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Yahweh blesses you and keeps you;

Yahweh makes his face to shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

Yahweh lifts up his countenance upon you, and makes you whole.

Permission to quote, share, copy, or appropriate bits, pieces, or large junks of this book freely granted. I firmly assert that all who write about The scriptures should be saying the same things, albeit perhaps using just a few different words here and there. You are welcome to be just as synoptic with me as Matthew, Mark, Luke, and I have been with others.

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Preface

Just as many have taken in hand to write down and declare those things which are most surely believed about Yahweh's Divine Scriptures, it seemed good to me also to write about The Scriptures to you, dear reader.

Perhaps this introduction sounds familiar. And well it should, for this is a blatant restatement of Luke 1:1-4 in my own words! I do this to warn you that some of what you will read may sound familiar.

The Source Materials . . .

Just as Luke and Matthew copied Mark, who may have copied an unknown source, "Q", I firmly assert that all who write about the Divine Scriptures should be saying the same things, albeit perhaps using just a few different words here and there. I mirror Matthew, Mark, and Luke in this regard and this book may inadvertently contain material that may sound like another author's copyrighted material, but I, too, am simply being synoptic.

I have read, heard, and/or watched multiple sources for the material in this book. I have also read and analyzed a minimum of six translations, one or more paraphrases, and then look up the Hebrew or Greek words. Once I have a clear image of the sense of a source, verse, or paragraph I put my analysis into modern American-English on the page. Peter uses this same method in Acts 2:16-21 when he "quotes" Joel 2:28-30. On those rare occasions when a direct quote is used I have made every attempt to provide a link or footnote to my source, but when the material has been compiled from numerous sources, I do this in the same manner as the writer of Hebrews 4:4, who says: "*He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day*" with no attempt to quote the source. Likewise, there is no reference to a particular version of the Bible; just the book, chapter, and verse.

The Style of Writing . . .

My teaching (and writing) style began forming as I became involved in twenty (plus) years of youth work, primarily with Middle-School (Junior High) youth. Youth talks and lessons quickly progressed to teaching confirmation, and a few years ago I "graduated" to teaching adults and found that it wasn't much different! Both groups have short attention spans. Both groups tend to be Biblically illiterate. Both groups listen and learn at about a sixth grade level of understanding. Both groups show as much comprehension of the material being taught as did the apostles to Yeshua's (Jesus's) teaching. Both groups need lots of preparation, buckets of explaining, and as many visual and auditory aids as humanly possible (slides, photos, movies, charts, hand-outs, music, songs, speeches, taped recordings, news clips, etc). Just as Glenn Holland used any and all material that helped get the point across, so do I (Mr. Holland's Opus, 1995).

The Structure . . .

I am an analyst and a teacher, not a novelist, therefore the information in this book is in the form of an **overview** that takes the teachings of many of today's scholars and puts them in one place. Think of it as a **study guide**, and then do your homework. My job as a teacher is to point you in the right direction to find the answers you seek, not to just give you those answers outright!

A list of Other Sites is provided in the Appendixes to point you in the direction of other students and/or authors by giving you information regarding how to access their work. You may find that their books and writings are simply synoptic with mine, as mine is with theirs. We may all be using the same original source or sources!

The Goals . . .

I believe that Biblical and historical parallels, patterns, pictures, and types have much to teach us about the world as we experience it today. My primary goal in writing this book is to encourage you to read scripture and notice the many parallels, patterns, pictures, and types that inundate the Biblical narrative regarding Yahweh's Divine Scriptures.

My secondary goal is to encourage you to discuss your findings with others, to encourage you to read other views, to listen to audio studies about the Divine Scriptures, and to heartily study and become knowledgeable about Yahweh's instructions and requirements.

My ultimate goal is to bring you to a closer relationship with the one that Hebrew names: Yeshua Ha'Mashiach, and to make your understanding of The Scriptures a blessed, joyous, heartwarming, more intimate study.

Acknowledgments

Bible verses referenced in this book are compiled from the following translations or paraphrases:

Complete Jewish Bible, New American Standard Bible, New Revised Standard Version, New Century Version, King James Version, New International Version, Contemporary English Version, English Standard Version, New Living Translation, and The Message.

Word definitions are compiled from the following concordances and/or dictionaries:

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries, New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance, New American Standard Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries, and Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Definitions.

I could spend pages thanking all those whose works, books, videos, and teachings have influenced this book, but simply thank Yahweh, Yeshua, and the Ruach Ha'Kodesh for providing all that was needed for me to write this down.

All information in this book is a compilation from many sources in my own words.

**May Yahweh and Yeshua continue to richly
bless each and every one.**

Part One

Loving Yahweh and Yeshua

Pronouncing YHWH Correctly 1

Using the Greek or English Vowels of Revelation

One of the suggestions, or should I say demands, was that we are to use the vowels in the I AM (or perhaps the Alpha Omega) of Revelation to spell the name, thus insisting that Yahovah is the correct spelling. Well, “I AM” in Greek is ego eimi. By that reckoning, the name should be spelled Yehoweihi. Or perhaps, referring to the Alpha and Omega, it would be spelled Yahawoeha or Yahawohea. If we used the English vowels, then it would become Yihwah. That manner of thinking is not even close to correct.

Bluntly put, we do not spell Hebrew words according to Greek or English word spelling.

David Bivin of Jerusalem Perspective puts it this way: “In any attempt to understand the Bible, there is no substitute for a knowledge of ancient Jewish custom and practice. For example, the term ‘Jehovah,’ which is found in many Christian translations of the Bible, originated due to Christian lack of awareness of Jewish custom.” He further states: “By linguistic comparisons with other ancient Semitic languages, scholars can be almost certain that the divine name was originally pronounced YaHWeH.” The pronunciation of the first syllable of the tetragrammaton is confirmed by the abbreviated form of God's name yah, which is sometimes used in biblical poetry (see Exodus 15:2; Psalm 68:4). It is also confirmed by the yah that is attached as a suffix to many Hebrew names such as 'eliah (Elijah) and 'ovadyah (Obadiah).

There Was No Vav In The Ancient Hebrew

When the ancients wanted a ‘v’ sound, they would use the Bet/Vet, the second letter of their alphabet, not the sixth letter. Ancient Hebrew did (and still does) indeed have a letter ‘W’, the sixth letter of the Hebrew Alphabet, originally pronounced waw. Hence, if you said the letters of Elohim’s name in Ancient Hebrew, it would be “Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey” (YHWH). The name YHWH appears 6,829 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. Only if you are using a modern mispronunciation would you say “Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey” (YHVH).

Jews that primarily speak Arabic have the same letter in Arabic which they pronounce like the English word wow. In Hebrew it becomes waw, pronounced very similarly. Hello! Hebrew and Arabic come from the same root – they both stem from Abraham and his sons – Isaac and Ishmael, who all spoke the same language! This fact should not ever be dismissed, as many are wont to do.

The Change From Waw to Vav and the Yah to Jah or Jeh

According to Nehemiah Gordon of the Berean Patriot, when scholars went around the Jewish world in the 1800's they documented how the Jews of that time pronounced every letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Aleph, Bet, Gimel, Dalet, Hey; all of those were identical, no matter what nation the Jews were living in. But not the waw.

I believe this is how the waw of Ancient Hebrew became the modern vav: As the Jews were scattered abroad, they came in contact with people who spoke Germanic languages, and as we all know very well, not only do they say 'Y' as Jah, they also say 'W' as Vah. As time went on and the mingling of languages became more imbedded.

The Change to Yahovah / Yehovah (and/or Jahovah / Jehovah)

Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11 – “You shall not take the name of YHWH your Elohim in vain.”

This commandment soon became taken to mean that one should not use the sacred name frivolously or irreverently, rather than as a name by which one swore an oath, and simply was not used in conversation to avoid the risk of violating the commandment. Instead, words such as Ha'Shem (The Name H8034 הַשֵּׁם) or Adonai (H136 אֲדֹנָי) were used. Even though the pronunciation of YHWH was likely still known to all when Yeshua arrived in Jerusalem, to avoid uttering it, other words were virtually always substituted.

A system of vowel signs that had been developed by the Masoretes in the 6th Century AD placed the vowel signs of the word Adonai into the consonants YHWH. The Masoretes had also altered the "ah" vowel of the first syllable so that readers would not see “Yah” and inadvertently blurt out the unutterable name, thus violating the commandment. Early Christian scholars in Europe also misunderstood this command and not realizing the alterations made by the Masoretes also presented the spelling Jehovah. Those who noticed the over forty uses of Yah in the scriptures and the ending of many Hebrew names continued to use the spelling: Jahovah.

New spellings for YHWH such as Jahovah or Jehovah should not be created out of our ignorance of Jewish conventions. Neither Jahovah nor Jehovah have any meaning in Hebrew! The Jahovah and Jehovah misspellings simply and vividly illustrate a continuing lack of understanding of Hebrew language and Jewish practice.

The Ancient Hebrew Research Center Possibilities

Researchers at the Ancient Hebrew Research Center say it is entirely possible that the name Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey may have different vowels. A tiny sample of some of those possible spellings, are:

- YaH-WeH
- YiH-WeH

- YeH-WaH
- Ye-Ha-WaH
- Ye-He-WeH
- Ye-Ho-WaH

As you can see, the last three examples follow the imposition of other word vowels into the YHWH.

The researchers do ask an important question, however. They ask: “When we are teaching Yahweh to others, are we placing the importance on the pronunciation of that name, or are we teaching them the character of Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey? . . . When someone insists on a particular pronunciation, even to the point of making it a Salvation issue, is that person creating unity – or chaos?”

The Encyclopedia Commentaries

Charles H. Campbell of AlwaysBeReady has compiled a list of commentaries by various encyclopedias. The encyclopedias state:

- The Jewish Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — a mispronunciation of the Hebrew YHWH the name of God.”
- The New Jewish Encyclopedia: “It is clear that the word Jehovah is an artificial composite.”
- Encyclopedia Judaica: “The true pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton YHWH was never lost. The name was pronounced Yahweh.”
- The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia: “JEHOVAH is an erroneous pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton.”
- Encyclopedia Americana: “Jehovah — erroneous form of the name of the God Israel.”
- Encyclopedia Britannica: “The pronunciation ‘Jehovah’ is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants YHWH with the vowels of ADHONAY.”
- Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary: “Jehovah — False reading of the Hebrew YAHWEH.”
- Webster’s Third New International Dictionary: “Jehovah — Intended as a transliteration of Hebrew YAHWEH, the vowel points of Hebrew ADHONAY (my lord) being erroneously substituted for those of YAHWEH.”
- New Catholic Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — false form of the divine name YAHWEH.”
- The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — is an erroneous form of the divine name of the covenant God Israel.”

Neither Jahovah nor Jehovah are appropriate spellings of YHWH.

Why I Believe The Waw/Yod Were Changed

We know that Satan hates humans, and especially Yeshua. Why have the Waw (the sixth letter) and the Yod (the tenth letter) both been attacked and perverted? The Waw represents man/mankind, and the Yod represents Yeshua. Satan wants to destroy both, and trumpets it by rejecting the original pronunciation and introducing an alternative way to spell and speak both Hebrew letters.

Conclusions

- 1) The original spelling of the name was Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey.
- 2) The original pronunciation of the sixth letter was “waw” and still is when correctly pronounced.
- 3) Ancient Hebrew had and still has a ‘V’ sound – the Bet/Vet, but the name is not spelled Yod-Hey-Vet-Hey.
- 4) We don’t use Greek or English spelling to determine Hebrew spelling.
- 5) We don’t substitute other Hebrew word vowels into the YHWH to come up with the spelling.
- 6) YHWH’s name is not Yahovah/Jahovah. That word (and the alternate Yehovah/Jehovah) is a colossal, undeniable, erroneous mistake.
- 7) Satan has rejected the pronunciation of the sixth and tenth letters due to his hatred of Yeshua and mankind, has introduced an alternative, and many have chosen this perverted way to speak and write the Yod and Waw.

Therefore, I will continue to use Yahweh in my writing and speaking.

The name, however one spells it or pronounces it, seems to be a moot point. Yeshua is the YHWH of the Older Covenant, and he commands us to pray to our Heavenly Father in his name – in the name of Yeshua (John 14:13; 15:16; 16:23-26, etc.).

If the Older Covenant pronunciation were so important or necessary, Yahweh would have made sure it was retained, just as he has made sure his entire word has been preserved, and Yeshua would have taught his disciples how to properly speak and spell it, but he did not do so – he followed Jewish tradition and also substituted other words in place of the YHWH. Since he is the YHWH of the Older Covenant, and we know how to speak and spell his name, perhaps he did teach both his disciples and us how to properly speak and write God’s name, eh?

Pronouncing YHWH Correctly 2

2 Kings 21:4 – “He built altars in the house of Yahweh, of which Yahweh had said, ‘In Jerusalem will I put my name’.”

2 Kings 21:7 – “In Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.”

Recent archaeology discoveries have confirmed that the original spelling of the tetragrammaton is YHWH in the ancient Hebrew text. Two such discoveries are highlighted in the Expedition Bible videos below.

The first discovery comes from Soleb, in Egypt, during the 15th Century BC. The Pharaoh of that time inscribed the names of his enemies into the walls of a temple and mentions the name of Yahweh, the Israelite god. Egyptologist Donald Redford documented this find in his 1992 book: *Egypt, Canaan, and Israel in Ancient Times*.

The second discovery comes from a burial site in Katef Hinnom, a suburb of Jerusalem, by Dr. Gabriel Barkay in 1979. It is the oldest copy ever found of a portion of a verse taken from the book of Numbers 6:24-26 in the Hebrew Bible, from around 7BC, the time of the first temple of Solomon.

Conclusions

- 1) The original spelling of the name was Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey.
- 2) The original pronunciation of the sixth letter was “waw” and still is when correctly pronounced.
- 3) Archaeology clearly shows that Yahweh is the correct pronunciation of the tetragrammaton.

Pronouncing YHWH Correctly 3

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The Folded Lead Tablet

In March 2022, a lead tablet from Mt. Ebal was discovered by a research team led by scholars from the Associates for Biblical Research. At that time they claimed that it contained one of the oldest extant Hebrew inscriptions. Now, after more than a year, one part of the inscription has been peer-reviewed and published in the Heritage Science journal.

The Folded Lead Tablet, containing writing on both its inside and outside, measures less than one square inch and appears to have been folded in half after being written.

The Inscription

As translated by the Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) team, the tablet reads:

- You are cursed by the god yhw, cursed.
- You will die, cursed—cursed, you will surely die.
- Cursed you are by yhw—cursed.

The team suggests that “the use of the name Yhw, a shortened version of the divine name Yahweh (YHWH), is clear evidence that the text is an early Hebrew inscription.”

The Objections

Aren Maeir, Professor Of Archaeology at Bar-Ilan University, says: “The object and its context are problematic; the data presented is of a very poor or even misleading character; the understanding of the archaeological context and its dating is lacking; the suggested reading is very hard to accept; and the generalizations and conclusions brought forward by the authors seem to be totally baseless.”

Christopher Rollston, a noted epigrapher from George Washington University said: “Facts are facts, and this article is very short on facts and very long on boundless speculation.”

The Rebuttals

In response to this criticism, Pieter van der Veen, a team epigrapher and Professor at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, stated, “I have worked with lead. I can assure you, what we see are NOT mere striations. Rather what we see is man-made and incised with a pen or stylus. The bulges seen on the back of the tablet prove that those letters are true letters indeed. They precisely match the signs on [the inside] and must be incisions to be actually visible on the back. These are not simple scratches or damage.”

ABR’s Director of Excavations, Scott Stripling similarly defended the team’s reading of the text, saying, “As several interior letters can also be detected on the outside of the tablet, where pressure marks of these letters caused by the stylus appear, we can be certain that they are there and that in most cases, the incisions are undoubtedly man-made.”

Conclusions

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- 2) Archaeology clearly shows that YHWH is the correct spelling of the tetragrammaton.
- 3) Archaeology clearly shows that Yahweh is the correct pronunciation of the tetragrammaton.

Honoring YHWH Correctly 1

As we discovered in our *Pronouncing YHWH Correctly* article on the Third Commandment, the proper spelling and pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton is Yahweh. Throughout this article, Yahweh will be used wherever scripture uses YHWH.

The Wedding Vows

The first seventeen verses of Exodus Chapter 20 give us what is commonly known as the Ten Commandments – a Marriage Covenant, also known as the Marriage Ketubah – an expectation of the behavior that describes a person’s behavior once they are married. The terms and conditions of the Ketubah were written in Exodus 20:1-17 and repeated in Deuteronomy 5:6-21. An interpretation of these Ketubah “commands” as wedding vows is below:

Commandment One: א “I am Yahweh your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.”

The expression, “took . . . to be his wife”, is used throughout scripture to describe a marriage and the attendant ceremony and taking of vows. Yahweh has just vanquished all of the Egyptian gods, whom he calls “other lovers”, then brings the Hebrews out to Mount Sinai, and says in effect: “Remember what I’ve done for you. Put me first. Have no other lovers (gods) before me, for I have taken you to be my bride.” Yahweh is clearly described as the Hebrew’s true husband (Exodus 19:5-6). The Hebrews are clearly described as taking Yahweh as her husband at Mount Sinai (Jeremiah 2:2). In the same way, Yeshua is the true husband of the Bride of Christ.

Commandment Two: ב “You are to have no other gods before me.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Now that I’m your number one lover, don’t dwell on your former lovers. In fact, don’t make statues of them, don’t keep paintings of them on your walls, don’t listen to them, don’t even talk about them!”

