

## A Presentation by the Rapture Party Staff



**The Resurrection and The Rapture  
are Witnessed Events**

*2 Kings 2:7-12*

Elijah's rapture was watched from a distance by Elisha and fifty of the Guild Prophets

*Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11a*

Yeshua's rapture was intently watched by the disciples as he was carried up into heaven

*Revelation 11:12*

The Two Witnesses' rapture was watched by their enemies as they ascended up into heaven in a cloud

*Enoch 81:5-9; Jasher 3:34*

Enoch's rapture was watched by his children and the King's men as he was taken from their midst

***"We often think of the rapture as the great disappearance act at the end of the age. We base this mostly on movies we have seen or fictional books we have read. This guides us back to the Scriptures to see that there is more than meets the eye. These truths have been available to the eye the entire time. We just passed over them or were instructed that there was nothing to see."***

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# The ParTy Lens

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**Ecclesiastes 1:9** - *"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."*

**Isaiah 28:10** - *"Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little."*



### Parallels

Events that are similar, comparable, or alike



### Patterns

Events that are examples, prototypes, or models



### Pictures

Events that are epitomes, images, or representations



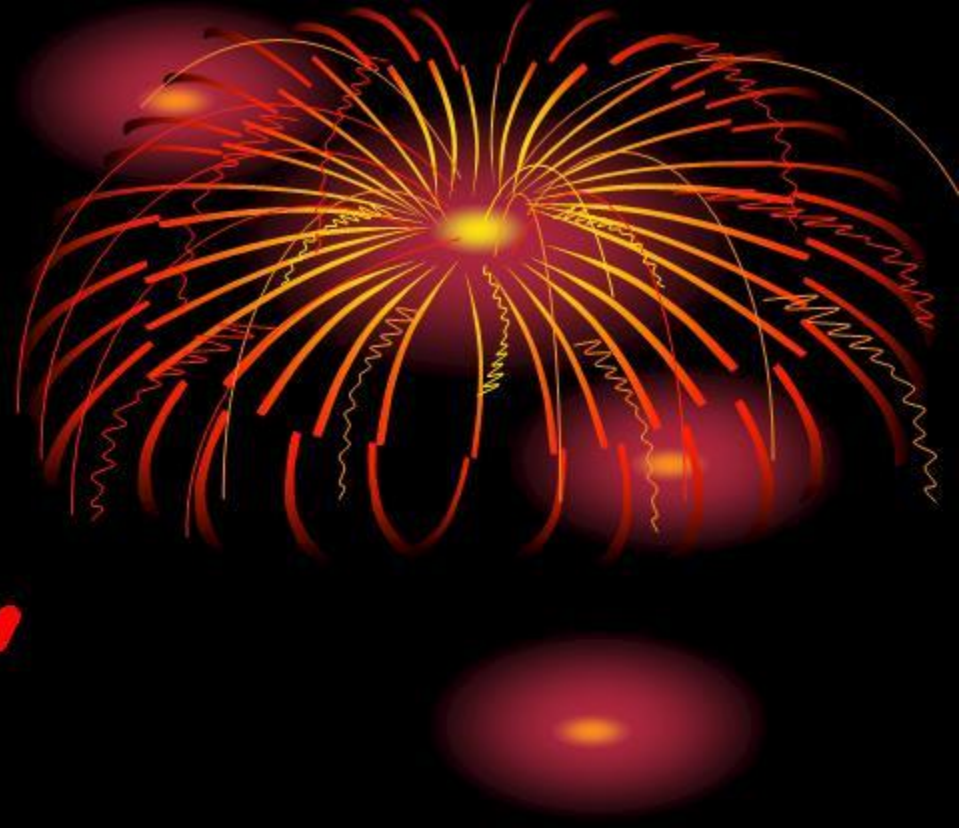
### Types

Events that are styles, forms, or genres


Biblical parallels, patterns, pictures, and types tell us who Yeshua is, what his ministry is, and what the future holds. The Rapture parallels, patterns, pictures and types tell us in great detail about this event. These parallels, patterns, pictures and types become very important when we try to determine if scripture and prophecy have anything to say to us today, especially since scripture informs us that patterns are cyclical.



I am about to  
rattle some cages,  
upset some carts,  
and  
ruffle some feathers,  
so fasten your seatbelts.







