going to be in the Millennium? Egypt and the Assyrians and the Jews are all going to be allies. They will work together in cooperation. Isaiah 2:4 tells us that they will "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

#### ***6.4.2 Will there be death during the Millennium?***

Isaiah 35:5-6 says, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert."

Because of the universe's pristine conditions during the thousand-year reign of Messiah, people will live for a long time. It appears that life spans will revert to those of the era before the Flood, when humans lived to be more than nine hundred years old. Isaiah 65:20 says, "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days." Someone who is a hundred years old will be like a child.

Disease will be abolished. The crisis of death will be experienced only by those incorrigible individuals who rebel against the law of the kingdom. The ordinary hazards of physical life will be under the direct control of the One whose voice even the winds and waves obey.

#### ***6.4.3 Will there be sin during the Millennium?***

Some people find it surprising to think of rebellion during the Millennium, but here is how it will happen. Everybody who goes into the Millennium will be righteous—they all will

be saved. But during that one-thousand-year period, there will be marriages. Children will be born and some of those children will rebel the things of God. Just like today, each person born during the Millennial Age will make a personal decision for or against Messiah.

We can be assured of this: Rebellion won't last long. The one who is in charge will know the intent of every heart, and there will be swift justice for every wrong. The Bible says our Lord will rule with a rod of iron. That means there won't be any long delays in justice—no long waits for trials, no long waits for sentences to be carried out. There will be immediate justice based upon the holy reign of King Yeshua the Messiah.

## **6.5 How do lost people get in the Millennium?**

Only saved people enter the millennium. At the Next Coming, [only the sheep \(saved people\) enter into the kingdom, while the goats \(lost people\) are cast into hell](#) (Matthew 25:31-46). That means that the 1,000 year reign of Messiah on earth begins with an entire population of people who have eternal life (Matthew 25:46).

By the end of the millennium, many lost people will be there. At the end of the 1,000 year reign of Messiah on earth, Satan is loosed from the abyss and deceives the nations on the earth, who try to overthrow the throne of Messiah (Revelation 20:7-9). These are obviously lost people. Zechariah 14:16-19 tell us that during the millennium people will be required to go to Jerusalem once a year to worship the King (Yeshua the Messiah). For those who refuse to go, punishment will come upon them.

Why would a saved person refuse to worship Yeshua the Messiah? Obviously, saved people will look forward to worshipping Yeshua the Messiah. But these are lost people. How did lost people get in the millennium? The answer is simple. These are people born during the millennium.

## **6.6 How can people be born during the Millennium Reign?**

Resurrected people cannot beget children. Yeshua said, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven." People with resurrected bodies won't be able to marry or have children (Matthew 22:30). At the Rapture, every saved believer will receive a resurrected body, therefore they can't be involved in repopulating the earth.

Children will be born during the millennium. Only people in their natural, un-resurrected bodies are able to produce children. The earth's population will be drastically reduced because most people will be killed (or raptured) before Yeshua returns, and the earth will need to be repopulated. Yeshua referred to the millennial kingdom on earth as the "regeneration" (see Matthew 19:28) which means "repopulation."

Many children will be born on earth during this 1,000-year reign of Messiah (Zechariah 8:1-5, Isaiah 65:20-23, Ezekiel 47:22, Revelation 20:7-9). Zechariah 14:16 tells us that those who refuse to worship Yeshua the Messiah in Jerusalem come from "the families of

the earth," indicating these are the children and grandchildren of those who entered the millennium, who are now living all over the earth.

## **6.7 Who are the parents of these children?**

The parents who give birth to these people are those who were saved after the Rapture and are still alive in their natural bodies at the Next Coming. This is the reason the Rapture and the Next Coming of Messiah cannot be the same event. If the Rapture happens at the same time as the Next Coming, all saved people would have resurrected bodies and there would be no people in natural bodies to repopulate the earth.

At the Rapture, all saved people will receive resurrected bodies and will be taken to heaven. Everyone left behind on earth (not taken in the Rapture) will be in their natural human bodies. Many of these people will be saved and will live until the Next Coming. These are the people who will enter the Millennium in their natural bodies and will repopulate the earth.

We know that only saved people enter the millennium, so these believers are those who accepted Messiah after the Rapture. God kept them alive through the Tribulation Period for a special purpose—so they could repopulate the earth during the millennium. This means that the Rapture serves two purposes: (i) For the saved believer (church) to receive our resurrection bodies and home in heaven (ii) To provide a group of people to populate the earth during Millennium Reign.

