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Math 24:40-41 "One taken and one remains"





In this chapter we are looking at the end times issue "one taken and one remains" in scripture as found in Math 24:40-41. This is where one scenario teaching is taught in end time theology that is heavily connected to the 190-year-old rapture theory. This is where it is taught the righteous are "taken away" from the Earth "caught up" to Christ to then remain in heaven forever and the wicked remain on earth known as the "Rapture Theory" (a concept view of man). This eschatology rapture theory (Theological study of what they think "guess work" happens in the end times through man's interpretation of scripture) has three veins of theorized fulfilment taught they are pre, mid or post Tribulation (take your pick and form your own theology).

This is a mainstream theological teaching that promotes a 190-year-old vision turned into a theory which originated from an ill 15-year-old teenager "Margaret MacDonald" in 1830. The rapture theory came through a dream shared at a prophecy/prayer meeting it was picked up by preachers John Darby, Edward Irving and John Pusey at the time (see the original hand written account of this dream: http://openingtheseals.com/appendix/margaret-macdonald-the-origin-of-the-rapture/).

This type of dream being "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thes 4:17), has been experienced by several especially in the last 20 years specifically "a catching up to Christ". Yet the true reality of this "catching up" known as a rapture (The transporting of a person from one place to another) according to scripture remains misunderstood and misinterpreted based upon a 190-year-old theory from a girls dream back in 1830.

Definition of rapture

1: an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion

2a: a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotionb: a mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to a knowledge of divine things

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3often capitalized: the final assumption of Christians into heaven during the end-time according to Christian theology

See: https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rapture

Many teach theories in the body of Christ from what they have been taught themselves, seeing events through the same lenses of their teacher, whether it be may right or wrong. What we need to do is slow down and study scripture word for word in correct context scripture interprets itself and "scriptural prophecy" is of no private interpretation (2 Pet 1:20). There is definitely a catching up to Christ at His return in scriptural prophecy (as seen in 1 Thes 4:17) this takes place for a very powerful reason as we will see in this chapter. This mainstream rapture theory now taught throughout America and around the world from a young sick woman's vision in 1830 (then miss interpreted), was picked up then popularised and promoted through the CI Schofield Bible at the turn of the 19th century along with other eschatology theories.

Theory the ·o·ry | \ 'thē-ə-rē , 'thir-ē \ plural theories

Definition of theory

1: a plausible or scientifically acceptable general principle or body of principles offered to explain phenomena the wave *theory* of light

2a: a belief, policy, or procedure proposed or followed as the basis of action her method is based on the *theory* that all children want to learn

b: an ideal or hypothetical set of facts, principles, or circumstances —often used in the phrase *in theory*, we have always advocated freedom for all

3a: a hypothesis assumed for the sake of argument or investigation

b: an unproved assumption : CONJECTURE

c: a body of theorems presenting a concise systematic view of a subject theory of equations

4: the general or abstract principles of a body of fact, a science, or an artmusic *theory*

5: abstract thought : SPECULATION

6: the analysis of a set of facts in their relation to one another

See: https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/theory

The CI Scofield Bible was printed in 1909, CI Scofield was not the originator of the rapture theory, yet added into the CI Schofield bible was the inclusion of the Rapture theory also utilizing the scripture through taking it out of context "one taken one remains" of Math 24:40-41. (A theory is exactly that a speculation, assumption, imagination of man, its guesswork based upon "I think this will happen this

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way", an interpretation that's not necessarily the truth of an event or thing.) The Rapture theory is where it is taught that the "one taken away" is the "righteous" raptured (half-truth), caught up to Christ taken away from the earth at His return. The rapture theory also teaches the "wicked remain on earth" before or in the middle of or after the great tribulation at the end of the age. It is taught through this Rapture theory the righteous will remain forever with Christ in heaven from the time they are raptured "to be with Hm forever" (half-truth).

The Rapture theory teaching (190 years old) is like a "bit of leaven that has leavened the whole lump" Gal 5:9, this rapture teaching is now all through in the Body of Christ as a doctrine in the Christian world especially within the USA. This Rapture theory teaches the Church will be removed raptured taken out of this world into heaven (pre, mid, post Tribulation take your pick) some refer to it as the secret rapture. Then at this time the earth will continue on for a final period of 7 years with the antichrist ruling the world. This final 7 years is then connected by men to another theory called "Daniels 69-week gap theory" (taken from Daniel 9:24-27 this gap is an unknown period of time that has already been 2000 years).

This last 7 years theory is another imagination an old teaching taken from the last week of Daniels 70 weeks prophecy, again a man's interpretation of scriptural prophecy. The last 7 years antichrist teaching is in fact a Jesuit teaching that came after the council of Trent in the 1550's ordained by the Vatican then the gap theory was then created though their Jesuit priests (1585) to take the heat of the Papacy being called the antichrist from the inquisitions against protestants, this is historic fact. Since 1585 the Jesuits then promoted a last days 7 years of an antichrist figure head ruling the world from who knows where at the time, based upon a twisted interpretation from Dan 9 infiltrating the protestant church.

So, you have a 1585, 530-year-old Vatican "Gap theory last 7 years" futurist invented anti Martin Luther protestant teaching cross connected 430 years later by men to an 1830, 180-year-old young sick 15 year old woman's "Rapture" dream then promoted in the 19th century (*it all makes sense*). These two teachings were invented before Israel even became a nation again historically in 1948 or before Palestine ever came to become the West Bank (*historically a non-nation of war time WW1 Arab refugees rejected by surrounding Arab nations forced into a region bordering Israel*). In this final 7 years Gap theory/Rapture theory combination they have now fitted all of this to Israel since it appeared in 1948. There are also other theories created to fit these theories such as a "third Temple" being built in Israel that the antichrist appears in at some stage declaring he is God (2 Thess 2:4) to the world?.

(This part about a the 3^{rd} temple built in Israel is being based upon a 2000-year-old prophecy in Rev 11:1-3 the "temple of God" another misinterpretation it's a spiritual temple God refers to here not a natural one. Yet the outer courts trampled for 42 months is Israel in the natural in the end of days according to Ez 38 and 39, Zech 14:2, Israel only came to be a nation reborn in 1948).

