



*The Resurrection and The Rapture
are Witnessed Events*

A Presentation by the Rapture Party Staff

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"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."

Mondo Gonzales, Co-Host - Prophecy Watchers

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Seven Rapture Patterns
and the
Instant Gratification Golden Calf

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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 can be cyclical.

The First Rapture Pattern

Advance Notices
Witnesses
and
Horses



Who Knew

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



Hint

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

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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.

Who Watched

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

Hint

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

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Elijah’s ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and the prophets.

Elijah did not just disappear – his rapture was watched.

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“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 Two Witnesses' ascension will be witnessed by all of their enemies.

The Two Witnesses' raptures will also be witnessed by many people.

Enoch

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

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

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.

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 !



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.

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When?

Where?

How?

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Conclusions on The Prophets Who Were Bodily Raptured

In every case those who have been raptured In the Body have several things in common:

- The person being raptured knows he will be. Enoch had a full year of advance notice (Enoch 81:5-6). 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).
- Other people are present who see them being raptured: 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). 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).

Conclusions on The Prophets Who Were Bodily Raptured

In every case those who have been raptured In the Body have several things in common:

- Horses are always present and often Chariots of Fire. Enoch was raptured into Heaven with both horses and chariots of fire (Jasher 3:36). Elijah was also raptured into Heaven with both horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 2:11). Yeshua rose riding upon his white horse (Acts 1:10-11 and Revelation 19:11), but there is no mention of a chariot of fire.
- Whirlwinds are often present. Both Enoch and Elijah went up to Heaven in a whirlwind. Scripture, however, gives no indication if a whirlwind was present at Yeshua's rapture.

In other words, Enoch, Elijah, and Yeshua were all raptured to Heaven and into Yahweh's presence in the body by horses, while others watched.

The Real Rapture Image According to the Prophet's Bodily Rapture Patterns



The Second and Third Patterns

The Exodus

And

Thessalonian Midrash

Patterns



Did You Know?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – *“Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven, with a loud shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar call of Yahweh. The dead in Yeshua will rise first, then we who are still alive will be caught up in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air.”*

Did you know that Rabbi Paul’s writing in **Thessalonians 4** is a typical rabbinical teaching style called a Midrash?

Did you know that this Midrash parallels the exodus of the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt?

Let’s examine how this is so:

The Journey Begins

Exodus 3:7-8 – “Then Yahweh said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey’.”

Exodus 33:1 – “Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Leave, you and the people you brought up from the land of Egypt; and move on from here toward the promised land’ [i.e. Israel].”

Ezekiel 37:12-13 “Therefore prophesy; say to them that Adonai Elohim says, ‘My people! I will open your graves and make you get up out of your graves, and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh — when I have opened your graves and made you get up out of your graves, my people!’”

The Hebrew Slaves are Resurrected

The Hebrew slaves have been in Egypt for over four hundred years. Ezekiel refers to their redemption out of Egypt as being brought out of the grave – in other words, resurrected.

Upon resurrection, they then leave Egypt as the Egyptians witness their departure (*Exodus 12*):

- They received less than 24 hours notice about their redemption, if you will, their “*resurrection*”.
- They were witnessed as they departed.
- And, in turn, witnessed to the Egyptians that their God, Yahweh, was greater than any other God.
- It took them several months to get to Mount Sinai – they arrived in the third month (**Exodus 19:1**).

The resurrection of the Hebrew Slaves was not an instantaneous event.



Breaking News

The resurrection of the Hebrew Slaves did not result an instantaneous disappearance.

The resurrected Hebrew slaves represent the Dead in Yeshua in Paul's Thessalonians Midrash.
(1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The Journey Continues

Exodus 19:10-11 – “Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day I will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people’.”

Exodus 19:16-19 – “On the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud shofar sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God . . . As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke; and God answered him with a thundering voice.”

Exodus 19:20 – “Yahweh came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and he called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.”

Moses is Raptured

Upon arriving at Mt. Sinai (*Exodus 19:9-20*):

- They received three days notice that Yahweh was to descend.
- Yahweh descends in a cloud and a shofar blasts so loudly that all the people trembled.
- They witness Moses' ascension, if you will, his “*rapture*” into the cloud.