"...They came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Messiah, and they will reign with him for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4,6)

# CHAPTER 7

## The Judgement





## 7.1 Introduction

Somewhere, someday, sometime—all of us will experience the power of God when He raises our bodies from the dead. As surely as we die, we are going to be raised again—and as surely as we are raised, we are going to stand before God. It is not always easy to distinguish between the various judgments described in the Bible, but one thing is sure—every person is going to be judged. There is a day marked on the calendar of heaven when God shall judge the secrets of men (Romans 2:16). The writer of Hebrews says, “It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). There is nothing more certain than death, and neither is there anything more certain than judgment. No one is going to escape it or avoid it or run from it. All of us will face it. However, many people mistakenly believe that God’s judgment is the same for everyone. There are a number of judgments described in the Bible. The Scripture describes following three important judgments:

- There is a “[Judgment Seat of Messiah](#).”
- There is going to be [a judgment of “Nations”](#), and
- [The Great White Throne Judgment](#).

## 7.2 The Judgment Seat [Bema] of Messiah

The Greek word βῆμα (bēma) refers to a platform/rostrum for a judge or king. Pilate and Herod sat on these seats. We watch Olympics and amazed at the feats achieved by the bronze, silver, *and most notably* gold medal winners. The medal ceremony models a practice begun by the ancient Greeks, who instituted the Olympics in the eighth century B.C. A judge sat at what they called the Bema Seat at a respective race’s finish line. It was that judge who determined the winner and gave him an award immediately after the completion of the race.

The ancient Olympic victors received no medals. Instead, they received crowns made from olive leaves taken from what the Greeks considered the *sacred tree* at Olympia. The participant who finished in first place received a crown, as he personified the Greek concept of *arête* (excellence). Coming second or third gained nothing for a contestant.

Similarly, at [the judgment seat of Messiah](#), born again believers are rewarded based on how faithfully they served Messiah (1 Corinthians 9:4-27; 2 Timothy 2:5). The Bible speaks of believers receiving crowns for different things based on how faithfully they served Messiah. The various crowns are described in 2 Timothy 2:5, 2 Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, and Revelation 2:10. James 1:12 is a good summary of how we should think about the judgment seat of Messiah: “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

Some of the things we might be judged on are how well we obeyed the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), how victorious we were over sin (Romans 6:1-4), and how well we controlled our tongues (James 3:1-9). This judgment will focus on how did we live after we came to Messiah? How committed were we to the cause of Messiah and doing his will? Did we live to please him or live to please ourselves?

Notice again that the quality of the work is being judged, not the salvation of the one doing the work. In 1 Corinthians 3:12–15 we read, “Now if any man builds on the foundation [Messiah] with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. If any man’s work which he has built on it [the foundation] remains, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Even though our work may be burned up and we receive no reward for it, we ourselves will be saved. This is a reminder to us that it is not enough just to do work for the Lord, what is equally or probably more important is the foundation of the work. This encompasses things like why are we doing it? Whose glory are we concerned about, our’s or God’s? Are we building our kingdom or God’s kingdom? On that day not only will what we have done be judged but also the motivation behind it. Everything will be laid bare and there will be no hiding or escape. God will reveal the things that we cannot see, which includes the attitude of our heart in doing what we do for God.

Every person that sets out to do the work of the Lord does not always do it with the right motives or for the right reasons. While those types of people may be able to hide their motives now, when they stand before the judgment seat of Messiah there will be no hiding for everything will be uncovered. In 2 Corinthians 5:10 we read, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

This is a judgment of only saved people [who are born again]—not a judgment of our sins but an examination of our faithfulness during life on earth to determine our rewards in heaven and our eternal assignments. It is a reward seat and portrays a time of rewards or loss of rewards following examination, but it is not a time of punishment where believers are judged for their sins. It will occur between Rapture and the Next Coming of Messiah to earth, somewhere in the heavenlies in the presence of the Lord. This is evident from John 11:25-26; 14:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 and Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21 and 19:8. This is what the bema seat judgment is all about. So, the order of events will be (a) the rapture which includes our glorification or resurrection bodies, (b) exaltation into the heavens with the Lord, (c) examination before the Bema, and (d) compensation or rewards.

### ***7.2.1 Our Response to the Judgement [Bema] Seat***

We need to search our heart. It is very easy to slide into the position of doing things for the wrong reasons, which means we are building on wood, hay, or straw. These will not survive when God’s fire is put to them. This is especially true of people who stand in the ministry spotlight or positions of influence. When we are the people look up to or we are the leader then we must search our heart even more because we have greater responsibility and also greater temptations. More importantly, we will be judged at a higher level. Here is what James says.

*Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly (James 3:1).*

The higher up we go or the more people we reach or influence the more we must check our heart. Get into the habit of always laying our heart bare before the Lord so he can reveal now what may be in there. Even more so as we recognize that we as well as all saved believers will experience the judgment seat of Messiah. Let this prayer be the continual prayer of our heart.

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:23-24).*

It is far better to allow God to search our heart now and reveal what is in it so we can fix it now as opposed to waiting to that day and he reveal it, because we won't be able to fix it then. Let us focus on doing his will, for his glory, and building his kingdom. If this is our focus it will always keep our heart in the right place and we will receive reward when we stand before the judgment seat of Messiah.

