

ADVANCED TRAINING

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WAKE UP CHURCH!

THE RAPTURE, FACT OR FICTION

Some say gentiles rapture and the Jewish community stays here. Others think the whole church will rapture etc. there is a pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation and post-tribulation. We must let the Truth found in Scriptures straighten things out for us however, to be the ones prepared for the Day of the Lord.

WHO STAYS AND WHO GOES?

To begin with, God is not a respecter of persons. We all stay or we all go. He sees neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, but at the same time He is specifically the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Sounds confusing? Here, in a nutshell is how it works.

The first covenants were made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. If you were not of this lineage the covenant did not pertain to you. So it is today, to be part of the new

covenant, we must somehow meet the requirements and be like the specific people that the new covenant was made with. Who were they? Twelve Hebrews!

Notice I said Hebrews, not Jews. There was only one Jewish person from the tribe of Judah among the twelve disciples, and that was Judas Iscariot! The rest were from among the other 11 tribes. So actually, God did not forget His original covenant with old Israel, He just renewed it, and made it better as He added in the baptism factor. But how does this help the non-Hebrew? In Gal 3:27-29, we read that if we are baptized into Christ, then we are Abraham's seed and as you know, Abraham was a Hebrew. So we as new creatures are Abraham's seed, and God is the god of Israel. Therefore we are a part of God's household and a part of all He is doing on the earth.

FIGHT NOT FLIGHT

Now, God who is fully with His children, will cause them to do mighty exploits. They are not looking for heaven and escape, but are going to do their part in establishing a new earth. For instance, though vessels He chooses to use as revealers, He will uncover mysteries He has been holding to Himself that have been reserved and sealed until this time. This truth will tear down and destroy man's government, the Beast, along with Mystery Babylon the Harlot, the apostate,

adamic church. According to scripture, her pillars of false doctrine and lies will be pulled down and she will burn in one day. Let us read in Revelation the instructions the Lord gives to his army to accomplish this.

Revelation 18:6-8

6 “Render to her just as she rendered to you (He tells His warriors), and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed (the trouble she has caused the true church), mix double for her. (We are discussing a religious system here on earth and how His warriors are to destroy her.)

7 “In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow for she says in her heart, I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.

8 “Therefore her plagues will come in one day - death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

See also the prophecy in Joel 2:1-11, how the war trumpets are blowing, and God’s mighty army is preaching and executing his Word as a sword. They do not break rank, or in other words they are united in purpose. The fire of truth devours before them, and behind them is nothing but waste. These are not looking for an easy way out. They are warning, prophesying, praising and praying their way to victory. Let

us read these prophetic scriptures.

Joel 2:1-11

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion (God's dwelling place), And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand (God warns His government before He acts on something):

2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. **A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them,** Even for many successive generations.

3 A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness Surely **nothing shall escape them.**

4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses (Zechariah 3:10 - we are His royal war horses); And like swift steeds, so they run.

5 With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color.

7 They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks.

8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down.

9 They run to and fro in the city (Babylon), They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief (they are the Body of Christ).

10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.

11 The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible Who can endure it? (These are the Zion Warriors!)

Wherever they go they leave in desolation the false doctrines of the old church. They pull down the powers and principalities that are the force behind the religious systems and man's governments, loosing them from their assignments and casting them into the pit. They march shoulder to shoulder and are swift as horses to run to the battle not away from it. The earth quakes before them as the Lord gives voice before His army. Strong is the one who executes the Truth

WE ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, CHURCH!

Look at Joel 3:16-17.

Joel 3:16-17

16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem

(the prophets are on the move!); The heavens and earth will shake But the LORD

will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel

(aren't we glad we're Abraham's seed!).

17 “So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”

The Lord will roar from Zion through His government, and utter His voice from Jerusalem through His bride. The heavens and earth will shake as truth is revealed to oppose and counter the false doctrines concerning them, but He promises to be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Now here is what will happen as the final wrath and indignation of God is released. Much as the children of Israel were gathered to Goshen as the plagues were released against Egypt, we read of a prophetic time of the end where protection will once more be provided. We find this in Isaiah 26:20-21. It says

Isaiah 26:20-21

20 Come, my people, enter your chambers (go to your homes), And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. (Does this sound like we, the church, are leaving? Since this scripture has not happened as yet it must still be a future event.)

21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

So we see, we are not going anywhere. God just promises to hide us as He comes to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. This same type of protection was foreshadowed in Exodus 12:12-13 at the first feast of Passover.

Exodus 12:12-13

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are (the blood of the Lamb then and now protects us). And when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of

Egypt (Egypt being symbolic of the world).

He didn't remove them, He hid them behind the blood of the Lamb. The blood He will see this time as judgment is released on earth, is the blood of our Passover Lamb, Jesus, on the doorposts of our hearts, mingled with the spiritual blood from the broken and contrite circumcised hearts of the people He dwells in. This humble seed of Abraham - not Adam, will be the people of I Corinthians 15:51.

1 Corinthians 15:51

51 "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep (or die), but we shall all be changed." (We shall become immortal. Time and death will have no hold on us.)

I THESSALONIANS 4:17 - THE BASIS OF THE RAPTURE THEORY

I Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Sounds like a concrete scripture to back the Rapture Theory doesn't it? But if you look up Caught up, meet, and air in the Strongs Concordance, the Greek dictionary,

you may see a little different slant on 1 Thessalonians 4:17 than the way it has previously been translated. Here is a look at the Strongs printed out for your convenience.

726, Caught up, comes from 138. 726 means to seize and 138 means to take for oneself, to prefer, choose.

529, meet, comes from 528, a friendly encounter.

109, air, compare to 5594, breathe unconsciously or 5594 gently.

Now let us look at I Thessalonians 4:17 using these definitions.

I Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we who are alive (Then we who have been awakened spiritually) and remain (here on earth) shall be caught up (shall be seized for Himself, chosen and preferred) together with them (with the ones that died before) in the clouds (and hidden) to meet the Lord (for a friendly encounter with the Lord) in the air (and will breathe gently or will not be frightened). And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Side Note: Air in Strongs is 3772, the same as 3735 - can be translated air, heaven, mountain, so could read “have a friendly encounter with the Lord in the mountain.” Now I Thessalonians 5:4 makes more sense.

I Thessalonians 5:4

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief (How could it overtake us in any place other than here on earth?).

TO BE SAVED WE MUST BE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

This prophecy was given somewhere around 605 BC to Daniel as recorded in chapter twelve, verse one. Let us look at this prophecy.

Daniel 12:1

1” At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. (We will be protected by God.)

BOTTOM LINE

We are not exiting, we are conquering. We will do our best to destroy this false doctrine along with the rest of the lies supported and promoted by Babylon as God reveals and exposes them. We will stay and do our part in pulling down man's kingdoms and empires as the kingdoms of this earth become our God's. The earth is ours, and it is a part of the Kingdom of God. We will blow the trumpet to warn, and hold high the light of truth so people can find their way to God's mountain and Kingdom. When the final wrath is released we will be hidden, so that we are preserved to rule and reign in answer to the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Through the born again seed of Abraham, He will see to it that this prayer is fulfilled! We will be here for the Lord to use our vessels to prophesy, fight through prayer and praise, and in the end, rule. This is fact, the rapture is but a theory.