The Hebrew slaves **resurrection** from their Egyptian “graves” did not result in an instantaneous disappearance – it took time for them to walk away in full view of the Egyptians.

It took more time to arrive at Mt. Sinai.

Moses rapture was not an instantaneous disappearance, either – it took time for him to ascend while the people watched.



Breaking News

Moses' rapture to the top of the mountain was not an instantaneous disappearance.

Moses represents Those Who Are Still Alive in Paul's Thessalonians Midrash.

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

At Mount Sinai With Moses

Exodus 19

- 9** Yahweh said to Moshe, “See, I am coming to you in a thick cloud.”
- 11** For on the third day, Yahweh will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.
- 16** On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a shofar (*trumpet*) blast sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled.
- 20** Yahweh came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; then he called Moshe to the top of the mountain; and Moshe went up.

Yahweh comes in a cloud, the shofar sounds, Moses goes up!

The Parallels

In Exodus:

- The “dead” Hebrew slaves in the graves of Egypt were resurrected.
- The “resurrected” Hebrew slaves are a witness of Yahweh’s power over death to the Egyptians.
- They are gathered together, taken to Mount Sinai, consecrated, and become a people holy to Yahweh.
- Yahweh (Élôhîym / God) comes down from Heaven in a cloud and his voice is heard, sounding like thunder.
- Moses then ascends into the clouds.

In Thessalonians:

- The dead in Yeshua resurrected and are consecrated (made incorruptible) at the moment of resurrection.
- Yeshua (Élôhîym / God) comes down from Heaven in a cloud with a loud shout, sounding like thunder.
- The shofar (or trumpet), also known as the voice of Yahweh, sounds a long blast.
- The newly resurrected people rise up into the clouds.
- Then those who were already alive people rise up into the clouds to meet them.

The Resurrection Patterns

Matthew 27:52-53 – *“The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”*

- The Hebrew slaves **resurrection** from their Egyptian “graves” did not result in an instantaneous disappearance – it took time for them to walk away in full view of the Egyptians. It took more time to arrive at Mount Sinai.
- Moses **rapture** was not an instantaneous disappearance, either – it took time for him to ascend while the people watched. His rapture did not take place at the same time as the dead slaves resurrection – he was still alive, having already been out of Egypt for forty years.
- Of the Bride, Paul tells us that the Dead in Yeshua rise first. Perhaps they too have a time of witnessing and traveling before they reach their destination – the clouds to meet Yeshua. Perhaps, only then, do those who are still alive ascend. The pattern of the Hebrew slaves resurrection and Moses subsequent rapture gives reason to believe that the resurrection and subsequent rapture of the Bride will not result in an instantaneous disappearance, either. The scriptures in **Matthew 27** lend further support for this pattern.

Paul's Midrash on the Exodus

Both Peter and Paul employ a very typical rabbinical approach to scripture in applying Older Covenant passages to current or future events. John does the same thing throughout the Book of Revelation. This teaching style is called a Midrash. Rabbi Paul effectively takes the same approach to the Exodus narrative as Rabbi Peter takes to the **Joel 2:28-29** prophecy:

- Peter applies Joel 2 to the Giving of the Spirit at Shavuot.
(**Acts 2:17-21**)
- Paul applies the pattern of the exodus of the Hebrews slaves out of the graves of Egypt, their trip to Mt. Sinai, and the subsequent ascent of Moses to meet with Yahweh on the mountain to the future rapture of the Bride of Yeshua.
(**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**)

At The Rapture With Yeshua

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven, with a loud shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar call of Yahweh.

The dead in Yeshua will rise first, then we who are still alive will be caught up in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the air.”

Yeshua comes in a cloud, the shofar sounds, the bride goes up!

The unbelieving watch from below as the bride is carried up by the very same horses that they will be riding when they return.

