

A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies

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PART 12

The Seventh Trumpet: The Rapture and Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua

At the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet of the Book of Revelation, the Catching Up, called the Rapture, takes place.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of His Christ [Messiah]; and He will reign forever and ever."

At the time the Seventh Trumpet sounds, the kingdom of our Lord Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) begins. We will show that the Rapture takes place several days (not years) prior to Messiah Yeshua returning to Earth to rule the world during the Millennial Kingdom.

As we have shown in previous parts of this study, the 70th Week of Daniel has already been completely fulfilled. The covenant referred to in Daniel 9:27 is the New Covenant, not a false peace treaty made by Antichrist with Israel. We will also show in future parts of this study, that the Temple will be rebuilt after, not before, Messiah Yeshua returns.

MESSIAH YESHUA DESCENDS FROM HEAVEN TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Just as Messiah Yeshua ascended into Heaven from the summit of the Mount of Olives, He will descend from Heaven to the summit of the Mount of Olives at His Second Coming:

Acts 1:9 And after He [Messiah Yeshua] had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them;

Acts 1:11 and they also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This **Jesus [Yeshua], who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.**”

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from **the mount called Olivet [Mount of Olives]**, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away (emphasis added).

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south (emphasis added).

Messiah Yeshua will set foot down on the Mount of Olives, east of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. A great light flashes at His coming – the light of the Shekinah, the Glory Cloud of the Lord’s presence:

Matthew 24:27 “For just as the **lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west**, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be” (emphasis added).

Exodus 24:16 And the [**Shekinah**] **glory** of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the [**Shekinah**] **cloud** covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the [**Shekinah**] **cloud**.

Exodus 24:17 And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the [**Shekinah**] **glory** of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top (emphasis added).

As lightning comes from the east – from the Mount of Olives – and flashes to the west – to the Temple Mount – Messiah Yeshua will return to Jerusalem. He will descend from Heaven to the summit of the Mount of Olives – where He was crucified, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven – and return to the Temple Mount, where the seat of His Throne of the Millennial Kingdom will stand in the Millennial Temple.

The last time Yeshua was on the Earth, He walked from the Temple Mount to the Mount of Olives as the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for the sins of humanity. When He returns, He will follow the same path back from the Mount of Olives to the Temple Mount, as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lord of lords and King of kings, to rule and reign from Jerusalem!

THE TWO WITNESSES KILLED IN THE SAME PLACE YESHUA WAS CRUCIFIED

In 2005, Peter Michas had a vision showing the Two Witnesses giving their final message from the Observation Point on the summit of the Mount of Olives east of the Temple Mount. Then the vision showed the Two Witnesses walking from the Observation Point along the main road north to the true Crucifixion site at the summit of the Mount of Olives, a large undeveloped dirt

lot located in the midst of an Arab neighborhood. There, the vision showed the Two Witnesses are killed – in the same area Yeshua was crucified. This powerful truth is confirmed in the Word of God:

Revelation 11:8 And **their [the Two Witnesses'] dead bodies will lie** in the street of the great city [Jerusalem] which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also their Lord was crucified** (bold emphasis added).

Confirmation that the Mount of Olives is the place where Yeshua was crucified is also found in the Word of God:

Hebrews 13:11 For the bodies of those [Day of Atonement] animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned **outside the camp**.

Hebrews 13:12 Therefore Jesus [Yeshua] also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered **outside the [Eastern] gate** (bold emphasis added).

The bodies of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) sacrifices were burned “outside the camp”, “outside the [Eastern] gate”, on the Mount of Olives. For an in-depth study proving that the Crucifixion site is located on the summit of the Mount of Olives in the area where the Day of Atonement sacrifices were burned, near the place of the Red Heifer sacrifice, see our free online book, *The Rod of an Almond Tree in God's Master Plan*, Chapter 2 The Mount of Olives – True Site of the Crucifixion (www.messengers-of-messiah.org).

Peter's vision about the Two Witnesses happened while his wife Christie Michas was in Israel with the Messengers of Messiah ministry tour group. Peter was at home, unable to travel due to an injury. Just before the group was scheduled to go to the Mount of Olives, Peter called Christie in Israel and told her what the Lord showed him concerning the Two Witnesses. As Christie and the tour group rode the bus to the Pater Noster Church, where Yeshua's tomb is

located, Christie saw large amounts of rocks in the area of the Crucifixion site, and immediately thought: There are plenty of rocks to stone the Two Witnesses.

As our tour group walked along the road from the Observation Point – the same road Peter saw in the vision that the Two Witnesses walk from the Observation Point to the Crucifixion site just before they are killed – we came to the undeveloped dirt lot. Christie saw Two Olive Trees inside the lot that line up along an east-west line, aligned with the Temple Mount, and just across the street from the Choshen Synagogue and Jewish residence. Immediately what came to her mind was Revelation 11 regarding the Two Witnesses being represented by Two Olive Trees.

Revelation 11:3 “And I will grant *authority* to **my two witnesses**, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 11:4 **These are the two olive trees** and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth (bold emphasis added).

It is amazing that, after all these centuries, this area remains undeveloped. Some years ago, there was an attempt to develop this lot into a shopping center, but it was stopped. We believe God has His purpose in keeping this lot open for the awesome prophetic events that will soon be taking place there.

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PHOTOS: CRUCIFIXION SITE, TWO OLIVE TREES, AND CHOSHEN SYNAGOGUE



Crucifixion Site: Large, undeveloped dirt lot located at the summit of the Mount of Olives, with a direct view of the Temple Mount across the Kidron Valley. The Jewish synagogue Choshen is located in the building with the flagpole.



Crucifixion Site: Note the Two Olive Trees inside the large, undeveloped dirt lot, directly across the street from the Jewish residence and Choshen Synagogue, the two buildings in the background. We believe these Two Olive Trees represent the Two Witnesses and mark the area where they will be killed on the summit of the Mount of Olives, the same place Yeshua was crucified (Revelation 11:3-4, 8).



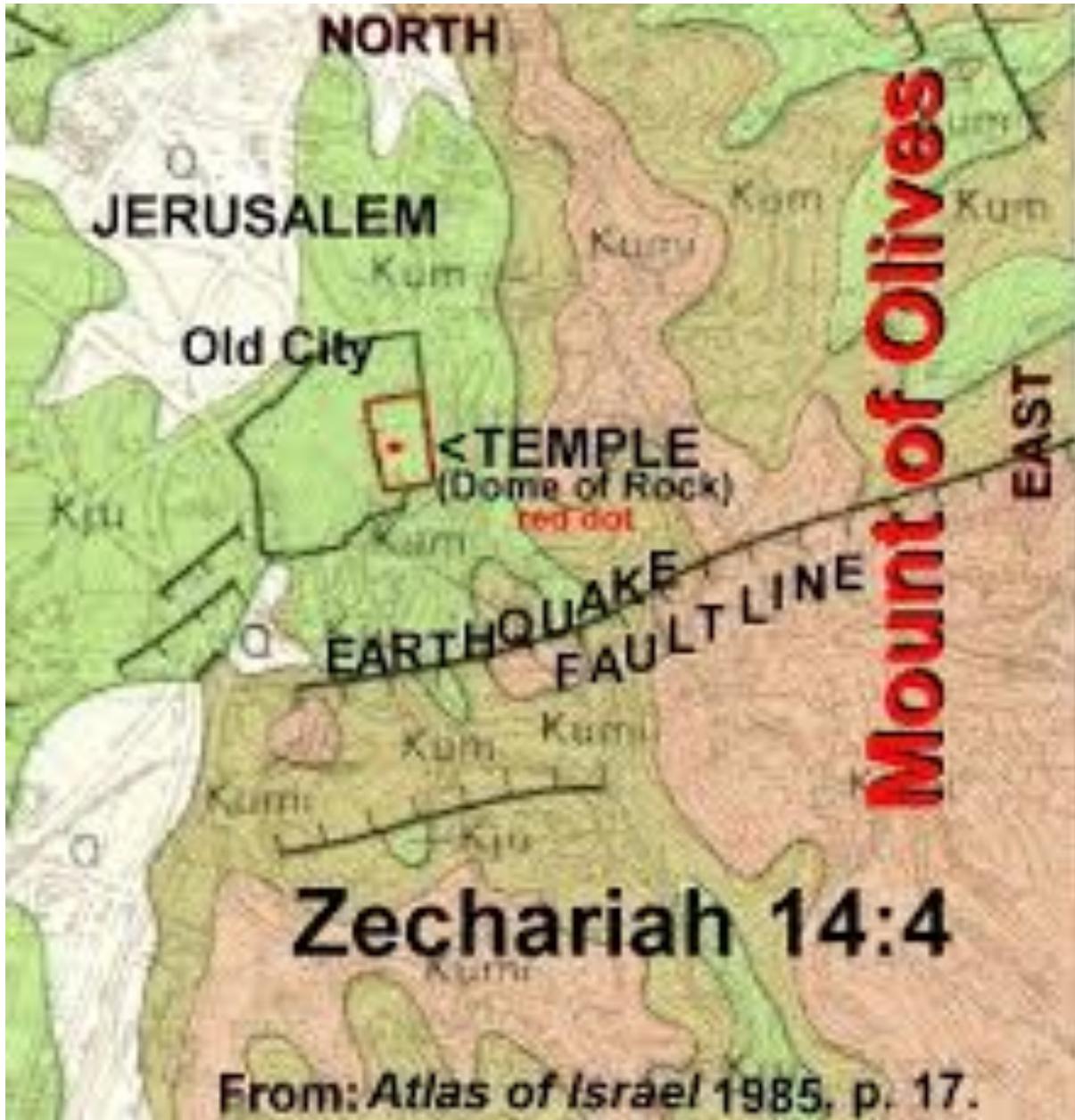
The Two Olives Trees at the Crucifixion Site: The two trees are aligned along an East-West line pointing to the Temple Mount. They are located across the street from the Jewish residence and Choshen Synagogue, the two buildings behind the two trees.



Crucifixion Site: Our Messengers of Messiah Israel tour group gathered around one of the Two Olive Trees. Note the presence of many rocks that could be used to stone the Two Witnesses.