## **7.3 The Judgment of Nations – Sheep and Goats**

### **7.3.1 Context**

In the context of end-time events there have been some preceding judgments on the Gentile world. These are described in great detail in the book of Revelation under the seals, trumpets, and vials. In addition, a great judgment takes place according to Revelation 19 on the armies of the world composed of Gentiles who are engaged in the great world struggle at the time of the next coming of Messiah to the earth. These have already been put to death. The judgment here described in Matthew 25:31-46 comes later in the sequence of events and deals with Gentiles all over the world on whom the preceding judgments have not fallen. It is obviously necessary to deal with the entire world scene in preparation for the world kingdom which Messiah is introducing to the world at this time.

In the ancient Near East, as in much of that land still today, sheep and goats are frequently herded together. But sheep are docile, gentle creatures, whereas goats are unruly and rambunctious and can easily upset the sheep. Because they do not feed or rest well together, the shepherd often separates them for grazing and for sleeping at night.

In a similar way [the Lord Yeshua the Messiah](#) will separate believers from unbelievers when He returns to establish His millennial kingdom. He will put the believing sheep on His right, the place of favor and blessing. But the unbelieving goats He will put on the left, the place of disfavor and rejection.

*In Matthew 25:31-46 we read, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye*

*came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."*

In describing this judgment Yeshua uses the figure of a mingled group of sheep and goats as comprising "all nations" or better translated, "all Gentiles." According to the passage they are all gathered before Him and the sheep are placed on His right hand and the goats on His left. A crucial question is the interpretation of the expression, "all nations". It is frequently used in a secondary sense "for foreigners" and for "Gentile believers" in contrast to Jewish believers.

Here as in other details in this passage an appeal should be made to the particular context. Actually, in addition to the sheep and the goats a third class is mentioned as "my brethren" (Matthew 25:40) and referred to again as "one of the least of these" (Matthew 25:45). These are obviously contemporaries of the sheep and the goats and yet are not a part of their number. The only scriptural justification for a third class would be to regard these as Jews in contrast to both saved and unsaved Gentiles. Inasmuch as there is another judgment for Israel in Ezekiel 20:34-38 in a different place and in different circumstances, the conclusion is supported that the sheep and the goats are Gentiles.

The answer is found in the context of this section. These who are here being judged are those who have survived the great tribulation. According to many Scriptures, the great tribulation will be a time of persecution of the Jew referred to in Jeremiah 30:7 as "the time of Jacob's trouble." In fact, the persecution will be so great that according to Zechariah 13:8 two-thirds of the Jews in the land will die. There will be a death sentence on all faithful Jews who do not worship the world ruler in the end time. There will be satanic hatred of the Jewish people at that time, and Satan will once again attempt to exterminate them as he has done in so many previous periods in history. In such a circumstance, for anyone to befriend a Jew to an extent indicated in this passage, that is feed him, clothe him, and even visit him in prison or when he is sick would be extraordinary evidence of works produced by the grace of God.

Accordingly, these works of kindness take on tremendous significance as they would involve extreme danger on the part of the person performing them as well as being executed in a time of great deception and hatred of the Jew. Accordingly, for a person under these circumstances to befriend "my brethren," it would indicate true faith in God and in Yeshua the Messiah and the works, while not the ground of salvation, nevertheless become clear evidence of it. By contrast anyone who puts [faith](#) in Yeshua the Messiah and is looking for His next coming to earth and is aware of His special purposes relating to

Israel including the promises of Genesis 12:3 certainly would not ignore his duty and his privilege of ministering to these troubled people. Accordingly, absence of the works indicates lack of salvation just as clearly as presence of the works indicates faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

### **7.3.2 Three Groups Involved in This Judgment: sheep, goats, and brethren.**

#### **a. The Brethren**

- The "brethren" are the believing Jews from the Tribulation period.
- These are people who will hear the message of the 144,000 and trust Yeshua the Messiah.
- Since these believing Jews will not receive the "mark of the beast" (Revelation 13:16-17), they will be unable to buy or sell.
- How, then, can they survive?
- Through the loving care of the Gentiles who have trusted Messiah and who care for His brethren.

#### **b. The Sheep.**

- The interesting thing about this judgment is that the sheep individuals are surprised at what they hear.
- They will not remember having seen the Lord Yeshua the Messiah and ministering to His needs.
- But just as they lovingly ministered to the believing Jews, they did it to Messiah.
- Their motive was not reward, but sacrificial love.
- In fact, these Gentiles took their own lives in their hands when they welcomed the homeless Jews and cared for them.
- Yeshua said to His disciples, "He that receiveth you receiveth Me," (Matthew 10:40); and surely this would also apply to His brethren.

