



# THE RAPTURE:

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## TAKEN AND LEFT

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY?



Many Christians believe in a pre-trib rapture. Does Scripture say that people will be taken before the second coming? In order to look at this, we need to study Revelation because Jesus warns the churches that are **getting ready to go THROUGH the tribulation**. He tells them **“those who endure to the end will be saved.”** This is what we’re doing now. We’re practicing for that endurance.

John says in Revelation 1:9, *“John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”* John is given this revelation about the tribulation by Yeshua for His people who would be going through it. Revelation 1 contains Jesus’ warnings for the churches: *“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to His servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. **Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.**”* He ends this with a warning to get ready for this. There is a blessing for those who read it aloud, hear and keep what is written in it. Because we will obey Him until the end.

### **WHAT YESHUA SAID TO THE 7 CHURCHES IN REVELATION 2-3:**

**Ephesus-** *“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”*

**Smyrna-** *“The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”*

**Pergamum-** *“To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”*

**Thyatira-** *“The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end (of the tribulation), to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron.”*

**Sardis-** *“The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.”*

**Philadelphia-** *“The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.”*

**Laodicea-** *“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”*

Yeshua is warning us that we will have to conquer during the tribulation. We don’t get any of the blessings if we don’t conquer. Rev 12:11. *“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. And they love not their lives unto death.”* Does that sound like people who are going to raptured out? Yeshua is warning us that we may die. Are you ready for that? Because if you aren’t, you aren’t prepared. He wants His bride to be prepared.

The context of this verse is that the dragon (Satan) has *“gone to make war with the offspring (seed) of the woman, those who (1) keep the commandments of God and have/hold to the faith/testimony of Yeshua.”* Rev 12:17. Satan goes to make war with them because the woman is taken to the wilderness where she will be nourished for 3.5 years. The serpent tries to cause a flood in the wilderness but God causes the earth to swallow up the water to help the woman. **THIS IS HOW GOD WILL RESCUE HIS PEOPLE!!!! He’s**

going to do it just like He did it from Exodus. He's going to get us out of what's taking place, but He's not going to take us off the earth!

## **THE TIME OF TROUBLE, THE TRIBULATION:**

This is called Jacob's trouble. Jacob is the name for Israel.

**Who is Israel? We have to define this before we move on because the enemy has deceived believers about their identity. And if we don't know that, we're going to have a totally different perspective about prophecy.** The Israel that is mentioned as Jacob (Israel) is spiritual/physical Israel. It is the spiritual seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15, the seed of Abraham from Genesis 12:7 and 17:4-8. And according to Gal 3:29 *"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."* So that Israel is every believer who is in covenant with God. What do the saints/remnant/people of God do according to Revelation 12:17 and Revelation 14:12? They *"keep the commandments of God and have/hold to faith/testimony of Jesus."*

The nation Israel is those who are in covenant relationship with God, believe in Yeshua, have/hold to faith in Him and keep the commandments of God. They are the set apart people of God and the people that Paul and Peter tells us WE are. It's us! Paul says this about believers who were once Gentiles: (1) we are the *"commonwealth of Israel"* in Ephesians 2, and (2) we are the *"wild olive tree grafted into the cultivated olive tree"* according to Rom 11:17-25. He says we *"were once aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise."* He also says we're *"the seed of Abraham"* in Galatians 3:29. **We are now the nation of Israel according to Peter.** 1 Peter 2: 9 says *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* This is NOT the physical nation of Israel that we see in Israel today (we pray they all will be the nation of Israel), but the nation of Israel that are God's people. We are now God's people through Yeshua the Messiah, through His blood, the blood of God Himself, not the blood of humans. This is God's Israel. It was always God's intention to have a race, a nation a people that were His chosen people, priests to Him, in covenant with Him. It was always His intention to save Jews, Israelites, and Gentiles. And if we are in covenant with Him, we are heirs to the covenants and promises. We will inherit the Kingdom and the land.

**This means that there can't be a rapture for the church if the "church" is the nation of Israel.** The enemy has deceived many people into thinking that the church is separate from Israel. Yes, we're separate from physical Israel (we don't live in the land), but our identity IS Israel. **So this Israel will go through the tribulation.** We will be tested to see if we really have faith in Yeshua, if we'll hold to it, and if we'll put God and His Kingdom above earthly rulers and their kingdoms.

Yeshua tells the disciples what it will be like for us in Matthew 24. He wouldn't have told us this if there wasn't a generation that was going to go through it. He warned us about the abomination of desolation by the antichrist, He warned us that some would have to flee Judea to the mountains, He warned us in verses 21-22 *"there will be a great tribulation such as not been from the beginning of the world until now and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."* The elect will be here on the earth going through the tribulation. They will not be in heaven. And just like God had mercy on Israel when they were in captivity in Egypt, God will have mercy on His people and deliver them from the tribulation. This deliverance will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Yeshua!