MOUNT OF OLIVES EARTHQUAKE FAULT LINK TO ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY

The following illustration shows a fault line south of the Temple Mount, running East-West and continuing through the Mount of Olives.



Earthquake Fault Runs through the Mount of Olives¹

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This fits the description in Zechariah 14:4 concerning a future earthquake that will split the Mount of Olives from east to west, moving half the mountain to the north and half to the south

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Zechariah 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and **the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley**, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south (emphasis added).

Significantly:

a fault line was discovered under the Seven Arches hotel on the top of the Mount of Olives during the time of it's construction. "Its presence prohibited the Intercontinental Hotel (now called the Seven Arches Hotel) from being built on the brow of the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem as originally planned. It was re-located to the south and built on more stable ground where it stands today".²

² <http://discussions.godandscience.org/viewtopic.php?t=38866>



Seven Arches Hotel on the Mount of Olives: Note the Jewish cemetery in the foreground.



The Mount of Olives³

The Mount of Olives is one of three peaks of the mountain ridge that runs for 2.2 miles east of the Old City of Jerusalem: The northern peak, Mount Scopus, 2,710 feet; the central peak, Mount of Olives, 2,684 feet; and the southern peak, Mount of Corruption, 2,451 feet.⁴

If this fault ruptures and splits the Mount of Olives, separating it with a valley running east to west, pushing part of the mountain north, and the other part south, this would further separate the cemetery on the Mount of Olives from the rest of the mountain. This is very interesting as it separates the uncleanness of the graves from the place Yeshua descends to the Mount of Olives (Numbers 19:11-13).

³ <http://www.biblewalks.com/Photos49/MountOlives10.jpg> - <http://www.biblewalks.com/Sites/MountOlives.html>

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_of_Olives - Wikipedia, article: Mount of Olives, section 1: Geography & Geology - accessed February 27, 2016.

There are approximately 150,000 graves in the Mount of Olives cemetery. For 3,000 years, this mountain has been used as a Jewish cemetery because of the tradition that the resurrection of the dead would start on the Mount of Olives – and it did, with Yeshua’s resurrection, and the rising of all the souls in Sheol Paradise (“Abraham’s bosom” – Luke 16:22), who ascended into Heaven with Yeshua.⁵

The splitting and movement of the Mount of Olives would also further separate the central peak of the Mount of Olives – where Yeshua was crucified, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven – from the southern peak of the Mount of Olives, called the Mount of Corruption. The Mount of Corruption was the site of idol worship and infant sacrifice during Old Testament times.

1 Kings 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

1 Kings 11:8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

ISRAEL’S MAJOR FAULT LINE – EARTHQUAKE LONG OVERDUE

In addition to the fault line running through the Mount of Olives, there is a major fault line called the Jordan Rift Valley that runs North-South through the entire length of Israel, from the Sea of Galilee and along the Jordan River to the Dead Sea.⁶ The Jordan Rift Valley is part of the Great Rift Valley that runs for 3,700 miles from Lebanon to Mozambique in South Eastern Africa.⁷ An earthquake along this fault line could cause major damage throughout Israel, including Jerusalem, where the Temple Mount is at great risk of damage.

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_of_Olives - Wikipedia, article: Mount of Olives, section: Introduction - accessed February 27, 2016.

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan_Rift_Valley - Wikipedia article: Jordan Rift Valley, section: Introduction – accessed June 17, 2016.

⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Rift_Valley - Wikipedia article: Great Rift Valley, section: Introduction – accessed June 17, 2016.

The Fault Line in Jerusalem rivals that of the more well known San Andreas Fault in the West Coast of the United States. ... As it turns out **the worst hit area when an Earthquake occurs will be the Temple Mount**. Earthquakes have already occurred in Jerusalem. Zechariah mentions the Earthquake that occurred in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Scientists estimate that this Earthquake was 7.8 to 8.2 on the Richter Scale. An Earthquake in Jerusalem on January 15th, 1546 was 6.7 on the Richter Scale. The last Earthquake was in 1927 and caused the Allenby Bridge to collapse.

Earthquakes generally occur every 80 years in Jerusalem. There currently is 10 meters [33 feet] of unrelieved stress along the African Rift where the Jerusalem Fault Line occurs. In other words, **an Earthquake can occur in Jerusalem in the near future.** The Great Rift Valley runs for 3000 miles from Syria down to Mozambique caused by the separation of African and Eurasian Tectonic Plates (emphasis added).⁸

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, a major earthquake in Israel is long overdue:

The last major tremor occurred almost 1,000 years ago and the next one is about 600 years late.

While the area that encompasses Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria has suffered destructive earthquakes before, the kind of tremors that scientists classify as great — between a magnitude of seven or eight on the Richter scale — haven't ripped through the region in almost a millennium. **The lull in activity means the Holy Land and the surrounding region could soon be in store for a deadly rocker, scientists say.**

⁸ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Blogs/Message.aspx/6373> - "Jerusalem's Natural Fault Lines and the EU", Blogs Zion's Corner, *Arutz Sheva*, October 23, 2014 - accessed February 22, 2016.

“Most large earthquakes that are very destructive came in areas where there had been a long period of quiet, which is called a seismic gap,” Shmuel Marco, a professor of geophysics at Tel Aviv University, told The Media Line. “For Israel this is very worrying.”

The countries of the eastern Mediterranean sit on **the Dead Sea Fault, a 1,100-kilometer (680-mile) line where two tectonic plates under the earth’s surface meet**. When they rub together it causes earthquakes. Indeed, earthquakes have long been a part of the region’s history. The ancient Jewish historian Flavius Josephus recounted in his writings of a **massive earthquake in 33 B.C.**, which he said ... **killed 50,000 people**. Three more large earthquakes devastated the region, as well, in 363 AD, 749, and 1033 — **roughly 400-year intervals**.

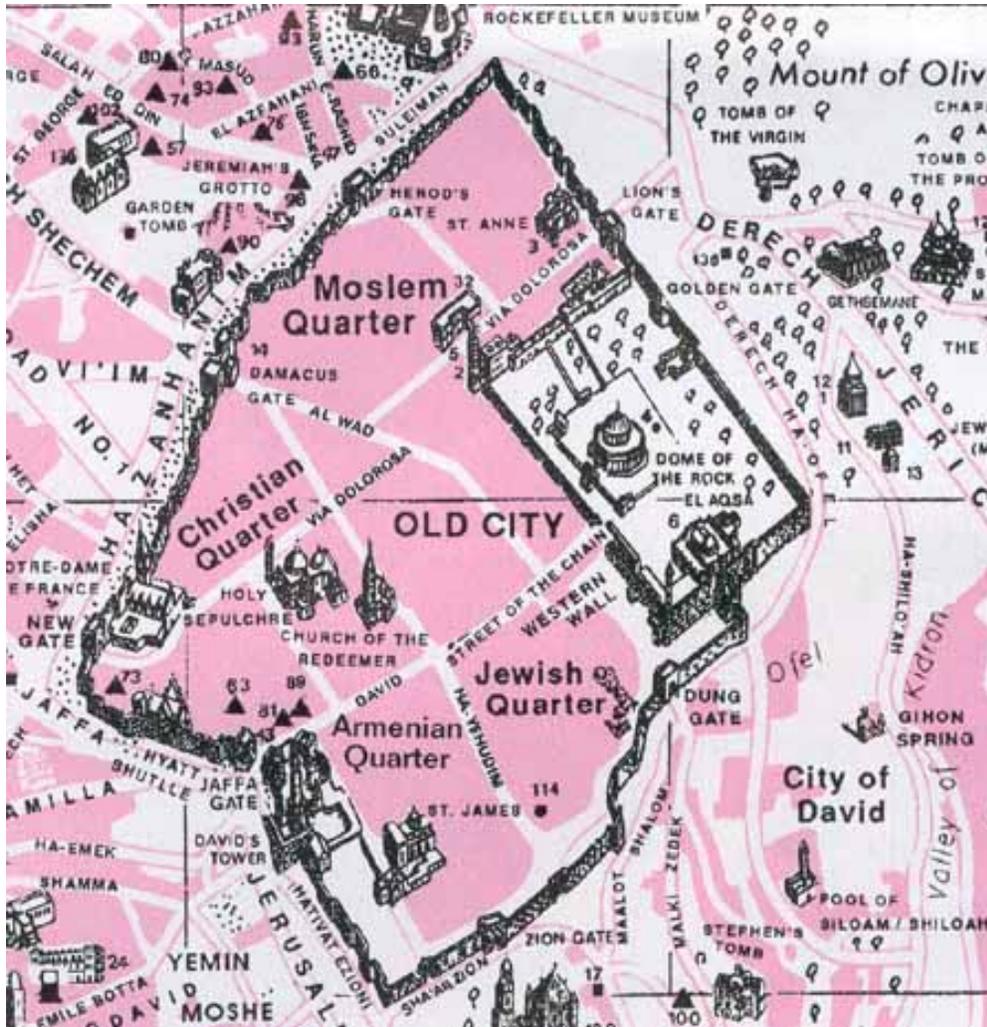
While small earthquakes that can only be detected with seismological equipment rumble in the region every day, **the last medium-sized earthquake to hit the region was in 1927, just north of the Dead Sea**. That earthquake, with a magnitude of 6.2, was one of the first in the region measured on the Richter scale, a 10-point scale that measures the energy released by earthquakes.

The 1927 tremor damaged buildings and killed hundreds in Jerusalem and Tiberias in Israel and Nablus in the West Bank. Another medium-sized earthquake struck in southern Lebanon **in 1837**, destroyed much of Safed, in present day northern Israel, and **killed an estimate 4,000 people**. A 6.2 magnitude earthquake also struck 90 kilometers [56 miles] south of Aqaba in 1995.

But **a large earthquake is long overdue**, Marco said. “It will happen for sure, it’s only a question of when” (emphasis added).⁹

⁹ <http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Eastern-Mediterranean-awaits-inevitable-big-earthquake> – Benjamin Peim, “Eastern Mediterranean awaits inevitable big earthquake”, *The Media Line*, January 18, 2011 – accessed February 27, 2016.