Then this is all accompanied by a made up 7-year peace treaty theory, as man's interpretation from Dan 9:26-27 again based upon a Jesuits invented Gap theory teaching from 1585? (Which is actually about Jesus final last week covenant with Israel with His death and resurrection promise to finish their transgression see chapter 15 Dan 9 fulfilled). At the half way point when this made-up treaty is broken (there is no true peace for Israel until Jesus returns) the antichrist is then revealed supposedly to the

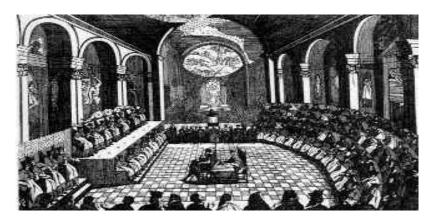
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world. The peace treaty agreement is also taught that it's supposed to be signed between Israel and Palestine by the antichrist from Daniel 9:26-27, a prophecy about Jesus going back to 540 BC that's 2500 years ago? They invented this 70-week gap theory teaching in 1585 way before any end times events of trumpets, bowls etc ever even took place or Israel even existed as a nation. God said Daniels's book was sealed until its time is due Daniel 12:4, no one will understand it at all until certain events happen unsealing its prophecies, such as the cross and crucifixion cutting off the Messiah mid-way through the 7 years the last week of Dan 9. So for the rest of Daniels end of days prophecies in modern times its only been since the mid to late 19th century, that knowledge has increased (*internet/satellite/TV*, *radio*, *media ect*) and men have the ability to run to and fro (*cars*, *planes*, *and trains*) as well as Israel becoming a nation in 1948.

So truly you have the mainstream church (USA) teaching theories that go back to the 1585 and 1830's well before knowledge increased or planes were operating or Israel even became a nation. Yet many now believe these false teachings of men's imaginings. Its only now we can begin to see Daniels's book unsealed (20th century) through history proving prophecy as its time is now due because of recent historic events (20th century) now identified in prophecy (see book of Revelations unsealed www.joel2fire.com). The 70-week gap theory /Rapture theory has been promoted completely out of context since the 1917 CI Scofield Bible. It has all been premature theological futurist twisted teachings based upon miss interpreted scripture that's now believed around the world in Churches.

Dan 12:4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (NKJV)

(Palestine was a nonexistent nation at the time of Johns prophecies in the 1st century and still is today, it is still not recognized as a nation. So it actually doesn't exist as a nation only an entity even as of 2022, yet they fit it into men's prophecy theology).



A session of the Council of Trent, from an engraving

The Council of Trent was the 19th Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church. Considered one of the Church's most important councils, it convened in Trent for three periods between December 13, 1545, and December 4, 1563, as a response to the Protestant Reformation.

See: https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Council_of_Trent.

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But in the 16th century, a new view of Bible prophecy was devised by a Jesuit priest to stop the Reformers from teaching that the Catholic Church was probably the "Whore of Babylon" of Revelation 17:3-6. In 1591AD, the Jesuit Ribera invented a "futurist" view. He claimed that Revelation would not be fulfilled until the end of the Christian Era. Ribera taught a rebuilt Babylon, a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and an end-time Antichrist (7 years), etc., etc. Sound familiar? It should, Ribera is the father of the prophetic views taught by many major denominations today....

See: https://bookofrevelation.org/2020/05/07/history-of-the-daniel-70th-week-pre-tribulation-doctrine/

Most scholars, however, agree that the secret Rapture theory was launched into prominence around 1830 by a group of people in Scotland who had become known as the Plymouth Brethren. Under the direction of John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) and others, they began to hold Prophetic Conferences. Supposedly, during one of those conferences, or from a sick bed during those conferences, a charismatic utterance came forth as a prophetic message from the Lord through a young, fifteen-year-old Scottish girl named Margaret Macdonald. While in a trance, she received a private vision and revelation that only a select group of believers would be removed from the earth before the days of the Antichrist. But she also saw other believers enduring the tribulation, something most rapturists nowadays do not teach. Soon thereafter, Darby coupled this highly questionable vision of a secret, pre-tribulation Rapture with another idea originated by the Jesuit priest, Francisco Ribera.

In 1585 A.D., Ribera was the first to introduce the idea of interrupting Daniel's 70-week, end-time prophecy and inserting a "gap" between the 69th and 70th weeks. This was done to deflect apocalyptic heat from the Reformers who were fueling reformation fervor by claiming the Pope was the Antichrist and the Catholic Church the beast of Revelation. Ribera surmised that the first 69 weeks (483 years) concluded at the baptism of Jesus in 27 A.D., but God had extended the 70th week into the future.

Therefore, the Pope and the Catholic Church could not be so accused. Darby grabbed hold of Ribera's severance idea, connected his "Rapture" to the beginning of that final week, and changed that week from a 7-year period of covenantal confirmation to one of tribulation, big difference! (Notably, the Bible never mentions a future 7-year period of tribulation.) He then introduced this now fully developed, pretribulation Rapture view (theory) in Europe and later in America. It was popularized in America by inclusion in the notes of the Scofield Reference Bible in 1917 and by elaborate End Time event charts published in Clarence Larkin's Dispensational Truth in 1918.

See: https://www.prophecyrefi.org/our-teachings/rapture/invention-of-the-rapture-idea/

It was the Jesuit Priest Ribera who created the futurist teaching, end of the age last "7 years" of the antichrist a doctrine theory prior to Jesus's return all designed to build a new doctrine of men. To recap this is taught as a period of time (7 years) to be solely under the antichrist beast of Rev 13:1-10 where the church is raptured out of tribulation taken away (half-truth). At the beginning of this 7-year period, it's theorized the antichrist will stand in a newly built 3rd Temple in Israel declaring himself as God (Based upon interpretive guesses of Rev 11:1-3 the spiritual temple of God as described in the two witnesses' chapter).

At this same time the antichrist beast is theorized to make a 7-year peace agreement between Palestine and Israel (no prophecy actually states this) then breaks it half way through (taken from Daniel 9:27 a prophecy all about the Messiah). This miss interpretation taught is an example of theory guess work force

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fitting things into theological narratives, hence the gap theory of Daniel 9 (70-week prophecy). The 69-week gap theory as mentioned originally created in the late 1585 by Jesuit priest Francisco Ribera (1537-1591), whom developed the doctrine of futurism (*Catholic counter reformation*) a brilliant Jesuit priest and doctor of theology from Spain.

See: https://amazingdiscoveries.org/RT_encyclopedia_Futurism_Jesuit_Ribera#!

It's important to know at the time of this 70-week prophecy 2500 years ago neither the term "Palestine" nor the term the "West bank" we see today ever existed; these terms are not mentioned in prophecy at all they are not in the Bible. Palestine today is not even recognized as a nation by the UN, Palestine is actually made up of Arab refuges from WW1 (1st Trumpet of revelations) that other Arab states refused to take in. Palestine today is still not recognized as an actual country as of 2022, officially it still doesn't exist as a nation, this just messes with these end times theologies.

The God of the Bible is a God of actual peoples and nations He recognizes and sets them up. Palestine is an illegal occupation by Satan of the lands given to the Hebrew Israelites (*Moses/Joshua*) by God from the Nile River in Africa to the Euphrates River in Asia Minor. Mahmoud Abbas the Muslim Arab leader of what is known as Palestine claims Palestine's descendants are Canaanites/Philistines dating back 5000-6000 years before Abraham. This is of course a huge historical and Biblical lie (*Satan is a liar*) as Arabs only arrived in the lands of Israel as a people group in 637 BC with the Muslim invasions.

