

Rapture Of The Elect or The Wicked?



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Are you one of those that insist that you are going to miss the tribulation and fly off to heaven to be with Jahwah? Are you among those that believe in a secret rapture for Jahwah's church? Does it really matter what you believe whether it be Man's Tradition or Jahwah's Word? You might change your mind after you read what the Bible has to say.

Keeping the Tradition of Men - instead of Jahwah's commandments - makes void and nullifies the whole of Jahwah's Word.

Mark 7:7 They worship me in vain/Their worship of me is worthless because the lessons/rules they teach are nothing but **manmade doctrine**/commandments.

Verse 8 You put aside Jahwah's commandments and observe **human tradition**.

Verse 9 Then Jahshuwah said unto them, You have a clever way of rejecting the commandment of Jahwah in order **to preserve your own tradition!**

Verse 13 You **nullify/do away with the Word of Jahwah by your tradition** that you have handed down...

Did you get that? When you follow man's instructions & traditions instead of Jahwah's Torah Instructions, the whole of His Word is canceled/made void/revoked/abolished. These are not my words. They are the very words of Jahshuwah, himself.

“Rapture of the church off to heaven” is one such manmade doctrine. The term *“secret rapture”* is not found in any literature earlier than 1830. In fact, **Rapture** is a word that is found no where in all of the Scriptures.

The notion that Christians will not have to face the tribulation of this world is not found in the Scriptures. This term - secret **rapture** -was apparently made-up for a Bible doctrine in the mid-1800's to denote the taking of the True Worshipers to heaven as a place of protection from the wrath of Jahwah during the tribulation.

This strange phenomenon has appeared in the doctrine of thousands of today's professing Christians. At one moment they speak of flying off to heaven in the **rapture** (or going to heaven immediately after they die), where they say they will live **FOREVER**; but then in the next breath they speak **of Christ coming to earth with His saints to rule all nations with a rod of iron** which is found in Rev. 2:26 -27:

To those who **overcome** (the world, Satan, and the flesh of himself) and continue to **do my works to the end**, I will give the same authority that I received from my Father: I will give them **authority over the nations**, to rule them with an iron rod and to break them (the nations) to pieces like clay pots.

So we must examine the Scriptures to see where the Bible locates Jahwah's Kingdom and where Christ will reign with His saints. Where is the inheritance of the believer to be? Does the Bible promise heaven or earth as the eternal abode of the Christian?

If believers were to receive their inheritance in heaven, then the **RAPTURE** would be a logical method of carrying them off to their reward. If, however, our inheritance is on the **EARTH**, then there would be no need for a rapture, except (as they suppose) to prevent us from undergoing the tribulation.

Revelation 5:10 states very clearly that “we will **REIGN ON THE EARTH.**” The entire verse reads:

You have made them to be a Kingdom of Priests to serve our Elohim, and they will **REIGN ON THE EARTH.**

Jahwah's Kingdom is coming to the planet Earth and his Elect will reign over it.

In Psalms 37, David repeats over and over and over again that “**the MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.**” Let’s read a few of these verses:

Verse 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Verse 9 For **evildoers shall be cut off**: but those that wait upon Jahwah, they **WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.**

Verse 10 For yet a little while, and **the wicked will be no more**; though you look for them, they will not be found.

Verse 11 **BUT THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH;** and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace...

Verse 22 Those Jahwah blesses **WILL INHERIT THE EARTH**, but those he curses **will be cut off**...

Verse 27-29 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell/remain/rest for evermore/eternity.

For Jahwah loves the just and will not **FORSAKE HIS SAINTS**. They are preserved for eternity (*olam*), but the seed of the **WICKED will be cut off**.

The righteous will **inherit the EARTH** (0776 *erets* = earth or world) and **dwel thereon FOREVER/for eternity**...

Verse 34 Wait for Jahwah and keep his way. He will exalt you **to possess the EARTH**. When the **wicked are cut off/destroyed**, you will see it. (i.e. when the wicked are cut off from the earth, you will see it.)

Jahshuwah verified this same doctrine in his Sermon on the Mount, when he said in Matthew 5:5:

Blessed are the meek, **FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.**
(The meek will not inherit heaven, BUT THE EARTH.)

The Psalmist was inspired to write in Psalm 115:16:

Heaven belongs to Jahwah, but **the earth** he has given to **the children of Adam**.

Written by an early church father, 1 Clement VII:10 has this to say:

For it is written, **The merciful will inherit the earth**; and they that are without evil will be left upon it. But the transgressors will perish from off the face of it.