#### **c. The Goats**

- The individual designated goats were judged because they did not trust Yeshua the Messiah and give evidence of that faith by caring for His brethren.
- They apparently received the mark of the beast and took care of themselves and their own, but they had no time for the Jewish remnant that was suffering on earth (Revelation 12:17).
- There are sins of omission as well as sins of commission (James 4:17).
- Not doing good is the moral equivalent of doing evil.

### **7.3.3 Conclusion**

The subjects of Messiah's judgment will be all the nations. *Ethna* (nations) has the basic meaning of peoples and here refers to every person alive on earth when the Lord returns. Although He will have taken all believers into heaven at the Rapture, during the following seven years of the Tribulation many other people will come to believe in Him. During that dreadful time, multitudes of Gentiles (Revelation 7:9, 14), as well as all surviving Jews (Romans 11:26), will be brought to faith in Messiah.

The process of Messiah's judgment will include the absolute and unerring separation of the saved from the unsaved. When all the nations and peoples of the earth will have been



gathered before Him at His return, the Lord Yeshua the Messiah will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Those who are placed on His right will go into [the millennial kingdom](#) (Matthew 25:34). This kingdom starts as an earthly kingdom and one-thousand years later transitions into a heavenly kingdom (Revelation 20:2, 4-5; Revelation 21:5-7; 1 John 5:5 and Revelation 2:11). Those on His left will go into eternal punishment which is hell or the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25:46).

## 7.4 The Great White Throne Judgement

This is a judgment of lost people as spelt out in Revelation 20:11-15, the unbelievers who will reject the Messiah and thus will believe in one's own righteousness. This judgment will take place after the Millennial reign of Messiah when the earth, the atmosphere, and the universe are destroyed by fire. "The heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

*In Revelation 20:11-15 we read, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

"The dead" are those who rejected salvation through Yeshua the Messiah, so they must pay for their own sins for all eternity. [The Book of Life](#) will be opened to show that their names are not written in it (Revelation 20:15). The other books will be the records of all their sins to determine their level of torment based upon the amount and nature of the sins they committed. The way saved people will receive differing degrees of rewards in heaven, and lost people will receive varying degrees of punishment in the lake of fire. Every sin must be accounted for. Although the lake of fire will be terrible for all, some people will receive harsher sentences than others.

Yeshua taught there are degrees of punishment in hell. Several passages confirm this truth:

- "For this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin." (John 19:11)
- "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city." (Matthew 10:15)
- "Nevertheless I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you." (Matthew 11:22)
- "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. Nevertheless I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you." (Matthew 11:23-24)

- “The men of Ninevah will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.” (Matthew 12:41)
- “The Queen of the South shall rise up with this generation at the judgment and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.” (Matthew 12:42)
- “And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall receive many lashes, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but a few.” (Luke 12:47-48)
- “...these will receive greater condemnation.” (Matthew 23:14, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47)
- And they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. (Revelation 20:13)
- Therefore it is not surprising if his (Satan’s) servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds. (2 Corinthians 11:15)
- Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. (2 Timothy 4:14)
- But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds. (Romans 2:5-6)

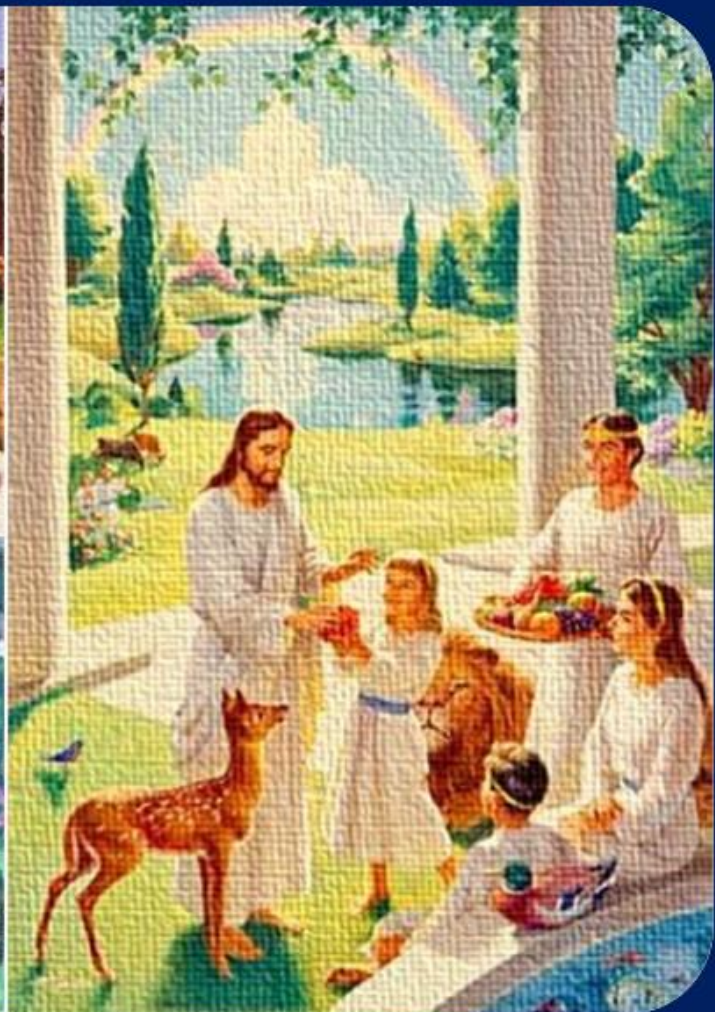
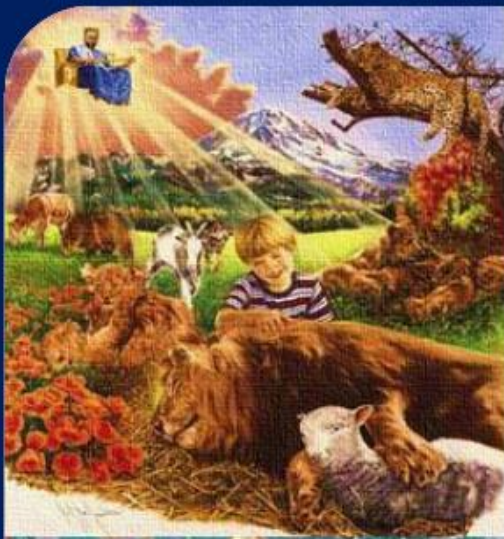
These verses tell us that people will be held more accountable before God at the judgment if they have received more information about Him and rejected it.

