



IN A MOMENT  
IN THE TWINKLING  
OF AN EYE!  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:52

**Now is Really not the time to give up on  
“The Blessed Hope”!  
(Updated)**

**NOTE: All updated information that follows below will be in bold red type, and so if you wish to read only this information, you can quickly find this without having to read the entire article in total. Scroll down to where the bold “UPDATE” occurs.**

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Amazon sent me an email asking for a purchaser review for a book authored by Dr. Ed Hindson and Dr. Mark Hitchcock. It came out at the beginning of the year, and is entitled ‘*Can We Still Believe in the Rapture?*’ I purchased the book back in early March but had not gotten around to fully reading it. Meanwhile, I’ve been preoccupied with my own eBook, ‘*The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True*’.

Directly below in the text box is the Textus-Receptus Greek text for Matthew 24:36. This is the passage that everyone trips over, either by using it as an argument to attack the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, or to confuse the deeper message within the passage itself. Others, including many who believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, are unwilling to completely commit by choosing to hide behind the idea that the Rapture cannot be known. Many prophecy teachers in the media limelight play it safe by hiding behind the doctrine of “imminence” when they state that Jesus Christ could come back at any time. The English translation of this verse follows below the Textus-Receptus Greek.

For this article, I am deviating from my usual referenced quotes of the KJV Bible. Instead, I will be quoting from verses using the English Standard Version, which is a contemporary translation. The ESV came out in 2001 and is published by Crossway. The stated intent of the translators was to follow a literal or an "essentially literal" translation philosophy while taking into account the differences of grammar, syntax, and idioms between current literary English and the original languages. The ESV uses some gender-neutral language, and this would be my chief criticism of the translation particularly where it departs from the male/female gender in the Greek text.

Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ τῆς ὥρας οὐδείς οἶδεν οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν εἰ μὴ ὁ πατήρ μου μόνος -(Matthew 24:36, Greek Textus-Receptus).

***"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."*** -(Matthew 24:36, English Standard Version).

In 2007, the ESV underwent a minor revision, and the publisher did not identify the updated text as a revised edition. This update changed about 500 words by focusing on grammar, consistency, and clarity. One notable change was from ***"wounded for our transgressions"*** to ***"pierced for our transgressions"***. In April 2011, another edition involving 275 verses and less than 500 words was issued. The publisher's intention for these changes was to correct grammar, improve consistency and/or increase precision in meaning. The 2007 edition has been gradually phased out. In August 2016, Crossway announced the "ESV Permanent Text Edition" with 52 word changes in 29 verses and stated that after this update their intention was to leave the text alone for the foreseeable future. However, this policy was abandoned the following month, with Crossway's announcement that they would still consider "minimal and infrequent" updates to reflect "textual discoveries or changes in English over time".

When someone "proof-texts" Matthew 24:36 as the basis for why we cannot know the time of the Rapture, it reveals their lack of any real understanding of the Bible. It always reminds me of what Jesus had to say about guarding against deception and false teachers. This was so evident in a 2016 book entitled *'The Rapture Verdict'* by attorney Michael Snyder, who appeared on the James Bakker television program, *'Morningside'*. Mr. Snyder did a series of Bible studies on the Bakker television ministry that served the Bakker agenda of selling "prepper" survival foods and supplies. There is no telling how many purchased this false teacher's book.

Matthew 24 contains a more specific and detailed prophecy describing that the city of Jerusalem and its temple would be completely destroyed. Everything Jesus foretold about the city and the people of Israel has come to pass in a remarkable way, not only in 70 A.D. when Titus destroyed the city, but also throughout the centuries since that time.

**UPDATE: The Greek words used in Mathew 24:36: ["no one knoweth"] is in the "Indicative Present Perfect" tense. This means: Jesus was speaking to His disciples explicitly, no one else, not you or anyone else at that precise moment in time would know the day or hour. Jesus was NOT saying that anyone in the future would or could not know the date for the Rapture! We can know the unknowable!!!! The video by Scottie Clarke explains why and how we can know the time of the Rapture.**

Jesus gave this teaching to the disciples alone. As He was coming to the end of His ministry on earth, He wanted to prepare them for the special ministry they would have after His death. The Bible does not say why the disciples pointed out the buildings of the temple. Probably they felt their strength and beauty was something that would long endure. These words of Jesus are the climax of His warnings of judgment given on that same day. He had already said of Jerusalem, "**Your house is left unto you desolate**" -(Matthew 23:38). Now He foretold the total destruction of the temple.

Nothing could have shocked the disciples more. The temple was the pride of all Jews. It was the time of the *Pax Romana*, the political peace resulting from Rome's conquest of much of the known world. It was unthinkable that Rome would destroy the temple. And, like the people of Jeremiah and Ezekiel's day, they found it difficult to believe that God would allow anything to happen to it either. According to Josephus, its stones were white and strong, 50 feet long, 24 feet wide, and 16 feet thick. Surely such stones could withstand any attack or calamity. Yet Jesus was only declaring that what the Old Testament prophets foresaw was nearing fulfillment -(Daniel 9:26; cf. Jeremiah 26:6, 18; Micah 3:12). In a short 40 years following His crucifixion, the words of Jesus were fulfilled in precise detail. In 70 A.D. the Roman commander Titus told his soldiers not to destroy the temple, which was a wonder of the ancient world. However, one of the soldiers set fire to it. The heavy gold plates that decorated its sides and roof melted between the stones. The soldiers heard gold was hidden between the stones, so they tore the walls down and pried all the stones apart to collect the gold.

The shocked disciples said no more until they were alone with Jesus on the Mount of Olives. There, four of them -(Mark 13:3) posed a twofold question.

- The first part asked when all these things would be. They wanted to know how soon the city and temple would be destroyed.
- The second part asked for a sign



that would precede His coming and "the end of the world" (Greek, "*aiōn*", "age, period, era"). –(Matthew 24:3)

The disciples jumped to the conclusion that the destruction of the temple would surely bring them to the time of Christ's return in glory. This shows they had not understood what Jesus had just said in Matthew 23:37-39. Those verses in Matthew 24:3 imply that time would elapse between the destruction of Jerusalem and Christ's coming in glory. The disciples' question showed they still had a great many wrong ideas that could lead them astray and views that needed correction.

The term "coming" noted in Matthew 24:3 (Greek, "*Parousia*") refers to both arrival and presence. Since the Fourth Century B.C., it was used as a technical expression to announce the visit of prominent authorities, especially kings and emperors. Thus the word implies a coming in might and power. Jesus answered both questions, but not in any specific order as it relates to timing. This is where critics of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture commit their greatest error when they attack the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. First, Jesus gave a warning that dealt with the course of this age and climaxed in verse 14 with the purpose of the Church during this age.

Much of the difficulty in interpreting Jesus' answer disappears when it is recognized that He did not answer these questions according to a chronological sequence, but topically. He did not indicate that the present age would continue for almost 2,000 years after the temple was destroyed. He wanted His followers to be more concerned about being ready for His coming than exactly when it would occur.

The warning against deception was needed, as much then as it is today. The disciples' curiosity about the times and the seasons –(cf. Acts 1:6, 7) and their desire for a sign was dangerous. People would be able to take advantage of this curiosity, deceive them, and turn them aside from the simple teachings of the gospel. Throughout this age there have been pretenders who came in ("*epi*") His name, that is, claiming His divine authority; some even saying, "*I am Christ*," leading many astray. –(Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24) The false "christs" that are dangerous are the ones who come from within the Church. They seek to build a kingdom around themselves.

In addition to false signs given by religious deceivers, Jesus said the course of this age would be marked by wars and rumors of wars. –(Matthew 24:6-8) Many would be led astray by taking these wars as signs of the end. But Jesus made it clear that they are not signs per se. Believers are not to be troubled by them. They are just part of the kind of world Christians must live in and spread the gospel in during this age. Wars cannot be stopped any more than natural calamities like earthquakes can be avoided. In other words, believers cannot wait for ideal conditions before starting to spread the gospel. Instead of being upset by world conditions, they must go out into the world the way it is and fulfill the Great Commission.

The wars Jesus foretold would include a variety of revolts, rebellions, and conflicts between people and nations, and between both racial and political groups. In addition, Jesus

said this age would be marked by various natural and physical catastrophes, particularly famines, plagues, and earthquakes in various places in the earth. –(Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11) There are special earthquake zones around the Pacific Ocean and throughout the Middle East including the Mediterranean Sea. But earthquakes can occur anywhere. Modern agriculture has reduced the threat of famine but has failed to remove it. Modern medicine has found cures and preventatives for some epidemics but new ones keep springing up. Christian influence has done much to alleviate the effects of these wars, famines, earthquakes, and pestilences, but they are still part of the course of this age. These events do not comprise the total picture. They are just "the beginning of sorrows." –(Matthew 24:8 KJV) Other woes, torments, and terrors are reserved for the end times.