The Scriptures very plainly show the Kingdom of Jahwah will be set up on the **EARTH** and His saints will rule on the earth.

The most favorite Bible passage to support a **RAPTURE FROM THE EARTH** is taken from, **OF COURSE**, one of Paul's letters – 1 Thessalonians 4:16 & 17. We must be very careful when quoting from Paul's letters, as they are by far the most **twisted** and **turned** of all the Scriptures in the Bible, as Peter warns in 2 Peter 3:15-17:

Consider our Master's patience as your opportunity to be saved, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that Jahwah gave him.

He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that **ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND**, which **ignorant** and **UNLEARNED** people **distort**, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the **ERROR OF LAWLESS MEN** and fall from your secure position.

Now let's look at what Paul is really saying in 1 Thess. 4:16, 17:

For Jahshuwah himself will descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim; and the dead **IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST**.

Then we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to **MEET JAHSHUWAH IN THE AIR**; and so shall we ever be with Jahshuwah.

The phrase "the trump of Elohim and the word "**shout**" give a clear picture as to the time of Jahshuwah's return to earth. "**Shout**" in Hebrew is # 3643 **Teruwah** in the Strong's Concordance which also means a **blast of trumpets** and refers to the **Feast of Trumpets** – **Yom Teruwah** (also known as Rosh Hashanah) as found in Leviticus 23:24 – 24:

Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets (teruwah)**, an holy **convocation**.

"**Convocation**" #4744 – **miqra** – denotes a **sacred assembly, a calling together**. "**Holy**" = #06944 **qodesh** also means "**sanctuary**." Thus "**Yom Teruwah**" is a **Sanctuary of Time** Jahwah has set aside and appointed for the **gathering together** of His people.

Now that we understand **the time frame of the return of Jahshuwah**, let's go back to 1 Thessalonians and get the full understanding of Paul's letter. This passage teaches that Christ is returning to the earth from heaven, and the dead in Christ will occur before the living believers are caught up to meet Christ in the air. But there is no mention of anyone going back to heaven.

So the question is this: When the believers "**meet Jahshuwah in the air**," will they escort Him back to earth to rule in His Kingdom, or will Christ escort them back to heaven for a time? In other words, will we "**ever be with Jahshuwah**" in heaven or on

the earth? The previously quoted scriptures state we will reign with him on earth for eternity.

The key to understanding this question is found in the verb, "**to meet.**" The Greek word used by Paul is *apantesis*, (ap-an'-tay-sis) and this particular word is loaded with meaning, which does not come through in our English translation. It is a word which was used in ancient times to describe **THE ACTIONS OF AN OFFICIAL WELCOMING DELEGATION THAT HAD BEEN SENT "to meet" a visiting dignitary.** Thus, it literally means, "**meeting and returning with.**"

It was customary back then (as it is today) that when a VIP visits a city, the leader of that city would send out a delegation to welcome and escort the visiting dignitary to the mayor. Thus, when the Queen of England comes to visit the President of the United States, she is not expected to get off the plane and hail a cab to take her to the White House. Absolutely not! She is met by a special greeting committee from the White House which escorts her to the White House.

Therefore, when Paul uses the term *apantesis* to describe our action in meeting Christ, he uses this particular term to show us that we are going out **TO MEET CHRIST AND ESCORT HIM BACK TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM.** We are that welcoming committee that goes out to welcome the King to the planet Earth.

This exact same word is used in three other New Testament passages:

***Matthew 25:1 & 6** speaks of the ten virgins who "went forth **TO MEET** the bridegroom" and **escorted him back** to the bridal chamber. Take special notice they did not float off to heaven. Matthew 25:1-12:

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth **to meet** the bridegroom.

And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was a long time in coming, they all dozed off to sleep.

But at midnight there came a **SHOUT**: "Look! The Bridegroom is coming. Go out **to meet** him."

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

But the foolish said unto the wise: "Let us have some of your oil; for our lamps have gone out.

But the wise replied: "No! There won't be enough for you and for us. You had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and **they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast and the door was shut.**

Later the other virgins came back. “Master, Master, open the door for us,” they cried.

But he answered: “Certainly not! I don’t know you.”

***John 12:13** speaks of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem (a prophetic type of Christ’s **SECOND COMING** at which time He will truly have a triumphal entry into this world). It states that the people “took branches of palm tress and **went forth TO MEET HIM.**” Jahshuwah certainly did not turn around and escort the people back to Bethany with Him! No, the people escorted him to Jerusalem – the capital of the Kingdom of Israel.