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM AND TEMPLE MOUNT AT GREAT RISK FROM EARTHQUAKE



The Old City of Jerusalem and Temple Mount¹⁰

The Old City of Jerusalem and Temple Mount are at great risk from an earthquake:

a geological survey says the heart of biblical narrative, **Jerusalem's walled Old City**, would be among the worst hit parts of the city in the event of another earthquake because it rests on layers of debris, not solid rock.

¹⁰ <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/vic/Jerusalem2.html>

The three-year study, conducted by the Geological Survey of Israel and released this week, found that the Old City is more at risk than modern neighborhoods because of its ancient construction and the underground layers of shifting debris left behind by ransacking armies, said Amos Bein, the center's director.

"The layer below is not made of solid rock, but rather a kind of rubble," Bein said. Those weak foundations could magnify an earthquake's seismic wave, he said.

Researchers used computers to map Jerusalem's topography, geology, soil and the Old City's subterranean labyrinth of cisterns and tunnels.

Most at risk, the report says, is the Old City and the [Temple Mount] ... [the] elevated plaza housing two major mosques, including the gold-capped Dome of the Rock.

The site is known to Muslims as the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and to Jews as the Temple Mount — once home to the biblical Temples. Jews pray at one of the compound's outer walls, a remnant of the Temple complex — the Western Wall.

About half a dozen major earthquakes have hit the city over the last thousand years, Bein said, and archaeologists have found evidence of the damage. **The last big earthquake in the area was in 1927, when a magnitude 6.3 quake centered near Jericho, about 15 miles to the east of Jerusalem, killed more than 200 people.**

It rumbled through Jerusalem's holy places and may have been to blame for cracks in the southwestern corner of the mosque compound's outer wall, which some researchers have warned is in danger of collapse.

That earthquake also damaged Christianity's holiest place, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. ...

Some Israeli scientists have warned that another major earthquake appears likely to strike the Holy Land in the next 50 years.

The Great Rift Valley runs for 3,000 miles between Syria and Mozambique and passes through the Dead Sea, below Jerusalem's eastern hills. The fault line was caused by the separation of African and Eurasian tectonic plates 35 million years ago, a split that weakened the Earth's crust.

About 35 miles to the north, another fault line cuts the land east to west from the Mediterranean port of Haifa with the West Bank towns of Jenin and Nablus before reaching the Jordan River.

"This is a very active area which may produce a large earthquake once in a while," Bein said (emphasis added).¹¹

A major earthquake could cause great destruction on the Temple Mount and in the Old City of Jerusalem. The powerful earthquake(s) prophesied to take place at the time of the Rapture and Second Coming could very well bring down the Dome of the Rock, the Islamic shrine located on the site of the ancient Jerusalem Temple¹², making way for the building of the Millennial Temple (Ezekiel's Temple) after Messiah Yeshua returns to the Earth.

A major earthquake could also destroy the Al Aqsua Mosque on the southern end of the Temple Mount, as well as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City. Dedicated to the false god of Islam and built on the site of God's Holy Temple, the Dome of the Rock is a great abomination to God. So too is the Al Aqsua Mosque, as well as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which was built on a Roman pagan site, a temple to Venus, and is not the true site of the

¹¹ http://www.nbcnews.com/id/3980139/ns/technology_and_science-science/t/jeruselems-old-city-risk-earthquake/#.VtI3jHiodk4 - "Jerusalem's Old City at risk in earthquake", Science on NBCNEWS.com, January 19, 2004 – accessed February 27, 2016.

¹² Leen Ritmeyer, *The Quest: Revealing the Temple Mount in Jerusalem* (Jerusalem: Carta, 2006).

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MESSIAH YESHUA'S SECOND COMING PROPHESED BY ZECHARIAH

According to the prophetic timeline revealed by the Appointed Times of the Lord (Leviticus 23), the fulfillment of Zechariah 14:4 about the splitting of the Mount of Olives, the Rapture and Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua, links to the period of time from Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement).

The splitting of the Mount of Olives by an earthquake is very clearly linked to the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua.

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day His [Messiah Yeshua's] feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Yeshua will descend from Heaven to Earth on the summit of the Mount of Olives, and His thousand-year reign from Jerusalem will begin:

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ [Messiah] and will **reign with Him for a thousand years** (emphasis added).

Remarkably, the Jews read Zechariah 14 (the Haftorah reading) in the synagogues on the first day of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles), following Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. (Note: The

Haftorah reading is a reading from the Prophets of the Hebrew Bible, publicly read in synagogue as part of Jewish religious practice.)

Zechariah 14 refers to enemies attacking Israel, the Mount of Olives splitting and the Lord Messiah's coming, as well as the celebration of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) by Israel and the nations after the Lord defeats Israel's enemies:

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

Zechariah 14:2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

The specific prophecy in Zechariah 14:2, regarding the division of the city of Jerusalem and the exile of the Jews from half the city, has already been fulfilled. In the War of Independence, the Arabs gained control of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, and the Mount of Olives. For the first time in its history, the city of Jerusalem became a divided city. The Jews were expelled from East Jerusalem and exiled for 20 years until the 1967 Six Day War, when the Jews regained the Old City, Temple Mount, Mount of Olives, Judea and Samaria. The city of Jerusalem was reunited and, we believe, will never be divided again as God is in the process of restoring Jerusalem and the Land of Israel to the Jewish people.

Zechariah 14:3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

Zechariah 14:4 And **in that day His [Messiah Yeshua's] feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Zechariah 14:6 And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.

Zechariah 14:7 For **it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD**, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

Zechariah 14:8 And it will come about in that day that living [flowing] waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea [Dead Sea] and the other half toward the western sea [Mediterranean Sea]; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

Zechariah 14:9 **And the LORD will be king over all the earth**; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.

Zechariah 14:10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

Zechariah 14:11 And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for **Jerusalem will dwell in security**.

Zechariah 14:16 **Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths [Feast of Tabernacles; Sukkot]** (bold emphasis added).

THE PROPHETIC TIMELINE OF END-TIME EVENTS

In Part 11 of this study, Future End-Time Events Overview, we correct the prophetic timeline of end-time events. There is a major error in the prophetic timeline as it is generally taught, based upon the error that the 70th Week of Daniel is a future seven-year Tribulation. As we have shown from the Word of God and the history of major prophetic events, the 70th Week is completely fulfilled. The covenant referred to in Daniel 9:27 is the New Covenant made by Messiah Yeshua, not a false peace treaty made by Antichrist with Israel. (See our free prophecy study *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, Parts 1, 2, 3, and 11, www.messengers-of-messiah.org).

Erroneous Prophetic Timeline – Order of Future End-Time Events

1. War of Gog-Magog (Ezekiel 38)
2. Antichrist makes false peace treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27) with provision to rebuild the Temple
3. Rapture
4. Seven-Year Tribulation begins
5. During the Tribulation, the Seals, Trumpets and Bowls of Revelation take place
6. Midpoint in the Tribulation, Antichrist goes into Temple, proclaims himself God
7. Midpoint in the Tribulation, Antichrist kills the Two Witnesses
8. Armageddon takes place at end of the Tribulation
9. Second Coming

This wrong timeline is based on not understanding that the 70th Week of Daniel has already been completely fulfilled and is not about a future seven-year Tribulation. The Seventy Weeks Prophecy is a prophecy about the First Coming of Messiah Yeshua (Daniel 9:24-27). The covenant described in Daniel 9:27 refers to the New Covenant made by Messiah Yeshua, not a false peace treaty made by Antichrist with Israel.

Daniel 9:26 “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off [killed] and have nothing, and the [Roman] people of the prince [Titus] who is to come will destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [Temple]. And its [Jerusalem’s] end will come with a flood [of Roman soldiers]; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”

Daniel 9:27 “And **he [Messiah Yeshua] will make a firm covenant [the New Covenant] with the many for one week [70th Week]**, but in the middle of the week he [Yeshua] will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering [by His once-for-all-time sin-atonement sacrifice]; and on the wing of abominations will come one [Rome] who makes desolate [destroys Jerusalem], even until a complete

destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one [Rome] who makes [Jerusalem] desolate (emphasis added).”

Note that the word “for” (“**for** one week” in Daniel 9:27) is not in the original text. Adding the word “for” is misleading because it leads to misinterpreting that the covenant is limited to a seven-year period. However, once the word “for” is deleted and the understanding that “one week” refers to the 70th Week, we have a clearer understanding that the New Covenant was made by Messiah Yeshua during the 70th Week. Yeshua’s ultimate sacrifice for sin atonement “put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering” because no other sacrifice for sin was either acceptable to God or efficacious for sin atonement.

Yeshua prophesied about the destruction of the Temple to His disciples:

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus [Yeshua] came out from the temple and was going away when **His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.**

Matthew 24:2 And He answered and said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, **not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down.**”

Matthew 24:3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (emphasis added).

Yeshua’s prophecy about the destruction of the Temple is a major prophecy that was fulfilled. Yet the prophecy teachers who teach a future seven-year Tribulation fail to understand that much of what Yeshua describes in Matthew 24 deals with the events leading up to the catastrophic destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in AD 70. Instead, they place all these events during a future seven-year Tribulation.

Yeshua’s prophecy about the destruction of the Temple directly links to the 70th Week of Daniel’s Seventy Weeks Prophecy concerning the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70 (Daniel 9:26-27). The fulfillment of this prophecy has been left out of the wrong

interpretation of the prophetic timeline because of the lack of understanding that the covenant in Daniel 9:27 is the New Covenant that has already been fulfilled. The covenant is not a false peace treaty made by Antichrist with Israel. This is a major error that totally distorts the understanding of the sequence of end-time events, resulting in a major error in the traditional end-time events timeline.

The main purpose for Yeshua's First Coming was to establish the New Covenant. That is the main focus of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy. The fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 9:27 focuses on the New Covenant – the reason Messiah Yeshua came the first time, to pay the price for sin and to establish the New Covenant. We have previously taught this subject in detail. For the entire free study, go to our ministry website (www.messengers-of-messiah.org), *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, Part 2: The 70 Weeks Prophecy of Daniel – The New Covenant Is the Covenant of Daniel 9:27.