The important lesson we learn about Matthew 24 is that **it is not chronological**, and that **it is topically structured**. It is more of a dialogue question and answer session, something akin to a White House press secretary conference.

In this article and based upon abundant Biblical evidence, I present a picture supporting my contention that the date of the Rapture is "Knowable" despite the opinion of many scoffers in the Christian world today who claim the date of the Rapture is not knowable. There are far more passages of Scripture supporting the doctrine of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture than what the critics address in their attacks. But before going into much detail, you might want to mark your calendar for **September 10-11, 2018**. This is the Jewish date for the Feast of Trumpets, a.k.a. Rosh Hashanah. This particular date and year has additional symbolism due to the fact that **September 11, 3 B.C.** was the physical birth date of Jesus of Nazareth! That established fact, in itself, is full of profound, if not prophetic, implications for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Readers will find what I am about to share not only interesting, but convincing.

**UPDATE: This date for 2018 is OFF by one whole month. It should be October 10-11, 2018. This was due to a lack of agreement in the spring of 2018 when the fields around Jerusalem were checked for the barley and to determine whether it was in Aviv, (ripe for harvest). This was also noted in the video by Scottie Clarke. When a Leap Month (13<sup>th</sup> month) has to be added, it is called "Adar Bet" or "Adar 2" The barley must be in Aviv (ripe for harvest) before the first new moon of the spring equinox since it determines or fixes the date of Passover and subsequently, (the dates of the four spring feasts and the three fall feasts). To commemorate that the [Israelites] left Egypt in the month of the Aviv, they are instructed to bring the Passover sacrifice and celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread (*Chag HaMatzot*) at this time of the year. In Deuteronomy 16:1 they are commanded:**

***"Keep the month of the Aviv and make the Passover (sacrifice) to Jehovah your God at night, because in the month of the Aviv, Jehovah your God took you out***

**of Egypt". All of this sounds like a riddle, and in many ways it really is what God was talking about in Proverbs 25:2, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter." The Creator presented us a challenge to discover for ourselves! Scottie Clark is correct, although he does not understand the reasons why he is correct. This is the purpose of this update!**

I am of the view that we can know the day, but not necessarily the year of the Rapture. This is not intended to be a disclaimer or some sort of trick to skirt the Biblical text or to squirm out of the possibility of being wrong. What follows will explain why this is so.

My premise goes against the conventional wisdom view of prophecy teachers who teach that the Rapture can be at any time, and this view is based upon the idea of "imminency". Imminency, as it relates to Bible prophecy, simply means that the return of Jesus Christ for the Church can happen at any moment. No warning signs will indicate a short-term countdown. We as Christians remain on alert 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In years past, reluctantly so, I accepted this as a possibility, never choosing to take issue with it; however, as my study and knowledge of Old Testament Hebrew studies and cultural customs increased, I began to have reservations about the idea of "imminency". In 1997, I began the study of Hebrew roots. It was then that I purchased Marvin Rosenthal's book, 'The Feasts of the Lord: God's Prophetic Calendar from Calvary to the Kingdom'. A year later, I purchased Dr. Arnold Fructenbaum's huge book 'Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology (Revised)'. These two books did more to open my eyes to how the Christian community has been deceived into thinking the Old Testament is of little importance to Christians and what is most important concerning the message of the Gospel. In fact, many religious leaders echo this view. Oh, they are so wrong!

Although the Pretribulation Rapture doctrine is the only view that allows for the rapture to be imminent in its timing, **it does not require it to be so**. This is a sticking point that I see as simply errant logic. Those who have studied philosophy and logic can relate to what I am saying here. All the other views require a number of prophetic occurrences to take place before the rapture can be declared imminent. To be looking for the imminent return of Christ, you have to believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

One major reason I have a problem with "imminency" has to do with the central idea of Leviticus 23, which deals with the seven "Feasts of the Lord" and these are based upon the Hebrew agricultural motif. Furthermore, the "Feasts of the Lord" have a dual meaning.

- One being a physical cycle structured on the agricultural cycle of the Jews.
- Two being that the "thematic" meaning is fulfilled symbolically through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a well-established fact that Jesus fulfilled the first four [spring] feasts, precisely to the day, the hour, and the very moment as detailed in the text of Leviticus 23. In my library, I have a

DVD series on the “Feasts of the Lord”, taught by four different teaching ministries. Although they all address the seven “Feasts of the Lord”, each offers insights that the others miss or overlook.

### **All agree with these two points:**

- That Jesus Christ fulfilled the first four [spring] feasts
- That we can trust with absolute certainty that Jesus Christ will fulfill the three [fall] feasts

I am suggesting that Christians totally misunderstand the significance when it comes to the “Feasts of the Lord”. The Feasts provide us with an underlying template for the very essence of why they are precisely called the “Feasts of the Lord”. They are all about the central theme of the Bible, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. The early church believed and taught in a millennial reign of 1,000 literal years of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was only with the usurping of the church after 350 A.D. by Emperor Constantine when he ordered the merging of church and state that we have this errant idea that God was through with the Jews. It is known as “Supersessionism” or better known as “Replacement” Theology.

The Roman Catholic dominance of the church from the period of 325-350 A.D. and onward soon suppressed the held understanding of the first two centuries. Rome played a heavy-handed role in forcing conformity to their way of thinking that largely went unchallenged for more than fifteen-hundred years. It goes without saying that the Protestant Reformation of October 31, 1517 birthed by Martin Luther, an Augustinian friar and professor, was in many ways a “premature birth”. It wasn’t until about October 1827, when a brilliant Irish clergyman from the Church of Ireland, named John Nelson Darby suffered a serious leg injury. Darby fell from a horse and was seriously injured. His recuperation period was to become the launching pad for the Dispensational theological system of understanding the Bible.

He later stated that it was during this time that he began to believe that the “kingdom” described in the Book of Isaiah and elsewhere in the Old Testament was entirely different from the Christian church. The codification of Dispensationalism began during his recuperative months of 1827-1828. Darby is attacked by the institutional church and theologians from far and wide. This applies to most of the denominations that came out of the Reformation era. Some 20% of Christian believers today identify with Dispensationalism, while 80% are rooted in “Reform/Covenant” Theology emanating out of Roman Catholicism. The “Reform/Covenant” Theology also taught that God was done with the Jews and that the church inherited the blessings of God. This is pure nonsense, as Paul refutes this teaching in Romans 9, 10, and 11.

The unfair criticism of John Nelson Darby came largely from critics who have never read any of his writings. He authored close to 40 books, and is considered the Father of Dispensationalism. Darby died on April 29, 1882; his eschatology was adopted and later made popular in the United States by Cyrus Scofield whose work and research is found in the Scofield Reference Bible. Criticism of both men continued (more so with Scofield) despite the fact that

both were brilliant scholars in their own right; but it has tended to be focused on their personalities and/or lifestyle, rather than their theology and intellect. Such being the case, today's character assassination dominates the attacks on Darby and Scofield, but the end goal and effort is to destroy or disprove Dispensationalism. In their attempts to vilify the messenger, critics use "strawman" arguments as their means of discrediting the message of Dispensationalism. Anti-Pre-Tribulation critics are drawn to Matthew 24:36 as their sole "proof text" to attack the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

The facts are far different than what readers hear from the Internet blogs wanting to drive a silver spike through the heart of Dispensationalism by whatever means possible to discredit Dispensationalism. Rather than to test the merits of their theology against the Bible itself character assassination. I have seen this to be the case among seminary professors at academic institutions holding to "Reform/Covenant Theology", which they inherited from Roman Catholicism, not to mention the pseudo-theologian wannabes that have come out of the woodwork in the past twenty-five years on the Internet. Keep in mind, the cost of creating a web site to attack Dispensationalism is affordable by most critics, and having a web site seems to infer some sort of creditability to the masses seeking Biblical understanding.

Let's move on to my contention and evidence. I held high hopes for the Rapture at the beginning of the Hebrew Year **5778**, or Feast of Trumpets, September 23, 2017. After all, over 150 data points offered a credible basis to hold that hope. Subsequently, I have had to ask myself the question, could I have been wrong simply because maybe the Rapture would occur at the close of the Hebrew Year of **5778**, a.k.a. Rosh Hashanah, **September 10/11, 2018**, rather than at the beginning. Related to this date of **5778**, is an interesting mathematical fact that cannot be a coincidence. In the first 1,000 digits of  **$\pi$** , the number **5778** occurs three times.

