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THE COMING OF MESSIAH

Many books have been written and endless precepts, discussions and debates have been had about the coming of Messiah. The multitude of words written and spoken bear testimony to the faith of many in the promises of Ha Machiach. YAHOSHUAH, in comforting and preparing His disciples for His departures, said, "Let not your heart be troubled; believest in YAH, believe also in Me. In my father's house are many mansions;..for I go to prepare a place for you. Andi if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3). In these words, He makes a clear promise of a second coming.

Every generation of true believers should look with great anticipation to the next coming of Ha Machiach. This is not speaking of your death, or His calling you home in individual death, but a completely identifiable event that the bible speaks clearly about. The theological term that deals with the coming of Ha Machiach and the events preceding and following it, is eschatology. It literally means "study" of the "last" things.

There are a number of opinions regarding this whole area of study, so what I will attempt to do is give a widely used and mid-millennialist's view of eschatology or the "last things". This view holds the idea that the coming of Ha Machiach will usher in a 1000 year reign of peace on earth, followed by a final judgement and eternity to be spent somewhere, either in the kingdom of heaven on earth for believers and the lake of fire for unbelievers. There are, however contrasting views, namely the post-millennialists and the amillennialist. Postmillennialists believe that YAHOSHUAH will come after the 1000 years. Amillennialist do not take the 1,000 years literally, but consider it to be symbolic. Some of the latter group hold that we are presently living in this symbolic period of the rule of Ha Machiach in the life of believers.

A. THE COMING OF MESSIAH

Introductory Note: There is no general agreement about this particular area because some feel there will be a second and a third coming of Ha Machiach. The second is often called the rapture or re-appearing of Ha Machiach. According to the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World for example, the second coming of Ha Machiach is confused with the 'appearing of Ha Machiach'... The appearing is for the sake of 'catching out' His church and sparing them from the great tribulation judgement; it is "the church going out to meet Him' (Zech 14:1-5, Jude 14-15; Acts 1:11; Rev 1:7;). At His coming, Ha Machiach brings an end to Gentile world domination at the Battle of Armageddon (Re. 17:14;19:17-20), destroying the heads of both human government and false religion (the beast and the false prophet); binds satan in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3) for a thousand years, and sets up His own righteous kingdom on the earth for that thousand years (called the Millennial (sic) Reign of Ha Machiach). Rev. 20:4-6; Isa Chapter 2 and 11). This kingdom is also predicted by the prophet Daniel (Dan 2:44) that like a mountain shall fill the whole earth. The return of Ha Machiach marks the end of all things as they are and ushers in an era of 'righteousness and peace' unknown in our day."

1. Bible Promises of this Event –

- a. What promise did YAHOSHUAH make to His disciples in **John 14:1-3**?

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in YAH, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- b. What did the angels tell the disciples immediately after YAHOSHUAH return to heaven? (**Acts 1:11**)

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same YAHOSHUAH, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

- c. What should believers be hoping for? (Tit 2:13)

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour YAHOSHUAH Ha Machiach;

2. How will the return of Ha Machiach affect believers –

- a. What four things does **1 Thes. 4:16-17** tell us about the resurrection and second coming of Ha Machiach?

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For YAH himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of YAH: and the dead in Ha Machiach shall rise first:**

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet YAH in the air: and **so shall we ever be with YAH.**

- b. How does Paul tell us to comfort one another? (**1 Thes 4:18**)

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another **with these words.**

- c. What will actually happen to true believers at Ha Machiach's return?
- i. **1 Cor 15:51-52**
1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
 - ii. **1 Cor 15:53 -54**
 1. **1 Corinthians 15:53** For this **corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**
54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**
- d. After the events of the question c, what will the bodies true believers be like? (Phil 3:20-21)
- Philippians 3:20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, YAH YAHOSHUAH Ha Machiach:
- 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,** according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

3. Preparing for His Coming

- a. If any desire to see YAH in peace, what must they do? (**John 3:3-5**)
John 3:3 YAHOSHUAH answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of YAH.
4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
5 YAHOSHUAH answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of YAH.
- b. Who does YAHOSHUAH say will be saved? (**Matt 10:22; 24:13**)
 - i. **Matthew 10:22** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**
 - ii. **Matthew 24:13** But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**
- c. To whom will Ha Machiach appear a second time unto salvation? (**Heb. 9:28**)
Hebrews 9:28 So Ha Machiach was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.
- d. Must we fear being lost if we have been truly changed? (**John 10:27-29; Rom 8:31-39; 1 John 5:13**)
 - i. **John 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and **they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.**

- ii. **Romans 8:31** What shall we then say to these things? **If YAH be for us, who can be against us?**

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of YAH's elect? It is YAH that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? **It is Ha Machiach** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of YAH, **who also maketh intercession for us.**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Ha Machiach? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, **that neither** death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of YAH, which is in Ha Machiach YAHOSHUAH our Lord.**

- iii. 1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of YAH; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of YAH.**

- e. Since we look for Ha Machiach's return, what should we continue or start to do?

