



You Have Heard It Said

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Part Seven



Imminent and Idioms

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

2 Corinthians 13:1 – “*Every fact must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.*”

No doubt you have heard it said by many Pastors, Teachers, and Biblical Scholars that “*Yeshua can come at any time*” often in conjunction with “*even while we are speaking, listening*, etc.”, and that “*Imminent means immediately and instantly*”.

Imminency, as it relates to Bible prophecy, simply means that the return of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach for his bride is anticipated and approaching.

Let’s examine the scriptures and see just what they do say about Yeshua’s Imminent Return and if it can indeed happen at any time, or if it is an event that occurs before or during the Day of the Lord.

“*Imminent means immediately and instantly*” is not at all accurate.

Day of the Lord - An Idiom

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.

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Day of the Lord - An Idiom

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – “Now on the topic of times and seasons, you have no need for anything to be written to you.”

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.

“*Imminent means immediately and instantly*” is not at all accurate, according to the Apostle Paul.

Day of the Lord - An Idiom

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!

“Imminent means immediately and instantly” is not at all accurate.

Imminent Today

The same holds true for us today.

We do **not** know which Yom Teruah will be THE Yom Teruah to be completed or fulfilled.

It could be five years from now, 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, just as it was in times past,

“Imminent means immediately and instantly” is not at all accurate.

Conclusions

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!

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

*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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