In order to understand the correct prophetic timeline, we also need to understand that the Man of Lawlessness is Roman Emperor Constantine, and that the Apostasy the apostle Paul warned about was the falling away from Biblical Truth and the establishment of the Apostate Roman Church (“the apostasy” – 2 Thessalonians 2:3) that corrupted God's Biblical Truth with paganism and replaced God's Appointed Times (Leviticus 23) – the true Biblical Holy Days that reveal God's master plan of redemption, the prophetic picture, pattern, and timeline – with pagan holidays, thus obscuring the understanding of God's prophetic timeline and fulfillment of end-time prophecy.

Daniel 7:25 ‘And **he [the Little Horn arising from the Roman Empire]** will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to **make alterations in [God's appointed] times and in [God's] law** (emphasis added).

Therefore, the Antichrist is not a future world ruler who makes a false peace treaty with Israel. The Antichrist has to do with the apostate religious system that corrupted Biblical Truth with paganism. The Roman Emperor Constantine officially established the apostate Roman Church

(the “apostasy” of 2 Thessalonians 2:3), which became the only legal religion of the Roman Empire. Eventually, leadership of the false Church of Rome passed from Constantine and a succession of Roman emperors to the Roman Papacy. (For our free in-depth study of this subject, see *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, Part 6 The Man of Lawlessness & the Apostasy – Emperor Constantine & the Roman Church, www.messengers-messiah.org.)

In order to understand the correct end-time prophetic timeline, it is necessary to understand what we have detailed in our entire study, *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, because we also explain the Abomination of Desolation (there is more than one), the Beast from the Sea with Seven Heads and Ten Horns, the Beast from the Earth with Two Heads, and the past fulfillment of the Seven Seals and first six Trumpets in Revelation. All this is essential foundation in order to understand the timing of future end-time events, including the Rapture and the Second Coming.

CORRECTED PROPHETIC TIMELINE OF END-TIME EVENTS

We will show that the Rapture and the Second Coming take place very close together in time. There is no separation between these two events in terms of years, as is taught according to the wrong prophetic timeline, with the Rapture happening before the start of the seven-year Tribulation, or, alternatively, the Rapture happening three and a half years into the Tribulation (at the midpoint). Therefore, there is no pre-Tribulation or mid-Tribulation Rapture.

We see that many prophetic events will be taking place very close together in time, including the killing of the Two Witnesses; the resurrection of the Two Witnesses, coinciding with the Rapture; the splitting of the Mount of Olives; the Seven Bowls of God’s Judgment Wrath; the attack on Israel by Islamic enemies; and Messiah Yeshua’s return.

Corrected Prophetic Timeline – Order of Future End-Time Events

1. Two Witnesses killed, lie dead for three and a half days on the summit of the Mount of Olives, in the place Yeshua was crucified
2. Seventh Trumpet of Revelation sounds
 - Two Witnesses resurrect and Rapture takes place
 - Great earthquake
 - Mount of Olives splits
3. Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven while Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath pour out on the Earth and Israel is attacked and invaded (War of Gog-Magog; Armageddon).
4. Second Coming – Yeshua returns, complete destruction of Israel's enemies; Millennial Kingdom begins; Temple rebuilt

THE CATCHING UP, CALLED THE RAPTURE

The Greek word *parousia* (Strong's #3952) translates as "coming" in 1 Thessalonians 4:15, referring to Yeshua's Second Coming.

1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the **coming** [*parousia*] of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep [died] (emphasis added).

The Greek word *harpazo* (Strong's #726) translates "caught up" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. The verb means to be carried or snatched away suddenly.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** [*harpazo*] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord (emphasis added).

The Catching Up of believers into Heaven is commonly referred to as the Rapture, the word “rapture” coming from the Latin word *rapturo*, translated from the Greek word *harpazo*.

The word *harpazo* is also found in Acts 8:39, describing Philip being “caught away” (KJV) or “snatched away” (NASB) by the Spirit of the Lord from one place (Gaza – Acts 8:26) and instantly transported to another place (Azotus).

Acts 8:39 And when they came up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away [*harpazo*]**; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:40 But Philip found himself at Azotus; and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea (emphasis added).

In addition, the word *harpazo* is also found in 2 Corinthians 12:2, 4, in which Paul (speaking in the third person) describes himself being “caught up” to the third heaven, the dwelling place of God.

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ [Messiah] who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows — such a man was **caught up [*harpazo*]** to the third heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:3 And I know how such a man — whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows —

2 Corinthians 12:4 was **caught up [*harpazo*]** into Paradise [the Heavenly Paradise], and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak (emphasis added).

(Note: The Third Heaven refers to the dwelling place of God. The First Heaven refers to the atmosphere surrounding Earth. The Second Heaven refers to space.)

THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING HAPPEN CLOSE TOGETHER IN TIME

The Word of God clearly shows that the Rapture is associated with the Second Coming – that these two events take place close together in time, not separated by years as is generally taught.

The apostle Paul refers to the Second Coming and Rapture being linked together and taking place in association with the Day of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to **the [second] coming of our Lord Jesus [Yeshua] Christ [Messiah], and our gathering together to Him [Rapture]**,

2 Thessalonians 2:2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that **the day of the Lord** has come (emphasis added).

The Day of the Lord does not necessarily refer to a single 24-hour day, but can also refer to a period of time, in this case, a period of days when events associated with Messiah Yeshua's Second Coming take place. This includes the Rapture, when believers are caught up to Heaven with Yeshua for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Days (not years) later, Messiah Yeshua returns with believers from Heaven to Earth to completely destroy Israel's enemies and begin His rule on Earth from Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom.

Yeshua tells us that the Rapture takes place at the time of His coming (Matthew 24:27, 29-31):

Matthew 24:27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall **the coming of the Son of Man** be.

Matthew 24:29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL** from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken (bold emphasis added).

Note: The “tribulation of those days” is not referring to a future seven-year tribulation period. The Greek word *thlipsis* (Strong’s #2347), translated “tribulation”, also means “pressure”, “affliction”, “distress”, “trouble”, or “persecution”. There is no doubt we are currently in a time of tribulation, in Israel, in the Middle East, and throughout the world. In particular, this tribulation is being caused by Islamic terrorism.

Matthew 24:30 “and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory (bold emphasis added).

Matthew 24:31 “And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER [RAPTURE]** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other” (bold emphasis added).

To “gather together His elect” (Matthew 24:31) refers to the Rapture, when those who trust in Yeshua are caught up to Heaven. Matthew 24:30-31 shows that the Rapture takes place at Messiah Yeshua’s Second Coming. There is no period of years between the Rapture and the Second Coming in this prophetic picture. This also fits Paul’s description of Messiah Yeshua’s Second Coming and the Rapture taking place at the same time (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2). For a short time (days, not years), believers are in Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while the Seven Bowls of God’s Judgment Wrath pour out on the Earth. Then Yeshua returns to Earth for the final destruction of God’s and Israel’s enemies, and the Millennial Kingdom begins (Revelation 16, 18, 19).

Yeshua refers to “a great trumpet” (Matthew 24:31) sounding at the time believers are caught up to Heaven. The apostle Paul also refers to the “trumpet of God” sounding at the Catching Up/Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and to the “last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:52) sounding at the time those living on the Earth who are caught up, as well as those who are in Heaven, receive their immortal spiritual bodies. Therefore, the Rapture and what is called the resurrection of the dead, referring to the living souls in Heaven receiving their immortal bodies, take place simultaneously.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with **the trumpet of God**; and the dead in Christ [Messiah] shall rise first (bold emphasis added).

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed (bold emphasis added).

Paul's reference to "the last trumpet" is consistent with John's prophecy about the Seventh Trumpet of Revelation, when the Two Witnesses resurrect and are caught up to Heaven:

Revelation 11:11 And after the three and a half days **the breath of life from God came into them [the Two Witnesses]**, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And **they went up into heaven** in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them (emphasis added).

At the moment the Two Witnesses resurrect in immortal bodies and are caught up to Heaven, the Rapture takes place, when those who are alive and are caught up are "changed", meaning their physical bodies are instantaneously changed into immortal bodies. Those who have already died a physical death and are in Heaven at this time are "raised", meaning they receive immortal bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed,

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead [living souls in Heaven] will be raised [resurrected] imperishable, and we shall be changed.**

1 Corinthians 15:53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality (emphasis added).

When we put the prophetic picture together from the prophecies given to us by Yeshua Himself, Paul, and John, we clearly see that the resurrection of the Two Witnesses and the Rapture take place at the same time.

THE APOSTLE PAUL DESCRIBES THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE CATCHING UP (RAPTURE)

The apostle Paul comforts believers by explaining to them that their loved ones who have died a physical death are very much alive in Heaven and will receive immortal bodies at the time of the Catching Up (Rapture).

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about **those who are asleep [dead]**, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus [Yeshua] died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep [died] in Jesus [Yeshua] (emphasis added).

“Those who are asleep” refers to those who have died a physical death. But the soul is eternal and does not die. It is who we really are. The physical body is only a temporary housing for the soul. In 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8, Paul tells us that when a person who trusts in Yeshua for salvation dies, they go to be with the Lord in Heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord —

2 Corinthians 5:8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

This shows that there is no such thing as “soul sleep” (the soul “sleeping” after death until the time of the resurrection) or purgatory – a person goes to either Heaven or Hell after the death of the physical body.

1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep [died].

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and **with the trumpet of God**; and **the dead in Christ [Messiah] shall rise [resurrect, receive their immortal bodies] first** (bold emphasis added).

Here Paul tells us that the Catching Up (Rapture) takes place “with the trumpet of God”. At the sounding of the trumpet, the living souls in Heaven “rise”, meaning they resurrect or receive their immortal bodies “first”, before those on the Earth who are caught up have their physical bodies instantly changed into immortal bodies.

Paul explains that both events take place “in the twinkling of an eye” at the “last trumpet”. This is called the “resurrection of the dead”.

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised [resurrected] imperishable, and we shall be changed** (emphasis added).

To be “raised” means to be resurrected, to receive an immortal body, like the immortal resurrection body of Yeshua. This takes place at the Rapture. Those in Heaven with the Lord receive their immortal bodies in an instant, as do those still alive when caught up from the Earth into Heaven – all in an order, beginning with those who are already with the Lord in Heaven, then those who are alive on Earth at the time of the Rapture.