CHART: A Closer Look At The Rapture In Exodus 19 And The Coming Of Yeshua

Passages In Exodus

19:5 – Israel shall be a peculiar treasure
19:6 – Israel is a kingdom of priests
19:7 – The Elders are called before Yahweh
19:9 & 16 – God came down in a thick cloud
19:10 – The people were to sanctify their garments
19:11 – Yahweh came down on third day
19:16 – Yahweh came with lightning
19:18 – Yahweh descended on the mount
19:18 – Yahweh descended in fire
19:19 – A trumpet waxed long and loud
19:19 – Yahweh answers Moses in a loud voice
19:20 – Yahweh descends from heaven
19:20 – Yahweh calls Moses to come up

Newer And Older Covenant Parallels

1 Peter 2:9 – The Church is called a peculiar people
Revelation 1:6, 5:10 – The Church of kings and priests
Revelation 4:10 – The 24 Elders are in heaven
Acts 1:9-11, Rev 1:7 – Yeshua will return in a cloud
Revelation 16:15 – The people are given clean garments
Hosea 6:1-2 – The Church will be raised on the 3rd day
Matthew 24:27 – Yeshua's coming is as lightning
1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua will descend from Heaven
2 Thessalonians. 1:7-10 – Yeshua returns in fire
1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua descends with trumpet of God
1 Thessalonians. 4:16 – Yeshua shouts, voice of archangel
1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – Yeshua descends from heaven
1 Thessalonians. 4:17 – The believers are caught up

The Fourth Rapture Pattern

The Jewish Wedding Pattern



The Wedding Procedure

In a Jewish marriage, the husband-to-be (*groom*) would consult with his father regarding the woman he wished to take as a bride. If the father agreed to the groom's plan, then the groom would leave his father's home and travel to his betrothed's (*bride*) home and speak with the betrothed's father.

Yeshua left His heavenly home, where his father dwells, and traveled to the Earth, the home of his betrothed, the Church, also called the *Bride of Christ*.

Once the groom reached the bride's home, he would establish and pay the purchase price for the bride, guaranteeing that he was serious about the marriage.

Yeshua paid the ultimate price by being crucified and shedding his blood.

The groom would compose and verify a written marriage contract, the Ketubah, with the bride's father, 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.

Yeshua offers us the cup at every communion – you either accept his offer or reject it.



The Wedding Procedure

Once the proposal had been given and accepted, the groom would say to his bride, "*I go to prepare a place for you*" then go back to his father's home. He would build an addition for himself and his bride and wait for his father's approval. The new addition had to be exceptional, stocked with all the newlyweds would need for their seven days of honeymoon.

It was customary for the groom to be gone for a long time and for the bride to wait in anticipation of his return. At the end of the separation, the groom would show up unannounced to take his bride home, but only after his father had given him permission to do so.

Yeshua has returned to Heaven and promises to return for His Bride. Yeshua will show up when the time is ripe, at the appointed time, at that day and time that the Father in Heaven has chosen.

Yeshua has returned to the Father in Heaven to prepare a home for his bride!

Building The House

Building a house is a very planned out event:

- ✓ The location is measured
- ✓ The building supplies begin to arrive
- ✓ The walls go up
- ✓ The roof is put on
- ✓ The windows and doors are installed
- ✓ The furniture is built and placed inside

Finally, the father gives his approval, saying that the building is complete, and then gives his son permission to go get his bride.

The son then puts the actual wedding party in high gear:

- The Chuppah is erected and transportation for the bride is arranged
- Most importantly, the food is prepared for the week-long celebration

Let's take a look at the house building process:

Step 1: The Foundation is Set in Place





The Process Has Begun

- Next-Door Neighbor Nancy, who lives just across the street, has both eyes glued to the building of the new addition to the Father's house.
- At the laying of the new foundation, Nancy heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the building of the groom's addition to the Father's house is now under way.

Step 2: The Walls are Raised



The Walls Are Going Up

- Once the walls begin going up, Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- For most of the townsfolk, the day of the wedding is still too far away to get overly excited.



Step 3: The Roof and Guard Rail are Built





The Roof is Installed

- Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the walls are now fully in place and the roof has been installed along with the mandatory guard rails.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk take it all in stride. Still no need to get excited just yet.