“Death (physical bodies) and Hades (lost souls) were thrown into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14). Whether they died on land or at sea, their bodies will be resurrected and reunited with their souls for all eternity. Hades (hell) is the place where dead people’s lost souls are currently being punished while they await the resurrection of their bodies. At the great white throne judgment, the people in Hades will receive their horrible resurrection bodies and then will be cast into Gehenna, which is the lake of fire.

Although much is said about glorified resurrected bodies in heaven, very little is taught about lost people receiving hideous resurrection bodies for eternity, but it is in Scripture. Paul said, “There shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked” (Acts 24:15). Yeshua said there will be a resurrection of life and a resurrection of judgment (John 5:29). Gehenna (the lake of fire) is the place of punishment for a wicked person’s soul and body after the resurrection. The prophet Isaiah described lost people’s resurrected bodies as “worms.” God says, “Then they will go forth and look on the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all mankind” (Isaiah 66:24). Yeshua also referred to their resurrected bodies as worms in Mark 9:43-48.

# CHAPTER 8

## Post Millennium Reign - Reign Forever





## 8.1 Introduction

Some believers are disappointed when they find out they're going to spend eternity on earth instead of "in heaven." But what would be the purpose of God's renovation if no one was going to live in it? While it requires a shift in thinking for many believers, we can look forward to "heaven on earth" finally becoming a reality after the Millennium. The earth will be burned completely with a purifying fire. That sounds grim...but here's where the final happily-ever-after begins. In Isaiah 65:17 God says, *"For I will create new heavens and a New Earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind."* The New Earth will be our eternal home, the way God intended it from the beginning.

[Yeshua](#) taught His disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2). Have we ever wondered when and how this prayer will reach its fulfillment? When God destroys sin and death, the Lord's Prayer will find its satisfaction.

The eternal state is characterized by a new heaven and a new earth. When John says that the first heaven and the first earth passed away, the Apostle is not saying that they become extinct, but that they will be changed from one condition to another. The old heaven and earth are completely renovated and recreated by fire. The present earth is mostly covered with water, but the new earth will have the oceans eliminated. The new heaven is partially described as "a city." That is, the New Jerusalem will be a kind of capital city in the realms of Heaven and the foundations of the heavenly city will rest upon the new earth (Revelation 21:1-3).

## 8.2 The New Jerusalem

The saints have always looked forward to such a city. Abraham looked for a city having foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). The writer of Hebrews says, "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:14). The Bible says that the great city let down out of heaven is made of real materials. Why would God tell us of streets of gold and gates of pearls if it were not a real city? Heaven will be a real place. It is not going to be a cloudy, hazy mixture of nothing.

The city will be enormous in size. John saw an angel measure the city and learned that it will be 1500 miles long and 1500 miles wide and 1500 miles high. It will be a place of great magnitude—and without knowing all the details, we can be sure that the city will be large enough to accommodate all who are destined to live there.

The city will be God's home. Revelation 22:4 says, "And they shall see his face." There will be no need for a temple because the inhabitants of Heaven will have direct access to God. There will not be any need for lights because the radiant glory of God will illuminate the city. There will be no night. God himself will be there and His radiant glory will light the city at all times.

The city will be indescribably beautiful. The walls are jasper; the gates are pearl; each of the twelve foundations is a gem of unusual brilliance. The city will be beautiful

beyond words. Chalcedon will be a sky blue; emerald will be a bright green; sardonyx will be red and white; chrysolyte will be a transparent stone with a golden hue.