***Acts 28:15** speaks of Paul’s journey to Rome as a prisoner. When the Christians in Rome heard that Paul was outside the city, “they came **TO MEET** us as far as Appii forum,” which was about 43 miles from the city. They treated Paul like a Christian VIP.

A few verses later in 1 Thessalonians. 5:2-4, Paul writes further regarding *the day of Jahwah*:

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of Jahwah so cometh as a **THIEF IN THE NIGHT**. For when the will say, “Peace and safety,” then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they will **NOT ESCAPE**. **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**

Remember back in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 he gave us a time frame for the day that he will return to earth, i.e. on *Yom Teruwah*. Thus, **the Elect will not be surprised by His return.**

Another way of looking at this verse is like this: In the time of Jahshuwah, it was very commonplace for a band of robbers to make a sudden attack on an defenseless village during the night, when the people were asleep. The thieves would burst into the village, strip it of all its valuables, and kill anyone who resisted.

This is what Paul meant when he compared the return of Christ to “*a thief in the night.*” While the world sleeps in “*peace and safety,*” then will come “*sudden destruction*” upon the wicked, “and they will not escape.” However, the Christians, who are “watchmen” on the walls, will not be taken by surprise. They will be prepared themselves for this “*sudden destruction*” known as the “**tribulation.**”

Jude 14 & 15 is a quote from the apocryphal *Book of Enoch*:¹

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, ‘Behold, Jahshuwah cometh with **ten thousands of His angels**.

The King James translates *angels* with *saints*, but the Greek word “*hagios*” may refer to *Christians* or to the *angels* of Elohim, as in Deuteronomy. 33:2:

Jahwah came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and **HE CAME WITH TEN THOUSANDS OF SAINTS**.

This could not have been Christian People, it would have been **angels**.

Since Paul quoted from the *Book of Enoch*, it seems reasonable to take into consideration another direct quote from this book – Enoch 1:1-4, 9:

The words of the blessings of Enoch, wherewith he blessed **THE ELECT AND RIGHTEOUS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE DAY OF TRIBULATION**, when **ALL THE WICKED AND GODLESS ARE TO BE REMOVED...**

And he took up his parable and said, Enoch, a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by Elohim, saw the vision of the Holy one in the heavens, which the angels showed me...and from them I understood as I saw, but **NOT FOR THIS GENERATION**, but for a remote one **WHICH IS FOR TO COME**.

Concerning the **ELECT** I said, and took up my parable concerning them: the Holy Great One will come forth from His dwelling,

And the Eternal Elohim will tread upon the earth even on Mount Sinai...

And behold! He cometh with **ten thousands of His Holy Ones to execute judgment** upon all, and to **destroy all the ungodly**, and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed...”

Even the book of Enoch makes it very plain that the Christians will be living during the Tribulation. Thus the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine is foreign, not only to *Jude*, but also to the *Book of Enoch*.

Ezekiel even warns us of this false doctrine of **flying away** in a rapture in Ezekiel 13:20-23:

Therefore this is what Sovereign Jahwah says: “Behold, **I am against** your magic bands/charms with which you hunt the **souls to MAKE THEM FLY away**. I will tear them from your arms, and set free those souls that you hunt to make **them fly away**.

¹ Apocryphal denotes there is a dispute over its authenticity, but his Book of Enoch was used regularly by the Early Apostolic Church. Jude even quoted from it.

I will tear your veils away; (When your eyes are covered with a veil, you are deceived, thus this *rapture theory* will be unveiled as a lie.) I will rescue my people from your hands and you will no longer be a prey in your hands. Then you will know that I am Jahwah.

By your lies you dishearten the righteous, whom I do not wish to hurt. You encourage the wicked not to turn from their wicked way and save their lives;

So now your false visions and **misleading predictions are over (i.e. the rapture theory)**. I will save my people from your power/hand. Then you will know that I am Jahwah.

Matthew 24:37-42 is perhaps the second most popular bible passage (other than 1 Thessalonians. 4:17, 18) to teach the *pretribulation rapture of the church*. The passage is a comparison between Christ's second coming and the days of Noah leading up to the flood. Jahshuwah said:

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood, they (**the wicked**) were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And know not until the flood came and **TOOK THEM (the wicked) ALL AWAY**; so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one (**Wicked**) will be taken, and the other (**Jahwah's elect**) left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill; the one (**wicked**) will be taken, and the other (**Jahwah's elect**) left.