**5778** first appears beginning at the 632<sup>nd</sup> decimal place of  **$\pi$** . The next appearance of  **$\pi$**  appears beginning at the 947<sup>th</sup> decimal place. The third appearance of  **$\pi$**  begins at the 953<sup>rd</sup> decimal place. The close proximity of the second and third appearances is separated by two digits – **18**. These two appearances read as the following number sequence – 28638823537875937519**5778185778**05321712268066.

^ <-- 947th digit

For those of you mathematically-challenged folks, please bear with me for a short while, this is extremely relevant and portends to be of eternal importance. Even critics of the Bible would have you to believe the Bible is in error on this.

Does the Bible make a mistake in claiming that  **$\pi$**  equals 3? It has been alleged that the Bible is in error because it teaches that  **$\pi$**  is equal to 3. Recall that  **$\pi$**  is the ratio of the circumference to the diameter in a circle. Even most young students know that  **$\pi$**  is not exactly equal to three. It is often approximated as 3.14, though the actual decimal expansion goes on forever: 3.141592653589793. It is not difficult to measure the diameter and



circumference of a circle to confirm that  $\pi$  does indeed have this value. So, is the Bible in error?

The relevant passage is 1 Kings 7:23, which states ***“Now he made the sea of cast metal ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height was five cubits, and thirty cubits in circumference.”*** This verse describes a cylindrical vessel built at the order of Solomon.

- First of all, notice that this passage does not say “exactly ten cubits” or “exactly thirty cubits.” The numbers have been rounded to the nearest integer (or possibly the nearest multiple of ten). Dividing the circumference (30 cubits) by the diameter (10 cubits), we infer that  $\pi$  is approximately equal to three. But, of course,  $\pi$  is approximately equal to three, so the passage is quite correct.

At best, critics of the Bible could say that the Bible is imprecise here, but they cannot legitimately say that it is inaccurate or mistaken. Even scientists today will round off numbers at appropriate times. Remember that any decimal expression of  $\pi$  must be rounded at some point anyway, since the expansion is infinite. There is no fallacy in rounding a number.

- Second, we should consider the matter of significant figures. On a physics test, if a circle is said to have a diameter of 10 feet and the student is asked to compute the circumference, the correct answer is 30 feet—not 31 feet. The reason 31 feet is an incorrect answer is because it implies a precision that is unwarranted by the given information. The value 10 feet indicates that the diameter has been rounded off. Perhaps it has been rounded up from the exact value of 9.5 feet, in which case the exact circumference would be 29.845. . . feet—which rounds up to 30 feet.
- Third, we should consider 1 Kings 7:26, which states that this cylindrical vessel ***“was a handbreadth thick.”*** Since the diameter is given from ***“brim to brim”*** (verse 23), the 10 cubits is referring to the outer diameter (which includes the handbreadth thickness of the rim). However, the circumference may well refer to the inner circle (as this is more representative of the pool of water inside the cylinder), which excludes the handbreadth. So, even if we take the outer diameter to be exactly 10 cubits, the inner diameter would be smaller. A handbreadth is roughly 1/4 of a cubit; so, the inner diameter would be 10 cubits - (0.25 x 2) cubits = 9.50 cubits. This means the inner circumference would be 29.845. . . cubits, which rounds up to 30 cubits (not 31 cubits).

In conclusion, the accusation that the Bible has made a mathematical mistake is totally without merit. The biblical answer is spot on, given the information presented and the precision of the numbers in question.

The mathematical property of  $\pi$  is known as an “irrational” number. An “irrational” number in mathematics is a real number that cannot be expressed as a ratio of integers, i.e. as

a fraction. Therefore, “irrational” numbers, when written as decimal numbers, do not terminate, nor do they repeat. Today, we understand  $\pi$  to **22,459,157,718,361** places.

Only the Creator of the Universe Himself could have encoded mathematical properties that were in use since the time of Pythagoras and perhaps even much earlier. It was not until 1850 A.D. before we understood  $\pi$  to just **200** places. Today, we now know  $\pi$  to **22-trillion** places. By the way, it took a computer 105 days to arrive at  $\pi$  to **22,459,157,718,361** places in November of 2016.

Lest I forget, the appearance of **5778** does not occur again until the 14,632<sup>nd</sup> digit place of  $\pi$  and its next appearance occurs at the 17,138<sup>th</sup> digit place of  $\pi$ . Further down, on the next page, I have included a table of where the number **5778** appears in  $\pi$  to over 122,000 digits. I could have extended this table into infinity but chose to stop at this point mainly to illustrate how rare the occurrence of **5778** is in the number chain of  $\pi$ . So what, you are probably thinking. What has this to do with anything? Well, it has a huge significance and great importance, when you realize that  $\pi$  is encoded within the Hebrew Gematria [numerical value] of Genesis 1:1. - See page 19 of chapter 2 of *'The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True'* at – <http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22>

Going back to the number **5778**, particularly the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> appearances -- might there be something being completely overlooked and missed, or something that is being inferred in the number **18** which appears between the number sequence? Could it be telling us something is being overlooked in the chain of decimal positions shown in this string of numbers?

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Is God alluding to something important? Does the number **18** have any special meaning? Since it is bracketed by the rare number **5778**, are we being drawn to it for a specific reason? I do not know but I find it incredibly unusual in mathematical terms. What stands out to me is that this number **18** is the last two digits of the current year **2018**. The appearance of the number **5778** in the decimal places of  $\pi$  becomes further and further distant when examined in the infinite chain of known numbers of  $\pi$ . I noted above that **5778** does not appear again until the 14,362<sup>nd</sup> digit and then again at the 17,138<sup>th</sup> digit of  $\pi$ . Chances are that you are not a mathematician and all of this number stuff is gobbledygook to you.

I would agree with you completely were it not for the fact that we find  $\pi$  encoded in Genesis 1:1. Furthermore, it is revealed to be encoded to 22 digits, and not the 5 digits **3.14159** we learned in high school algebra. This is highly significant, so significant perhaps as to suggest that God is telling us this is the year of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture through the science of Mathematics!

## Table for $Pi \pi$ Occurrences

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The table above reveals the rarity of all appearances of **5778** in the sequence of numbers in the  $Pi \pi$  chain from zero to 122,705. **5778** occurs 18 times, and yet occurs 3 times in the first 1,000 digits of the  $Pi \pi$  chain of numbers. Obviously this could have been extended to infinity, or at least to **22,459,157,718,361**. I chose the arbitrary range of 100,000 to see how often the number **5778** appears in the  $Pi \pi$  chain of numbers. I can tell you with mathematical certainty, the appearance of **5778** is extremely rare, I have run the calculations out to 10-million places and there is no statistical anomalies other than the fact that the first three appearances take place all within the first 1,000 digits of the  $Pi \pi$  chain; and, two of those appearances are virtually next door to each another, separated only by the two-digits of **18**.

**UPDATE: The Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah in 2017 was observed on September 22/23. The Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah in 2018 was originally set as September 10/11 but corrected to October 10/11 of this year 2018.**

**The real unknown is related to the question, does it begin at the beginning date of the year or at the last date of the year! This was in my opinion always the real unknown date: beginning or ending date of the Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah. The Scottie Clarke video in theory does resolve this issue through Astronomy. Scottie Clarke uses the free Internet Astronomy program *Stellarium*. I have used the commercial professional Astronomy program known as *Starry Night Pro* since 2008, and it confirms the *Stellarium* findings, but 50X better than *Stellarium*.**

Let's go back to the common misunderstanding among Christians concerning the passage of Matthew 24:36 and similar passages of the phrase "**No man can know the day or the hour**" of the Lord's return. Those throwing water on the Heavenly Sign of Revelation 12 were ignorant of the Hebrew language, particularly the use of "Idioms" or "Idiomatic" phrases. They are also oblivious to the deeper meanings of the "Feasts of the Lord"; and the "Theme of

the Bride". God's Word is rich in deep Typology and nuanced language. Typology as a literary device in the Bible that nearly went extinct a hundred years ago, only to be re-discovered in the 1980's. It was not until the mid-1990's that one could find any current books on Typology. I purchased a study from a Tennessee author Joe Olivio, titled *'Tabernacle Tour'*, originally in a 3-ring binder back in 1999. In 2007, it was published as a paperback bound version. Others since have published books on the desert Tabernacle of the Israelites. When I purchased Joe Olivio's study on the Typology of the Tabernacle there were virtually no resources to be found. Since Joe Olivio published *'Tabernacle Tour'*, many books on Typology have been published. I did a reader's review of the book for Amazon books in 2014. My point here is this: There has been an awakening to the Typology, particularly found in the Old Testament that is validated in the New Testament.