Paul tells us that those who are alive and caught up at the time of the Rapture will be “changed”, meaning that their mortal physical bodies will be changed or transformed into immortal spiritual bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep [die a physical death], but **we shall all be changed [physical bodies changed into immortal bodies]**,

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead [living souls in Heaven] will be raised [receive immortal bodies] imperishable, and we shall be changed [physical bodies transformed into immortal bodies]**.

1 Corinthians 15:53 **For this perishable [mortal body] must put on the imperishable [immortal body], and this mortal must put on immortality.**

1 Corinthians 15:54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory” (bold emphasis added).

Paul says that those who are already with the Lord in Heaven “will be raised imperishable”, meaning that the living souls in Heaven will receive their immortal resurrection bodies. On the other hand, Paul says that those who are alive on Earth at the time of the Rapture will be caught up to be with the Lord and will be instantly “changed”, meaning the physical body will be changed or transformed into the immortal body.

The Greek word *allasso* (Strong’s #236) comes from the word *allos* (Strong’s #243), meaning “to make different” or “change”. *Allasso* means “to change the form or nature of a thing”.¹³ This

¹³ New Testament Dictionary, p. 2090. Spiros Zodhiates, *The Hebrew-Greek Key Word Study Bible*, New American Standard Bible, Revised Edition (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1984, 1990, 2008). W. E. Vine,

describes what happens to those who are alive and caught up to Heaven at the Rapture, when the mortal physical body is changed into the immortal spiritual body.

The change Paul refers to has to do with the change or transformation of our physical bodies into immortal bodies. The change does not change who we are because our true identity and essence is contained in the soul – our consciousness, our unique identity, our memories, etc. are all retained in the soul of each individual. We will not lose our identity in this transformation process, but we will have an immortal body that will never suffer, sicken or die.

THE RAPTURE TAKES PLACE AT THE LAST TRUMPET OF GOD

In 1 Corinthians 15:52, Paul tells us that the Rapture takes place at “the last trumpet of God”, when those in Heaven, and those living on the Earth caught up to Heaven, receive immortal bodies:

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised [resurrected] imperishable, and we shall be changed** (emphasis added).

In 1 Thessalonians 4:15, Paul also makes clear that “the trumpet of God” sounds at the time of the Rapture, when Yeshua comes and we are “caught up” to meet Him in the air.

1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until **the coming of the Lord**, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep [died].

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the **Lord Himself will descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with **the trumpet of God**; and the dead in Christ [Messiah] shall rise first.

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words, p. 95 (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984, 1996).

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds [Shekinah, Glory Cloud] **to meet the Lord in the air**, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

This reference to “the last trumpet” and “the trumpet of God” links to what Yeshua tells us about “a great trumpet” that sounds at His Second Coming and the Rapture, and also to what John tells us about the Seventh Trumpet of Revelation that sounds at the time of the resurrection of the Two Witnesses, coinciding with the Rapture.

In Matthew’s account, Yeshua refers to “a great trumpet” at the time of the Rapture and His Second Coming (Matthew 24:31).

Matthew 24:30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 “And He [Yeshua] will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other (bold emphasis added).

The angels will “gather together His elect”, referring to the Catching Up or Rapture, when those who are alive on Earth are caught up to Heaven to be with Yeshua at His Second Coming.

John tells us about the “seventh angel” sounding the Seventh Trumpet at the time of the resurrection of the Two Witnesses.

Revelation 11:11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And **they went up into heaven** in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:15 And the **seventh angel sounded [the Seventh Trumpet]**; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of His Christ [Messiah]; and He will reign forever and ever” (bold emphasis added).

The description of the Rapture given by Yeshua, Paul, and John all agree. The trumpet will sound as Yeshua returns in the Shekinah (Glory Cloud). The Rapture takes place – God’s angels gather Yeshua’s believers from Earth and they are caught up to be with Yeshua in Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:5-9).

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD TAKES PLACE AT THE RAPTURE

Messiah Yeshua resurrected from the dead and is called the “first fruits” of those who will also be raised/resurrected from the dead. Remember that death in this case refers only to the death of the physical body because the soul does not die when the physical body dies.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now **Christ [Messiah] has been raised [resurrected]** from the dead, **the first fruits** of those who are asleep [dead] (bold emphasis added).

Yeshua’s physical body died but He did not die. For three and a half days, Yeshua was in Sheol Paradise, the place where those who trusted in God resided after death of the physical body (Luke 23:43 “Paradise”).¹⁴ At the resurrection, Yeshua rose in an immortal body. At His ascension into Heaven, Yeshua took all the souls from Sheol Paradise to Heaven, where they await the Rapture, when they will also receive their immortal bodies.

¹⁴ Yeshua did not go to Sheol Torment, also called Hell or Hades. At the time of Yeshua, Sheol (the underworld place of the dead) was divided into Sheol Paradise (“Abraham’s bosom – Luke 16:22) and Sheol Torment (Hell/Hades).

The First Fruits of the Spring barley harvest were offered to God just after Passover, and represent Messiah Yeshua, the first to resurrect from the dead in an immortal body (Leviticus 23:10-12).

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ [Messiah] all shall be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:23 But each in his own order: **Christ [Messiah] the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's [Messiah's] at His coming** (bold emphasis added).

As the First Fruits of the Spring barley harvest represent the resurrection of Messiah Yeshua, the Fall harvest represents the resurrection of the dead, when the souls in Heaven receive their immortal bodies, at the same time the living on Earth who are caught up (raptured) receive their immortal bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:42 So also is **the resurrection of the dead** [those who have died a physical death but are in Heaven]. It is sown a perishable [mortal] *body*, it is raised an imperishable [immortal] *body*;

1 Corinthians 15:43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

1 Corinthians 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is **raised a spiritual body**. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we shall not all sleep [experience death of the physical body], but we shall all be changed [receive the immortal spiritual body]**,

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed** (bold emphasis added).

THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING LINK TO THE TEN DAYS OF AWE

As we have shown, the resurrection of the dead that takes place at the Rapture is associated with the Fall harvest, pointing to the Appointed Times of the Lord occurring during the Fall season (September/October). This includes the Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Teruah*), also called Rosh HaShanah; the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*); and the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*), also called the Feast of Booths – all of which fall in the seventh Biblical month of Tishri:

1. Feast of Trumpets – 1st of Tishri (Leviticus 23:24-25) – observed 1st to 2nd of Tishri.
2. Day of Atonement – 10th of Tishri (Leviticus 23:27-28).
3. Feast of Tabernacles – 15th to 21st of Tishri (Leviticus 23:34-36).

According to the prophetic pattern and timeline revealed by the Appointed Times, the Second Coming and Rapture are associated with the ten-day period beginning with the Feast of Trumpets and ending with the Day of Atonement. These are called the Ten Days of Awe or the Ten Days of Repentance:

The ten days starting with [Rosh Hashanah](#) and ending with [Yom Kippur](#) are commonly known as the Days of Awe (*Yamim Noraim*) or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur.¹⁵

¹⁵ <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/holiday3.html> - Jewish Virtual Library, article: Days of Awe – accessed June 27, 2016.

It is held that, while judgment on each person is pronounced on Rosh Hashanah, it is not made absolute until Yom Kippur. The Ten Days are therefore an opportunity to mend one's ways in order to alter the judgment in one's favor.^[2]¹⁶

The Ten Days of Repentance is a time that religious Jews focus on getting right with God and getting right with others – a time to turn to God and ask for forgiveness, a time to forgive others and to ask forgiveness from others. This is also the time that the prophetic picture indicates the Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath will pour out on the Earth (Revelation 16). Based on the prophetic picture of the Appointed Times, we believe the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua and the Rapture will take place during the Ten Days of Awe, an appropriate name for these most awesome events.

The Appointed Times of the Lord reveal God's prophetic picture, pattern, and timeline (Leviticus 23). Every important prophetic event of God's master plan of redemption takes place according to the Appointed Times and God's Biblical Calendar (Jewish calendar). For a detailed study of the prophetic picture and timeline of the Appointed Times of the Lord, see *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, Part 2: The 70 Weeks Prophecy of Daniel – The New Covenant Is the Covenant of Daniel 9:27, section: The Biblical Calendar and Biblical Holy Days.

As we show in Part 2 of this study, Messiah Yeshua was born during the Feast of Trumpets, also called Rosh HaShanah. This was His First Coming and all the signs point to a repeat of this prophetic pattern in regard to His Second Coming also taking place in association with the period of time from Rosh HaShanah to the Day of Atonement.

Yeshua said that the "day" and "hour" of His coming were unknown (Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32). This does not mean Yeshua will come on any random day of the year disconnected from the Biblical Calendar and prophetic timeline God has established and revealed in the Appointed Times. In fact, what Yeshua said actually points to one specific Appointed Time in particular –

¹⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Holy_Days - Wikipedia, article: High Holy Days, section 4: The Ten Days of Repentance – accessed June 27, 2016.

the Feast of Trumpets. This is because the Feast of Trumpets is the only Appointed Time of the Lord that falls on the first day of a Biblical lunar month – and at the time Yeshua made the statement, no one knew the day or the hour until the first visible crescent of the moon was actually observed in Jerusalem, marking the first day of the month.

The Lord ordained the first day of the seventh month as a day of holy convocation, marked by the “blowing of trumpets”.

Leviticus 23:23 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 23:24 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘**In the seventh month on the first of the month**, you shall have a rest, a reminder by **blowing of trumpets**, **a holy convocation** (bold emphasis added).

The Biblical name for this Appointed Time is *Yom Teruah*, literally “day of blasting”, also called the Feast of Trumpets, referring to the sounding of the shofar (ram’s horn). This is significant because of the Biblical references to a “great trumpet” of God (Matthew 24:31), the “trumpet of God” (1 Thessalonians 4:16), the “last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:52), and the Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15) sounding at Yeshua’s Second Coming and the Rapture.

Matthew 24:30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 “And He will send forth His angels with A **GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER [Rapture]** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other (bold emphasis added).