Step 4: The Windows are Installed



Step 4: And the Door is Hung





The Windows & Door Are In

- Nancy sets off to the watering well to inform her friends that windows and doors are now there.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are starting to get excited as they see the signs of an forthcoming wedding.
- Time to buy gifts and clean the wedding outfits.

Step 5: The Furniture is Delivered



The Furniture is Delivered

- The furniture has now arrived and Nancy hastens to the watering well to inform her friends that it has.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are now really excited and their husbands start to query the groom: "When are you going to get your bride?"
- He answers: "Don't ask me, don't ask mom or my siblings; y'all will have to ask pops - only he knows the day and hour!"
- Folks now know the wedding day is near.



*Step 6: The Chuppah is Erected and
Transportation for the Bride is Arranged*



The Chuppah is Set Up

- The Chuppah has been erected, and the horses providing the Bride's transportation have been arranged. Nancy runs once again to the watering well to inform her friends that it is almost time.
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- They now know time is short.
- The Wedding is imminent. Time to prepare to hear the shofar blow!



*Step 7: The **Food** is Prepared and Delivered*



The Food Is Prepared and Delivered

- Nancy races as fast as she can to the watering well to inform her friends that the food has been prepared and is being set out. Did you hear? *The food has arrived and is being set out!!!*
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- Panic has fully started to set in.
- **The Wedding is ON. Too late to prepare now!**



About the Food

- Food, especially up until just recently, spoiled quickly.
- When the neighbors and the bride's family saw the food being prepared and ready to be served, they **KNEW** the wedding was now in motion.
- The rest of the village's residents still take little or no notice of these activities. They are the "they/them" who are totally surprised when the bridegroom's friends go to the bride's house, singing, blowing shofars, shouting, and carrying the bride back to the bridegroom's house.



1 Thessalonians 5:2-4 – *"For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night to those who are saying, 'Everything is so peaceful and secure', . . . But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief."*



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

A Jewish Wedding Ceremony is full of significant rituals and is a perfect prophetic parallel of the coming of Yeshua to take his church to be his Bride, a dress rehearsal for The Rapture.

As the addition to the Father's home is being built, the townsfolk are paying attention to the many signs of how close the day of the Wedding approaches. That day was not a totally unknown event. Each new process completed gave a sign as to how much longer it would be.

Every so often, one of the groom's buddies would ask him about the actual day.



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

When the disciples asked Yeshua about his day of return to take them to be with him, he answered and told them to be alert to the signs, and with a wink and a smile, said: *"Concerning that day and hour no one knows - neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son - only the Father."* (Mark 13:32)

Yeshua simply quoted the well known Hebrew idiom that all grooms would quote when asked about their Wedding Day.

In other words, Yeshua wasn't telling them that the day was impossible to figure out, but that it could be accurately determined within just a day or two by being alert!



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

Mark 13:37 *“And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be alert!”*

At the time of Yeshua, refrigeration did not exist.

So, when the townsfolk saw the food arrive, they knew without any shadow of doubt that the Father had given the Groom permission to go get his bride, and that the Wedding would begin either that night or the following night.

And the announcement, thanks to the next-door neighbor, went out: *“The Wedding is ON. Stay alert, get ready, because the groom is ready, near, at the door!”*



The Addition is Finished, the Process is Complete



Conclusions on the Wedding Pattern

The Jewish Wedding Ceremony is, indeed a dress rehearsal for The Rapture. Yeshua came down from Heaven, gave his life as a ransom for his bride and offered her eternal life. He returned to heaven to prepare a place for his bride and will return to take her home.

During the process of building the home, the next-door neighbors are watching every step. When the food arrives, they rush to tell everyone: The Wedding is ON – the groom is going to bring his bride home either tonight or tomorrow!

The Jewish Wedding Pattern clearly shows that the rapture cannot happen at any ol' time. The house must be fully built, furniture installed, and the food must be ordered and delivered before the groom is allowed to go get his bride.

Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

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

You have heard it said that the Rapture is a sign-less event. You have heard it said that it can happen at any moment, without notice. You have heard it said that no one knows the day or hour. I say these are blatant lies.