Few, if any at all, of those attacking the Revelation 12 sign are Hebrew scholars. To the contrary, their statements to this effect only shows their ignorance [lack of knowledge] or lack of Biblical language training. For example, Basic Hebrew is an elective course in Protestant seminaries, and it is a basic course at best. Only a dozen or so seminaries require their students to take Greek, the language of the New Testament. Using a Lexicon or Concordance provides basic word translation but for the most part, rarely engage how the grammatical form of a given word is used. The morphology [study of structure] of any language involves or requires an understanding of **Gender - Case - Voice - Mood - Tense - Person**, along with its use in the context of a passage of Scripture. We do this almost naturally in our native language of English. It is second nature with us from our language training in elementary school. Because one can translate a Greek or Hebrew word into English is but the mere beginning of a much longer process to learn and use how it is rendered in the original Biblical text.

I noted above how those who want to "proof-text" Matthew 24:36 expose their ignorance when they use it to attack the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. But it goes much deeper. When you hear someone quote Matthew 24:36 that **"no man can know the day or the hour"** they remain oblivious to how figurative language is used in the form of "idioms" and "idiomatic" phrases or expressions. Remember, the Bible was not written originally in English. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, with portions of Daniel in Aramaic. Even the New Testament was first written in Hebrew, then into Greek. Copies of Matthew written in Hebrew exist today that predate the Greek Textus-Receptus (the Received Text of Erasmus in the third and fourth century A.D.) The Greek Textus-Receptus is the manuscript used to translate the English 1611 King James Bible.

I believe through the following studies in the Bible, God alludes to or actually points us in the direction of the date of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

1. Mathematical property of  **$\pi$**
2. The Feasts of the Lord in Leviticus 23
3. The Theme of the Bride and the Hebrew Wedding Ceremony
4. The twelve Idioms of the Bible associated with Feast of Trumpets
5. Typology and Thematic Design

6. **The Mazzaroth (Job 38:32)**
7. **Revelation 12 Sign**

**UPDATE:** I overlooked including points 6 and 7 above when I first wrote this article. All “seven” points above are discussed in greater detail in my larger eBook *[‘The Season of the Rapture: God’s Threefold Witness’](#)*. God’s “Threefold Witness” is a reference to how God gave humanity the Biblical Message in the Stars, the Stones, and the Written Word. Scottie Clarke’s video illustrates the four points of Revelation 12:1 fall precisely in place this coming October 10-11<sup>th</sup>. The Mazzaroth of Job 38:22 contains the twelve constellations that appear throughout their course in the heavens during the calendar year. It begins with Virgo and is completed with Leo. Revelation 12:1 is fulfilled when the Sun, Moon, and Stars move into the constellation Virgo at the sign of the new moon of the seventh month of Leviticus 23:24.

If you want additional detail on the Feast Days of the Lord, the Theme of the Bride and the Hebrew Wedding, the larger picture of the Rapture, I recommend readers go to my larger chapter on the **Harpazo**. This link will take you to my archived work on the Rapture; it contains 70 pages of Hebrew studies:

<http://www.nhunderground.com/jesus/PastorBob/Harpazo%20-%20Greek%20for%20the%20Rapture.pdf>

I am sharing this at this time because there is an apparent misleading (intentional or through ignorance) reason for why so many of the major names in Bible prophecy are telling their audiences that we cannot know the day nor the hour of the Lord's return for His Bride - the church made up of Gentile and Messianic Jewish Christians.

## **THE ANCIENT JEWISH WEDDING CEREMONY**

### **How does it picture Messiah Yeshuah and His Bride?**

From start to finish, the Word of God is basically the story of a wedding. It is a love story revealing a loving Father who is seeking the perfect Bride for His Son, Yeshuah - a Bride who is totally devoted, pure of heart, in love only to Him, submitted and perfect in His sight. Such a picture of this is found in Genesis 24:1-67 describing the story where Abraham sends out his servant to find the perfect Bride for Isaac, his son. This is a condensed or abbreviated version of a much larger study that I have done.

In the basic structure of the Ancient Jewish Wedding Ceremony, you will see the Father, and the “Bridegroom” Yeshuah, the “servant”, the “Ruach Kodesh”, the Bride, the attendant of the Bride (pictured by Moses), and the attendant of the Groom (pictured by Elijah), and the guests.

In most weddings, there are 3 groups of people:

- 1) The guests, forming the largest group
- 2) The attendants of the Bride and the Groom, usually a small group
- 3) The Bride and her Bridegroom

All are content and happy within their situation. But, only the Bride gets to go home with the Bridegroom and live in His House forever. She has an intimacy with Him that no one else has! And, so there is a new earth, which will be created for the “saved” guests. There are the attendants--the “Kings of the earth”--who are “saved” and who represent the guests before the Father and the Bridegroom. And, there is the Bride, who stays with her Husband in the Father’s House. -(Revelation 21:22-22:5,14)

This is also mentioned in Revelation 3:7-13: - the letter to the church at Philadelphia, which represents the Bridal remnant in the last days. She does not go onto the new earth, but stays in the presence of the Father and the Son.

### **She is marked, because:**

- 1) She is submissive and yielded to her Bridegroom, guarding and obeying the terms of His marriage Covenant, the Torah.
- 2) She loves Him with a perfect love.
- 3) She follows her Bridegroom (the Lamb) wherever He goes.
- 4) She has made herself ready--purified herself and separated herself totally unto Him. She belongs to Him, and her relationship with Him is intimate. He knows her, and she knows Him, and their fellowship is sweet.

## **THE CORONATION**

- I. **“Ha Melech”**– the King! Another name for Rosh Hashanah, which is the day of His coming--at the Feast of Trumpets, it is the King’s “Coronation Day”. This Feast usually occurs during the Roman month of September or early October. On this day the Bridegroom comes for His Bride, and at their wedding day, He is crowned the King, and she is crowned the Queen. Thus, the marriage day is the day of Coronation.
- II. Yeshuah will come for His Bride on Rosh Hashanah - Tishrei 1 on the Hebrew calendar. The essential message of this Feast is the reaffirmation of the Kingship of **“Elohim”**. This year (2018) the date is September 10-11. At sundown of the 10<sup>th</sup> it becomes the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- III. The Messiah will be crowned on Rosh Hashanah and given the world for His inheritance, as well as receiving His Kingdom. -(Daniel 7:13-14 and Psalm 2:6).

- IV. Jewish Scripture used for this day: Genesis 49:10 and Zechariah 9:9.
- V. Revelation 19:11-16: He comes with the sound of the trumpet and much fanfare and ceremony. He comes as the trumpet sounds loudly, with His angels, in the wrath of the Father, to destroy His enemies and the enemies of His Bride. He comes as a victorious King to deliver His Bride from the evil one.
- VI. He becomes the King of Kings over all the kingdoms of this world: Revelation 11:15-19; 19:16; Daniel 7:9, 13-14, 27; Revelation 1:7.
- VII. On the wedding day, the Bridegroom and the Bride are called King and Queen – and reference is made to Psalm 45.

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John 14:2-3: ***“In My Father’s house are many rooms. ...I go to prepare a place for you. And, if I go to prepare and place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there you may be also”.***

Matthew 24:36, 44: ***“But of the day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only”. “Therefore, be also ready: for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of man comes”.***

Matthew 25:10-13: ***“...the Bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage and the door was shut”.***

Revelation 7:7-8: ***“Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”.***

John 3:29, John the baptizer, referring to himself as the ***“friend of the Bridegroom”*** and to Yeshuah, the Bridegroom: ***“He that has the Bride is the Bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatest because of the Bridegroom’s voice. This, my joy, therefore is fulfilled”.***

Psalm 45:6-17 ...***“Upon Your Right Hand (Yeshuah) did stand the Queen, in gold of Ophir.”***

Matthew 22:8-14: This is a story of the gathering of the guests. They must be invited, and must have on a ***“wedding garment”***. The wedding garment is linen—the ***“righteousness of the set-apart, “saved”***.

There are a total of 18 specific steps related to the Hebrew wedding process. In the larger scheme of the Bible, this is all revealed in approximately 750-800 verses. The complete study of 22 parts titled: The Biblical Theme of the Bride and is archived at:

<http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22>

1) **The arrangement**

- a) Either the father arranges the wedding as Samson's father did –(Judges 14:1-10)
- b) The father sends an agent in his place, as Abraham sent Eleazer –(Genesis 15:2; Genesis 24)
- c) The young man comes by himself to the girl's father to arrange the marriage between the two of them

2) **If the young man goes to the house of the girl, he initially must carry these three things:**

- a) A large sum of money (or many expensive items) to pay the price for the Bride
- b) A betrothal contract with his promises to the Bride written on it
- c) A skin of wine

**Note:** John 5:8 states: ***“For there are three that bear witness in earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one”***. In prophetic typology,

- ◆ The wine represents the ***“Ruach Kodesh”*** (Holy Spirit)
- ◆ The water represents—the marriage contract or Covenant - the Word or the Torah given at Sinai
- ◆ The blood represents the price paid for our salvation

Speaking to Pastors in Acts 20:28, Paul states: ***“Take heed to yourselves,...to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood”***. Ephesians 1:14 tells us that the ***“Ruach’s”*** presence with us is the “down-payment of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession...” His Bride was the purchased possession, and He is coming to fully redeem her unto Himself. –(I Corinthians 6:20; I Corinthians 7:23: ***“For you are bought with a price”***)

3) If the Father approves of the marriage, the girl is called in and they all drink the wine together. In the drinking of the wine, she commits herself to the young man.