### **8.3 Life in the City**

The city will be free from tears and sorrow. Revelation 21:4 says, “And God shall wipe away all tears.” Human hands are poor at drying tears. Neighbors and friends can try and sympathize and bring comfort, but only God can stop the fountain of tears. Every tear that has been shed on earth will be wiped away and forgotten in Heaven.

Furthermore, there shall be no more death. In the circle of every family—a mother, or wife, or a husband, or a son, or a friend—has been taken by death. Every home has its vacant chair. But over in Heaven death will be a thing of the past.

Revelation 22:1-5 tell us that the curse is going to be removed. Something happened in the Garden of Eden that blighted the entire human race, and as a result of the curse pronounced upon Adam and Eve in the Garden, there have been broken homes and hungry children down through the years. But over in Heaven the curse will be removed. The “river of life” will flow down through the middle of the city and the tree of life will be large enough to span both sides of it. The vocabulary of man is not capable of depicting what God has prepared for those who love Him.

### **8.4 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men**

Whole earth will be restored in such a way that all things, animate and inanimate, will declare God is love! So there will be no more pain and suffering, and they will be surrounded by God’s love through every detail of His creation. They will live in the presence of God Himself forever! Isaiah 11:6-9 tells us that all of creation will live in harmony:

*“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, ... the cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together, ... the nursing child shall play over the hole of a cobra, ... They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain’ for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”*

What a beautiful picture to look forward to!

- Eden will be restored.
- Inhabitants will eat the 12 fruits from the Tree of Life.
- The River of Life will flow through New Jerusalem.
- There will be no night due to God’s glory.
- There will be no more death, sadness or pain (Revelation 21:4)
- Inhabitants will see God face-to-face!

It is also told the saints “will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away” (Isaiah 35:10). There will be singing and everlasting joy! They will reign over earth with Him forever! *“And you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:10).*

All of creation will be in harmony. Eden and the Tree of Life will be restored to men. God will reinstate men's dominion over the earth again as they reign with Yeshua forever. They will then be ready to perfectly tend the New Earth for eternity. God the Father Himself dwells among them: "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3).





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## **ABOUT THE WRITER**

My name is Samir Stephan Kujur, and it's so nice to meet you! In mid 1970s, I was born and brought up in a Christian family. During foundation years of my life (up to 12th standard of my school years), I was in boarding schools and had the opportunity to be part of well architected and disciplined routine life. During these foundation years, moral and spiritual teachings were engrained in my life through regular practice of meditation, attending daily prayers and Holy Mass, etc. In real sense, I was living in His fellowship and enjoying the sweetness of life. However, from early 1990s to mid 2010s, I was drifted away from Him. I left meditation, stopped praying and attending Holy Mass. I felt like I was living in wilderness ... no peace, no success. It was a difficult period and my life literally became hell. I was in trap of devil and was involved in satanic activities. Although I was born and brought up in a Christian family, I never read the complete 66 Books of the Bible (from Genesis Chapter 1 to Revelation Chapter 22) till the age of my late 30s.

After mid 2010s, once again I started meditating but in different format. It was a combination of Raj Yoga, Reiki and Aura Cleansing and reading the Bible. However, this time I was having lots of questions in my mind. Who am I? What is Soul, Spirit, Holy Spirit and their relationship? Who is God? How could there be the Trinity God? What is the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit? and so on ... Also found lots of differences between the words of God in the Bible and Churches' teachings and liturgical practices. I got confused, but never stopped praying and reading the New Testament, Old Testament (different versions- TEV, NIV, KJV, Urantia Book, etc.), Torah and Quran to some extent.

By the Grace of God, I got the answers of my above questions. My life has changed. I am having so many supernatural experiences in my daily life. Here I am sharing some of them as my testimony:

### **[1] The Vision of {The Divine Mercy}**

In between, I got several messages in dreams through departed souls of my loved ones, especially from my grandmother but I didn't believe them because I had no clarity on their messages. Then I prayed, Lord I need a clear message from you. Then on 20th December 2018 around 4:15am to 4:30am, I had the vision (short Dream) of The Divine Mercy. It was just for a fraction of second. I asked him, Whether I should go to Church or not? He replied, You May Go, then left. No fear or excitement, only plain conversation. I got the confirmation from Him. Now I had no choice to ignore anymore.

### **[2] The Vision of {The Throne of the Almighty}**

Although I got the confirmation, but my little human brain was not satisfied, I said to myself, it was just for a fraction of second, I didn't see Him properly and He left. I thought, maybe it was my illusion. Now I had another doubt, Is Jesus God or is just like one of the God's servants? However, I never stopped praying and reading the Bible.