Commandment Three: ג “You are not to take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain, because Yahweh will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name in vain.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “When you take my name as your name, don’t do it lightly or in vain.” Originally, this commandment was interpreted to mean one was not to use Yahweh’s name as a name by which one swore an oath, especially a wedding oath. Yahweh’s name simply was not used in conversation to avoid the risk of violating the commandment. Instead, words such as Ha’Shem (The Name H8034 הַשֵּׁם) or Adonai (H136 אֲדֹנָי)

were used, and it soon became taken to mean that one should not use the sacred name frivolously or irreverently, either.

Commandment Four: 7 “Remember the Shabbat, to set it apart as holy for Yahweh.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Spend quality time with me. Let’s meet together every Sabbath and get to know each other more intimately.”

Commandment Five: 8 “Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which ADONAI your God is giving you.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Have respect for your parents and each other.”

Commandment Six: 9 “Do not murder.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Don’t murder each other. Life is precious and is not to be taken.”

Commandment Seven: 10 “Do not commit adultery.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Don’t take other lovers and commit adultery with them – I am your true husband.”

It is only in this physical life that Yahweh allows a man to have a wife and a woman to have a husband. In essence, the seventh commandment states: “I, Yahweh allow each man to have only one woman as his lover until your physical body becomes a spiritual body. Likewise, women, I allow each woman to have only one man as her lover until your physical body becomes a spiritual body.” Once we are resurrected, and are given our spiritual, immortal, incorruptible bodies, we are no longer given nor taken in marriage. When we are resurrected, we will have only one “husband” – Yahweh/Yeshua.

Commandment Eight: 11 “Do not steal.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Don’t take each other’s belongings. I will supply all your needs.”

Commandment Nine: 12 “Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.

Yahweh then says in effect: “Don’t lie or tell each other tall tales. Speak only the truth.”

Commandment Ten: 13 “Do not covet your neighbor’s house; do not covet your neighbor’s wife, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Yahweh then says in effect: “Don’t crave another’s spouse, possessions or servants. I will supply all your needs.”

Commandment Three, Expanded

Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11 – “You shall not take the name of YHWH your Elohim in vain.”

In a Jewish wedding ceremony, once the groom had established and paid the purchase price for the bride he would then offer the Cup Of Covenant to his prospective bride, thereby pledging his life to and for his bride. If the bride accepted this promise, she would then drink of the cup confirming that she, too, would pledge her life to and for her betrothed. This was never done lightly or frivolously – from this point on the bridegroom and bride-to-be were considered married, and all the covenants, privileges, and duties of a fully married couple applied.

Today, when a couple enters into a marriage they typically bind themselves to each other with a an oath; “I take you to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, and I pledge myself to you.” When the woman marries the man she typically takes the man’s last name as her own, a symbol of the oath she has just sworn – to admit he has won her heart from all other suitors, to have no other lovers, to do so solemnly and not lightly nor in vain. Likewise, the man leaves his father and his mother, and binds himself to bride: they become one flesh (Genesis 2:24). Neither is he to do so frivolously or in vain. Sounds very similar to the first three commandments, does it not?

Conclusions

The Ten Commandments are a written testimony to the sacrament of marriage and are a joy and a gift of love from a husband to his wife, and from a wife to her husband. The taking of marriage vows is a solemn event. The third petition of the Ketubah reminds everyone to do so solemnly, not on a whim, frivolously, lightly, or in vain. Doing so on a whim is not a proper way to enter into a marriage – neither with a human spouse, nor especially with Yahweh, our Elohim.

Honoring YHWH Correctly 2

Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Shema Yisra’el, Yahweh Elohiym, Yahweh echad!”

This verse is traditionally translated “Hear O Israel, the LORD our God, is one”. The word translated “Hear” is the Hebrew word Shema. The words translated “the LORD” are actually the proper name of God, YHWH in Hebrew (i.e. Yahweh). The word translated “God” is Elohiym in Hebrew. The word translated “one” is the Hebrew word echad. It is Yahweh our Elohiym, who is echad. We honor Yahweh correctly by listening to his instruction.

Honoring YHWH With His Name

Exodus 3:15 – “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘Yahweh (יהוה YHWH [H3068]), the Elohiym of your fathers, the Elohiym of Abraham, the Elohiym of Isaac, and the Elohiym of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and this is my memorial-name to all generations.”

Exodus 9:16 – “For this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show my power in you, and that my name may be declared in all the earth.”

Numbers 6:27 – “Put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Ezekiel 39:7 – “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am Yahweh (יהוה), the Holy One in Israel.”

Psalms 69:30 – “I will praise the name of Elohiym with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving.”

Psalms 148:13 – “Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted.”

In Exodus, when Yahweh met Moses at the burning bush, he commanded Moses to make known His name to the people in Egypt and to all peoples of the earth. In Numbers, he commands Moses to pronounce his name upon the Israelites. In Ezekiel, he further clarified that His name, Yahweh (יהוה), is to be made known to all nations. That name had two parts which are:

- I AM – Hâyâh [הָיָה H1961] meaning: I exist, I am, I am self existent; that is: to be.
- YHWH – Yahweh [יְהוָה H3068]

First Two Clues –Yahweh Is Our Elohiym; Elohiym Is One

Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our Elohiym, Yahweh is one!”

Scripture tells us that Yahweh [יהוה H3068], our Elohiym [God אֱלֹהִים H430] is echad [one אֶחָד H529]. Yahweh is our Elohiym – and Elohiym is one. Elohiym is a plural word in Hebrew, and tells us that Yahweh is a Trinity, or in other words, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is confirmed by many other scriptures, including Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26, and especially Matthew 28:19.

Third and Fourth Clues – Yahweh Is The Eternal Trinity

Malachi 3:6 – “I Am Yahweh (יהוה), I do not change . . .”

Hebrews 13:8 – “Yeshua (יהושע [H3091]) Ha’Mashiach (משיח [H4899]) is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Revelation 4:8 – “And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Elohiym Yahweh Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Here, a trinity of adjectives is used: holy, holy, holy; and was, is, & is to come, which takes us back to Exodus 3:15.

The threefold Holy points to this attribute of Yahweh – He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – The Trinity.

The threefold who was, who is, who will be points to this attribute of Yahweh – He is eternal.

Yahweh’s name, commonly called the Tetragrammaton, is composed of four Hebrew letters: יהוה YHWH (i.e. Yahweh [H3068]). The letters in the Tetragrammaton, יהוה, the four letter representation of Yahweh’s name, can be rearranged to spell the words:

- היה Hâyâh [H1961].....He Was
Hâyâh is the past tense, meaning “was.”
- הנה Hâvâh, or hôvêh [H1934] He Is Now
Hâvâh, is the present tense, meaning “is.”
- יהיה yihyêh [H3068, from H1961] He Will Be
Yod before a verb changes tense from past to future. Was becomes “will be.”

Again, the threefold He was, he is, he will be points to this attribute of Yahweh – He is eternal.

Yahweh’s name, יהוה, firmly establishes His eternal nature and that He is the same yesterday, today, and for all eternity. He is loving, merciful, gracious, and desires that not one will perish. Place your faith in Him and His promises and receive eternal life.

Yeshua

Philippians 2:9 – “Yahweh highly exalted him, and bestowed on Yeshua the name which is above every name.”

Hebrews 13:8 – “Yeshua (יהושע [H3091]) Ha’Mashiach (משיח [H4899]) is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

The same admonition is applied to Yeshua – we are to pray, bless, and give thanks in his name, Yeshua, not by his titles!

Honoring YHWH With Meanings Of His Name

The four letters that make up the name of Yahweh are: Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey [יהוה H3068]. They can be translated to mean:

- The Man With The Outstretched Arms and Nailed Hands Shall Be Revealed Twice.
- Behold the Nail, Behold the Hand.
- Behold the Nailed Hand.
- Behold The Nailed Hand Is Salvation

Yahweh is:

Yahweh Elohiym – Yahweh our God [יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים H3068 H430] Deuteronomy 6:4

Yahweh Rapha – Yahweh That Heals [יְהוָה רָפָא H3068 H7495] Exodus 15:26

Yahweh Qadash – Yahweh Who Sanctifies [יְהוָה קָדַשׁ H3068 H6942] Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 37:28

Yahweh Rapha – Yahweh Who Will See To It [יְהוָה רָאָה H3068 H7200] Genesis 22:8, Genesis 22:14

Yahweh Tsaba – Yahweh of Hosts [יְהוָה צְבָאָה H3068 H6635] 1 Samuel 1:3

Yahweh Nissi – Yahweh Our Banner [יְהוָה נִסִּי H3068 H5251] Exodus 17:15

Honoring YHWH By Following Torah

Scripture speaks loudly about the right way to live. The right way to live is by Torah, by his word, by his teaching. Living rightly is called the way and the truth, and it brings life. Let's look more closely at the Torah and see how it is the way, the truth, and the life, and how living by the Torah is honoring Yahweh correctly:

Torah Is The Way

Psalms 119:1 – “Blessed are the undefiled in the Way, who walk in the Torah of Yahweh.”

Micah 6:8 – “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what Yahweh requires of you – to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

Proverbs 28:9 – “He who turns away his ear from hearing Torah, even his prayer is an abomination!”

Scripture clearly states that Torah is the Way. And the Way is a correct means of following Yahweh!

Torah Is The Truth

Psalms 1:2 – “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

Psalms 119:142 “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah is the Truth!”

Proverbs 7:2 – “Keep my commandments and live! Guard my Torah as the apple of your eye.”

Scripture also clearly states that Torah is the Truth. And living in the Truth is a correct means of following Yahweh!

Torah Is The Life

Deuteronomy 5:33 – “You shall walk in all the way which Yahweh your God has commanded you, that you may live.”

Psalms 119:144 – “Your Torah is righteous forever. Give me understanding, that I may live.”

Proverbs 6:23 – “For the commandment is a lamp, And the Torah is light. Reproofs of Torah are the way of life.”

Proverbs 13:14 – “The Torah of the wise is a fountain of Life, to depart from the snares of death.”

Scripture also clearly states that Torah is the Life. And following Yahweh brings life. In other words, Torah brings life!

Yeshua Is The Way, The Truth, and The Life

John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:14 – “The Word became flesh, and lived among us.”

John 14:6 – “Yeshua said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me’.”

Yahweh’s word is the Torah. Torah is the way, the truth and the life. Yahweh’s word, the Torah, was with him in the beginning, became flesh, and lived amongst us. Yeshua is the living word, or in other words, Yeshua is the living Torah! And since Yeshua is the living Torah, he is indeed the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Conclusions

Psalms 69:30 – “I will praise the name of Elohiym, Yahweh, with song and magnify him with thanksgiving.”

Psalms 119:344-45 – “I will keep your law continually for ever and ever. I will walk at liberty: for I seek your precepts.”

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Torah is still good for reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, and life! The Torah is clear: anyone who continues to reject Yahweh’s way to worship rightly, unfortunately, is following Satan, not Yeshua.

Torah is the way, the truth, and the life, and living by the Torah is the only way to guarantee that one is following Yahweh / Yeshua correctly. Keeping Torah allows one to ignore the insults and ignorant ranting of other people. Only one who keeps Torah can truly call oneself a follower of Yeshua.

Part Two

Rapture Patterns

LA Marzulli White Horse Vision

I have written extensively during the past twelve years about the integral part of horses involvement in the bodily rapture of human beings from earth to the clouds according to scripture, and LA Marzulli has on several occasions spoken of the white horse he saw in a vision. Here is a synopsis of that account he gave during an interview with Pastor Matt Freeman:

It's unbelievable, it is unbelievable. You know, and then of course the white horse. I've been on that horse. Did I see wings, no! Did I see Jesus, yes! I was only there for three seconds, holding onto the horse's mane, second number one looking down at my hands on that white horse holding onto his mane no bridle, no saddle.

Then I look to my left and down from me in the center, this great throng like a horseshoe and the armies of heaven are stacked up like the floors of a building. Floor one, two, three, and it's in a horseshoe shape. And in the center of that horseshoe, there is THE rider on the white horse. Then I look in front of me, I'm a brand new Christian, this is 42 years ago, I don't even know where I am - I'd never read Revelation 19.

I have no idea what this is and in front of me, you know, I'm about eight rows back, on the upper right flank, not the top flank, but the right flank of the horseshoe and every eye can see him because the horses are staggered. The guys in front are super big.

I'm laying in bed and I'm just kind of praying and the Holy Spirit goes: "Do you remember that vision that you had you know 37 years ago?" Whatever! I go yeah, yeah exactly – and I go, "Can I have another one?" Dead silence you know. And he goes, "The horses that you have are the father's gift to you." And I'm sitting there – I don't like horses – so I'm sitting there going oh great "Oh great – I really don't want this horse." – dead silence, right, dead silence.

And then the Holy spirit goes "And that horse can fly!" I sat up in that bed and I was wide awake, tingling all over, just kind of going "Oh let me see him can I see him, please oh please?"

You know, I don't know how that works and people can scoff at that. You can't take that away from me. I was there and I know that that horse flies. Don't ask me how he flies, that's none of my business, but he flies – I'm gonna get my flying white horse because I've been on it once for three seconds and then he told me about it so that's what I'm going with!

You Have Heard It Said – Part One

Ecclesiastes 1:9 and 3:15 both tell us – “There is nothing new under the sun. What has been done will be done again.”

Deuteronomy 19:15 – “A fact must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

When we look at scripture, we readily affirm that parallels, patterns, pictures, and types have prophetic significance. For instance, the poisonous snake on the pole was a pattern of Yeshua hanging on the tree. Jonah three days in the belly of the “whale” was a pattern of Yeshua being three days in the belly of the earth. In the same way, parallels, patterns, pictures, and types become very important when we try to determine what scripture has to say to us about the Resurrection and the Rapture. Just as important are the definitions of the words used.

There Ain't No Signs

Oh what a load of balderdash, codswallop, hogwash, drivel, nonsense, manure, rubbish [pick a word that suits you! Don't you just hate it when they use a crapola colored crayon? I sure do.]

Matthew 24:33 – “When you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.”

Mark 13:8 – “Nations will fight each other, there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the ‘birth pains’.”

Luke 21:28 – “But when these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Romans 8:23 – “We groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption, the redemption of our bodies.”

No doubt you have heard it said, “Yeshua can come at any time, – it can happen at any moment, without notice” or the corollaries – “Yeshua can come at any time, even while you are reading this article, even while we are speaking, etc.”

The Signs

No doubt you have also heard it said that “there are no signs that precede the resurrection / rapture – the resurrection / rapture is a sign-less event.” But I say scripture presents an entirely different scenario and those who say there are no signs are greatly mistaken – there are many signs that point to the resurrection and the rapture.

When asked about the signs pointing to his return, Yeshua spoke of many things to watch for: the destruction of the temple, Israel back in the land, many coming in his name, famines, pestilences, wars and rumors of wars, signs in the heavens, and great earthquakes in various places, just to name a few signs. But these warnings came with a caveat: “but the end will not follow immediately,” and “don’t be deceived.” Luke 21:28 also tells us that all these signs point to our redemption, or as Paul puts it in Romans 8:23 – “the redemption of our bodies” from death and corruption! Let’s begin by looking at the signs, starting with the Resurrection words.

The Meaning of Rise, Arose, Arise, etc.

The definitions of the words translated rise, arose, arise, etc. succinctly negates both the erroneous instant disappearance teaching which says “the resurrection is the rapture – they both happen at the same time and in a twinkling of the eye” and the “the rapture is a sign-less event” teaching. The rising of the dead first will be THE final sign that the rapture is near, even if one ignores the many signs Yeshua himself commanded us to look for as confirmation that our redemption (resurrection to living if dead / change from mortal to immortal if still living) draws near.

All definitions used below are taken from Thayer’s Greek Definitions, and are confirmed by several other lexicons or concordances. Scripture uses several Greek words for raise, rise, arise, or resurrect.

The primary words are: Egeiro[G1453], anistemi[G450] , and anastasis[G386]

- Egeiro is frequently used in many verses in Corinthians, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- Paul uses a synonym, anistemi in Thessalonians
- Both egeiro and anistemi indicate that the resurrected person then appears in public – they do not instantly disappear!

Let’s take a closer look:

G1453 egeiro: to arouse from the sleep of death, to recall the dead to life, to cause to appear, and bring before the public.

Matthew 9:25 recounts the resurrection of a ruler’s daughter. Acts 10:39-41 tells us that the apostles “ate and drank with Yeshua after he rose from the dead.” Luke 7:15 tells us “the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.” Egeiro is the word Paul uses in 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 to describe Yeshua’s resurrection, who by the way, was seen not only by Peter, but also by more than five hundred brothers at one time. Egeiro is also the word Paul uses to describe all who are resurrected and given their immortal, incorruptible bodies! They too will be witnessed by many – they do not just instantly disappear. Egeiro is translated raise, rise, risen, arise, or arose over 120 times (raised 45 times, rise 23 times, risen 22 times, arise 13 times, arose 13 times, and raise 8 times).

G450 anistemi: to raise up from the dead and cause to appear to enter into conversation or dispute with anyone. This word comes from G2476 histemi: to rise up in the presence or midst of others. It is used of Yeshua's resurrection twice, in Luke 24:46, John 20:9, and Acts 17:3 explaining and proving that he had to suffer and rise again from the dead. Anistemi is the form used in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 to describe the dead in Yeshua who rise first. Anistemi is translated arose, rise, rose, arise, raise, or raised over 90 times (arose 24 times, rise 23 times, rose 18 times arise, raise, or raised 28 times).

G386 anastasis: (literally) a resurrection from death. Again, this word indicates a resurrection and return to community, not an instant disappearance. Acts 26:23 tells us that "Yeshua would die, and that he, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to both the Jewish People and to the Gentiles, the Goyim." Again, no instant disappearance here, either – he did witness to over 500 after he was raised (1 Cor 15:6).

G4891 sunegairo: to raise up together from mortal death to a new and blessed life dedicated to God. Hmm, not a resurrection that culminates in an instant disappearance, but a new life dedicated to serving Yahweh, Yeshua, and the Ruach Ha'Kodesh.