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the **Lord Himself will descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the **trumpet of God**; and the dead in Christ [Messiah] shall rise first.

1Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up [at the Rapture]** together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**, and thus we shall always be with the Lord (bold emphasis added).

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**; for the **trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed** (emphasis added).

Revelation 11:11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them [Two Witnesses], and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, **“Come up here.” And they went up into heaven in the cloud [at the Rapture]**, and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:15 And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom of our Lord*, and of His Christ [Messiah]; and He will reign forever and ever”** (bold emphasis added).

Yeshua tells us that a trumpet sounds at His Second Coming and the Rapture (Matthew 24:30-31). Paul also refers to the sounding of a trumpet that takes place at the Catching Up, called the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16). And John shows us that the resurrection of the Two Witnesses, coinciding with the Rapture, takes place at the Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15). All these references to a trumpet sounding at Messiah Yeshua’s Second Coming and the Rapture point to the Feast of Trumpets, the first day of the Ten Days of Awe, the Ten Days of Repentance, which continue to the Day of Atonement. This is the period of time connecting to the Appointed Times of the Lord that link to Messiah Yeshua’s Second Coming and the Rapture. Although we do not know the day or the hour, we can expect the Second Coming and Rapture to take place during this prophetically significant period of time.

Today, the Jews blow the shofar (ram's horn) on *Yom Teruah* (Feast of Trumpets) according to the Biblical commandment.¹⁷ In addition, they blow the shofar during the month of Elul leading up to the Feast of Trumpets. The shofar is also blown on the Day of Atonement, the last day of the Ten Days of Awe, the day Joel prophesies Messiah Yeshua comes out of the Heavenly Bridal Chamber (Marriage Supper of the Lamb) to return to Earth and rule for one thousand years (Revelation 20:4). In a very real sense, the shofar (trumpet) sounding is a wake up call to be ready for the coming of the Messiah.

Joel tells us that the trumpet (shofar) is blown on the day of fasting, referring to the Day of Atonement – the only Appointed Time of the Lord that is a day of fasting – the holiest day of the year in Judaism, the time of atonement and repentance.¹⁸ Again we see the link of a trumpet to the Lord's coming, when believers' bridegroom Messiah Yeshua comes out of the Heavenly Bridal Chamber with His Bride – all those with Him for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb that takes place in Heaven after the Rapture while God's judgment falls on the Earth.

Joel 2:15 **Blow a trumpet** in Zion [Jerusalem],
 Consecrate a fast [Day of Atonement], proclaim a solemn assembly,
Joel 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,
 Assemble the elders,
 Gather the children and the nursing infants.
 Let **the bridegroom [Messiah Yeshua]** come out of his room
 And **the bride [of Messiah Yeshua] out of her [Heavenly] bridal**
 chamber (bold emphasis added).

¹⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosh_Hashanah - Wikipedia, article: Rosh HaShanah, section: Introduction – accessed June 27, 2016.

¹⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_Kippur - Wikipedia, article: Yom Kippur, section: Introduction – accessed June 28, 2016.

Revelation 19:9 And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb.**’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Revelation 19:11 And I saw **heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He [Messiah Yeshua] who sat upon it is called Faithful and True;** and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Revelation 19:12 And His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *upon Him* which no one knows except Himself.

Revelation 19:13 And *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and **His name is called The Word of God** [John 1:1].

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

Revelation 19:15 And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and **He will rule them with a rod of iron;** and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

Revelation 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (bold emphasis added).

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET OF REVELATION – THE TWO WITNESSES RESURRECT AT THE RAPTURE

When we put these prophecies together, we can see the whole prophetic picture – the Two Witnesses resurrect from the dead, are caught up to Heaven, and receive their immortal bodies at the same time we are caught up to Heaven and receive our immortal bodies at the Rapture.

1. Matthew describes the “Great Trumpet” that sounds at the time of the Lord’s coming in the clouds with glory (Shekinah - Glory Cloud), when the angels of Heaven gather the living believers from Earth to Heaven (Matthew 24:31). This shows that the Catching Up (Rapture) takes place at the time of Yeshua’s Second Coming.

2. Paul speaks of the “Trumpet of God”, which he also calls the “Last Trumpet”, that sounds at the time of the Catching Up (Rapture) and resurrection of the dead, when those who belong to the Lord receive their immortal bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:52).

3. John shows that the Seventh Trumpet in the Book of Revelation sounds at the time the Two Witnesses resurrect, and is a sign that “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord” (Revelation 11:15). This prophetic picture also shows the Catching Up (Rapture) and Resurrection of the Dead coinciding with the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua.

According to our understanding of the prophetic timeline, there is a short period of time – several days sometime during the Days of Awe between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur – during which believers are in Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-9), while the Seven Bowls of God’s Judgment Wrath pour out on the Earth (Revelation 16). Then Messiah Yeshua comes out of the Heavenly Bridal Chamber with His Bride (those in Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb) and returns to Earth to complete the destruction of Israel’s enemies and establish the Millennial Kingdom on Earth (Joel 2:16 Revelation 19:11-21; 20:4).

THE TWO WITNESSES RESURRECT FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES NEAR THE CRUCIFIXION SITE

At this time, we are waiting for the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, the next major prophetic event to take place according to our corrected prophetic timeline of future end-time events. As we have fully detailed and documented in *A New Look at the Books of Revelation & Daniel End-Time Prophecies*, the Seven Seals and the first six Trumpets of the Book of Revelation have already been fulfilled (see Part 8 Seals 1-5 The Rise and Decline of the 6th Head of the Beast, the Roman Empire; Part 9 Seals 6-7 Trumpets 1-4 The Fall of Rome & Global Catastrophe; Part 10 Trumpets 5-6 The Rise of the 8th Head of the Beast, Islamic Empires, & Fall of the 7th Head, the Eastern Roman Empire; and Part 11 Future End-Time Events Overview – free online study at www.messengers-of-messiah.org).

When the Seventh Trumpet of Revelation sounds, the Two Witnesses will resurrect at the same time the Rapture occurs. The resurrection of the Two Witnesses takes place on the summit of the Mount of Olives, in the same place Messiah Yeshua was crucified.

Revelation 11:8 And their [Two Witnesses'] dead **bodies will lie** in the street [*plateia*] of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also their Lord was crucified** (bold emphasis added).

The Two Witnesses will be killed in the same place where Yeshua was crucified, on the summit of the Mount of Olives. The Greek word *plateia* (Strong's #4113), translated "street", refers to "a wide 'plat' (plot of land)" or "place", such as an "open square" or "street".¹⁹ The place we have identified as the Crucifixion site at the summit of the Mount of Olives fits the meaning of the Greek word. Today, the site is a large undeveloped dirt lot located at the main intersection on the summit of the mountain, directly opposite the Temple Mount. (See *The Rod of an Almond Tree in God's Master Plan*, Chapter 2 The Mount of Olives – True Site of the Crucifixion, section: The Mount of Olives – Where the Two Witnesses Will Be Killed – free online book at www.messengers-of-messiah.org).

Just as Messiah Yeshua was killed, resurrected and ascended into Heaven from the summit of the Mount of Olives, so too will the Two Witnesses be killed, resurrected and ascend into Heaven from the summit of the Mount of Olives.

Revelation 11:11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud [Shekinah – Glory Cloud], and their enemies beheld them.

¹⁹ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Hebrew-Greek Study Bible*, New American Standard Bible, Revised Edition, New Testament Dictionary, p. 2253 (Chatanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1984, 1990, 2008).

The prophet Ezekiel describes the Shekinah (Glory Cloud of God's Presence) hovering above the Mount of Olives after leaving the First Temple (Ezekiel 10:18-19; 11:22-23). From here, the Shekinah returned to Heaven.

Ezekiel 11:22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory [Shekinah – Glory Cloud] of the God of Israel hovered over them.

Ezekiel 11:23 And **the glory [Shekinah – Glory Cloud] of the LORD** went up from the midst of the city, and **stood over the mountain [Mount of Olives]** which is east of the city (emphasis added).

This shows that the Gate of Heaven is located above the Mount of Olives. Messiah Yeshua spent a great deal of time with His disciples on the Mount of Olives. His Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension all took place at the Mount of Olives. As Yeshua ascended into Heaven from the Mount of Olives, so shall He descend from Heaven on to the Mount of Olives at His Second Coming. According to the Word of God, as well as the prophetic picture, the Mount of Olives is the place where the Two Witnesses will be killed and resurrect, just as the Mount of Olives was the place where Messiah Yeshua was killed and resurrected.

According to Revelation 11:13, a “great earthquake” takes place in Jerusalem at the time the Two Witnesses resurrect and ascend from the summit of the Mount of Olives. This fits Zechariah 14:4, describing the splitting of the Mount of Olives that takes place at Messiah Yeshua's Second Coming.

Revelation 11:13 And in that hour there was a **great earthquake**, and a tenth of the city [Jerusalem] fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven (emphasis added).

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day His [Yeshua's] feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and **the Mount of Olives will**

be split [by an earthquake] in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south [emphasis added].

Zechariah 14:5 makes reference to an earthquake at the time of King Uzziah, linking the splitting of the Mount of Olives to an earthquake. However, there is no doubt this great earthquake splitting the Mount of Olives will also involve a supernatural aspect as events unfold.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded [the Seventh Trumpet]; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of His Christ [Messiah]; and He will reign forever and ever.”

The Seventh Trumpet signals the Kingdom of Messiah Yeshua on Earth has begun at the time of the resurrection of the Two Witnesses, which takes place at time of the Rapture. Therefore, the Rapture and Second Coming actually take place at the same time, but with Yeshua’s return to Earth delayed by several days (not years) while He is in Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. After this, He returns to Earth to complete the destruction of God’s and Israel’s enemies and establishes His Throne in Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom.

MESSIAH YESHUA COMES IN THE SHEKINAH (GLORY CLOUD)

As recorded in Matthew’s and Mark’s accounts, Messiah Yeshua tells us that He will return to Earth in the “clouds ... with great power and glory” –

Matthew 24:30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 “And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other (bold emphasis added).

Mark 13:26 “And then they will see **THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS** with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27 “And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven (bold emphasis added).