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’.”*

True, it was not for Yeshua's disciples to know the date, but what about his future bride? Yeshua gives his bride many clues as to the time frame when her Rapture will happen. Famines, pestilences, earthquakes in diverse places, wars, ethnic tensions, and the budding of the fig tree, just to name a few.

Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

Israel is back as a nation. The alliances of nations are virtually all in place. The Temple instruments are ready, the priests are being trained, and the Temple is ready to be built. The tenth red heifer may have been found.

To say that the Rapture is a sign-less event is a lie. The signs are burgeoning and quite evident for those who are alert and watching. The wedding day is at hand, very near.

The Rapture is not a sign-less event.

Yeshua has given advance notice of the many things that will precede the taking of the bride – famines, wars, etc. These are equivalent to the walls, roof, furniture, etc. of the house building.

Matthew 24:32; Mark 13:28 – *“Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching.”*

Final Wedding Pattern Thoughts

The great day of Yahweh is getting really near, even at the door. It hastens forth and will not delay. We do NOT set dates, but clearly Yahweh is getting ready to change the course of human history once again.

The signs are clear for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

The bridegroom's and bride's families are alert and watching all of these activities. They are prepared.

Are you awake, are you paying attention, or are you still asleep?

The Fifth and Sixth Patterns

The Resurrection Pattern





Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!

Pattern Five: The many resurrections from the dead:

The son of the Shunammite woman, known as a widow from Zarephath in Sidon

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

Luke 4:26 – *“Elijah was sent only to a widow of Zarephath, a city of Sidon.”*

The full account is found in: **1 Kings 17:21-22, 2 Kings 4:31-35**

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

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**



Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!

Pattern Five: The many 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

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](#)

Dorcas/Tabitha

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

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

Eutychus

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](#)



Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!

Pattern Five: The many resurrections from the dead:

And possibly, the Apostle Paul

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](#)

Wait: None of Them Just Disappeared!

The above statement is absolutely true:

Not one of these nine 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 also absolutely true:

Not one of these nine 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 These Disappeared Either!

Pattern Six: Three more 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 These Disappeared Either!

Pattern Six: Three more 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 3 ½ days and then stand on their feet.

Shortly thereafter, they are called to come up, and finally are raptured.



Breaking News

Wait: None of These People Disappeared Either!

Neither the Holy Ones, nor Yeshua, nor the Two Witnesses
instantly disappeared after their resurrection.

Just the opposite.

ALL were seen alive by many after their resurrection.

Coinkydink, I think not

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

The Seventh Rapture Pattern

The
Moedim of Yahweh
Pattern



What Has Been Will Be Again

Ecclesiastes 1:9 – *“What has been is what will be, what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”*

You have heard it said, history repeats itself, and that is true to some extent. Previous happenings in history tend to happen again and again, but not in exactly the same way.

The same holds true for scriptural events. Each event in scripture, prior to its final fulfillment, may repeat more than once, but is only a shadow of the real event prophesied.

What Has Been Will Be Again

Shadows

Numbers 21:9 – *“Moshe made a bronze serpent and put it on the pole; if a snake had bitten someone, then, when he looked toward the bronze serpent, he stayed alive.”*

The bronze serpent, for instance, was a shadow of Yeshua being hung on the cross. **John 3:14** affirms that the serpent is merely a shadow: *“Just as Moshe lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”*

The reign of Antiochus Epiphanes (**Daniel 11:31**) is merely a shadow of the real event, the reign of the future antichrist (**Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14**). There are many more examples of shadows throughout the scriptures.

What Has Been Is a Shadow of Things to Come

Only Once

Colossians 2:17 – *“These are a shadow of the things to come.”*

Hebrews 10:1 – *“The Torah has in it a shadow of the good things to come.”*

There are many events which only happen once, even though they are also a shadow of future events:

- Eleazar only went to Paddan-Aram once to get a wife for Isaac (**Genesis 24:4**), a shadow of Yeshua coming to get his bride.
- Lot was only taken out of Sodom once (**Genesis 19:15**), a shadow of the rapture.
- The Hebrew slaves were only taken out of Egypt once (**Jude 1:5**) *and*
- Lazarus was only resurrected once (**John 11:43**).