H6965 quwm: to rise, to arise, come on the scene. An equivalent Hebrew word also defines a resurrection as a rising to be placed back in community, not an instant disappearance. Isaiah 26:19 puts it this way: "Your dead will come back to life; your corpses will rise up. Wake up and shout joyfully, you who live in the ground! For you will grow like plants drenched with the morning dew, and the earth will cast out the dead." Growing like well watered plants doesn't even remotely lend itself to instant disappearance teachings!

The Resurrection is a Witnessed Event

The individuals that were resurrected according to the scriptures that did not instantly disappear but who were seen by many after their resurrection are:

1. The son of the widow from Zarephath in Sidon (1 Kings 17:21-22)
2. The son of the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:31-35)
3. The dead man placed into the tomb of Elisha (2 Kings 13:20-21)
4. The prophet Jonah (Jonah 2:1-10)
5. The daughter of Jairus who is only "asleep" (Matthew 9:23-25; Mark 5:22, 5:35-42; Luke 8:41, 8:52-55)
6. The only son of a widow from the town of Nain (Luke 7:11-15)
7. Lazarus (John 11:11-44)
8. Dorcas/Tabitha (Acts 9:37-42)
9. Eutychus (Acts 20:9-10)
10. And possibly, the Apostle Paul who was presumed dead (Acts 14:19-20)
11. Yeshua (Matthew 28:7; Mark 16:9; John 20:17, Acts 10:40)
12. The Holy Ones (Matthew 27:50-53)

Two Future Resurrections:

13. The Dead in Yeshua who more than likely may also remain for a short time if the pattern of Yeshua and the Holy ones is followed (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

14. The Two Witnesses of Revelation (Revelation 11:11-12)

The Rapture Is Also A Witnessed Event

2 Kings 2:7-12 – Elijah’s ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and the prophets.

Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11a – Yeshua’s rapture was witnessed by the disciples, and perhaps many more people.

Revelation 11:11 – The two witnesses will be raptured as their enemies watch.

Enoch 81:5-6; Jasher 3:34 – While not found in the scriptures, Enoch’s rapture was also witnessed by many people.

The Dead Rise FIRST

1 Thessalonians 4:16 – “Yeshua himself will come down from heaven with a rousing cry, with a call from one of the ruling angels, and with the shofar of Yahweh; those who died united with him will be the first to rise.”

No doubt you have heard that “the rapture is an instantaneous event that happens at the same time as the resurrection of the dead” – this is not at all accurate. Scripture tells us that the dead rise first. Not second, and not third, but the dead are the first in a series of events that take place. The Greek word translated first is: *proton* [G4413] which means: first in time or place in any succession of things or persons. If you are looking for a sign that points to the rapture, this is it! If you are looking for the Biblical timing of the Resurrection and the Rapture, this is it! Only after meeting with the still living will both then ascend together to be with Yeshua.

Conclusions

Matthew 24:33 – “When you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.”

Yeshua himself commanded us to look for signs as confirmation that our redemption (resurrection to living if dead/change from mortal to immortal if still living) draws near. This succinctly negates the “sign-less rapture” teaching – the rise of the dead is the final sign pointing to the nearness of the rapture. No signs is not a fact – many signs is.

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There are twelve Biblical accounts of witnessed resurrections and three Biblical accounts of witnessed bodily raptures, and a fourth non-canonical account of a witnessed bodily rapture. Instant disappearance rapture is not a fact – a witnessed resurrection and witnessed rapture is.

The Apostle Paul does not teach that the resurrection is the rapture – but that:

- They are separate events, and
- The resurrection happens first.

You Have Heard It Said – Part Two

When we look at scripture, we readily affirm that idioms and cultural sayings are frequently used and can even have prophetic significance. For instance, the fig tree starting to bloom is an idiom for Israel and the Jews returning to the land. In that day looks prophetically forward to when Messiah comes. Idioms and their prophetic nature become very important when we try to determine what scripture has to say to us about the Imminent Return of Yeshua.

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Romans 8:23 – “We groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption, the redemption of our bodies.”

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The Day and Hour – An Idiom

Let’s examine the scriptures and see what they say about Yeshua’s Imminent Return– can it indeed happen at any time, or is it an event that occurs at a set Day and Hour.

When the disciples asked Yeshua “What will be the sign that you are coming, and the end of the age?”, he replied “Neither I nor the angels will make known or declare that day, only my father in Heaven will reveal or declare it . . . therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36, 24:42, 25:13; Mark 13:33; Luke 12:40).

Day and Hour was a well known phrase, or idiom in that time. Several possibilities would have immediately come to mind:

- Is Yeshua talking about a specific Day and Hour, such as a specific Rosh Chodesh – a specific new moon? And the answer is yes!
- Is Yeshua talking about a specific Yom Teruah, known as the Day and Hour that no one knows? And the answer is yes!
- Is Yeshua talking about a wedding ceremony, in which the Father determines the time when the bridegroom is given permission to go get his bride? Maybe, but not as a definition of imminent . . .

In essence, what Yeshua said to his disciples was: “Y’all will not know which day I will return, but here’s a hint – I will return on a Rosh Chodesh!” Yeshua alludes to a coming at Rosh Chodesh, a new moon whose date he will not reveal, as only the Father has the authority to do so, and Paul tells us which new moon is being referenced – the new moon known as the Last Trump, again without revealing exactly which Yom Teruah it will be! (1 Corinthians 15:52).

The scriptures are very clear, precise, and definitive that this will only take place on some yet future Yom Teruah, which happens on Rosh Chodesh – the new moon. This alone succinctly negates the paradigm that “Yeshua can come at any time”, but the Bible has a lot more to say about this.

Set Times and Seasons – An Idiom

Let’s further examine the scriptures and see what they say about the Imminent Return – can it indeed happen at any time, or is it is an event that occurs at a Set Time and Season.

Leviticus 23:2 – “These are the appointed times of Yahweh that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my divine appointments.”

Acts 1:7 – “Yeshua said ‘You don’t need to know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority’.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – “You have no need to have anything written to you, brothers, about the times and seasons when this will happen.”

The word seasons, used by both Yeshua and Paul, is the Greek word *kairos* [G2540 *καίρος*] which means a set time or occasion. In Hebrew, seasons would be *zman* [H2166] which also means an appointed occasion. Some translations use the word “dates” in place of the word times, which is gives a more accurate sense of the terms being used.

Set times and seasons in scripture, like day and hour, is an idiom! And scripture succinctly tells us that the set, appointed times are the Moedim [H4150]!!! The Imminent Return has everything to do with the Moedim, the set Times and Seasons, and nothing to do with events that happen at any time or instantly.

The set Times and Seasons, the Moedim, are dress rehearsals for the real event – prophecies in the making, just waiting for the curtain to rise and the play to begin. When the time is fully come for the rehearsal to become the play, then the curtain rises on the show and the events that the moedim prophecy take place.

- The moed of Pesach always takes place on the 14th of Nissan.
- Chag Ha'Matzoh always takes place the next day, and
- Reishit Katzir always takes place on the following Sabbath.
- Shavuot follows exactly 50 days after Chag Ha'Matzoh.
- Yom Teruah always takes place on the 1st Day of 7th Month, at Rosh Chodesh
- Yom Kippur always takes place on the 10th Day of 7th Month, and
- Sukkot always starts on the 15th Day of 7th Month.

The seven Moedim have embedded prophecies of coming events. The pattern to the prophecies represented by the Moedim is: the death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua, the giving of the spirit, the resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and the rapture, the judgment, and the millennial reign. The first four prophecies embedded in the Moedim have already been completed, or as some say, fulfilled.

The next Moed, Yom Teruah, prophesies the day of the resurrection of the righteous dead, the taking up of the living righteous, and the day of hiding and concealment – before the time of tribulation.

Some may imply that Yom Teruah is random, since it can only be declared when two witnesses see the edge of the moon, hence, the expression Yeshua used: “You do not know the day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36). But this two day period does not indicate a random any ol’ time event – not in the least.

The Days of Yeshua and The Apostles

Two thousand years ago the people living in the days of Yeshua and the Apostles had just witnessed the completion, or as some would say, fulfillment, of the first four Moedim. The prophecies fulfilled were the death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua, and the giving of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh (Holy Spirit).

Finally, they reasoned, the fulfillment of the last three moedim must be imminent. We’ve waited thousands of years to see this happen, and now it is beginning. Can’t wait to see it all take place. Finally the promises to

Abraham will be fulfilled in their entirety. Finally, we will see the resurrection of the dead and rapture of the bride, the tribulation period, and the one thousand year reign of our Mashiach, Yeshua.

The people living in the days of Yeshua and the Apostles had great expectations tied to the fulfillment of the final three moedim. They knew imminent did not mean at any time or immediately, even while they were talking or reading, unless it happened on the day and hour of the next Yom Teruah moed.

Unfortunately, their imminent expectations were not fulfilled and they are still waiting! So are we. “Yeshua can come at any time” is not at all accurate.

Conclusions

Yeshua himself proclaims that he can only come at the set Time and Season that the Father “has set by his own authority” – in other words, at Yom Teruah. “Yeshua can come at any time” is not accurate.

Yeshua’s return will only happen at a Set Time and Season – at the time of the Yom Teruah Moed. “Imminent means coming at any time” is also not accurate.

Ignoring the Moedim is not a scripturally accurate way to define Yeshua’s Imminent Return. The Imminent Return has everything to do with the Moedim, the set dates and seasons. The Imminent Return we should be looking for is the Resurrection of the Dead in Yeshua and the fulfillment of Yom Teruah.

The Bible only asks for two witnesses to establish a fact!

Fact: Yeshua can not come at any ol’ time is a fact according to the scriptures.

Fact: Imminent does not mean at any time, immediately, or instantly is also a fact according to the scriptures.

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Redemption – An Idiom

Let’s examine the scriptures and see what they say about the Imminent Return and Redemption.

Matthew 24:32-33 – “Learn a lesson from the fig tree: When its branches become green and soft and new leaves appear, you know summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to come.”

Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near!”

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Yeshua spoke of the time of redemption, which would happen when all those signs began to appear (Luke 21:28).

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Paul specifically states that this time of redemption is the redemption of our bodies.

Hello!

That is the resurrection and change from mortal to immortal which happens at the last trump – in other words at Yom Teruah. Expecting Yeshua to come at any time, was not anticipated by the people of that day. What they did expect was that he would return in their lifetime to fulfill the next moed, Yom Teruah.

This, of course, did not happen, as too many signs had to be evident, and at that time they were not. But today, those many signs are not only evident, but are converging. Neither then, nor now “Yeshua can come at any time” is not at all accurate.

Day of the Lord – An Idiom

Let’s examine the scriptures further and see just what they do say about the Imminent Return and the Day of the Lord – in other words, the Tribulation Period.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – “Now, brothers, we want you to know the truth about those who have died.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16 – “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a rousing cry, with a call from one of the ruling angels, and with God’s shofar; those who died united with the Messiah will be the first to rise; then together we who are still alive will be caught up with them.”

A question arose about those who had died, as well as those who were still living. People were asking Paul if they had already missed the Resurrection and the Rapture: and were now in the Day of the Lord, the Tribulation Period.

The Apostle Paul assured them that the Tribulation Period had not yet begun; the dead must rise first before the living are raptured and the Tribulation Period begins. For more on this, see the article: “You Have Heard it Said”

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – “You have no need to have anything written to you . . .when this will happen.”

The Apostle Paul continued and reminded them that he had already taught them about the prophecies embedded in the Moedim. He taught that the first four had been completed, and assured them that the coming moed of Yom Teruah represents the day of the resurrection of the righteous dead, the taking up of the living righteous, and the day of hiding and concealment before the time of tribulation. He taught that the next moed to be fulfilled, Yom Teruah, was still a future, imminent event. Did you catch that? A future, imminent event! An event that they were to watch for and anticipate experiencing.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 – “We ask you not to be easily shaken in your thinking or anxious because of a spirit or a spoken message or a letter supposedly from us claiming that the Day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come unless the departure comes first.”

Somebody must have been in a real hurry to see the final three moedim fulfilled, as the Thessalonians had received a letter from someone claiming that the Day of the Lord had already come – in other words, Yom Teruah had already happened, you guys missed the boat, and now you are in the time of Yom Kippur, the Tribulation Period.

Paul was having nothing to do with that nonsense, saying: “Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the departure” – in other words, not until the apostasia (apostasy) was in process and Yom Teruah had been fulfilled. The day of the resurrection of the dead had not yet happened, nor had the rapture.

Their imminent expectations were not fulfilled and they were still waiting! “Yeshua could come at any time” was not at all accurate, according to Paul.

Imminent Today

The same holds true for us today. We do not know which Yom Teruah will be THE Yom Teruah to be completed: it could be five years, next year, or even this year on the Biblical Calendar, hence an imminent event! An event that we are to watch for and anticipate experiencing. Still, today “Imminent means at any time, immediately, or instantly” is not at all accurate.

Waiting for Yeshua to Imminently Appear

Zechariah 12:3 – “I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth are gathered together against it.”

Acts 1:7 – “Yeshua said ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority’.”

Today we are one day closer to the return of Yeshua than we were yesterday. Tomorrow we will be even one more day closer. The fig tree, Israel has bloomed. The earthquakes have been increasing exponentially since 1948. Wars and rumors of wars are a daily item in the news. Famines and pestilences have been endemic during the last decade. Jerusalem is certainly a burdensome stone for all living today who do not love Yahweh / Yeshua. The signs are all converging.

Conclusions

Yeshua himself proclaims that we are to look up when we see our “redemption is near” – in other words, when we see signs that we are in the season of the final Yom Teruah.

Paul tells the people of his day that the Day of the Lord had not yet come, that the letter they had received was in error and not a letter he sent. The Day of the Lord speaks about the Tribulation Period, which cannot happen until the Dead in Yeshua have been raised, the Rapture has occurred, and the apostasia is in full swing.

The Imminent Return we should be looking for is the fulfillment of the Yom Teruah Moed.

The Bible only asks for two witnesses to establish a fact! We have two: Yeshua’s and Paul’s statements about redemption, and Paul’s statements about the Day of the Lord.

Fact: Yeshua can not come at any ol’ time is a fact according to the scriptures – He will come at the time of Redemption – at Yom Teruah – before the Day of the Lord, the time of the Tribulation.

The statement that “Yeshua can come at any time” and “Imminent means at any time, immediately, or instantly” are not accurate – but Yeshua can not come at any ol’ time is a fact according to the scriptures – He will come at the set time and season. Paul reminds us – “Do not be deceived, Yahweh will not be made a fool” (Galatians 6:7). Yahweh commands us – “Listen to Yeshua” (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35), and Yeshua commands us – “Listen to me” (Mark 7:14) and states that “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me” (John 18:37). Listen to Yeshua, not inaccurate paradigms.

You Have Heard It Said – Part Four

Scripture has a lot to say about the Rapture, and about the people who have been raptured. Advance notice is the scriptural norm. Witnesses is the norm. Horses as the mode of transportation is the norm.

The Three Prophet's Advance Notice

Amos 3:7 – “Yahweh Elohim does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.”

Everybody thinks that nobody knows the day or hour. Not so fast, pardner. In every case the person being raptured knows he will be – he has advance notice:

2 Kings 2:3, 2:5 – “Do you know that Yahweh is taking your master away from you today? ‘Yes, I know,’ Elisha answered; ‘say no more’.”

- Elijah and two schools of prophets knew the day of his departure.

Luke 9:30-31 – “Suddenly there were two men talking with Yeshua; Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke of his exodus.”

- Yeshua knew about his departure prior to his going to Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) to be crucified.

Enoch 81:5-6 – “One year you will have with your son, Methuselah, until you give your last commands, teach and testify them to your children, and record these commands for them.”

- Enoch had a full year of advance notice.

Yahweh always informs his prophets in advance and Paul states that we will not be caught off guard by the coming of Yeshua to rapture his bride. Yeshua arriving without advance notice does not correspond to the many instances in scripture that state very clearly, precisely, and definitively that advance notice is given. Yeshua showing up without advance notice being given would violate Yahweh's promise as set forth in Amos 3:7.

The Three Prophet's Witnessed Rapture

The person being raptured is always witnessed as he ascends to the clouds – Other people are present who see them being raptured:

2 Kings 2:7-12 – “While Elisha was watching, he was crying out, . . . Then he could no longer see him.”

Elijah was in the presence of Elisha. Elijah's ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and fifty of the sons of the prophets when he was raptured – all witnessed this rapture with their own eyes, and eventually Elisha “lost sight of him”.

Acts 1:9-11 – “Yeshua was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight.”

Yeshua was carried up into heaven while the disciples (and perhaps wives, children, neighbors, etc.) were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight. This ascension was so fascinating to those watching that two “men” had to interrupt them and basically tell them to get on with their lives until Yeshua returned! And not to mention that the disciples were in the right spot at the right time to witness Yeshua being taken up, eh?” Yeshua’s rapture was witnessed by many.

Enoch 81:6 – “In the second year, you will be taken from amidst their presence.”

Enoch was in the presence of his children and the King’s men when he was raptured (Enoch 81:5-6 and Jasher 3:34).

Revelation 11:12 – “The two witnesses went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.”

The two witnesses are raptured while many enemies watch. The raptures of Elijah, Yeshua, and Enoch were fully witnessed events. The rapture of the Two Witnesses Of Revelation will also be witnessed.

The Three Prophet’s Mode of Transportation Rapture

Horses (and often Chariots of Fire) are always present. Thus the mode of transportation involves horses:

2 Kings 2:11-12 – “As they were walking and talking, a chariot and horses of fire appeared and separated Elijah from Elisha. Then Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind and Elisha cried out, My father, my father – the chariots and steeds of Israel.”

When Elijah was raptured (taken up) in a whirlwind he ascended into heaven in the accompaniment of horses of fire! Elisha and fifty others were witnesses to this rapture accompanied by horses of fire.