After about 9 and half months of the vision of The Divine Mercy, I had another vision (long Dream). This time it was The Throne of the Almighty. The date of this vision was on 30th September 2019 between 4:15 am and 5:45am and lasted almost 90 min. Initially, appeared like a bright star at distant on white clouds. Then, it started coming closure to me, and I show The Throne of the Almighty. It looked like someone is sitting on the throne, but face was invisible. As it was approaching closer to me, The Throne of the Almighty was magnifying with increased brightness, and at one point of time it approached next to me with magnified multifold and brightness, which was impossible for me to see it from my eye. However, this brightness had no heat or temperature, but had very pleasant or bliss feeling. After this vision, the LORD revealed my future task i.e. His Will to be fulfilled through me on this earth. They are related to spreading the Good News across the globe, one of the similar type of roles of Prophet Elijah, praying for needy souls (especially who are in captivity of evil spirits), revealing the messages of salvation, always remain in his fellowship and try to walk with Him.

This initiative, the writing of book is also one of the actions to fulfil His Will.

### **[3] The Dream of The Rapture Event**

After about 9 months of the vision of The Throne of the Almighty, I had a dream (short Dream). This time it was The Rapture Event. The date of this dream was on 27th June 2020 between 3:30 am and 4:00 am and lasted about 10-15 min. I saw that some human beings went up in the clouds to meet Yeshua. In night, He appeared in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (the scene was almost same as described in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 by Apostle Paul). Yeshua descended from Heaven to receive His people with open hands. As the Scriptures state, there was no light of SUN, MOON or STARS, it was the brightness of His presence. It was a beautiful revelation and had bliss feelings. There were two groups of humankind. The people [one group] who went up in the clouds to meet Yeshua and their earthly bodies were transformed in to glorified bodies [celestial bodies] that happened in fraction of a second as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 and were shining very bright in the presence of Yeshua, and the other group remained on the earth to face consequences of The Great Tribulation. Luckily by the GRACE of GOD, I saw myself

being in the group of people who went up in clouds to meet Yeshua, but I remember one of my relatives was in the other group. Then the alarm clock rang at 4:00 am.

Initially I thought it was about the second coming of Yeshua and His 1000-years reign on Earth, but The Holy Spirit revealed me that it was about the Rapture Event that will take place in the pre- tribulation period.

#### **[4] & [5] The Short Vision and The Gift of Tongues**

After about 5 and half months [163 days] of the short dream of The Rapture, I received The Gift of Tongues. This time it was The Gift of the Holy Spirit. The date of receiving the gift was on 8th December 2020 between 12:50 am and 1:20 am. On 7th December 2020 around 8:00pm, I was having an in-depth Bible study and reflections on The Rapture events. In between I had a short vision [I was taken away about 15-20 minutes from my natural state], but I could not recall what had happened to me during this short period. I felt like I slept for a while. I do recall that immediate before this event neither I was feeling tired nor sleepy. It transpired all of a sudden and when my eyes opened, I was very much afresh; as nothing had happened to me. There was no sign of feeling a sleep at all. Immediately, I tried to recall what had happened to me but couldn't recall any supernatural sign. I can say that I was taken away for 15-20 minutes from my natural state. Then without wasting my time in thinking about it I continued my study and reflections on the Rapture related events mentioned in the Bible. Once the study was over [around 11:00pm-11:15 pm], I started to watch a video on "HOW CAN I BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT" which was made by Rev. Amit Christian, an Evangelical Bible preacher from India. At the end of the message he said that those who want to receive "THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT", please stand up. He emphasised that it's not a compulsion and requested only those who really want them voluntarily. I knelt down and started praying with the preacher, and all of a sudden, my tongue started praying in unknown heavenly language. My tongue was not in my control and this was the very first prayer in my life [as I remember] that I prayed in the spirit.

#### **[6] Supernatural Experience and the Dream of Angels**

After about 4 months [124 days] of The Gift of Tongues, I had another supernatural experience in my life and had a dream of heavenly beings. This time it was The Angels. The date of this event was on 12th April 2021 between 7:25am – 8:00am and a dream around 11:00pm -12:00 night on the same date. On 11th April 2021, we [I & my wife] handed over our all household items to Packers & Movers team for its shifting from Delhi to Odisha, and on 12th April 2021 early morning [after handing over the keys of rented house to the house owner] we started to wait auto taxi to drop us to the railway station. It took us about 30 minutes to get an auto taxi [3 wheeler] and we had left only 35 minutes time to reach the station and board the train. We were also carrying about 6-7 heavy luggage with us, and within this 35 minutes we had to reach, go through the special checking procedure at station [due to COVID] and rush towards the platform no. 5 and board the train.