Each event is a shadow of either the future one-time only event of the Resurrection of the dead in Yeshua or the Rapture of the Bride.

The Moedim of Yahweh – One Time Events

1 Peter 3:18 – *“Yeshua himself died for sins, once and for all . . . He was put to death in the flesh but brought to life by the Spirit.”*

The moedim are also one-time events that do not repeat. True, they are rehearsed many times before the real event, but those dress rehearsals are mere shadows.

For instance, the actual Pesach (Passover), Yeshua's crucifixion, only happened once. The same holds true for Chag Ha'Matzot (Unleavened Bread) and Reishit Katzir (Firstfruits) – Yeshua was only buried once, and was resurrected only once (**1 Peter 3:18**).

But what about Shavuot (Pentecost)? Peter states very clearly that the giving of the Ruach Ha'Kodesh (Holy Spirit) fulfilled Joel 2:28-32 (**Acts 2:16-21**).

Again, this only happened once, and today are celebrated as memorials to what Yahweh has already accomplished.

The Moedim of Yahweh - One Time Events

What, then, can we say about Yom Teruah (Trumpets), Yom Kippurim (Atonements), and Sukkoth (Booths)? Will they, too, be one-time events?

Indeed they will.

There will only be one resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and rapture of the Bride, fulfilling the Yom Teruah moed.

Likewise, there will only be one seven year Tribulation Period, and only one millennial reign of Yeshua, fulfilling the Yom Kippurim and Sukkoth moedim.

Conclusions on the Moedim

Leviticus 23:2 – *“The moedim of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my **set** feasts.”*

The moedim are one-time events that do not repeat.

Yeshua was crucified, was buried, and was resurrected only once, fulfilling the Pesach, Chag Ha'Matzot, and Reishit Katzir moedim.

The giving of the Ruach Ha'Kodesh, allowing the apostles to speak in other languages, only happened once and fulfilled the Shavuot moed.

Each of these moedim only happened once in history, and will not be repeated.

Conclusions on the Moedim

Daniel 12:1 – *“When that time comes, there will be a time of distress unparalleled between the time they became a nation and that moment.”*

Joel 2:2 – *“There has never been anything like it, nor will there ever be again.”*

Matthew 24:21 – *“There will be nothing like it again!”*

The resurrection of the dead in Yeshua and subsequent rapture of the Bride will fulfill the Yom Teruah moed.

The Tribulation Period and Millennial Reign of Yeshua will fulfill Yom Kippurim and Sukkoth.

These, too, will only happen once and will not be repeated again (**Daniel 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matthew 24:21**).

Final Conclusions

- Not once does scripture give an account of an instantaneous rapture after a resurrection.
- Even without a prior resurrection, every bodily rapture in scripture has three common components:
 - Advance notice is given to the person to be raptured;
 - Witnesses see the rapture as it takes place;
 - Horses are involved in the mode of transportation.

The belief that the resurrection is the rapture is mere tickling of the ears.

A rapture has never taken place immediately upon a resurrection according to the scriptures.

Final Conclusions

The instant rapture paradigm, which has been espoused for way too long, simply:

- **does not conform** to the three-fold Bodily Rapture Pattern of Advance Notice, Witnesses, and Horses
- **does not conform** to the Exodus Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Thessalonians Midrash Pattern
 - (which in itself is a Rabbinical Midrash on the Exodus -- many miss this point, too)
- **does not conform** to the Jewish Wedding Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Many Person Resurrection Pattern
- **does not conform** to the Three Resurrection Pattern
- and certainly **does not conform** to the Moedim Pattern.



Breaking News

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

The belief that "the resurrection is the rapture" is mere tickling of the ears. This paradigm employs a lens I call a golden calf whose name is: *Instant Gratification*. How sad that so many apply this lens to the rapture.

*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.

*There is a Rapture
Have no doubts about it*



The rapture must be very important to God and must be a concept he desires the believer to understand, or else why would he give us so many different images, pictures and patterns about it?

The Rapture and the Resurrection are two separate events.
It is only the resurrection that takes place in an instant of time.

Amen and Amen,
Maranatha,
Hallelujah!