Luke 24:51 – “And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:10-11a – “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel who said, ‘You men of Galilee, why are you gazing up into heaven?’”

Acts 1:11b – “Yeshua will return in exactly the same way as you watched him ascend into heaven.”

Revelation 19:11 – “Next I saw heaven opened, and there before me was a white horse and sitting on it was the one called Faithful and True.”

According to Luke 24:51, when Yeshua was raptured he was carried into heaven and Acts 1:11 then informs us he returns the same way. In order to find out how he was carried, we have to go to Revelation 19:11 which tells us that Yeshua returns on a white horse. Therefore, there can be absolutely no doubt that Yeshua was raptured on the back of a horse – most likely the same white horse which will carry him back at his second coming. The apostles were witnesses to his rapture accompanied by his white horse.

Jasher 3:36 – “Enoch ascended into Heaven in a whirlwind with horses and chariots of fire.”

Jasher 3:36 tells us that Enoch was raptured in a whirlwind in the accompaniment of horses and chariots of fire, and Jasher 3:27 tells us that the horse paced in the air, waiting for Enoch to climb aboard! Enoch’s children and the king’s men were witnesses to his rapture accompanied by horses of fire.

Conclusions

Enoch was the first to be raptured, and that event set the pattern for all future raptures in scripture – all involve advance notice, all involve witnesses, and all involve horses.

You Have Heard It Said – Part Five

A Roman Soldier's Armor is A Human Weapon

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – “The weapons of our warfare are not human weapons.”

No doubt you have heard it said about Ephesians 6:11-18 that “Paul is describing a Roman soldier's armor.”

If the weapons of our warfare are not human weapons, then why do so many teach that we are to put on a Roman soldier's weapons? It may be mistaken perceptions, or more likely just unsound teaching. Paul consistently quotes from Isaiah in Ephesians 6:11-18. Isaiah wrote around 700BC, six hundred years before Roman Soldier Armor (or Rome) even existed! The whole Roman Soldier Armor paradigm is not at all accurate.

1 Samuel 17:38-39 – “Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, and David strapped his sword over his armor. . . Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off.”

1 Samuel 17:45 – “I come to you in the name of Yahweh Tzva'ot.”

When David went against Goliath, he took off the human weapons that King Saul gave him. David then went against Goliath in the Name of Yahweh, the Lord of Heaven's Armies. In other words, David went against Goliath in the whole Armor of Yahweh!

Whose Armor Is It?

Let's see if the Armour of Yahweh applies more to the Garments of the High Priest, who is anointed for battle, than to a Roman Soldier's Armor!

Ephesians 6:11-18

6:11-13 – “Put on the whole armour of Yahweh, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [human beings], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Yahweh, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Paul starts by admonishing us to put on the whole armor of Yahweh, then goes on to describe each part of that armor, quoting from the Older Covenant scriptures, especially Isaiah, with commentary from his Epistles in the Newer Covenant.

6:14 – “Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.”

Paul says righteousness will be the belt of our waist, and faithfulness the belt of our loins, quoting from Isaiah. In other words we are to wear the breastplate of the High Priest (Isaiah 59:17) and to be girded about with Yeshua who is our righteousness (Isaiah 11:5) and who is the faithful one (Isaiah 25:1). [See also Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 71:22, etc.]

6:15 – “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace . . .”

Isaiah 52:7 puts it this way: “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news [the gospel], proclaiming shalom.” In other words, we are to be messengers – swift of feet – who are bringing the gospel of peace – the good news of Yeshua’s death, burial, and resurrection which brings us back into fellowship with Yahweh, our Heavenly Father.

6:16 – “And take the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. . .”

2 Samuel 22:31 and Psalm 18:30 say: “Yahweh acts in a faithful manner; . . . he is a shield to all who take shelter in him.” Psalms 59:11, 84:11, 115:11 and also describe Yahweh as our shield. Psalm 91:4-5 puts it this way: “His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall. You need not fear the terrors of the night, the arrow that flies by day . . .” Terrors of the night alludes to a sneak attack by enemies in the darkness of night – i.e. from the wiles of the devil.

6:17 – “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Yahweh . . .”

The original Hebrew of Isaiah 59:17 literally reads “And his desire to Yeshua [H3444] is a kowba [H3553] upon his rosh [H7218]” – His desire to save is a helmet upon his head. Isaiah 59:17 goes on to say “he clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in a mantle of zeal,” which is another way of saying take up the Sword of the Spirit and/or the Word of Yahweh. [See also 1 Thessalonians 5:8 and Revelation 2:16]

6:18 – “And pray at all times in the Spirit, with all kinds of prayer and supplication.”

In summation, Paul admonishes us to pray at all times and in all ways. While not found in Isaiah, it can be found in many other places, including:

- Psalm 72:15 – “Pray for him continually; yes, bless him all day long.”
- Luke 18:1 – Then Yeshua told them that they “Must always keep praying and not lose heart.”
- Romans 12:12 – “Continue steadfastly in prayer.
- Colossians 4:2 – “Keep persisting in prayer.”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray regularly.”

Conclusions

Paul consistently quotes from Isaiah in Ephesians 6:11-18. Isaiah wrote around 700BC, six hundred years before Roman Soldier Armor (or Rome) even existed! The whole Roman Soldier Armor paradigm is ridiculous.

Yeshua acts in a faithful manner. Yeshua is our Helmet of Salvation. Yeshua is our Shield of Faith. Yeshua is our Breastplate of Righteousness. Yeshua is the Living Word of Yahweh – the Sword of the Spirit. Yeshua comes back making war wearing his High Priestly Garments.

Paul consistently states that the Armor of Yahweh, according to Isaiah, is the clothing of the High Priest – not the armor of a Roman Soldier. The High Priest is the one who is standing in the gap through intercessory prayer against the accuser of the brethren.

We would do well to wear our priestly garments to stand against the wiles of the devil.

What Will I Wear To The Rapture?

Matthew 6:30 – “So don’t be anxious, asking, What will we eat? or, What will we drink? or, How will we be clothed?”

Luke 12:22 – “Don’t worry about your life – what you will eat or drink; or about your body – what you will wear.”

The Angst

The imminent return of Yeshua is one of the major discussions impacting the people of the world today. One of the greatest areas of angst in regards to the Witnessed Resurrection and Rapture is the concern over what a person will be wearing at that time, and one of the most common questions asked by those who comment when an article or especially a video is posted, is spoken with various emphases: “WHAT will I wear?, What WILL I wear?, What will I wear?, or what will I WEAR?”

People want to know: Will I be raptured butt nekked?, as proposed by the instant disappearance scenario outlined in the Left Behind stories, a paradigm I find unsupported by the Biblical Scriptures. One might as well ask: “Will I be wearing a yellow polka dot bikini? Will I be wearing a white robe? Fer cryin’ out loud, what clothing will I wear?”

Scripture tells us not to worry – if Yahweh knows how to clothe the flowers, he knows how to clothe a person (Matthew 6:28-33. Luke 12:27-31). Scripture tells us not to worry about what we will wear.

That being said, let’s take a look at some of the possible answers to that pointless concern:

Origin Of The Clothing

The most prevalent question asked is whether the origin of the clothing will be of heavenly or of earthly manufacture, as 1st Corinthians 15:50 says flesh and blood cannot share in the Kingdom of God, nor can anything perishable. From this verse people conclude that whatever clothing we have cannot be clothing manufactured here on earth. But is this a reasonable conclusion or assumption? I say not in the least.

Scripture gives us no answer definitive answer, but does give us a pattern – the Hebrew slaves coming out of Egypt wore the same clothes and shoes for forty years and those items did not perish or wear out (Deuteronomy 8:4 and 29:5; Nehemiah 9:21). How stupid to think Yahweh cannot take earthly clothes and make them just as incorruptible as the bodies of the humans he resurrects. But think on this: No matter where our clothes are manufactured, they will still have to be washed every so often, smile!

Clothed, Dressed, or Wrapped in Linen

Ezekiel 9:2, 9:3, 9:11; 10:2, 10:6 – “Among them was a man clothed in linen”

Daniel 10:5, 12:6, 12:7 – “Before me was a man dressed in linen wearing . . .”

Matthew 27:59 – “Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen sheet . . .”

Both Ezekiel and speak of the man clothed in linen. Daniel 12:6 tells us that the man dressed in linen was above the water of the river. The only man who according to scripture able to stand above the water, without sinking, is Yeshua (Matthew 14:25-26).

When Yeshua was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb, he was wrapped in a linen shroud provided by Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:59; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53).

Perhaps Egyptian Linen?

Shrouds in Yeshua’s day were almost exclusively made of Egyptian linen. Just a thought, smile.

Origin Of The Linen

Genesis 1:12 – “The earth brought forth grass, plants each yielding its own kind of seed, and trees each producing its own kind of seed-bearing fruit; and God saw that it was good.”

Linen, translated from the Hebrew word shesh [שֶׁשׁ H8336], is primarily made from flax (*Linum Usitatissimum*), but can also be made from silk. Shesh is an Egyptian loanword that describes the fine linen robes that Egyptian royalty wore.

Whether the linen clothes people will wear upon resurrection will be manufactured from flax grown in Egypt, in another earthly location, or from flax grown in heaven should be of no concern. Flax, no matter where grown, is FLAX, and it is good stuff!!! Enough of the angst, fer cryin’ out loud.

Armor of Yahweh Clothing

Exodus 19:6 – “You will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Ephesians 6:11 – “Clothe yourselves with the full armor of Yahweh.”

Hmmm . . . We are to be a kingdom of priests. Soooooo, what exactly do the priests wear? Oh yeah, the full armor of Yahweh! In other words, . . .

- We are to wear the breastplate of the High Priest (Isaiah 59:17) and to be girded about with Yeshua who is our righteousness (Isaiah 11:5) and who is the faithful one (Isaiah 25:1). [See also Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 71:22, etc.].
- We are to be messengers – swift of feet – who are bringing the gospel of peace (Isaiah 52:7).

- We are to yield the shield of faith – 2 Samuel 22:3, Psalms 18:30, 59:11, 84:11, and 115:11 describe Yahweh as a “shield to all who take shelter in him.”
- We are to wear the helmet of salvation. The original Hebrew of Isaiah 59:17 literally reads “His desire to Yeshua is a helmet upon his head.”
- Scripture admonishes us to pray at all times and in all ways which is another way of saying take up the Sword of the Spirit and/or the Word of Yahweh. [See also 1 Thessalonians 5:8 and Revelation 2:16].

The description of the Whole Armor of Yahweh is about the clothing of the High Priest, not Roman soldier gear. Does this mean that the resurrected and raptured people will be wearing the High Priestly garments? I think not.

Hold Your Horses

The clothing of the High Priest is reserved for the High Priest. The only person wearing High Priestly garments will be Yeshua! However, the resurrected and raptured people ruling with Yeshua will likely be clothed in garments similar to those of a Levitical priest.

Citizens of Heaven Clothing

Revelation 4:4 – “Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothing and wearing gold crowns on their heads.”

Revelation 7:9 – “Before me was a huge crowd . . . standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes . . .”

Revelation 19:14 – “The armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.”

The clothing of heaven’s elders, crowds, and even the armies is white without any doubts. Perhaps the white clothing of the elders and the white robes of the crowds are also fine linen, just like the pure white clothing of the armies. Can we conjecture fine, Egyptian linen – Just a speculation, smile.

Other Clothing

1 Corinthians 15:53 – “For this material which can decay must be clothed with imperishability, this which is mortal must be clothed with immortality.”

Colossians 3:12 – “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience . . .”

Corinthians and Colossians tells us our clothing must be imperishable, immortal, and imbued with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. And that kind of “clothing” can be found anywhere people are walking in the gifts of the Spirit!

Conclusions

Of what exact material our new clothing is manufactured, we are not precisely informed by the Scriptures.

- Should we spend a lot of effort worrying about this clothing? Not in the least. Get a grip.
- Will it last forever? The desert clothes lasted forty years. Rapture clothing could last much longer.
- Will it be pure, fine, white Egyptian linen? Perhaps so, perhaps not. It could be linen from Heaven. Smile.
- Flax is flax no matter where it is grown. It will be pure, fine, and white – perfect for heavenly wear.
- The clothing may be similar to the garments of a Levitical priest, but not those of the High Priest. The High Priestly garments are reserved for Yeshua to wear.
- Scripture does not indicate that either Elijah or Yeshua ascended naked. Both were fully clothed. We will be too!

Whatever our new clothing will be made of, one can rest assured Yahweh knows how to clothe each person perfectly. Stop worrying – enough angst already.

Part Three

Insights

Blinded to the Torah

It has always been Yahweh's plan that all people would willingly obey his ways and become his cegullah, his peculiar treasure [H5459]. To accomplish this goal, he gave us his Torah and Mitzvot.

The Word Spoken To Deaf Ears

In the beginning Yahweh spoke to his people, giving them his Torah and Mitzvot, his commandments, statutes, regulations, and teachings orally. And his people failed to listen and obey.

The Word Written in Stone

Deuteronomy 31:9 – “Moshe wrote down this Torah and gave it to the kohenim.”

Deuteronomy 31:24 – “Moshe kept writing the words of this Torah in a book until he was done.”

Years went by, and evil behaviors became more and more evident as his people continued to do it their way, instead of his way. So, Yahweh gave them his Torah and Mitzvot in writing. If they would simply follow Torah, then it would go well with them (Deuteronomy 30:10). But once again his people failed to listen and obey.

The Word Written In The Heart

Hebrews 1:1 – “Yahweh spoke long ago in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, but now, in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.”

Hebrews 8:10, 10:16 – “This is the covenant that I will make after those days, says Yahweh, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.”

Lastly, Yahweh sent his son and then wrote his Torah and Mitzvot in his people's hearts. Scripture calls this the “New Covenant”. Having done so, the Apostle Paul says that the people then became living letters to the world, having the Torah “written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on stone tablets but on human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:2-3). Further, he also states that Yahweh's people are now without excuse for failing to obey! Even the Gentiles who live rightly, he says, who do not have either the oral or written Torah, “show that the Torah is written in their hearts” (Romans 2:14-16).

The Partially Blind Jews

Romans 11:25 – “A partial blindness has happened to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.”

Paul clearly stated that the Jews are partially blind, and it has been well documented in history that a large percentage of the Jews have not yet recognized Yeshua as their Mashiach, their Messiah. Their blindness came as a result of the Jews of Yeshua's time looking for a King (Melech [H4428]) Mashiach, rather than a Priestly (Kohen [H3548]) Mashiach who is also the Kinsman Redeemer (Ga'al [H1350]). They failed to see that THE Mashiach is both Melech and Kohen, from the order of Melchizedek [H4442] (Hebrews 5:6; 6:20, 7:1)! The

percentage of partially blind Jews is growing smaller, however, as many are becoming Messianic Jews, or as some call themselves, Completed Jews.

The Partially Blind Christians

Revelation 3:7 –“Here is the message of Ha’Kodesh, the True One, the one who has the key of David, who, if he opens something, no one else can shut it, and if he closes something, no one else can open it.”

Many Christians have fared no better. They, too, are in partial blindness. They readily accept Yeshua as their savior, redeemer, and Lord, but their blindness comes from a lack of understanding that Yeshua is THE High Priest of Yahweh, THE Heavenly Kohen Ha’Gadol [H3548 H1419]. The Older Covenant Levitical priests, and especially Aaron, were patterned after the Heavenly Kohen Ha’Gadol, who is Yeshua. Yeshua can be seen throughout the Book of Revelation performing the duties of the Kohen Ha’Gadol and wearing the High Priestly garments (Revelation 1:13). Yeshua is the mediator between man and Yahweh (Romans 5:11, Hebrews 5:6; 6:20, 7:1 Compare these with descriptions of Aaron in Exodus 28, Exodus 29, Exodus 39, Leviticus 16, and Numbers 8).

This blindness of many Christians comes as a result of the unwillingness to fully comprehend the Jewishness of the Christian faith, a stance which I call an anti-Semitic stance. Won’t they be surprised when Yeshua shows up as THE High Priest (Kohen Ha’Gadol [H3548 H1419]) and Righteous King (Melech Tzaddiyk [H4428 H6662]). Won’t they be surprised when the Moedim are again celebrated during Yeshua’s millennial reign in memorial for what Yeshua accomplished in history.

Conclusions

Romans 11:25 – “Don’t be conceited so you won’t imagine you know more than you actually do.”

Yahweh’s people failed to listen to his oral Torah, so Yahweh wrote his Torah on tablets of stone for them to read. They still failed to obey! Finally, he wrote his Torah on their hearts so that they couldn’t claim “I never heard it, and never read it either!” But even with the Torah written on their hearts, both Jews and Gentiles still find excuses for failing to obey. How sad.

Many Jews are partially blinded when it comes to Yeshua’s role as their Ha’Mashiach. Sadly, many Christians are also partially blinded about Yeshua’s true nature as their Kohen Ha’Gadol. Both groups exhibit a deliberate failure to recognize the true Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. Neither group has the right to boast.

The Rainbow Flag Incursion

Romans 1:28 – “And even as they did not like to retain Yahweh in their knowledge, Yahweh gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not proper.”

Revelation 6:2 – “I looked, and there in front of me was a white horse; its rider had a bow and was given a crown; and he rode off as a conqueror to conquer.”

The word bow can be a reference to a weapon, a ribbon that represents status such as a ribbon of honor, a bending gesture such as a person bending in humility to another, or even a rainbow. Is there a link between the rainbow in Genesis and Revelation? Let’s take a look:

The word translated “bow” in the above verse is the Greek word toxon [G5115 τόξον]. Toxon is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word qesheth [H7198 קֶשֶׁת]. Both words mean a bow, traditionally an archer’s bow. However, qesheth is also translated as rainbow in Genesis 9:13-16. Given that qesheth is translated as both bow and rainbow, it is reasonable to apply both meanings to its Greek equivalent – toxon, which is why several dictionaries define toxon as bow – apparently as the simplest fabric. One dictionary describes it as a decorative interlacing of ribbons, like a rainbow.