Please take special note, the **FLOOD OF NOAH'S TIME TOOK THE WICKED PEOPLE AWAY**. In the same manner, when Christ returns, the coming of the Son of man will see **the wicked taken away**, and the righteous will be left to **INHERIT A CLEANSED EARTH, AS DID NOAH**. It is quite obvious that Noah was not removed from the earth, but was rather preserved **THROUGH THE FLOOD TRIBULATION**.

Since you might still have a question as to whom is removed from the earth, let's go to some other Scriptures and see if they confirm that it is indeed the **WICKED** that are removed from the earth. In other words, do other Bible passages teach the **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH** or the **RAPTURE OF THE WICKED**?

The Scriptures are full of references to the wicked ones being removed from the earth, so that the righteous will inherit a cleansed Kingdom:

Proverbs 10:30 – The righteous will **NEVER BE REMOVED**; but the wicked will **NOT INHABIT THE EARTH**.

Proverbs. 2:21 & 22 For the **upright will dwell in/on the earth²** ...but the **wicked WILL BE CUT OFF FROM THE EARTH**, and the transgressors will be rooted out of it.

Isaiah 13:9 Behold the day of Jahwah cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the **earth** desolate and **HE WILL DESTROY THE SINNERS THEREOF OUT OF IT.**

The prophet Haggai also refers to the Day of Jahwah, when Christ will come in judgment – Haggai 2:6 says:

For thus saith Jahwah Sebaoth, ‘Yet once, it is a little while, and I will **shake the heavens, the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.**

Hebrews 12:25-28 refers to this passage in Haggai:

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

Whose voice then shook the earth, but now He hath promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.”

The words, ‘*once more,*’ indicate the **REMOVING OF THOSE THINGS WHICH CAN BE SHAKEN** (*the wicked*), as of things that are made, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since **we are receiving a Kingdom which cannot be shaken**, let us be thankful, and serve Elohim acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

In each case the theme is clear: Jahwah will soon shake the earth in tribulation, in order to throw down all man-made systems and in order to **REMOVE ALL THE WICKED FROM THE EARTH.** This shakedown will be so great in the day of Jahwah that only those things, which support Jahwah’s Kingdom, will remain standing. Jahwah will cleanse His earth and rule all nations in righteousness.

Matthew 25:30 &31 is another Scripture that foretells the wicked will be cleansed from the earth, not the righteous:

Cast ye the worthless servant **INTO OUTER DARKENESS** (*off the earth*). There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

When the Son of man will come in His glory, and **ALL THE HOLY ANGELS WITH HIM** (*the angels are coming with him – not Jahwah’s elect*) then He will sit upon the throne of His glory (*here on earth.*)”

Another confirmation as who are accompanying Jahshuwah when he returns to earth to rule is found in **Revelation 19:11-15:**

² **Earth** = 0776 *erets* in the Strong’s Concordance

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of Elohim**.

The armies of heaven accompanied him, (the angels) riding on white horses and clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

The elect will definitely go through the tribulation. How do I know this? Because the Tribulation is shortened **for the sake of the elect**.

Before we get into that, let's find out just **who are the elect**. Let's let the Bible be our dictionary and give us the definition of Jahwah's Elect. Paul describes in great detail just who the elect are in Romans 8:1- 9, 14, 28-30 & 33:

The truth is that no condemnation/blame now hangs over the head of those who are **IN** Messiah Jahshuwah.

For the law of the Spirit of life **IN** Messiah Jahshuwah lifts me out of the old vicious circle of sin and death.

The Law never succeeded in producing righteousness – the failure was always the **weakness** of the **FLESH**. But Jahwah has accomplished this (**righteousness**) by sending his own Son in a human body like ours – except that ours are sinful – and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins.



Jahwah did this so that the **righteous demands of the Law would be fully satisfied in us, who are controlled by Jahwah's Spirit rather than controlled by the human flesh**. (or, So now the **just requirements of the law are fulfilled in us**, who is no longer controlled by the **FLESH**, but by the **Spirit of Jahwah**..)

Those who live according to their **FLESH** have their minds set on what that **FLESH wants/desires/craves/lusts after**, but those who live in accordance with the Spirit set their minds on **WHAT THE SPIRIT WANTS or desires**..

To have your mind **controlled by the flesh results in death**; to have your mind **controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace**. (In other words, pleasing the flesh results in death, but pleasing the Spirit results in life and peace.)

