



You Have Heard It Said

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Part Eight

Who Knew?

When..?

Where.?

How?



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 “*The rapture is imminent and will happen instantly without any prior notice*”.

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 what they say about Yeshua's Imminent Return and if it is an event that receives what scripture calls *Advance Notice*.

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

Advance Notice - An Idiom

Eliyahu (Elijah)

2 Kings 2:3-5

“Do you know that Adonai Elohim 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!

Advance Notice - An Idiom

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.

Advance Notice - An Idiom

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.

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

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.

“Imminent Rapture means immediately and instantly” is an unsound teaching.

*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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