John may likely have used this word to indicate that the rider will be carrying a flag made of cloth that displays a rainbow! We know that Satan counterfeits what Yahweh has done – Yahweh set his rainbow in the clouds; Satan may set his rainbow above the rider on the white horse. If this is true, then has Satan already used a rainbow flag to conquer the people’s thinking and sexual habits in the United States, perhaps even in the entire world? Let’s take a look:

The United States certainly turned away from Yahweh and His ordinances and statutes beginning in the 1960s. The Bible and prayer were taken out of the schools. The New Age movement began in earnest. The 1970s saw the legalization of abortion. And the last decade has seen a marked increase in the acceptance of homosexuality and derision of the traditional definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman. So the stage for judgment has been set.

A timeline for the pattern of rejecting Yahweh by the people of the United States and the incursion of reprobate rainbow thinking is below:

The Bible and Prayer Eliminated

1962 – In *Engel v. Vitale* SCOTUS decided that government-directed prayer in public schools violates the Establishment Clause, even if the prayer is voluntary and denominationally ambiguous.

1963 – The Bible is removed from schools, although it was the primary teaching source when US was founded. In *Abington School District v. Schempp* and *Murray v. Curlett* SCOTUS ruled that school-sponsored Bible readings and recitations of the Lord's Prayer are unconstitutional.

1964 – prayer was removed from public schools.

This rejection of Yahweh and removal of Biblical teaching set the foundation for the rainbow flag to be established.

Reprobate Rainbow Thinking Established

1967 – Summer of Love, Woodstock, Haight Ashbury. The *Loving v. Virginia* case is the goalpost for the same sex marriage movement.

1970 – Stephen Stills- if you can't be with the one you love, honey, Love the one you're with.

1973 – abortion was legalized when *Roe v. Wade* was passed.

2004 – same sex marriage legalized in certain states.

2008 – California's Supreme Court overturns the ban on gay marriage. California voters approve a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

2009 – The Iowa Supreme Court overturns the state ban on same-sex marriage. Vermont's legislature legalizes same-sex marriages.

2012 – The Democratic platform for the first time supports same-sex marriage. “We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples,” it says.

- The Pentagon holds its first annual gay pride gathering. For the first time in the history a celebration of homosexuality, bisexuality, and transexuality was performed at the Pentagon auditorium.

- The secular, socialist system and movement is fully developed. Biblical standards, Yahweh, and Yeshua have been fully rejected. Good is now called evil, and evil is called good.

2013 – An Air Force Base in Los Angeles treated its personnel to a Diversity Day musical performance featuring three drag queens.

- The Harvard Kennedy School of Government's LGBTQ Policy Journal is recommending “additional changes to military policies in order to allow transgender people to serve openly and with honor.” This group also includes transsexuals and cross-dressers. LGBTQ stands for: lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, and queers.

- The Military gives same-sex couples new benefits.

2015 – SCOTUS in *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruled that gay and lesbian couples have the same right to marry as any other American.

- 2021 – Mutual masturbation, oral sex, anal sex, how to use a condom, same sex activities, and other sexual subjects are taught in the schools to children as young as kindergartners. A recent poll shows that thirty percent of Millennials identify as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, etc., and that percentage appears to be growing.
- Another poll by Gallup states that the percentage of U.S. adults who self-identify as LGBTQ has increased to a new high of 7.1%. In 2021 it was half this number. Nearly 21% of Generation Z Americans identify as LGBT. Millennials, Gen Z, and Gen X are more apt to describe themselves as bisexual whereas older Americans are just as likely to say they are bisexual, gay, or lesbian.
- 2022 – The New York City Department of Education Schools Chancellor David Brooks said that Maia Kobabe’s “Gender Queer: A Memoir” publication is necessary in the classroom because “students with a similar experience will feel affirmed.” This pornographic book contains graphic images of LGBTQ sexual behavior and suggestions for students on how to seek out information about how to explore “gender identity” and transgender options.
- The Biden administration in March publicly endorsed child sex changes and the funding of many procedures, including surgery and Biden even asserted that transgenders were “made in the image of God”. The U.S. State Department announced that citizens can choose to identify as “gender-neutral” by putting “X” on their passport instead of “male” or “female”. The Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services, in April, stated that laws and policies preventing care that health care professionals recommend for transgender minors may violate the Constitution and federal law.
 - Disney Executives in April admitted that they are pushing the "gay agenda", said it's stories promote inclusion, guaranteed that more LGBTQ-awareness content is available for youngsters, and even promoted pedophilia. CEO Bob Chapek apologized to LGBTQ activists in his company and promised to take urgent action to meet their needs.
- 2023 – The world has seen a global orientation of reprobate minds. People have clearly been “given over.” (Romans 1). Good is called evil and evil is called good (Isaiah 5:20). World stability has become unstable even more so than during the two previous world wars. Up is down; black is white. Men can be women and women can be men. Men can “give birth”. Israel is apartheid but soldiers of Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran are freedom fighters.

The Impact

Jeremiah 5:21 – “Hear this, stupid, brainless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear. . .”

Romans 1:21 – “Although they know who Yahweh is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened.”

Sixty (maybe 70) years ago, we had Uncle Miltie (Milton Berle) and Harvey Korman in drag “just being funny”. Then along came MASH and Klinger who was “just looking for a mental disorder discharge” from the military. And we thought nothing of it. Just offbeat humor. NOOOOO, this was mental programming right from the gitgo to lead us to what we see and hear today. Shortly after that we had the Woodstock festival, Haight Ashbury sexual revolution, and all the music that came out of that promoting any form of sex except marital only.

I cannot tell you how many times I have been told by churchgoing parents that their children are not impacted by any of this pattern of rejecting Yahweh by the people of the United States because they are church trained or even home schooled. They believe that the television shows, movies, music, the schools, and the constant depiction of perverse lifestyles portrayed by such venues only affects the non-churched adults and children. Worse yet, they cannot hear warnings that such beliefs are totally unfounded. Can we say stupid, brainless parents?

Romans 1:24 – “This is why Yahweh has given them up to the vileness of their hearts’ lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other’s bodies.”

So what a surprise for many of those self same parents to learn that some (not all) of their “innocent” little children have been committing sexual acts described in the 2021 section above with each other during sleepovers – even engaging in girl with girl and boy with boy sexual acts. Those parents are now listening to the warnings, albeit perhaps a little too late.

Conclusions

Romans 1:28 – “And even as they did not like to retain Yahweh in their knowledge, Yahweh gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not proper.”

Titus 1:16 – “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

Revelation 6:2 – “I looked, and there in front of me was a white horse; its rider had a bow and was given a crown; and he rode off as a conqueror to conquer.”

Satan has indeed been conquering via a rainbow colored flag. The impact of the pattern of rejecting Yahweh by the people of the United States has been devastating. The moral decay has been ongoing and rapidly progressing. The rampant lawlessness in today’s United States should be indication enough that society is far down the rabbit hole. There should not be any uncertainty that the United States has been handed over to a reprobate mindset – the sexual behavior of the home schooled children mentioned above should dispel any doubts.

The Worm That Never Dies

Several years ago we looked at some Hebrew words that are translated worm, and determined that Yeshua called himself a specific type of worm, a Tôlâ' or Tôlê'âh worm [H8439].

The Tola or Toleah Worm [תולעה H8439]

The Tôlâ' or Tôlê'âh worm is the female 'Coccus Illicis' worm which the Hebrews used to make the red dye used in the coverings of the Tabernacle and the clothes of the priests. It is known as the crimson worm because of this color.

Job 25:6 – “How much less man, that is a worm [H7415] and the son of man, which is a worm [H8439].”

Psalm 22 – “But I am a worm [H8439] and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. 'He trusts in Yahweh,' they say, 'Let Yahweh rescue him. Let him deliver Him, since He delights in Him'.”

It was discovered that the Tôlâ' or Tôlê'âh worm, the Crimson Worm:

- climbs into a Hermes oak tree,
- attaches itself to the tree and forms a protective shell,
- lays her eggs and hatches her children, who feed off her body to stay alive,
- oozes a red stain for three days which stains the tree red, and which also permanently covers its children,
- pulls its tail up to its head, forming the shape of a heart,
- the heart-shaped Tôlâ' worm then turns into a snow white wax and flakes off.

Yeshua likened Himself with the Tôlâ' or Tôlê'âh Worm – a perfect picture of the messiah.

- Like the Crimson Worm, Yeshua was also attached to a tree to die (1 Peter 2:24).
- He did so willingly and died to give birth to his family, the Bride of Yeshua ((John 10:17-18).
- The beatings, tortures, and crucifixion turned his body red with the shed blood (Luke 18:33).
- Yeshua rose from the dead after three days just as the baby worms leave the shell after three days (Matthew 12:40).
- His shed blood covers our sins and turns them white as snow (Isaiah 1:18).

The Worm That Never Dies

Isaiah 66:23-24 – “Every month on Rosh-Hodesh and every week on Shabbat, everyone living will come to worship in my presence, says Yahweh. As they leave, they will look on the corpses of the people who rebelled

against me. For their worm [H8438] will never die, and their fire will never be quenched; but they will be abhorrent to all humanity.”

Several verses in the Newer Covenant scriptures quote this saying, but oddly enough the Hebrew word Tôlâ’ or Tôlê’âh is translated into the Greek word skolēx [G4663] which is a completely different Hebrew word; rimmâh [H7415]. The KJV HCSB, HNV, ISV, and YLT include Mark 9:44 – “Where the worm [G4663] does not die, and the fire is not quenched” and all Translations Mark 9:48 – “Where their worm [G4663] never dies and the fire is never quenched”).

The Typical Explanations

Isaiah 66:24 – “As they leave, they will look on the corpses of the people who rebelled against me. For their worm [H8438] will never die, and their fire will never be quenched; but they will be abhorrent to all humanity.” Numerous explanations have been given for this verse which basically say: “the worm refers to a man’s conscience and their guilty conscience gnaws away at him with remorse that cannot be alleviated.” This, they claim, is Yeshua’s teaching that there is unending suffering in hell – the worm (conscience) never stops causing torment. The whole point, they say, is hell is the result of unrepentant sin and is absolute and permanent. Others replace the word conscience with soul. The “sins of the soul attack the mind and the senses of the guilty, and gnaw at the entrails of his conscience” say several pontificators. Oi Vey.

The typical explanations are also frequently linked to Gehenna, or the valley of Hinnom, which is located outside Jerusalem. Trash, refuse, dead animals, and even dead bodies of criminals were thrown into Gehenna to be destroyed by the fires that constantly burned there. Any body that isn’t burned, is devoured by maggots, they say. This, they claim, is Yeshua’s teaching that whatever was thrown into the valley never came out again; it was totally consumed, either by fire or by worms or maggots, and so will whatever or whoever is thrown into the Lake of Fire. Again, I say, Oi Vey!

Yet others point out that maggots can’t exist in the presence of fire – thus the meaning of the word worm is clearly symbolic. Oi Vey! Oi Vey! Oi Vey!

The Biblical Explanation

Isaiah 66:23-24 – “As they (the living) leave, they will look on the corpses of the people who rebelled against me. For the worm [H8438] (of the people who rebelled) will never die, and their fire will never be quenched.”

Isaiah 66:24 clearly uses the Hebrew word Tôlâ' [H8439], NOT the Hebrew word rimmâh [H7415]! This is the same word that Yeshua uses to describe himself. Yeshua is the crimson worm that dies to give life to its children. This is stated many times in many different ways:

Deuteronomy 4:35 – “Yahweh is Elohim; besides him there is no other.”

Deuteronomy 4:39 – “Yahweh is Elohim in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.”

1 Kings 8:60 – “To you it was shown, that you might know that Yahweh is Elohim; there is no other besides him.”

Isaiah 43:11 – “I, even I, am Yahweh, and apart from me there is no savior.”

Isaiah 45:21 – “There is no Elohim apart from me, a righteous El and a Savior; there is none but me.”

John 14:6 – “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.”

Acts 4:12 – “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 10:9 – “So all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh is Elohim and that there is no other.”

The unquenchable, eternal fire is also portrayed in several ways and was specifically created for the devil and his angels, in other words, to those little “g” gods, according to Matthew:

Matthew 25:41 – “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Matthew 25:46 – “These shall go away into everlasting punishment.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 – “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them . . . who will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.”

Revelation 20:10 – “The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

Isaiah 66-24 clearly states that this tôlâ' worm does not die. The tôlâ' worm this verse references is the tôlâ' of the rebellious, unbelieving, and unrepentant, in other words all those little “g” gods in whom people have trusted and worshiped rather than Yeshua. The devil and those little “g” gods will be tormented day and night forever, for all eternity – their fire will never be quenched. Mondo Gonzales, Host of Prophecy Watchers says: “this interpretation certainly takes all the relevant passages and presents a more consistently theological view than others.”

Conclusions

Yeshua is THE Tôlâ' or Tôlê'âh worm who dies for the salvation of those who believe in him. There is no other. Scripture states that the Tôlâ' worm of the rebellious, unbelieving, and unrepentant, in other words the little “g” gods that the rebellious believe in, will never die, nor will they die for their worshippers to give them any kind of salvation! Their fire will never be quenched.

The New Heavens and Earth

Revelation 6:14; 16:20 – “Every island and mountain was removed and disappeared; . . . and no mountains were found.”

Revelation 20:11 – “Then I saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. Earth and sky ran away from him and disappeared.”

Heaven and Earth Pass Away

Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33– “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

When many hear these words: “Heaven and the earth shall pass away,” the image that comes to mind is the Star Wars image of the Death Star blowing up the planet Alderaan, or the Star Trek images of Romulus being destroyed by a pulsar star, or of Vulcan blowing up by a black hole initiated by the red matter. Others believe that the planet will be burned to a crisp, leaving nothing left.

But are any of these proper images to behold? Scripture says differently – planet Earth is not going to be blown up or disappear!

Lets Examine First The Elements

2 Peter 3:10 – “The elements will be dissolved with fire and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.”

Elements is the Greek word: stoicheion [στοιχεῖον G4747]. It comes from the root word: stoichos [στοῖχος] and means: something orderly in arrangement, one of a row, hence a letter (of the alphabet), by extension the elements of knowledge. In other words, the elemental things, or elementary principles, the rudimentary teachings – not the elements of the Periodic Tables or the planet itself!

The Earth is Established Forever and Forever

According to the Bible, the cosmos, the Earth, the Sun, the Moon, and the seas are established forever – over 100 scriptures that state this fact:

Genesis 9:16 – “When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and I will remember the agreement that continues forever between me and every living thing on the earth.”

Exodus 31:17 – “The Sabbath day will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever.”

Psalms 78:69 – “Yahweh built His sanctuary like the mountain heights, like the earth which is built to last forever.”

Psalms 104:5 – “Yahweh laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever and forever.”

Psalms 148:3-6 – The sun, moon, and stars will not pass away. They are established forever.

Isaiah 60:21 – “All of your people will do what is right. They will receive the earth forever.”

Isaiah 66:22 – “I will make new heavens and the new earth, which will last forever.”

Ecclesiastes 1:4 – “A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.”

Revelation 5:13 – “Then I heard all creatures in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea saying: ‘To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever’.”

The Glory And Reign Of Yahweh Is Forever:

Psalms 72:19 – The glory of Yahweh fills the earth forever.

Psalms 136:6 – Yahweh spreads out the earth and his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalms 146:6-10 – Heaven, earth, and seas will not pass away. They are established for Yahweh to reign over forever.

Israel And The Righteous Reign Forever:

Psalms 37:29 – “The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.”

Jeremiah 31:27-37 – Eternal Israel is also predicated upon the sun, moon, and stars being eternally solid.

Revelation 5:10-13 and 10:6-7 – Kings, priests, angels, all creation shouts with a loud voice to honor Yeshua who reigns from his throne in Jerusalem and has dominion forever and ever over the heaven, the earth, and the sea.

Literal Or Figurative Speech In The Form Of Hebrew Or Greek Idioms

Scripture uses many forms of speech to convey an idea or truth, and one must first determine if the scripture is speaking of the literal meaning of the word used or is using the word or words as an idiom for something else. Heaven and Earth are two of those words that are used in both ways, so diligence is needed to seek the correct interpretation.

Heavens and Earth – Idioms for Nations and Peoples

2 Peter 3:6 – “The world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

If the heavens and earth are not going to be blown up Star Wars style, only destroyed by fire instead of by water, then what do the words heavens and earth stand for. In Bible language, the first usages of “heavens” in Isaiah and Jeremiah refers to governments and rulers, and “earth” refers to the nation or people. This is a Hebrew idiom that we must be aware of when we interpret scripture. Strong’s, Thayer’s, Webster’s won’t help us – they only define words, not idioms.

Older Covenant

- Isaiah 1:2 – Yahweh proclaims: “Hear me you heavens, listen you earth: for I have spoken, and I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.”

To whom is He speaking when He addresses, “you heavens” and “you earth”? Yahweh is talking to Israel. This clearly shows that “heavens and earth” are symbolical language for Israel.

- In Isaiah 24 Yahweh promises judgment on Israel through the Assyrians. But Israel is spoken of as the “earth” Read in particular verses 1 and 19-20: “Behold, Yahweh makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants thereof.” “The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.” Again, referring to Israel.

Yahweh said that “all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.” Again, referring to Israel.

- In Isaiah 51:13 Yahweh said that He had “stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth.” Is Yahweh speaking of the literal heavens and earth, Israel and her people, or perhaps both?

- Isaiah 51:16: “And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.” Again, Is Yahweh speaking of the literal heavens and earth, Israel and her people, or perhaps both?