We know this because Yeshua said this: ***“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven (the visible sky) to the other.”***

#### **HE WILL COME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION, SO WHY WOULD THERE NEED TO BE A RESCUE BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?**

The answer is easy. The enemy wants you to think Yeshua will come secretly to rescue you because if you are expecting a rapture, and it doesn't come, there's a good chance you will lose faith and not be prepared for the tribulation. The Bible says there will be a great falling away, and the enemy wants as many people to fall away as possible. The enemy comes to *“seek, kill and destroy.”* He wants to kill your faith, kill you, destroy your faith and destroy your chance at eternal life. And he's done this to a lot of people. A lot of people will be disappointed and lose faith because they'll think *“God wasn't there for me.”* However, in covenant relationship with God, we should be asking *“How am I there for God?” “Am I doing the work He's called me to do?” “Am I obeying Him?” “Am I obeying Yeshua?” “Am I keeping and guarding His commandments?”* These are the important questions to ask.

#### **TAKEN AND LEFT:**

We're going to look at the scriptures that talk about the second coming. We're going to see, in detail, what they say:

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17** (Paul is writing this to believers, not physical Israel) ***“We who are ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD*** (If believers are caught up, who is alive and left?) ***WILL NOT precede those who have fallen asleep*** (Those of us who are alive will NOT go with Yeshua 1<sup>st</sup>). ***For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. And those who are alive WHO ARE LEFT will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.”*** So this verse tells us that those who are left until Jesus comes will be caught up AND Paul thought he and the other believers were going to be these people! How does he teach a pre-trib rapture when he teaches this?

**Matthew 24:29-31** ***“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven (the vaulted expanse of the sky) to the other.”*** Jesus is clear that He will not come until AFTER the tribulation.

**Matthew 24:9-14** ***“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”*** Revelation 6:9-11 confirms the martyrs. ***“When he opened the fifth seal, I***

saw under the altar **the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne**. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to **rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.**" Enduring to the end is confirmed by Jesus in His letters to the 7 churches in Revelation. To the church of Ephesus He said, "To **the one who conquers** I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.' To the church of Pergamum He said, "To the one **who conquers** I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.' To the church of Thyatira He said, "The one who **conquers and who keeps my works until the end**, to him I will give authority over the nations." To the church of Sardis He says, "**The one who conquers** will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life." To the church of Philadelphia He said, "**The one who conquers**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God." To the church of Laodicea He says, "**The one who conquers**, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne."

**Matthewe 24:37-42** "For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and **they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away**, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; **one will be taken and one left**. Two women will be grinding at the mill; **one will be taken and one left**. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." In context, Yeshua is saying that His coming will be like the days of Noah when God sent the flood to destroy the people who were living in sin and not repenting. Who was TAKEN in the days of Noah? The people who were wicked, did not repent, and were not prepared for the flood. They were the enemies of God and they were taken, destroyed. It will be the SAME THING when Yeshua returns. **One will be taken to Yeshua's wrath, and one will be left (1 Thessalonians 4:17-19 above) to witness the resurrection.** Noah and his family were LEFT. They had the protection of the Ark. **So you don't want to be taken, you want to be LEFT so that you can be caught up with those who have been resurrected.**

## **YESHUA IS COMING TO SLAY HIS ENEMIES:**

We have multiple scriptures that tell us that Yeshua is coming to destroy His enemies. The Day of the Lord is called the **great and dreadful Day of the Lord**. It's great for those of us who will caught up with Him, but it will be dreadful for His enemies. Where is this confirmed in the Bible?

**Zephaniah 1:14-18** "The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A **day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.**"

**Malachi 4:1-6** "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when **all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble**. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that **it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness shall**

*rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And **you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet**, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. **Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before **the great and awesome day of the Lord** comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”*

**Isaiah 13:6** Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; as **destruction from the Almighty it will come!** Therefore all hands will be feeble, and **every human heart will melt.** They will be dismayed: pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, **with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it.** For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. **I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.** I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger. And **like a hunted gazelle, or like sheep with none to gather them, each will turn to his own people, and each will flee to his own land. Whoever is found will be thrust through, and whoever is caught will fall by the sword.** Their infants will be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished.

**Ezekiel 30:3** “Wail, ‘Alas for the day!’ For the day is near, the day of the Lord is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. **A sword shall come** upon Egypt and anguish shall be in Cush, when the slain fall in Egypt, and her wealth is carried away, and **her foundations are torn down.** Cush, and Put, and Lud, and all Arabia, and Libya, and the people of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.”

