# OUR 'CALLING AWAY'

## When will it really happen?

#### IRREFUTABLE BIBLE EVIDENCE ... THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

The moment of our 'calling away'. A prospect long-anticipated and cherished by all the true followers of Christ. That joyful time when we will leave behind the evil, corruption and godlessness of this world to finally be with the Lord and (God willing) be among those unspeakably blessed citizens and constituents of His glorious kingdom to come.

This moment is definitely coming. Foretold in God's Word, it is a certainty.

But it may not come 'as soon' as we've been led to believe ... Why is that?

There are 'five' principle bible passages that speak of our 'calling away'. Found within the books of Matthew / Mark (Olivet Prophecy), the prophecy of Daniel, and the letters to the Corinthians and Thessalonians we are given a series of authoritative commentaries describing this prophetic event. Each is a 'cornerstone' of our understanding and expectation of this coming time. When we examine them, we find they all contain repeated 'expressions and themes' which not only provide a consistency of detail, but also reveal the true 'timing and circumstances' of our calling away.

These five accounts 'stand alone' as THE ONLY definitive bible texts to describe our 'calling away'

There are \*\* 'NO' ALTERNATIVE BIBLE PASSAGES \*\* on this topic.

Together they ALL confirm our inherited 'traditional' understanding is woefully misplaced.

As a matter of urgency . . . We <u>NEED</u> to review our expectations.

#### MATTHEW 24:29 - 31

Immediately 'AFTER' THE TRIBULATION of those days . . . shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear THE SIGN of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a GREAT SOUND of a TRUMPET, and they shall gather together 'HIS ELECT' from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Olivet Prophecy was the Lord's final message of encouragement and warning to the faithful. In speaking of the time of the end, Jesus provided a clear and unmistakable sequence of events that will 'PRECEDE' our removal out of the world. In verse 29 the Lord Jesus states clearly and specifically this series of events will only happen: "Immediately 'AFTER' THE TRIBULATION of those days". This is the same event he spoke of earlier in verse 21 the 'great' tribulation (of the last days). This will be an apocalyptic period, when 'the Lord's judgments' are in the earth. A time of unprecedented chaos and fiery destruction, executed by the appointed 'sword of the LORD', the Russian Gog. The Bible consistently indicates the saints will 'endure through' this period of global judgment.

Following after this period of tribulation, the Lord says there will not only be a series of 'signs in the heavens' (ie. both celestial and political heavens) but also in the terrible aftermath of those devastating 'judgments of fire' - the Lord says: "all tribes of the earth shall mourn". It is only then... AFTER all these happenings, that they (the inhabitants of the earth) will then see "the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" as he descends from heaven (with his mighty angels) to appear visibly and physically upon the earth.

Finally in verse 31, he then describes the moment (once all these things have taken place) when he will issue forth the command to "send his angels ... with a great sound of a TRUMPET ... and they shall gather together 'HIS ELECT' (saints) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other". This will be our 'calling away'.

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15 - 17

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with A SHOUT, with THE VOICE of the archangel (Michael), and with 'THE TRUMP' of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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

In his writings to the Thessalonians the apostle Paul also confirms the same details as Matthew. He makes this perfectly clear when he states: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven" (to stand upon the earth) and his descent will be accompanied "with a shout... with the voice of the archangel ... and with THE TRUMP of God". These glorious, resonating sounds will herald the time of the resurrection, wherein he confirms "the dead in Christ shall rise first". Paul continues on: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord". Once again, this epic moment is the true time of our 'calling away'. Finally, the deliverance of the saints (out of this world) has come.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
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.