The apostle Paul also tells us that we will be caught up “in the clouds” to meet the Lord at His Second Coming –

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them **in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord (emphasis added).

Likewise, the apostle John tells us in the Book of Revelation that the Lord will return “with the clouds” –

Revelation 1:7 **BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS**, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen (bold emphasis added).

The clouds of Heaven associated with Yeshua’s Second Coming are not natural clouds. These clouds are a supernatural manifestation of the Glory Cloud of the Lord’s presence, called the Shekinah. The Shekinah appeared as a “pillar of cloud by day” and a “pillar of fire by night” during the time of the Israelite Exodus from Egypt –

Exodus 13:21 And the LORD was going before them in a **pillar of cloud by day** to lead them on the way, and in a **pillar of fire by night** to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night (emphasis added).

Remarkably, a “very loud trumpet sound” was heard by the Israelites at the time the Lord appeared in the Shekinah on Mount Sinai –

Exodus 19:16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and **a thick cloud [Shekinah – Glory Cloud] upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound**, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled (bold emphasis added).

When Yeshua returns in the Shekinah, a Great Trumpet from Heaven sounds –

Matthew 24:30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 “And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other (bold emphasis added).

Yeshua, Paul, and John all refer to a trumpet sounding at the time of Yeshua’s coming and the Rapture. The Israelites, who had gathered at Mount Sinai when the Lord descended in the Shekinah Glory Cloud, heard the sound of the trumpet – and trembled. Yeshua tells us that the peoples of the earth will see Him coming in the Shekinah Glory Cloud. They may also hear the blast of the Great Trumpet that sounds at His coming – and tremble. Most likely, those who are caught up (raptured) will hear the sounding of the trumpet of God.

At Mount Sinai, the Lord spoke to Moses from the Shekinah Glory Cloud –

Exodus 24:16 And **the [Shekinah] glory [Cloud] of the LORD** rested on Mount Sinai, and the **cloud** covered it for six days; and on the seventh day **He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud** (emphasis added).

The Shekinah Glory Cloud filled the Tabernacle (portable sanctuary), and later the First Temple built by King Solomon:

Numbers 9:15 Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected **the [Shekinah Glory] cloud covered the tabernacle**, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning (emphasis added).

Exodus 40:34 Then **the [Shekinah Glory] cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle** (emphasis added).

1 Kings 8:10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that **the [Shekinah Glory] cloud filled the house [Temple]** of the LORD,

1 Kings 8:11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the **[Shekinah Glory] cloud**, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8:12 Then Solomon said,

“The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick [Shekinah Glory] cloud” (emphasis added).

At the Transfiguration, Yeshua and His disciples were enveloped in the Shekinah, a manifestation of the glory of God –

Matthew 17:5 While he [Yeshua] was still speaking, behold, **a bright cloud overshadowed them**; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” (emphasis added).

Mark 9:7 Then **a cloud formed, overshadowing them**, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” (emphasis added).

Luke 9:34 And while he [Yeshua] was saying this, **a cloud formed and began to overshadow them**; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

Luke 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” (emphasis added).

The prophet Isaiah shows that the Shekinah will appear above Jerusalem at the time of the Lord’s return to Earth –

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the Branch [Messiah Yeshua] of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *will* be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.

Isaiah 4:3 And it will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy — everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 4:4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

Isaiah 4:5 then **the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud [Shekinah] by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory [Shekinah] will be a canopy.**

Isaiah 4:6 And there will be a shelter to *give* shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain (bold emphasis added).

The prophet Daniel also describes the coming of Messiah Yeshua in the Shekinah –

Daniel 7:13 “I kept looking in the night visions,

And behold, **with the clouds [Skekinah – Glory Cloud] of heaven**

One like a Son of Man [Messiah Yeshua] was coming,

And He came up to the Ancient of Days [God the Father]

And was presented before Him.

Daniel 7:14 “And to Him was given dominion,

Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed” (bold emphasis added).

Messiah Yeshua is given dominion over all the Earth, and those who have been raptured and resurrected will be active and involved in His earthly kingdom during the Millennial Kingdom, as described in the Book of Revelation (Revelation 20:4).

Daniel shows us the same prophetic picture –

Daniel 7:18 ‘But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’

Note: The word “saint” refers to those who trust in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Daniel 7:27 ‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

Also in the Book of Daniel, we see that the Kingdom of God, represented by the stone that becomes a kingdom, is established on Earth –

Daniel 2:44 “And in the days of those kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed**, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Daniel 2:45 “Inasmuch as you saw that **a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands** and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy” (bold emphasis added).

Messiah Yeshua speaks of His coming in glory to sit upon His Throne in Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom on the Earth.

Matthew 25:31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.”

THE RAPTURE LINK TO PSALM 27:5

In the early morning hours of February 1, 1997, during the time we lived in Troy, Illinois, I (Christie Michas) believe I was shown the Rapture in a dream. At the end of the dream, still within the dream, I heard a voice behind me and to my right side say: “It’s about time.” The dream then repeated exactly in every detail. I believe this was God’s way of confirming this was no ordinary dream.

Immediately after the dream ended. I woke, powerfully affected by what I had experienced. The dream was deeply impressed upon my memory. I also recorded the dream that same day so I would not forget what I saw and heard and understood that it meant.

At the start of the dream, I was walking along a wide path that I believe symbolizes the wide path that leads to destruction. Then I made a turn to the right, and began to take a narrow path that I believe symbolizes the path that leads to eternal life.

As Yeshua tells us –

Matthew 7:13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.

Matthew 7:14 “For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

The wide path had a very high ceiling that reminded me of the high ceiling of Lovejoy Library at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville where I earned my degree. While at the university, I began to doubt God’s existence and what I had been taught with regard to the Bible. I believe God uses symbols that have meaning for us, and the symbol of the wide path as connected to my university experience is very relevant as it literally led me to the wide path that leads to destruction by destroying my faith.

When I turned to the right off the wide path to the narrow way, it led to a stairway, which I believe represents time passing as I proceeded down the steps. When I came to the end of it, and looked up high and to the right, I saw a very large Rock. The Rock was rectangular in shape with rounded corners. This was no ordinary rock.

The Rock opened up in the center, beginning as a small round opening that continued to expand in size. Inside the open chamber, I saw the Lamb of God. The apostle John called Yeshua the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world –

John 1:29 The next day he [John] saw Jesus [Yeshua] coming to him, and said, “Behold, **the Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!” (emphasis added).

At the same time, I also saw the Lion of Judah standing on top of the Rock, in a position left of the center of the Rock from my viewpoint. The apostle John records the words spoken in Heaven, calling Yeshua the Lion of the tribe of Judah –

Revelation 5:4 And I *began* to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the book [scroll], or to look into it;

Revelation 5:5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, **the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book [scroll] and its seven seals” (bold emphasis added).

Although I saw the Lion of Judah on the top left side of the Rock from my point of view, from the point of view of the Lion of Judah, Messiah Yeshua, He was on the right side of the Rock. Perhaps this has to do with Yeshua being at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

The disciple Stephen said he saw Yeshua at the right hand of God in Heaven –

Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus [Yeshua] standing at the **right hand** of God;
Acts 7:56 and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the **right hand** of God” (emphasis added).

In the Book of Hebrews, Yeshua is shown to be at right hand of the Throne of Majesty in the Heavenly Tabernacle –

Hebrews 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken **His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens**,
Hebrews 8:2 a minister in the sanctuary, and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man (bold emphasis added).

Yeshua said that when He returns to Earth, He is sitting at the right hand of power, coming in the clouds of Heaven, referring to the Shekinah, the Glory Cloud of God’s presence –

Matthew 26:64 Jesus [Yeshua] said to him, “You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see **THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER**, and **COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN**” (bold emphasis added).

At this point in the dream, my vantage point suddenly changed from being on the Earth looking up to the Rock, to being a great distance away from the Earth. I could see planet Earth on the left in front of me, and streaks going from the Earth through the sky into the Rock. I believe what I saw was the Rapture (Catching Up) of believers on Earth into the Heavenly Tabernacle for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

This event is described in the Book of Revelation –

Revelation 19:5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.”

Revelation 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Revelation 19:7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come** and His bride has made herself ready” (emphasis added).

As I prepared this part of the study, I realized that seeing Messiah Yeshua as the Lion of Judah on top of the Heavenly chamber also fits the description in the Book of Revelation regarding Yeshua coming out of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb as the Lion of Judah to judge and rule the world.

Revelation 19:11 And **I saw heaven opened**; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it *is* called Faithful and True; and in righteousness **He judges and wages war**.

Revelation 19:12 And His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *upon Him* which no one knows except Himself.

Revelation 19:13 And *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:14 **And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.**

Revelation 19:15 **And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron;** and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

Revelation 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**” (bold emphasis added).

At the time of the dream, I understood the meaning of it showing my life on the wide path (the world’s way), followed by my life after I took the narrow path (the Lord’s way), and then my coming to the time of the Rapture. It is important to note that I was not researching or studying the Rapture at the time of this dream, so I do not believe it was a product of my own imagination or of my brain processing information I had been learning. And I have never had any dream repeat like an instant replay, especially such a detailed sequence of meaningful images shown to me with the understanding of their meaning.

Years later, after we moved to California in 2000, and while we lived in the first house we purchased (sometime between 2000 to 2005), I had what I know beyond any doubt was a revelation linking the dream to Psalm 27:5. Late one night, I was watching Creation Scapes²⁰ on TV, videos of God’s beautiful Creation along with Biblical Scriptures. Immediately when the Psalm 27:5 Scripture came up on the TV screen, I instantly understood that this Scripture connected to what I saw in the dream, the Rock and the Rapture.

Psalms 27:5 For in **the day of trouble** He will **conceal me in His tabernacle**;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will **lift me up on a rock** (emphasis added).

Psalm 27:5 refers to “a rock”, God’s “tabernacle”, “the secret place of His tent” (dwelling), where God places us at the time of the Rapture. We will be hidden from the world and protected from the terrible destruction that is taking place at this time, referred to as “the day of trouble” –

²⁰ <http://creationscapes.com>

a time of God's Judgment as described in Revelation 16 (Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath). What this means to me is that the Rock represents the Lord's Heavenly Tabernacle, what I was shown in the dream, into which believers were caught up from Earth at the Rapture.

