**The Rapture?**

**Note**

***All Scripture****, both the Tanak (OT) and the Messianic Writings (NT), regardless of the language in which we receive them were written by men with a Hebrew mindset and from a Hebrew culture. The Father, in His Infinite Wisdom, established the Foundations of Our Faith in the Hebrew language, culture and mindset.*

*It is our duty to keep this understanding firmly in our minds as we read and interpret the Father's Word so as to accurately determine His intent. It is imperative that we conform our way of thinking so that it conforms to the mindset of the Hebrew Scripture.*

*Furthermore, the Messianic Writings (NT) are founded upon the writings of the Tanak. As we read and interpret the writings of the Messiah and His disciples we first must do so from a Hebraic mindset and secondly, we must understand that much of what they say is given from the* ***presumption*** *that their readers understand that the Tanak is the foundation of what they're saying.*

*In other words, the Messianic writers* ***assume*** *that everyone in the faith who reads the Scripture already has some basic knowledge of the Tanak and an understanding of their responsibility to obey the Torah (Law) as it was given by YHWH to Moses at Mount Sinai. To these writers it is a foregone conclusion that obedience to the Torah is the only Way to live righteously and set-apart before a Righteous and Set-Apart Elohim (God).*

(**Emphasis mine throughout** and unless otherwise noted all quotes come from “The Scriptures”)

**The** controversy of the so-called “Rapture” has been raging for some time, specifically the timing of said Rapture. Before we begin, I think it is important to define what rapture means.

The word rapture actually comes from the Latin meaning to ‘snatch away’ quickly and it has been applied to a phrase from a passage in 1 Thessalonians 4.

**1Th 4:13**  Now, brothers, we do not wish you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you be sad as others who have no expectation.

**1Th 4:14**  For if we believe that יהושע (Yahushua) died and rose again, so also Elohim shall bring with Him those who sleep in יהושע.

**1Th 4:15**  For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we, the living who are left over at the coming of the Master **shall in no way go before those who are asleep.**

**1Th 4:16**  **Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.**

**1Th 4:17  Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them** in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master.

**1Th 4:18**  So, then, encourage one another with these words.

As you can see, in verse 17, the phrase is caught away or in some translations, caught up. This catching away or rapture has to do with those believers who are still alive when the Master returns to raise the dead.

It is important to understand here that the concept of rapture or the catching away of living believers at the return of Messiah is secondary to the primary emphasis of this passage, which is the resurrection of the dead.

The Scripture tells us that there will be two resurrections in the Last Day, one of the just and one of the unjust.

**Dan 12:2**  and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **wake up,** **some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches, everlasting abhorrence**.

**Joh 5:29**  and shall come forth – those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have practised evil matters, to a **resurrection of judgment**.

**Act 24:15**  having an expectation in Elohim, which they themselves also wait for, that there is to be a **resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the unrighteous.**

One which is called the “first resurrection”, the resurrection of the just, to life…

**Rev 20:6**  Blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the **first resurrection**. The second death possesses no authority over these, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

and the other is the resurrection of the unjust, to judgment.

**Rev 20:11**  And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

**Rev 20:12** And I saw **the dead, small and great, standing before the throne**, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And **the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works.**

**Rev 20:13**  And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and She’ol gave up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**Rev 20:14**  And Death and She’ol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**Rev 20:15**  And if **anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

The promise to all steadfast believers is the Resurrection, and this teaching is fundamental throughout all Scripture for those who believe and obey. Incidentally, you can scour the Scriptures from now until the end of eternity and you will not find one reference in the Tanak of the “rapture”, because there is not one.

The promise is a resurrection, those who have trusted in Yahushua and walked in obedience to the Torah shall be raised from the dead to eternal life at the coming of our Master but those who have not trusted in Yahushua Messiah and have not obeyed the Torah of the YHWH shall be raised from the dead to suffer the indignity of everlasting shame and contempt.

Here is the rub, not all of us will be dead when the Messiah returns, some of us will still be alive, some of us who have trusted in Him and obeyed the Torah. What about us?

This passage in 1 Thessalonians 4 is where Paul answers a question, that had come up among the believers of his time, concerning those brethren that had already died. If you read all of Paul’s writings and the writings of the other messianic brethren, you will see a continual expectation of the return of Messiah and our glorification with Him, but this doctrine created some confusion among the brethren.

This confusion came about, because the emissaries were speaking about the return of Messiah and our entering into the kingdom in a very personal and living way. So, some of the brethren were afraid that it only applied to those who were alive at His return, causing some concern about the brethren that had already passed away.

Consider again 1 Thessalonians 4:13

**1Th 4:13**  Now, brothers, we do not wish you to be ignorant **concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you be sad as others who have no expectation.**

Paul’s words in this passage are intended to encourage the brethren concerning those who have passed away and our inheritance of eternal life at the coming of the Master.

By way of encouragement, Paul reminds them of the promise of the resurrection and explains how all believers shall be collected together in that day, both the living and the dead.

You need to understand the mindset from which the question was asked. Those who were alive were excited about the coming of the Messiah, however, they were worried about their dead brethren. So, Paul says to them, in so many words, “do not worry brothers, for when the Messiah returns, the dead shall come with them, for He will raise them from the dead first and then we who remain will be gathered together with them”.

This passage makes this clear and you have to really go out of your way to make this passage mean anything else. This passage is about the resurrection from the dead of the just and the so-called “rapture” is a secondary part of the resurrection because some of us will not be dead.

So, the resurrection of the righteous dead and the rapture of the righteous who are still alive takes place at the same time, it is one singular event. The question then remains, “when does this take place?”

Although the answer is very obvious and quite simple, men have put together several of their own ideas concerning the timing of this event instead of just letting the words of the Scripture reveal it to them.

One of the of passages that leads to confusion among end time teachers comes from Matthew 24.

**Mat 24:36**  “But concerning that day and the hour no one knows, not even the messengers of the heavens, but My Father only.