Jeremiah 31:31 ***“I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah”***.

Matthew 26:27-28: ***“And He took the cup (the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup of the Seder—the cup of Redemption) and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying `Drink you all of it: for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”***. Thus, He renewed His Covenant in his own blood, with His remnant Bride -- who would be taken from among the whole House of Israel.



- 4) At this point, the two are considered husband and wife. Their union can only be dissolved by divorce, but their state is still called "betrothal", as with Mary and Joseph.
- 5) After the wine is drunk, the young man says the words of John 14:2-3. He will go away and prepare a room for them - adding on a room to his father's house. He promises that when the room is finished, he would come back for her, and she would forever be with him. She belongs to him now, for she has been "**bought with a price**", and this purchase has been witnessed and confirmed.
- 6) The young man goes to prepare a "**chador**" (chamber) in his father's house, sometimes called a "**chuppah**" (honeymoon bed).
- 7) The bride must now spend her time learning how to be a wife and mother, and to learn how to please her husband. He may be gone for as long as 2 years or more.

\*\*If asked when the day of his wedding will be, the young man often gets rid of nosey inquirers by saying: "**No man knows the day or the hour, only my father knows**". -(Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32) Thus he puts the responsibility of dealing with nosey friends and family off on his father. It is a personal thing with him, and he only talks about the timing of his coming for His Bride with his father. He may communicate with his Bride, in secret - perhaps by messenger (represented by the "**Ruach Kodesh**" - between the Bride of Messiah and Yeshuah. But also, the term: "**no man knows the day or the hour**" is a catch-phrase for the "Feast of Trumpets" - Rosh Hashanah - for it is always over 2 days around the earth. Three trumpets are blown during that 2-day time period. And, everyone waits for the "**last trump**", when according to Jewish tradition, the gates of heaven open and the righteous ascend to heaven, while the fate of the wicked is sealed.

- 8) The groom designates two close friends to assist him and to assist the bride during the ceremony. They are called "witnesses". The two witnesses of Revelation 11 also have this aspect to them. Also, during the ceremony the contract containing the groom's promises are then turned over to the parents of the bride.
- 9) He comes for his bride with great fanfare, trumpets, his servants, friends and family. It is a joyful day when he comes to receive his bride for the wedding ceremony. There is music and dancing and rejoicing. -(John 2).
- 10) On their wedding day they are called the King and Queen. On this day, tradition says that they stand without spot or blemish as they are united. For two years or more (for us, 2000 years approximately since our Bridegroom went back to His Father's house) the servant, represented for us by the "**Ruach Kodesh**", works to prepare the Bride to perfection for her marriage to the perfect Bridegroom, Yashuah.

I Corinthians 1:4-9: ***“I thank Elohim always concerning you... that you are not lacking in any gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Master Yeshuah Messiah...”***

I Thessalonians 5:23: ***“And the Elohim of peace Himself set you completely apart, and your entire spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Master Yashuah Messiah”.***

Ephesians 5:25-27: ***“...Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it...in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle,...but that it might be set-apart and blameless”.*** The Bride has purified herself, and made herself set-apart unto Him alone!!

11) The words of the wedding ceremony are from Psalm 45, and Isaiah 61:10-62:5 ***“...as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall Elohim rejoice over you”.***

12) Once the ceremony is over, the two go into the bridal chamber (***“chuppah”***) for 7 days. Portions of the Song of Solomon read during Passover, gives the details of the intimacy between Messiah and His Bride.

13) The seven days in the chamber correspond to the seven days between the end of the Feast of Trumpets, and the Day of Atonement, when the High Priest takes the blood before the altar of the Father, and the sins of the nation of Israel are forgiven. (On the Day of Atonement Messiah will judge all the nations that came against Jerusalem, and separate out the sheep and goat nations, as well as pronouncing the whole House of Jacob/Israel (all 12 tribes) to be saved, redeemed, and restored. –(Joel 3:1-12; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 11:26-27; Isaiah 59:20-21; 60:11-22; Jeremiah 31 and 33; Ezekiel 36:24-38; 37, and etc.)

14) At the end of the 7 days, the groom’s “friend” or “witness” waits at the chamber door. This is depicted by John the baptizer who came in the spirit of Elijah representing Messiah, and called himself the “friend of the Bridegroom” in John 3:29. The guests have arrived and are waiting for the door to be opened and the wedding banquet to begin. When the groom is ready, he knocks from the inside of the chamber door, indicating that they are ready to make their public appearance before everyone. The friend opens the door, and the guests cheer.

15) In Revelation 11, the two witnesses have been on the earth witnessing and preparing for 3 ½ years. At the voice of the Bridegroom calling them up, Messiah Yeshuah comes out of heaven with a trumpet blast, accompanied by the set-apart ones who have died, to gather His whole Bride for the wedding, and the 7 days in the ***“chuppah”***. The door of heaven opens and He proceeds out. The “bride has made herself ready”. He picks up His Bride who is alive and waiting for Him on the earth. Then after His glorious entrance into Jerusalem, they proceed to the wedding feast. Some believe that the wedding feast will occur at Mt. Sinai, since that is where the terms of the marriage Covenant were given to the Bride. Look at the wording of Revelation 19:8 and 11. The parable of the wise virgins, of Matthew 25:1-

11, shows us that only the prepared Bride gets to go into the “*chuppah*” with Him. The guests are shut out.

16) John the baptizer saw himself as the groom’s “friend”-(John 3:28-30). Jewish tradition says that Elijah attends the groom - John was called “Elijah” even by the “Groom”--Yeshuah. - (Matthew 11:13-14) Elijah’s message is one of preparation for the coming Messiah. He stands and waits for the Groom’s knock. Matthew 17:3 shows the glorified, radiant Messiah standing with Moses and Elijah.

17) The Bride’s attendant according to Jewish tradition is Moses. His function is to escort the Bride to the Bridegroom, as Moses escorted the children of Israel to Sinai to be wed to Elohim there. In Revelation 11:3-7, the two witnesses to come have the characteristics of Elijah and Moses.

18) After the marriage the Bride goes to live with her Bridegroom as the Queen of the Almighty Elohim and King of Israel. She remains with Him, by His side, for eternity. When the Father comes, and brings His city down -(Revelation 20-22), the Bride is found still with her Husband (Revelation 22:3-5).

In the last chapter of my E-book *‘The Season of the Rapture: God’s Three Fold Witness’* is titled *‘Harpazo’* – the Greek word for “Rapture”. In that chapter, I provide a more in depth coverage of this “Theme of the Bride” and the Biblical Marriage Ceremony; it is nearly 70 pages in length.

Returning to my point at the beginning, only a very small number of the Christian leadership community, understand Hebrew. The cultural divide between Biblical Judaism and Christianity is wider than the Grand Canyon. The problem began back to the middle of the fourth century A.D. Tragically, few understand that the Bible contains hundreds of figurative expressions, we know as “idioms” or “idiomatic expressions”. The most important one of all is Matthew 24:36, the one that fellow believers turn around and tell you we can’t know the day or the hour. I can do one better and state I can know the day and the hour, but also to the minute.

I have a Hebrew-English Lexicon on my computer hard drive that is nearly a thousand pages in length. In addition, I have multiple Biblical language Lexical resources supporting my comments in greater clarity on this topic.