- In Jeremiah 22:29 Yahweh says, “O earth, hear the word of the Lord.” And in verses 1, 11, 18 and 24 we had read that the words were for the people of Judah, about the time when they would be taken “into the land of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon” (vs. 25). It was not the whole physical Earth Yahweh was talking to, but the people. And in Jeremiah 51:48 the heavens and earth rejoice upon Babylon’s destruction by a nation from the north.

- In Deuteronomy 32:1, in the song of Moses, Yahweh is talking to Israel when He says: “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth” Verse 22, says: “For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.” When Israel is finally destroyed, it is as though heaven and earth are burned up. Again, Yahweh is depicting the fate of Israel.

- In 1 Chronicles 16:31 Yahweh is again talking to Israel when He says: “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among the nations, ‘Yahweh reigns’.”

- And in Isaiah 44:24-28 all the heavens and earth are to “shout joyfully” when Jacob (Israel) is redeemed. Not only are the Jews to rejoice, but all nations (the trees). This same theme is repeated in Isaiah 49:13.

- In Haggai 2:6-7 Yahweh again says that Israel will be shaken, and not just Israel, but all the nations: “For thus says Yahweh; ‘Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory’.” This theme of shaking is repeated in Haggai 2:21.

- In Psalm 57:9-11 David is giving praise amongst the peoples and the nations, saying “Yahweh, Be exalted above both!”

See also Ezra 5:11, Nehemiah 9:11, Psalm 8, Psalm 89, and Joel 3:16; Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22 (new heavens and earth); Jeremiah 4 speaks of a time when the heavens and earth (Israel) becoming a desolation.

Newer Covenant Parallels

- In Matthew 5:18 the destruction of heaven and earth refers not to the physical universe, but rather it relates to the final passing of the disobedient nation of Israel. All would be fulfilled, every jot and tittle, when heaven and earth passed away.

- In Matthew 24:35 Yeshua is talking about the passing away of Israel when He speaks of heaven and earth passing away. This is what the entire 24th chapter of Matthew is about - the passing away of old Israel. And then there will be a new Israel - a new heavens and earth.

- In Ephesians 6:12 Paul continues this theme, saying “For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

- In Revelation 20:11-12 scripture speaks of all unbelieving rulers and nations fleeing from His presence, but it doesn’t work. The dead, the great and the small are all resurrected and brought before the Great White Throne for judgment – “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.”

Formless and Void Earth – Idioms for Empty, Undeveloped Land

Older Covenant

Genesis 1:2 – “The earth was formless and void.”

Genesis 9-10 – “Then Yahweh said, ‘Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear’; and it was so. Yahweh called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and Yahweh saw that it was good.”

Isaiah 24:18-21 – “For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. The earth is utterly broken, the earth is torn asunder, the earth is violently shaken. The earth staggers like a drunkard, it sways like a hut; its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it falls, and will not rise again.”

Newer Covenant Parallel

Revelation 16:20 – “And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”

The earth is severely shaken when Yeshua returns. The mountains and islands flee away at the time of Yeshua’s return and the setting in place of the Great White Throne. The earth (the land masses, not the planet) becomes formless and void, like quicksand, just as they were in the beginning, before Yahweh gathered the masses into one land mass.

Once again, the planet’s land mass, the earth, must be reformed, just as it was in Genesis 1:2, when Yahweh formed the single land mass. And the nation of Israel and its people will be at its center, both physically and spiritually once Israel, too, is renewed.

Heavens and Earth – Idioms for The Veil That Separates The Home Of Yahweh From Our Home!

2 Samuel 22:10 – “He bowed the heavens, and came down. . .”

Isaiah 34:4 – “The sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away.”

Revelation 6:14 – “The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up.”

- The heavens are rolled up like a scroll!

Isaiah 64:1 – “Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down.”

- Ezekiel and Daniel saw the heavens opened:

Ezekiel 1:1 – “Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of Yahweh.”

Daniel 7:13 – “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.”

- Yeshua after baptism – heaven opens and a voice is heard:

Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21 – “After being baptized, Yeshua came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of Yahweh descending as a dove and lighting on Him.”

- John sees the heavens opened:

Revelation 4:1 – “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things’.”

- Stephen sees the heavens opened:

Acts 7:56 – “And Stephen said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of Yahweh’.”

- Everybody sees Yeshua returning:

John 1:51 – “And Yeshua said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of Yahweh ascending and descending on the Son of Man’.”

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

- Everybody sees the Heavenly Temple Opened:

Revelation 11:19 – “And the temple of Yahweh which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple; there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”

Revelation 15:5 – “After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened.”

The veil in the Temple was a picture of things to come: i.e. the real veil being rolled (torn) up when Yeshua returns. The Bible tells us that the heavens and earth pass away when Yeshua returns – at the final moments of the Day of the Lord. But it isn’t the planet, it’s the veil that separates Heaven (Yahweh’s Home) from the Earth (the Planet).

Many Idioms All In One

Psalm 96:11-13 – “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before Yahweh, for He is coming,

for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.”

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.”

In Psalm 96, all living beings are commanded to praise Yahweh. This same theme is repeated in Psalms 108, 113, 115, and 146. In Revelation 21:1 scripture speaks of a new heaven and earth and no more sea – Again, in Bible language, “heaven” refers to governments and rulers, and “earth” refers to a nation or a people. Similarly, seas also refers a nation or a people, specifically a non-Jewish people, i.e. the gentiles, pagans, unbelievers. So now, when we look at Revelation 21:1 we are better able to understand its meaning, understanding that it is a compilation of idioms.

A literal translation of this verse can be as follows: “Now there will be a new Israel - a new heavens and earth. There will be a new, godly government and a new, redeemed people, for the old Israel, the first ungodly governments and the first unbelieving peoples had died, and the gentile nations have also been removed.”

Conclusions

Isaiah 65:17 – “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.”

Scripture uses many Hebrew idioms that are symbolic of other things. In the Older Covenant, heavens and earth were idioms for Israel, its rulers, and its people. The Formless and Void earth were idioms for a devastated, undeveloped land mass which will once again be renewed, reformed into one land mass, just as it was before the days of Peleg (Genesis 10:25). No one will remember the former devastated, seven-continent earth.

Scripture tells us that planet Earth is established forever – planet Earth is not going to be blown up or disappear and Yahweh/Yeshua will return to live amongst the humans on that renovated globe! The planet is not blown up like Alderaan by the Death Star, Romulus by a pulsar star, or Vulcan by a black hole initiated by the red matter! Additional revelation in the Newer Covenant expanded the meaning of the words heaven and earth to include the veil that currently exists between Heaven (Yahweh’s home) and Earth (Our planet). The new heavens have no veil – the veil will be rolled (torn) up when Yeshua returns.

For Such A Time As This

Esther 4:14 – “Who knows whether you came [to life] precisely for such a time as this.” [Paraphrase]

Every person living today was born to this time – not thousands of years ago, not centuries ago, – but at this time. Every person living today was born to this time for a purpose.

Known Before Birth

Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I separated you for myself.”

1 Peter 1:20 – “Yahweh knew him before the founding of the universe, but manifested him in these last times.”
Not only does Yahweh know all souls before they are born, Yahweh knows precisely just when he allows each soul to be born as a human being, the exact number of days that soul will live (Psalm 139:16), and whether or not that soul will ultimately choose to accept Yeshua as their savior.

Final Days Happenings

Matthew 24:12 – “Lawlessness will increase so much the love of many will grow cold.”

2 Timothy 3:1 – “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”

The final days of human government over the earth under Ha’Satan’s rulership will be days of raging insanity, brutal aggression, wars and rumors of wars, and every kind of lustful passion, just to mention a few. The “gods” of old will reinsert their authority and attempt to diminish or extinguish Yeshua’s reign.

Final Days People

2 Peter 2:9-10 – “Yahweh knows how to rescue the godly from their trials, and how to hold the unrighteous for punishment at the day of judgment, especially those who indulge their fleshly desires and who despise authority.”

This verse is perhaps one of the most important, yet terrifying verses in the Newer Covenant scriptures. It contains two statements of great significance:

1 – Yahweh knows how to rescue the godly.

BUT even more significant and terrifying,

2 – Yahweh knows how to hold the unrighteous for punishment.

Coming Soon

2 Peter 3:7 – “The heavens and earth are being kept until the Day of Judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.”

Just reflect upon what the Bible scriptures tell us:

- Yahweh knows a soul before it is born
- Yahweh knows the exact number of days that soul will live
- Yahweh knows the last days will be days of increasing lawlessness
- Yahweh is keeping the heavens and earth until the Day of Judgment
- Yahweh will destroy the ungodly at the Day of Judgment

Now reflect upon this:

- What if that soul whom Yahweh knew would reject Yeshua is now walking this earth.
- What if that soul has been kept unborn until this time because Yahweh knew it would be unrighteous?
- What if the increase in worldwide lawlessness is due to Yahweh's unleashing the ungodly, unrighteous, wicked, sinful, unholy, Lucifer Loving, Yeshua rejecting souls to be born just in time for the Day of Judgment?

Conclusions

Revelation 22:12 – “I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done.”

Yeshua is about to return to rescue the godly and punish the unrighteous.

There appears to be an increasing number of those unrighteous souls, born for such a time as this, walking the earth today.

Is this why lawlessness is burgeoning? I believe it is!

Part Four

Coincidentally

Catastrophic Weather Syndrome

Genesis 12:3 “And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

Are you still amazed at the many “coincidental” weather patterns that seem to develop when moves are taken against Israel by those in powerful positions in the United States government? After thirty years of these events being tracked by William Koenig (<https://www.watch.org>), this should no longer be a surprise.

According to NOAA, there have been 171 billion-dollar weather catastrophes since the land for peace process began in Madrid between October 30th and Nov 1st, 1991. Of those, over 100 billion-dollar catastrophes happened at the exact time of active pressure from the White House on Israel to divide their covenant land. The odds of this happening are astronomical.

Additionally, the greater the pressure on Israel to divide their biblical heartland the greater the corresponding catastrophe, such as the Perfect Storm, the 9-11 terror events, Katrina, Harvey, and Irma, which are part of the top 12 costliest hurricanes in U.S. history which also includes the largest tornado outbreaks in U.S. history. They all have a connection to White House pressure on Israel, according to William Koenig. Below is a compilation of many of the “Eye to Eye” events Koenig has tracked:

1. October 30, 1991: The Perfect Storm – As President George H. W. Bush is opening the Madrid (Spain) Conference to consider “land for peace” and Israel’s Middle East role, the “perfect storm” develops in the North Atlantic.
2. August 23, 1992: Hurricane Andrew – When the Madrid Conference moves to Washington DC and the peace talks resume, Hurricane Andrew, the worst natural disaster ever to hit America, comes ashore and produces an estimated \$30 billion in damage and leaving 180,000 homeless in Florida.
3. January 16, 1994: Northridge Earthquake – President Bill Clinton meets with Syria’s President Hafez el-Assad in Geneva. They talk about a peace agreement with Israel that includes giving up the Golan Heights.
4. September 28, 1998: Hurricane George – As Secretary of State Albright works on the final details of an agreement in which Israel would give up 13 percent of the West Bank, Hurricane George slams into the United States Gulf Coast with 110 mph winds and gusts up to 175 mph.

5. October 15-22, 1998: Texas Flooded – On October 15, 1998, Arafat and Netanyahu meet at the Wye River Plantation in Maryland. The talks are scheduled to last five days with the focus on Israel giving up the aforementioned 13 percent of the West Bank.
6. November 30, 1998: World Market Capitalization Evaporates – Arafat comes to Washington again to meet with President Clinton to raise money for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital. A total of 42 other nations were represented in Washington. Hundreds of billions of market capitalization were wiped out in the U.S. and Europe.
7. May 3, 1999: The Powerful Super Tornado – On the day that Yasser Arafat is scheduled to declare a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital, the most powerful tornado storm system ever to hit the United States sweeps across Oklahoma and Kansas.
8. Week of October 11, 1999: A Hurricane, An Earthquake and A Dow Collapse – As Jewish settlers in 15 West Bank settlements are evicted from covenant land, the Dow-Jones financial averages lose 5.7 percent in the worst week since October 1989. On October 15 the Dow lost 266 points, and a hurricane slams into North Carolina. On the next morning, October 16, a magnitude 7.1 earthquake rocks the southwest.
9. Week of September 10, 2001: 9/11 Suicide Bombings – During the week of September 10, 2001 President Bush, after coming to the Conclusions that the US would support the Palestinians in their efforts to establish a Palestinians State, had intended to announce this intention during that week. Then 9/11 hit. Instead of making that announcement, Bush gathered together a group which became known as The Quartet. The purpose of the Quartet is to remove the Promised Land for peace, using Bush's Roadmap To Peace as their game plan. The Quartet is composed the United Nations, the United States, the European Union, and Russia.
10. April 30, 2003: Tornadoes and Heat Waves – The Quartet's first gathering was April 30, 2003. Both the US and the EU were the main entities pushing for division of the land at that meeting. The worst weather the US had seen to date started on that day, and within the next three weeks had spawned 562 tornadoes, followed by a heat wave in Europe that was the worst in over 250 years, killing around 50,000 people.
11. August 29, 2005: Hurricane Katrina – One week before Katrina made landfall, Israel carried out the evacuation of 9,500 residents from Gush Katif and four Samaria communities. The Gaza evacuation had been supported and even urged upon Israel by the US. Bush, from Texas, and Rice, from Alabama, were the most vocal U.S. backers of the Gaza evacuation. Hurricane Katrina hit the states in between Texas and Alabama.

12. November 27, 2007: Global Economy Goes South – The Annapolis Conference is held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, United States. The conference marked the first time a two-state solution was articulated as the mutually agreed-upon outline for addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The conference ended with the issuing of a joint statement from all parties. By September of 2008, these efforts had placed the entire global economy in jeopardy.

13. April 2011: Tornadoes Kill over 300 – Palestinians announce their intentions to unilaterally announce the establishment of the State of Palestine no later than September, 2011. The White House, President Obama, and his administration rather than objecting, reportedly is set to name Steve Simon, the co-author of a comprehensive outline for a Palestinian state, as a top Middle East official. It should be obvious to all, even to Brian Williams and Jim Cantore, why we are seeing such devastating weather and financial collapse both in the United States and around the world. These natural disasters are being caused by the efforts of nations and leaders who are trying to divide the land of Israel. How absolutely devastating will the disasters be when they actually succeed? Completely catastrophic, according to scripture.

14. September 2017: Hurricanes Maria, Harvey – Historical record-setting hurricanes hit during 30 days of serious Middle East-Israel negotiations led by Trump administration. Over \$250 billion plus in damages and massive dislocation ensued.

15. September 2018: Hurricanes Florence – September saw many meetings and discussions about the Trump Peace Plan, called The Deal of the Century to help negotiate the peace plan between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Florence caused over \$250 billion plus in damages and massive dislocation.

16. July 2019: Pence Peace Talk Speech – Pence gives a speech to the 2019 CUFI Summit in Washington, D.C., in which he claimed that peace talks will still require giving up the Land of Israel. The result: a historic flash flood hit Washington, D.C. stranding cars in high water, closures of many roads, and chaos.

17. December 2019 to January 2020: Trump Peace Plan Maps – On January 28, 2020 the Trump-Deal of the Century was presented with a map at White House. Forty-minutes after President Trump posts his "deal of the century" map on Twitter for his 71.8 million followers a 7.7 earthquake rocks the Miami, Florida financial district. The quake's epicenter was between Jamaica and Cuba. That same day The Coronavirus expansion began worldwide. Three days later the CDC confirms the first human-to-human transmission of Coronavirus in the U.S. on January 31st.

18. February 2020: Settlement mapping – Israel starts settlement mapping in accordance with the Trump maps on February 24th. \$3.6 trillion market capitalization is wiped out in the largest one-week Wall Street sell off in history.

19. March 2020: Pence and Pompeo speak at AIPAC – Vice President Pence, Secretary of State Pompeo speak at AIPAC, and US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman speaks of the Trump peace plan on March 2nd. Later that night on March 3rd a massive 165 mph tornado devastates Nashville at 2 am. Kushner tells members of Senate Foreign Relations Committee settlement construction must stop later that day and another massive Wall Street sell-off ensues in which the Dow loses just under 1000 points on March 4th.

20. October and November 2020: Hurricanes Delta and Eta – The US Sponsored Abraham Accords first meeting Tuesday was on October 9th as Israeli and UAE foreign ministers met in Berlin as Hurricane Delta hits. Trump announces the Israel-Sudan peace deal on October 23rd; Alaska is hit by a 7.5 magnitude earthquake, and America hits highest daily number of Coronavirus cases since the Covid-19 pandemic began that same day. Trump administration advances \$10 billion defense sale to UAE. Pompeo announces \$23b sale of F-35s and other arms to UAE, but links it to Israel peace solution. and Hurricane Eta began 25 hours after President Trump's introduction of the Israel-Sudan deal, part of the Abraham Accords Treaty.

21. January 2021: Winter Storm Uri – In mid February the Biden Administration changes US Policy and re-starts negotiations with Iran, turning a cold shoulder on Israel. A deep freeze hits Texas, takes the wind driven electrical power offline, and takes almost 40% of the nation's crude production – about 4 million barrels per day – offline as well.

22. August 2021: Hurricane Ida – The Biden / Bennet land pressure meeting, scheduled for Thursday, August 26 is rescheduled to August 27th. Tropical Storm Ida formed Thursday, August 26 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Biden and Bennett met Friday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m. EDT. Ida strengthened into a hurricane Friday, August 27 at 1:15 p.m. EDT. Bennett's government agrees it won't approve massive home construction in the West Bank per agreement with Biden. Ida came ashore as a category 4 hurricane at 150 mph at Port Fourchon oil hub, Sunday, August 29 at 11:55 a.m. CDT. The winds sustained at 150 miles per hour with gusts that entered the 170 to low 180 mph range in different places.