Abbas: 'Bible says we were here before Abraham' PA head exposed claiming 'Palestinians invented an alphabet here 6,000 years ago' - as his adviser claims 5,000 years of 'history."



See: https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/213345

The reason Palestine is not in prophecy is because it doesn't actually exist as a nation it's an entity not a nation, it is not recognized by the UN as a nation. God is a God of nations He talks about established nations in the middle east (*lands of Magog Arab Muslims Ez 38 & 39*) end times prophecies such as Syria, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Ethiopia and Israel all ancient nations in end times yet no mention of Palestine (*West bank actually sits in the ancient land of Canaan of the ancient Philistines Israel's past enemies*).

What we see as Palestine today is an area of Muslim refugees (*West bank and Gaza strip*) from the Old Ottoman Empire region defeated in WW1 1914-1918. Palestine as a country is only a very recent addition

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in the Middle East region that came after 1948 when Israel was re-born as a nation in one day Is 66:7-9. One could say biblically Palestine is a counterfeit nonexistent nation set up by Satan against Israel as Gods nation. Hence no prophecy covers Palestine in the Bible except possibly the Ez 38 & 39, Rev 1-3, Math 24:21 and Zach 14:2 the end of days invasion of Israel as a nation by Gog of the lands of Magog.

There are eight criteria accepted by the international community used to determine whether an entity is an independent country or not. A country need only fail on one of the eight criteria to not meet the definition of independent country status. Palestine (Gaza Strip and the West Bank) does not meet all eight criteria to be a country; it fails somewhat on one of the eight criteria.... While dozens of countries recognize Palestine as independent, it has not yet attained full independent status, despite the UN resolution. If the UN resolution had allowed Palestine to join the United Nations as a full member state, it would have immediately been recognized as an independent country. Thus, Palestine (nor the Gaza Strip nor the West Bank) is not yet an independent country. The two parts of "Palestine" are entities that, in the eyes of the international community, have yet to obtain full have international recognition.

See: https://www.thoughtco.com/palestine-is-not-a-country-1435430

"The first time the name was used was in 70 CE when the Romans committed genocide against the Jews, smashed the Temple and declared the land of Israel would be no more. From then on, the Romans promised, it would be known as Palestine. The name was derived from the Philistines, a Goliathian people conquered by the Jews centuries earlier. It was a way for the Romans to add insult to injury. They also tried to change the name of Jerusalem to Aelia Capitolina, but that had even less staying power.

"Palestine has never existed – before or since – as an autonomous entity. It was ruled alternately by Rome, by Islamic and Christian crusaders, by the Ottoman Empire and, briefly, by the British after World War I. The British agreed to restore at least part of the land to the Jewish people as their homeland.-Joseph Farah, Arab-American journalist, editor and CEO of WorldNetDaily....

The name "Palestine" was the name the conquering Romans gave the ancient Land of Israel so as to obliterate the Jewish presence in the Holy Land! Despite being conquered and controlled by the Romans, Greeks, Turks and numerous others, only two nations have ever existed there over the last 3,000 years ... ancient "Israel" and again "Israel," re-established in 1948!

See: https://israelmybeloved.com/faq-items/what-is-the-history-of-palestine-where-did-it-get-its-name/

Back to the theories; in the middle of Daniels 69-week gap theory last 7 years it is taught the beast of Rev 13:1-10 will break a 7-year peace agreement between Palestine (*a nonexistent nation in the Bible*) and Israel then the great tribulation of Math 24:21 will begin. This second half of the last 7 years tribulation period they tie into the final 3.5 year or 42-month great tribulation period war against Israel. They also connect this latter half of the 7 years to the 42-month war against the saints of Rev 13:5-7 yet both 42 months wars are separate events one is against Gods saints by the Rev 13:1-11 beast, the other is against Israel itself. This is of course half-truths twisted out of context.

(Prophecy of the great tribulation Math 24:21, is actually a final 3.5 years just prior to Christ 7th Trumpet return. So this 42 month Great Trib is in its right context here squashed into this theory as found in Rev 11:1-3, Ez 38 & 39, Zech 14:2. The war against the saints Rev 13:5-7 42-month period is included

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here in the rapture theory which takes place in the 6th Trumpet period when the Rev 13:1-11 beast is operating. Another theory they fit in is a 3rd of mankind will be killed in all the earth thats over 2 billion, they guess about this from the 6th bowl which coincides with the 6th Trumpet these actually get fulfilled along the Euphrates River scripture states. How a 3rd of mankind in all the earth over 2 billion people will fit into that area and be killed there along the Euphrates River, I am not sure like most of these theories the are utter nonsense. These things are all theorized as all taking place under this last supposed 7-year reign of the antichrist beast).

This rapture theory and its additional theories (pre, mid and post trip rapture, 69-week gap last 7 years, third temple built in Israel, 7-year peace treaty) are a mixture of some truth and theories upon theories. A theory created from biblical prophecy is simply a man's imaginings, man's concept of how he thinks things will happen around scripture or what something is, it is not necessarily God's truth or thoughts as instructed in His word.

We need to remember scripture is of no man's private interpretation 2 Pet 1:20-21, scripture interprets itself Is 28:9-13. True fulfillment of prophecy is based upon cross referenced scriptures and actual historic events coming to pass proving the prophecy when its time is due. Understanding prophecy especially in the end times was never meant to be guess work twisting scripture out of context, fulfillment of prophecy historically is only attended to by God Himself, Jesus' birth, death and resurrection was a classic example of this truth.

Article:

"The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is a Johnny-come-lately idea that is too new to be true". This is the most common argument that I encounter against the concept of the Rapture of the Church occurring before the Tribulation begins. There are several; problems with this argument. The first is that it ignores the fact that the Bible teaches that the end time prophecies will not be understood until the time comes for the predicted events to take place.

When Daniel the prophet was given some specific prophecies about the end times, he complained to the Lord that he did not understand them. The Lord responded with these words: "Go your way Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end times (Daniel 12:9). Jeremiah was told the same thing bt the Lord on two occasions (Jeremiah 23:20 and 30:24). There are many end time prophecies that cannot be understood apart from historical or technological developments.

For example, all of the ed times prophecy revolves around the state of Israel. Those prophecies were not fully understandable before the re-establishment of the state of Israel in May of 1948. Think of it for a moment, how could anyone in 1900 years understand the prophecy in Ezekiel 38, Israel did not exist, nor was there any prospect of Israel ever existing again.

In like manner, before modern times, how could anyone understand the prophecy of Revelation 11 about the killing and resurrection of the two witnesses of God? That prophecy says the whole world will look upon their bodies and witness their resurrection and Rapture to Heaven (Revelation 11:9-12). No one could understand this prophecy before the development of satellite television communication in the 1960's. In summary, the Bible clearly teaches that the understanding of end time prophecy will be progressive in nature. We will understand more of the prophecies the closer we get to the time of their fulfillment.