## **THE FEASTS OF THE LORD**

The “Feasts of the Lord” are found in the Old Testament book of Leviticus, chapter 23. Leviticus names “seven” of them. “Seven” is God’s Covenantal number! The [spring] Feasts are Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and Pentecost. The [fall] Feasts are Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. I’m not going to spend a lot of time on the [spring] Feasts here, as I have

written extensively of them elsewhere. The important thing to remember about the [spring] Feasts is this: Jesus Christ fulfilled the first three physically, symbolically, and prophetically, to the day, the hour, and very moment described in Leviticus. At the ascension of Jesus Christ, the disciples were to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

- ◆ ***All the Spring Feasts were fulfilled at Christ's first coming. They were also fulfilled to the precise hour and moment.***
- ◆ ***All the Fall Feasts picture the Second Advent, and the Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts, picturing the Rapture.***
- ◆ ***Now there are more feasts to be fulfilled with the second coming.***
  - \* ***Yom Teruah (Rosh HaShanah) - Feast of Trumpets***
  - \* ***The Rapture; the last trump; Wedding of the Messiah; New Moon; Open Door***
  - \* ***Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement***
  - \* ***Sukkot - Feast of Tabernacles (Booths)***

The first of the [fall] Feasts is called **Yom Teruah**, or **Rosh Hashanah**, or **Feast of Trumpets**. This year (2018), it will fall on September 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There are twelve “idioms” associated with this particular Feast, noted just below.

## **Rosh HaShanah: Names, Themes, and Idioms**

1. **Teshuvah** (repentance)
2. **Rosh HaShanah** (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
3. **Yom Teruah** (the Day of the Awakening Blast [Feast of Trumpets])
4. **Yom HaDin** (the Day of Judgment)
5. **HaMelech** (the Coronation of the Messiah)
6. **Yom HaZikkaron** (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
7. The time of Jacob's (Ya'akov) trouble (the birth-pangs of the Messiah, **Chevlai shel Mashiach**)
8. The opening of the gates of Heaven
9. **Kiddushin/Nesu'in** (the wedding ceremony)
10. The resurrection of the dead (rapture, **natzal**)
11. The last trump (shofar)
12. **Yom Hakeseh** (the hidden day)

These are the primary twelve idioms, and phrases that connect the Messiah Jesus Christ with the first Fall Feast that occurs on the sighting of the New Moon of the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah. The time of Rosh HaShanah can be as early as the first of September and as late as the early part of October. All Hebrew Feast Days are set or fixed by the ripening of the Barley in the spring. In 2016, Passover was observed after the Christian world observed Easter/Resurrection Day in March of 2016, something that is a rarity. This was a consequence resulting from the ripening of the Barley on a later date. The Jewish world did not observe

Passover until April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. This is a rare occurrence, but the point being made here is that Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets/Yom Terurah floats on the Jewish calendar from year to year. More importantly, the ripening of the Barley is how the calendar dates for the Feasts of the Lord are set.

As a whole, Matthew 24:36 is completely misunderstood by the Christian community. Jesus was speaking figuratively through the use of an “idiomatic” expression. Just as if I were to tell you, we will get together on “Turkey Day” most of you would understand that I was referring to the national holiday of “Thanksgiving”. Matthew 24:36 is an idiom, referring to the “unknown” day of the “seventh” month of Tishrei. In order that its observance be maintained and not missed by weather conditions such as rain, clouds, or dust storms, its significance is emphasized by the fact that it is treated as a two-day event and considered in Hebrew culture as one long day. So when Jesus said, ***“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only”***, Jesus was referring to the appearance of the New Moon!

To view the New Moon in Jerusalem just after sunset, it normally requires 3-degrees of luminescence. Keep in mind that the new moon rises in the west as the sun is descending on the horizon and simultaneously sets over the Mediterranean Sea to the west. In Bible times, lack of telescopes, planetariums, computers, or all the modern technology available to modern day Jews meant this day would be unknown until confirmed by the high priest of the Temple.

To validate my reference to Matthew 24:36 as being an idiomatic expression, I have included more information and a list of Bible idioms and idiomatic expressions. What I am sharing in this article brings to light how shallow our understanding of the Old Testament is when it comes to the Jewish culture and customs. For the first century, the early church was predominantly Jewish. However, with the passing of time, it became largely Gentile. When the Roman Catholic Church usurped control, its hierarchy broke with the Jewish people. The chasm that resulted has resulted in centuries of ignorance and lost knowledge.

## THE JEWISH APPLICATION OF IDIOMS

The Bible is an amazing book. It was written by men who were guided by God. Yet, God ***“moved”*** -(2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:21) those men to use human language with all of its unusual features. One of those characteristics of human language is “idioms”. Idioms are funny, even strange, ways to say things that the actual words do not seem to say. Some common English examples of idioms include: *“It’s raining cats and dogs,”* and *“I have a frog in my throat.”* Idioms use words to give a meaning that cannot be understood from the individual meanings of the words. People who grew up speaking English understand these idioms. I have previously noted the American idiom “turkey day” which is familiar to English speaking people living in the USA but not necessarily to an oriental person who was raised in Far Eastern countries. People who were not reared speaking English don’t always understand the meaning that is intended by the idioms that relate to our American culture.

The Bible was written mostly in Hebrew and Greek. Those two languages use lots of idioms. For example, the expression in the book of Job, **“the sons of God”** (1:6; 2:1), is a Hebrew idiom that refers to angels. The phrase **“breaking of bread”** in the Hebrew mind meant to eat food or have a meal. Lamentations 4:4 says, **“The young children ask for bread, but no one breaks it for them.”** That is, no one gives them any food. In the early church, the same phrase came to have another idiomatic meaning: to partake of the Lord’s Supper -(Acts 20:7).

When Jesus said, **“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life”** -(John 6:54), He was not talking literally. He did not mean that people must eat His physical flesh. He was using a Hebrew idiom that means to receive, understand, and apply His teaching. To eat Christ’s flesh means to consume His words and live by them. As Jesus made it clear later in the same chapter: **“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life”** -(John 6:63). It is Jesus’ words that are of value and so must be received and obeyed. It was the Jesuits of the Roman Catholic Church who insist that John 6:54 is the Eucharist and the false doctrine of Transubstantiation. Not every verse of the Hebrew or Greek text is to be taken literally. This false doctrine would be viewed as cannibalism, and is clearly in violation of Hebrew dietary laws.

The Bible contains many more idioms. If we learn them, we can understand our Bible much better. Then we can know how God wants us to live so we can someday live with Him! To illustrate my point about “idioms” and figurative language I am including a sample listing of Biblical “idioms” below. If you read down the list you will come to the very one that causes so many to misunderstand Jesus Christ’s word about when He was coming back for His Bride!

### **EXAMPLE OF HEBREW IDIOMS & THEIR MEANING**

A (the) door was opened (door of spiritual truth)	Revelation 4:1
A full life (if a person ages to 70 years)	Psalms 90:10
Abar’ka’dabara (Aramaic)(I will create as I speak)	Genesis 11:1
Abraham’s seed (same as Yah’s seed)	Genesis 12:3
Arrogance of heart (arrogant)	Isaiah 9:9
Bad/Evil eye (stingy)	Proverbs 23:6
Before the Lord (before the altar)	Exodus 16:33
Beginning of his strength (his firstborn)	Deuteronomy 21:17
Ben Adam (a man, son of man)	
Big of phallus (lustful)	Ezekiel 16:26
Bind (forbid)	Matthew 16:19-20
Break teeth (make powerless)	Psalms 3:7
Breath (personality)	Joshua 11:11, 11:14
Broken the yoke (rejected God's authority)	Jeremiah 5:5
Buried in Israel (buried beneath the altar)	Revelation 6:9
Clean hands (act purely)	Psalms 24:4

Close hand (selfish)	Deuteronomy 15:7
Clouds without water (no Torah/law/false teacher)	Jude 12
Covered his feet (relieved himself)	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 24:3
Cut off death (occurs prior to age 50)	Daniel 9:26
Cycles of righteousness (cycles of Feasts, Sabbaths, etc.)	Psalms 23:3
Day or hour 48 hours (between a sliver and dark moon)	Mark 13:32
Day of the Lord (judgement)	Zephaniah 1:2-18
Dead stones (singular person)	
Deliver them into your hands (defeat them for you)	Judges 3:28
Dirt came out (gutted (entrails))	Judges 3:22
Do what they did (sow seed like Abraham)	Mark 4:8
Double heart (duplicitous, deceitful)	Psalms 12:2
Dries bones (drains strength)	Proverbs 17:22
Ears are uncircumcised (don't listen)	Jeremiah 6:10
Eating blood (eating un-kosher meat)	Leviticus 17:10-16
Elder (Torah observant man over 50)	Genesis 10:21
Enlarge space (set free)	Psalms 4:1
Evening time (between twilight and sundown)	
Evil eye (cheapskate, selfish, no charity)	Proverbs 23:6, 28:22; Mark 7:22
Eye of a needle (impossibility)	Matthew 19:24; Mark 10:25
Eye is consumed (vision is blurred)	Psalms 6:7
Eyes run down with water (eyes flow with tears)	Lamentations 1:16
Eyes are upon (watches over)	Psalms 33:18
Face fallen (sad)	Genesis 4:6
Face to face (personally witnessed something divine)	Genesis 32:30
Fear (respect/reverence)	Genesis 9:22
Feet (person)	Isaiah 52:7
Flowing with milk and honey (fertile)	Exodus 3:8
Found grace (in the eyes accepted)	Genesis 6:8
From the womb (from birth)	Judges 13:5
Fruit of the mouth (what someone says)	Proverbs 18:20
Gave him another heart (changed his attitude)	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 10:9
Gird up your loins (get ready)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:29
Good eye (generous)	Proverbs 22:9
Good news is in his mouth (he brings good news)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18:25
Good shepherd, bad shepherd (good leaders, bad leaders)	John 10:11
Grapes of Sodom (opium/poppies)	Deuteronomy 32:31-33
Grapes of wrath (judgement time)	Revelation 14:19
Hard forehead (stubborn)	Ezekiel 3:7
Having a bad eye (cheap, uncharitable)	Matthew 6:22
He who awakens and he who answers (every single person)	Malachi 2:12
Her sickness (her menstrual period)	Leviticus 20:18