23. December 2021: Historic Supercell – The Biden administration has affirmed its commitment to the two-state solution and the importance of joint action by all parties to move forward to achieve peace and stability in the region. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz that the Israeli government's settlement activity is “destroying the chance of a two-state solution”. At the same time, former US presidential advisor Jared Kushner signed a memorandum of understanding resolving to build upon the

foundation of the Abraham Accords in Abu Dhabi, UAE. On December 10, 2021 a historical supercell formed that traveled nearly 250 miles through Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The nearly persistent rotation of this cell caused major damage in all four states.

24. March and April 2022: – As Anthony Blinken was in Israel for meetings with Abbas, Bennett and Arab leaders affirming the US support of the Two State Solution, sprawling storms triggered nearly 500 severe weather reports. March topped 250 tornados, the most ever in the U.S. What started as a snow event in the Rockies turned into severe thunderstorms as the system moved into the Plains late Tuesday. An EF-3 tornado touched down in Springdale, Arkansas, Wednesday morning, injuring seven people—two seriously. The storm line intensified further as it approached the Mississippi River, stretching over 1,300 miles across at one point. As the thunder roared and wind raged, several hundred reports of storm damage from 50–65 mph gusts flowed from National Weather Service offices, touching every corner of Mississippi and stretching into Tennessee, Kentucky and even southern Illinois and Indiana.

25. September 14 - September 30, 2022: – As United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf reaffirms commitment to the “two-state solution” on September 14th, a tropical depression begins, which becomes Hurricane Fiona. Joe Biden, Justin Trudeau, and Yair Lapid affirm the thrust towards a two state solution a week later and another tropical depression begins, which becomes Hurricane Ian. Damage from the two hurricanes is estimated to be over \$200 billion.

26. August 2023: – Hurricane Hillary became a hurricane as Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken were meeting to discuss that Israel will have to make far reaching concessions to the Palestinians to secure a normalization agreement with Saudi Arabia. Hurricane Idalia formed in the afternoon of Saturday, August 26, again, during the time of the meetings between Dermer and Blinkin. Initial estimates at the cost of the damage from Hurricane Idalia varied from \$9 Billion to about \$20 Billion.

27. October 2023: – At the same time that the US and UN were focused on Israel’s covenant land, saying that Israeli settlements are a serious issue, New York City experienced record setting rains and flooding.

Conclusions

Zechariah 1:18-21 puts it this way: “And I looked up and saw four horns. I asked the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these?’ And he answered me, ‘These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.’ Then the LORD showed me four blacksmiths. And I asked, ‘What are they coming to do?’ He answered, ‘These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no head could be raised; but these have come to terrify them, to strike down the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter its people.’!”

Joel 3:1-2 puts it this way: “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.”

Spitting in God’s face is never a good idea. Dividing the land of Israel is devastating to any nation that even thinks it can do so. Success in such endeavors will guarantee utter destruction. Dare we continue to go against God’s chosen people, the Israelites? Only a fool would do so, but I guess there are many fools leading our nations and our world. God will Glorify His name before the nations. Israel will stand alone. Israel will remain.

The Meaning Of Blood Moons and Tetrads

Matthew 24:42 – “Watch therefore: for you know not in what hour Yeshua will come.”

Luke 21:25-28 – “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars . . . the powers of the heavens will be shaken . . . When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is near!”

James 5:7 – “Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.”

The blood moon tetrad syndromes are four total lunar eclipses in a row plus four total solar eclipses. The next Partial Solar Eclipse will be on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, and the next Total Lunar Eclipse will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. We will have to wait for the next Tetrad which will be in 2032-2033, with the following eclipses: April 25/26, 2032 October 18/19, 2032 April 14/15, 2033, and October 08, 2033.

Am I the only one asking “Aren’t the blood moons, especially the tetrads, predictive signs?” Didn’t many major prophecy teachers say the blood moon tetrads were pointing major events that are expected to burgeon forth? How did they get it so wrong? Are these questions that you are asking? Has this shaken your faith in Yahweh? I pray not.

Yahweh Keeps His Promises

Genesis 1:14 – “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for appointed times of meeting, and for days, and years.”

The common descriptive saying is that a solar eclipse denotes the judgment of Yahweh upon the nations, blood moons denote the judgment of Yahweh upon the nation of Israel, and that a solar eclipse occurring in the midst of four blood moons denotes the judgment of Yahweh upon the world.

But what if the blood moon tetrads simply confirm that Yahweh’s divine appointments and promises will be kept? Below are some of the promises I believe Yahweh has already kept:

Matthew 24:2 – “And Yeshua said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down’.”

The blood moons (not a tetrad) in AD 70 may have simply confirmed Yeshua’s prophecy that the Jerusalem Temple would be destroyed. Yahweh keeps his promises.

Ezekiel 36:19 – “And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed throughout all the nations.”

The blood moons in AD 70 and the tetrad in AD 1493-1494 may have simply confirmed Yeshua’s prophecy that the Israelites would be scattered to all the nations. While they were scattered to the European, Asian, and Middle Eastern nations in AD 70, it was not until the America’s were discovered that final fulfillment of this prophecy could take place and be fully confirmed by a tetrad. Yahweh keeps his promises.

Isaiah 66:8 – “Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”

Ezekiel 36:24 – “For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.” (see also Isaiah 11:10-12)

The tetrads in 1949-50 may simply confirm that Yahweh has indeed, returned his people to their promised land. Yahweh keeps his promises.

Luke 21:24 – “Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

Micah 4:2 – “For out of Zion will go forth Torah, the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.”

The tetrads in 1967-68 may simply confirm that Yahweh has indeed, returned Jerusalem to his people. Yahweh keeps his promises.

Zechariah 12:3 – “It will happen in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden themselves with it will be severely wounded, and all the nations of the world will be gathered together against it.”

The tetrads in 2014-2015 may simply confirm that Israel has, indeed, become that burdensome stone, and that all nations are now aligned against it. Yahweh keeps his promises.

Yahweh Expects Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22 – “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen better than the fat of rams.”

Yahweh is not pleased with any person, church, or church body that brings in other practices and calls them his way of worship. Remember his reaction to the Golden Calf at Mount Sinai? Remember his reaction to the incense of Nadab and Abihu? The tetrads in 2014-2015 may simply have been Yahweh’s pronouncement of his disgust with those abominations. The tetrads in 2014-2015 may also have been Yahweh’s call to get back on his calendar and celebrate the divine appointments (moedim) that he commanded his people to celebrate. Yahweh expects obedience.

The Big What IFs

Before laying out the following strictly conjectures or speculations, let me say, "I do NOT set dates.

What **IF** -- the 2032-2033 tetrads point back to the rapture? (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- April 25/26, 2032
- October 18/19, 2032
- April 14/15, 2033
- October 08, 2033

What **IF** -- the 2043-2044 tetrads point back to the covenant that begins the Tribulation Period? (Daniel 9:24-27)

- March 25, 2043
- September 19, 2043
- March 13, 2044
- September 07, 2044

and seven years later

What **IF** -- the 2050-2051 tetrads point back to the end of the Tribulation Period? (Revelation 19:11-21)

- May 06, 2050
- October 30, 2050
- April 26, 2051
- October 19, 2051

Again, strictly conjecture and speculation, but What IF?

Conclusions

2 Peter 3:9 – “Yahweh is not slow about keeping His promises as some people think, but is patient toward you because He wants everyone to turn from sin and come to repentance.”

Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

The Blood Moons and Tetrads are Yahweh’s primary confirmation that he is still in charge, that he keeps his promises, and he expects obedience. Though they also often denote judgment upon the people, upon the nations, and upon the world is merely a secondary effect of these phenomenon! Yahweh is not slow in fulfilling his promises. The Fall Moedim will be fulfilled in his time to the day, hour, and minute just as were the Spring Moedim!

I have stated many times, “I do NOT set dates. Yes, the season of Yeshua’s return is upon us, and the final fulfillments of prophecies are about to be brought to fruition. Yeshua’s return may be this fall, next, fall, or some other period of time. We are to be prepared to meet him when he calls, but are also to be patient, watchful, alert, and continuing our labors of faith until he does.”

It is my hope that you will place your trust in Yeshua and continue to look forward to an eternity with Yahweh, Yeshua, and the Ruach Ha’Kodesh. However, those who fail to place their faith in Yeshua will not have that joy.

The Red Heifer Sightings

Prophecy continues to be fulfilled at an alarming pace. The state of Israel is a fact. Jerusalem is controlled by the Jews and belongs to Israel. The Hebrew language has been revived and all Israeli citizens are required to learn it. The desert is blooming. And Jewish authorities are preparing to qualify a red heifer and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Sanhedrin

On October 13, 2004 the Sanhedrin was reestablished for the first time since 425 AD and reconvened on February 9, 2005 to discuss the topic of the Third Temple. Since that time all of the gold and silver utensils and the garments needed for Temple worship have either been recovered or re-manufactured. Only the Ark of the Covenant awaits recovery. The Temple building itself has been prefabricated and can be rebuilt as soon as permission is given to do so. Two hundred Kohen priests have been identified through DNA testing and are being trained to re-institute animal sacrifices according to scriptural requirements outlined in the Scroll of Leviticus. The breeding program for the red heifer has been established by the Temple Institute.

The Heifers

Red Heifers in scripture are especially important. A red heifer is necessary for purification from sin according to Numbers 19:2. Today headlines are ablaze with the news that a pure red heifer may have been found.

Deuteronomy Chapter 21:1-9 recounts the process for forgiving a town which is nearby a murder victim when the perpetrator of the murder is not known. The elders of the city nearest to the victim are to take a heifer that has never been put to work or yoked for use as a draft animal. Jeremiah 48:34 recounts the wailing of the cities of Heshbon and Elealah that could be heard as far away as Jahaz sounding like the cries of a three year old heifer.

The Perfect Red Heifer Requirements

Numbers 19:2 – “Tell the people of Israel to bring you a young red female cow without fault or defect and which has never borne a yoke.”

There are several main requirements:

1. It must be a female cow.
2. It must be a red heifer that has no blemish. In other words, if it has more than only two other color hairs, it is disqualified. Additionally, it must not have any physical blemishes or spots.
3. It must have never been used for labor. In other words, never harnessed, or yoked.

4. It must have never been pregnant. In other words, never used as a part of the breeding program, nor have even been allowed to mate with a male cow.
5. It must be within its third year. i.e., at least one day older than two years old, but not yet four years old.
6. It must be slaughtered outside the holy city of Jerusalem but within sight of the Temple.

The first requirement, that the heifer be female, is exactly in opposition to the Egyptian superstition that only male cows were suitable for sacrifice and worship of their goddess Isis. Yahweh judges this belief as false superstition.

The second requirement, that the heifer was unblemished and also red in color, signifies the sacrifice of the blood of Yeshua, the perfect sacrificial lamb.

Thirdly, an animal which had been used for a common purpose was deemed improper for sacrifice. An animal that had been yoked and used to plow the ground would be disqualified. An animal that had become pregnant would also be considered disqualified due to its use for a common purpose – bearing fruit. It signifies that we are saved by grace, not by works.

The Priestly Requirements

Two hundred Kohen priests have been identified through DNA testing and must now be consecrated for service. The anointing oil was found in an Archaeological dig in April 1988. The Mediterranean Sea Snail, which disappeared in 70 AD, has returned in great numbers and now makes it possible for the precious blue and the purple dye required for the High Priestly garments to be manufactured. (Oil and snails – just two more supernatural events!)

Only one requirement is still missing – the red heifer. None of the current priests are ceremonially clean. They cannot be cleansed until the water of separation is recreated. And that requires the ashes of a perfect red heifer! That heifer must be in its third year. In other words, at least one day older than two years old, but not yet four years old. That is a very small window of the time during which the priests can be made eligible to serve – a mere 360 day period.

The Breeding Program

In 2015 the Temple Institute in Jerusalem established a breeding program called “Raise a Red Heifer in Israel” to raise the necessary item needed for purification of the temple and its priests. Israeli law does not allow the importation of live cattle into Israel, so the Temple Institute imported frozen embryos of red Angus cows from the United States and implanted them into the wombs of Israeli domestic cows.

Tradition, History, and Red Heifer Mania

According to Jewish tradition the perfect heifer must be over two years old but under four years old, and perfect red heifers are extremely rare. Scripture says Moses prepared the first one during the Exodus and Ezra sacrificed the second red heifer during the days of the First Temple. The Mishna records the names of those who performed the sacrifice during the time of the Second Temple. They are: Simon the Just and Yochanan the High Priest each sacrificed two red heifers, El'yhoeini ben Hakof, Hanameel the Egyptian and Yishmael ben Pi'avi sacrificed one each (Mishna Parah 3:5). Historical documents say that from that time until the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., only nine perfect red heifers have been sacrificed. Jewish tradition also informs us that there are to be only ten red heifers, and according to Maimonides, the tenth heifer will usher in the messianic age! He states: “. . . and the tenth red heifer will be accomplished by the king, the Messiah; may he be revealed speedily, Amen, May it be God's will.”

The Temple Institute had identified two candidates, one in 1997 and another in 2002, both initially thought to have met the requirements, but later found each to be unsuitable. The headlines read: “Apocalypse Cow” in the New York Times (1997) and “News Flash: Red Heifer Born In Israel” in a Temple Institute web posting (2002). In 2014 the headlines read “Torah-Condition-For-3rd-Temple-Now-Met”, and articles reported that the Temple Institute had posted a video showing what appeared to be a perfect red heifer that was being raised at an unidentified location in the United States. A report from Right Side News said a “qualified” red heifer has not been seen in Israel for nearly 2,000 years. Other headlines said there really is a red heifer today that could move the progress on the Third Temple forward! Hot news at the time, but how could this heifer be used since it wasn't born in Israel?

The Red Heifer Candidates

Numbers 19:2 – “Tell the people of Israel to bring you a young red female cow without fault or defect and which has never borne a yoke.”

According to The Temple Institute on the 17th day of Elul, 5778, (August 28th, 2018 on the Gregorian calendar), a red [adom H122 אָדום] heifer [parah H6510 פָּרָה] (Parah Aduma) was born in the land of Israel, foreshadowing the rebuilding of the Third Temple and the arrival of their long awaited Mashiach (Messiah). At one week of age, the heifer underwent an extensive examination by rabbinical experts and had been certified by the Rabbis as meeting all of the scriptural requirements.

As of January 2019, two more female red heifers had been born which might also qualify as the needed Para Aduma. On August 16th a heifer was burned in exactly the manner that will enable the Jewish people to be

purified in preparation for the dedication and building of the Third Temple. Two new red heifers were born in the early months of 2020, but have not been qualified to be the Para Aduma.

Boneh Israel (build Israel), an organization that connects Christian lovers of Israel to the Holy Land, stepped in to help. Led by Byron Stinson, a native Texan, Boneh Israel took out full-page ads in ranching magazines, explaining the situation to ranchers. They requested that any red calves be set aside. Several years ago, Byron Stinson, a devout Christian who became intensely interested in the Biblical commandment, began breeding cattle for this trait.

In July of 2021, Rabbi Kupietzky said, “I really believe that the red heifer was born this year,” He explained that the current Hebrew year is 5781 which, in Hebrew numerology, is תשפא. “That is an acronym for תהיה שנה פרה אדומה (it will be the year of the red heifer).” Kupietzky also explained that the Talmud has a precedent for the red heifer being provided by a non-Jew, so he is working with Boneh Israel, a Christian organization. Efforts to locate a red heifer have even taken them to Texas: “The red heifer is not a korban, a sacrifice,” Kupietzky pointed out. “It is performed outside of the Temple and is considered a tekes, a ceremony. Which is why we are especially looking in Texas for the tekes,” he quipped. A team of rabbis from the Temple Institute flew out to inspect the calves in 2021.

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, five currently unblemished red heifers arrived in Israel from Texas. A small ceremony was held at the Ben Gurion airport cargo terminal. The heifers were greeted and speeches were made many who had made this historic and prophetic day become a reality. According to Orthodox Rabbis and leaders these heifers, if they remain qualified, could be used to reinstate many of the Temple practices even before the Third Temple is rebuilt.

In March 2023, the Temple Institute declared one of the red heifers disqualified for sacrifice.

On July 17, 2023, another red heifer arrived in Israel at the Ancient Shiloh heritage site in Samaria’s Binyamin region where the biblical Tabernacle once stood. Hundreds of visitors flocked to Shiloh to welcome it. Two more heifers were transported to the town, and a center has been opened that is dedicated to researching the phenomenon. The heifers will be kept in a fenced-off area, and visitors will not be able to touch the animals. Binyamin Regional Council head Israel Ganz called the cow’s arrival a “historic moment,” saying “The Ancient Shiloh site is continuing to grow and develop, and the Red Heifer Center will attract more visitors, up to one million a year, from Israel and around the world.” Ganz called it “Good news for the Jewish world, for scientists and researchers, and for everyone.”

A red heifer suitable for sacrifice was expected to be available by Pesach (Passover) in April of 2024.

However

The five red heifers must be examined again to determine whether one or more continues to possess the necessary requirements, according to Numbers 19:1-22 and the Mishna Tractate Parah. Other heifers have initially been found to be qualified, but later became disqualified as they began to age.

The Significance of A Qualified Red Heifer

Numbers 19:4 – “Eleazar the cohen is to take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle this blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.”

If, and I say, if one of the red heifers turns out to be The tenth Parah Aduma, then the building of the Third Temple may be close at hand, even at the door.

None of the current priests are ceremonially clean despite the two hundred Kohen priests that have been identified through DNA testing and who must now be consecrated for service. Why, you ask? They cannot be cleansed until the water of separation is recreated. And that requires the ashes of a perfect red heifer! That heifer must be in it's third year. In other words, at least one day older than two years old, but not yet four years old. That is a very small window of the time during which the priests can be made eligible to serve – a mere 360 day period.

