



*You Have Heard It Said*

*Idioms and the Imminent Return*

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Part Nine

# *Who Watched*

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

*Hint*

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





# *Imminent and Idioms*

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**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 happens in an instant – poof, we just disappear*”.

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 is an instant disappearance event or an event that is a *Witnessed Rapture* – an idiom for the watched departure.

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

# *Witnessed Rapture - An Idiom*

## Eliyahu (Elijah)

2 Kings 2:7-12

*“Fifty of the guild prophets went and stood watching Eliyahu and Elisha from a distance. . . . Elisha saw Eliyahu depart and cried out, “My father! My father!”*

Elijah’s ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and by the prophets who stood at a distance (2 Kings 2:7-12). That distance was probably less than half a football field! The prophets followed Elijah and Elisha down to the Jordan River, a small river about three to fifteen feet wide most of the year. Even at flood stage, it is rarely wider than twenty feet. At that minimal distance, seeing Elijah carried aloft was easily accomplished.

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



# *Witnessed Rapture - An Idiom*

## 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 . . . and a cloud received him out of their sight.”*

Yeshua was carried up to Heaven while the disciples were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

This ascension was so fascinating to those watching it 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.**

# *Witnessed Rapture - An Idiom*

## 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.



# 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.

*“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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