Practically it was impossible, until and unless the train is delayed or some supernatural miracle happens. We started at 7:25am from Katwaria Sarai [Near IIT, Delhi] and the

train was scheduled to depart at 8:00am from Anand Vihar Railway station. The distance between Katwaria Sarai and Anand Vihar Railway station is about 24km, which takes around 45 -60min by auto taxi. In auto both of us kept mum for almost 30 minutes. We had no options left with us, except to remember and surrender everything to Him. We prayed Him individually. I prayed Him "Lord this is your plan that we should leave Delhi, and now we are in your hands...please take care of us", whereas my wife prayed, "Lord let us not miss the train". We don't know how it happened, but we reached station at 7:50am (in 25 minutes). A coolie with luggage carrier cart was waiting to receive us at railway station. He ask the name of the train, kept our luggage in the cart and said us to follow him. We kept running after him, no one asked or stopped us to check the ticket or scan the luggage at entrance, and by 7:55am we were at platform no. 5 next to the coach of our reserved berths. He also helped us to get in our luggage in the train. Then I thanked him and paid the agreed labor fee INR 400. He smiled and left. We kept the luggage and took our respective berths, and within 1 minute train left the station. The train was on time and left the platform at exactly 8:00am....Wow! what a miracle...We thanked Him for the superb plan.

Around 9:00pm we had our dinner and went back to our respective berths [I took the upper berth]. I read some chapters from the Bible, prayed in heavenly tongue and slept. Around 11:00pm – 12:00 night I had a dream. In the dream I was standing with a small group of people in an unknown place. All of a sudden something like a sea of glass as mentioned in the Revelation 4:6 and 15:2 spread across the ground. It looked like a still calm sea water surface.

Then in my right side at the end of sea I saw a marvelous City / Throne. At once I stepped down on the sea and walked on the water like Peter did in Matthew 14:29. I do remember that I was not afraid of walking on the water surface but after few steps I started sinking similar to Peter had in Matthew 14:30. I didn't cry as Peter did and within no time water came upto the level of my waist. Then I saw three angels came on motor boat [their garment were pure white, I can realise that they were not of this world because they were in their celestial bodies] and one of them stretched forth his hand and caught me as Yeshua did to Peter in Matthew 14:31, and took me with them into the boat.

### **[7] The Short Vision of Heaven**

After about 2 and half months [76 days] of Dream of Angles, I had another short vision. This time it was vision of Heaven. The date of this vision was on 28th June 2021 between 3:40am – 3:50am. It was just for a fraction of second. I saw on clouds opening of Heaven. It was not merely the clouds parting or appearing something on clouds, but opening of Heaven as mentioned in Ezekiel 1:1; Mark 1:10; Acts 7:56 and Revelation 4:1.

The vision was similar to Prophet Micaiah as recorded in 1 Kings 22:19, "I saw the LORD sitting on His Throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left." The vision was amazing and beyond the human imagination. There is

nothing on this world that can be used to compare this. When I had this vision, at once my spirit started praising LORD in heavenly language and I got up.

### **[8] The Short Vision of Heaven and Fall of Satan**

After 3 months [i.e. 84 days] of The Short Vision of Heaven, I had another short vision. This time it was again the Vision of Heaven and Fall of Satan. The date of this vision was on 20th September 2021 between 1:10am – 1:15am and on 21st September 2021 around 12:10am. On 20th September 2021, I saw on clouds opening of Heaven. The opening of Heaven was similar to my earlier vision of 28th June 2021, and I saw the LORD sitting on His Throne, and all the host of Heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left. All the host of Heaven were praising the LORD in the same manner as mentioned in Revelation 12:10 which says, "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

I also saw the Satan and his angels falling down from heaven as mentioned in Revelation 12:8-9 "neither was their place found anymore in heaven. He was cast out unto the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."; and said by Yeshua in Luke 10:18, "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

And I saw the earth became dark as mentioned in Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10; Matthew 24:29; Revelation 6:12 and Revelation 8:12 which say "the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and star shall withdraw their shining." Then my wife put on the fan, and my vision discontinued and I came back to my natural realm. scene in Heaven as well as tone of praise was different from the vision of 20th September 2021. It was something similar to the Alleluia! as mentioned in Revelation 19:1-8 & Psalm 118:24 i.e. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

### **[9] The Short Vision of Heaven**

After 2 months [61 days] of the Vision of Heaven and Fall of Satan, once again I had a similar short Vision of Heaven that I had on 28th June 2021. The date of this vision was on 22nd November 2021 between 3:20am – 3:21am. It was just for a fraction of second. I saw on clouds opening of Heaven. It was not merely the clouds parting or appearing something on clouds, but opening of Heaven as mentioned in Ezekiel 1:1; Mark 1:10; Acts 7:56 and Revelation 4:1.

On 21st November 2021, I was in a journey from Jharsuguda (Odisha) to Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh). This was also the first day, I started to read entire 150 Chapters of the Psalms on daily basis (divided in three sections – morning, afternoon and evening as our ancestors in faith did in the early days). Morning and afternoon readings I completed on the way, but the last section I completed in the hotel before going to bed.

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