Now taking this at face value, from a 21st century, English minded point of view, it seems pretty clear that no man will know when the Messiah shall return. However, to a 1st century, Hebrew minded person listening to Messiah, it is a clue to when the Messiah shall return.

See, the Messiah literally means that **the hour and the day** is unknown, but interestingly He gives us a clue as to the “season” of His return.

Once Paul had given the brethren this assurance in 1 Thessalonians 4, he goes on in chapter 5 to give us some more interesting information.

**1Th 5:1**  Now, brothers**, as to the times and the seasons,** you do not need to be written to.

**1Th 5:2**  For you yourselves **know very well** that the day of יהוה (YHWH) comes **as a thief in the night.**

**1Th 5:3**  For when **they** say, “Peace and safety!” then suddenly destruction comes upon **them**, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.

**1Th 5:4**  **But you**, brothers, are **not in darkness**, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

**1Th 5:5**  For **you** are all sons of light and sons of the day. **We** are not of the night nor of darkness.

**1Th 5:6**  So, then, **we** should not sleep, as others do, but **we should watch** and be sober.

**1Th 5:7**  For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

**1Th 5:8**  But **we** who are of the day should be sober, putting on the breastplate of belief and love, and as a helmet the expectation of deliverance.

**1Th 5:9**  **Because Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Master יהושע Messiah,**

**1Th 5:10**  who died for us, so that **we**, **whether awake or asleep**, should live together with Him.

**1Th 5:11**  Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, as indeed you do.

**Times:** stg’s #**G5550** - “Chronos”, meaning, and undistinguishable point or duration of time of; compared to #G165 - “aion”, meaning, a particular period or interval of time.

**Season:** stg’s #**G2540** -“kairos”, meaning, an occasion, that is, a set or proper time; Hebrew equivalent is #H4150 - “mo’ed”, meaning, a (fixed) appointed time or event.

In verse 1, Paul is telling believers that we do not need to be told about the “times and seasons” of Messiah’s return, why?

Consider the pronouns used here. The day of Messiah’s return comes as a thief in the night upon **them** who are in darkness but not upon **us** who are of the light. So, what is Paul saying?

Why does Paul say that we do not need to be told about the times and seasons? Well, if we listen to the Scripture it tells us about them.

The word season here is a reference to the mo’edim of YHWH, His appointed times, that He set forth for all His people to take part in. The mo’edim are listed in Leviticus 23 and are shadow pictures of the redemption plan that YHWH put in motion before the foundation of the world.

They are: Spring Feasts Fall Feast

Pesach – Passover Teruah - Trumpets

Matzot - Unleavened Bread Kippur – Atonement

Shavuot – Weeks Sukkot – Tabernacles

Shemini Atseret – 8th Day

Messiah fulfilled the Spring Feast at His first coming where He died as the Passover Lamb on the day of Passover.

He fulfilled Matzot by resurrecting from the dead on the Bikkurim (Day of Firstfruits) and presenting the wave offering of the resurrection before the throne of YHWH.

He fulfilled Shavuot when, after His ascension, He sent the Ruach Ha Qodesh (Set Apart Spirit) on “Pentecost” (Pentecost is the Greek name given for the Hebrew Feast of Shavuot).

At His return, He must fulfill the Fall Feasts just as He fulfilled the Spring Feasts, at the exact time and in accordance with their exact shadow picture.

Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets) is a celebration of remembrance of the day that Moses (The Deliverer) gathered all Israel at the base of Mount Sinai as YHWH descended upon it in darkness and fire with shouting and trumpet blasts (Exodus 19:17-20).

**Exo 19:17**  And **Mosheh brought the people out of the camp to meet with Elohim**, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

**Exo 19:18**  And Mount Sinai was in smoke, all of it, because **יהוה descended upon it in fire.** And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and all the mountain trembled exceedingly.

**Exo 19:19** And when **a voice of the shophar** (ram’s horn) sounded long and became very strong, Mosheh spoke, and Elohim answered him by voice.

**Exo 19:20**  And יהוה came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. **And יהוה called Mosheh to the top of the mountain, and Mosheh went up**.

Isn’t this interesting? When Messiah returns, He must fulfill this shadow picture and Hewill do so, exactly.

So, is there a passage in the Messianic Writings that reflects this shadow picture in its totality, meaning a deliverer that gathers up the people to meet Elohim as Elohim is sending down fire in judgment?

**2Th 1:3**  We ought to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brothers, as it is proper, because your belief grows exceedingly, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing,

**2Th 1:4**  so that we ourselves boast of you among the assemblies of Elohim for your **endurance and belief in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are bearing,**

**2Th 1:5  clear evidence of the righteous judgment of Elohim, in order for you to be counted worthy of the reign of Elohim, for which you also suffer,**

**2Th 1:6  since Elohim shall rightly repay with affliction those who afflict you**,

**2Th 1:7** and **to give you who are afflicted rest with us when** the **Master יהושע is revealed from heaven with His mighty messengers,**

**2Th 1:8  in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know Elohim, and on those who do not obey the Good News of our Master יהושע Messiah,**

**2Th 1:9**  who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Master and from the esteem of His strength,

**2Th 1:10**  **when** **He comes to be esteemed in His set-apart ones and to be admired among all those who believe in that Day**, because our witness to you was believed.

Here Paul is praising the brethren in Thessalonica because of their “**endurance and belief in all their persecutions and afflictions**”. This is an especially important statement to understand because our belief is the spiritual part of the Faith, while our endurance (obedience) is the physical part of how we live in the Faith.

It is brethren like these, who live out their belief in Yahushua through obedience to the Torah, regardless of the tribulations or afflictions that they are subject to, both from within, in their flesh, and from without, by the world, that shall receive the praise of YHWH in the Last Day.

When we look closely to what Paul is saying in verse 4 and 5, we see that he is explaining that their endurance and belief during their persecutions is “**clear** **evidence of the righteous judgment of Elohim in order that you be counted worthy of the reign of Elohim for which you suffer**”.

This is an interesting statement because it is only through a faith walked out in obedience to the Torah that (1) reveals the righteousness of Elohim before the world (Deut 4:5-6) and (2) proves that we have the type of faith that is worthy of the kingdom.