Likewise in his letter to Corinth, Paul further verifies the identical details in Matthew and Thessalonians. As he describes the 'change of nature' the resurrected and the living will both experience at Christ's appearing, Paul states "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed . . . 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". Paul's words reveal the time appointed for this to happen. It will be "AT THE 'LAST' TRUMP" when the last trumpet shall sound. It's a direct and inarguable reference to 'the final' of a series of trumpet blasts. These are the Seven Trumpet 'judgments' of the last days found in the book of Revelation. This means, the saints will endure through the first 'six' trumpet judgments (tribulation / time of trouble) until the sounding of the 7th & final Trumpet. Only at this time shall we be 'called away' to be with the Lord. For more details: Please CLICK link below:

♦ ['Click' --> THE SEVEN TRUMPETS of REVELATION: THE COMING 'END-TIMES' FULFILMENT - Astonishing events for 2023 & beyond ]

Finally we come to the book of Daniel, the 'foundation stone' of so many prophetic timelines and end-time events:

#### • DANIEL 12:1-2

And AT THAT TIME shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a 'time of trouble' such as never was since there was a nation ... <u>EVEN TO</u> THAT SAME TIME: and AT THAT TIME 'thy people' shall be delivered, every one that shall be found 'written in the book'.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The prophet Daniel provides the precise time of our 'calling away'. It is only "AT THAT TIME" when Michael (Lord Jesus Christ) shall "STAND UP" upon the Mount of Olives (Acts 1v11 / Zech 14v4) that God's people — "everyone found written in the book" (of life) — will finally be delivered out of the world-wide 'time of trouble / great tribulation' which Daniel clearly tells us will continue "EVEN TO . . . THAT SAME TIME". In other words, this time of unprecedented global chaos and turmoil will have already been in progress for some length of time BEFORE the saints are taken. Beyond this, even the very order of Daniel's prophecy makes plain Christ's appearing and our calling away (Ch.12) only come 'AFTER' the completion or fulfilment of the 'world-shaking' events found in Chapter 11. Events detailing the King of the North's final series of brutal military conquests when (we are told) 'as a whirlwind' he storms through many countries in the lead up to (... & including) his invasion of the Holy Land. Like the testimony of the four prior texts, Daniel confirms all these things must happen BEFORE we are called away.

Individually and collectively these bible proofs all prove 'our calling away' only happens at the Lord's "APPEARING". Furthermore, these four pillars of scriptural truth are in complete accord with (and verified by) many other passages:

Revelation 1:7 - Behold, he cometh with clouds; and EVERY EYE shall see him

Matthew 16:27 - For the Son of man shall come 'in the glory' of his Father WITH HIS ANGELS;

And THEN ... he shall 'reward every man' according to his works.

Colossians 3:4 - When Christ who is our life shall 'APPEAR' ... THEN shall ye also appear with him in glory

1 John 3:2 - We know that, WHEN he shall 'APPEAR'... we shall be 'LIKE HIM'... & so many more!!

There will be nothing hidden, secretive or thief-like when Christ and his angels "APPEAR" in glory to gather the saints.

The Bible Truth is . . . our 'calling away' will only happen:

AFTER ... a period of trouble and tribulation

AFTER ... the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> & final Trumpet

AFTER ... Christ visibly descends from heaven

AFTER ... Christ physically stands upon the earth

AFTER ... Christ sends forth his angels

AFTER ... the resurrection of the dead in Christ

There is simply 'NO' biblical proof or evidence (anywhere) for:

1. A 'secret' stealthy return of Christ
...at "ANY MOMENT - or - ANY TIME"

2. A 'pre-tribulation' calling away of the saints

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Why do we enshrine such fallacies into our doctrines and (worse still) mislead multitudes with false and empty hopes?

This happens because ( as a community ) we do NOT understand the difference between the Lord's "COMING" and the Lord's "APPEARING". They are entirely separate events. His "COMING" is his approach. A 'period' when his righteous judgments will come upon mankind (while 'he is near' though still unseen). This is the period of tribulation which precedes his "APPEARING" ( ie. his literal, visible & physical arrival upon the earth ) which comes at a later time.