See: https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-origin-of-the-concept-of-a-pre-tribulation-rapture/

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Let's be clear there is definitely a rapture a "Catching Up" to Christ as scripture states but it is not in the context of men's imaginings about an eschatology futurist "Rapture Theory". God is very specific about what He is going to do at His return in scripture. There are differing futurist interpretations "more than 3 such as the pre, mid and post" of scripture around what the end time catching up "Rapture" to come is really about. The taking away or being caught up in the air to Christ takes place at His second coming return at the beginning of the millennial reign (1 Th 4:15-17, 2 Th 2:1, 1 Th 1:10, 2 Th 1:7-10, Rev 20:4-5, Math 24:40-41). Much confusion happens because scripture is taken out of context to fit false theories based on end time's futurist teachings, this needs to be unconfused as confusion is not of God or scripture. (Jesuits invented futurism with several mainstream false futurist teachings being taught today in the body of Christ to counter the Martin Luther reformation Protestants).

(See chapter 14A "Daniel 8, 2300 days" pages 8-20, in this "The Book of Revelation Unsealed" on the history and origins of twisted futurist Jesuit priest teaching creations and infiltration into the Pentecostal church of the modern era)

Several end times theories have been implemented especially over the last 100 years with theory upon theory teachings in the body of Christ. Many of these teachings are not based upon the actual scriptural narrative context or actual historic fulfilments identified correctly in season, in end time's prophecy. We have outlined the Rapture 69 week gap theory false end times teaching, now let's look at the truth of scripture they twist as the question is: "if these things are false then what's the truth?" a great question. If the Rapture Theory is false then what's the truth of scripture at His second coming?

Narrative: Telling a story or describing a series of events, an account of related events or experiences. A particular way of explaining or understanding events. A series of events that are connected that tell a story (*Biblical Prophecy*).

See: https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/narrative

Massive confusion exists within Christian churches about the "Millennium," a unique thousand-year period depicted in the book of Revelation. Some teach this period is entirely symbolic, and not worth fretting over. Others say we're in the Millennium now, and that it began when Jesus Christ defeated Satan by His death, burial, and resurrection. Most prophecy teachers contend that this apocalyptic period is still future, that it will immediately follow the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and will be a time of universal peace on earth as Jesus Christ governs all nations from Jerusalem.

See: https://www.1000yearmillennium.com/

Prior to the last 100 years especially with the relatively new gap theory and rapture theory, the saints for two millennia believed after 6000 years from creation, there would come a reigning with Christ on Earth with the saints known as the millennial reign. The millennial reign of Christ will last for 1000 years as it states in Rev 20. Within one hour of the two witnesses being raised from the dead Rev: 7-14 the second woe is finished; this starts at the 7th Trumpet blast where the third woe begins which is His wrath against the wicked-on earth at Christ's second coming. Satan is also bound in chains then thrown into the bottomless pit to deceive the nations no more on Earth Rev 20:1-3 during the 1000 years.

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Rev 20:1-5 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (NKJV)

Just prior to this 1000-year reign beginning at Jesus return when His saints are caught up to meet Him in the air, there is what is known as the first resurrection of the saints. This is the dead in Christ being raised in the first resurrection, to reign with Christ. Jesus returns with ten thousand's of His saints (*Jude 1:14*) to execute judgement upon the wicked as prophesied by Enoch the 7th from Adam in the book of Jude. The first resurrection actually began out of the death and resurrection of Christ 2000 years ago, when the saints of old Jerusalem were seen in the streets raised from the dead Math 27:52-53, this first resurrection is then completed at His second coming return.

Mat 27:51-53 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (NKJV)

Jud 1:14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (NKJV)

Jesus returns with saints from heaven (Zec 14:5) you find this again in Zec 14:1-21 (a millennial reign chapter read it) a chapter known in the latter days as the "Day of the Lord" to set up His government Kingdom on Earth for 1000 years. This return comes with a great Earthquake when He stands on the Mount of Olives where it is split in two (Zec 14:4) this takes place within one hour of the two witnesses being raised from the dead (Rev 11).

Zec 14:5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You. (NKJV)

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be "The LORD is one," And His name one. (NKJV)

As said in 1 Thess 4:17 after He raises the dead in Christ first then those who are alive are then caught up to Christ to meet Him in the air at His return referred to as a rapture (moved from one position to another) a catching up into the Air to be with Him forever, to begin this reign with Him for 1000 years on Earth.

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Rapture răp'chər noun

- 1. The state of being transported by a lofty emotion; ecstasy.
- 2. An expression of ecstatic feeling.
- 3. The transporting of a person from one place to another, especially to heaven, by supernatural means.

See: https://duckduckgo.com/?q=define+rapture&atb=v289-1&ia=definition

This scriptural passage is not saying they are caught up into heaven to be with Him forever (that's only in Rapture theory teachings) but meet Him in the air at His return the air is in the earth realm. It actually states the saints "are to be with Him from that time forward forever" even on the Earth for 1000 years until all is fulfilled. When this catching up to Him (1 Th 4:15-17) occurs, we are changed in the blink of an eye (1 Cor 15:52) putting on incorruptible bodies as these bodies only live for 120 years (Gen 6:3) due to the curse of the fall. This 120-year limit was pronounced by God prior to Noahs flood because of the evil and wickedness God saw on the Earth, the shorter life span for man began especially after the flood of Noah Gen 6:3 as pronounced by God.

Gen 6:1-4 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. (NKJV)

So to be able to live for 1000 years in the millennial reign of Christ on Earth, those who are alive at the time of His return need newly revived incorruptible bodies as Adam once was before the fall (*Ps 104:2*, *Ps 8:5*, *Gen 1:26*, *Gen2:25*). The true rapture meaning is, those who are alive get caught up and changed in the blink of an eye in caught up to Him covered by Him during His 7th Trumpet wrath on Earth. The alive saints are protected and "**remain in Christ**" while He destroys the wicked-on Earth (*Rev 11:15-19*, *Ps 94:23*, *Ps 37:38*, *Pr 14:11*, *1 Th 1:9*, *2 Pet 2:7*, *Rev 19:11-21*). If He didn't change the saints cursed physical bodies from the fall to a sanctified physical body without a curse upon them a new body, He would have to destroy them. The old world cursed bodies of the fall have to be changed as they are unclean physical vessels that have been limited, they grow old quickly. He cleanses everything on the Earth with fire breaking off the curse of the fall from His creation, destroying the wicked a restoration work of the physical and spiritual creation happens for the millennial reign.

So contrary to the "Rapture Theory" twisting scripture the wicked (both natural and spiritual) on the Earth are destroyed "Taken away" (not the righteous taken away) this is also known as the "Great supper of God" (Rev 19:17) those who tried to destroy the Earth who fought against Him and Jerusalem are destroyed removed taken away. The beast and false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire (Rev 19:20) the rest are killed (Rev 19:17-21). The wicked are "taken away" removed from the earth they "do not remain at all" according to scripture God cleanses the Earth. All of those wicked who refused Jesus throughout the great worldwide harvest of souls (Rev 14:14-16) are destroyed cast into the lake of fire. All of those who fought against Jerusalem and Christ prior to His return are destroyed by a specific plague as their eyes melt in their sockets. The wicked are killed by God's sword they are consumed their lives are destroyed. Even the realms are cleansed in the 1st and 2nd heavens the fallen angels are locked up

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and demons are locked up the Host of exalted ones Is 23:24.