John, in the Revelation, talks about these types of Brethren in chapter 14.

**Rev 14:12**  Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, here are those **guarding the commands of Elohim and the belief of יהושע.**

Then, 2Th 1:6 tells us how YHWH will repay those who have persecuted us by afflicting them in return. The promise of His judgment is on those who have afflicted us is found throughout the entire Scripture. He has promised to fulfill it in that day. The question is then, when will He do this?

He gives us the answer in verse 7, where he states that we who have been afflicted should rest with him **“when the Master יהושע is revealed from heaven with His mighty messengers, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know Elohim, and on those who do not obey the Good News of our Master יהושע Messiah”.**

Do you see it? This is a simple and yet highly overlooked timing passage where it talks about how our rest begins at the same time that He takes revenge on His enemy. Admittedly this could be considered a bit obscure, if there was not clear evidence of the same timing in other places, for example...

**Mat 24:37**  “And as the days of Noaḥ, so also shall the coming of the Son of Aḏam be.

**Mat 24:38**  “For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, **until the day that** Noaḥ entered into the ark,

**Mat 24:39**  **and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away**, so also shall the coming of the Son of Aḏam be.

Here again we see the allusion to the fact that **the day** Noah entered the ark the flood came and destroyed the wicked.

**Luk 17:26**  “And as it came to be in the days of Noaḥ, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of Aḏam:

**Luk 17:27**  “They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were given in marriage, **until the day that Noaḥ went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.**

**Luk 17:28**  “And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot: They were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building,

**Luk 17:29**  but **on the day Lot went out of Seḏom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.**

**Luk 17:30**  “It shall be the same in the day the Son of Aḏam is revealed.

Here again we see that on **the day** that Noah entered the ark the flood came and destroyed, deliverance and destruction on **the same day**. Likewise, **on the day** that Lot left Sodom the fire and sulfur came down and destroyed them, deliverance and destruction **on the same day.**

There have been a lot of so-called Bible scholars that have read the story of Noah and concluded that Noah went into the ark and then seven days later the doors closed, and then destruction came. They suggest that this is evidence of a pre-tribulation rapture, i.e. deliverance and then seven years later destruction.

They say it proves that a pre-tribulation rapture takes place before the so-called seven year tribulation and that the Messiah returns at the end of seven years to destroy His enemies. It is their opinion that His coming to “rapture” His church is an invisible coming and that no one will see Him, however, as we shall see, that doctrine is nothing more than man-made garbage.

**Gen 7:1**  And יהוה said to Noaḥ, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

**Gen 7:2**  “Of all the clean beasts take with you seven pairs, a male and his female; and of the beasts that are unclean two, a male and his female;

**Gen 7:3**  and of birds of the heavens seven pairs, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

**Gen 7:4**  “For **after seven more days** I am sending rain on the earth, forty days and forty nights, and shall wipe from the face of the earth all that stand that I created.”

**Gen 7:5**  And Noaḥ did according to all that יהוה commanded him.

**Gen 7:6**  Now Noaḥ was six hundred years old when the flood-waters were on the earth.

**Gen 7:7**  And Noaḥ and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

**Gen 7:8**  Of the clean beasts and of the beasts that are unclean, and of birds, and of all that creep on the earth,

**Gen 7:9**  two by two they went into the ark to Noaḥ, male and female, as Elohim had commanded Noaḥ.

**Gen 7:10**  And it came to be **after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.**

**Gen 7:11**  In the six hundredth year of Noaḥ’s life, in the second new moon, the seventeenth day of the moon, **on that day** all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

**Gen 7:12**  And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

**Gen 7:13**  **On that same day** Noaḥ and Shěm and Ḥam and Yapheth, the sons of Noaḥ, and Noaḥ’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark,

**Gen 7:14**  they and every life form after its kind, and every beast after its kind, and every creeping creature that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

**Gen 7:15**  And they went into the ark to Noaḥ, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

**Gen 7:16**  And those going in, male and female of all flesh, went in as Elohim had commanded him, and **יהוה shut him in**.

There is a lot of interesting things in this passage, but we’re only concerned about timing issues. So, YHWH came to Noah in chapter 6 of Genesis and told him to build an ark because men had become corrupt in the earth and He was going to destroy them.

Then, it in chapter 7, YHWH tells him that in seven days He is going to bring judgment on the earth in the form of a flood and that Noah is supposed to get himself and his family and all those he is taking with him into the ark, because at the end of that seven days the floodwaters waters are going to destroy all the breathing creatures on the earth.

So, Noah goes about his business loading the animals, loading the grains, loading the family and on the seventh day, **“on that same day”**, the rains began, and **YHWH shut them in.** Is this really that hard to understand?

As you can see, again, we have the concept of destruction or wrath coming on the “same day” as deliverance. I have heard this story of Noah used in many inappropriate ways concerning the faith. One so-called “Bishop” in the Christian church taught how Messiah is the ark and that once you are in Messiah your safe, so that even if you stumble, you are still in the ark.

That sounds reasonable but for two problems, first, Noah was already declared righteous, that is why he was allowed to build and go into the ark. Righteousness is a matter of faith worked out in obedience. Though the ark does represent Yahushua, the door is not shut, sealing us into the faith, until the day that all the work is finished (Rev 10:7) and the wrath is poured out.

Secondly, the context of this passage is wrath and destruction of all the evil, a cleansing of the earth. So, Noah must be understood in the context of the Last Day when Yahushua comes “in flaming fire with His mighty angels taking vengeance” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10). That is the day the “door” of the ark shall be shut, and the fire shall come.

This is the very reason Messiah used both Noah and Lot as examples of the Last Day. If you remember Lot’s story, the angels basically drug them out of the city and told them to run for their lives, because they were about to destroy the city, but Lot begged to be allowed to go to a nearby city because he was afraid that if they ran into the mountains someone might find them and kill them

The angel consented and Lot and his family fled to that city of Tso’ar, and just as the angel had told him, the minute he entered the safety of that city, fire and brimstone fell destroying Sedom and Amorah.