No doubt you have heard it said that “*the rapture is an instantaneous event that happens at the same time as the resurrection of the dead*” and that “*there are no signs that precede the rapture – the rapture is a sign-less event.*”

But I say the Biblical scriptures present an entirely different scenario.

Those who say there are no signs are greatly mistaken.

Yeshua gave us numerous signs to look for: 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.

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*At the very least, the dead in Yeshua must **rise first.***



Witnessed Resurrections

*The Dead  
Rise First*



# *Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!*

## *The ten resurrections from the dead*



The son of the widow from Zarephath in Sidon

**1 Kings 17:22** – *“Yahweh heard Elijah’s cry. The child’s soul came back into him, and he revived.”*

The full account is found in: **1 Kings 17:21-24**

The son of the Shunammite woman

**2 Kings 4:35** – *“The child sneezed seven times, and opened his eyes.”*

The full account is found in: **2 Kings 4:18-37**

The dead man placed into the tomb of Elisha

**2 Kings 13:21** – *“When the body touched Elisha’s bones, the dead man came to life and stood on his feet.”*

The full narrative can be found in: **2 Kings 13:20-21**

The prophet Jonah from Gath-Hepher, the son of Amittai

**Jonah 2:6** – *“Yahweh brought me up alive from the pit.”*

The full account is found in: **Jonah 2:1-10**

The daughter who is only “asleep”, also known as the daughter of Jairus

**Luke 8:54-55** – *“But he took her by the hand, called out, ‘**Little girl, get up!**’ and her spirit returned.”*

The full account is found in: **Matthew 9:23-25; Mark 5:22, 5:35-42; & Luke 8:41, 8:52-55**



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## *The ten resurrections from the dead*



The only son of a widow from the town of Nain

**Luke 7:14-15** – “Yeshua said, ‘*Young man, I say to you: get up!*’ The dead man sat up and began to speak.”

The full account is found in: [Luke 7:11-15](#)

Lazarus from Bethany, the brother of Martha and Mary

**John 11:43-44** – “Having said this, he shouted, ‘*Lazarus, come out!*’ The man who had been dead came out.”

The full account is found in: [John 11:11-44](#)

Tabitha from Joppa, also known as Dorcas

**Acts 9:40** – “Peter said, ‘*Tabitha! Get up!*’ She opened her eyes; and on seeing Peter, sat up.”

The full account is found in: [Acts 9:37-42](#)

Eutychus from Troas, who fell from the third story to the ground

**Acts 20:10** – “Paul said, ‘*Do not be distressed, for he is still alive!*’”

The full narrative can be found in: [Acts 20:9-10](#)

And possibly, the Apostle Paul, presumed to be dead

**Acts 14:19** – “*They presumed Paul to be dead; but he got up and went back into the city.*”

The full narrative can be found in: [Acts 14:19-20](#)



# *Breaking News*

*Wait: None of The Ten People Disappeared!*

Not one of the ten resurrected people mentioned above just instantly disappeared when they came back to life.

**Just the opposite.**

**ALL were seen alive by many after their resurrection.**

*But, But, But: None of Them Got Glorified Bodies*

The above statement is absolutely true:

**Not one** of the ten resurrected people mentioned above received a glorified, incorruptible, immortal body.

Most, we assume, later died and were buried, as is the case of Paul.



# *Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!*

## *The two resurrections from the dead*



### **The Holy Ones:**

Matthew 27:50-53

*“The graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.”*

### **Yeshua**

Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:9; John 20:17

*“When Yeshua rose early on Sunday, he appeared first to Miriam of Magdala” and commanded her not to cling to him as he had “**not yet ascended to his Father**”, saying he would meet them in Galilee.*



*Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!*

*Two future resurrections from the dead*



**The Dead and Living in Yeshua:**

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

*“Not all of us will die! But we will all be changed! It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised to live forever, and we too will be changed..”*

If two scriptural patterns indicate that neither Yeshua nor the Holy Ones instantly disappeared but spent time witnessing for up to forty days, then the Bride may also spend some time witnessing before being raptured.



*Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!*

*Two future resurrections from the dead*



## **The Two Witnesses of Revelation:**

**Revelation 11:11-12**

*“But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from God entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here!’ And they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.”*

The two witnesses are resurrected after 3½ days and then stand on their feet. Shortly thereafter, they are called to come up, and finally are raptured as their enemies watch.