Hide your face (refuse to answer)	Psalm 102:2
His anger burned (very angry)	Exodus 32:19
Heart (mind)	Deuteronomy 28:28
Heart lifted up (proud)	Deuteronomy 8:14
Heart melt (lose courage)	Deuteronomy 20:8
Heart of the Torah (center of the Torah basics)	Leviticus 17-18
Hearts and kidneys (thoughts and emotions)	Psalm 7:9
His banner over me is love (he loves me very much)	Songs 2:4
Hissing (scorn)	Jeremiah 51:37
House of bondage (land of slavery)	Deuteronomy 5:6
House (nation)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:12
Hung himself (fell on his sword (suicide))	Acts 1:18; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:6
Idle words/unclean lips (bad words spoken)	Isaiah 6:5; Matthew 12:33-37
Iniquity in my hands (guilty)	Psalm 7:3
In that day (when Messiah comes)	Zechariah 3:10
In the tent (studying torah, meeting place)	Genesis 9:27; Exodus 27:21
It is finished (no more sacrifices)	John 19:30; Revelation 16:17
Joy will crown their heads (they will be joyful)	Isaiah 35:10
Kingdom of Heaven (when Yeshua returns)	Acts 1:6
Kingdom of God (when Yeshua returns)	Acts 1:6
Kingdom is at hand (when Yeshua returns)	Acts 1:6
Knew no quiet (in their bellies greedy)	Job 20:20
Kneel over (have sex with)	Job 31:10
Lamp will go out (will die)	Proverbs 24:20
Let the dead bury the dead (*see below list for explanation)	Luke 9:59-62; Matthew 8:18-20
Let fall (neglect)	Esther 6:10
Libation (fine drink)	Philippians 2:17
Lift up your head (restore to honor)	Genesis 40:13
Lift up my soul (pray)	Psalm 25:1
Lifted heel against (turned against)	Psalm 41:9
Lift up eyes (be aware of something)	Psalm 121:1
Lift horn (defy God)	Psalm 75:5
Little man (of the eye pupil)	Psalm 17:8
Living stones (multiple persons)	1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 2:4
Loins (descendants)	Exodus 1:5
Long of anger (slow to get angry)	Exodus 34:6
Long life (if a person ages to over 80 years)	Psalm 90:10
Look each other in the face (meet each other in battle)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 25:17
Loose (permit it, allow it)	Matthew 16:19-20
Loose the loins (put fear in a person)	Isaiah 45:1
Lord's day (Sabbath, His day of judgement, Yom Kippur)	
Mercies of God (13 attributes of Yah)	Romans 12:1; Exodus 34:6-7
Mighty hand (force)	Exodus 3:19



Mountain (things representing authority)	Matthew 17:20
Myriads of thousands millions, (like grains of sand)	Numbers 10:35
My name (me)	Malachi 1:11
New wineskin (new teaching, expandable)	Luke 5:37
Nimrod (fool, idiot)	
No man knows the day or hour (Feast of Trumpets)	Matthew 25:13; Revelation 3:3
no one comes to the Father but through the Son (entrance to the Holy Place)	John 14:6
None is bereaved (none is missing)	Song 4:2
Number days (use time wisely)	Psalms 90:12
Oil of gladness (joy)	Isaiah 61:3
Old wineskin (someone learned in his ways)	Luke 5:37
On the first day (by the first day)	Exodus 12:15; Mark 14:12
One who urinates against a wall (male)	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 25:22
Open the womb (be born)	Exodus 13:2
Open hand (generosity)	Esther 1:7
Opens the ear (informs, reveals)	Job 33:16
Open mouth wide (sneer)	Isaiah 57:4
Planted (created)	Psalms 94:9
Possess gates (capture cities)	Genesis 24:60
Promotion comes from the north (comes from Yah)	
Put hand on (harm)	Job 1:12
Plowed with my heifer (going behind my back)	Judges 14:18
Pray without ceasing (consistent prayer)	Colossians 1:9; Ephesians 1:16
Rain life and teachings (Torah)	Mark 4:26
Rabbi Torah (teacher over 30 tradition)	
Remove the foreskin of your heart (dedicate yourselves fully to God)	Jeremiah 4:4
Right hand (might)	Psalms 89:13
Rosh poppy (plant head)	
Rooster crows (Temple crier)	John 13:38; Mark 14:30
Sage (Torah observant wise man over 70, tradition)	
Said in heart (thought to self)	Genesis 27:41
Saw his face (had access to him)	Esther 1:14
Seed (descendants)	Genesis 22:17
Seek your life (want to kill you)	Jeremiah 4:30
Seek my face (seek me)	Psalms 27:8
Send a hand against (assassinate)	Esther 2:21
Slack hands (abandon)	Joshua 10:6
Slept (died)	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 2:10
Small of hand (weak)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:26
Snorts (scoffs)	Psalms 10:5
Suck the milk of nations (receive the wealth of other	Isaiah 60:16

countries)	
Sweet water (water fit to drink)	Exodus 15:25
Soft heart (fearful)	Job 23:16
Sons of the prophets (group of prophets)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:7
Sons of (people of)	Jeremiah 50:33
Son of Jesse, David, (man Yeshua)	Job 35:8
Son of the morning (morning star)	Isaiah 14:12
Son of wickedness (wicked person)	Psalms 89:22
Soul (person)	Leviticus 22:6
Spread feet (offer self for sex)	Ezekiel 16:25
Stand at the door (stand in front of Temple doo)	Leviticus 14:1-20
Stand at the door and knock (bridal tradition)	Revelation 3:20
Stiffened his neck became stubborn	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 36:13
Squat outside (defecate toilet)	Deuteronomy 23:13
Synagogue of Satan (accusers of the brethren)	Revelation 2:9, 3:9
Swallowed alive (killed)	Psalms 124:3
Take my yoke (not burdensome) a Rabbi's pitch	1 <sup>st</sup> John 5:3; Matthew 11:29
Thief in the night (High priest in the Temple)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:2; Revelation 3:3; 16:15
Their throat is an open (grave they speak deceitfully)	Psalms 5:9
The portion of their cup (their destiny)	Psalms 11:6
The way of women (menstruation)	Genesis 31:35
They ate the dust of their Rabbi (Talmidim listened so close)	not biblical
Thorn in the side (Putting up with the Canaanites)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:7; Judges 2:2-3
Tongue struts through the earth (arrogantly order everyone)	Psalms 73:9
Trees of life (Torah scrolls tradition)	
Twilight (after 3:00 pm)	
Unclean lips (idle words bad words spoken)	Isaiah 6:5; Matthew 12:33-37
Until the day breathes (until dawn)	Song 2:17
Under the fig tree (at peace)	John 1:48
Under the thigh (penis, place of generation)	Genesis 24:2
Unto heaven (high walls or towers)	Genesis 11:3-4; Deuteronomy 1:28
Valley of death (Kidron Valley)	Psalms 23:4; Zechariah 14:4-5
Walls (pain)	Jeremiah 4:19
Water of gall (opium derivative)	Deuteronomy 32:31-33
Waters (spring of water)	Jeremiah 9:1
Wells without water (no Torah (water))	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:17
What comes from you (excrement)	Deuteronomy 23:13
Where I caused my name to dwell (where I chose to be worshiped)	Jeremiah 7:12
Wild beasts (enemies of Israel)	Deuteronomy 7:22; Ezekiel

	34:5
Wine of wrath (my anger)	Jeremiah 25:15
Wormwood (poppies/grapes of gall)	Deuteronomy 32:31-33
Yah's seed (same as Abraham's seed)	Genesis 12:3
Year of the Lord (when Yah returns)	Isaiah 61:1-2
Yoke (teachings)	Matthew 11:29-30
You who were formerly far off (gentiles)	Ephesians 2:13, 17
"Your seed will possess the gate of your enemies" is a Hebrew idiom meaning: "Your seed will conquer your enemies"	Genesis 22:17; Judges 16:3
*"Let the dead bury the dead" means make a clear and total break with the spiritually dead. "Dead" is a noun.	Luke 9:59-62; Matthew 8:18-20

This list is only a small portion of literally hundreds of figurative language examples in the Bible known as "Idioms" or "Idiomatic" expressions. In closing, I can only say, the next time someone quotes Matthew 24:36 to you, and/or other passages trying to prove we cannot know the day or hour of the Lord's coming for His Bride, simply ignore their ignorance on this subject. Or refer them to this post for more clarity on Matthew 24:36. This is just an opener for those wanting to debate this issue. Save this article and share it with fellow Christian believers.