**Joel 2**-this entire chapter is about the Day of the Lord

**Obadiah 1:15-18** “For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; **your deeds shall return on your own head.** For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been. But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and **it shall be holy,** and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken.”<sup>a</sup>

**Luke 19:27** “**But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.**”

Yeshua taught us a lot and the Old Testament does too.

## **WHEN IS HE COMING?**

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-4: “Now, brethren, concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of**

**perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**” Paul tells the church NOT to be deceived. Yeshua will not come UNLESS the falling away happens AND the antichrist is revealed. He will sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. If the antichrist is revealed, those who have believed in the pre-trib rapture will now be aware that there is no pre-trib rapture. The antichrist will exalt himself to the position of God. Paul is referencing Daniel. Daniel 9:27 says *“He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”* The antichrist will make a covenant with people, he will put an end to the sacrifice and offering that will be reestablished in Jerusalem and will set up an abomination that causes desolation in the temple, which is not yet rebuilt.. There is a plan for a temple to be rebuilt so the sacrifices and offerings can start again. Daniel 11:31-32 confirms who the antichrist is: *“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then **they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.** With flattery **he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.**”* How can people who know God resist the antichrist if they’ve been raptured?

The antichrist will be a commander of armed forces. They will desecrate the temple, abolish the daily sacrifice, set up the abomination that causes desolation, **he will flatter people who have violated God’s covenant.** This is a falling away.. God gives us a timeline in Daniel 12:11-12: *“From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, **there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.**”* From the time the antichrist abolishes the daily and sets up the abomination of desolation, 3.5 years will go by. There is a blessing for the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. Yeshua was warning us that WE would be in that 3.5 years. He’s telling us everything that’s going on so when it happens, we won’t be afraid and we know we can stand against the antichrist, even if we are killed.

These scriptures tell us the things that will have to take place BEFORE Yeshua returns. No one knows the day or the hour according to Matthew 24:36.

## **WHEN YESHUA COMES, IT WILL BE WITH A LOT OF NOISE. IT WILL NOT BE QUIET OR IN SECRET.**

How can a great day be a secret? Satan has deceived many people into thinking that Jesus’ 2<sup>nd</sup> coming will be in secret. But Yeshua never said that and neither did Paul. We have their words. Why not just believe what they said? This is the Holy Spirit in His Word. We better listen.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be with: (1) sounds and (2) every eye will see Him.

**Titus 2:13** *“Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing (not the non-appearing) of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

**Matthew 23:27** *“For as the **lightning** comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”* **Yeshua’s 2<sup>nd</sup> coming will be a very big DISPLAY.** And vultures will gather around corpses which confirms the verses we discussed above.

**Revelation 1:7** says, *“**Every eye will see Him.**”* **He will be seen by everyone.**

**Acts 1:11** says, *“This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come **in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**”* Yeshua was seen in His glory going up into heaven, and He will be seen in His glory when He returns.

**Matthew 16:27** *“For the Son of Man is going to come **with his angels in the glory of his Father**, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done.”* If He’s coming with the angels, how is He coming in secret?

**1 Corinthians 15:52** *“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**”* If we read the book of Revelation, we know what this last trumpet is.

## **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM**

**Yeshua’s coming will be the final judgment** before He sets up His kingdom on earth. He will destroy those who are His enemies because they won’t be allowed in His Kingdom. His Kingdom will have order. The least will be those who break the commandments and teach others to do so according to Matthew 5:19. Those who have changed and humbled themselves like little children, who take lowly positions here on earth (according to Matthew 18:1-5), who have been responsible and sacrificed will be greatest in the Kingdom. Also, those who obey God’s laws and teach them will be greatest in the Kingdom according to Matthew 5:19.

**He will set up His Kingdom on earth.** The wedding supper of the Lamb will be on earth because we will be having it in the Kingdom. His feet will touch down on the Mount of Olives according to Zechariah 14:3-4. Amos 9:14-15 says, *“I will restore the fortunes of **My people Israel; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them.**’ says the Lord your God.”* Israel is God’s people. It’s NOT the nation of Israel today (this is not being said in an anti-semitic way. Many people in Israel don’t know God. They study the Talmuds, Mishnahs, and Zohar, which are a violation of God’s commandment not to add to His Word or take away from it.) God promised the land to Abraham’s seed according to Paul, which is who WE (believers) are (we are physical and spiritual Israel). Galatians 3:29 says, *“**And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.**”* So we are heirs the land of Israel (the Kingdom of God that’s coming to earth), and that is where we will be in the Kingdom.