# *Breaking News*

Scripture gives us twelve examples of those who have already died (or been presumed dead) who were resurrected. Interesting number, 12!

Neither the Holy Ones, nor Yeshua, instantly disappear after their resurrection.

Scripture also gives us two more examples of those who will die and be resurrected – the Dead in Yeshua and the Two Witnesses of Revelation.

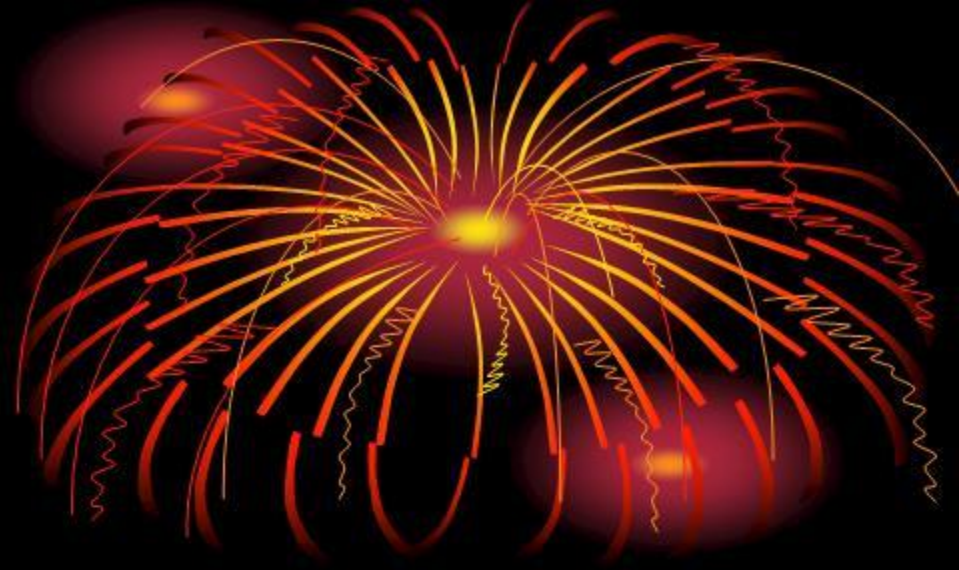
*Wait: None of These People Disappeared!*

**Just the opposite.**

**ALL were (or will be) seen alive by many after their resurrection.**

This pattern is consistent, and it is reasonable to anticipate that neither will the Bride of Yeshua simply instantly disappear. Two witnesses establish a fact, according to the Bible (Deuteronomy 19:15, Matthew 18:16, 2 Corinthians 13:1, etc.).





# Witnessed Raptures

Those Who Are Bodily  
Raptured





Hey, where are you going. You haven't finished telling us about that Rapture thing, yet!!



# Who Knew

Can you name any Prophets who knew the day of their rapture according to the scriptures?



*There are **three** **prophets** to choose from, but only one that scripture directly states that he knew.*



# Eliyahu (Elijah)

## 2 Kings 2:3-5

*“Do you know that Yahweh is taking Eliyahu, your master, away from you today?”*

Twice, scripture tells us that the day of Elijah's departure, or rapture, was known to the sons of the prophets:

- The prophets at Bethel knew.
- The prophets at Jericho knew.
- Elisha also knew.

**I call this advance notice!**



# Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Christ)

## Luke 9:30-31

*“Suddenly there were two men talking with him – Moshe and Eliyahu! They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke of his departure, which he was soon to accomplish in Yerushalayim.”*

Both Moses and Elijah spoke to Yeshua about his ‘departure’. This talk may have been primarily about his manner of rapture, which happened at the Mount of Olives in Yerushalayim, rather than his crucifixion.

**Another instance of advance notice, perhaps.**



# Enoch

## 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 . . . In the second year, you will be taken.”*

Enoch was given one year to testify to Methuselah and his children before his rapture. He knew he would be raptured, and so did his family.

Definitely another instance of advance notice, no doubt.



# The Bride of Yeshua

Many ask: “Will the Bride of Yeshua also have advanced notice?”