**UPDATE: Thanks to Scottie Clarke's video, the astronomy program *Stellarium* revealed the corrected date for Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah as October 10/11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Sunset for October 10<sup>th</sup> is 6:14 P.M. Jerusalem time. Sunset for October 11<sup>th</sup> is 6:12 P.M. Jerusalem time.**

**The Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah begins with the sighting of the New Moon and begins the first day of the seventh month per Leviticus 23.**

**Daylight Savings Time is in effect in Jerusalem, Israel until October 28<sup>th</sup>. The time difference between Jerusalem and New York is 7 hours.**

**U.S. time for Feast of Trumpets will be:**

**11:14/11:12 (A.M.) EDST;**

**10:14/10:12 (A.M.) CDST;**

**9:14/9:12 (A.M.) MDST;**

**8:14/8:12 (A.M.) PDST.**

Assuming you are a born-again believer in Yeshuah, Christ Jesus, do not doubt this - our destiny date is quickly approaching, and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 could be the day we go up, up and away! At sundown September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, on the Hebrew clock/calendar it rolls over onto September 11<sup>th</sup>, and we may well be 'Harpazo' (caught up) to meet our Bridegroom! **Sunset for**

**September 10th is 6:51 P.M.** Jerusalem time. At this precise moment it will be **11:51 Eastern DST, 10:51 Central DST, 9:51 Mountain DST, 8:51 Pacific DST [AM for all U.S. time zones]**. The source for this is the web site TimeandDate.com. Recognizing that what Jesus said “when “ALL” these signs are occurring”, many prophecy teachers have jumped on the term “convergence” to articulate his statement: ***“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”*** -(Matthew 24:33). The fact of the matter is true: ALL the signs ARE “converging” almost simultaneously.

In addition to ALL the signs noted by Jesus that are occurring simultaneously, there are also other events in the Middle East that have taken a huge jump towards the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario. Russia has thousands of troops in Syria, and now oversees the no-man’s zone between Syria and Israel on the Golan Heights. Russia now impacts the area known as the Levant. A map of the Levant appears on the next page. There has not been a lot of coverage on this fact, but it is very provocative and little good will comes out of Russia’s actions. We are seeing prophecy being fulfilled in astonishing revelation. It would appear that the Isaiah 17:1-3 passage will be fulfilled in the not too distant future, but it will spark the fires for the Ezekiel 38/39 war of Gog and Magog! ***“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.”*** -(Isaiah 17:1-3).

Have you noticed that our planet has begun to shake, rattle and roll? Over the past few days we have seen major volcanic eruptions in Costa Rica, Indonesia, and according to [Volcano Discovery](#) Currently, a record 40+ volcanos around the world and primarily on the “Ring of Fire” are active and spewing magma, Sulphur, and ash into the atmosphere. Another 22 volcanoes are rumbling, meaning there is a potential for them to erupt. Meanwhile, earthquakes continue to shake the globe with alarming and increasing regularity. Just last week, Ecuador was hit by a magnitude 6.7 earthquake and a magnitude 6.8 earthquake in rapid succession. Overall, there have been more than 3,000 earthquakes of magnitude 1.5 or greater within the past month globally.

In the past twelve months we averaged at least one earthquake a day registering 6.0 or higher on the Richter scale. Twenty-five years ago, it was rare to have more than three a year. Seismic activity on the U.S. west coast portends ominous events to come. The geological plates are building as the risk of a subduction event builds; this is where one geological plate wants to ride up and over the adjacent geological plate. When the pressure snaps major earthquakes will occur from, as far north to Alaska, the Canadian northwest, to southern California. Oregon has experienced offshore quakes as frequently as a once weekly event for several months.



Those who believe and teach the English literal rendition of Matthew 24:36 lack the full understanding of Hebrew language studies. It has been my observation that most of the well-known Bible prophecy teachers on television, radio, and the Internet have no formal education or training in the Biblical languages of Greek or Hebrew. From my research, all, or nearly all are self-taught when it comes to the understanding of Biblical topics. I remind readers about Luke 6:39: ***“And He spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?”***

If you find this hard to grasp, allow me to mention that the Creator of the Universe and all that is in it is a Master Mathematician. He is the definitive authority on all disciplines. There are over 200 linguistic and grammatical devices in the Bible by which the Lord communicates to His children. Most of you know Jesus spoke in parables and would have some idea about or know what a “Parable” is in the Bible; however, that is only the beginning. In Hebrew studies, Scripture uses many “allusions” to teach a lesson. Webster’s defines an “allusion” as: As an implied or indirect reference especially in literature; a poem that makes allusions to classical literature; also: the use of such references; the act of making an indirect reference to something; the act of alluding to something.

The Lord even stated in the form of a challenge in Proverbs 25:2: ***“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.”***

Former U.S. President Obama, has been speaking in South Africa, urging and inciting genocide against white South African farmers, 50 or so have since emigrated to Russia at the invitation of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Hundreds of white farmers have been murdered by followers of the late Nelson Mandela, and his successors in government. Putin has offered farm land to the Afrikaners wanting to flee the genocide who are being persecuted by South African native blacks. White Christians are being forced to flee to other countries. While speaking in Kenya this summer, Obama boasted of being the first Kenyan-born U.S. president. His very own words verify his illegitimate 8-year presidency. In the meantime his minions work round the clock toward the removal of President Donald J. Trump.

Former President Barack Obama has formally retained legal counsel over numerous potential CRIMINAL Indictments for actions while he was President. Insiders say that among the charges Obama COULD face might include:

"Material Support of Terrorism" for his activities in trying to overthrow the Syrian government." **UPDATE 4:41 PM EST August 6, 2018** -- Worse, additional sources inside the Intelligence Community have now told me that it *\_appears\_* a case may be brought charging Obama and many others with "creation, funding, and arming the group known as Islamic States of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) sometimes also known as Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which facilitated **War crimes and crimes against humanity** including numerous murders (some by public beheading), torture, rapes, theft of oil from Iraq and from Syria, laundering of money from sale of stolen oil, destruction of historical antiquities and . . . conspiracy to commit such acts with ". . . leaders of other foreign nations (to be named). . .

Also, possible charges in connection with shielding drug trafficking by Hezbollah and the unlawful payment of Ransom in cash money, as part of his effort to secure a deal with Iran on Nuclear Inspections. "BRIBERY" for any monies he accrued by making certain the URANIUM-ONE conspiracy was allowed to succeed, selling twenty percent of US Uranium to a Russia-controlled country, and other criminal charges. This breaking news was reported by Hal Turner, a New York talk show host. Obama was quoted as of 8-6-2018 to have a net worth of \$40-million, not bad for someone who took office with a net worth of a couple hundred thousand!

The so-called P5+1 Iran Treaty deal was never signed by then President Obama, or John Kerry, as Secretary of State, or anyone else from the U.S. It was all a ruse and a "gentlemen's agreement", never signed, and the public was scammed into thinking President Trump illegally pulled out of the deal. **It was never a deal, and there is no signed treaty.** It was all fake and phony!

We are only a month away from Rosh Hashanah, **September 10/11<sup>th</sup>**. **Some folks have difficulty with the idea that God communicates through allusions.** My new eBook proves mathematically, that God made Himself known through the mathematical "Heptadic" Design Feature, and the volume of evidence confirms God does speak through "Allusion" as well.

Hope this has been a blessing, do share it with your contacts.

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**UPDATE: I hope this UPDATE will clarify any confusion as to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Although Scottie Clarke does not want to come out and directly say it, I believe he does believe the Rapture will occur on October 10/11<sup>th</sup> as his video speaks for him. He only knows and understands part of the larger equation. I am not reticent at all on this, as my data indicates and confirms we will be out of here on holiday for the next seven years. I have studied the many theories out there by others, but I recognize internal discrepancies that conflict or contradict with the "Seven" points on page 12 and 13 above. Suffice to say, if I were a betting man on this, and could collect, I am confident we will be out of here by no later than October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**