**Isaiah 60 describes the future glory of Israel. God describes Israel as the people who inhabit the Kingdom.** It says that God’s glory will be seen upon them, nations will come to their light, the wealth of the nations will come to them, that foreigners will build up their walls and kings will minister to Israel. He says He will make the place of His feet glorious (Zion). He says the walls of Jerusalem will be called Salvation and the walls Praise. **This is on the earth, not in heaven.**

## **erTHE NEW COVENANT AND THE REGATHERING**

**We, Israel, have been scattered all over the nations due to Israel’s disobedience to the covenant. Many of us have no idea we are part of the scattered tribes, and many of us are Gentiles that have been grafted in. We’re all Israel, God’s people, His nation, set apart, a holy priesthood. God gave the New Covenant to Israel, promising us His Holy Spirit who causes us to obey His statutes and rules, and who writes His Law on our minds and hearts.**

**Deuteronomy 30:3** is the first time the regathering of Israel from the nations is mentioned. In Joel 4, God says that His judgment will be in the Valley of Jehosaphat. He said **He will be a refuge for His people (Israel)** and they will know that He is their God, living on Zion His holy mountain. He says Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through ALL generations.

**Isaiah 11:10-12** describes the regathering of Israel from the nations during the Millennial Kingdom. *“They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.”* These things are taking place on the earth, not in heaven. We are being regathered to Israel.

**Ezekiel 11:14-21** describes the New Covenant and the regathering of Israel from the nations from which they were scattered. *And the word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, your kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession.’ Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.’ Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord God.”*

**Ezekiel 36:22-30** describes the New Covenant as well: *“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.”* This is on the earth.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** is the third time the New Covenant is discussed in the Old Testament. *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the*

*Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*" The New Covenant is that God will put His Law within us and write it on our hearts. It hasn't been fulfilled yet because we are still teaching each other. Verses 38-40 say: "*Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when **the city shall be rebuilt for the Lord** from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. And the measuring line shall go out farther, straight to the hill Gareb, and shall then turn to Goah. **The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields** as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be sacred to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever.*" We will rebuild the city and we can't do that if we're in heaven. He describes how far the measuring line will go out. **So this is definitely talking about the earth.**

**Earlier in Jeremiah 31 discusses when the Lord will turn mourning into joy.** He says that we will plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria. He says that He will bring us from the north country and gather us from the farthest parts of the earth. We will walk by brooks of water. We will go and sing on the heights of Zion. He will provide us with grain, wine, oil and flocks. **This is going to take place on the earth.**

Psalm 107:2-3 is a prophecy about this: "*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary and **gathered from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.***"

Psalm 106:47 and 1 Chronicles 16:35 are prophecy from David that speak about God gathering the nations: "*Save us, O Lord our God, and **gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.***"

Zephaniah 3:8 describes **the time when God will gather the nations and pour out His burning anger on them.** "*Therefore wait for me,*" declares the Lord, "*for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For **my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.***" This is definitely on the earth.

Micah 4: 1-5 "*It shall come to pass in **the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in his paths."** For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but **they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.***" This is on the earth.

Caiphas prophesied about this in John 11:51-52. "*He (Caiphas) did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but **also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.***" Caiphas prophesied that God would make Gentiles and Jews (Israelites) one people. Wow! This is amazing! He prophesied about the New Covenant.

Revelation 20: 6-10 makes the resurrection and the 1,000 years clear: "*Blessed and holy is **the one who shares in the first resurrection!** Over such the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.** And when the thousand years are*

*ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city (Jerusalem), but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”* This has a lot of information. Death will have no power over those who share in the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection. We will be priest of God and of Christ. We will reign with Yeshua for 1,000 years. But when that time is over, Satan will go out to the nations to deceive them to make war on spiritual Israel in the land of Israel. They march up over the broad plain of the earth and fire consumes them from heaven. Then the devil is thrown into the lake of fire.

**God will live with us on the new earth.** Isaiah 65:17 and Revelation 21. This when the dwelling place of God will be with man and He will dwell with us and we will be His people. **THIS** is when every tear will be wiped from our eyes, there will be no more death, mourning, crying, pain, because the former things will be passed away. And once again in Revelation 21, Yeshua says (verse 7) *“The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”* So again, conquering is required.

**The right to the Kingdom belongs to those who conquer.** You can’t conquer if you’re taken out before the fight begins. However, Satan could deceive you into thinking you will be taken out. He wants your faith to fail. There will be no greater disappointment than the tribulation beginning and the church hasn’t been raptured. We’ve been warned about this. Don’t fall for this deception. If you have, study Scripture diligently to show yourself approved by God, by His doctrine. His Word is the same yesterday, today and forever. Yeshua is the Word made flesh.

**The Lord will not remove us from impending danger. He will keep us from His wrath and the plagues that are poured out. The Lord’s people will conquer Satan, the dragon and we will live with Yeshua as conquerors. He said, “*follow me.*” He conquered Satan and we will too IF we go through the tribulation maintaining our faith and obeying God’s commandments. IF we are conquerors. I pray you will be a conqueror.**