For the mind that is set on pleasing the flesh is hostile to Jahwah. It will not submit to Jahwah's Torah Instructions, indeed it cannot.

Those who obey their flesh **CANNOT PLEASE JAHWAH**...

Those who are led by the Spirit of Jahwah are **SONS OF JAHWAH**.

We know that **ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD** to them that love Jahwah, who have been called/**divinely selected and appointed according to his purpose**.

For those whom He did foreknow *or* those whom He selected to salvation, He also predestined/predetermined/**appointed beforehand** that they would be shaped/conformed/**made into the likeness/image of His Son** so that He would be the first among many brethren.

Thus those whom predestined he also **called**; and those whom he called he also **justified/pronounced righteous**; and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. (or, So Jahwah called those that he had appointed beforehand; and those that he called, he also pronounced righteous in his sight, and those whom he pronounced righteous in his sight, he also shared his glory.)...

Who can bring any charge against Jahwah's **ELECT**? It is Jahwah who justifies.

Thus **the Elect of Jahwah** are described as those who **follow the Spirit of Jahwah instead of their flesh**. They are those who were **preordained** by Jahwah to be in the image of Jahshuwah. Those whom He **predestinated**, He also **called, justified, and glorified**. **He DID IT ALL**.

Now that we have learned who Jahwah's Elect are, let's go to Matthew 24:21-31 and see if the Elect go through the tribulation, instead of flying off to heaven:

For then will be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever will be.

And **EXCEPT THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE SHORTENED** there would no flesh be saved, but **FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED**.

People, there would be no need to shorten the days for the elect's sake if they were not here on the earth going through the tribulation. Right?

Then if any man will say to you, 'Lo, here is Christ, or there' **BELIEVE IT NOT**. (In other words, he has come in secret to whisk away his people!)

For there will arise false Christs, and false prophets and will show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they will deceive the very **elect**."

Take notice! The elect are still here on earth.

Matthew 24 continues:

Behold, I have told you before.

So if anyone tells you, “Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth” or “behold, He is in the secret chambers; *(or he has secretly come and raptured people to heaven)* **DO NOT BELIEVE IT.**”

Why is he saying not to believe it? **Because Christ is not returning to earth in secret.** He is coming in glory as the King of this planet. Everyone is going to see Him coming, as verse 27 **VERY CLEARLY STATES:**

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; **so will the coming of the Son of man be also...**

It is now after the tribulation and Jahshuwah is **JUST NOW ARRIVING ON EARTH.**

Immediately **AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS** ...the powers of the heaven will be shaken.

Remember the prophet Haggai and the book of Hebrews told us there was to be a **great shaking** of heaven and earth and that which is shaken down will be removed from the earth.

And then will all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they **WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN** with power and great glory.

He will send for His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF HEAVEN TO THE OTHER.**

Oh my goodness! Christ is just now gathering the Elect together. Indeed, it is now immediately **after the Tribulation** and Christ is just now gathering the **Elect**. Now we arrive at the place where the **ELECT** rise up to meet Christ in the air, as a result of the gathering by the angels. The Elect will be the committee from earth that welcomes Christ and escorts him back to earth where he will set up his throne. Also remember the Scripture that we just read regarding his return to earth would be on *Yom Teruwah* – a holy convocation – a Sanctuary of Time for gathering together his elect.

The *Odes of Solomon* is an apocryphal book of songs believed to be written by newly baptized Christians of the First Century. It is interesting to note that in one of the songs, it speaks of the Saints, i.e. the Elect going out to meet Jahshuwah. Odes of Solomon 7:18-23

The Most High will be known in His Saints, to announce to those that have songs of the **COMING OF JAHSHUWAH**

So that they may **go forth TO MEET HIM**, and may sing to Him with Joy and with the harp of many tones.

The seers will come before Him and they will be seen before Him,

And they will praise Jahshuwah for His love because **HE IS NEAR** and beholdeth.

Thus hatred **will BE TAKEN FROM THE EARTH, (rapture of the wicked)**, along with jealousy it will be drowned.

For ignorance hath been destroyed, **BECAUSE THE KNOWLEDGE OF JAHWAH HAS ARRIVED** (arrived on earth.)

Jahshuwah is the Living Word, i.e. wisdom and knowledge of Jahwah, thus the knowledge or the Word of Jahwah has arrived on earth when Jahshuwah arrives. All ignorance is gone.