This problem arises from a fundamental 'misconception' of bible verses that use the phrase "as a thief" in relation to the Lord's "COMING" [Revelat'n 3:3, 16:15 / 1Thess 5:2, 4 / 2Peter 3:10]. These few but deeply misunderstood verses - have for many generations been believed to be speaking of Christ's personal 'appearing'. They are not. Yet they do represent the entire evidentiary basis for the false and misguided doctrine of a secret 'PRE-tribulation' return of Christ to call away his faithful. It is wrong.

"Behold, I come ... as a thief". Christ is not 'a thief'. It is A METAPHOR. Yet confusion arises from a failure to realise "I come" is also A METAPHOR. His 'coming' is not his visible and physical 'appearing'. It is his 'nearness', that is the coming of 'his judgments' in the day of the LORD. Just as it was in the judgments of AD70, he was neither visible nor His presence apparent. So will it also be, in the coming day of the Son of man, as the invisible hand of Christ and his angels execute the final 'judgments of fire'. This is the Lord's "COMING". His judgments in the earth ... in the form of plagues, chaos and fiery conflict.

In 2023, we are now on the very precipice of 'the outbreak' of this final, dreadful period of tribulation, such as never was since there was a nation. We urgently need to re-think our 'calling away'. ALL THE BIBLE EVIDENCE confirms our 'deliverance' will NOT happen through an early 'secret removal' out the world before our faith can be tested. Rather, it will be through our faithful and patient endurance amid these 'fiery trials' to come, together with the providential care and protection of the Father (ie. through an end-times 'PASSOVER'). It is now critical we correctly understand the LORD's purpose with his saints. Both how and when our deliverance and salvation will really happen.

# For the time will come ... when they will NOT endure 'sound doctrine' But 'after their own lusts' shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall TURN AWAY their ears from 'the truth' and shall be turned . . . unto FABLES.

But watch thou in ALL THINGS, endure afflictions...

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ( 'CLICK' on Blue Links )

## **'BIBLE EVIDENCE ONLY!!'** DOCUMENTS

- TIME OF TROUBLE or CHRIST'S RETURN ( Which comes first ? )
- SAINTS ENDURE 'THE FINAL TRIBULATION'
- <u>DIVINE JUDGMENT ... THRO' MAN'S ' WICKED DEVICES'</u>
- THE COMING 'END-TIMES' PASSOVER

## **FURTHER READING (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED)**

- 1. THE FINAL VISION ... Where there is NO VISION the people perish
- 2. EXPECTING THE LORD'S RETURN ... Why we are still here in 2023
- 3. THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE ... Can we know " the day & hour "??
- 4. THE LAST TRUMP ... The Bible Truth about 'Our Calling Away'
- 5. THE SIGN OF OLIVET ... Harbinger of 'judgment' coming in 2023
- 6. SEVEN TRUMPETS of REVELATION ... The final 'end-times' fulfilment
- 7. THE TIME OF TROUBLE ... We Are Here Until The End
- 8. THE RETURN OF CHRIST ... The Need For Bible Truth
- 9. THE END OF THE WORLD ... Parable Of The Wheat & Tares
- 10. REVELATION 12 ( Pt.1 ) ... The Great Red Dragon
- 11. REVELATION 12 (Pt.2) ... The Dragon
- 12. THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD ... Cometh
- 13. CLIMATE CHANGE ... The 'Apocalyptic' Bible Truth
- 14. THE DESTROYING ANGEL ... & The Coming 'End-Times' Passover
- 15. THE COMING JUDGMENTS OF FIRE ... 'Pre-cursor' to Armageddon
- 16. THE GREAT NOISE ... Soon To Consume Both Heaven & Earth
- 17. THE BUYER & THE SELLER ... The Rod of Wickedness revealed
- 18. THE 2020 PROPHECY ... (Job 20) A Warning For The Last Days
- 19. GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR ... & The 'End-Times ' Passover