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." (NKJV)

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. (NKJV)

Jer 25:31-33 A noise will come to the ends of the earth For the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword,' says the LORD." Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, disaster shall go forth From nation to nation, And a great whirlwind shall be raised up From the farthest parts of the earth. "And at that day the slain of the LORD shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground. (*NKJV*)

Isa 24:21-23 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones (Fallen angels/demons in 1st and 2nd heavens different bible version state fallen angels a third of the stars that fell Rev 12), And on the earth the kings of the earth (all of the wicked that refuse Him at His return). They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison (Fallen angles and demons are locked up as Satan is cast into a pit and locked up and the beast and false prophet are destroyed cast into the lake of fire all of this is at His return); After many days they will be punished (at end of 1000 year reign of Christ in great White Throne judgement the 2nd and final resurrection of the dead). Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed (at end of 1000 years the firmament will be rolled up the sun and moon flee away as Gods Glory will then light the earth); For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously. (NKJV)

At Jesus second coming return the completion of the saints' souls raised from the dead happens finishing the first resurrection, then the saints who were alive at His return are "caught up" from the Earth they are "protected from His wrath" against the wicked covered in Christ (*Ps 91*), changed from corruptible bodies into incorruptible bodies (*1 Cor 15:53*). After the wicked are destroyed, the caught up (*raptured*) alive saints are then translated into the millennial 1000-year reign of Christ on Earth "to be with Him forever from then onwards". In Joel 3:14-16 an end times passage at His return Jesus roars in the 7th Trumpet where it states "the Lord will be a shelter for His people" this shelter is from His second coming wrath (*Prov 2:8*, *Ps 66:9*) of fire and brimstone and plague against the wicked. He will overshadow His saints those alive on Earth caught up at that time "Raptured" to Himself into the air (*Ps 91*) protected under His wings from His wrath while He deals to the wicked-on Earth in all realms.

Joe 3:14-16 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel. (*NKJV*)

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Psa 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. (NKJV)

Psa 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. (NKJV)

Psa 91:4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. (NKJV)

The 1000 years is stated as a specific time period for those souls who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus. Once a saint dies his spirit his soul goes to be with Christ in heaven forever. Yet here in scripture it states there is a specific reigning even for these, for 1000 years of time on Earth with Christ. So according to scripture in the millennial reign there are two types of saints at Christ's return. Those that are alive on Earth who put on new bodies and those who were dead but alive in Christ who return with Him who are in resurrection power, they come also to rule and reign with Christ 1000 years on Earth pretty exciting stuff. So here we see the righteous alive saints being caught up to Christ at His return yet they will "remain" on the Earth to rule and reign 1000 years. The wicked are judged and destroyed from the Earth "taken away" at His return in His wrath this includes the wicked fallen angels they are all locked up imprisoned Is 24:21-23, this is key to understanding what God is up to.

1Th 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

1Th 1:10 And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (NKJV)

Rev 20:4. "Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years" (NKJV).

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (NKJV)

1Th 4:15-17 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 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. (NKJV)

The "saints remain" and the "wicked are destroyed taken away" at His second return this is just as in the days of Noah God commanded Noah build an ark to save His generation. This was for the future regeneration and restoration of all things that was to one day lead to the revealing of the sons of Glory and the liberation for creation from corruption (Math 19:28, Acts 3:21, Rom 8:19) of the Earth in the end of days. The wicked in Noah's day were destroyed by the flood taken away the righteous remained on the Earth on the ark alive and well (Gen 6:12-13, 2 Pet 2:4-5). God destroyed the wicked first with a flood

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the second time He comes to destroy the wicked on the Earth is at the end of the millennial reign, this time it will be with fire as a new heavens and Earth is created. This is why God put the rainbow in the sky (*Gen 9:13-15*) as a promise never to destroy the Earth again with a flood.

Gen 6:12-13 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (NKJV)

In our generation the Ark is the Body of Christ this time, we are the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19, Eph 1:13) on Earth the saints are His place of sanctuary now, living stones built into a temple to house His Glory (1 Pet 2:5) His sanctuary His Temple down here on Earth (Dan 8:13-14, 1 Cor 3:16). He is our shelter our strong tower as it is also "where His presence is" is the place of our sanctuary.

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (NKJV)

"The ancient and popular doctrine of the Millennium was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ. As the works of the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition which was attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed to six thousand years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labor and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection". - Vol I, p.403

Jewish tradition also seemingly attributes statements to the 'school of Elijah' or someone else. Here are two translations from the Talmud:

'It was taught in the school of Elijah: The world will endure 6000 years -- 2,000 years in chaos, 2,000 years with Torah, and 2,000 years will be the days of the Messiah' ('Talmud,' Sanh.97a).

The Tanna debe Eliyyahu teaches: The world is to exist six thousand years. In the first two thousand there was desolation; two thousand years the Torah flourished; and the next two thousand years is the Messianic era (Babylonian Talmud: Sanhedrin 97a).

See: https://www.cogwriter.com/six thousand year plan 6000.htm

In the first resurrection Rev 20:4 the souls of those who were beheaded for their witness to Jesus and the word of God, who did not worship the beast. These live and reign with Christ for 1000 years on Earth. Yet the rest of the dead did not live again until the 1000 years was finished. To bring in further perspective and understanding to this beheaded for Christ in Rev 20:4, there is the spiritual beheading and the natural physical martyr beheading (*such as has been done recently by Islamic Isis militants*). Not all believers in times past were beheaded, take the apostles examples Peter was crucified upside down, Phillip died by hanging in Turkey, Andrew was crucified taking several days to die, John the revelator died of old age they tried to boil him in oil first, Nathanael was flayed to death by wiping, Thomas was speared to death and Thaddeus died by arrows etc.

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See: https://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-qa/qa-archives/question/how-did-the-apostles-die/

In scripture it is very clear that the historic New Testament apostles are the foundation stones of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:14) they reside in heaven with Christ, ruling with Him (Rev 20:4). This beheading is not just a natural physical beheading it is a spiritual symbolic term used here in scripture as well a type and symbol it has duel meaning. All of us at first were unsaved in a fallen beast nature state until saved in Christ an unsaved person has the mark of the beast spiritually. This is the beast nature of Satan ruling over sinners the wicked as a head authority until the wicked are saved in Christ (2 Peter 2:9-22, Rev 14:9-10). In this fallen world you will either have the nature of Christ and worship Jesus Christ or have the nature of the beast and worship the beast/Satan there is no neutral zone. So when someone comes to Christ and is truly saved the beast nature gets beheaded spiritually, the head and authority of the beast nature is cut off "beheaded" by the word, the sword of God.