**Gen 19:15**  And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.”

**Gen 19:16**  And while he loitered, **the men took hold of his hand, and his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, יהוה having compassion on him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.**

**Gen 19:17**  And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed.”

**Gen 19:18**  And Lot said to them, “Oh no, יהוה!

**Gen 19:19**  “Look, please, your servant has found favour in your eyes, and you have increased your loving-commitment which you have shown me by saving my life, but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die.

**Gen 19:20**  “Look, please, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please let me escape there – is it not a small matter – and let my life be saved?”

**Gen 19:21**  And He said to him, “Look, I have favoured you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken.

**Gen 19:22**  “Hurry, escape there. **For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there**.” So the name of the city was called Tso‛ar.

**Gen 19:23**  **The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso‛ar.**

**Gen 19:24  And יהוה rained sulphur and fire on Seḏom and Amorah, from יהוה out of the heavens.**

**Gen 19:25**  So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Again we see that as soon as Lot reached a place of refuge, destruction came upon the disobedient and just as it was in the day of Lot and in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the day of the Son of Man; deliverance and destruction **on the same day**.

Notice though the timing, Noah was locked into the ark first and then wrath came in the form of rain. Lot entered the city of Tso’ar first and then sulfur and fire were sent from heaven to rain down on the cities ofSeḏom and Amorah.

So, to, on the last day, Yahushua shall descend from heaven and gather His elect first.

**Mat 24:29** “And **immediately after the distress of those days** **the** sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, **and** the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

**Mat 24:30** “And **then the sign of the Son of Aḏam shall appear in the heaven**, and thenall the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of Aḏam coming on the cloudsofthe heaven with power and much esteem.

**Mat 24:31** “And He shall send **His messengers** witha great sound of a trumpet,and they **shall gather together His chosen ones from** the four winds,from one end of the heavens to the other.

Now, remember what the first passage we talked about said concerning the coming of the Messiah and our gathering together unto Him?

**1Th 4:16**  Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven **with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.**

**1Th 4:17  Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them** in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master.

Notice the similarities between this passage and the prior one, you have angels, you have trumpets, you have the Messiah appearing in heaven and you have the believers being gathered together, both the living and the dead.

Do not let yourself be fooled by man-made rhetoric that takes the Scripture and chops it in places when it’s meant to be put together. Scripture is designed to be discerned as a whole, not in individual pieces. We must consider the totality of what Scripture says when we are interpreting what it has to tell us.

Modern Christian dogma concerning the so-called rapture says there is a secret coming when He will gather His elect and then a more visual appearance at the end when He brings wrath. That is very clearly not true according to this passage in Matthew 24.

This passage clearly teaches that **everyone** will see Him when He comes to gather His elect and if we put this together with our passage in 2 Thessalonians 1, we see that our rest takes place on the same day that He appears to take vengeance on those who did not believe and those who would not obey the good news.

This is not really hard, we just have to let the totality of Scripture speak for itself, and not let men nitpick it, twisting and turning it into something it is not.

The pre-tribulation rapture theory has only existed since about 1830 when a woman named Margaret McDonald claimed to have had a vision of such an event.

\*See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret\_MacDonald\_(visionary)

*“Then, a man named John Nelson Darby (1800 –1882), an*[*Anglo-Irish*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Irish)*Bible teacher, a member of the* [*Plymouth Brethren*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plymouth_Brethren)*, and is the man considered to be the father of the doctrines of modern* [*“Dispensationalism”*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dispensationalism)*and*[*“Futurism”*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futurism_(Christianity))*, took a hold of Miss McDonald’s vision and with it searched the Scriptures, not to validate whether or not her vision was accurate, but with pre-meditated intent to find Scripture to make it true. Mr. Darby’s pre-tribulation rapture theology was extensively propagated in the 1830s by the man himself, as well as the members of the* [*Plymouth Brethren*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plymouth_Brethren)*. It was later made popular in the United States by the circulation of the*[*Scofield Reference Bible*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scofield_Reference_Bible) *in the early 20th century.”*

**Authors note**: There has been no greater “doctrine of demons” ever produced in the Christian church than that of dispensationalism. The concept of dispensationalism runs contrary to everything the Scripture says about YHWH and about the very nature of Scripture itself. From this doctrine comes nearly all of the false doctrine which has led the Christian church away from the very simplicity that is Messiah.

*“As far as Mr. Darby’s doctrine of futurism (events in Daniel and Revelation are future events), as compared to the doctrine of preterism (events in Daniel and Revelation were primarily fulfilled and 70 CE) popularized by a Jesuit priest named*[*Luis de Alcasar*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luis_del_Alc%C3%A1zar)*(1554–1613) and historicism (events in Daniel and Revelation were fulfilled throughout the “church age”), which is a view held by a great many Protestant teachers. It is this author’s opinion that all end-time prophecy has an immediate, long-term and future fulfillment, which would make all three of these theories somewhat viable.”*

Going back now to Matthew 24:29, we see that the Messiah Himself was kind enough to give us the timing of His coming and our gathering together unto Him, which He very clearly and distinctly said would take place “immediately after the distress of those days”.

Did you hear that? IMMEDIATELY AFTER the distress of those days, referring to the Great Distress or Tribulation mentioned in verse 20, which by the way, is the same one mentioned in Daniel 12:1.

This, however, is not the only timing clue He gave us in this passage. He would on to describe an event that would take place “immediately after” tribulation of those days but before the sign of His coming would appear in the heavens.

**Mat 24:29** “And immediately **after** the distress of those days **the** sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, **and** the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

This event should ring a bell in the minds of all end-time enthusiasts because it this is not the only place in which this event is mentioned.

**Joe 2:30**  “And I shall give signs in the heavens and upon the earth: blood and fire and columns of smoke,

**Joe 2:31**  **the sun is turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome** **day of יהוה.**

This event, which affects the sun, the moon and the stars, is associated with the Day of YHWH which any end-time enthusiasts can tell you refers to the wrath of YHWH being poured out in the last day. Admittedly the phrase “Day of YHWH” encompasses much more than just the pouring out of His wrath, however, a rudimentary examination of the book of Joel shows that wrath is what is intended here.

