

# Restoring the Kingdom to Israel

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## Foundational points that are key to understanding Scripture:

### The Prophets, Apostles, Paul, and Yeshua all interpreted the Scripture:

- Literally
- Contextually
- Historically

### Basic principles to always remember:

- Yeshua is the same, yesterday today and forever, Mal 3:6; James 1:17; Heb 13:8
- He cannot lie or it is impossible for Him to lie, Heb 6:18; Num 23:19
- Do not add or subtract from His Word, Deut 4:2; Deut 12:32-13:4; Rev 22:18,19

*We cannot follow man's traditions or Scripture out of CONTEXT nor can we follow the "traditions" (or suppositions) of man.*

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### Acts 1:6

<sup>6</sup>So when they came together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority...."

### Acts 3:21-23

<sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup>Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet (Yeshua) shall be destroyed from the people.'

### Yeshua warned:

*"If anyone loves Me, he will obey My Teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love Me will not obey my teaching. These Words, you hear are not My own: they belong to the Father who sent Me."* (John 14:23-24)

### Note:

- There is only one return of the Messiah.
- Pre-tribulation understanding believe that Israel and the church have two separate and distinct identities, promises, and destinies.
- Israel and the church are not separate entities. If the church was separate from Israel, what covenant relationship would the church have with God?

At Yeshua's last earthly Passover seder, Yeshua stated and established this Passover with His Apostles as the New Covenant in His Blood (Luke 22:20 and Heb. 7-10). The Gentiles were grafted into Israel (Rom 11:11-24 and Eph 2:11-22) as one body and not two.

The New Covenant was first mentioned and established with the House of Judah and the House of Israel in Jeremiah 31:31-34.

## **Words of Yeshua in Matt 24:29-31**

<sup>29</sup>“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## **1 Cor 15:50-52**

<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

## **1 Thes 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **2 Thes 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup>Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup>in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## **Rev 11:15-19**

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their

faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

<sup>18</sup>The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

### **Things to consider about Dispensationalism.**

- This theology was started by John Darby in England or Margret McDonald in Glasgow Scotland in approximately 1830 and brought to the US!
- There is no example, teaching, or historical trace of Pretribulation theology before 1830! Nor was it mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple period, church history or in the Scriptures!
- It is also interesting to note that this teaching is not accepted anywhere outside of the “western church.” It’s theology is so bad that nobody has learned it on their own, rather they have to be taught!
- The book series “Left Behind” sold approximately 50 million copies. It is not only pure fiction but deceptive by inserting itself as equal to Scriptural events and contradicts Scripture, which leads many into false hope.
- Yeshua’s emphasis was to prepare His Body for endurance and involvement – not to ‘run & hide.’ He taught to live that His followers are to live in obedience to His Word, thereby living the Kingdom of God here on earth.

### **Corrie Ten Boom powerfully wrote the following concerning the Rapture:**

“There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days. Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world. I have been in countries where the saints are already suffering terrible persecution.

In China, the Christians were told, “Don’t worry, before the tribulation comes you will be translated – raptured.” Then came a terrible persecution. Millions of Christians were tortured to death. *Later* I heard a Bishop from China say, sadly,

“We have failed. We should have made the people strong for persecution, rather than telling them Jesus would come first. Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution, how to stand when the tribulation comes, – to stand and not faint.”” *(The above is from a letter Corrie wrote in 1974)*