Hab 3:13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For salvation with Your Anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, By laying bare from foundation to neck. (NKJV)

Before Christ's resurrection every human being had the beast nature the head of the beast upon them spiritually (authorities/spiritual rulership) until they were washed clean forgiven and filled with the Holy Spirit through Christ Himself. Jesus finally found a place to rest His authority His headship (Math 8:20) as the head of the church resting on His people. The head of the wicked the "mark of the beast" could now be removed, cut off those who are being saved. As said; God states in scripture his river flows up to the neck, he cuts off the head of the wicked one, the beast nature, that Christ's headship can come upon you His authority and government.

Is a 30:27 -28 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, Burning with His anger, And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation, And His tongue like a devouring fire. His breath is like an overflowing stream, Which reaches up to the neck, To sift the nations with the sieve of futility. (NKJV)

Is a 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his (Dragon/Satan/Beast) yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil. (NKJV)

Christians at salvation come out from the authority (*headship*) of Satan and his beast nature and mark into the authority (*headship*) of God through Christ and then get marked sealed by God Himself (2 Cor 1:22). The old wicked sinful nature is cut off at the neck spiritually the beasts head and authority and mark is removed through salvation (*seed nature war*). The wicked beasts head is cut off bringing a spiritual transformation a new birthing (*Jn 3:1-21*) a new nature a new creation (2 Cor 5:17) takes place in those truly saved who are born again spiritually. You move from the Kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

Isa 11:4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (NKJV)

Eze 37:6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." (NKJV)

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The sin beast nature is cut off from your life the nature and headship the authority of Christ then comes upon your life. This is also known as being born again from one state to another a new creation in Christ. You can find Jesus in scripture referring to this event in a Christian's life in a parable about foxes and birds. This is speaking about Jesus desiring to rest His headship His authority upon our shoulders as saints on the Earth after His resurrection took place the new Covenant (*Jer 31:31-34*, *Ez 36:36*).

Math 8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (Authority) (NKJV)

So in conclusion at the first resurrection, it's both the dead saints coming with Christ and the alive saints who are on the Earth at the time that are caught up in the air to meet Christ, covered and protected by Him at His coming. Then these alive saints are translated into the millennial Kingdom on Earth after Jesus destroys the wicked who refused His salvation in the last generation. The wicked are then taken destroyed in His wrath the 7th Trumpet.

(Is 24:21 all the host of exalted ones the fallen angels and demons are imprisoned as well the 2^{nd} heaven is cleansed see chapter 48 Trump 7, seal 6 & 7, bowl 7)

The false prophet and the beast are cast into the lake of fire (*Rev 19:20*). Those who are dead and gone already that are righteous that were beheaded for their testimony spiritually and naturally also enter into the first resurrection the reign with Christ for 1000 years over the earth. There will be two types of saints in the millennial reign of Christ. Those righteous saints who had already died and had gone on ahead down the generations with their spiritual bodies will rule with Christ on Earth as well, this is the first resurrection (*Rev 20:4*).

The saints caught up alive in Christ and changed given new incorruptible bodies, at the time will then be translated to live 1000 years in human physical bodies on earth. These alive saints will be having children and marriage during that reign of peace for 1000 years on earth. The first resurrection of the dead saints with heavenly glorified eternal bodies will be rulers and teachers/judges on the Earth during that time ruling with Christ. God will gather His people to come from all corners of the Earth to His glorious resting place in the lands of Israel a place at peace. There will be peace in all the earth even the animals will be at peace with each other during this time and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

Isa 11:6-12 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. (NKJV)

You find this child birth in human physical bodies in the millennial reign of Christ referred to in Isaiah 65

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where His people will live as long as a tree (1000 years) build homes and plant vineyards they bring forth children descendants of the blessed. During this time of 1000 years marriages flourish on earth the children are blessed, still to be called a young child at 100 years old.

Isa 65:17-25"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying. "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; *They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people,* And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them. "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD. (*NKJV*)

This is both the saints in heaven and those alive on Earth who are now ruling through the millennial reign with Christ during 1000 years of time. This is a very significant intention of God to have His family on Earth as Adam was walking and talking with him before the fall, this is 1000 years without Satan demons or any curse of the fall.

Satan is then released from the bottomless pit at the end of the 1000 years of Christs reign on Earth (20:7-10), the Devil goes out to try and deceive the nations (spiritual and physical) on the four corners of the Earth, this is the last Gog of Magog spiritual war. Satan and his armies are then defeated for the last time, Satan is cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:10). Then the great white throne of Judgement comes for all who ever existed are called up in a 2nd and final resurrection of the dead all are finally judged for ever. Then death and Hell the last enemies of God are cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-15), where 1000 years before (Rev 19:20) the beast and false prophet were cast. Once defeated then God comes and burns up the old Earth and heavens and creates new ones (Rev 21:1).

The Thousand Years

Rev 20:1-10 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first

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resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

The Defeat of Satan

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (NKJV)

At the end of the 1000 years millennial reign God rolls up the firmament the barrier between heaven and Earth like an old garment (*Heb 1:10-12, Isa 25:7-8*) getting rid of time, all is finished then eternity comes to all realms (*Rev 21 and 22*) with no restrictions no barriers physical or spiritual between heaven and Earth exist anymore. God Himself becomes the light of the Earth instead of the sun and moon and His great city comes down to the Earth God lives with His creation on Earth as He did in the beginning in Eden (*Rev 21*). The first two chapters of Genesis and the last two chapters of Revelation has always been Gods plan for mankind in between was the fall and God dealing with Satan and sin.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. (NKJV)

Isa 25:7-8 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. (NKJV)

Heb 1:10-12 "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY WILL ALL GROW OLD LIKE A GARMENT; LIKE A CLOAK YOU WILL FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY WILL BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT FAIL." (NKJV)

Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. (NKJV)

Final word: it's at Jesus return where He destroys the wicked on Earth that refused salvation they are taken away cast into fire, the Earth then moves into the millennial reign with the saints ruling with Christ. I see it as the day of the second Adam Gods saints those restored at rest in Christ no Satan to deceive or torment, as the first Adam never completed 1000 years without sin, He fell in the garden 6000 years prior to the millennial reign according to scripture. So the saints get to see what it is truly like to be a people on Earth, the children of God without Satan for 1000 years. Children will be born technology used for His Glory not corruption the Earth will be stewarded through Gods guidance how He intended it

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to be. There will be no wars (*Joel 3:17-21*, *Isa 2:2-5*) peace reigning al things restored restored and stewarded as God originally intended for Adam and eve to do.