In order for the priests to be ceremonially clean, they must be sprinkled with the blood of a red heifer. The anointing oil is available, the precious blue and purple dyes have been manufactured. Only one requirement is still missing – the red heifer.

Without The Red Heifer, The Temple Can't Be Rebuilt.

Bottom line: IF the current qualified red heifer is THE tenth Parah Aduma needed, then the building of the Third Temple must be accomplished within the next two years. The Temple must be sprinkled with the blood of the red heifer BEFORE the priest is declared cleansed. The priest who sprinkles the blood is ceremonially unclean until that evening (Numbers 19:7).

The absence of the Temple, in turn, means that the full redemption of Israel is impossible, since according to Ezekiel 36, only the sprinkling of the Red Heifer water allows for the complete change of heart and spirit (“then I shall sprinkle pure waters upon you, and you shall be clean, from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. I will also give you a new heart, and I will place within you a new spirit” – Ezekiel 36:25-26; Jeremiah 31:33; Zechariah 8:8; Hebrews 8:10).

Conclusions

Current global events appear to be lining up with the prophecies written in the Bible. However, other red heifers have initially been found to be qualified, but later became disqualified as they began to age. Will one of the five new red heifers be THE tenth, or will they, too, become disqualified as time goes on.

If, and I say, if one of these red heifers turns out to be THE tenth Parah Aduma, then the building of the Third Temple may be close at hand, even at the door. However, this will not usher in the arrival of the Jew's long awaited Mashiach (Messiah). Instead, it will usher in an unprecedented time of agony, bloodshed, disaster, pandemics, wars, and death the likes of which this world has never seen. Yeshua says of this time: "For there will be great tribulation worse than there has ever been from the beginning of the world until now, and there will be nothing like it again!" (Matthew 24:21). The Third Temple will allow the false messiah, the antichrist, to enter into the Holy of Holies and declare himself to be God.

Scripture does not tell us how long this Temple will be in use before the Tribulation Period starts, but I doubt it will stand for long before Yeshua raises the dead and raptures his Bride! Now that is significant.

The state of Israel is a fact and Jewish authorities are preparing to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.

The appearance of the red heifers, the architectural plans, and the ability of the Jewish people to openly pray on the Temple Mount are all seen as prophetic implications that the time is ripe.

All of the gold and silver utensils and the garments needed for Temple worship have either been recovered or re-manufactured.

The Kohenim have been trained and the necessary altar site has been identified.

Only the lack of a qualified red heifer prevents the Third Temple from being built and cleansed.

The 2024 Solar Eclipse

Luke 21:25 – “There will appear signs in the sun, moon and stars; and on earth, nations will be in distress, anxious over the roaring of the sea and the surging waves.”

It has been said that a solar eclipse denotes the judgment of Yahweh upon the nations, blood moons denote the judgment of Yahweh upon the nation of Israel, and that a solar eclipse occurring in the midst of four blood moons denotes the judgment of Yahweh upon the world.

Yet another total solar eclipse will traverse North America on April 8, 2024, around the time of the New Moon at the start of Nisan on the Hebrew Calendar. The 2024 solar eclipse will complete a giant “X” [or Tav] over North America that the August 21, 2017 eclipse started.

Can we speculate, X marks the spot? Or can we say more accurately that Yahweh is marking the crossing with the ancient Paleo-Hebrew letter, Tav.

If the lesser known Ring of Fire Eclipse on October 14, 2023 is added to the paths, it then looks like an English “A” or the ancient Paleo-Hebrew letter Aleph. Now, can we say even more accurately that Yahweh is marking the United States with the sign of the Aleph-Tav, in other words, with Yeshua.

Now add this to the phenomenon: Some say that the 2024 eclipse will occur approximately six years, six months, and six days after the 2017 eclipse. Can we speculate, 666? Or should we say more accurately that all three eclipses occurred during a seven year period? Remember, seven is the Biblical number of completion. Perhaps the time of the United States is complete. Hmmmmmmmm

The Path of the Eclipse

The path of the August 21, 2017 eclipse traversed over seven US cities named Salem: Salem, Oregon; Salem, Idaho; Salem, Wyoming; Salem, Nebraska; Salem, Missouri; Salem, Kentucky; and Salem, South Carolina.

According to some prognosticators, including Mark Snyder and JD Farag, the eclipse will traverse over seven cities named Nineveh in the following states: Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia; and, New York, and also over an eighth Nineveh in Ontario, Canada.

According to Mark Biltz, however, the eclipse will only cross over five of the United States cities, missing both the Nineveh in Missouri and the Nineveh in Virginia – both of these are nearby, but not directly in the path.

Fritz Zimmerman adds: “There are eight small towns called Nineveh in the US. Two of them were aligned to the 2017 eclipse, while the other six are aligned with the April 8, 2024 eclipse, either being at 100% coverage to 90% coverage. Is this random? Is this prophetic?” According to Fritz, the percentage of coverage for “Nineveh, Texas is 98%. Nineveh, Indiana is the highest magnitude of the eclipse. Nineveh, Ohio is at 100% coverage. Nineveh, Pennsylvania is at 90%. Nineveh, New York is at 90%, and Nineveh, Nova Scotia is at 100%. April 8th 2024 at 3:07 PM is when the maximum eclipse will occur in Nineveh, Indiana.”

Now, add this to the above:

- If the eclipse does indeed pass over all eight cities, seven is the Biblical number of completion, and eight is the number of new beginnings.
- The very first community the path of the eclipse will touch in the United States will be Eagle Pass, Texas – the very place in the US that has become “ground zero” for the immigration of people entering the country.
- The April 2024 solar eclipse will have a narrow path a little over one hundred (100) miles wide. It will intersect the path of the 2017 solar eclipse in Makanda, Illinois, just south of Carbondale – in a particular part of southern Illinois known as “Little Egypt”, and will exit Illinois at Mount Carmel!
- The crossing point in Makanda is in the center line of both the 2017 and 2024 solar eclipses.
- Carbondale is in a particular part of southern Illinois known as “Little Egypt”
- The April 2024 solar eclipse will exit Illinois at Mount Carmel!
- The April 2024 solar eclipse exits via cities named Magog, Vermont; Moscow and Orient, Maine; and Burnt Church, New Brunswick, Canada.

The Little Egypt Connections

Luke 17:37 – “Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.”

Makanda, Illinois hosts a yearly event called The Annual Black Vulture Festival. Can we speculate that the United States has become a carcass and the vultures are ready to pounce? Maybe . . .

Matthew 24:37 – “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day.”

Genesis 6:4 – “There were Nephilim [giants] in the earth in those days . . .”

Giant City Park is also located in this area. Inside the park is a large freestanding sandstone pillar called The Devil’s Standtable. Can we speculate – a park named for giants, a pillar dedicated to the devil, vulture festivals. Has the United States become the Devil’s standtable – his pulpit for taking perversion to the nations of the world? More than likely . . .

Isaiah 13:3 – “I have summoned my gibborim, eager and bold, to execute my anger.”

There were giants in the days of Noah. Can we speculate that they will be summoned to Makanda and the United States in the near future to execute Yahweh’s anger. Maybe . . .

The Joseph Connection

Genesis 41:32 – “Why was the dream doubled for Pharaoh? Because the matter has been fixed by Elohim, and Elohim will shortly cause it to happen.”

Joseph interpreted two different dreams for Pharaoh, and tells Pharaoh that the doubling of an event means that the matter has been fixed by Elohim, it will happen without fail. The intersection of the two solar eclipses takes place in a place that is crossed twice – in Makanda, Illinois.

Can we speculate, if this is a warning – then the warning is set in stone, so to say! HMMMMMMMM

The Jonah Connection

Ezekiel 32:7 – “When I extinguish you, I will cover the sky and make its stars black; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light.”

Joel 2:31 – “The sunlight will be turned to darkness and the moon to the color of blood, before the day of the LORD comes – that great and terrible day!”

Jonah 3:5 – “The people of Nineveh believed in God, and they declared a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.”

Most interesting is that before passing over Nineveh, Texas the path of the eclipse passes over Jonah, Texas! Nineveh, Assyria was only given a warning: “At the end of forty days, Nineveh will be overthrown!” (Jonah 3:4). According to Assyrian writings, an eclipse occurred over Nineveh during the reign of Jeroboam II, at about the same time as Jonah lived and prophesied (2 Kings 14:25).

As noted above, solar eclipses denote the judgment of Yahweh upon a nation. The citizens of Assyria, like many in ancient cultures, viewed eclipses as omens of imminent destruction. We can surely speculate that this belief may have engendered the dramatic repentance of the people of Nineveh, , despite the lack of a verbal warning by Jonah to repent. (Jonah 3:5).

Signs in the Heavens

Genesis 1:14 – “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; let them be signs to indicate seasons, days and years.”

The word, signs, in Hebrew is owth [H226 אוֹת], which are indications of a moed (season) [H4150 מוֹעֵד]. a yom (day) [H3117 יוֹם], and a shaneh (year) [H8141 שָׁנָה]; in other words, specific, set appointments. And all of the set appointments, the moedim, point to the work of Yeshua, the Aleph-Tav, whose sign has been blatantly broadcast across the nation of the United States.

The month of April is inundated with signs in the heavens. Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks, also known as the "devil comet" and the "Mother of Dragons" comet, is already visible to the naked eye in the night skies of the northern hemisphere.

According to Mark Snyder and Rachel Baxter, multiple planets will also be in alignment in April:

- On April 3rd – a conjunction of Venus and Neptune.
- On April 4th – Venus, Neptune, Saturn, and Mars will align in the morning sky.
- On April 8th, the sun, the moon and the other planets in our solar system will appear to form a straight line in the sky when looking out from Jerusalem toward the east.
- On April 10th – a conjunction of Mars and Saturn.
- On April 20th – a conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus.
- On April 29th – a conjunction of Mars and Neptune.

Conclusions

Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

According to many, a solar eclipse denotes the judgment of Yahweh upon the nations, and we know:

- A total solar eclipse will traverse North America on April 8, 2024.
- This eclipse will complete the giant “Tav” over North America that the 2017 eclipse started.
- The addition of the 2023 eclipse completes the giant “Aleph” over North America.
- The path across the United States starts at Eagle Pass, Texas and goes over Jonah and Nineveh, Texas.
- The April 2024 solar eclipse exits via cities named Magog, Vermont; Moscow and Orient, Maine; and Burnt Church, New Brunswick, Canada.

We can also say:

- There will be multiple signs in the heavens, including alignments of heavenly bodies during April.
- An eclipse occurred over Nineveh during the reign of Jeroboam II, at the same time as Jonah.
- Jonah did not give a message of repentance to the Ninevites.
- Jonah only told the Ninevites that “in forty days Nineveh will be overthrown” (Jonah 3:4).

- Perhaps we too are only being given a warning of impending doom.
- Perhaps we too should repent as did the citizens of ancient Nineveh.

Unfortunately, given the time period in which we live:

- It is highly unlikely that national repentance will be a response to the 2024 total solar eclipse.
- Can we speculate, the citizens of the United states have been warned of the imminent coming of Yeshua to execute his wrath and set the stage to fulfill the next moed – Yom Teruah – the Resurrection of the Dead and Rapture of the Bride? I say, yes, we can!!

Appendixes

Appendix A: Glossary

Hebrew, Greek, and Latin Terms Used

Adom.....	Red
Adonai Tzva'ot	Lord of Hosts
Chag Ha'Matzot.....	Unleavened Bread
Elohiym, Elohenu	God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
Ha'Mashiach	Messiah, Christ, The Anointed One
Iddan	A Set Time or Appointed Occasion
Kairos	A Fixed or Special Occasion, A Set or Proper Time or Season.
Midrash	A Teaching, Interpretation, or Commenting On The Hebrew Scriptures
Mishkan	Temple, The Tabernacle of Moses
Mishnah.....	The Oral Law
Miryam.....	Mary
Moed	A Divine Appointment, Fixed Time or Season; Specifically A Festival
Moedim	Plural of Moed
Moshe	Moses
'Ohel.....	A Tent
Oholah.....	Samaria – the Capital of N. Israel
Oholivah.....	Jerusalem – the Capital of S. Israel
Owth.....	Sign
Parah Aduma	Tenth Heifer
Peirasmos	A Putting To Proof or Adversity
Pesach	Passover
Poneros.....	Evil

Qara’	To Call Out, To Call Forth, or To Officially Proclaim
Qarowb.....	At Hand, Near, or Without Delay, Imminent
Qesheth	A bow, A rainbow
Ra`Ash	To Quake, Shake, or Cause To Quake or Shake
Rapha	Heal, or Wholly Heal
Reishit Katzir	First Fruits
Rimmâh.....	Maggot, Worm
Shalom	Completeness and Soundness of Health, Welfare, Peacefulness, Relationships
Shavuot	Feast Of Pentecost
Shaneh.....	Year
Shofar	Horn, Ram’s Horn
Skene	Indicates A Booth, Tent, or Tabernacle
Skolēx	Coccus Illicis’ A Worm
Stoicheion	Something Orderly In Arrangement, An Element
Sukkah	A Booth – A Basic, Crude, or Temporary Shelter, A Tent
Sukkot	Feast Of Tabernacles, Booths
Therapeuo	Heal, or Wholly Heal
Tôlâ’ or Tôlê’âh	Coccus Illicis’ Worm
Toxon	A Bow, A Rainbow
Yahweh	The LORD, God, The Father, Proper Name Of The One True God
Yeshua	The LORD, Jesus, The Son
Yom	Day, A 24 Hour Period
Yom Kippurim	Day of Atonements
Yom Teruah	Feast Of Rosh Hashanah, Trumpets, New Moon, The Day Of: The Awakening Blast, Sounding Of The Shofar
Zman	A Set Time or Appointed Occasion

Appendix B: Related Links

Pronouncing YHWH Correctly

Ancient Mention of Yahweh = <https://youtu.be/pGEOZ5YI22M>

Oldest Bible Verses Found = <https://youtu.be/X74dr58e6T8>

https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-artifacts/inscriptions/mt_ebal_inscription/

https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-artifacts/inscriptions/mt_ebal_inscription/attachment/the-folded-lead-tablet-from-mt-ebal-courtesy-the-associates-for-biblical-research/

White Horse Vision

<https://rumble.com/v1cbqgl-chariots-of-fire.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrLoW8X6-Xc>

Rainbow Flag Incursion

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/389792/lgbt-identification-ticks-up.aspx>

Red Heifer Sightings

<https://theisraelguys.com/red-heifer/>

<https://www.cogwriter.com/news/prophecy/temple-institute-reports-5-perfect-unblemished-red-heifers-arrived-in-israel/>

<https://www.israel365news.com/274830/watch-red-heifers-arrive-in-israel/>

<https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/getting-ready-temple-institute-practices-burning-the-red-heifer/>

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<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/308295>

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/324609>

<https://youtu.be/90WIsKhDFQc>

<https://www.israel365news.com/274920/christians-weigh-in-on-the-relevance-of-the-red-heifer/>

Eye to Eye

Bill Koenig Website: nn

The Solar Eclipse of 2024

<https://www.wnd.com/2024/02/biblical-expert-solar-eclipse-mark-beginning-judgment-upon-america/>

<https://youtu.be/NeWXt4hXTs4>

<https://rumble.com/v4ld5e0-do-they-know-something-we-dont-prophecy-update-032424-j.d.-farag.html>

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<https://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/all-planets-in-our-solar-system-will-form-a-line-as-the-path-of-the-great-american-eclipse-crosses-u-s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clULEpmfoyA>

Appendix C: About The Author

As I said in the Preface, I am primarily an analyst and a teacher, not a novelist. Whether I was working as a mechanic, maintenance man, customer representative, courier, or manager, the gift of analysis has allowed me to comprehend the job at hand, to be quickly promoted, and to make changes to the operation that bettered the working conditions for all employees.

About eight years ago a Lutheran Pastor challenged me to prove that there really was a rapture, and that the season of Yeshua's return was approaching. Using all of the (minimal) skills that my Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies allowed and relying heavily on the Ruach Ha'Kodesh (Holy Spirit), I took the challenge, spent several months studying scripture, then handed a ten page essay to him. His reception to my essay was downright chilly, to say the least. From there, it progressed into emails and letters to friends and family. The family reception was almost as chilly as my pastor's, but my friends and I began a series of meetings, phone calls, and emails.

Upon moving from Colorado to Nevada, these emails and essays became a series of classes entitled: **“Understanding the Times: An Overview of End Times Teachings for Study and Discussion”**, which led to the blog and much more study, eventually becoming my first attempt at a book called **The Rapture: A Party Like No Other**. It was dryly written, so I took it out of circulation rather quickly. It took another five years to compile and replace it with an updated version titled: **A Party Called The Rapture: One of Yahweh's Divine Appointments**, along with another book titled: **Yahweh's Divine Appointments: The Dress Rehearsals Called Moedim**.

Currently, the newest book about the rapture, written in 2023, is called: **The Witnessed Rapture In a Nutshell: Revealing the Biblical Parallels, Patterns, Pictures, and Types**. A more extensive version is called: **The Rapture Is A Witnessed Event**.

This book, **Yahweh's Divine Scriptures: Insights and Observations 4**, continues the compilation of the many essays from my weblogs, and is the fourth in the *Delightful Diatribes* series.

Today, retirement allows me to concentrate on studying The Rapture and the Season of Yeshua's Return, and to blog, to write, and to teach what I learn.

Appendix D: Notes

Yahweh's Divine Scriptures can be difficult to interpret.

Some scriptures do not translate well into the English language due to their original meaning in Hebrew.

Many of the scriptures, verses, or passages are either Hebrew idioms or Rabbinical sayings that simply have no English equivalent.

The essays in this book will hopefully clarify some of those issues.