**Joe 2:2**  a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains…

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**Joe 2:11** …great and very awesome, and who does bear it?

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**Joe 1:15**  Alas for the day! **For the day of יהוה is near, and** **it comes as destruction from the Almighty.**

It is not all bad though, for as I said, it’s more than just a Day of Wrath.

**Joe 2:32**  “And it shall **be that everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be delivered**. For on Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim there shall be an escape as יהוה has said, and among the survivors whom יהוה calls.

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**Joe 3:1**  “For look, in those days and at that time, when **I turn back the captivity of Yehuḏah and Yerushalayim,**

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**Joe 3:16**  And יהוה shall roar from Tsiyon and give forth His voice from Yerushalayim. **And the heavens and earth shall shake, but יהוה shall be a refuge for His people, and a stronghold for the children of Yisra’ěl.**

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**Joe 3:21**  “And I shall avenge their blood, which I have not avenged. **And יהוה shall be dwelling in Tsiyon!”**

You know where else we see this event of the sun and the moon and stars?

**Rev 6:12**  And I looked when He opened **the sixth seal** and saw a great earthquake came to be. **And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.**

**Rev 6:13  And the stars of the heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs, being shaken by a strong wind.**

**Rev 6:14**  **And heaven departed like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**

So, the sign mentioned in Matthew 24:29 that takes place “immediately after” the tribulation is the sixth seal of Revelation 6:12. But the passage goes on to say something else more interesting, as timing is concerned anyway.

**Rev 6:17**  because the **great day of His wrath has come**, and who is able to stand?”

Now some versions say His wrath “is” come, but truthfully it doesn’t matter whether it says “has” or “is” or whatever, what matters is that this is another timing sign post, because this is not the only place in Revelation where this phrase, “wrath has come”, is mentioned.

**Rev 11:15**  And the **seventh messenger sounded (trumpet)**, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, “**The reign of this world has become the reign of our Master, and of His Messiah**, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

**Rev 11:16**  And the twenty-four elders sitting before Elohim on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped Elohim,

**Rev 11:17**  saying, “We give You thanks, O יהוה Ěl Shaddai, the One who is and who was and who is coming, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

**Rev 11:18**  “And the nations were enraged, **and Your wrath has come**, **and the time of the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to the set-apart ones, and to those who fear Your Name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”**

Now we see here at the 7th trumpet, which is also the Last Trump (1 Cor 15:51-52), that it also says, “His wrath has come”. To find the truth we need to superimpose this phrase from Revelation 6 on top of this phrase in Revelation 11 to mark the timing, so let’s work this out.

According to Matthew 24:29, immediately after the tribulation of those days the 6th seal takes place, marking the beginning of the wrath of YHWH, as does Revelation 11:15, which is the seventh and last trumpet.

We know that sometime just after the 6th seal is poured out the Messiah shall descend with His angels to gather His elect the four winds of heaven (Matt 24: 30-31) and to give us rest on His way to take vengeance on those who did not believe and would not obey (1 Thes 1:7-10).

We know that the Messiah is coming, to raise the dead and gather those of us who are alive together with them, is associated to angels and trumpets (1 Thes 4:16), specifically the last trump (1 Cor 15:52), which is the 7th trumpet (Rev 11:15) that not only marks when His wrath is come, but also mentions two other things.

The first thing is the Declaration of the Reign of the Messiah (vs. 15-17) and the second thing is the judgment seat of Messiah, where His people are judged for reward (v. 18). Let’s take a closer look at verse 18, shall we?

**Rev 11:18**  “And the nations were enraged,and Your **wrath has come** **1**, and **the time of the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to the set-apart ones, and to those who fear Your Name 2**, small and great, and to **destroy those who destroy the earth3**.”

1. As we have already mentioned this passage marks the pouring out of the wrath of YHWH at the 7th trumpet (*author’s note: the seven bowls of wrath in chapter 16 is the 3rd Woe of the 7th trumpet).*
2. The judgment here is to the servants of the Master for reward, which is known as the Judgment Seat of Messiah or the Bema Seat (1 Cor 3:11-15).
3. This phrase “destroy those who destroy the earth” is a confirmation of His wrath enemies.

There is so much more that can be said about the events that will take place in the last day, as well as what order they take place, etc., however, that is not the purpose of this writing. This author is in the process of producing the work on the timing and events of the book of Revelation, which will go into much more depth concerning these matters.

In this writing our main focus is the timing of the Resurrection/Rapture, so let’s move on to a warning given by Paul to the congregation in Thessalonica.

The assembly in Thessalonica had been hearing all sorts of teachings about when the Master would return and it did cause some confusion among them, which Paul intends to clear up. By the way, the believers in Thessalonica had been told that the coming of the Master had already taken place; however, the same warning by Paul could apply to those Pre-Tribulation Rapture-mongers who have convinced Christians that the Messiah could return at any moment to rapture them out of tribulation.

**2Th 2:1**  As to the coming of our Master יהושע Messiah and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, brothers,

**2Th 2:2**  not to become easily unsettled in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, **as if the day of יהוה has come**.

**2Th 2:3**  Let no one deceive you in any way, because **the falling away is to come first, and the man of lawlessness is to be revealed**, the son of destruction,

**2Th 2:4**  **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.**

First of all, notice how Paul equates the Master’s coming and our gathering together unto Him with the Day of YHWH. He does this because he knows that deliverance and destruction happen on the same day, just like with Noah and Lot, there is nothing new under the sun.

Secondly, Paul mentions two things that must take place before the Messiah can return on the Day of YHWH and deliver us.