The answer to that is perhaps yes. Paul appears to say just that in 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6:

“But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief; for you are all people who belong to the light, who belong to the day. We don’t belong to the night or to darkness, so let’s not be asleep, like the rest are; on the contrary, let us stay alert and sober.”



## *Adonai Elohim's Promise of Advance Notice*

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

Adonai Elohim firmly states that he gives *Advance Notice*. I believe an Advance Notice will be the first sequence of events that leads up to the resurrection and rapture of the Bride of Yeshua. I do not know what form this advance notice may take, but believe that his promise to do so is still valid today.

Adonai Elohim always informs his prophets in advance and Paul clearly states that we, the Bride of Yeshua, will not be caught off guard by the coming of Yeshua to rapture his bride when he says “*You, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise.*”

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 Adonai Elohim's promise as set forth in **Amos 3:7**.





# *Conclusions*

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*Advance Notice* is the scriptural norm. In every case the person being raptured knows he will be.

- Elijah and two schools of prophets knew the day of his departure ([2 Kings 2:3-5](#)).
- Moses and Elijah spoke to Yeshua about his departure prior to his going to Yerushalayim to be crucified ([Luke 9:30-31](#)).
- Enoch had a full year of advance notice ([Enoch 81:5-6](#)).
- The Bride of Yeshua, according to Paul, will also receive advance notice.



# *Who Watched*

Did anyone witness the person being raptured according to the scriptures?

*Hint*

*Fifty saw. Many saw. The King's men saw*



# Eliyahu (Elijah)

## 2 Kings 2:7-12

*“Fifty of the prophets from Jericho went and stood watching Eliyahu and Elisha from the opposite side of the Jordan River . . . . Elisha saw Eliyahu depart and shouted out, “My father! My father. The chariots and horsemen of Israel!*

Elijah’s ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and very likely the prophets from Jericho who stood nearby, as the Jordan River at Jericho is not very wide!

**Elijah did not just disappear – his rapture was watched.**



# Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Christ)

Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11a

*“As he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.”*

Yeshua was carried up into heaven while the disciples 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.**



# The Two Witnesses of Revelation

## Revelation 11:11-12

*“But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from God entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here!’ And they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.”*

The ascension of two witnesses will be witnessed by their enemies.

The Two Witnesses won't just disappear – their rapture will be watched.



# Hanokh (Enoch)

Enoch 81:5-6; Jasher 3:27-29; Jasher 3:34

*“The seven holy ones will take you from their midst.”*

Though the description of Enoch's ascension is not found in the scriptures, it is found in two non-canonical books that are mentioned or quoted from in the Bible.

Enoch's ascension was witnessed by his children as he was taken from their midst.

Jasher also tells us that some of the King's men remained with Enoch when he went to the place where he was to be raptured. Only death, they said, would separate them.

**Enoch's rapture was also witnessed by many people.**





# *Conclusions*

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In every case, the person being raptured is witnessed by more than one other person. Not once does the person raptured in the body just disappear in an instantaneous rapture event.

- Elijah was in the presence of Elisha and perhaps fifty or more of the sons of the prophets when he was raptured ([2 Kings 2:7](#)).
- Yeshua was in the presence of the apostles, and perhaps others when he was raptured ([Acts 1:10-11](#)).
- Enoch was in the presence of his children and the King's men when he was raptured ([Enoch 81:5-6](#); [Jasher 3:34](#)).
- The rapture of the Bride of Yeshua will more than likely also be a witnessed event.



# *What Took Them*

How were they carried  
into heaven according to  
the scriptures?

**Hint**

*Chariots of Fire and  
Whirlwinds may be present.*

*Horses Are Not Elevators !*





## Just Conjecture

There are some who believe that it is the **whirlwind** that carries the person aloft.

I believe that the horses are the mode of transportation that carries the person to the fiery chariot when present.

**Fiery Chariots** may be what today we would call a rocket ship.

Any modern rocket during takeoff creates a whirlwind.

To the ancients it may have looked like the whirlwind was carrying the person aloft, but I say this was just the result of the fiery chariot blasting off.



# Eliyahu (Elijah)



## 2 Kings 2:11

*“There appeared a fiery chariot with horses of fire; and as it separated the two of them from each other, Eliyahu went up into heaven in a whirlwind.”*

There is no mistaking the mode of transportation that Yahweh used to carry Elijah into heaven, and no excuse for thinking some other method was used.