The prophetic picture described in Psalm 27 fits the events happening around the time of the Rapture. The situation is so bad that the Two Witnesses lay dead on the Mount of Olives for three and a half days and no one is able to retrieve their bodies. Then at the Seventh Trumpet, the resurrection of the Two Witnesses coinciding with the Rapture takes place, and the Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath pour out on the Earth. At this time, Israel is attacked and invaded in the War of Gog-Magog that culminates in the Battle of Armageddon (Ezekiel 38; Revelation 16:16).

This is certainly a time of great trouble in Israel and in the world, as described in Psalm 27:5 ("day of trouble"). In fact, Israel's very existence is threatened, and if not for God's intervention, Israel would be destroyed. Those who are caught up to Heaven into God's Heavenly Tabernacle will be protected from the terrible destruction that falls on the enemies of God and Israel all over the Earth.

Some years after being shown the connection between my dream and Psalm 27:5, after we had moved in 2005 to another house in California, I learned that Psalm 27 is read by the Jewish people during the month of Elul (month before Tishri) and continues during Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets – 1st to 2nd of Tishri) to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement – 10th of Tishri). This is a period of turning to God in repentance (*teshuvah*) and intense self-examination, a time to focus on making one's relationships right with God and others, a time to ask for forgiveness from God and others. According to Jewish tradition, it is a time of God's judgment determining one's eternal fate. More years have passed since that time, and as I prepared this study in 2016, I learned that Psalm 27 is read for a period of 51 days all the way from the 1st day of Elul to the 7th day of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles – 15th to 21st of Tishri).²¹

²¹ <http://www.schechter.edu/responsa.aspx?ID=46> - Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin, "Why do we recite Psalm 27 from Rosh Hodesh Elul until Hoshanah Rabbah?" *Responsa in a Moment*, Schechter Institute, Volume 4, Issue No. 1, October 2009.

This further confirms our understanding of God's prophetic timeline as revealed by the Appointed Times of the Lord (Leviticus 23). According to this timeline, the Rapture takes place around the time of Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets) and the Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath take place sometime during the period referred to as the Ten Days of Awe/Ten Days of Repentance that start on Rosh HaShanah and end on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Messiah Yeshua comes out of the Heavenly Marriage Chamber with His Bride and returns to Earth on Yom Kippur (Joel 2:15-16) and totally destroys Israel's enemies (Joel 2:20). There will be much celebration during Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) because the Messiah has come, saved Israel from certain and total destruction, and established His Throne in Jerusalem and His Kingdom on Earth.

Let's look at Psalm 27 to see how it reveals the prophetic picture at the time of the Rapture, a time when Israel will be attacked and invaded by Islamic enemies, as described in Ezekiel 38 (War of Gog-Magog) and Revelation 16:16 (Armageddon). We will see that just as David had a vision of the Crucifixion, which he described in Psalm 22, David also had a vision of a future "time of trouble" for Israel, which he described in Psalm 27.

Psalms 27:0 A Psalm of David.

Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life;

Whom shall I dread?

Psalms 27:2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,

My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

Psalms 27:3 **Though a host encamp against me,**

My heart will not fear;

Though war arise against me,

In *spite of* this I shall be confident (bold emphasis added).

David's vision describes events that take place during the time of the Rapture and Yeshua's Second Coming, including Israel being attacked and invaded by Islamic armies during the War of Gog-Magog (Ezekiel 38), which culminates in the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).

Psalms 27:4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to meditate in His temple.

Psalms 27:5 **For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;**

In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;

He will lift me up on a rock (bold emphasis added).

In Psalm 27:5, “in the day of trouble” refers to the time Israel is attacked and invaded by Islamic enemies, including Turkey and Iran (Ezekiel 38 – War of Gog-Magog; Revelation 16:16 – Armageddon). At that time, those who are caught up to Heaven are placed in the Heavenly Tabernacle, the Heavenly dwelling place. The reference to “conceal me in His tabernacle” and “the secret place of His tent” where the Lord “will hide me” refers to the Heavenly Tabernacle, where all those who belong to Yeshua will be as the war against Israel takes place, and as the Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath fall on Israel's enemies and the world (Revelation 16).

Psalms 27:6 And now my head will be **lifted up above my enemies** around me;

And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD (bold emphasis added).

As these events take place, those who trust in Messiah Yeshua will literally be “lifted up above” Israel's enemies (“lifted up above my enemies” – Psalm 27:6). We will be “in His tent” (Psalm 27:5) – the Heavenly Tabernacle – for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, singing praises and rejoicing with our Lord Messiah Yeshua (Revelation 19:1-10). In Psalm 27:10, David says that “the Lord will take me up”, which also fits the picture of those in Heaven during this time.

Psalms 27:7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,

And be gracious to me and answer me.

Psalms 27:8 *When Thou didst say, “Seek My face,” my heart said to Thee,*

“Thy face, O LORD, I shall seek.”

Psalms 27:9 Do not hide Thy face from me,

Do not turn Thy servant away in anger;

Thou hast been my help;

Do not abandon me nor forsake me,

O God of my salvation!

Psalms 27:10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

But the LORD will take me up.

Psalms 27:11 Teach me Thy way, O LORD,

And lead me in a level path,

Because of my foes.

Psalms 27:12 **Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries;**

For false witnesses have risen against me,

And such as breathe out violence [*chamas*] (bold emphasis added).

At this time, false witnesses and enemies of Israel rise up with the intent to wipe Israel off the map. This is already happening. Israel is the focus of the world’s anti-God, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic voices. Among them, the Islamic enemies continually lie about Israel as they seek to wipe the Jewish nation off the map of the world. But they will not prevail. It is certainly prophetically significant that the Hebrew word *chamas* (Strong’s #2555), translated “violence” in Psalm 27:12, is the same word for the terrorist organization called Hamas.

Psalms 27:13 *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD

In the land of the living.

Psalms 27:14 Wait for the LORD;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Yes, wait for the LORD.

As the religious Jews will be praying Psalm 27 every morning and evening, beginning on the first day of the month of Elul, continuing to Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles), to the seventh and last day of Sukkot, all these events are unfolding: the Mount of Olives will split and those who trust in Messiah Yeshua will be caught up to Heaven; Israel will be attacked and invaded; Messiah Yeshua will return to Jerusalem to destroy Israel's enemies; and there will be great rejoicing because the Messiah has come, delivered Israel from destruction, and established His Throne in Jerusalem and His Kingdom on the Earth.

MESSIAH YESHUA'S COMING PROPHESED BY ISAIAH

The prophet Isaiah prophesies of the coming of the Lord –

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for **your light has come**,

And **the glory of the LORD has risen upon you**.

Isaiah 60:2 “For behold, darkness will cover the earth,

And deep darkness the peoples;

But the LORD will rise upon you,

And His glory will appear upon you.

Isaiah 60:3 “And nations will come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising (emphasis added).

The Light Isaiah speaks of is Messiah Yeshua. Indeed, Yeshua said: “I am the Light of the world” –

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus [Yeshua] spoke to them, saying, “**I am the light of the world**; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life” (emphasis added).

Yeshua is the Son of God, fully God – and God is Light –

1 John 1:5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all** (emphasis added).

BE READY FOR MESSIAH YESHUA'S COMING

The apostle Paul tells us about the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua, that those who belong to Him and are watching for the signs of His coming will be ready.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:4 **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief;**

1 Thessalonians 5:5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

1 Thessalonians 5:6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but **let us be alert and sober.**

1 Thessalonians 5:7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith [trust in God] and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus [Yeshua] Christ [Messiah],

1 Thessalonians 5:10 who died for us, that whether we are awake [alive on Earth] or asleep [alive in Heaven], we may live together with Him (bold emphasis added).

Unlike those who trust in Yeshua and are earnestly seeking His coming are those who do not trust in Him, are not seeking Him, and are not looking for His coming. They will remain on the Earth after the Rapture, when the Seven Bowls of God's Judgment Wrath pour out on the Earth.

As it was in "the days of Noah", so shall it be at the time of the Second Coming and the Rapture. At the time of the Flood, God placed those who trusted in Him in a safe place, while His judgment rained down on the Earth. As Noah, his family, and the animals in the Ark were lifted above the destruction that rained upon the Earth, so shall those who trust in the Lord be lifted up above in the Heavenly Chamber as destruction pours out on the Earth.

Matthew 24:37 "For **the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**

Matthew 24:38 "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

Matthew 24:39 **and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.**

Matthew 24:40 "Then there shall be two men in the field; **one will be taken, and one will be left.**

Matthew 24:41 "Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; **one will be taken, and one will be left.**

Matthew 24:42 "**Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming**" (bold emphasis added).

Life went on at the time Noah was building the Ark and he was ridiculed for trusting God, being obedient, and preparing for the coming judgment. When the judgment came, those who had not heeded the warning of the Lord were swept away in the Flood. In the same way, life goes on today just as it did then. So many are not prepared for what is coming and will likewise be swept away in the coming judgment.

Messiah Yeshua tells the parable of the Ten Virgins as a warning to be ready and prepared for His coming, not to miss the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven.

Matthew 25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:2 “And five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

Matthew 25:3 “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

Matthew 25:4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5 “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

Matthew 25:6 “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.’

Matthew 25:7 “Then all those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

Matthew 25:8 “And the foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

Matthew 25:9 “But the prudent answered, saying, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’

Matthew 25:10 “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.**

Matthew 25:11 “**And later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’**

Matthew 25:12 “**But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’**

Matthew 25:13 “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour (bold emphasis added).

For the Lord to know us, we must be indwelt by God’s Holy Spirit, which brings us into spiritual unity with Father God and Messiah Yeshua. For this to happen, we must recognize that we are sinners in need of the grace of God for salvation through Messiah Yeshua’s sacrifice. Yeshua paid the full price for our sins and there is nothing we can do to pay for our own sins.

To repent means to turn to God with a sincere and humble heart, to ask for forgiveness of our sins, turn away from sin, and follow God’s way for our lives.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (NIV).

John 14:6 Jesus [Yeshua] said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

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