1. The “falling away” or apostasy (stg’s #646) “apostasia”, meaning, to defect from the truth; comes from another word meaning to divorce, as in the separation of marriage. To understand what this “falling way” is we have to understand that the relationship between YHWH and His people is considered a marriage contract or ketubah and this marriage contract is the Torah, where YHWH made promises and set forth the parameters whereby we, as the bride, are to fulfill our side of the contract. So, to “fall away” is to not adhere to the parameters of the marriage contract, i.e. to not obey the Torah, which equates to divorce. Today, all sects of so-called believers, who have rejected the Law/Torah as the means of serving their Husband YHWH, are guilty of apostasy and have divorced themselves from the covenant with their Elohim.
2. The “Man of Sin” shall be revealed. The word for sin here is (stg’s #G266) “hamartia”, meaning, an offense, i.e. sin; comes from a word that means to miss the mark (and thereby the reward). The scriptural definition of sin is “lawlessness” or as 1 John 3:4 says, “transgression of the law”. It is interesting that the falling away has to do with not obeying the Torah (Law) and this coming destroyer is one who does not obey the Torah. This is the doctrine of antichrist, that you no longer have to obey the Torah (Law) that YHWH gave through Moses to the children of Yisra’el.

**Authors note**: The modern Christian church believes that it is a Gentile church and so the law that was given to Yisra’el does not apply to it, however, this is part of that “doctrine of demons” called “dispensationalism” that I mentioned before. There is no scriptural thing called a “Gentile church”, because all strangers (Gentiles) that join Yisra’el in covenant with YHWH through His Son Yahushua, are no longer strangers or Gentiles but fellow citizens with them (Leviticus 19:33-34; Numbers 15:15-16 and Romans 11:11-24; Ephesians 2:8-19).

As to how this “son of destruction” shall be revealed, verse 4 gives us a very clear picture of what his revelation will look like, “**who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.”**

So, while there has been and continues to be a great “falling away” of the faith, it is only the first sign that the end is near and we still await the next, the revelation of the Son of Destruction, that Lawless One.

Messiah gave us a clue as to when this “Son of Destruction” would reveal himself.

**Mat 24:15**  “So when you see the ’abomination that lays waste,’ spoken of by Dani’ěl the prophet, set up in the set-apart place” – he who reads, let him understand,

For those of you who do not know, the “abomination that lays waste” referred to here is the one mentioned by the prophet Daniel (11:31) that was actually fulfilled by the Selucid King Antiochus IV Epiphanies, ca. 165 BCE.

Antiochus invaded the land of Judah, forced his Hellenistic culture upon them, burned the Torah scrolls, made the keeping of Sabbath and the Feast Days illegal, made circumcision illegal and made the dietary laws illegal, attempting to force people to eat pork under the threat of death.

**Authors note:** All the things that Antiochus Epiphanies could not accomplish at the point of a sword and the threat of death; modern Christian doctrine has accomplished through the opinions of hardhearted, stiff-necked men. Modern Christian doctrine has changed the Sabbath to Sun-day, said circumcision is no longer required among believers, substituted the Feast Days of YHWH with the practices of pagan idol worship (Christmas, Easter, Valentine’s Day, etc.) and they have convinced the Christian sheeple that they can eat anything they want because “Jesus made all things clean”. The very idea of this is complete and utter hogwash, they have made themselves no more than dogs returning to their vomit and pigs returning to the mire.

Antiochus Epiphanies went even farther and desecrated the altar of YHWH by offering swine on it and then set up a statue of Jupiter Olympus in its place. This is what the Scripture calls the “Abomination that Lays Waste” or the “Abomination of Desolation”.

As we have seen, this “Man of Sin” shall be revealed when he sets in the Dwelling Place of YHWH claiming to be Elohim, however this will include the raising of an image of this man (beast).

**Rev 13:13**  And he (2nd beast/False Prophet) does great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from the heaven on the earth before men.

**Rev 13:14**  And he **leads astray** those dwelling on the earth because of those signs which he was given to do before the beast (Man of Sin/Anti-Messiah), saying to those dwelling on the earth to **make an image to the beast** who was wounded by the sword, yet lived.

**Rev 13:15**  And there was given to him to give spirit to the image of the beast, **that the image of the beast should both speak and cause to be killed as many as would not worship the image of the beast.**

**Rev 13:16  And he causes all, both small and great, and rich and poor, and free and slave, to be given a mark upon their right hand or upon their foreheads,**

**Rev 13:17  and that no one should be able to buy or sell except he that has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

**Rev 13:18**  Here is the wisdom! He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred and sixty six.

So, we see then, like Antiochus Epiphanies, when this Anti-Messiah comes on the scene, part of his desecration of the things of YHWH will be the erection of an image of himself in the Dwelling Place of YHWH. I want to say here that the reference to the “Dwelling Place of YHWH” does not in and of itself mean the Temple.

All that needs to be in place for the Sacrificial System and Aaronic Priesthood to be reinstated is an altar sanctified unto YHWH and the Holy Place erected. Therefore, a replica of the Tabernacle that Yisra’el set up in the wilderness would be sufficient to fulfill all these last day prophecies, although the Temple Institute in Yisra’el is today prepared to set up a new Temple in a short period of time.

We know that the sacrificial system must be in place because of what the prophet Daniel said in 9:27, where this “coming prince” (man of sin) mentioned in verse 26 shall cause the sacrifices and offerings to cease and cause the spread of abominations.

**Dan 9:27**  “And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week **he shall put an end to slaughtering and meal offering. And on the wing of abominations he shall lay waste**, even until the complete end and that which is decreed is poured out on the one who lays waste.”

This is going to be a bad dude, even though he will promote himself as a diplomat, a peacekeeper and even a friend to Yisra’el.

Anyway, it is important that we understand that there is not a single passage of Scripture that suggests that Believers in the Last Day, regardless of how righteous they may be, will be removed from the scene prior to the persecutions of the Great Tribulation.

In fact, in Daniel 11, which is a shadow picture of what will take place in the Last Day, we see that the trials and persecutions of that time are meant to purify the people of YHWH.

**Dan 11:31**  “And strong ones shall arise from him and **profane the set-apart place, the stronghold, and shall take away that which is continual, and set up the abomination that lays waste.**

**Dan 11:32**  “And by flatteries he shall profane those who do wrong against the covenant, but the people who know their Elohim shall be strong and shall act.