**Elijah is carried into the clouds by horses of fire.**



# Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Christ)



Acts 1:11b; Revelation 19:11

*“Yeshua will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven.”*

*“Before me was a white horse. Sitting on it is Yeshua who passes judgment and makes war in righteousness.”*

Yeshua comes back on a white horse. He is taken the same way according to the two “men” who spoke to the disciples!

**In other words, Yeshua is carried into heaven by a horse!**



# Enoch



Jasher 3:27-29 Jasher 3:36-37

*“Enoch ascended into Heaven in a whirlwind with horses and chariots of fire.”*

Jasher 3:27 tells us that the horse descended from heaven and paced in the air. Jasher 3:36 tells us that Enoch ascended with horses, chariots, and whirlwinds.

Enoch, like Yeshua and Elijah, is carried into the clouds by horses.



# Conclusions

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The person being raptured does not lazily float up to the clouds, as if by magic – he is **carried** aloft.

- Horses are always present – and often Chariots of Fire and a whirlwind.
- Elijah was carried to Heaven with horses, chariots of fire, and a whirlwind present ([2 Kings 2:11](#)).
- Yeshua rose riding upon his white horse ([Acts 1:10-11](#); [Revelation 19:11](#)), but there is no mention of a chariot of fire or a whirlwind.
- Enoch was carried to Heaven with horses, chariots of fire, and a whirlwind present. ([Jasher 3:36](#)).
- No doubt, the Bride of Yeshua will also be carried to Heaven by horses.



*Conclusions*



# *The Resurrection is a Witnessed Event*

The son of the widow from Zarephath  
The son of the Shunammite woman  
The dead man in the tomb of Elisha  
The prophet Jonah  
The daughter of Jairus  
The Holy Ones  
and

The son of a widow from Nain  
Lazarus  
The Apostle Paul  
Dorcas/Tabitha  
Eutychus  
Yeshua  
*The Two Witnesses of Revelation*

Scripture gives us twelve examples of those who have died (or been presumed dead) who were resurrected but did not instantly disappear or get instantly raptured. Just the opposite. *All were seen alive and well after their resurrection.*

Scripture also gives us another example of two who will die, be resurrected, but who will not instantly disappear or get instantly raptured.

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



# *The Rapture is a Witnessed Event*

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Revelation 11:11

The two witnesses will be raptured as their enemies watch.

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Enoch's rapture was also witnessed by many people.



## *Two or More Witnesses are Required*

Scripture gives us twelve examples of resurrections that were witnessed, and three examples of those whose raptures were witnessed. The Bible only asks for two witnesses to establish a fact!

Not one of these people instantly disappeared.

The instant disappearance paradigm is not supported by the patterns revealed in the scriptures that show a progression of well witnessed events over time.

The belief that “*the resurrection is the rapture*” also fails to adhere to the Biblical requirement that two or more witnesses are necessary to establish a fact.



# The Witnessed Resurrection and Rapture Gives The Glory To Yahweh/Yeshua

**Deuteronomy 4:24** – *“Yahweh your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Elohim.”*

**Isaiah 42:8** – *“I am Yahweh; that is my name; my glory I give to no other.”*

**Isaiah 48:11** – *“For my own sake, I do it . . . My glory I will not give to another.”*

Yahweh does not give nor share his glory with anyone, especially not with Satan.

That is why the Resurrection and Rapture of the Bride of Yeshua will be witnessed by all.

The fully witnessed resurrection and rapture of the Bride of Yeshua will be hard, if not downright impossible to deny – all will know it was done by Yeshua and will bring great glory to Yahweh.



# ***FINAL CONCLUSIONS***

**The instant disappearance paradigm, which has been espoused for way too long:**

- does not conform to the Greek or Hebrew Word Definitions
- does not conform to the Witnessed Resurrection Pattern
- does not conform to the Witnessed Bodily Rapture Pattern
- does not conform to the Exodus Pattern
- does not conform to the Thessalonians Midrash Pattern
- and does not conform to the Jewish Wedding Pattern

**All of the above are witnessed events**  
**– not instant disappearance events**



*Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha  
Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka  
Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom*

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

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

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



Thank you for  
attending this  
teaching on



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