Isa 2:2 -5 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall 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 the nations, And rebuke many people; 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. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD. (NKJV)

As seen in the actual scriptural narrative it's not the 180-year-old rapture theory that takes place where the wicked remain, it's actually the righteous that remain with the Lord at His return on the earth for the 1000-year millennial reign of Christ. The wicked are destroyed from the Earth at Christs return to then be taken away and burnt in fire. In Rev 5 you find the statement in heavenly realms proclaimed "We shall reign on the Earth" with Christ from every tribe and nation, referring to the saints and the millennial reign of Christ on Earth to come.

Rev 5:6-10 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; *And we shall reign on the earth."* (NKJV)

God does not destroy the old heavens and Earth with fire until the end of the millennial reign of Christ when He rolls up the firmament like an old garment Heb 1.

2Pe 3:12-13 Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (NKJV)

This is where the wicked are judged in the final judgement tormented forever with burning fire (*lake of fire*) and worms eating them.





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Math 24:40-41: Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. (NKJV)

"One to be taken and one remains" at the end of days is directly connected to the Rev14:14-16 worldwide harvest numbers scripture here indicates. God is going to take minimum 50% of the world's population in the last harvest, as of 2022 the world population is 7.9 billion so we are looking at around 4 billion saved prior to His return. Just like in the days of Noah when the floods came, Noah and his family remained sheltered in the ark the wicked were destroyed by the flood taken away. God then said he would not destroy the world again by flood. As the next time it would be by the fire of His Spirit to consume the wicked. God then put a rain bow in the sky at that time to confirm this covenant promise Gen 9:11-13.

Gen 9:11-13 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. (NKJV)



The wicked taken away and the righteous remain as said is referred to in scripture as the "first resurrection" where those beheaded (natural and spiritual meaning) for Christ who had not worshipped the beast nor his image come to life and reign with Christ for 1000 years as found in Rev 20:1-5. At this time Satan is bound in chains by the Ark angel Michael for 1000 years during the millennial reign of Christ on Earth. The end of days prior to Christs second coming return with the "Great Tribulation" as seen in Math 24:21, is centred around Israel in the Middle East on the continent of Asia. Israel again only became a nation in 1948 when the olive tree budded indicating the end of the age was coming quickly, in one generation (85 years).



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The Abomination of Desolation

Mat 24:15-41 "Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' (Islamic star and moon symbol an abomination the 3.5 years invasion of Jerusalem Zech 14:2, Rev 11:1-3, Ez 38 and 39 war) spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea (Israel, Judea is below Jerusalem Zech 14:2 half of Jerusalem taken and woman ravished rapped by muslims) flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh (In Israel as a nation/nuclear war) would be saved; but for the elect's sake (Gods saints looking for His return to Israel Mount of olives) those days will be shortened.

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (False doctrines of demons and men even in the body of Christ in the end of times even against the elect of God His Bride) See, I have told you beforehand. "Therefore, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. (Jesus warns us about false teachings on how Jesus will come back the inner rooms is His sanctuary or in the desert some way other than what scripture actually says) For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, 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 His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (from amongst all of the nations from the final great harvest Rev 14:14-16).

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves (Israel reborn as a nation 1948), you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation (a modern generation is a period of around 85-90 years from 1948, by 2022 it has been 74 years since Israel's rebirth as a nation, since the olive tree budded) will by no means pass away till all these things take place (we entered into the 6th Trumpet in 2009, the 7th is His return, see chapters 26 & 25). Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows That Day and Hour

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **But as the days of Noah were** (Noah safe on the Ark Christians will be safe in Christ from His second coming wrath caught up to Him in the air), so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah

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entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away (the wicked destroyed taken away the righteous remain in Christ the Ark), so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken (wicked taken destroyed) and the other left. (The wicked are destroyed you have the feast of the fowls the righteous remain on earth with Christ after the wicked are destroyed from the Earth. The wedding feast celebration happens then the 1000 millennial year reign of Christ) Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken (wicked) and the other left. (Luke 17:36, 1 Thes 5:4 the righteous remain) (NKJV)



Because of the Secret Rapture theory many assume the one taken is the righteous, this is not true according to scripture. In 1 Thes 4:13-17 they assume the one left is the wicked ones left behind for a second chance to get ready. Nothing in this scripture passage scripture indicates this false theory to be true. It indicates we are caught up with Jesus at His return not a secret second coming after Rapture. It is Christ encompassing His bride as He deals with the wicked-on earth.

In Zech 9 an end times scripture referring to first Christs coming on a donkey then Zech 9:9 then Zech 9:14-16 His return at the battle of Armageddon the Ez 38 and 39 war. In Zech 9:7-8 He says "I will take away the blood from his mouth, And the abominations from between his teeth (Israel's enemies). But he who remains (the righteous), even he shall be for our God, And shall be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like a Jebusite. I will camp around My house (Israel now saved and the saints of God the righteous) Because of the army, Because of him who passes by and him who returns. No more (Christ has returned) shall an oppressor pass through them, For now I have seen with My eyes.

Then further on in it speaks about Jesus coming on a donkey His first appearance then His second coming return at the sound of His Trumpet (7th Trumpet Rev) Zechariah 9: 14-17 **God says Then the LORD will be seen over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning. The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And go with whirlwinds from the south. The LORD of hosts will defend them (will shield them); They shall devour and subdue with sling stones (Gods power like David slew Goliath). They shall drink and roar as if with wine (new wine His Glory); They shall be filled with blood (covered in the blood of Jesus salvation) like basins, Like the corners of the altar. The LORD their God will save them (keep and protect them at through His return and after) in that day (the day of the Lord), As the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land (Israel and the earth) For how great is its goodness And how great its beauty! Grain shall make the**

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young men thrive, And new wine the young women (Joel 2 grain, wine and oil).

We the bride then reign with Him on earth not in heaven for 1000 years then heaven comes down with the father onto the earth Rev 21 and 22. With Noah God destroyed all the wicked on earth with a flood then he says he will not do this again with a flood next time it will be with fire Math 24:7 says "As in the days of Noah so it shall be when Jesus returns". In the days of Noah God protected Noah and His family in an ark during that tribulation they remained on earth in our days it is the same the Ark in modern times is the church He will preserve us. God is not going to Rapture the church out of tribulation they will remain on the earth until He returns and deals with the wicked then sets us up in His kingdom on Earth.

The wicked will not be left behind for a second chance once there time is up its finished for them they are destroyed. Math 28:34-40 "Took them away" the wicked new not until the flood came they were not getting ready only Noah the flood took them all away they were destroyed from the Earth by the flood Luke 27:17 "Destroyed them all". God says after the flood He will never flood the Earth again Gen 9:11 only the righteous in Gods eyes survived the flood. Its in this context in the last days one shall be taken and one left. Taken in scripture is negative not positive to be left is positive. The wicked are destroyed at the brightness of His coming this is His fire He destroys them with.