**Dan 11:33**  “And those of the people who have insight shall give understanding to many. And **they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering**, for days.

**Dan 11:34**  “And when they stumble, they shall be helped, a little help, but many shall join them, by flatteries.

**Dan 11:35**  “And some **of those who have insight shall stumble, to refine them, and to cleanse them, and to make them white, until the time of the end**, for it is still for an appointed time.

Messiah has something to say about this as well.

**Mat 24:9**  “Then they shall **deliver you up to affliction and kill you**, and you shall be hated by all nations for My Name’s sake.

**Mat 24:10**  “And then **many shall stumble, and they shall deliver up one another**, and shall hate one another.

**Mat 24:11**  “And many false prophets shall rise up and **lead many astray**.

**Mat 24:12**  “**And because of the increase in lawlessness, the love of many shall become cold.**

**Mat 24:13**  “But **he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved**.

The ones that will eventually be delivered from this world and inherit the kingdom are those who “endure to the end”. If believers were rapture in some mysterious event before the tribulations and persecutions of the last day took place, what is there to endure?

Because these modern Christian pre-tribulation teachers recognized this in-congruency they developed the concept of “Tribulation Saints” or those who did not believe in “Jesus” before He raptured His church away but did choose to believe in Him after that. The problem is there is no scriptural evidence to suggest any such thing; it is purely a man-made contrivance.

We know there will be believers all the way up until the tribulation begins and we know that we are encouraged to endure through the tribulations and hardships so that we could be refined by them. Why then do we not just take the Scripture for what it says and stop trying to add our own thoughts and opinions do it?

Another trick of the Christian pre-tribulation teacher is the idea that in the book of Revelation the so-called “church” is mentioned in the first three chapters but at the beginning of the fourth chapter there is evidence of a “rapture”.

Furthermore, they suggest that after verse 2 of chapter 4 there is no longer any mention of the “church”, and they state this is evidence of a pre-tribulation rapture. Is this true?

**Rev 4:1**  After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet **speaking with me**, saying, “Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this.”

**Rev 4:2**  **And immediately I came to be in the Spirit** and saw a throne set in the heaven, and One sat on the throne.

The answer is NO! These end time charlatans, that call themselves Bible teachers, would have you believe that this is evidence that the entire body of believers is raptured from the earth, to include the resurrection of the dead believer, because of what it says in this verse.

Now I am hoping that the reader is observant enough to see through this silliness, considering all that we have already seen in the Scripture. For example:

1. The Resurrection/Rapture is preceded by the sun being darkened, the moon not giving its light and the stars of heaven being shaken (Matthew 24:29).
2. The Resurrection/Rapture is preceded by a sign of the Son of Man in heaven descending on the clouds where all eyes have seen him and mourn him who they have pierced (Matthew 24:30).
3. The Resurrection/Rapture is preceded by voices, shouts of the Archangel and trumpets (Matthew: 24:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

You see any of these things in Revelation 4? All it says here is that, a door in heaven was opened and a voice called down to John telling him to come up here and then John was in the spirit seeing the vision, nothing more. No mention of Angels no mention of trumpets no mention of shouts of an Archangel, though they might argue that the voice that said, “come up here” was the Archangel. This is simply John being called to be a witness of the things, “which were, which are, and which are to come”.

As to the lack of mention of the “church” after chapter 4, we see the modern Christian confusion over who believers are once they believe in Yahushua. As stated above, and is taught by both Moses and Paul, once you come into the covenant you are neither a Jew nor Gentile, but we are all one family and that family’s name is Yisra’el.

**Lev 19:33**  ‘And when a stranger sojourns with you in your land, do not oppress him.

**Lev 19:34**  ‘**Let the stranger who dwells among you be to you as the native among you**, and you shall love him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim. I am יהוה your Elohim.

Even in the Torah, the concept that there is neither Jew nor Gentile among those who are in covenant with YHWH was in place. More importantly, it is not a doctrinal idea but a commandment of Torah, it is Law. What is more, it is a law forever!

**Num 15:15**  One law is for you of the assembly and for the stranger who sojourns with you – a law forever throughout your generations. As you are, so is the stranger before יהוה.

**Num 15:16**  One Torah and one right-ruling is for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.’ ”

“A law forever throughout your generations” includes today, tomorrow and into eternity. The idea of a “Gentile Church” is foreign to the Scripture. Furthermore, the concept of a “Spiritual Israel” is equally foreign to the Scripture.

As we have shown, the admittance of a Gentile into covenant with YHWH through belief is a doctrine of the Tanak (Old Testament), not the “New Testament”. Once they believe, they are not a “spiritual” member of Yisra’el, but a lawfully adopted member of the household with full rights, privileges and responsibilities

Because the pre-tribulation rapture teachers do not understand the truth and fact of the adoption, they don’t see the “church” after chapter 4 in the book of Revelation.

However, if they understood that the “ecclesia” (church, i.e. meaning assembly or congregation) is actually Yisra’el, as clearly stated by Brother Stephen in Acts 7:38, then they would see the “Assembly” of Yahushua throughout the book of Revelation.

Revelation 12 prophesies of the fact that YHWH shall protect the woman (Yisra’el) in the wilderness during this tribulation. She will be persecuted by the world system and she will be killed at every opportunity, but she will overcome.

Just remember, the Children of Yisra’el consist of both native born and Gentiles who have joined them in covenant with YHWH through faith in Yahushua Messiah. They are in fact Yisra’el by lawful adoption, not some spiritual idea called a Gentile church.

What Mr. Darby and his ilk have done is, instead of searching the Scripture to find out what the Scripture actually said, they had a preconceived idea of what they wanted it to say and then systematically searched through the Scripture picking out verses that they could twist out of context to mean what they wanted.

Then they sold this malarkey to us as truth, feeling confident that none of us would actually study to find out whether what they said was true or not, unfortunately they were right for the most part, we just accepted the line of crap they gave us because they seem like fine decent men.