PEOPLE GET PREPARED! YOU WILL BE GOING THROUGH TRIBULATION. THERE IS NO RAPTURE ESCAPE! It is a lie of Satan. You most certainly don't want to be among the wicked that are removed from this earth. This is a false Tradition of Man - A tradition which makes void the Word of Jahwah.

Does mankind go to heaven or hell immediately after He dies?

1. The dead know not anything Ecclesiastes 9:5:

For the living know that they will die, but **the dead know not any thing...**

2. There is no wisdom or understanding in the grave – Ecclesiastes 9:10:

Whatever task lies to your hand, do it with all your might for there is neither **doing nor thinking**, neither **understanding** nor **wisdom** in the **grave** for which you are bound.

3. All life returns to Jahwah after death – Ecclesiastes 3: 19-20:

Man's fate is like that of the beasts; the same fate awaits them both. As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same **SPIRIT/Ruwach/breath**. Man has no advantage above the beasts – for all is vanity. (**Another way of saying it is: *Saying man has advantage above the beasts is absurd.***)

All go to the **SAME PLACE**; all come from dust, and to dust all return.

Therefore all life, i.e. the spirit of life returns to Jahwah at the moment of death and all earthly creations return to the dust of the earth.

4. The dead are described as being **asleep**:

Acts 13:36 For when David had served Jahwah's purpose in his own generation, he fell **asleep**; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.

5. Jahwah created man and man became a living soul – Genesis 2:7:

And Jahwah Elohim formed man of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living **soul**.

Soul = 5315 = *nephesh* = a breathing creature, i.e. animal, beast, body, creature, man, person, etc.

6. At Christ's return, he resurrects those who have fallen to sleep in him. A thousand years after his return the rest of mankind is resurrected:

1 Corinthians 15:20 – But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who **HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP**.

For since death came through a man, (first Adam) the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits, then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

7. The dead are shown to be “*conscious of nothing at all*” and the death state to be one of **complete inactivity**. (Ecclesiastes 9:5 & 10). In both the Hebrew and the Greek Scriptures, **death is likened to sleep**. In death there is no mention of Jahwah or any praising of him:

Psalms 146:4 - 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his **thoughts perish**.

Psalms 6:5 - 5 For **in death there is no remembrance of thee**: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

Isaiah 38:18 & For the **grave cannot give thanks thee, death can not praise thee**..

8. The most used Scripture to support going to heaven the moment you die is found in Luke 23:43:

And Jahshuwah said unto him, Verily I say unto thee ☉ To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Remember there was **ABSOLUTELY NO PUNCTUATION** in the original Scriptures. When translating into English, punctuation has absolute bearing on the understanding of the Scriptures. The comma placed after the phrase “*I say unto thee,*” separates what he is saying as: “*Today you will be with me in paradise.*” If you place the comma after “today,” the whole meaning of the sentence will be changed. Thus it would read:

Verily I say to you today ☺ “You will (*indeed*) be with me in paradise.”

Or, Truly I say to you today, you will be with me in Paradise.

Thus the whole meaning of the verse changes. **Today** He is stating that positively the thief will be in paradise with Christ on the **day of resurrection**, which will take place at the **return of Christ** to this earth to rule and reign. He is not stating that on that very **DAY** he will be in paradise with Christ. If this were a true statement, then you must throw away all of the other verses thus quoted this far on the meaning of death.

In conclusion:



There is no such doctrine as a rapture of the elect to heaven *before, during, or after* the Tribulation. It is a manmade doctrine.

There is no such doctrine as *the dead going to heaven or hell the moment after they die*. That is a manmade tradition. They know not anything. They have no understanding. They are asleep in the grave, awaiting the return of Christ and their resurrection.



Manmade Traditions Make Void the Word of Jahwah!



Go ahead and be stupid! Go ahead and be blind! Get drunk without any wine! Stagger without drinking a drop! For Jahwah hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep. The prophets should be the eyes of the people, but Jahwah has blindfolded them. The meaning of every prophetic vision will be hidden from you; it will be like a SEALED BOOK. If you take it to someone who knows how to read and ask him to read it to you, he will say he can't because it is sealed. If you give it to someone who can't read and ask him to read it to you, he will answer that he doesn't know how. Jahwah said, "These people claim to worship me, but their words are meaningless, and their hearts are somewhere else. Their religion is nothing but HUMAN RULES and TRADITIONS, which they have simply memorized. So I will startle them with one unexpected blow after another. Those who are wise will turn out to be fools, and all their cleverness will be useless – Isaiah 29:9-14.