2Pe 2:12 But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Luke 17:34-36 a parallel gospel to one taken one left the disciples said where Lord? they are asking where are the taken taken or where are the left, left? Jesus already said the left are left in the bed the field the mill. So where ever the body is the eagles will be gathering together". This has a dual meaning the body of Christ Jesus Himself the church will gather or the birds of prey gather to feast on the dead body the wicked. Because the eagle is not really a dead body eater they love live catch then we assume this is the Christ His body and His church gathered to Him then remaining on Earth. Scholars debate either or in this situation if you believe the Rapture theory then this is the wicked carcass body and the vultures gather to eat the wicked left behind. The feast of the fowls happens in Rev 19:19 on the flesh of the wicked indicates a feast not a gathering so this verse says gathering therefore it's the Body of Christ Is 4:1-6, Rev 22:11. The wicked are burned up at His return their flesh is destroyed but not with a flood as in Noahs day 2 Pet 3:3-7, 10, Rom 1:18.

Mat 24:42-50 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, (False teachings have caused many to be in error not expecting Jesus to come because of false expectancy doctrines of demons and men in the Body of Christ) and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (NKJV)

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Jesus comes not only as the Lion of Judah but as a husband to His wife the bride of Christ. There are two feats that take place at Christs 2nd coming 7th Trumpet blast.

Return of Christ (A decisive event no second secret return after Rapture left behind theory, this is truth and error mixed. Books on the left behind series books are in the Fiction series which means non true it has no real foundation in Scripture. The word Rapture is not found in the Bible but it does mean caught up 1 Thes 4:16-17 with Christ when He descends from Heaven. We are then translated in our new bodies into the millennial reign on Earth with Christ)

Psalm 50:3, Jer 25:30, 1 Thes 4:16-17, Rev 11

In 2 Peter 3:10 it does not say the Lord will come like a thief in the night Math 24:43-44, but the day of the Lord the timing of His coming will come like a thief in the night unexpectedly. The wicked will be caught off guard the heavens will melt. To those not ready it will be like a thief in the night to those in darkness those in the light 1 Thes 5: 4 will know and be ready that the righteous shall not be over taken the wicked are over taken. The wise and unwise virgins also apply here Math 25:1-13.

(Receive a new body incorruptible)

Marriage supper of the Lamb (Feast)

Rev 19:7 -9 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." (NKJV)

This is for all those names a written in the Lambs book of life (Rev 17:8, Rev 20:15).

Feast of the fowls

Rev 19:19-21 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. (NKJV)

The feast of the fowls is the demonic realm feasting on the flesh of the wicked. Fowls speak of fallen angels, demons and nephilim disembodied spirits.

1Th 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (NKJV)

2Th 1:7 -10 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day,

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to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (NKJV)

2Th 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him. (NKJV)

1Th 4:15-17 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 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. (NKJV)

They were not ashamed because of the glory with which they were clothed. It was when this glory was stripped from them after they had transgressed the commandment that they were ashamed because they were naked (St. Ephraim, Commentary on Genesis, 2.14.2; quoted from Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Old Testament, vol. I; Genesis 1-11, page 72).

See: https://www.agapebiblestudy.com/Genesis/Lesson_4.htm

In ancient times the Fallen angels (book of Enoch) who left their abode in the heavens descended on Mount Hermon to then mate with woman creating the Nephilim the half man half angel breed the Giants of old men of renown the Demi Gods (Gen 6:1-8). These grieved God along with evil man who then destroyed them in Noah's flood (Gen 6:9-22) Noah and his family remained the wicked were taken away destroyed from the earth in the end of days the Ark is Gods saints His church same picture as in the days of Noah Math 24:27. The fallen Angles that left their abode/dominion were locked in chains in the Abyss until judgment (Jude 1:6, 2 Pet 2:4). Interestingly you can find in the book of Enoch (Enoch 6:1-6, Enoch 7:1-3) as recognized by the saints of old, what took place with the fallen angels, who came to earth and how many came, the fallen angels who are now reserved in chains beneath the earth (Jude 1:6).

Enoch 6:1-6 And it came to pass when the children of men multiplied that in those days were born to them beautiful and fair daughters. And the angels the sons of heaven saw and lusted after them, and said to one another, come let us choose us wives from among the children of men, and have children with them. And Semjaza who was their leader said to them: 'I fear you will not agree to this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of this great sin'.

And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual curses so we will not abandon this plan but do this thing. Then they all swore together and bound themselves by mutual curses. And they were in all two hundred who descended in the days of Jared in the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual curses on the act......

Enoch 7:1-3 And all of them together went and took wives for themselves, each choosing one for himself, and they began to go in to them and to defile themselves with sex with them. And the angels taught them charms and spells, and cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. And the women became pregnant, and they bare large giants. (NKJV)

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Yet still untold numbers of fallen angels remained in their abode in the heavens (1st and 2nd heaven after the cross 1st, 2nd and 3rd heaven before the cross) influencing the Earth with evil. These were dealt a blow first at Jesus death and resurrection one third (Rev 12:4 third of stars) of the stars (Angels) were cast down to Earth from the 3rd heavenly realm with Satan. Restricted to Earths 1st and 2nd heavens in that heavenly war, these fallen ones that are left are finally locked up in prisons taken away from the earth along with the beast and false prophet, Satan who is shut into a pit at Jesus second coming. This is all in preparation for His millennial reign on Earth for 1000 years.

Rev 12:3-4 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. (NKJV)

Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (NKJV)

This wrath cleansing of the wicked men, demons and angels is referred to as the "Supper of the great God" the "Sacrificial meal" (Is 34, Is 24:21-23, Ez 38:18-23, Ez 39:11-20, Rev 19:11-21) according to scripture. Gods sword is "bathed in heaven filled with blood a great slaughter" (Rev 19:15-21, Ez 38:18-23, Ez 39:11-20, Is 34, Ez 38:21, Is 24:21-23, Rev 11:19-19, Is 40:21-23).

The host of heaven in the restricted second heaven (Is 24:21-23) above Earth (1^{st} heaven is natural realm, 3^{rd} heaven is Gods 2 Cor 12:2) are dissolved the sun and moon grow dark, just as when Jesus was crucified (Math 27:45) it grew dark with demonic forces.

Isa 34:2-5 For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree. "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, And on the people of My curse, for judgment. (NKJV)

Rev 19:17-20 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (NKJV)

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Eze 39:17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood. (NKJV)

Again it grows dark, this dark heavens is then reseeded rolled up like a scroll (Satan's spiritual realm in the 2nd heaven the prince of the air ruler of this age/world Eph 6:12, 2 Cor 3:4, Jn 12:31, Jn 15:11, Eph 2:1-3) the demonic realm over Earth is removed (Is 34, Rev 6:14, Eph 6:12, Ep 2:2, Rev 12:8, Rev 12:10 heavenly demonic realms in high places over Earth). Everything shifts in all realms at His second coming displaying His glory power and authority to all nations He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings (Rev 19:15-16) the wine press of the wrath of almighty God who strikes the nations with His sword.

Rev 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (NKJV)

The word of God cannot be altered or changed by any man it will manifest and be done His way not man's way amen.

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