The moment we stopped reading the Scripture for ourselves and taking what it said at face value, with a heart willing to obey it, and started listening to self-important men with all their self-important titles, we rapidly started “falling away” from the truth and if we don’t repent and turn back to YHWH with a heart of submission, our faith will do us no good in the Last Day.

John said, in the Revelation, that those who shall endure are those who “keep the commands of Elohim and have belief in Yahushua Messiah” (Revelation 14:12).

Though I think we’ve covered this pretty thoroughly, I’m going to show you where in the book of Revelation, the Resurrection/Rapture takes place, however you have to understand that the book of Revelation is not wholly chronological but has sections of overlapping visions.

Revelation is a series of visions written down as they were given and in these visions are elements that overlap, so until you learn to decipher these things your understanding will be limited.

Furthermore, the book of Revelation is the fulfillment of the fall Feast Days of YHWH , as listed in Leviticus 23, beginning in verse 23. This is vital to understanding the elements described in Revelation and the timing of each element.

For example, the Day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) is the day that the trumpet blast shall gather all the people together to welcome their King. It is the day that the Resurrection/Rapture will take place.

It is traditionally called “the day and hour no man knows” because it is the only feast day that lands on a new moon. Nowadays we know with mathematical precision when the moon goes into conjunction between the sun and the earth, so we can know for certain when the new moon should be, however, and there is some debate about this, you begin counting the new moon (month) from the evening that the first sliver of light from the new moon is seen on the horizon. This sliver of the new moon is the sign that the new month has begun.

Unfortunately, since it has to be seen, if it is cloudy on the day it is supposed to appear and therefore unable to be seen, then the next evening automatically begins counting the new month. So, we don’t know exactly what day or what hour the feast of trumpets will begin until the sign is actually seen in the heavens.

Below are the passages in the book of Revelation that are connected to the Resurrection/ Rapture.

**Rev 6:12-17; 10:7; 11:15-18; 14:1-5, 14-16; 19:1-10; 20:1-6.**

Below are the passages in the book of Revelation that are connected to the Day of Wrath, on the Day of YHWH, at the return of Yahushua Messiah.

**Rev 6:12-17; 10:7; 11:15-18; 14:6-13, 17-20; 15:1-18:24; 19:11-21.**

In conclusion, let me just say that a rudimentary examination of the passages concerning the Last Days can be easily understood and the timing easily discerned if we take the Scripture at face value and don’t go into it with any preconceived thoughts, ideas or desires. This author’s opinion concerning the timing of Revelation and the Resurrection/Rapture is as follows.

The opening of the Seals of Revelation 6, by Messiah, represent the “signs of His coming and the end of the age” mentioned in Matthew 24. The institution of the Sacrificial System and the Aaronic Priesthood will coincide with the opening of the first seal and represent the “confirming a covenant with many for one week”, mentioned in Daniel 9:27.

This “one week” is actually a period of seven years, in which the first 3 ½ years will witness the rise of a charismatic leader who is popular and quasi-peaceful to those who would work in concert with them. Because of this leader, wars will be fought, famine and sickness will spread throughout the world killing hundreds of millions people.

At the end of that 3 ½ years, this leader will enter the Land of Yisra’el, put an end to the sacrificial system, spread abomination in the holy places, including the erection of a statue of himself and a declaration of his own divinity. He will pursue Yisra’el (both the true Yisra’el of Faith, as well has the unbelieving native seed - Judah) into the wilderness in an attempt to destroy them from the face of the earth.

This defilement of the sacrifices and the erection of the statue, the Abomination of Desolation, will set in motion the 1260 day Great Tribulation referred to in Daniel 11. There are actually three time periods mentioned in Daniel 11 which I will cover thoroughly in the “Chronology of Revelation” teaching I mentioned earlier.

The Seals will stretch throughout the entire seven-year period of time with the 6th Seal, the darkening of the sun, the moon and the stars, marking the end of the seven year period of time and the end of the 3½ year Great Tribulation.

The 1st Trumpet shall sound at or just after the Abomination of Desolation is set up and the Trumpets will blow periodically throughout the 3½ year Great Tribulation, with the 7th and Last Trumpet sounding some time just after the 6th Seal darkens the sun, the moon and the stars. Considering the sequence and timing of the Fall Feasts of YHWH, I Believe there’ll be a 30 day period between the beginning of the 6th Seal and the sounding of the 7th Trumpet.

The 7th Trumpet will sound on the first day of the seventh month on the biblical calendar, which is Yom Teruah, the Day of Trumpets. The Day of trumpets represents two things: (1) gathering of the people to be presented before the throne of YHWH and (2) the call to battle and the pouring out of the wrath of YHWH.

Yahushua shall descend from heaven with His angels and flaming fire and shall gather His elect, both the dead and the living, from the four winds of heaven and they shall descend with Him to the Mount of Olives is prophesied in Zechariah 14.

**Zec 14:1**  See, a day shall come for יהוה, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst.

**Zec 14:2**  And I shall gather all the nations to battle against Yerushalayim. And the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into exile, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**Zec 14:3**  And יהוה shall go forth, and He shall fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

**Zec 14:4**  And in that day His **feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which faces Yerushalayim on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.**

**Zec 14:5**  And you shall flee to the valley of My mountain – for the valley of the mountains reaches to Atsal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziyah sovereign of Yehuḏah. **And יהוה my Elohim shall come – all the set-apart ones with You.**

Then, as the Bowls of Wrath (Revelation 16) are being poured out, the Great Assembly of

Believers will stand before the throne of our Elohim, palm branches in hand, (Revelation 7:9-17;

19:1-10) honoring the King who will proceed to judge them according to all their works to receive their reward (Revelation 11:18).

Ten days later, at the Feast of Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, Yahushua will descend on a white horse and all of His saints with Him, to destroy His enemies in the Valley of Decision and cleanse the land in their blood (19:11-19).

To know the timing of end-time matters, one must have a good knowledge of what has passed and what is written, because without that, we are just blowing smoke.

Shalom.