- i. **Heb 12:14**

- 1. **Hebrews 12:14** Follow peace with all men, and holiness, **without** which **no man shall see YAH:**

- ii. **Mark 13:33-37**

- 1. Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray:** for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 **Watch ye therefore:** for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch.**

- iii. **Luke 21:36**

Luke 21:36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of YAH**

- f. What things must we avoid while waiting on Ha Machiach's return? (Luke 21:34)
 - i. Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
- g. Is it possible for us to know the time of His return? (Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7)
 - i. Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
 - ii. Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

B. SIGNS OF HIS COMING

- 4. What Things Will Precede the Second Coming of Ha Machiach? (Note: These things began to happen soon after Ha Machiach ascended into heaven – Acts 4:1-3; 7:58-59; 9:1-2, 12:1-2; 1 John 2:18-19)
 - a. Matt 24:5
Matthew 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Ha Machiach; and shall deceive many.
 - b. Matt 24:6
Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
 - c. Matt 24:7
7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
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 - d. Matt 24:9
9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
 - e. Matt 24:10
10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
 - f. Matt 24:11
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
 - g. Matt 24:12
12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

5. What will more clearly signal His immediate return?
- a. Matt 24:14
Matthew 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**
- b. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord YAHOSHUAH Ha Machiach, and by our gathering together unto him,
2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Ha Machiach is at hand.
3 Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**
4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called YAH, or that is worshipped; so that he as YAH sitteth in the temple of YAH, shewing himself that he is YAH.**
5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
6 And **now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**
7 **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**
8 **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom YAH shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**
9 **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**
10 **And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**
11 **And for this cause YAH shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**
12 **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**
- c. Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
3 And I saw **one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**
4 **And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**
5 **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**
6 **And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against YAH, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**
7 **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**
8 **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

C. THE GREAT TRIBULATION

It should be noted that there is also no general agreement about such a period. The words of YAHOSHUAH is (Matt 24:21-22) are used to prove this teaching about the tribulation period. Yet, those words could just as easily have referred to the chaos and struggles resulting from the destruction of Jerusalem occurring in A.D. 70. Its literal destruction was prophesied by YAHOSHUAH Himself in (Matt 24:2). According to my understanding there is a period coming upon the earth such as the world has never known before nor will it know one like it ever after this period (Matt 24:21). It will be a time when the judgments of YAH will be upon the whole earth to punish the sinners (Isa 13:9-12) and the wicked and the evil. By Old Testament example, we can see that whenever YAH punished the wicked for their iniquities, the righteous who found favor in His sight were delivered (Gen. 6:6-8; 7:1; 18:23-33; 19:22; Psa. 91:8) and since the church is His 'purchased possession' (Acts 20:28), He will spare it 'as a father spareth his own son that serveth Him (Mal. 3:12). During this period, many events of great importance will take place. The sealing, judging, cleansing and glorifying of the nation of Israel; the consolidation of all Gentiles powers under one head called 'the beast'; the consolidation of all religious forces under one head called 'the false prophet'; the final judgments of YAH upon the earth, mark some of the outstanding events during this period (Rev. 7:1 to Chapter 20). Most scholars hold that this period ends.... With the return of YAHOSHUAH and His saints to fight the great battle of Armageddon." The coming of Ha Machiach is called the second coming as opposed to the rapture or appearing of Ha Machiach.

D. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

6. What happens immediately preceding this period of rule? (Rev 20:1-3)

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

7. How long does this period last? (Rev. 20:2)

Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

8. Who reigns with Ha Machiach during this period? (Rev 20:4) Note: Many believe this period fulfills the prophesies of Isaiah, Zechariah and Daniel. (Isa 11: Zech. 14; Dan 7:27-28). Also, it is during this period that many feel the saints will judge the world (1 Cor 6:2; Rev 20:6)

a. 1 Corinthians 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

b. Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of YAH and of Ha Machiach, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

9. What happens when this period ends? (Rev 20:7-9)

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from YAH out of heaven, and devoured them.

10. What will be the final result of the encounter of satan with the saints of YAH? (Rev 20:9-10)

Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from YAH out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

E. JUDGEMENT OF HA MACHIACH

11. Who will be judged? (Matt. 25:31-33)

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

12. What determines if we will get into the kingdom or not? (Note: This is determined while we are still alive. At death, our destiny is established.)

a. John 3:3-5

John 3:3 YAHOSHUAH answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of YAH.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

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b. Mark 16:16; Acts 16:31; Heb 11:6

i. Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

ii. Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on YAH YAHOSHUAH Ha Machiach, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

iii. Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to YAH must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

13. Will all peoples be judged true believers and non-believers? (Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10)

a. Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Ha Machiach.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith YAH, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to YAH.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to YAH.

b. 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Ha Machiach; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

14. If true-believers died saved, then for what purpose will they be judged? (1 Cor. 3:10-15; Rom. 2:6; Rev. 22:12)

a. 1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of YAH which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is YAHOSHUAH Ha Machiach.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, **because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.**

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

b. **Romans 2:6** Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

c. **Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

15. How many books will be opened in Judgement according to (**Rev. 20:11-12**)?

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before YAH; and **the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

16. Which book determines whether a person's destiny is the kingdom or the lake of fire? (**Rev. 20:15**)

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

17. What is the purpose of the other books? (**Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:5-6; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Rev 22:12**)

a. **Revelation 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before YAH; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: **and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

b. **Romans 2:5** But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and **revelation of the righteous judgment of YAH;**
6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

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d. Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

18. Why does YAHOSHUAH tell his disciples to rejoice? (Luke 10:20)

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.